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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

TOWN OF NEWMARKET *in account with the* SELECTMEN OF SAID TOWN.

1873.		\$1028 66
Mar. 19,	To paid Benj. F. Watson, note and interest,	85 40
22,	Lovina S. Ames, note and interest,	54 00
April 3,	John Mathes, interest on note,	
5,	Thomas W. Wiley, services as clerk of Fire-wards, in 1872,	6 00
	Thomas W. Wiley, services as constable Town Meeting Day,	4 00
	John B. Page, for services as Police, and all other services, for the year 1872,	45 00
	Blake Roberts, for services as Police, and all other services, for the year 1872,	35 00
	John F. Chapman, for services as Constable in 1867,	3 00
	Tiger Engine Co., No. 1, for services to April 1, 1873,	160 00
	Granite Engine Co., for services to April 1, 1873,	136 00
	Hose Company for services to April 1, 1873,	48 00
	John A. Langley, services as Steward to April 1, 1873,	3 00
	James R. Smith, for services as Steward from April 1, 1872, to April 1, 1873,	6 00
	Edson C. Eastman, for Collectors and Surveyors Books,	2 61
	Sarah W. Nealley, note and interest,	51 29
11,	Charles E. Tasker, Coffin for Sally Watson,	8 00
	Charles E. Tasker, Coffin for Eliza Watson,	8 00
	Walter J. Thurston, note and interest,	903 68
22,	George E. Tuttle, services as police &c in 1872,	14 00
May 3,	State Reform School, for board of J. I. York,	26 00
	William Reynolds, interest on note,	18 00
6,	Charles Kennerson, for breaking roads in Grant District, and Surveyor,	73 42
	Hannah L. Marden, interest on note,	36 00
8,	Hannah Watson, interest on note,	18 00
23,	J. O. Hollis & Co., for lock and keys by order of C. F. Davis,	15 05

May	24,	To paid Edward F. Kennerson, for breaking roads by order of M. C. Clark,	4 87
		Ai Gilman and others job repairing L R. bridge,	175 00
	28,	Hollis Pinkham, for shoes for Thomson child,	4 25
	29,	Nathan Durgin, interest on three notes,	123 58
		Susan E. W. Creighton, interest on two notes,	84 00
		Thomas Griffin, note and interest,	108 50
	30,	William B. Welch, interest on two notes,	148 78
		William Reed & Co., for handcuffs,	4 15
June	3,	Samuel R. Thompson, for boards and stakes at Town Farm,	15 00
	9,	Daniel L. Harvey, note and interest,	551 82
		Daniel L. Harvey, note and interest,	656 34
		Jonathan S. Harvey, note and interest,	485 52
		David Murray, policy on Farm Buildings,	3 41
	13,	Newmarket Mfg Co., grates for drains,	18 50
	19,	Fannie V. Kelley, interest on two notes,	21 37
		Newmarket Mfg, Co., pipe for drain,	3 40
	20,	Nathan H. Leavitt, Committee on sidewalks,	600 00
	26,	Hugh Kelsey, note and interest,	1130 22
		William P. Channell, blasting stone to widen sidewalks,	23 00
		Hugh Kelsey, interest on note,	61 80
		Ai Gilman. & Co, for building walls, &c.,	19 24
July	1,	Nathan B. Jenness, note and interest,	173 18
	10,	Blake Roberts, for services as police for 1873,	6 50
		Pinkham & Wingate, for printing notices,	1 00
	12,	Abigail Moore, note and interest,	407 08
		Edwin A. Hills, for printing 500 Town Reports,	32 00
	25,	Mary A. Wood, interest on two notes,	36 00
	31,	Martha A. Chapman, note and interest,	212 46
		Martha A. Chapman, note and interest,	107 36
August	2,	William P. Channell, re-building bridge on Packer's Falls road,	25 00
		Allen Pride, for trimming and lighting lamps at L. R. Bridge.	8 00
	5.	State Reform School, board of John L. York,	26 00
	8,	Mark Foss, three notes and interest,	581 86
	20,	Elizabeth Kelsey, note and interest,	799 05
		Elizabeth Kelsey, note and interest,	116 18
	21,	Eben B. Wiggin, interest on note,	30 00
	23,	John W. Smart, for plank and stringers,	22 35
Sept	4,	Deborah Gould, note and interest,	467 50
		Hannah Watson, interest on note,	30 00
	5,	Mary A. Davis, note and interest,	424 33
		Jane F. Harvey, note and interest.	361 10
	19,	John B. Page, for services as Special Police. July 3 and 4,	4 00
	29,	Hannah Watson, interest on note,	12 00

