1871


Kittery, Me.
REPORT

OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE

TOWN OF KITTERY, ME.

TOGETHER WITH A REPORT OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 11TH.

1871.

PORTSMOUTH:

JOURNAL STEAM BOOK AND JOB PRINTING OFFICE.

1871.
Auditors' Report.

The undersigned, Auditors to examine the books and accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer and Collector of Kittery, present the following as the number of Orders, the several bills for which they were drawn, and the present state of the finances of the town:

Inmates of Almshouse.

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<td>Livingston McIntire</td>
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Almshouse Bills.

1870.

April 4. Order No. 4. James O. Trefethen,
Medicine, 70

No. 12. Benning Haley,
8 bushels Potatoes, 4 00

No. 15. Oliver Cutts & Co.,
Supplies for Almshouse, 14 45
No. 20. John Waldron, 
Fish for Almshouse, 5 50

" 20. No. 27. H. T. Grace, 
Tin Ware, 2 88

May 2. No. 34. Theodore Trafton, 
1 Cord Hemlock wood 6 00

June 6. No. 36. Oliver Cromwell, 
repairing Shoes 60

" No. 38. Mason & Seavey, 
1 Churn 5 00

" No. 50. Hiram Moulton, 
Hay and Potatoes 6 95

" No. 53. C. H. Lewis 
1 Cord of Wood 6 00

" No. 54. Alvin Libbey, 
1 Cord Hard Wood 9 00

July 5. No. 72. Uriah Blaisdell, 
Wash Boiler 1 50

" No. 73. H. B. Parker, 
Groceries 30 68

Aug. 1. No. 85. Lewis & Brooks, 
Groceries 31 30

Sept. 5. No. 96. Daniel Frisbee, 
Groceries 41 78

" No. 98. Frank Bartlett, 
1640 lbs. Hay 14 76

" No. 99. William Haley, 
Labor on Town Farm 4 40

" No. 104. A. W. Johnson, 
Medical attendance for Mrs. Remick 3 00

Oct. 3. No. 107. Hiram Moulton, 
Potatoes and Beans 4 30

Nov. 7. No. 121. Samuel Parker, 
1 1/2 Cords Hard Wood 13 50

" No. 123. A. A. Hayes, 
Groceries 32 91
Dec. 5. No. 143. J. H. Sanborn,  
   Groceries and Provisions  50 13
   " No. 147. R. F. Gerrish,  
      20 bushels Potatoes  18 00
   " No. 151. Jesse E. Frisbee,  
      Groceries  28 94
   " No. 163. William R. Parker,  
      Supplies  13 47

1871.
Jan. 2. No. 165. E. F. Safford,  
   Supplies  107 36
   " No. 167. John Waldron,  
      200 lbs. Fish  11 00
   " No. 175. Dennis Shapleigh,  
      Hauling Water  1 00
   " No. 180. Elizabeth Picoat,  
      Superintending almshouse 6 weeks  18 00
   " No. 181. Elizabeth Picoat.  
      Superintending almshouse 32 weeks  96 00
   " No. 186. Ireland & Swett,  
      Groceries  22 60

Feb. 6. No. 189. Daniel Frisbee,  
   Groceries  5 09
   " No. 196. E. F. Safford,  
      Dry Goods  15 32
   " No. 199. William H. Adams,  
      1000 lbs. Hay  11 00
      Wood and Cabbage  12 75
   " No. 216. H. B. Parker,  
      Groceries  35 26
No. 217. Ireland & Swett,  
   Groceries  28 88
   " No. 220. J. T. Lewis,  
      1 Cord hard Wood  9 00

Feb. 6. No 224. A. W. Johnson,  
   1 Cord hard Wood,  9 00
No. 224 (B.) Wm. W. Cutts, 3 99
28 1-2 beef,

No. 225. A. W. Johnson, 6 00
Medical Attendance in years 1864, 1865,
1866 & 1869,

March 6. No. 235. T. O. Hoyt, 27 28
Provisions,

No. 240. J. P. Trafton, 5 41
Supplies,

No. 241 H. W. Trefethen, 6 75
Boots & Clothing,

No. 246. A. A. Hayes, 16 89
Groceries,

No. 258. Alvin Libbey, 7 25
1 Cord hard & soft Wood,

No. 259. John R. Weeks, 2 00
Repairing Shoes,

No. 262. Wm. R. Parker, 10 00
Wood & Straw,

March 11. No. 274. J. H. Sanborn, 3 70
Provisions,

$821 28

Partial Support.

