

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMÉN, AUDITORS,

AND

Duplicate

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF DUNBARTON

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1865.

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TOWN REPORT.

Report of the Treasurer, March 1st, 1865,	DR.
Cash in the Treasurer's hands, March 1st, 1864,	1.532 52
Taxes assessed 1864,	1.108 19
Received on H. E. Ryder's collection,	336 24
Literary money,	69 16
Railroad money,	193 79
Received for board of County paupers,	181 33
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Amount paid in notes, orders and receipts,	1.850 32
Non-Resident highway tax,	47 45
Orders and receipts from Collector,	514 70
Due on S. B. Hammond's collection,	246 04
Cash in the Treasury,	762 72
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Having examined the foregoing account, I find it correctly cast and duly vouched.

CHAS. G. B. RYDER, *Auditor.*

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Paid School Districts,	804 12
State Tax,	1.775 00
County Tax,	743 60
Indebtedness of the Town,	\$25.456 76
Orders given by the Selectmen for the year ending March 1, 1865 :	
Thomas Wilson, services as Town Treasurer,	12 00
J. C. McIntire, services Superintendent of Town Farm,	175 00

H. L. Burnham, services as Selectman,	62 00
Benjamin Hoyt, services as Selectman,	36 37
J. B. Ireland, services as Selectman,	37 88
G. B. French, Town Clerk,	19 00
S. Hayward, Superintending School Committee,	16 00
J. P. Jameson, " "	16 00
C. G. B. Ryder, " "	12 00
N. T. Safford and G. B. French, for tolling bell,	2 00
Hugh Jameson, services as Auditor,	1 00
John C. Mills, " "	1 00
H. E. Ryder, " "	1 00
John C. Mills, furnishing water to highway,	3 00
Samuel B. Hammond, services as moderator,	2 00
Benjamin Hoyt, money to pay cattle,	49 00
Benjamin Hoyt, money to pay cattle,	38 00
Benjamin Hoyt, money to pay State aid,	80 00
Benjamin Hoyt, money to pay L. T. Flint for counsel, Fogg, Hadley & Co., for printing; D. L. Guernsey & Co., for stationery, etc.,	53 65
Enoch P. Marshall, money paid for doctor's bill nursing and groceries for Margaret Pierce and children,	39 92
Benjamin Hoyt money for State aid,	80 00
Willoughby Colby, services to Concord on road case,	2 00
Benjamin Hoyt, money to hire volunteers,	250 00
Benjamin Hoyt, money to hire volunteers,	300 00
Jonathan Colby, services as sexton,	3 25
Samuel E. Barnard, interest on note,	6 75
John Page, for plank for bridge,	8 00
George Noyes, over-taxed,	1 00
Walter G. Clough, over-taxed,	1 00
Abatements on H. E. Ryder's collection, 1863,	7 18
Abatements on Samuel B. Hammond's collection, 1864,	69 70
S. B. Hammond, money receipted for by Benjamin Hoyt,	121 00
Benjamin Hoyt, money paid for county pauper,	11 75
E. P. Marshall, money paid for Wm. Webber family,	63 11

Bills against the Town.

Thomas Wilson, for services as Town Treasurer,	\$12 00
Charles G. B. Ryder, for services as Sup. Sch. Com.,	24 00
Silvanus Hayward, services as Sup. School Committee,	23 00
Silvanus Hayward, cash paid for 100 blank certificates,	3 00
Silvanus Hayward, cash paid for revenue stamps,	50
Charles G. B. Ryder, cash paid for revenue stamps,	30
Charles G. B. Ryder, services as Auditor,	1 00
G. B. French, services as Town Clerk,	19 00

Town of Dunbarton, to BENJAMIN HOYT, for services as Selectman in 1864,

Dr.

