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TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, AUDITORS,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF DUNBARTON

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1.

1871.

MANCHESTER, N. H. :
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1871.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MARCH 1, 1871.

David H. Parker, to town of Dunbarton,	Dr.
To Cash in Treasury, March 1, 1870 . . .	\$976 29
Taxes assessed April, 1870 . . .	2,818 00
Amount of Notes March 1, 1870 . . .	951 65
received of Railroad tax . . .	386 00
Savings Bank tax . . .	817 04
Literary Fund . . .	54 14
Assigned U. S. Bounty . . .	96 00
Rent of town hall received of L.	
Wilson . . .	12 50
Interest on town notes . . .	57 03
Interest received on town taxes of	
T. C. Ryder . . .	14 86
Received for support of county pau-	
pers . . .	256 81
	\$6,460 32
	Cr.
By amount of orders and receipts . . .	\$4,933 51
notes, principal and interest . . .	852 13
Cash in treasury . . .	674 68
	\$6,460 32

We, the undersigned have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and duly vouched.

CHARLES KIMBALL,
ENOCH T. MARSHALL,
CALEB PAGE,

Auditors.

State Tax for 1870	\$1,896 00
County Tax for 1870	931 60

Paid to the several School Districts as follows :

District No. 1	\$47 83
“ No. 2	132 79
“ No. 3	80 49
“ No. 4	116 16
“ No. 5	102 69
“ No. 6	117 29
“ No. 7	77 08
“ No. 8	72 12
“ No. 9	47 99
“ No. 10	53 83
“ No. 11	74 29
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	\$922 56

SCHOOL-HOUSE TAXES.

District No. 4	\$37 03
“ No. 11	26 08

Whole amount of Money Tax assessed, including non-resident, highway, dog tax and school-house tax \$6,631 27

ORDERS GIVEN BY THE SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF DUNBARTON FOR THE YEAR 1870.

John C. Ray, services as selectman for 1869	\$59 15
C. G. B. Ryder, services as selectman for 1869,	78 50
C. G. B. Ryder, services as Superintending School Committee for 1869	50 00
J. P. Jameson, services as Town Clerk for 1869,	37 00
T & O. P. Wilson, goods for county paupers	19 88
Alfred Colby, services as selectman for 1869	42 75

Thomas Wilson, provisions for county paupers,	5 00
Samuel B. Hammond, services as moderator for 1870	4 00
T. & O. P. Wilson, goods for county paupers .	5 00
T. & O. P. Wilson, " " .	5 00
Harris E. Ryder, services as auditor, 1869 .	1 50
Page Twiss, " " " .	1 50
Oliver Baily, " " " .	1 50
Ira Colby, furnishing water for highway, 1868,	2 00
Lewis Wilson, building fires in Town House .	2 00
Thomas W. Kimball, for bridge plank . . .	2 70
Benjamin Page, " " . . .	31 50
David Sargent, " " . . .	5 72
Thomas C. Ryder, provisions furnished county paupers.	9 00
Henry L. Burnham, for water for highway, 1870	2 00
John C. Mills, for water for highway, 1870 .	2 00
John B. Ireland, " " " .	2 00
Alfred Colby, balance account, 1870 . . .	3 00
Daniel H. Parker, cash paid for use of town .	360 04
Israel Straw, for damage to horse	20 00
Thomas C. Ryder, for abatement on tax-list for 1870	28 31
Thomas C. Ryder, services as collector for the year 1870	62 00
Thomas C. Ryder, labor on highway, 1870 .	25 00
C. G. B. Ryder, cash paid for Town reports, 1869	8 00
Leonard Rowell, for services repairing desk in Town House	7 17
Sereno Brown, overtaxed	1 66

ABATEMENTS MADE ON T. C. RYDER'S TAX-LIST
FOR 1870.

Simon Flanders	\$2 50
Bradford Burnham	2 50
Samuel G. Burnham	2 50
Heirs of Richard Parkinson	1 66
Hiram D. Rowell, minor	2 50
Frank H. Ryder	2 50
Benjamin Greer, overtax	83
Josiah Heath	1 66
Samuel Kelley	3 16
Sarah A. Colby, over tax	1 00
Abel M. Davis	2 50
Daniel J. Davis	2 50
Ira Briggs	2 50

INDIVIDUAL NOTES NOW HELD AGAINST THE
TOWN.

