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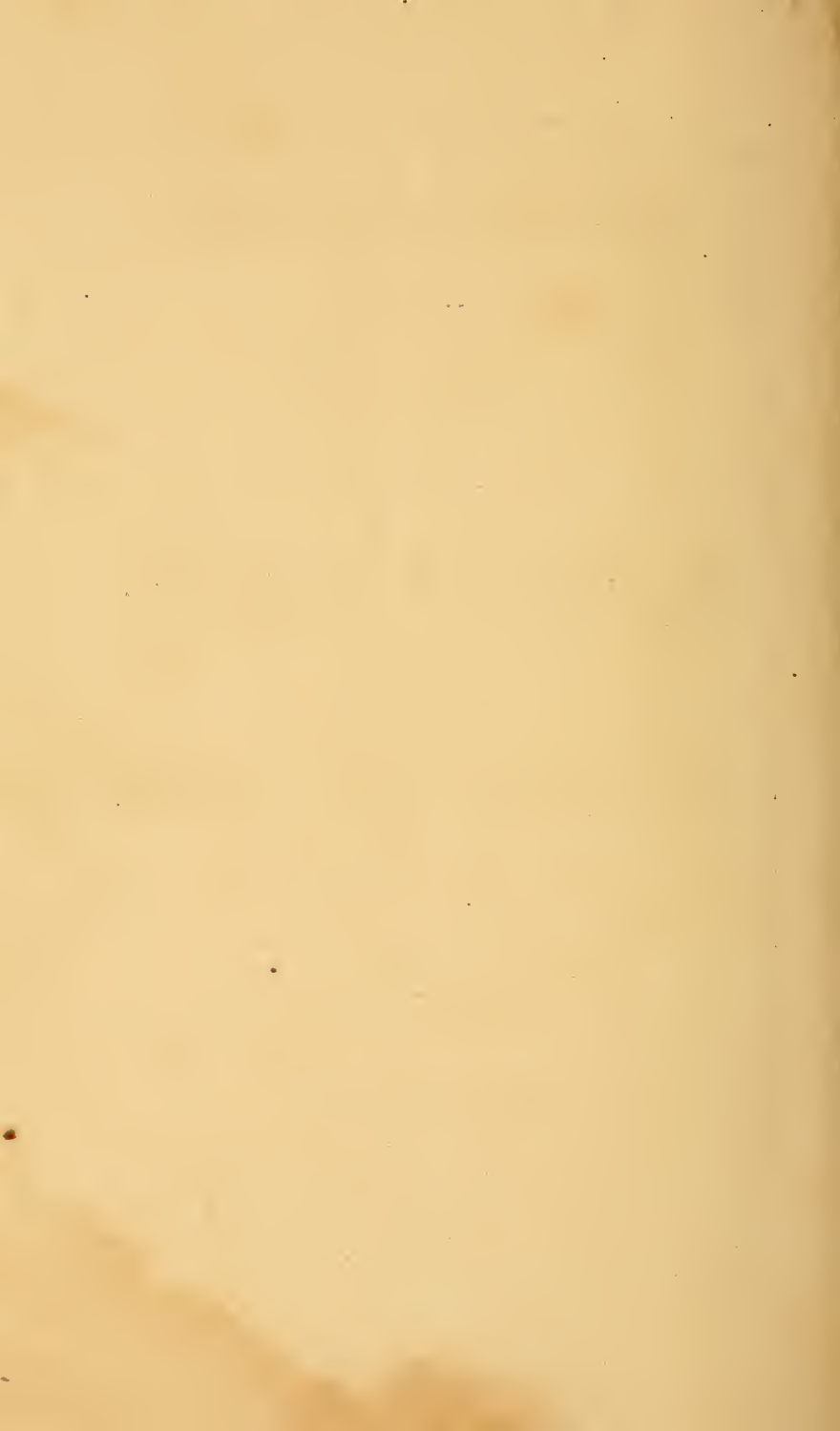
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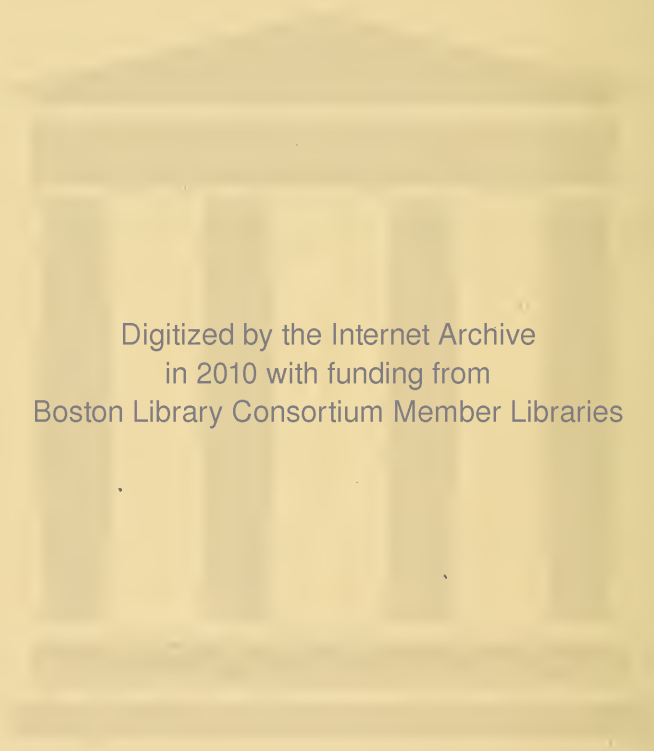
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ACCOUNTS OF THE SELECTMEN.

