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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF  
SELECTMEN,  
ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF POOR,  
TOWN TREASURER,  
AND  
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,  
FOR THE  
TOWN OF WINTHROP,

*For the Year ending March 8, 1869.*



WINTHROP :  
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# TOWN OFFICERS.

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MODERATOR,

WILLIAM H. PARLIN.

TOWN CLERK,

CYRUS BISHOP.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

JOHN MAY,  
GEORGE A. LONGFELLOW,  
JOHN E. BRAINERD.

TREASURER,

F. E. WEBB.

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

HENRY WOODWARD,  
EBEN MARROW.  
DAVID CARGILL,

COLLECTOR,

A. C. CARR.

CONSTABLES,

JOHN GREENE.  
M. C. WAUGH,  
A. C. CARR,  
L. P. MOODY.

I absolutely decline further service as Selectman in town.

G. A. LONGFELLOW.

# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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The Municipal Town Officers for the year 1868—9, submit the following Report :

## Town Grants.

For Support of Schools,	\$1,753	50
“ “ “ Poor and other necessary town charges,		1,600 00
“ Discharging Indebtedness,		5,000 00
“ Repairs of Highways,		300 00
		\$8,653 50
State Tax,	3,850	76
County Tax,	1,542	29
Overlayings,	546	96
Dog Tax,	55	00
		\$5,995 01

Total amount of Money Tax, \$14,648 51

Rate per cent., fifteen and one-half mills.

Percentage paid for collecting, one cent on the dollar.

Number of Polls assessed,	526
For Repair of Highways, in labor,	\$3,000
Amount of Real and Personal Estate assessed,	\$839 840

## Schools.

Assessed,	\$1,753	50
Interest on School Fund,		170 24
Bank Tax from State,		57 60
		\$1,981 34

Amount due the several Districts from Town, \$521 01

Number of Scholars last Spring, 719.

## Town Farm.

Mr. E. D. Hutchins is Superintendent, with Salary for himself and wife, \$275. Number of paupers at the Alms House the past year, 10. Now receiving support, 7, viz: Azi Woodcock, John McDuffee, Peter Hopkins, Susannah Lambard, Love Patch, Mary Fairbanks, and Joseph Heselton. Nearly all very infirm and aged. Wm. H. Bearce died last April, Philo Fairbanks last December, and Mrs. Peter Hopkins last February.

Expenditures, \$804 16. Income, \$493 25. Balance against the Farm, \$310 91, with Salary of Superintendent, makes the family expenses, \$585 91.

## INVENTORY OF FARM,

15 tons hay, \$180; 2 oxen, \$285; 3 cows, \$150; 1 three year old heifer, \$35; 1 two year old heifer, \$40; 1 year old heifer, \$25; 22 sheep, \$66; 3 shoats, \$30; 14 bushels of beans, \$49; 3 bushels of corn, \$3.75; 6 bushels of barley, \$6; 3 bushels of oats, \$2.55; 150 pounds of salt beef, and 75 pounds of fresh, \$28; 500 pounds of salt pork, and hams, \$83; 75 bushels of potatoes, \$37; 50 bushels of roots, \$17; 5 barrels of apples, \$10; 1 barrel of cider, \$5; 20 pounds of butter, \$8; 20 pounds of cheese, \$4; 30 pounds of dried apples, \$3; 60 pounds of lard, \$14; 40 pounds of tallow, \$5; 3-4 barrel of flour, \$7; 20 cords of fire wood, \$60.— Total, \$1,151 30. Value of Farm, \$3,000.

## PAUPERS OFF THE FARM.

The expenses of Oren Wing, (now dead,) wife and children in the town of Carroll, \$167 70; John Frost and family in the town of Harmony, \$26 51; infant child of Mary Fellows, putative father, Abiel Chandler, \$14 18; action now pending in S. J. Court.

**Highways.**

Had we space, we would be pleased to speak in suitable commendation of several of our Highway Surveyors, whilst of others, (from lack of means, skill, or capacity,) we can only say that they do not make their ways so plair, that a "wayfaring man though a fool may walk therein" with safety.

In different locations we have expended in addition to the highway bills assessed, the sum of \$227 15. It was required on the Sturtevant Hill, in the N. W. part of the town, for repairs, the sum of \$264 44. In other parts of the same District we were obliged to expend in addition, the sum of \$68 39. Also \$74 09 on the Berry Bog road, so called; it is now in good condition.