One note principal and interest	\$353 00
“ “ “ “	354 00
“ “ “ “	400 00
“ “ “ “	201 00
“ “ “ “	1,359 00
“ “ “ “	1,035 00
“ “ “ “	1,030 00
“ “ “ “	615 00
“ “ “ “	4,020 00
“ “ “ “	264 00
“ “ “ “	1,237 00
“ “ “ “	120 00
“ “ “ “	180 00
“ “ “ “	503 00
“ “ “ “	168 00
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	\$11,839 00

NOTES DUE THE TOWN WITH INTEREST.

William B. Burnham	\$370 00
Samuel Burnham	118 89
Charles L. Holmes	165 94
B. W. Lord	197 30
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	\$852 13

OUTSTANDING BILLS AGAINST THE TOWN.

D. H. Parker, Treasurer	\$12 00
Frank B. Mills, Town Clerk	24 67
D. H. Parker, Selectman	50 00
C. L. Holmes, "	23 50
H. E. Ryder, "	32 24
G. I. Bard, Superintending School Committee,	50 00
Due Dr. Dearborn, for doctoring A. Parkinson,	6 00
" Leonard Rowell, repairs on Town House .	7 17
Charles Kimball, Auditor	1 50
Enoch P. Marshall, "	1 50
Caleb Page, "	1 50
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	\$210 08

EXPENSE OF MAINTAINING POOR, 1870.

Paid for support of Laura Buzzell	\$26 00
for support and funeral expenses of Acsah Emerson	63 57
for support of John Gochia's family	127 86
for support of Jonas Jameson's family	43 88
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	\$261 31
Received of county	256 81
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	\$ 4 50

FOR SUPPORT OF TOWN POOR.

Paid Dr. Dearborn for medical services . . . \$6 00

RECAPITULATION.

Amount of notes held against the town with interest	\$11,839 00
Outstanding bills against the town	210 08
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	\$12,049 08

Notes due the town, with interest	\$852 13
Cash in treasury	674 68
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	\$1,526 81

Total indebtedness of town \$10,522 27

TOWN OF DUNBARTON TO DANIEL H. PARKER, FOR SERVICES
AS SELECTMAN..

1870.

March 23.	To one day at Concord to consult counsel on road case	\$1 50
31.	To one day at south and east part of town to secure savings bank tax.	1 50
April 6.	To five days taking inventory	7 50
14.	To five days making taxes	7 50
15.	To one day making appointments, taking bonds and making returns to other towns of exemptions	1 50
21.	To one day making returns to state, county and town treasurers, and to school districts	1 50
22.	To one day making school-taxes for Districts Nos. 4 and 11	1 50

May	2.	To one day distributing warrants and qualifying surveyors	\$1 50
	25.	To one day to Billerica to renew B. Cowdry's town note	1 50
	29.	To drawing jurymen and making list of soldiers	75
Aug.	22.	To one-half day providing for county paupers	75
		To taking John Gochia's affidavit	25
	29.	To one day at Manchester on road case with commissioners	1 50
	30.	To one day at Goffstown on new road	1 50
	31.	To one day at court on road case	1 50
Sept.	1.	To taking Adaline Gochia's affidavit, To one-half day providing help for paupers	25
	8.	To one-half day at Weare, and settling pauper bills	75
	12.	To attendance at drawing of jurymen	50
	22.	To time spent obtaining help for sick paupers	50
	27.	To one day at Concord and Bow to renew town note	1 50
Oct.	8.	To one-half day examining route for highway on petition of Israel Whipple	75
		To recording inventory and taxes	3 00
Dec.		To regulating jury box	50
1871.			
Feb.	2.	To one-half day at Hopkinton to settle doctor's and other pauper accounts	75
Feb.	6.	To one day preparing county pauper accounts	1 50

Feb.	9.	To one day at Concord to obtain county claims	\$1 50
	10.	To one day writing and recording orders	1 50
	24.	To one day making warrant and check-list	1 50
March	1.	To one day making town reports	1 50
		To time spent at Manchester to get reports printed, and going for and settling for same	1 50
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			\$50 00

TOWN OF DUNBARTON TO CHARLES L. HOLMES FOR SERVICES
AS SELECTMAN.

1870.

April.		To four days taking inventory	\$6 00
		To six days making taxes	9 00
		To distributing surveyor's warrants	1 00
May.		To drawing jurors	75
Oct.		To half day on petitions of I. B. Whipple	75
		To half day with commissioners on new road	75
Dec.		To half day revising jury box	75

1871.