1870
April 4, No. 5. James O. Trefethen, 21 50
Medicine for Harriet Spinney,

No. 7. Lydia R. Goodwin, 8 85
5 weeks board of Betsy Gunnison,

No. 17. Maine Insane Hospital, 77 90
Board of Emeline Manson & A. V. B.
Wilson,

April 7. No. 22. Moses G. Berry, 25 00
Attendance on Charles Cutts during
his last sickness as per vote Town

Coffin for Mrs. Brown
"No. 40. John Call,
  Digging grave for Mrs. Brown  4 25

"No. 43. Lydia R. Goodwin,
  Board of Betsy Gunnison 8 weeks  14 16

July 5. No. 66. Maine Insane Hospital
  Board of Emeline Manson and
  A. B. V. Wilson  74 34

"No. 74. Lydia R. Goodwin,
  Board of Betsy Gunnison 5 weeks  8 85

Sept. 5. No. 94. Lydia R. Goodwin,
  Board of Betsy Gunnison 9 weeks  15 93

"No. 97. Daniel Frisbee,
  Goods delv'd John Walling's family  6 00

"No. 102. A. W. Johnson,
  Medical attendance for Betsy Gunnison  3 00

"No. 103. A. W. Johnson,
  Medical attendance for Mrs. Brown  3 00

Oct. 3. No. 111. Noah Grant,
  Digging grave and attending funeral
  of Harriet Spinney  5 00

"No. 113. Lydia R. Goodwin,
  Board of Betsy Gunnison 4 weeks  7 08

Nov. 7. No. 125. Lydia R. Goodwin,
  Board of Betsy Gunnison 4 weeks  9 00

Dec. 5. No. 161. R. D. Philbrick,
  Arresting Saulsbury Kimball and
  keeping him one week  9 00

1871.

Jan. 2. No. 168. Lydia Billings
  1 cord wood for Amos Pickernell  5 50

"No. 172. William Kimball,
  Support Saulsbury Kimball 4 weeks  10 00

"No. 176. Sarah A. Foye,
  Board of Betsy Gunnison  17 50

"No. 185. Benj. Mugridge,
  Moving Betsy Gunnison  75
Feb. 6. No. 187. Maine Insane Hospital, Board of Emeline Mansdon and A. V. B. Wilson 138 66
“ No. 195. Sarah A. Foye, 9 weeks board of Betsy Gunnison 22 50
“ No. 206. Oliver Cutts & Co., Wood delivered Cook 11 50
“ No. 219. J. T. Lewis, 1 Cord hard wood 9 00
“ No. 221. J T Lewis, 1 cord hard wood for Thomas Jenkins 9 00
“ No. 237. Hiram D. Briggs, Support of Adelia J. Briggs’ child 10 00
“ No. 238. Sarah A. Foye, Board of Betsy Gunnison 4 weeks 10 00
“ No. 256. James E. Chase, Lodging 3 travellers 3 00
“ No. 265. James O. Trefethen, Medicine for Betsy Gunnison 40
Mar. 11 No. 280. E. C. Spinney, Wood for Sally Cottle and Sally Carter, 18 00

$579 67

Contingent Expenses.

April 4. Order No. 2. Thomas Butler, Labor on Bridge hill 2 25
“ No. 8. Mark Blake, Drawing lumber to Almshouse, 3 00
“ No. 13. John F. Goodsoe, 6 1-2 days labor on highway in Dis. 16, 13 00
“ No. 18. Benj. Mugridge, Labor on highway Dist. No. 5, 6 80
7. No. 24. Casper Achorn, Labor on highway Dist. No. 7, 4 00
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"No. 119. C. H. Smith,
Damage to Carriage by reason of defect in highway 10 00

"No. 120. Portsmouth Bridge Co.,
Lumber for Highways Nos. 16, 19, 20 & 21 for 1869 52 79