**Equalization of Municipal War Deb'ts.**

The State, under the sanction of the people, will reimburse to the town *one hundred dollars* for every man furnished for the U. S. Military Service for three years, under the call of the President of July 2d, 1862, and all subsequent calls for a shorter period in the same proportion. In accordance with that provision, we have made return to the State Commissioners a list of 178 men, to wit: 130 for 3 years, 25 for 1 year, and 23 for 9 months service; equal to 144 three years men, with a small fraction; amounting, if allowed by the Commissioners, to a little over \$14,400. We have not yet been notified of the time to appear and substantiate our claims. Whatever sum is allowed, will not probably be available to the town before another year; then the State bonds can be applied towards the discharge of our war debts.

### Liquor Agency.

HENRY ROBINSON, Agent.—The liquors of the Town Agency have been purchased of our State Commissioner, were tested by a State Assayer and pronounced pure. He is not allowed to charge us over seven per cent. profit. Our Agent is under bonds to make no unlawful sales; and is liable to a fine not exceeding \$100, for adulterating or making factitious liquors. Several informal complaints have reached our ears against Mr. Robinson, but on investigation proved to be groundless, or traceable to notorious tipplers; that he has been imposed upon by such several times we do not doubt, but are unwilling to believe that he has intentionally violated the law. Owing to the illicit traffic by *outsiders* in town, his sales are small, the profits of which are not sufficient to pay his salary. Other towns make their sales a source of income.

Quantity sold since the middle of February, 1868, viz: 162 1-2 gals. Medford rum, 37 gals. Bourbon whiskey, 13 gals. alcohol, 5 gals. Holland gin, 1 gal. Cognac brandy, 1 gal. Port wine, 1 gal. French cherry brandy, and 9 gals. American ale. Remaining on hand Feb. 20th, 17 gals. Medford rum, 1 gal. Bourbon whiskey, 6 gals. alcohol, 2 quarts Holland gin, 1 gal. Cognac brandy, 1 gal. Port wine. Salary at the rate of one hundred dollars per annum.

### Town Hall.

The Committee have expended in laying a new foundation in the cellar, and raising up the centre of the Hall, and making other repairs in the basement, \$66 99. They have caused repairs to the settees and the inside of the Hall, with some other outlay, to the amount of \$19 65. The Selectmen paid L. A. Packard for a circular blind for the attic window, \$10. Making the expenditures for the year, \$96 64; whilst the receipts for the use of the Hall to Feb. 20th, were \$55 00. Balance against the Hall, or rather the Town, \$41 64; to be reduced by subsequent rent of Hall.

We would call attention to the Engine House and the two Fire Engines owned by the town. Here is a large amount of property that a few hundred dollars might make valuable in protecting our buildings, now totally useless and fast going to destruction, fit subject for the pastime of boys and the plunder of avarice. Unless the town wishes to repair the property, we recommend that a disposition be made of it immediately.

### Current Expenses.

#### TOWN OFFICERS.

John May, Selectman, &c.,	\$93 50
G. A. Longfellow, “	85 25
John E. Brainerd, “	56 67
F. E. Webb, Treasurer,	100 00
D. Cargill, S. S. Committee,	42 00

C. Bishop, Clerk,	16 00	
E. P. Baker, School Director,	10 00	
E. D. Hutchins, Farm Superintendent,	275 00	
	<hr/>	\$678 42
For Books, Stationery and Postage,	9 67	
Paid S. L. Webb, damage to Jersey cow,	45 00	
“ for Fence, &c., to Village Cemetery,	99 00	
“ Sidney A. Norton, damage to carriage,	15 00	
For Interest on School Fund,	170 24	
“ Printing Reports and Voting Lists, A. N. Berry,	34 00	
“ Coffins for three town paupers,	30 75	
“ Repairs on Town Hall,	41 64	
“ Abatement of Taxes, J. L. Stanley, Coll’r,	35 27	
“ “ “ “ A. C. Carr, “	134 75	
“ Tax Commissions, &c., “ “	115 49	
“ Support of paupers off the Farm,	208 39	
“ Insurance of Town Farm Buildings,	8 25	
	<hr/>	\$947 45
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		\$1,625 87

### Liabilities of the Town.

Bills of Town Officers and Farm Sup’t,	\$675 00	
Amount of Outstanding Bonds, Feb. 26, 1869,	39,732 50	
Unpaid Interest on same,	1,300 00	
School Fund Loan,	2,837 34	
School Money apportioned and not expended,	521 01	
Unsettled Bills against the Town,	150 00	
Outstanding Orders,	353 78	
	<hr/>	\$45,569 63