Feb.		To half day at D. H. Parker's on town business	75
		To one day making check-list	1 50
March.		To one day making town report	1 50
		To half day correcting check-list	75
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			\$23 50

TOWN OF DUNBARTON TO HARRIS E. RYDER, FOR SERVICES
AS SELECTMAN.

1870.		Dr.
April	To eleven days taking inventory and making taxes	\$16 50
	To Manchester on road business	2 00
	half day on new road	75
Aug.	To Manchester on road business	2 00
	one day on new road	1 50
Oct.	To half day on petition of I. B. Whipple,	75
Dec.	To two days' work on bridge	3 50
	paid for nails	1 49
	paid for repairing and work on bridge	2 00
1871.		
Feb.	To one-half day revising jury-box	75
March.	To one day regulating check-list	1 50
	one day making town report	1 50
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		\$32 24
Cr.	By plank	2 00
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		\$34 24

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CHARLES KIMBALL,
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Auditors.

CASH ACCOUNT OF D. H. PARKER.

1870.		
Mar. 9-23.	To cash paid Sanborn & Guernsey for blanks, surveyors', collector's and inventory books and station- ery	\$7 90
May 9.	To cash paid F. B. Mills for town his- tory voted Miss Gunnison	1 25
	cash paid postage on same	24
	cash paid Drs. Carr and Dearborn for reporting births and deaths . .	1 25
25.	To cash paid railroad fare from Biller- ica to exchange notes due from town	95
Aug. 27.	To cash paid F. Wells for labor and watching with Gochia family . . .	6 00
Sept. 6.	To cash paid Mrs. Webster for labor and watching with Gochia family,	2 00
8.	To cash paid Mrs. Parkinson for labor and watching with Gochia family,	5 00
12.	To cash paid Mrs. Jameson for labor and watching with Gochia family,	3 00
	To cash paid C. Mills for labor and watch- ing with Grochia family	1 00
	cash paid Mrs. Clough for labor and watching with Gochia family . . .	2 00
	To cash paid to F. Wells for labor and watching with Gochia family . . .	2 00
	cash paid E. Marshall for labor and watching with Gochia family . . .	3 50
	cash paid J. Holihen for labor and watching with Gochia family . . .	1 00
Nov. 5.	To cash paid C. G. B. Ryder for witness on road case one day at Manches- ter	2 00

Dec. 1.	To cash paid Sanborn for town ledger,	8 00
	cash paid Sanborn for blank check-	
	lists and warrants	50
	cash paid Minot, Mugridge & Co.,	
	for counsel and attendance on road	
	case last year	75 65
	cash paid same for do. present year	
	to date	44 87
	cash paid Luke Converse for one-	
	half cord of wood for paupers . .	2 25
1871.		
Jan. 20.	To cash paid for support and funeral	
	penses of A. Emerson	63 57
Feb. 2.	To cash paid Dr. Rogers's bill for doc-	
	toring Gochia family	40 50
	cash for support of Laura Buzzel . .	26 00
	cash paid Levi Call's account for gro-	
	ceries, provisions, help furnished,	
	and cash paid for nurse for Gochia	
	family	\$59 61
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	Paid by order	\$360 04

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL H. PARKER,
CHARLES L. HOLMES,
HARRIS E. RYDER.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Townsmen :

I congratulate you upon the success which has crowned your efforts to sustain your schools another year. You pay no servants who serve you better or better earn their pay than your *teachers*. Much conscientious and well-directed work has been done by them during the past year. In many cases you have manifested a wise choice in selecting our oldest and best tried teachers. If we need male teachers of superior qualifications for some of the winter schools, we send to the colleges, but in the main you do well to rely upon your own town's girls of known ability.

You know, gentlemen, that I desire the standard of instruction should be greatly advanced beyond what it is. You desire the same thing. And yet, rather than that one year should pass and no hour of school instruction be enjoyed by our children, would we not willingly pay to the teachers of our choice double even of that which has been laid out in this direction? I could not imagine a more dismal condition for a town than a year of time passing away and no school bell heard in all the year.