Receipts.

Received amount of tax list,	\$7,329 43
“ of Selectmen for 1874,	2,601 26
“ of Aaron Rand Town Hall 1874, and old bridge plank,	6 49
“ of New Hampshire Odd Fellows for Aaron R. Locke,	130 00
“ of County for county paupers,	130 53
“ of State as Saving Bank tax,	2,172 82
“ of State as Railroad tax,	73 21
“ of State as Literary fund,	83 42
“ of Frank M. Marden for old bell frame,	1 00
“ of Martha A. Seavey,	200 00
“ of Charles N. Knowles,	100 00
“ of Alfred S. Goss,	14 00
“ of John O. Foss tax as per due bill 1873,	13 55
“ of John O. Foss tax as per due bill 1874,	200 00
“ of John O. Foss for highway tax for 1875,	42 14
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	\$13,097 85

Expenditures.

Paid State tax,	\$1,384 00
County tax,	1,288 52
	\$2,672 52

Highways and Bridges.

Paid Court bill on Frank A. Philbrick's road for 1874,	\$105 32
court bill for road of Hardison Foss and others 1874,	103 85
John Woods for land damages Newcastle road 1874,	125 00
Charles B. Odiorne land damages Newcastle road,	100 00
Emery Woodman building Newcastle road 1874,	840 00
William J. Rand's bill for breaking road 1874-5,	10 16
Emery Woodman railing Newcastle road,	8 48
George H. Seavey's bill for the same,	2 00
Edward H. Balch for widening saw mill bridge,	82 00
Darius Frink 2000 feet bridge plank,	36 00
Martin V. Sleeper repairing bridge on Dist. No. 3,	26 00
Rider & Cotton for spikes,	1 40
Adams E. Drake teaming bridge plank,	6 00
Emery Woodman timber & labor Wallis's Sand bridge,	6 50
Emery Woodman labor bridge near Grover's,	3 00
Emery Woodman white rock road,	7 00
Aaron Rand Wallis's Sand bridge and bridge near Grover's,	6 00
Aaron Rand Town Farm road and Trefeth- en's hill,	10 00
Lewis L. Perkins on Wallis's Bridge and Town Farm bridge,	6 00
Lewis L. Perkins Town Farm road and Trefeth- en's hill,	10 00
Moses Clark on Town Farm road, Trefethen hill,	16 00
Charles Trefethen on Town Farm road, Trefeth- en hill,	7 00
Horace Trefethen on Town Farm road, Trefethen hill	4 00