### Resources.

Amount of Uncollected Taxes in hands of A. C. Carr,	7,849 92	
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	128 83	
Bank Tax for Schools due from State,	57 60	
Amount of pensions due from State,	81 00	
	<hr/>	\$8,117 35

Indebtedness of the Town, \$37,452 28

Respectfully Submitted,

JOHN MAY,  
G. A. LONGFELLOW, } *Selectmen*  
J. E. BRAINERD. } *of*  
 } *Winthrop.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT,—MARCH, 1869.

F. E. WEBB, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Winthrop.

		DR.	
<b>1868.</b>	—March 12,	To Cash in Treasury,	\$4395 54
	April 4,	“ School Fund of State for 1867,	55 48
	“ “ 9,	“ State Pension, received, received of L. P. Moody, for rent of Town Hall,	180 00 14 48
	May,	“ Taxes committed to A. C. Carr, Collector,	9311 25
	March,	“ Balance due from J. L. Stanley, Coll. 1866,	437 68
	“ “ “ “	“ “ “ “ A. C. Carr, “ 1867,	3899 04
	July,	“ Highway Tax of C. M. Bailey,	253 31
	Feb. 22,	“ Bonds issued from No. 433 to 445 inclusive,	3500 00
			\$22,046 78
		CR.	
	By Bonds paid,		\$7600 00
	“ State Pensions paid,		81 00
	“ Pauper Bill of town of Carroll paid,		167 70
	“ “ “ “ “ Harmony paid,		26 51
	“ Town Orders paid,		3612 24
	“ Coupons paid,		2580 58
	“ Amount of Uncollected Taxes, A. C. Carr,		7849 92
	“ Cash on hand,		128 83
			\$22,046 78

### LIABILITIES.

Amount of Bonds outstanding March 1, 1868,	\$43,382 50	
“ “ “ paid during the past year,	7,600 00	
	\$36,232 50	
Amount of Bonds issued during past year,	3,500 00	
“ “ “ now outstanding,		\$39,732 50
Bonds due in 1869,	\$ 5,250 00	
“ “ “ 1870,	8,262 50	
“ “ “ 1871,	4,490 00	
“ “ “ 1872,	4,030 00	
“ “ “ 1873,	5,300 00	
“ “ “ 1874,	6,500 00	
“ “ “ 1875,	2,100 00	
“ “ “ 1876,	1,507 00	
“ “ “ 1877,	2,000 00	
“ “ “ 1878,	300 00	
	\$39,732 50	
Bonds falling due in 1869,	\$ 5,250 00	
“ “ “ “ 1870,	8,262 50	
Interest on Town bonds one year,	2,263 95	
	\$15,776 45	

### RESOURCES.

Amount of uncollected taxes,	\$ 7,849 92	
Cash in Treasury,	128 83	
Due from the State,	138 60	
	\$8,117 35	

Winthrop, February 26, 1869.

F. E. WEBB, TREASURER.



## ABSTRACT OF TOWN WARRANT.

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*Meeting to be held at Town Hall, Monday, March 8,  
1869, at half-past 9 o'clock, A. M.*

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- ART. 1. To choose a Moderator.
- ART. 2. To choose necessary town officers.
- ART. 3. To grant a sum of money for schooling.
- ART. 4. To grant a sum of money for support of poor, &c.
- ART. 5. To grant a sum of money for repair of and making high-ways.
- ART. 6. To adopt measures to break out the roads next winter.
- ART. 7. To grant a sum of money to discharge town indebtedness.
- ART. 8. To see if the town will vote to hire a sum of money, to be applied towards the payment of town debt.
- ART. 9. To determine what time the taxes shall be payable, and order interest to be paid on the same after becoming due.
- ART. 10. To grant a sum of money to repair East Winthrop burying ground fence.
- ART. 11. To see if the town will vote to tax dogs.
- ART. 12. To see if town will make any alteration in Highway District No. 12, and allow William Gower twenty-five dollars per annum for keeping the same in repair.
- ART. 13. To see if town will grant the use of Town Hall to the Good Templars.
- ART. 14. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Board of Selectmen to enforce the law against rum selling.
- ART. 15. To choose committees, &c.
- ART. 16. To allow accounts against the town.
- ART. 17. To see if the town will vote to make a discount on taxes.