1 day to H. L. Burnham's, 1.00 ; 1 day to Hopkinton, to pay Eaton note, 1.25 ; 1 day at town farm to hire superintendent, and making orders, 1.25 ; 1 day at Concord to pay L. T. Flint and for books, etc., 1.50 ; 1 day at Hopkinton to pay Balch note, 1.25 ; half day at town treasurer for money, .75 ; 5 days taking invoice, 7.50 ; 1 day selling and buying cattle, 1.50 ; 6 days making taxes, 9.00 ; 2 days recording taxes and qualifying surveyors, 3.00 ; 1 day at Goffstown on pauper business, 1.50 ; 1 day making agreement with collector, warrant and bond, 1.50 ; half a day at Wm. Burrham's for record of volunteers, .75 ; 1 day at Concord returning railroad stock and invoice for 1863 and 1864, 1.50 ; 1 day at Concord returning State and county tax and soldiers that had received bounty, 1.50 ; Concord 32 times to procure volunteers, substitutes, hire money, and other business in connection, 50.00 ; 1 day to Goffstown to hire money, 1.50 ; half a day to Weare to hire money, .75 ; half a day at treasurer's, town farm and at George Perkins's, .75 ; 1 day on road business, 1.50 ; 1 day at treasurer, J. B. Ireland's, and to Concord, half a day Goffstown, and town farm, 2.00 ; 1 day at Concord to see State Treasurer, 1.50 ; 1 day on road business and renewing notes, 1.50 ; half a day making check-list and warrant, .75 ; half day correcting check-list, .75 ; half day at T. Wilson's to pay note, .75 ; 1 day at Concord to see treasurer, adjutant general, auditor, etc., 1.50 ; 1 day to Concord to see treasurer, 1.50 ; 1 day to Concord to see provost marshal, 1.50 ; 1 day correcting enrollment list, 1.50 ; 2 days at Concord to assist N. H. Wheeler get a substitute, and correct enrollment list, 3.00 ; 1 day at Concord, assisting Amos W. Hadley to get a substitute, 1.50 ; 1 day to Concord to hire money of P. Batchelder, 1.50 ; 1 day to Concord to assist Mr. Brown get State bounty, and Charles Brown to get a substitute, 1.50 ; 1 day assisting A. A. Colby to a substitute, 1.50 ; 1 day to trade oxen, and at town farm, 2.00 ; 1 day to see provost marshal, 1.50 ; 1 day at Concord with pauper report, 1.50 ; 1 day at Concord to get pauper money, etc., 1.50 ; 1 day making check-list and warrant and posting them, 1.50 ; 1 day at Concord to get railroad money and to get reports printed, 1.50 ; 1 day at town farm

taking inventory of property, 1.50 ; 1 day at treasurer's and at town farm, 1.50 ; 2 days making town reports, 3.00 ; 1 day at Concord with report, 1.50 ; half day correcting check-list, .75 ; revenue stamps, warrants and check-list, 2.00, \$132 25

Town of Dunbarton to JOHN B. IRELAND for services as Selectman, 1864

Dr.

1 day at town farm to hire superintendent, 1.50 ; 1 day to Concord to pay for report, 1.50 ; 1 day at town farm settling with superintendent, 1.50 ; 5 days taking inventory, 7.50 ; 6 days making taxes, 9.00 ; making return of invoice for 1863 and 1864, .75 ; half a day distributing surveyors' warrants, .75 ; half day making collectors' papers, .75 ; half day making return of war debt to the State, .75 ; half day at Goffstown, to renew J. Little's note, .75 ; 1 day at Concord on military business, 1.50 ; half day writing and posting warrants, .75 ; 1 day at Concord on military business, 1.50 ; 1 day making return of State aid, 1.50 ; 1 day to Concord to hire money of bank, 1.50 ; 8 days to procure volunteers and substitutes, 12. ; half day writing and posting notices, .75 ; 1 day at Manchester to hire money, 2.00 ; time and expense to obtain money to pay bank, 5.00 ; 6 days at Concord to fill quota, 10. ; one and half day renewing notes and on road business, 2.25 ; 1 day making warrant and check-list, 1.50 half day correcting check-list, .75 ; half day on pauper business, .75 ; one and a half days correcting enrollment, etc., 2.25 ; half day regulating jury box, .75 half day at Goffstown, .75 ; 1 day making county pauper report, 1.50 ; 1 day writing check-list and warrants, 1.50 ; 1 day at town farm taking inventory of property, 1.50 ; 1 day at town treasurer's and town farm, 1.50 ; 2 days making town report, 3.00 ; half a day correcting check-list, .75, \$80 00

Cr—By use of Webber pasture, 27 00

Balance, \$53 00

Town of Dunbarton to ENOCH P. MARSHALL, for Services as Selectman, 1864,

Dr.