George H. Seavey on Town Farm road, Trefethen hill,	15 00
William T. Lyons on Town Farm road, Trefethen hill,	4 00
John Grover timber and labor same,	21 00
John Varrell labor on roads,	4 00
Truman S. Odiorne timber for bridge,	2 00
Gilman C. Berry land damages and wall etc.,	50 25
John S. Remick do.	60 70
Alexander H. Hodgdon labor on roads	2 25
George W. Lang on road,	1 50
Hollis N. Marden on road,	6 00
William Brown do.	6 00
Henry S. Rand powder, fuse and drills on Dist. 11,	2 54
Selectmen building on Thomas Green and John H. Foss,	19 37
Joseph S. Foss labor on road,	1 50
George H. Seavey do.	11 62
Moses Clark do.	4 88
Christopher Grant do.	3 00
John S. Remick do.	12 75
Charles W. Rand do.	12 75
George O. Remick do.	6 37
David Remick stone for bridge,	1 50
Emery Woodman labor on road,	19 00
Lewis L. Perkins do.	12 75
Aaron Rand do.	14 75
Frank Odiorne Newcastle bridge railing,	10 00
Ervin J. Seavey blasting ledge on Dist. No. 12,	16 06
Albert D. Jenness shovelling snow on Dist. No. 3,	3 60
Spaulding & Parrott bill for spikes,	63
Sam'l Adams & Co., for lumber Newcastle bridge,	6 08
Oliver P. Garland for building bridge on Dist. 7,	12 00
T. J. Parsons bill Dist. No. 5 1-2,	43
Joseph Dow surveying road & drawing plan etc.,	16 00
Selectmen, bills to Hampton and surveying road,	8 00
Joseph P. Trefethen repairing bridge 1874,	2 50
Gardiner T. Locke damage on Dist. No. 6,	1 00
Ira Marden repairing bridge on Dist. No. 4,	3 00
John S. Lear labor on Dist. No. 13,	8 00
Gilman Marston bill for counsel and court for road,	50 90
Calvin Page bill for counsel on roads,	51 85

Selectmen, bill on Dr.'s mill bridge,	5 50
Selectmen, bills for employing counsel and attending court on Philbrick's road.	43 75
Selectmen, examining bridges and letting and railing,	33 00
Selectmen, for procuring bridge plank,	9 50
" examining and widening salt water B. road,	12 00
Selectmen, bills on Hardison Foss road commissioners etc.,	27 00
Selectmen, bills snow and other complaints entered,	1 50
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	\$2,139 49

Miscellaneous Expenses.

Paid Albert W. Ham for printing 325 copies Town accounts 1874,	\$45 00
Joseph H. Foster for books,	8 67
Dr. Parsons for returning deaths and births,	5 00
Dr. Odell do.	25
For train to City Marshal Portsmouth,	1 00
F. C. Balch burying hog and horse,	2 00
Selectmen and Assessors in Sept. assessing,	70 00
C. G. Conner copies of court record,	2 00
Supply Trefethen contract and window frames for Town Hall.	140 95
John T. French for windows for Town Hall,	4 50
Selectmen, to Concord about st. tax & A. R. Lock,	9 80
Frank M. Marden on bell,	1 00
T. J. Parsons for stationery,	5 52
S. W. Foss Town Clerk's bill,	26 18
J. S. H. Frink advice,	5 00
Jonathan Walker's postage,	2 07
Aaron Rand expenses to Suncook,	6 00
John O. Foss collecting centre school tax,	4 00
John O. Foss collecting town tax,	69 00
Selectmen and Assessors Concord Paint and dinners April assessing property for the year 1875,	12 00

Selectmen taking care tramps,	30 00
Selectmen bill writing notices and letting Town Hall etc.,	6 00
Selectmen, preparing assessments and to Exeter concerning the same of Sept. 1875.	10 50
Selectmen, settling bill for town,	30 00
Selectmen, concerning A. R. Locke,	6 00
Lewis L. Perkins for recording Selectmen's ac- counts,	5 00
Lewis L. Perkins for recording Town inventory.	3 50
Lewis L. Perkins preparing books for Sept. as- sessments,	2 00
Selectmen, making Centre School tax,	6 00
Selectmen, preparing highway surveyors books,	9 00
Selectmen, making returns non residents,	7 50
Selectmen, getting pauper on county and getting county money,	13 00
Selectmen, concerning Laighton's family Exeter,	7 00
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	\$555 44
Auditors,	4 00
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	\$5559 44

Town Hall Receipts.