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REPORT  
OF  
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,  
OF WINTHROP,  
*FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 8, 1869.*

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## R E P O R T

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The Superintending School Committee of Winthrop, present their Annual Report for the year ending March 8th, 1869.

The whole number of scholars returned by the Agents as they existed on the first day of April, 1868, was 719, being five more than the preceeding year; which is a hopeful sign, when we are told that the number of scholars are so fast diminishing throughout the State.

There was raised by vote of the town, \$1,753 50, being \$438 32 less than required by law. Interest on School Fund, \$170 24.—Bank Tax from State, \$57 34. Making a total of money for school purposes for the year, \$1,981 08, which has been apportioned to the several Districts and probably about all expended.

There has been two terms of school in every District the past year; some very profitable and a few very poor; it would have been better had they never had an existence; they are past, and were it not for the hope that in the future these may prove as beacons, to point out the folly of employing such teachers, we would pass them by unnoticed. Indulging in such a hope, it will be our duty at the proper place, to make such a delineation as their several cases may require.

There has been quite too many absences from our schools during the past year; also much sickness has prevailed during the winter, in some Districts almost breaking up the school; yet with all due allowance for that, we know there is altogether too much laxness in regard to this matter.

The Agents in some of our Districts have done their work nobly. There are instances however where no interest has been manifested. We cannot reasonably expect much of a school where such indifference exists. This leads us to desire such a change in our District system of Agents, as is recommended by our Superintendent of Common Schools, viz; "Dispense with Districts and Agents, let the town own the school houses and have the care of the same, and also employ the teachers through the Superintending School Committee."

Every school in town, with one exception, has been visited as required by the law of our State; and of this one, your Committee had no notice of its commencing, or of the time that it was expected to close.

We hail with great pleasure a new worker in our Common School cause: our present State Superintendent, Warren Johnson, Esq.—He brings to this arduous work a zeal that is truly refreshing to one who has given his personal labors to this glorious enterprise for the

last quarter of a century. He takes hold of this work in such a manner, that we have reason to believe much good will be accomplished. No efforts of ours shall be withheld that he may require, to help him on in this gigantic work. We are well aware that it is not much that we can do in so great a movement; yet we know the world is made up of particles; and if all the fifteen hundred members of School Committees in the State, will give their hearty co-operation to our new Superintendent, it will help him much in his "Herculean task."

We will give you a statement of all the schools (public,) taught in town, as they appeared to us from personal examination, except the Village District, which is under a board of Directors who will report for themselves.

### District No. 1.

SILAS T. FLOYD, Agent.

Whole number of scholars in District, 54.

Miss Florinda H. Keen of this town, taught this school in Summer 50 days. Whole number of scholars registered, 10. Average attendance, 9.

This was this teacher's first experience in teaching. She did pretty well. In one part of the District, where most of the scholars reside, there is usually a private school, which will account for the small number in attendance.

Winter term of 55 days was taught by Mr. E. C. Stevens of West Gardiner. Whole number of Scholars 21. Average, 18. Mr. Stevens was thorough and systematic as a teacher, diffusing energy and cheerfulness into all his pupils; thus making the school-room a pleasant place as well as one of labor. Good proficiency was made.

### District No. 2.

AMOS WHEELER, Agent.

Whole number of scholars in District, 80.

Summer term of 60 days was taught by Miss Lucy C. Briggs, of this town. Whole number of scholars registered, 46. Average attendance, 38.

This was an excellent school, Order, as near perfection as we ever expect to find in the school-room. Lessons thoroughly learned and perfectly recited, and the moral influence beyond estimation. We would that this District may ever be as fortunate in their teachers.

Winter term of 60 days, taught by Mr. W. A. Deering, of Hallowell. Whole number of scholars, 52. Average, 40.

This teacher did well with this school. Good proficiency was made in all the studies pursued. He had labored more to have his pupils thorough in their knowledge, rather than go over much ground, which we heartily approved. A few writing books were presented which showed decided improvement. With experience, we think Mr. Deering will make one of our most successful teachers.

### District No. 3.

D. CARGILL, Agent.

Whole number of scholars in District, 82.

Miss Olive C. Fuller, of Livermore, was teacher in Summer for 60 days. Whole number of scholars registered, 43. Average attendance, 31.

This was a good school. Miss Fuller sustained the reputation she in a former term gained in this school.