Oct.	4,	To paid Hose Company, for services to Oct. 1 1873,	48 00
		Tiger Engine Co., for services to Oct. 1, 1873,	160 00
		Granite Engine Co. for services to Oct. 1, 1873,	152 00
	9,	Nathan H. Leavitt, Committee on sidewalks,	50 00
		James B. Creighton, clay for the highways,	5 00
		L. Rollins, Endorsement and interest on note,	26 30
		Pinkham & Wingate, printing notices for Engine meetings,	2 00
		John A. Langley, services as steward,	3 00
	21,	William Jones, interest on note,	6 00
	22,	James A. Kelsey, interest on note,	30 60
		Benj. A. Carter, notifying jurors,	2 60
	27,	Mathes & Lane, grass and clover seed,	8 00
		Mathes & Lane, kerosene, etc., to burn at L. R. Bridge,	3 44
	30,	Jose Woodman, pump for Town Farm,	11 00
		Joseph E. Brackett, Surveyor, for breaking roads in Ash Swamp District,	32 00
Nov.	14,	State Reform School, board of J. I. York,	26 00
		Rockingham Farmers Insurance Co., Assess- ment on Farm buildings,	5 68
		Mathes & Lane, wood for James Barrett,	3 19
	19,	Charles Kennerson, labor on the highways,	3 75
		Jasper H. Burley, hauling plank for bridge,	1 10
		Ezra Kennerson, plank and joist for highways,	5 00
	24,	Moses C. Clark, Surveyor, for breaking roads,	42 00
		Ruth H. Norton, two notes and interest,	551 39
Dec.	5,	Benj. D. Watson, for guide boards and posts,	28 00
	9,	William Jones, interest on note,	30 00
		James A. Kelsey, interest on note,	16 50
		Abbie Kelsey, interest on note,	12 00
	15,	Elizabeth Watson, interest on two notes,	45 00
	29,	Walter Wiggin, interest on four notes,	87 00
	31,	John Mathes, interest on note,	24 00
	1874.		
Jan.	1,	William Reynolds, interest on four notes,	54 00
		David Murray, insurance policy on Town House,	22 50
	2,	George K. Smart, rope for grappels,	5 52
	3,	George Lang, interest on note,	123 60
		Edward Hilton, interest on note,	42 00
	5,	Town of Durham, by act of the Legislation, in 1870.	300 00
	6,	John W. Smart, plank and stringers, wood for Engine Co.,	54 66
		plank for Ash Swamp bridge,	2 50
	9,	Samuel Haley, interest on note,	12 12
		Jane F. Harvey, interest on note,	18 00
		42 00	
	10,	Charles F. Davis, for building reservoirs,	581 45

Jan.	13,	To paid Sally A. Doe, interest on note,	76 50
		Abram Plummer, note and interest,	285 54
	15,	Woodbury W. Durell, note and interest,	266 04
	17,	Susan E. W. Creighton, interest on note,	60 00
		Clarissa Doe, interest on note,	22 30
	19,	Edmund B. Pendergast, interest on three notes,	30 00
	23,	Amanda M. Chapman, interest and endorsement on note,	98 20
		John W. Wiggin, team to County Farm to carry Susan Cobb and child,	3 00
	27,	Albert J. Haines, note and interest,	54 05
	30,	Mathes, Wiggin & Co., clothing for Thompson girl,	4 29
		Mathes, Wiggin & Co., clothing for Emeline Knowlton,	3 53
		Mathes, Wiggin & Co., wood for Stephen Herson,	14 26
Feb.	2,	State Reform School, board of J. I. York,	26 00
	3,	Charles G. Conner, cost on indictment of highways,	27 49
	5,	Benj. F. Haley, quilts for police station,	4 50
		Davis Lang, two notes and interest,	963 75
	6,	Samuel B. Brackett, note and interest,	397 40
	7,	Ruth H. Norton, 1 sheep killed by dog,	5 00
		Hollis Pinkham, shoes for Em Knowlton,	1 25
		The several school districts, viz:	
		School District No. 1,	2318 83
		2,	149 54
Jan.	7,	3,	163 57
	31,	4,	130 86
Dec.	9,	5,	140 94
Nov.	15,	6,	121 24
	20,	7,	70 11
Jan.	1,	Packer's Falls,	52 28
	7,	Thomas Maguire & Co., kerosene for Tiger Engine Co.,	1 20
		T. Maguire & Co., damage to pung,	4 80
	9,	Freeman Sanborn, surveyor, breaking roads in B. Hill district up to Feb. 9, 1874,	20 20
	12,	John Perkins, interest on note,	18 00
		James S. Pinder, note and interest,	715 44
	14,	Lafayette Hall, covering bridge with stone,	20 00
	16,	William P. Reynolds, interest on three notes,	27 00
		William Reynolds, interest on note,	15 00
	17,	Mathes, Wiggin & Co., pair blankets for police station,	4 25
		Mathes, Wiggin & Co., 4 feet hard wood, and sawing same,	4 60