Received of David L. Rand singing school, 6 eve- nings,	\$9 00
“ of David Jenness 12 evenings do.	18 00
“ for 5 lectures,	7 50
“ outside shows,	25 00
“ extra evenings for Band,	12 00
“ extra evening in ante room,	4 00
“ for Dances 6 evenings,	24 00
“ David Jenness singing school,	19 50
“ Band's festival 2 evenings,	10 00
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	\$129 00

Town Hall Expenses.

Paid for 7 1-4 cords of Wood,	\$37 62
T. J. Parsons' bill,	16 52
for different expenses,	21 07
A. H. Hodgdon, Janitor.	60 00
	\$135 21
	129 00
	\$6 21

Expenses of the Poor.

Paid Dr. Parsons for attending the poor,	\$28 35
for support of Loughton family at Exeter,	50 00
" Aaron R. Locke,	264 10
" James T. Varrell, wife Portsmouth,	19 00
" Horace L. Trefethen's brothers,	112 00
" Widow Abigail Brown,	31 77
" Sally Shapleigh, funeral expenses,	35 75
" Betsy Shapley,	15 00
" Henry Turner,	15 00
" Gilman Varrell's family,	2 00
	\$572 97

School Expenses.

Paid Alfred V. Seavey prudential com. of west Dist,	\$300 00
Thomas W. Rand do. centre "	300 00
Richard P. Goss do. south "	300 00
Henry S. Rand do. east "	300 00
John Batchelder for school seats and desk,	100 00
George White for teaming "	2 00
William Trefethen for fitting benches to Hall floor,	9 32
Thomas J. Parsons for School books for the poor,	4 63
Emmons B. Philbrick Supt. School Committee,	8 00
Nathan R. Goss, do.	2 00
Selectmen, expenses in buying and furnishing school benches,	6 50
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	\$1332 45

Police Expenses.

Paid Oliver P. Garland	\$5 00
Charles C. Marden Police and tramp,	6 00
Joseph S. Foss	5 00
Alexander H. Hodgdon	5 00
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	\$21 00

Notes and Interest Paid.

Paid Warren Caswell note and interest,	\$205 00
John W. Parsons do.	533 50
Joseph B. Dalton do.	1476 33
T. J. Parsons do.	212 50
Hannah Jenness do.	413 33
Wesley A. Rand interest,	120 00
Moses L. Garland do.	24 00
Moses Clark on note,	100 00
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	\$3084 66

Abatements for 1875.

Paid Joseph S. Foss on valuation,	82
(Heirs of) Augustus M. Brown on money,	8 25
" John H. Brown on horse,	1 00
Daniel Brown damage to sheep by dogs	9 00
Joseph William Seavey do.	2 00
Uri H. Jenness on money,	8 25
William Walker do.	43 00
Daniel Philbrick on ox,	75
George Sanborn on dog,	1 00
Gardiner T. Locke do.	1 00
Lewis L. Perkins on horse,	1 07
Aaron Rand on cow,	50
Ruel G. Shapley on valuation,	3 00
Ruel G. Shapley on dog,	1 00
John E. Odiorne do.	1 00
Joseph L. Seavey on valuation,	1 65
Widow Harrison Seavey on sheep, damage by dog,	5 00
Mrs. Charles C. Marden on valuation,	2 00
Thomas J. Rand's poll tax,	1 65
William Remick's do.	1 65
Benjamin Marden do.	1 65
1873, Augustus W. Locke poll and dog tax,	2 65
William W. Webster poll tax,	1 65
1874, Augustus W. Locke poll tax,	1 65
Dennis J. Berry do.	1 65
John W. Jenness do.	1 65
Frank E. Parsons do.	1 65
Daniel J. Trefethen tax,	4 95
William W. Webster poll tax,	1 65

\$112 74

Lewis L. Perkins' Bill.

Paid March 1875, for preparing books for inventory and taxes,	\$6 00
April 1875 for taking the inventory,	6 00
for making taxes	9 00
“ making road tax,	2 00.
“ enrolling the militia,	1 50
“ making return of school children,	2 00
“ preparing collectors book,	2 00
“ making agricultural returns,	1 50
“ making rail road returns,	1 50
“ making returns of deaths, marriages and births,	2 00
“ writing notices & attending extra town meetings	3 00
“ making and correcting check list.	2 00
“ attending jury meetings and revising jury box and roll.	2 00
“ one day with Auditors,	2 00
“ preparing accounts for printing,	4 00
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	\$46 50

Aaron Rand's Bill.