1 day at the town farm, 1.25 ; 1 day at Concord on pauper business, 1.50 ; 5 days taking inventory, 7.50 ; 6 days making taxes, 9.00 ; 1 day making return of taxes, 1.50 ; 2 days at Gilmanton on pauper business, 5.50 ;

1 day distributing surveyors' warrants, 1.25 ; half day making and posting warrants, .75 ; 1 day to Concord to procure volunteers, 1.50 ; 16 times at Concord for procuring volunteers and substitutes, 24. : 1 day at Manchester hiring money, 1.50 ; 1 day at Bow hiring money, 1.50 ; 1 day on road business, 1.50 ; 1 day at Concord to procure substitutes, 1.50 ; 1 day making warrant and check-list, 1.25 ; half day correcting ch'k list, .75 ; 2 days on pauper business, 3.00 ; 1 day at Concord on pauper business, 1.50 ; 1 day at Concord and Bow paying families of volunteers, 1 50 ; 1 day at Bow on pauper business, 1.50 ; 1 day at town farm taking inventory of stock, 1.50 ; 1 day at town treasurer's, 1.50 ; 2 days making town report, 3.00 ; half day correcting check-list, .75 ; 1 day at Concord to get town reports, 1.50,

77 50

Inventory of the Property of the Town Farm, as Appraised Feb. 28, 1865.

4 oxen, 2 50 ; 10 cows, 500.00 ; 9 young cattle, 250.00 ; 1 horse, 100.00 ; 1 sheep, 10 00 ; 2 hogs, 40.00 ; 13 hens, 6.50 ; 18 tons 1st quality, 648.00, 1 ton 2d quality, 12.00 ; 80 bushels corn, 160.00, 15 bushels oats, 15.00 ; 2 bushels beans, 6.00 ; 105 bushels potatoes, 63.00 ; 20 bushels apples, 20.00 ; turnips, 3.00 ; 1 bbl. vinegar, 6.00 ; half bbl. soap, 3.00 ; 3 bbls. cider, 12.00 ; 45 lbs. butter, 22.50 ; 60 lbs. lard, 16.00 ; 75 lbs. cheese, 16.56 ; 70 lbs. dried apple, 11.00 ; 1 gallon boiled cider, 75 ; 16 gallons apple-sauce, 16.00 ; 150 lbs. beef, 20.00 ; 200 lbs. ham and shoulder, 40.00 ; 2 bbls. pork, 88.00 ; tallow and candles, 8.00 ; 70 lbs. soap grease ; 5.00 ; 2 bushels meal, 4.00 ; flour, 8.00 ; groceries, 5.00 ; pine lumber, 12.00 ; sleepers, 20.00 ; amount of farming tools and household furniture, 540.00, 2.926 75

Receipts of Town Farm.

Sold neat stock, 976.00 ; calves, veal and hides, 65.59 ; lard, 9.00 ; butter, 112.28 ; cheese, 12.55 ; poultry, 10.78 ; potatoes, 73.51 ; corn, hay and oats, 38.06 ; pasturing, 30.50 ; apples and cider and turnips, 48.09 ; sleepers and wood, 27.50 ; sundry small articles, 6.25.
Whole amount of receipts, 1.410 11

Expenditures of the Farm.

Bought neat stock, 707.00 ; labor, 220.82 ; lumber and saw bills, 44.17 ; clothing, shoes and boots, 95.40 ; grass seed, salt and plaster, 18.61 ; tools and repairs and blacksmiths' bills, 53.51 ; paints, oil, glass, nails, paper and matches, 26.09 ; doctor's bill, rum and medicine and tobacco, 37.98 ; fish, beef and pork, 35.51 ; flour and tea, 96.16 ; coffee, sugar and molasses ; 62.33 ; lime, potash, wicking and soap, 4.38 ; spices and soda, 8.35 ; horse to Manchester and use of cider mill, 3.00,	1.413 81
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R E C A P I T U L A T I O N .