Feb. 17,	To paid Mathes, Wiggin & Co., 1 cord birch wood for S. Hersom,	5 00
18,	Mathes & Lane, supplies for S. Hersom,	34 41
	C. P. & R. Stackpole, blacksmith work,	7 91
19,	S. H. Greene & Co., as per bill rendered,	5 03
	Robert Smart, interest on note,	80 00
	board of Emeline Knowlton, to April 1, 1874,	100 00
	making clothes for her,	4 75
	board of Thompson girl for five weeks,	7 50
	plank for barn floor,	4 00
20,	Eben B. Wiggin, note and interest,	542 50
21,	James S. Pinder, slats and nails for fence at creek bridge,	3 00
	True W. Thompson, notifying jurors,	4 80
	Edwin De Forest, note and interest,	110 50
	Charles F. Davis, as per bill rendered,	10 75
	Aaron L. Mellows, services as Superintending School Committee,	50 00
	Aaron L. Mellows, notices and posting the same in the several School Districts,	8 00
	Aaron L. Mellows, complaints and warrants, by order of police,	63 00
	Edwin De Forest, note and interest,	109 50
23,	Charles D. Willey, services as undertaker,	9 50
	Joseph S. Watson, board of Henry Dearborn up to March 1, 1874,	23 25
	Irving Chesley, 1 sheep killed by dog,	5 00
	George L. Dearborn, school books,	2 00
	Albina Young, abatement on taxes in 1872,	1 50
	John S. Walker, turkeys killed by dogs in 1872,	7 00
	Warren Gerry, 2 sheep killed by dog in 1872,	10 00
	William A. Shackford, viz :	
	Services as per bill, in 1868,	\$ 3 00
	" " " 1869,	21 50
	" " " 1870,	24 00
	" " " 1871,	8 00
	4 Turkeys killed by dog,	8 00
	Services on new road,	4 50
	Services in 1872,	61 00
	Services in 1873,	11 00
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		\$141 00
	Cr. by discount, \$23.	
	amount of fines re'cd. 18.	
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		\$ 41 00
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		100 00
	Levi A. Hanscom, interest on note,	84 07