Paid March, for preparing books for inventory and taxes,	\$6 00
April, taking inventory,	6 00
making taxes,	9 00
making road tax,	2 00
enrolling militia,	1 50
making school children return,	2 00
preparing collectors book,	2 00
making agriculture return,	1 50
making rail road returns,	1 50
making return of deaths, marriages and births,	2 00
writing notices and attending extra town meetings,	3 00
making and correcting check list,	2 00
revising jury box and rolls, and attending jury meetings,	2 00
one day with Auditors,	2 00
preparing accounts for printing,	4 00
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	\$46 50

Emery Woodman's Bill.

Paid March, for preparing books for inventory and taxes,	6 00
April, taking inventory,	6 00
making taxes,	9 00
making road tax,	2 00
enrolling militia,	1 50
making school children return,	2 00
preparing collectors book,	2 00
making agriculture returns,	1 50
making rail road returns,	1 50
making of deaths, marriages and birth,	2 00
writing notices and attending extra town meetings,	3 00
making and correcting check list,	2 00
revising jury box and rolls and attending jury meetings,	2 00
one day with Auditors,	2 00
preparing accounts for printing,	4 00
	\$46 50

Demands Against the Town.

Sept. 8, 1875, Note to Charles N. Knowles,	\$100 00
April 1, 1871, Mary Jenness,	505 46
Feb. 6, 1871, Hannah Jenness,	1014 61
Dec. 30, 1871, Martha A. Seavey,	184 09
Dec. 30, 1871, Hannah W. Rand,	726 55
Feb. 8, 1876, Alfred S. Goss,	850 00
Feb. 15, 1873, Robert S. Foss,	414 29
March 1, 1873, Moses Clark,	640 40
June 5, 1869, Charles N. Knowles,	147 75
Oct. 26, 1875, Moses L. Garland,	408 00
April 23, 1868, Abbie S. Clark,	362 00
June 5, 1870, John A. Brown,	188 75
Feb. 19, 1870, Frederick Seavey,	426 18
Feb. 6, 1867, James Brown,	84 00
April 1, 1875, Daniel C. Webster,	146 25
Nov. 27, 1870, Mary A. Stark,	275 00
July 24, 1872, Wesley A. Rand,	2080 00
June 19, 1875, Martha A. Seavey,	200 00
Due to John H. Foss,	3 12
Thomas Green, land damages,	3 12
	\$8759 57

Due the Town.

From Collectors in 1875,	\$600 00
G. H. Jenness on stage,	22 94
Cash on hand,	1858 87
	\$2481 81
Balance against the Town,	\$6277 76

Recapitulation.

Paid State and County Tax,	\$2672 52
highways and bridges,	2139 49
miscellaneous expenses,	559 44
town hall expenses, to balance,	6 21
poor expenses,	572 97
school expenses,	1332 45
police expenses,	21 00
notes and interest,	3084 66
abatements,	112 74
Selectmen's Bills,	139 50
due from the Collector,	600 00
cash on hand,	1858 87
	\$13,099 85
Credit by total receipts,	\$13,099 85

LEWIS L. PERKINS,	}	SELECTMEN OF RYE.
AARON RAND,		
EMERY WOODMAN.		

We, the subscribers, have examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correctly cast and well vouched.

CHARLES J. BROWN,	}	AUDITORS.
MOSES CLARKE.		

Rye, March 3, 1876.

REPORT

—OF THE—

Superintending School Committee,

—OF THE—

TOWN OF RYE,

For the Year ending March 1, 1876.

REPORT.

FELLOW CITIZENS OF RYE:—

On entering upon the duties of Superintendent of our public schools near the close of the official year, it will be impossible for me to give a full and minute report of each of the terms from my own personal inspection; but must make my report of the Spring and Fall terms from my general knowledge of the schools and the data furnished in the registers sent to me by the several teachers.

On looking the schools over during the past year and taking them collectively, this may be termed a year of quiet prosperity. There has been no peculiarly marked progress in scholastic attainments, nor large pecuniary outlay.

We have had a corps of devoted teachers whose hearts have been in the work and, as far as my knowledge extends, all of the schools have been conducted pleasantly and without any serious difficulty. One thing is worthy of remark, and of which we may feel a degree of pride, that is, of the ten and, perhaps we should say eleven, terms of school in town during the year, ten of them have been taught by resident teachers.