Value of stock, tools, produce and household furniture, Feb. 27, 1864,	\$2.276 56
Value of stock, tools, produce and household property, Feb. 28, 1865,	2.926 75
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Amount more than in 1864,	650 19
Receipts at the farm,	1.410 11
Received and paid into the town treasury, county pauper money,	181 33
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	2.241 63
Expenditures of the farm,	1.413 81
Services of Superintendent,	220 00
Interest on town property,	300 00
Money tax,	42 62
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	1.976 43
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Balance in favor of the town,	\$265 20

Of the different paupers who have been supported at the farm during the year, two are county and five are town paupers.

BENJAMIN HOYT,	}	<i>Selectmen of Dunbarton.</i>
JOHN B. IRELAND,		
ENOCH P. MARSHALL,		

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF
DUNBARTON, N. H., 1864—5.

Having many things to say, we are advised by the "fathers of the town" to be brief, inasmuch as school matters are very uninteresting to the people generally. Your schools for the past year have enjoyed just about the usual prosperity. There has been no very serious outbreak, and no teacher has been obliged to leave. Only one change has been made in its Text Books during the year. Eaton's series of Arithmetics have been introduced to take the place of an indiscriminate medley before employed. A change was necessary that there might be uniformity. In some schools five different books were before in use. Occasionally teachers are found who seem to forget that they have no authority to determine what books shall be used. Some parents, too, appear not to understand that committees can have no possible interest in changing books, except their desire to benefit the schools. Six of your eleven school houses are unfit for that purpose. The others, though perhaps large enough for the present districts, ought to be so located, as to require enlargement. There is no need of more than *five* school houses in town. All over that detracts from the value of the schools. Pecuniarily the town would be a gainer in ten years, if not in five, to give up all school property, reorganize into larger districts, and build entirely new. And *now is the best time to do it*. Taxes are high, but are paid easier by a farming community than ever before. It will take you a fewer loads of hay or loads of wood to build a new school house than for many years past.

Some teachers and agents forget the law requiring teachers to receive a certificate from the committee before commencing school. This is a great mistake, for which there can be generally, no decent, excuse.—Agents should also remember that the law requires a second certificate of the return of the register before the money is paid to the teacher.

The tabular report shows that teachers' wages have not advanced in proportion to the prices of other things; in fact, they are scarcely higher than four years ago. This is a great injustice, and not only so, but it precludes the possibility of securing and retaining long the services of first rate teachers. For this cause, and also to lengthen the schools, that they may be more nearly adequate to supply the real wants of your children, it is necessary that the town should raise more money for schools. It will be seen that the average number of weeks of school through the town, is less than nineteen, while in some districts it is as low as fifteen,

and in none over twenty-five. This is gross injustice to your children. Thirty-six weeks is the least that should be allowed in any district. If you neglect to raise more money than heretofore, your schools will certainly grow less and less efficient, and your children will grow up in habits of idleness, and with minds uncultivated and untrained. But by a bountiful provision and judicious use of money in consolidating districts, building and furnishing school houses, and paying for experienced and skillful teachers, you will assuredly reap a rich reward in the increased value of your property, in the more rapid accumulation of wealth, in the virtue and intelligence of your families, every day advancing in knowledge and habits of industry, and becoming fitted to act their parts in the great and responsible duties of American citizens.

SILVANUS HAYWARD,
C. G. B. RYDER,

} *Superintending
School Committee
of Dunbarton.*

DUNBARTON, N. H. March 2, 1865.

DISTRICT NO. 1, OF MANCHESTER.

Summer term by Miss Nancie Richards—Winter term by Miss Susan E. Bailey. This is a backward school, and must continue so unless its terms are lengthened. In the winter marked improvement was visible in reading. There was, however, a lack of order. Those who remove their children from school because of dissatisfaction with the teacher, will be likely hereafter to see their mistake.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Summer term. Miss Margarette C. Holmes, teacher. The scholars made good improvement under her instructions during this term. The order was good.

Winter term, by the same teacher, was somewhat interrupted by the prevalence of the mumps. Otherwise the school was as successful as could be expected in a house that is a disgrace to a civilized community. The parents do not take pains enough to secure punctual and constant attendance. Order and progress were good.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Summer term, by Miss Mary A. Burnham—Winter term by Miss Fanny L. Burnham. Rather backward—too much dependence on the teacher. The pupils might do more if they had more confidence in themselves. There was considerable improvement in reading in the winter term, but a great lack of voice. Order fair both terms.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Summer and winter terms taught by Miss Marianna Waite. Miss Waite was a beginner, but succeeded well in the first attempt. The improvement was good, and the order fair considering the large number of small scholars.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Summer term taught by Miss Mary Jane Wheeler. Scholars appeared well both at the beginning and at the close. A profitable term.