"No. 124. E. A. Thomas,
Labor on Highways, dis No. 21 25 00

17 No. 127. Oliver Berry,
Labor & Material for Barter's Creek Bridge 96

"No. 129. John Williams,
Labor & Material for Highway dis No. 1 1 20

Nov. 17, No. 130. George B. Preble,
Abatement of personal Tax 1869 11 70

Dec. 5, No. 138. J. H. Sanborn,
Expenses to Augusta in relation to valuation 32 70

"No. 139. Parker Manson,
Labor on Highways Nos. 16 & 20 4 50

"No. 148. L. P. Call,
Notifying Town officers 5 00

"No. 150. L. P. Call,
Plank for Barter's Creek Bridge 12 54

"No. 152. J. H. Sanborn,
Cash paid for Ox work on Highway dis No. 15 5 25

"No. 153. Oren W. Caswell,
Labor & Material on Highway in Dis No. 26 5 00

"No. 158. Nicholas Picoat,
Labor on Highways dis No. 21 14 00

"No. 162. R. D. Philbrick,
Notifying and attending two Town meetings 9 00

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Jan. 2, No. 164. Josiah Keen,
Labor and Material for Highway, dis No. 12 11 00
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Feb. 6, No 190. Wm H Dudley, Labor on Gerrish Island Bridge 8.90

| No 191. | Reuben Randall, Labor & Material rebuilding Chimney                          | 20.47  |
| No 192. | Samuel Perry, Labor on Bridge hill                                             | 6.25   |
| No 193. | Noah Eaton, Labor on Gerrish Island Bridge                                    | 6.25   |
| No 194. | Theodore Hill, Labor on Bartlett road                                         | 3.96   |
| No 197. | D. M. Shapleigh, Services as Selectman, Overseer of Poor & Assessor           | 40.00  |
| No 202. | Jere Hobbs, Labor & Material for Barter’s Creek Bridge                        | 2.75   |
| No 203. | Portsmouth Bridge Co., Lumber for Causeways                                  | 19.67  |
No. 204. E. F. Safford,
Services as Selectman, Overseer of Poor & Assessor 40 00

No. 205. Kittery Point Bridge Co.,
Lumber for rail near Kittery Pt. Bridge, 4 53

No. 209. Wm. W. Locke,
Services as Selectman in part 21 00

No. 214. J. L. Marden,
labor on highway, District No. 2, 8 00

No. 218. J. T. Lewis,
labor on highway District No. 29 4 52

Mch. 6. No. 228. Oliver Berry,
labor on highway District No. 23 3 52

No. 236. Benj. S. Grace,
labor on highway District No. 10 6 00

No. 242. J. D. Parker,
Services in full, Collector 28 67

No. 243. B. R. Frisbee,
Services in full, Collector 13 00

No. 244. B. F. Thorndike,
Printing posters and summons 5 00

No. 245. L. P. Call,
Services as Collector in part for 1868-69-70 203 50

No. 247. Samuel Grant,
labor on Rice's Hill 3 50

No. 250. A. S. Wilson,
labor on causeway, Dist 19, in 1869, 27 50

No. 253. B. Keen Jr.,
labor on the highway District No. 16 11 00

No. 255. Alex Dennett,
Straightening roads, and cash paid for recording Deed 2 68
No. 266. D. M. Shapleigh,
Surveying & straightening highway from Kittery Point Bridge to Navy Yard Bridge and Lewis Road 11 75

No. 267. E. F. Safford,
Surveying & straightening highway from Kittery Point to Navy Yard bridge and Lewis Road 9 75

No. 268. Wm. W. Locke,
Services as Selectman, Overseer of Poor, and Assessor 19 00
Surveying & straightening highway from Kittery Point Bridge to Navy Yard Bridge and Lewis Road 8 25

No. 273. M. A. Safford,
Surveying roads & making plans of same 19 25

Mch. 11. No. 275. J. H. Sanborn,
Hauling lumber for highway, Dist 16, 3 00

No. 276. J. H. Sanborn,
Services as Auditor, 5 00

No. 277. E. Otis,
Services as Auditor 5 00

No. 278. E. C. Pettigrew,
labor on Roads and Bridges 7 90

No. 279. E. C. Spinney,
Expenses to Augusta in relation to valuation 32 70

$1345 91

RECAPITULATION.