At the commencement of the year our school houses were in good repair; thanks to our parents for the liberality thus shown in preparing these comfortable rooms; but now they need thorough cleaning and painting, and the method of ventilation needs improvement. Some of the rooms have an outlet for the vitiated air but no proper arrangement to admit pure air. New outline maps are needed in each room, for the old ones, besides being now defective and unreliable, are di-

lapidated and nearly useless and should be replaced by late editions.

The Centre District has expended about one hundred dollars in erecting an out building and making some minor repairs; fifty dollars of this sum has been raised this year by tax; the balance taken from a fund on hand.

How shall we educate our children in the best possible manner, with economy of time and expense? This is a question that requires the attention and best thought of every citizen. It is the foundation of success as a nation and the main source of individual happiness. Our common schools form the foundation of our educational system and these are almost entirely under the control of the parents. After furnishing comfortable school rooms it is of the greatest importance that we secure the best teachers; his or her influence is very great; hence their morals, manners and conduct should be correct. The difference paid to an experienced or an inexperienced teacher is not sufficient to induce us to take any chances. If we had a rough block of marble from which we wished to obtain a beautiful statue, we should not think of employing an ignorant unskilled laborer, but should obtain the very best artist. There is a living soul to be trained for this life and the future, in that son or daughter; then let that shaping influence be the best that can be obtained.

The teacher and school need a good moral support; the parent by constant inquiry should show a deep interest in the success of the school and should refrain from entertaining and discussing grievances made by the scholars at home. Visits often made to the school greatly encourage the teacher and stimulate the pupil. I wonder how many men there are in town that would employ a man ten or twelve weeks on his farm, without making a personal inspection of his work; are not the interests of our children of far greater importance than the cultivation of a few acres of land?

I think we are sustaining a very great loss by not having a high school for at least two terms in a year; our town has a suitable hall, centrally located, and the Selectmen, acting on the vote of the town, have obtained a sufficient number of nice seats and benches, at the very moderate outlay of \$125,00. In most of our schools, and in each of the districts, we have scholars that ought to have the privilege of attending to higher studies than we can possibly introduce into our common

schools and still have the teacher do justice to the common school branches.

I believe our schools should be graded or classed, and the way our pupils should advance from class to class should be by a thorough examination; then each of the scholars would have a motive for which to strive.

When we compare our facilities for learning and our attainments therein with those of the previous year we note but little change; but if we compare the facilities of this Centennial year, with those of its predecessor, we are amazed at the very great improvements made in acquiring an education and in the increased amount there is to be learned. One hundred years ago our town had two cold unpainted buildings called school houses, one of which stood near where the residence of Oliver Jenness now is, and was rebuilt in 1786, at a cost of 14£ 9s 6d, the other near the residence of Ebenezer W. Lang, and was rebuilt in 1791 at a cost of 34£ 18s 7d. The principal studies then pursued were the three R's, Reading, Writing and Arithmetic; for the studies now pursued I will refer to the summary at the close of this report. I wish our town had a photographic view of those old buildings and a record of the scholars attending in 1776. I hope our Committee for the ensuing year may devise some means to obtain views of our school buildings, both externally and internally, with their estimated value, and a record of the scholars attending; to be preserved by our town clerk for future reference.

I realize that my report must be incomplete, as the plan for the year was made by my worthy predecessor, Nathan R. Goss, and not being fully aware of his arrangements I have felt a degree of hesitancy in making any changes; but in the West district several new readers were needed and I deemed it advisable to exchange the old National series for the Franklin; these have proved very acceptable to both teacher and scholars. This school was taught during the summer by Miss Clara J. Drake of Rye, and I am informed was conducted very acceptably to the district. The winter term was taught by Mr. John O. Drake, of Rye; although this was his first experience as teacher, he seemed to realize the importance of the situation and entered zealously into his duties and won the respect of his pupils; they showing at the end of the term marked improvement.

The South district has had three terms, all taught by Miss

Josie E. Foye, of Rye. I consider Miss Foye a capable and an efficient teacher; the district shows wisdom by continuing the services of a good teacher; this school has two weeks to continue yet, owing to a vacation caused by the sickness of the teacher.