Winter term taught by Miss Louise Parker. The school appeared well at the commencement, but afterwards become somewhat broken by the disobedience of some of the large scholars. Miss P., by holding a tight rein, finally succeeded in driving two of them from the school. Others were taken out by their parents, after which the school went on well. A valuable term to those who improved it. Register imperfect.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Summer term, by Miss Mary O. Frazier, of Danbury—Winter term, by Miss Susan R. Holmes. This school is doing pretty well. There is a mistaken desire by some for "higher branches," which, if indulged, would seriously injure the school. In the summer the school showed the remarkable success of careful drill in reading. Recitations both terms prompt, and usually accurate.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Both terms by Miss Celestia C. Hoyt. This district was ruined by division. With an average attendance of less than nine, the school has been as successful as could be expected. The constant attendants made considerable improvement.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Summer term taught by Luthera Clough, of Bow. The school appeared well at the beginning, but for lack of notice, was not examined at its close.

Winter term taught by Miss C. Augusta Roberts, of Goffstown. The school opened well. The teacher evidently was faithful on her part.—Some of the scholars certainly did not appreciate her labors. When we see scholars place their elbows on their knees and cover their faces with their hands and will not answer the most simple questions, we conclude they care but little for books and have little respect for their teacher, pa-

rents or themselves. Such was the case here. We can but pity the teacher of such scholars. Parents, visit your school at the examination, at least, and see to your own children. We recommend to the inhabitants of this district to employ the best male teacher that can be had for the next winter. One especially noted for government. We also ask you to set a hitching post near the house, with a hook, or at least with an auger hole through it, so callers may not be obliged to go to somebody's barn yards to fasten their horses. Register imperfect.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Miss Lizzie Colby, of Bow, teacher summer term. For want of notice the school was not visited until it had kept some weeks. Then, being very short, we could see but little improvement in the scholars.