Winter term of 60 days by the same teacher. 50 scholars registered. 44 the average.

We find the average attendance much better than last year. This teacher complained as almost all our teachers do, of tardiness on the part of the scholars in getting to school. This defect should be remedied by the parents. At our closing visit we found this school in excellent condition. Recitations prompt and accurate, although no preparation had been made with especial reference for examination.

The class of beginners in History, eighteen in number, deserve much credit for the thoroughness they exhibited. Seldom, if ever, have we seen a better beginning in any study.

### District No. 4.

DIRECTORS—Henry Woodward,  
L. P. Moody,  
A. N. Berry.

The schools in this District have each been in session during the year, 21 weeks. The summer term was ten weeks long, the Winter term eleven weeks.

*Primary School*—Miss Martha W. Jackson, Teacher.

Summer Term.	Whole attendance,	58
	The average,	49
	Present at closing examination,	36
Winter Term.	Whole attendance,	47
	The average,	37
	Present at closing examination,	35

This school closely huddled into a small room is very poorly accommodated. The order, however, was good, and the progress made, commendable; the recitations at the close of the last term showing decided improvement upon those of the Summer term.

<i>Intermediate School</i> —Miss J. E. Stanley, teacher.		
Summer Term.	Whole attendance,	54
	Average,	40
	Present at closing examination,	35
Winter Term.	Whole attendance,	53
	Average,	38
	Present at closing examination,	42

This school is divided into three classes. The first and second, which are the older classes, with a few exceptions, did not appear well at either examination, and had evidently failed to make the improvement in their studies that they ought. Some of them were not supplied with books, and many of them had been very irregular in their attendance.

The third and largest class, comprising nearly half the school, appeared finely, and had made excellent progress.

The teacher was systematic and thorough in her methods of instruction.

<i>Grammar School</i> —Miss Helen M. Moody, teacher.		
Summer Term.	Whole attendance,	45
	Average,	40
	Present at closing examination,	37
Winter Term.	Whole attendance,	47
	Average,	38
	Present at closing examination,	38

Good order, activity, energy, and thoroughness prevailed in this school. Good progress was made in all the studies; the recitations were prompt, and the school must be regarded as in a high degree profitable.

<i>High School</i> —Summer Term. Mr. H. S. Whitman, teacher.		
	Whole number,	39
	Present at first visit,	31
	“ last “	24

Mr. Whitman is a good scholar, and came with the highest recommendations. Some progress was made in the studies, but less than was to be desired.

He claimed to have found the school in a “demoralized” condition and we think justly; and he left it but little improved.

There were several tuition scholars which he was allowed to have the benefit of, and he employed an assistant, Miss Luetta G. Jackson, paying her from his own funds.

<i>High School</i> —Winter Term. Mr. F. W. Baldwin, teacher.		
	Whole attendance,	33
	Average,	24
	Present at closing examination.	19

Mr. Baldwin also came highly recommended, and as a scholar was sufficiently qualified for his work; but he failed to give to it that industry, energy, and decision necessary to success. Among the scholars there was lack of order and interest in their studies.

We are happy to say, however, that there are in this school some very fine scholars, and as a whole, with favorable opportunity, would not suffer in comparison with any other school of like age and numbers.

In conclusion, we will say that the school-room accommodations for this District are entirely inadequate to its wants. The present school building is a disgrace to the village. The approach to it is difficult, and it is unsafe for the children to play about it. The District is able and ought to provide a building with pleasant and commodious rooms, and play grounds about it sufficiently large to accommodate the children, without their being constantly exposed to accident, or liable to trespass upon the rights of surrounding inhabitants.

### District No. 5.

LEONARD COBB, Agent.

Whole number of scholars in District, 68.

Summer term of 52 days, taught by Miss Luetta G. Jackson, of this town. Whole number of scholars, 38. Average, 31.

This was a good school. The teacher has had much experience, and she used it to good advantage. All the various branches of learning usually taught in our public schools had received attention; even that branch so much neglected of late, *writing*, had not been ignored, or put off until some traveling writing master came to the place, to do what the dilatory teacher had neglected to do. The scholars had been taught that beautiful art, with much profit to themselves, and credit to their teacher. We found the old school-house wearing an air of comfort on account of its cleanliness, imparted to it without doubt by the direction of this teacher.

Winter term of 60 days was systematically and thoroughly taught by Mr. S. G. Shurtleff, of Livermore. Whole number of scholars registered, 40. Average attendance, 30.