Feb.	23,	To paid S. A. Haley, chairman of committee on sidewalks in 1872,	157	23
		Charles H. Smith, complaints and warrants as per bill,	41	75
		John B. Page, carrying Susan Cobb and child to Brentwood,	1	50
	24,	Newmarket Man'f'g Co., gravel, coal ashes, and plank, by order of M. C. Clark,	20	00
		Mathes & Lane, supplies for John Griffin's family in 1871,	8	00
		Blake Roberts, damage to cow by dog,	12	00
		Daniel W. McNeal, drawing and notifying jurors, recording births, marriages and deaths, and making returns of same to the Secretary of the State,	60	00
		All other services as Town Clerk,	15	00
		Charles E. Tasker, coffin for S. Herson's child,	3	50
		Dr. J. I. Elkins, medical attendance,	40	00
	26,	Lawrence G. Otis, damage by dog to fowls,	3	04
		James Monroe, abatement of taxes in 1869,	2	25
		" " " " " " 1870,	14	81
		" " " " " " 1871,	57	53
		" " " " " " 1872,	75	25
		" " " " " " 1873,	33	50
		J. S. & E. Bennett, as per bill,	21	00
		by order of Chief Engineer,	59	00
		by order of M. C. Clark,	32	00
	27,	Charles P. Stackpole, services as Health Officer,	3	00
		Samuel Haley, note and interest,	302	60
		Betsy Robinson, note and interest,	623	61
		John Bradford, services as Health Officer,	3	00
		Samuel H. Greene, services as Health Officer,	3	00
		James Monroe, collecting taxes,	228	23
		Charles E. Tasker,		
		Time fencing and lighting L. R. bridge in time of the freshet,	3	00
		1 day's time and expense to Exeter in convention with the Selectmen of Rockingham County,	3	00
		All other services as Selectman,	32	00
		George A. Bennett,		
		1 day's time and expense to Exeter in convention with the Selectmen of Rockingham County,	3	00
		1 day to Lee on a ccount of road,	3	00
		All other services as Selectman,	32	00

Feb. 27.	To paid Benjamin Mathes,	
	1 quilt for police station,	2 00
	Brokerage on thirty-five hundred dollars state bonds,	30 00
	1 day's time and expense to Exeter, in convention with Selectmen of Rockingham County, April 1, 1873.	3 00
	Making warrants for extra meeting,	75
	Brokerage on thirteen hundred dollars state bonds,	10 00
	Enrolling the Militia,	3 00
	Time fencing and lighting Durham Bridge in time of the freshet,	3 00
	1 day's time and expense to Concord on business between Newmarket and Durham, June 4,	6 00
	1 day's time and expense to Portsmouth settling County affairs, Oct. 31,	3 50
	1 day's time and expense to Concord to settle with State treasurer, Dec. 8,	6 00
	$\frac{1}{2}$ day's time and team to Lee to settle indictment of highways,	2 00
	1 day's time and expense to Exeter to settle with County Commissioners, Feb. 3, 1874,	3 00
	Henry Poole's fare to Brentwood,	50
	Smith's Express,	25
	Time and expense to Exeter to collect fines for police offences,	1 50
	Team and time to Town Farm to take Luther Crumbie's affidavit,	1 00
	Cash paid to procure certificates from the towns of Auburn and Chester to establish the residence of L. Crumbie,	2 00
	Stationery for the year,	3 00
	Blank books and postage,	1 50
	Services as Treasurer,	60 00
	All other services as Selectman,	32 00
	Paid Auditors,	4 00
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		\$23,380 45
Mar. 2,	Cash received of Town Treasurer,	\$23,380 45

Settled the foregoing account as above stated.

BENJAMIN MATHES,	} Selectmen of Newmarket.
GEORGE A. BENNETT,	
CHARLES E. TASKER,	

We, the undersigned, Auditors of the Town of Newmarket, have examined the foregoing account, and find it correctly cast, with corresponding vouchers.

DAVID MURRAY,	} Auditors.
EDWIN BENNETT,	

BENJ. MATHES, *Treasurer, in account with TOWN OF NEWMARKET*
Dr.

The following notes have been renewed the past year:

1873.

April 22,	To	W. J. T.,	renewed	903	08
June 26,		H. K.,	"	1130	22
March 27,		A. M.,	"	407	08
Sept. 4,		D. G.,	"	467	50
5,		A. A. J.,	"	400	00
Nov. 24,		A. F. N.,	"	300	00
		A. F. N.,	"	209	29

1874.

Jan. 5,		S. L. P.,	"	285	54
Feb. 5,		D. L.,	"	963	75
6,		S. B. B.,	"	397	40

				\$5,463	86
March 1,	To	Balance in treasury,		1074	68
		State Bonds,		12200	00
		Savings Bank tax,		1026	82
		Railroad tax,		319	63
		Literary Funds,		193	11
		Bounty Claims,		76	80
		State Bonds from Durham,		1400	00
		Interest on bonds to July 1,		396	00
		In hands of Collector, March 1,		214	80
		Rate lists committed to Collector,		15,359	92
		Lots sold in cemetery,		290	00
		Use of Town Hall,		32	00
		Rent of Pest House,		39	00
		License of Circus,		15	00
		Interest on State Bonds to Jan. 1, 1874,		273	00
		Rent of Town Farm,		325	00
		Cash rec'd of Edwin Bennett pr receipt,		1608	20
				\$40,289	82