Almshouse expenses, $821 28
Partial Support, 579 67
Ordinary Contingent Expenses, 1346 41
School Districts, 2983 53
SCHOOL MONEY.

The accounts with the several School Districts stand as follows, viz:

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Town Treasurer.

We have also examined the Treasurer's accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched, and that he has received of the town's money the following sums, viz:

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<td>B. R. Frisbee</td>
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<td>52 24</td>
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<td>L. P. Call, Collector</td>
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<td>J. H. Sanborn</td>
<td>for calf</td>
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<td>State School Fund</td>
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<td>78 50 8571 73</td>
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And he has paid out as follows, viz:
Interest on Anna E. Shapleigh's Note, 25 55
"  " Order No. 34 to D. A. Hill 18 00
"  " Note to Ports. Savings Bank 116 19
"  " John F. Mathes' Note 18 25
Abatements on Taxes 1865, '67, '68, '69, 874 74
"  " 1870, 67 23
Orders and int. on same 6961 76
State Pensions 132 50 8214 22
Amount in hands of Treasurer 357 51

$8571 73

Collector of Taxes' Account.

T. J. Lewis, Collector for 1867,
Amount due town March 16, 1870, 993 74
"  " Paid since " " " 935 81

Amount now due, $57 93

L. P. Call Col. 1868, amt. committed 1447 32
"  " '69, " " " 5035 80
"  " '70, " " " 11267 90
Unpaid highway tax '69, 118 23 17869 25

And he has paid the following sums, viz:
To Town Treasurer tax of 1868, $1447 32
"  " " 1869, 2880 89
" County " " 1869, 414 26
" State " " 1869, 1341 11
" " " 1870, 1542 41
" County " " 1870, 828 71
" Town " " 1870, 2227 92
Balance due the town March 15, '70, 7186 73 17869 25

Liabilities.

Unredeemed Town Orders $2,552 32
Note to Portsmouth Savings Bank 2,869 11
Interest on same to March 28 86 47
Anna E. Shapleigh's Note and interest 373 00
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<td>Balance due School Districts</td>
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$9706 73

**Available Means.**

- Balance due on L. P. Call's Tax lists: $7186 63
- Balance in hands of J. T. Lewis: 57 93
- Mortgage Deed of House and lot of J. C. Brown: 30 00
- 1 Cow at Almshouse: 65 00
- 3 Road Scrapers: 30 00
- Drills and Hammers: 20 00
- School Fund due from State Treasurer: 83 00
- State of Maine for State Pensions: 150 50
- Balance in hands of Treasurer: 357 51
- Balance pd on acc't of school house dis. 1: 514 88

Total indebtedness: $1211 28

We submit the following as an estimate of the sums necessary to be raised for the expenses of the town for the year ensuing:

- For Support of Poor: $1500
- For Contingent expenses: 1500
- For Support of Schools: 3400
- For Repairs of Highways: 2000

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. SANBORN,
EPHRAIM OTIS,
Auditors of Kittery.
School Report.

KITTERY, ME., MARCH 1, 1871.

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF KITTERY:—

In compliance with the law of this State, we respectfully make the following report of the condition of the public schools of this town, and other matters connected therewith for the year ending March 1, 1871.

The customary data will be found in tabular form, for all schools which are not in session at date.

In March 1868, after a careful examination of the condition of the schools, the Committee decided to do all they could to improve them. If in our endeavors to carry out our plans we have exceeded the wishes of the people in some cases, and in others have been remiss, we have always been guided by what seemed to us the best interests of the town.

By reference to the Report of 1869, you will find a thorough and candid statement of the schools as we found them, and what was thought best to improve them. We then urged the union of small districts—to increase the length of schools, to obtain the advantages of grading, to
increase emulation, and to furnish sufficient money to hire better teachers.

We have one less district than in 1868; while the firm stand taken by the Committee, and arguments brought forward in discussion, prevented the division and consequent destruction of District One. Districts 4 N. and 4 S., should be united; also Districts 5 and 12. The union of Districts 5 and 12 would be very beneficial to both Districts, as both would have the advantages of graded schools. District 12 has too many scholars for one school, while 5 has not enough for two. United they would form three schools, and the three schools could be managed cheaper than by two districts.