It is seldom that we witness so much readiness to answer questions on the part of the scholars in any school, as we found in this. As in the Summer term, so in this, there had evidently been much pains taken to make the scholars understand all and every branch of study pursued.

We congratulate the Agent, Mr. Cobb, for his admirable success in employing the teachers, both for Summer and Winter terms. We hope the District will appreciate his faithful labors, by re-electing him to this important place, if our State Superintendent does not succeed with the Legislature in abolishing that office.

### District No. 6.

ALANSON PERRY, Agent.

Whole number of scholars in District, 31.

Summer term of 35 days most excellently taught by Miss Abbie C.

**Howard, of this town.** Whole number of scholars registered, 29.— Average attendance, 25.

This school was quite too short for one that was doing so well.— So good an understanding as there appeared to be between the teacher and scholars, and one so competent and willing to impart instruction as Miss Howard is, it is next to impossible to make a failure.

Could we have had our wishes complied with, this school would have continued much longer: and far better would it have been for the District had they used all their money in this school than do as they did.

Winter term of about 36 days was kept by Mr. W. H. Ham, of Wales. Probable number of scholars, 30.

We were not notified by the Agent or teacher when this school commenced; accidentally hearing on the last day of the second week, that a school had been in progress in this District two weeks. Early in the following week we visited the school. Some things were not very satisfactory; teacher promised to correct them; said he did not know how long the school would continue, but would surely give us notice one week before its close. The day following its close, we learned, but not from any official source, of its demise.— No register has been returned to us, and we have notified the proper authorities, so that no pay may be drawn until the law is complied with. We have reason to believe that this school was a damage to this District; that it would have been far better to have had no school.

### **District No. 7.**

**DAVIS N. GOWER, Agent.**

Whole number of scholars in District, 29. Number registered in Summer school, 19. Average attendance, 14.

Miss Isabel Gower was teacher in Summer 35 days.

This was a poor school. The teacher had had no experience.— No teacher can be successful without evincing more tact and energy than she manifested in this school.

Emily J. Turner taught the Winter term for 30 days. Whole number of scholars registered, 13. Average attendance, 12.

This teacher has had much experience in teaching. She diffused much life and energy into her little flock of scholars. Notwithstanding the school was short, yet it was profitable. A private school was kept by the same teacher after the close of the public one, which is a good indication that the labors of the teacher have been appreciated.

### **District No. 8.**

**HIRAM LADD, Agent.**

Whole number of scholars in District, 16.

Summer term of 30 days taught by Miss Mittie A. A. Ladd, of this town. Whole number of scholars registered, 8. Average attendance, 7.



This was Miss Ladd's first attempt at teaching, and she did very well for *this* school.

Miss Lucy T. Shed, of this town, taught the Winter term of 33 days with good success. Whole number of scholars registered, 11. Average attendance, 9.

If this District was located where they could have more scholars, and consequently get more schooling, it would be of great advantage to them. As it is, it is entirely out of the question to annex this territory to any other District. So they must make the best of it.

### District No. 9.

DAVID GOUD, Agent.

Whole number of scholars in District, 22.

Fall term of 44 days taught by Miss Annie Pulsifer, of Pittston. Whole number of scholars registered, 19. Average attendance, 13.

This was a good school. The teacher has an excellent faculty to make her pupils understand the explanation of any question relative to their studies.

Winter term of 60 days taught by same teacher. Whole number of scholars registered, 22. Average attendance, 20.

We were much pleased with this school at both our visits. The teacher was faithful and competent, having talent, tact, and energy; which endowments are absolutely necessary to make a good teacher.

### District No. 10.

HARRISON CHANDLER, Agent.

Whole number of scholars in District. 10.

Summer term of 40 days taught by Miss Nellie A. Mank, of this town. Whole number of scholars registered, five. Average attendance, 4.

This teacher did all we could reasonably expect any teacher to do with so small a school. The scholars learned well, yet we think with a larger number, much more benefit would have been derived.

What we have said in regard to District No. 8, will well apply to this.

Fall term of 30 days was taught by Miss Annie M. Perley, of Vassalboro. Whole number of scholars registered, 5. Average attendance, 4.

This was her first attempt at teaching. Scholars industrious and orderly at both visits. Teacher doing all she could.

Respectfully submitted.

DAVID CARGILL,	} <i>Superintending School Committee of Winthrop.</i>
HENRY WOODWARD,	
EBEN MARROW.	