The Centre district has had three terms, two of which were taught by Miss Mary A. Aldrich, of Rye, and returned in her register as one term. I did not visit her school, but heard a very favorable report from the parents and those interested. The winter term was under the instruction of Miss Sarah A. Goss, of Rye, a teacher of ability and large experience; her school was under excellent discipline and exhibited some very fine scholarship.

The East district had three terms, the Spring and Fall being taught by Miss Abbie S. Clarke, of Rye. I need but to mention her name for you to know that these were two profitable terms of schooling. The winter term was taught by Mr. Jackson M. Hoyt, of Newington; his method of discipline was somewhat different from the previous teacher, but he seemed to gain the regard of his pupils and some of them made excellent progress.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EMMONS B. PHILBRICK,
SUPERINTENDING COMMITTEE.

STATISTICS, SCHOOL OFFICERS, &c.

Superintending Committee.

Nathan R. Goss, to Sept. 1, 1875.

Emmons B. Philbrick, the balance of the year.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

West District,	ALFRED V. SEAVEY.
South District,	RICHARD P. GOSS.
Centre District,	THOMAS W. RAND.
East District,	HENRY S. RAND.

Amount of money appropriated by the Town for School purposes, \$1200; including Literary Fund and Dog Tax.

TEXT BOOKS USED IN THE SCHOOLS.

National and Franklin Series of Readers,
Quackenbos' Series of Grammars,
Quackenbos' Series of Arithmetics,
Quackenbos' History,
Swinton's Language Lessons,
Spencerian Writing Books,
Cornell's Series of Geographies,
Monteith's Physical Geographies,
Eaton's Algebra,
Natural Philosophy,
Chemistry,
Mayhew's Bookkeeping,
Latin,
Analysis.

Names of Scholars who were not absent during the term, or more than one day. Those marked 2 or 3 were not absent for two or three terms respectively.

WEST DISTRICT.

Leonie S. Drake, 2
 Malvena B. Jenness, 2
 Elizabeth M. Drake,
 Eliza A. Parsons,
 Lizzie H. Sleeper, 2
 Ina B. Marston,

Sarah L. Garland,
 Mary E. Rand,
 Mary E. Philbrick,
 Fred H. Marden,
 Albert W. Seavey,
 Frank H. Rand.

SOUTH DISTRICT.

Abbie P. Brown, 2
 Estella J. Goss, 2
 Annie M. Goss, 2
 Ida M. Jenness, 2
 Etta B. Jenness,
 Annie Locke, 2
 Flora B. Philbrick, 2
 Carrie M. Sanborn, 2
 Grace E. Balch,
 Gilman B. Goss, 2
 Josie E. Philbrick, 2

Arthur G. Randall, 3
 Charles Sanborn,
 Henry J. Brown,
 Archie L. Jenness,
 C. Leavitt Jenness,
 Edwin J. Jenness,
 Ezra Philbrick,
 Gilman M. Lougee,
 Jenness R. Locke,
 Elmar W. Caswell,

CENTRE DISTRICT.

Florence E. K. Aldrich,
 Etta J. Rand, 2
 Annie G. Delany, 2
 Walter H. Rand,

Fred C. Delany,
 Ella G. Holmes,
 Marcia W. Locke,
 Fannie F. Rand.

EAST DISTRICT.

Marcia B. Clarke, 3
 Mary Dow,
 Emma M. Grover, 2
 Katie L. Grover, 2
 Cora I. Odiorne, 2
 Mary L. Varrell, 2
 Mary E. Odiorne,
 Maria L. Odiorne,
 Elzada A. Odiorne, 2
 Annie O. Trefethen, 2
 Lizzie W. Trefethen,
 Ella Grover.
 Herbert N. Lear,
 Lizzie A. Foss,
 Elbridge Greenleaf,
 Emmons P. Clarke,

Abbie A. Yeaton, 2
 Edgar B. Odiorne, 2
 Herman O. Trefethen 2
 John E. Varrell, 2
 Chauncey Woodman, 3
 Ella Grover, 2
 Lizzie A. Rand, 2
 Emma G. Odiorne,
 Clara I. Trefethen,
 Harry O. Rand, 2
 Henry H. Keene,
 Alice M. Hall,
 Eddie E. Lear,
 Jennie E. Trefethen.
 Arthur A. Rand,
 Samuel A. Odiorne.



