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# REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee

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TOWN OF POLAND,

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POLAND, March 16, 1857.

## TO THE INHABITANTS OF POLAND.

GENTLEMEN :—

We, the undersigned, the Superintending School Committee for the said town of Poland, ask leave to present our

### **ANNUAL REPORT.**



During the past School year, the Schools in the several Districts in town, have been held as follows :

#### DISTRICT NO. 1.

ZADOK ALLEN, ESQ., &C.

In this District there has been but one school. Granville M. Thurlow was the teacher. Commenced January 20, 1857; closed March 11, 1857. Good satisfaction was given. We consider Mr. Thurlow a good teacher.

## DISTRICT NO. 2.

WILLIAM ESTES, &amp;C.

Two schools. Hannah P. Haskell kept the Summer term. Commenced May 12, 1856; closed July 3, 1856. Mary A. Strout, kept the Winter Term. Commenced November 24, 1856; closed January 10, 1857. A school house is needed in this District.

## DISTRICT NO. 3.

JOHN MEGQUIER, &amp;C.

Two schools. Rebecca E. Rowe was the teacher at the Summer Term. Mr. Rounds, of Danville, was the teacher at the Winter Term.

## DISTRICT NO. 4.

WHITE OAK HILL.

Two schools. Martha E. Foss was the teacher at the Summer Term. Commenced June 2, 1856; closed July 19, 1856. Albert J. Libbey was the teacher at the Winter Term. Commenced December 1, 1856; closed February 10, 1857.

## DISTRICT NO. 5.

RICKER HILL.

Two Schools. Mary E. Cobb was the teacher at the Summer Term. Commenced June 9, 1856; closed July 18, 1856. Granville M. Thurlow and J. Granville Chipman were the teachers at the Winter Term. Commenced November 24, 1856; closed March 14, 1857. The schools were very acceptable.

## DISTRICT NO. 6.

THE EMPIRE WITH A PORTION OF NEW GLOUCESTER.

Two schools. Hannah L. Robertson was the teacher at the Summer Term. Commenced June 10, 1856; closed August 16, 1856. It was a good school. John W. Doten was the teacher at the Winter Term. Commenced December 8, 1856; closed February 20, 1857. This District has a good school house, and there is a good interest in the cause of education.

## DISTRICT NO. 8.

MINOT CORNER WITH A PORTION OF MINOT AND A  
PORTION OF AUBURN.

Three schools. Mary F. Branch was the teacher at the Summer Term. Commenced May 26, 1856; closed August 16, 1856. We recommend that the Summer school be graded. John Wingate, jr., William L. Haskell, and Mary S. Taylor were the teachers of the Winter Term. Commenced November 17, 1856; closed February 21, 1857. This is a large and powerful District, and in a very successful and prosperous condition. Their teachers were of the first order and the schools were very valuable and very useful.

## DISTRICT NO. 9.

BAILEY HILL.

Two schools. Sarah C. Thayer was the teacher at the Summer Term. Commenced June 2, 1856; closed August 8, 1856. George P. Butler was the teacher at the Winter Term. Commenced December 1, 1856; closed February 13, 1857. These schools were satisfactory.

## DISTRICT NO. 10.

- HARRIS HILL.

Two schools. Eliza H. C. Burgess was the teacher at the Summer Term. Commenced June 2, 1856; closed August 13, 1856. Miss Burgess is a successful teacher. Bennett B. Fuller was the teacher at the Winter Term. Commenced November 24, 1856; closed February 14, 1857.

## DISTRICT NO. 11.

PIGEON HILL.

Two schools. Alphreda E. Hayes was the teacher at the Summer Term. Commenced June 2, 1856; closed August 9, 1856. Mr. Packard, of Hebron, was the teacher at the Winter Term. We consider Mr. Packard a good teacher.

## DISTRICT NO. 12.

ISAAIH WENTWORTH, &amp;C.

Shakers. No returns.

## DISTRICT NO. 13.

SAMUEL COUSENS, &amp;C.

One school. Harriet E. Haskell was the teacher. Commenced October 21, 1856; closed January 6, 1857. This school was a very profitable one, and both teacher and scholars are entitled to much credit for their exertions.

## DISTRICT No. 14.

SEWARD SCHILLINGER, &amp;C.

Two Schools. Priscilla T. Cousens was the teacher at the Summer Term. Commenced June 2, 1856; closed July 19

1856. Very good satisfaction was given. Franklin Maxfield was the teacher at the Winter Term. Commenced December 1, 1856; closed February 24, 1857. We recommend to this District to build a new school house.

*DISTRICT NO. 15.*

MOSES K. HASKELL ESQ., &C.

Two schools. Francina M. Cummings was the teacher at the Summer Term. Commenced June 2, 1856; closed July 22, 1856. William F. Morrell was the teacher at the Winter Term. Commenced December 1, 1856; closed January 30, 1857.

*DISTRICT NO. 16.*

JOHNSON HILL.

One school. Miss D. J. Chipman was the teacher. Commenced September 15, 1856; closed November 7, 1856.

*DISTRICT NO. 17.*

ROBERT ARCHIBALD, &C.

One school. Georgianna Bridgham was the teacher. Commenced September 15, 1856; closed November 29, 1856. The teacher gave good satisfaction. This District has gained much credit by building a new school house.

*DISTRICT NO. 18.*

WHITNEY FRANK, &C.

One school. Charles H. Freeman was the teacher. Commenced November 10, 1856; closed December 27, 1856.