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1874,

March 1,	By	Paid sundry orders of the Selectmen,		23380	45
		Paid State tax,		4110	00
		Paid County tax,		2723	92
		State bonds in hands of the Treasurer,		9100	00
		Balance due from Robert Smart for rent of town farm,		100	00
		Amount in hands of Collector,		346	72
		Balance in hands of Treasurer,		528	73
				\$40,289	82

March 2. Settled the foregoing account as above stated.

BENJ. MATHES, Treasurer.

GEORGE A. BENNETT, }
CHARLES E. TASKER, } Selectmen

We, the undersigned, Auditors of the town of Newmarket, have examined the foregoing account, and find it correctly cast, with corresponding vouchers.

DAVID MURRAY, }
EDWIN BENNETT, } Auditors.

1873.

March 1, Outstanding notes against the town, \$44,471 15

1874

March 1, " " " " 37,419 56

We have received from the town of Durham in State Bonds, \$1,400.00, and interest on the same to July, 1873. There is yet a small balance due us, upon which we have not been able to agree as yet.

REMARKS.—It will appear by the foregoing account that the town has not hired a dollar during the past year. Yet our expenditures have been very much increased;

Our state tax for the past year was	\$4,110 00	
Last year it was	1,995 00	
Making a difference of		\$2,115 00
Expended for sidewalks,		650 00
Reservoirs,		580 00
at L. R. Bridge,		175 00
Bridge at Washington Haines'		77 00
Outstanding bills accumulated,		403 00

Amounting to the sum of \$4,000 00

In order to meet this extra expense, instead of hiring money, we have disposed of Forty-five hundred dollars, state bonds, with a brokerage of less than one per cent and the accrued interest for the time being.

BENJAMIN MATHES, Treasurer.

TOWN FARM.

The Town Farm has been leased to Robert

Smart the past year, for	\$325 00
For which we credit him for board of Emeline Knowlton one year,	\$100 00
Making clothes for her,	4 75
Board of Thompson girl, 5 weeks,	7 50
Plank for barn floor,	4 00
Cash,	108 00
	<u>\$225 75</u>

Balance due the town, \$100 00

The stock and produce on the Farm remains the same as it has been for the past three years, to the value of about one thousand dollars.

BENJAMIN MATHES, Treasurer.

REPORT OF SCHOOLS.

In compliance with the requirements of Chapter 81 of the General Statutes, the School Committee for the town of New Market, submits the following Report of the progress and condition of the Schools the past year.

DISTRICT NO. 1.—VILLAGE.

CHARLES F. DAVIS,	}	<i>Prudential</i>
NAPOLÉON B. TREADWELL,		
JONATHAN F. GARLAND,	}	<i>Committee.</i>

PRIMARY.

MARTHA S. TOWLE, <i>Teacher</i> , HELEN A. TASKER, <i>Assistant</i> .	}	Number of different Scholars, 129.
		Average Attendance, 99.
		Length in weeks, 34.
		Wages, including board, \$31.00
		Assistant, \$28.00

INTERMEDIATE.

SARAH E. LEAVITT, <i>Teacher</i> ,	}	Number of different scholars, 51.
		Average attendance, 45.
		Length in weeks, 34.
		Wages, including board, \$36.00.

GRAMMAR.

JAMES M. CHAPMAN, MARY S. BENNETT,	} <i>Teachers.</i>	Number of different scholars, 60.
		Average attendance, 52.
		Length of school in weeks, 34.
		Wages, including board, \$40.00.

HIGH SCHOOL.

THOMAS J. DAVIS, SUSAN B. TENNEY, <i>Ass't</i> , GEORGE A. McLAUGHLIN.	} <i>Teachers</i> ,	Number of different scholars, 60.
		Average attendance, 55.
		Length of school in weeks, 34.
		Wages & board
		{ Thomas J. Davis, \$65.00
		{ Susan B Tenney, \$20.00
		{ G. A. McLaughlin, \$72.00

DISTRICT NO. 2.—PINE HILL.