There has been marked improvement in the school rooms and their surroundings since 1868. Districts 1 and 9 have built new houses. Districts 2 and 3 have painted and papered their school rooms. Dist. No. 7 has built a new fence, and Dists. 1 and 9 have secured ample yards. Dist. 2 has set out shade trees, which will in a few years make their yard attractive. Every school yard should be shaded. It can be done at little expense. Compare the playground of Dist. 7 with others in town; inquire what it cost to plant shade trees in Dist. 2, and then let each district copy from them. We have now outline maps in every District except 4 N., and writing tablets in every school house. We expected to see a new school house in No. 6, instead of the two substitutes now there. The Building Committee submitted a plan of a house sufficient for sixty scholars only. As the average attendance for the last three years has exceeded that number, it was not approved by the S. S. Committee, and nothing further has been done. Inhabitants of the district wish the town to take hold of the matter. By 1872 we hope to see the structures used for
school houses in Dist. 4 N., 4 S., and 6 used for some purpose for which they are better fitted. Many cases of sickness arise from over-heating the school rooms. The Committee often find them at temperature of 80-90°. A thermometer costing 50 cents would remedy this evil.

During the year ending March 1869 we rejected four candidates for teachers. During the year ending March 1870 we rejected none, but by using our influence with the agents some who did not prove satisfactory were not employed. By the law of 1870, the Committee were authorized to hire teachers. We have in every instance retained the teachers employed by the agents, unless the best interests of the school demanded a change. We have in every instance, as far as possible, given to districts the teacher desired. In one instance a teacher desired by a part of a district had already been employed in another. In a second case, we could not agree upon wages. These are the only instances in which any complaint has been made. Twelve of the fourteen summer teachers were from Kittery, and two from Eliot. All of them taught previously, twelve of the number in Kittery. Eleven of the twelve taught in the preceding year, and seven of the eleven taught the same schools the year before. Eight of the ten female winter teachers were from Kittery, and taught our summer schools. Four of the eight taught the same schools in summer. Six summer teachers were not employed in winter; two of the six were not satisfactory. One accepted a better situation; one did not wish to teach; one was sick; one would not teach for less than $35 per month. Four teachers were transferred; three because because the Districts wished male teachers, and one because she did not give satisfaction. Three of the four male teachers had taught previously in Kittery, and two of them were residents. Summer teach-
ers' pay averaged $2.35 more per month than last year. In one district the pay was increased $13, and yet we gave the teacher the same wages she received in another district the summer before. Summer teachers averaged $26.07 per month of twenty days. Female winter teachers were paid $1 less per month than last Winter, while male teachers were paid the same. We have employed Kittery teachers as long as they have given satisfaction, have given them constant employment as far as possible, and have increased their pay so that they could earn somewhere near as much as in other employ.

We are confident that the teaching, from the better adaptation of the teachers to the several schools, has been more effective than it was last year; if the present law remains, the Committee will have a powerful aid in increasing the efficiency of teachers, and of improving our schools; both by securing better teachers and by retaining them in the same schools. We have heard but two objections to the present law: first, it is "centralization;" second, "it is not the way we have always done." There is not a single argument against the present law which will not apply just as well to the former law. The first objection is one of the strong points in its favor. Formerly there was no responsibility anywhere. Now the Committee are responsible. If the Committee are to be responsible for the schools, they should have entire control of the teachers. The District system prevails in schools and roads. Can any one say that our schools, or our roads are what they might be under a system which had some centre, some responsible point? We are firmly of the opinion that we shall never expend our school money to the best advantage till the district system is abolished, and the entire control of the schools, except appropriating the money, is vested
in the Committee. If the present law is repealed we hope agents will consider well the aims of the Committee—viz: to employ female teachers when adapted, to give teachers sufficient pay, to retain teachers as long as they give satisfaction. We employ one more male teacher this Winter than last. Districts 1, 2, and 4 S. have had male teachers. District 1 for five years has had first rate schools with female teachers. District 4 South, has not been so fortunate in its teachers, chiefly because they paid the bare pittance of $18 per month in Summer, and at that price could not employ for many months in the year. Again we say 4 North and 4 South should be united.