*DISTRICT NO. 19.*

HENRY BROWN, &amp;C.

One school. Esther M Stinchfield was the teacher. Commenced September 7, 1856; closed October 24, 1856. This District needs a new school house very much.

*DISTRICT NO. 20.*

RUFUS HASKELL, &amp;C.,—MECHANIC FALLS.

Two schools. Lucy H. Dunn was the teacher at the Summer Term. Commenced June 2 1856; closed August 9, 1856. Joseph Tryon was the teacher at the Winter Term. Commenced December 1, 1856; closed January 31, 1857. This District has a fine school house, much to their credit.

*DISTRICT NO. 21.*

WILLIAM FARR, &amp;C.

Two schools. Harriet E. Dunn was the teacher at the Summer Term. Commenced September 15, 1856; closed October 29, 1856. Joseph Walker was the teacher at the Winter Term. Commenced December 1, 1856; closed January 3, 1857.

*DISTRICT NO. 22.*

POLAND CORNER.

Two schools. Laura S. Jackson was the teacher at the Summer Term. Commenced May 19, 1856; closed July 25, 1856. Emeline D. Thurlow was the teacher at the Winter Term. Commenced December 1, 1856; closed March 7, 1857. These schools were very successful.



*DISTRICT NO. 24.*

MOODY KNIGHT, &amp;C.

Two schools. Sarah M. Weston was the teacher at the Summer Term. Commenced May 19, 1856; closed June 26, 1856. Mary E. Simpson was the teacher at the Fall Term. Commenced August 25, 1856; closed November 21, 1856. These teachers gave good satisfaction.

*DISTRICT NO. 25.*

MARK E. BLAIR, &amp;C.,—PROMISED LAND.

Two schools. Emily G. Bridgham was the teacher at the Summer Term. Commenced June 30, 1856; closed August 22, 1856. Stephen Morrell was the teacher at the Winter Term. Commenced December 1, 1856; closed February 20, 1857. These schools were very acceptable, and much praise is due the District for so good a school house in so good a location.

*DISTRICT NO. 26.*

This District has been annexed to No. 25.

*DISTRICT NO. 27.*

MOSES PAGE, &amp;C.

One School. Dexter B. Waterhouse was the teacher. Commenced October 12, 1856; closed November 29, 1856.

*DISTRICT NO. 28.*

SIMEON S. DUNN, &amp;C.,—WITH A PORTION OF OXFORD.

By our laws, when a School District is formed from two or more towns, the jurisdiction is given to the committee of the town in which the school house is located. In this District the school house is in Oxford. Therefore we have no returns.

## REMARKS.

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The sum raised by you last year for the support of Schools was fifteen hundred dollars, and this sum you voted upon yourselves without a dissenting voice, which speaks loudly in your praise. This town's proportion of the annual school fund received from the State the past year was three hundred and sixty dollars and three cents. Now these sums, making one thousand eight hundred and sixty dollars and three cents, were apportioned for the support of your schools in the several Districts in the town.

Looking at these sums, together with those expended by you for the board, the clothing, and the books for your scholars, and for building and repairing school houses, we shall find your expenses for the education of your children amount to an important sum. But who regrets it? Who ever will regret it for a single moment? What citizen is there among you that feels or entertains the least opposition to our system of free schools and popular education?

We feel assured no such citizen can be found. But if found, we wish to apply to him the following remark from a distinguished writer:—

“Where is the villain? Let me see his face; that when I meet another like him I may avoid him!”

And we would further ask, What is necessary to promote this good cause? What are the duties of parents? What are the duties of the teachers? By our laws it

is made the positive duty of all instructors of youth, "to take dilligent care, and exert their best endeavors, to impress on the minds of the children and youth committed to their care and instruction, the principles of morality and justice, and a sacred regard to truth ; love to their country, humanity and a universal benevolence ; sobriety, industry and frugality ; chastity, moderation and temperance ; and all other virtues, which are the ornaments of human society. And it shall be the duty of such instructors to endeavor to lead those under their care, as their ages and capacities will admit, into a particular understanding of the tendency of the before-mentioned virtues, to preserve and perfect a republican constitution, and secure the blessings of liberty, as well as to promote their future happiness ; and the tendency of the opposite vices, to slavery, degradation and ruin." [Public Laws of 1850, Chap. 193, Article 7, Section 2.

The duties of parents are not so fully specified or set out in words, and yet who can misunderstand them? Let you only give your careful attention to them, and we have no fears that you will fail to understand them, or to appreciate them, or that any consideration can sway you from the important and positive path of duty.

Permit us to congratulate you that the cause of popular education throughout your town is in a fair state of prosperity ; and although you may find some of your Districts small and your schools clothed with all the panoply of simplicity, yet we ask you to bear in mind that,—

"Tall oaks from little acorns grow,  
Large streams from little fountains flow."

Permit us, therefore, to invite your careful attention and renewed efforts upon the subject of education for

your children, in the hope that grand results of benefit and improvement may flow therefrom. And while we look forward with confidence to contemplate a better interest and a greater success in this very important cause, we do not ask that your expenses shall be greatly increased, nor do we doubt for a moment your readiness or your willingness to render all proper aid, to and do it most cheerfully.

The importance of the subject cannot be overrated or overstated, and if all our citizens engage unitedly in its support, we can safely assure you that great success will crown our efforts.

DAVID DUNN,  
JOHN M. EVELETH, } Committee.  
DANIEL P. ATWOOD, }