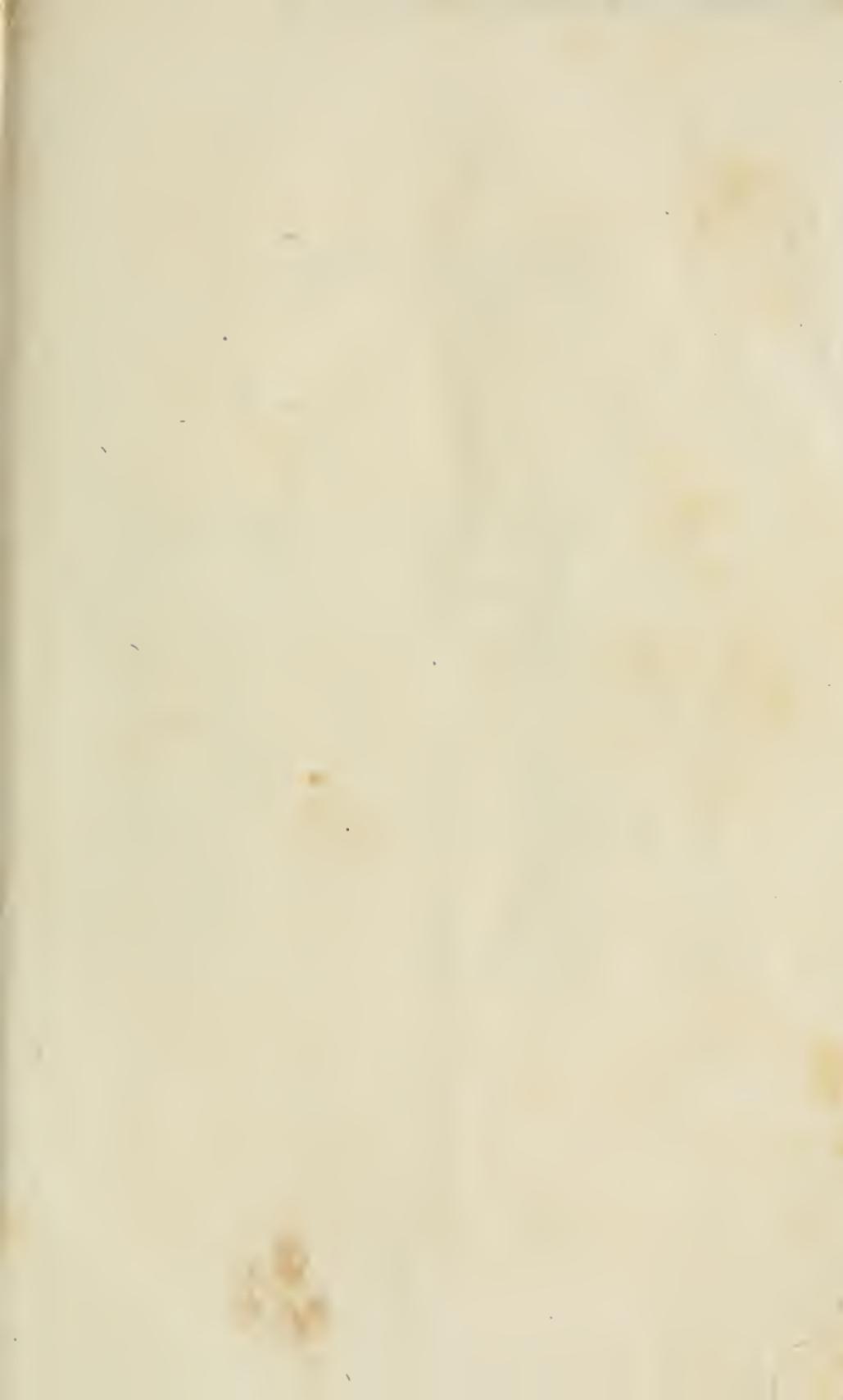
Winter term taught by Mr. William A. Putney, who is a successful teacher. Order and improvement both good. Some of the parents here are very slow to supply their scholars with books recommended by the committee.

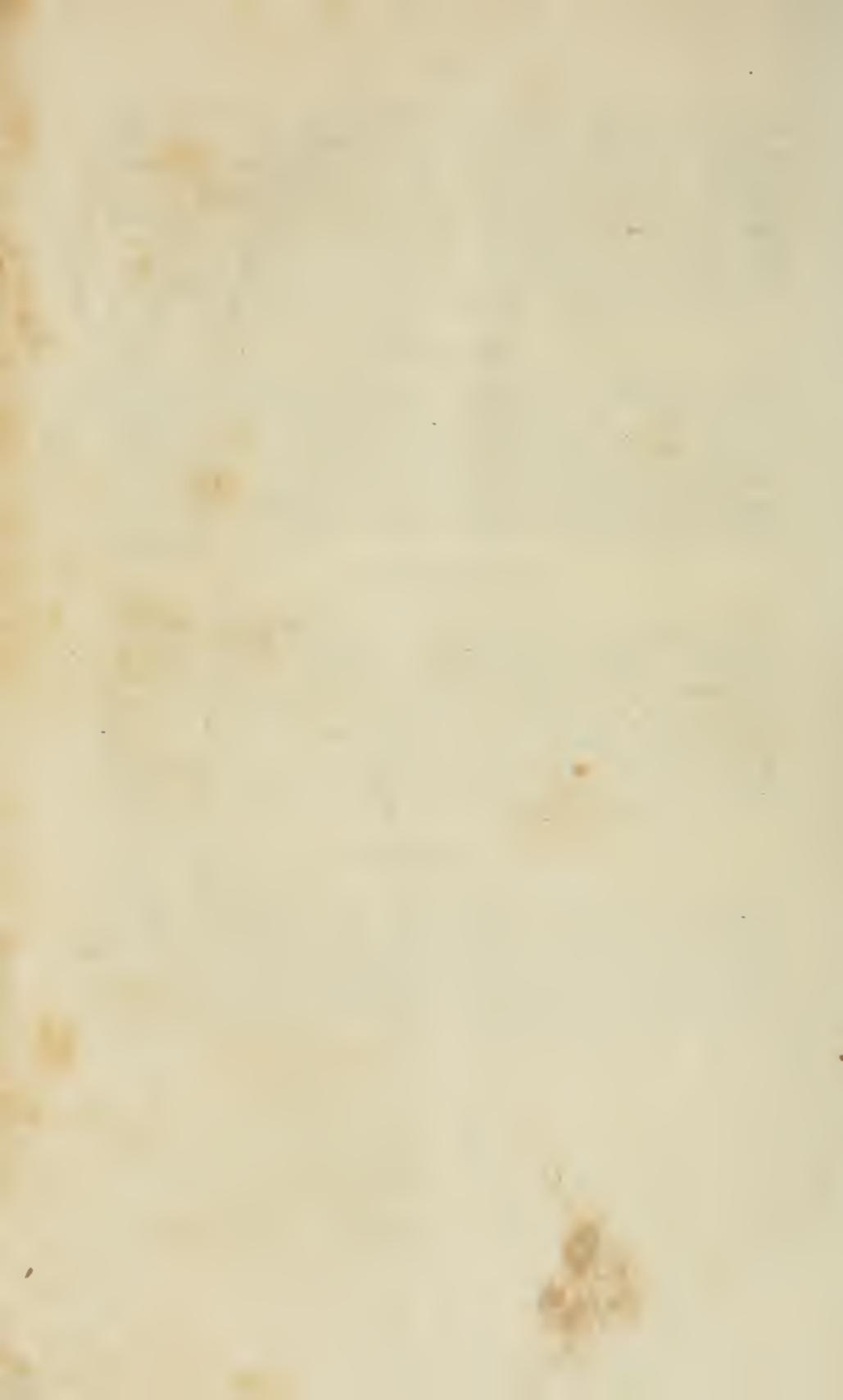
DISTRICT NO. 10.