SAMUEL JOY, <i>Prudential Com.</i> MARY S. BENNETT, SARAH P. LADD,	} <i>Teachers</i> ,	Number of different scholars, 17.
		Average attendance, 14.
		Length in weeks, 15.
		Wages, including board, \$32.00

DISTRICT NO. 3.—FOUR CORNERS.

ALBERT F. HAINES, <i>Prudential Com.</i> CORNELIA E. HAINES, <i>Teacher</i> .	}	Number of different scholars, 20.
		Average attendance, 19.
		Length in weeks, 19.
		Wages, including board, \$36.00

DISTRICT NO. 4.—GRANT.

WALTER J. THURSTON, <i>Prud. Com.</i>	{ Number of different scholars, 12. { Average attendance, 9. { Length in weeks, 13. { Wages, including board, \$42.00
CHARLES E. JAMES, <i>Teacher.</i>	

DISTRICT NO. 5.—PLAINS.

GEORGE A. BENNETT, <i>Prudential Com.</i>	{ Number of different scholars, 11. { Average attendance, 10. { Length in weeks, 21. { Wages, including board, \$28.00.
MARY S. BENNETT, <i>Teacher.</i>	

DISTRICT NO. 6.—DURHAM SIDE.

EDWIN A. YOUNG, <i>Prudential Com.</i>	{ Number of different scholars, 47. { Average attendance, 33. { Length in weeks, 19. { Wages, including board, \$32.00
MELISSA J. YOUNG, <i>Teacher.</i>	

DISTRICT NO 7.—DURHAMROAD.

WARREN SMITH, <i>Prudential Com.</i>	{ Number of different scholars, 13. { Average attendance, 12. { Length in weeks, 15. { Wages, including board, \$28.00.
LYDIA JENKINS, <i>Teacher.</i>	

DISTRICT NO. 1.

The Primary and Intermediate schools were taught by the same teachers that have had charge of them for several terms past. The Grammar school was also taught by Mr. James M. Chapman, who has had charge of the school for several terms, during the spring and summer terms. At the commencement of the winter term, Miss Mary S. Bennett was employed to take charge of this school. Thomas J. Davis had charge of the spring term of the High school. Then George A. McLaughlin was employed, and has since had charge of the school. These schools in the village have not yet closed. These schools, on the whole, have been a success, yet have not come up to the standard required. The schools are good but can be made better; and we should not cease our efforts for improvement, till the schools are elevated to the highest standard attainable.

The teachers in the village have all done well and labored hard for the advancement of those under their charge, and, in the main, have been successful. One great obstacle to the progress of these schools is the irregularity of attendance. For this the parents, rather than the teachers, are responsible. The remedy lies with the parents, and they should apply it. If they do not, their children will be the sufferers.

More room is necessary for the proper grading of these schools, and, I trust, that ere long, another house will be built for that purpose. It is a matter that should not be long delayed. Most of the teachers in the village are too well known to require commendation here. Where all have done well, it is difficult to discriminate. In this connection, I may be allowed to suggest the propriety of abolishing the district system, and have the whole town constitute one district. Such an arrangement has many advantages over the present system. Under existing circumstances, however, legislation may be necessary for that end; but this can be accomplished. Such an arrangement would give us a High School of which we might well be proud, and which we much need.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Miss Mary S. Bennett was employed to teach this school, but after a few weeks, the offer of a more lucrative situation in the Grammar school at the village, resulted in her leaving, to the regret of the district, but greatly to the benefit of the school of which she took charge. The district was fortunate in securing the services of Miss Sarah P. Ladd to complete the term. Miss Ladd, though young, is a faithful and energetic teacher, and succeeded remarkably well. Her school was a success.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Under the charge of Mrs. Haines, this school continues to maintain its former proud reputation. The school was characterized by quiet attention to the business in hand, and teacher and scholars both labored hard for the position they have long maintained as the model school in town.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

The number of scholars in this school is small. I cannot refrain from again recommending the union of this district with No. 3. If the people of the two districts could be satisfied with such an arrangement, I think it would be beneficial to both districts. This school was successfully taught by Mr. Charles E. James, who, in a quiet way, did a good work here.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

This school was taught by Miss Mary S. Bennett, who deservedly stands high as a teacher. To visit this school was a pleasure, and seemed to remind one of a little family, presided over by a kind mother, in whom all placed implicit confidence. The improvement was good. The scholars seemed to have labored to acquire a knowledge of the *substance* of the branches pursued, rather than to make a show.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

This school was taught by that experienced and successful teacher, Miss Melissa J. Young, who well sustained her long-established reputation of an efficient and successful teacher. The school was kept under good control, and the result was, what might have been expected, good progress on the part of the scholars.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

This is a small school, and was successfully taught by Miss Lydia Jenkins of Durham. The school appeared very quiet and orderly, under good control and discipline, and the scholars made commendable progress.