No new text books have been introduced since March, 1868, but we have endeavored to make the books more uniform. There were five series of Geographies, three or four series of Grammars, three series of Arithmetics, and many kinds of Writing Books. The text books have been made as uniform as was consistent with the wants of the pupils and with economy. Geographies and Copy Books are absolutely uniform. Grammars, Arithmetics and Readers are uniform in each school, and nearly so throughout the Town.

Formerly our schools have been poorly classified. Many pupils were allowed to go through school without studying Grammar, Geography, or Colburn's Arithmetic, not to mention History, Mechanics, Physiology and Book Keeping. We have considered it our duty to require scholars to study these subjects as soon as they were capable. In so doing we have met with some, but, we are pleased to say, not much opposition. In all our schools a half-hour has been devoted daily to writing. A thorough knowledge of Cornell's Primary Geography and Greenleaf C. S. Arithmetic has been considered sufficient in those branches.
The use of a sixth reader has been discouraged. By these means and constant effort, the cost of text books has decreased, and many scholars have been induced to study History, Algebra, Physiology, Mechanics and Book Keeping, instead of devoting so much time to Arithmetic and Geography, and yet we have by no means neglected the last two studies. Many more scholars now study these higher branches than ever before. There were very many cases of tardiness, dismissal and absence. Consequently as a rule a note is now required for 10 or 15 minutes' tardiness and for dismissal, throughout the Town. In District Nine, notes are required for absence. There is no truant law in Kittery, although much needed. We hope the legislature will pass the bill to compel the attendance of children between the ages of seven and fifteen, at least three months of the year.

The condition of schools which have been under the charge of one teacher for several terms is worthy of your consideration. Compare such schools with others that have changed teachers frequently, and decide which are best.

We are again obliged to report that schools are not visited to any extent by parents.

The whole number of scholars is five less than last year.

We submit the following estimate of amount for schools for the ensuing year, giving nine months' school to each district provided a female teacher is employed. This estimate is based upon these facts: Nine months' schooling is twice as valuable as six months. Schools averaged in 1870 only seven months. They should be of the same length in each district, as there is no reason why we should not give the same educational privileges to every scholar.
Wages of seven teachers, 9 months each, at $35, $2205
   " one " " at 40, 360
   " two " " each at 30, 540
   " two " " at 25, 450
Fuel, repairs and other incidental expenses, 345
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$3900

The Town raised $3400 last year, and District 9 raised $200 additional, while in many districts private schools have been taught. We estimate that $100 has been paid for private schools. The account stands as follows:

Amount raised by Town last year, 3400
   " " " Dist. 9, 200
   " received from State, nearly 100
   " paid for private schools, 100
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$3800

Amount needed from all sources, (1871) $3900

Difference $100

The State will furnish nearly $100, and if the Town will raise $3800 (which is only $100 more than it raised last year) we can have nine months' schooling. We cannot procure and retain competent teachers at lower rates than those given. Schools should commence early enough to continue 12 weeks before July 10. Then there should be a vacation extending through the remainder of July and August, and then two terms of three months each with a vacation between them.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

The teacher of the two previous years taught the summer term, and left it in a highly satisfactory condition. No school has made better progress for the past two and a half years.
DISTRICT NO. 2.

The habit of this school to be noisy, was not fully overcome by the teacher of the summer term, although she made an effort to correct this practice.

Not all of the classes made that improvement we desired, while some of them did well. With better order we think the improvement would have been more general.

At the close of the term, a private school of six weeks' length, was taught by the same teacher.

The winter term was taught by Miss Goodsoe, who succeeded in effectually overcoming the chronic disorder of this school and in making that progress which can only be the result of concord. This teacher has a happy faculty for governing, and the result of the term was satisfactory in other respects also.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