Summer term by Miss Celestia C. Hoyt—Winter term by Miss Lydia C. Johnson, of Weare. This school is not much advanced. Reading is very poor. Progress was visible. In the winter term the teacher did not apply for a certificate till more than a week after the commencement of school,—a very serious oversight. Owing to peculiar circumstances, the committee was in the school but a short time at its close; long enough, however, to see commendable energy and promptness in recitations, together with decided tokens of a lamentable lack of order.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

Miss S. Esther Bailey, teacher both terms. The summer term was a profitable one. Owing to some difficulty with some of the larger boys, much was detracted from the interest of the winter term, as is always the case when a disaffection arises between teacher and scholars; yet a commendable improvement was made. The order was not quite what we like to see.





SCHOOL STATISTICS.

No.	Teachers.	No. of weeks.	Wages per month.	No. of pupils.	Average attendance.	No. of visitors.
1	Nancie Richards.....	8	6 00	22	15 3-4	20
	Susan E. Bailey.....	10	10 00	23	18 3-5	9
2	Margaret C. Holmes.....	12	12 00	34	30	53
	Margaret C. Holmes.....	13	16 00	34	26	21
3	Mary A. Burnham.....	11	9 00	18	16	33
	Fannie L. Burnham.....	12	14 00	24	21	35
4	Marianne Waite.....	12	10 00	22	19	44
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5	Mary J. Wheeler.....	8	8 00	13	11 9-11	22
	Louise Parker.....	8	12 00	15	10	21
6	Mary O. Frazier.....	9	8 00	19	18	15
	Susan R. Holmes.....	12	14 00	24	20	18
7	Celestia C. Hoyt.....	7	10 00	10	8	7
	Celestia C. Hoyt.....	8	10 00	11	9	9
8	Luthera A. Clough.....	8	10 00	11	9	18
	C. Augusta Roberts.....	11 1-2	14 00	16	12	14
9	Lizzie C. Colby.....	8	12 00	5	4 3-4	17
	William A. Putney.....	7	20 00	13	10 1-2	21
10	Celestia C. Hoyt.....	7	10 00	19	16	17
	Lydia C. Johnson.....	8	13 00	21	17	16
11	Susan E. Bailey.....	8	10 00	13	9	12
	Susan E. Bailey.....	10	12 00	15	13	18
	Average.....	18 19-22	11 44	18 5-11	15 1-3	21 1-7