GENERAL REMARKS.

In closing this report, I trust I may be pardoned from any charge of apparent obtrusiveness, if I venture to make a few general suggestions. Our schools, throughout the town, are doing a good work. The town has, in the spirit of liberality, voted, for some years past, to raise, for school purposes, twenty-five per cent in addition to the amount required by law. This sum has given us a fair share of school privileges. And, I, in confidence, trust that the town will continue to be liberal in the amount raised for school purposes. The poor boy's education costs less than the poor man's ignorance. As a rule, well educated men find a respectable place in society, and are an ornament thereof. Most of the criminals are illiterate.

Most of our school houses need repairs. None of them have the proper facilities for ventilation. A good supply of fresh air is essential to life. And for parents to so erect and finish school houses that this cannot be readily obtained, is as inconsistent as it would have been for Noah to put his family on a short allowance of water during the flood. With the great *ocean* of air spread out all around the earth, it seems to be wicked to deprive any one of a full supply of this necessary element. The school room should be made so pleasant as to be attractive to all who attend there. It should be so situated and arranged that the scholar will be desirous of attending school. Everything repugnant and repulsive should be banished therefrom. After good school houses are provided and arranged, the next requisite is good teachers. And here let me remark, that we can not expect angels for school teachers; we do not pay for angelic services. And if parents will work in unison with the teachers,—as we know a large proportion do,—the schools will be much benefited and improved. It requires not only good teachers, but the co-operation of the parents and the assistance of the scholars to have a good school. Scholars should early understand that life in a school room is not all play and pleasure. Labor in the shape of close application and hard study is essential to success, yet, if the scholar's mind is early trained in the right direction, even these may be made a source of pleasure, yet "there is no royal road to learning" Hard labor and close application only, can win success. Let teacher parents, and scholars unite in a determination to have a good school and they will have it. If all labor in unison, such a result cannot well be avoided. It is sure to come.

The establishment of a Normal School in this State is a long stride in the direction of placing school teaching among the learned professions, as it should be. Every young person should receive the training and instruction necessary to fit him or her for the business to be followed through life. The warrior requires a different training from the architect; the sailor from the theologian; the printer from the factory operative; the miner from the hotel keeper; the preacher from the lawyer; so the school teacher requires a different course of training from the accountant or bank clerk. This Normal

School offers the opportunity for the teacher to become fitted for the business in hand. An experience of more than fifteen years in teaching, has taught me that one, to be successful, must be fitted for the position; and the Normal School affords the facilities for that purpose. All who propose to teach, should attend some school of this kind; and there prepare themselves for their calling. This may be learned in the school room, but the Normal School offers advantages for fitting one for the position, not found anywhere else. If the teacher is fitted, by education and nature for his or her position, then will Teaching be a pleasure, and the Teacher realize the beauties and the truths of the oft quoted lines—

“Delightful task! to rear the tender thought,
And teach the young idea how to shoot.”

In taking leave of the charge of the schools in town, I trust I may be pardoned for expressing a heartfelt wish for their success. In some of the difficulties that have occurred I may have erred. But in any, and every case, I have acted impassionately, and, as I believed, for the best interest of all concerned. I have never censured unless I believed there was cause, and have never praised unless I believed praise was deserved. And now, if I have one desire stronger than another, it is for the success and advancement of the schools. These should be elevated above all party, partizan and sectarian influence. Politics have entered into and contaminated almost every other place; let the temple of learning be sacred a little longer; let there be one spot where we can realize the injunction of God to the prophet, while standing upon the top of Horeb: “Take off thy shoes from thy feet, for the place where thou standest is holy ground.”

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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