The summer term was successfully taught by the previous winter teacher. Higher wages were asked than we felt warranted to give for the winter term, so we were forced to hire a new teacher for the school. This term was abruptly closed in the ninth week by some inhabitant of the district, probably, stealing the stove pipe. This thing has occurred in years past. The schoolhouse has not been taken care of for a number of years. Either the doors or the windows have lacked fastenings, and the house has been the resort of a crowd of rowdies, who have gone there to play cards. Last year the portfolio of the outline maps was destroyed. It is full time for the district to exhibit their interest in the care of the house. We have tried hard to give this district longer and better schools. We have given it more extra money than any other district. The district meeting could not find any one to serve them as Agent, and the Selectmen
did not appoint any one, consequently the duties of an agent naturally devolved on the Committee, who, with the advice of the responsible inhabitants of the district, made such outlays as the welfare of the school demanded. For the past three years, some of the larger scholars in the district have been repeatedly requested by us to study Geography and Grammar, and the teachers have been requested also to use their influence to induce them to do so, but without any lasting results. If either of these studies have been taken, it has been discontinued after a short time. Last term we felt it our duty to demand compliance with so reasonable a request, but in attempting to do so, such an opposition was developed on the part of the parents of such scholars to their children taking even one of the studies, that it became apparent that these pupils would not be benefitted. From the disposition manifested by some of the inhabitants, which gave rise to disagreeable apprehensions on the part of the teacher, we had reason to fear that the school would not be benefitted by our insisting, and might be interrupted in its course. We were not willing to take the responsibility, conscious that, under the circumstances, any bad result would be charged to us, however honest or correct our intentions might have been. We are sorry to report that our forbearance has given opportunity for the exhibition of that spirit, with which the teacher and we have been confronted, resulting in the breaking up of the school.

DISTRICT NO. 4, NORTH,

Has been favored with good teachers for two and a half years. Teachers have been kept a year and then promoted. The school is now in better condition than ever since your Committee have known it.
DISTRICT NO. 4, SOUTH,

Has not made the progress it ought. Teachers have been changed too often. At the request of a part of the district we employed a male teacher for the winter term, and the school made excellent progress.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Within two and a half years, six different teachers have taught the Grammar school. The school is far better than we expected to find it. Miss Dennett took the summer school, and we should like to have continued her there. A permanent teacher would make this a very excellent school.

The winter term was interrupted by a change of teachers, but the number present at its close evinced a greater interest than usual. Considering the length of the term, and the change, it was as satisfactory as we could expect.

The Primary School was very regularly attended, and the familiarity of the teacher with the scholars made it pleasant as well as profitable to the children, without the rigid forms and methods of some schools.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

The Harbor school has failed to maintain the standard of the previous year, although fair improvement was made. The Island school is decreasing in numbers, but in scholarship it is doing all we could expect.

DISTRICT NO. 7

Retained one teacher two and a half years, with excellent results. Two days before the Fall term was to commence, Miss Guptill notified us that she should not teach as
she had agreed; but we succeeded in securing, with only a week's delay, a teacher, who has not only kept the school where it was, but has improved it

DISTRICT NO. 9.

The High school is in excellent condition and well worthy the continued support of the district. It is another proof of the importance of retaining good teachers. This is the most advanced school in town, and has had or has large classes in Algebra, History, Book Keeping, Physiology and Mechanics. Spelling and Penmanship have been carefully taught, and considerable progress has been made in Declamation and Composition.

As there was some dissatisfaction in the District and the progress was not so rapid as it ought to be, Miss Dennett was employed in the Fall. So far as we have had opportunity to judge, the change was a judicious one.

The condition of the Primary school indicated that a change in the teacher might be beneficial, consequently a new one was employed. The school when last visited gave good evidence of success.

We recommend the District to discontinue the admission of scholars from other districts, and remind them that the duties of an agent are of especial importance now.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

This school was taught very successfully in summer. The winter term was commenced by Mr. Emery of Eliot, but a call to a city school necessitated a change. Dr. Junkins, a former and successful teacher in this school, is teaching, and we presume with success. This school has some time longer to continue.
The interest which our teachers have taken in the Institutes intended for their instruction reflects credit upon them, indicates that they have established progressive ideas, and, we are glad to say, good results are seen in their several spheres of labor, which may be attributed thereto.

Many of our schools are still in session and have not been visited finally by us, consequently we are unable to report them now.

We can only say that so far as we are advised they are progressing favorably.

Respectfully,

ROBERT M. OTIS, 
MOSES A. SAFFORD, 
THOMAS J. PETTIGREW, 

Superintending School Committee.
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