Returning to the schools after a separation from them, I

find them in an advanced and encouraging condition. I am persuaded that my predecessor with his corps of teachers has been doing a good work: the ideal of scholarship, and the ideal of behavior are worthy of much commendation. I am gratified to see that the best teachers I came in contact with three years ago are still retained. Some of your new teachers give promise of excellence; but we must remember that the best teachers had to begin, and we must help and not hinder our beginners. I find one thing certainly: it takes a good *district* to make a good *district school*.

I find that districts prefer sometimes to wait till a tried teacher has fulfilled an engagement elsewhere. This is wise. A force of five or six of our best young people might just as well teach all our schools as not, and the result would be favorable.

Permit me to suggest this: You know the disadvantages of many classes; now would it not be better to postpone deciding what your boy or girl *shall* study until the teacher and superintendent can confer together at the opening of the school, and then, by throwing out certain studies till another term, and getting the scholars into a few classes only, secure them more time for recitations in the studies retained?

Do you do well to have a shorter term than twelve weeks? Less than that hardly suffices for getting well under way, and then thorough review. Pay teachers well and do not afraid of two weeks added to ten.

Do we do well to have two days rest in seven,—the Lord's Sabbath and one of man's making? I used to think five days were enough, but I begin to doubt it. For instance, in a term of only ten weeks you have fifty days' schooling, and twenty days' rest. I know some scholars and some teachers do enough in five days a week, but I begin to surmise that for most teachers and scholars, two days every

week is too much a break in the exercises. You need outline maps, dictionaries, arithmetic-cards and other additional furniture or tools for the teacher's work. Money is well laid out in *improved instruments*. As a substitute for outline maps I have endeavored to secure map drawing, and in some instances, with very encouraging results. I have sung some with your children, and they ought to sing every day. I have had but little anxiety in discipline, and I thank parents, teachers and scholars for their coöperation. Only one thing has weighed too heavily: the gloom which has come over the Centre District in the sickness of so many, and the removal of some from the homes of the district whose promise as scholars was the very brightest, and who looked forward to the time when they too, might serve you in the capacity of teacher. But they learn now above; they have *gone up higher*.

I did not engage with the town authorities when I took this position to make any detailed report, and I would refuse to hold myself responsible for putting in print hard things about my friends, but I give you a tolerably honest report in detail of the several schools.

G. I. BARD,

Superintending Committee.

DETAILED REPORT.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Had but one term during the year, taught by REBECCA A. MERRILL. The children manifested very great interest in their studies; were diligent and obedient; they are deserving of great praise. It is much to be regretted that they cannot have equal advantages with other scholars of the town. The teacher gained the good will and awakened the enthusiasm of the school. She possesses qualifications for success not surpassed by any who enter the teacher's vocation.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Had three terms during the year; one taught by FANNIE L. BURNHAM who brought to her work excellent scholarship and good judgment as a disciplinarian, together with experience in numerous schools in many different localities, by which she has been qualified to take the front rank as an educator. In my judgment the district could not do better than retain her services as often as practicable, and sustain her in them by their undivided approval and co-operation. Without this that enthusiasm could hardly be awakened which would make the progress of the scholars as rapid as it was made by the teacher thorough.

A short term was taught in the fall by ELLA MILLS—graduate of one of the Normal schools of Massachusetts—a term highly creditable to the advantages Miss Mills has enjoyed. Now that a similar institution is opened in our own State, I hope that many more may avail themselves of a course of training which, judged by the appearance of this school and its teacher, bids fair to be an incalculable gain to the State.

The winter term was taught by CLARENCE E. BLAKE, of Middlebury College. The opening weeks of the term developed an interest which bid fair to make the term one of the most profitable ever enjoyed; but the appearance of scarlet fever so diminished the attendance and distracted the attention of the school, and the death of one the most promising pupils cast such a gloom over all, that any considerable success thereafter was rendered impracticable. The hope was expressed at examination that the services of Mr. Blake might be secured for the coming winter. This is the first instance during all my stay in town in which the schools have been invaded by death. An unusual exemption has, through the good providence of God, been enjoyed until now, when in so sudden a manner, by such a terrible scourge, one of the fairest flowers has been plucked from the home and the school.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Summer and winter terms taught by CLARA A. BARNARD. Under the care of a teacher who enters thoroughly into the feelings of the children without sacrificing authority, this school has prospered during the year. Map-drawing and general exercises in geography increased the interest of the school. I heard reading in this school which would promise eminence as a reader, if Miss Clifford could enjoy the tuition of the eminent elocutionists.

These scholars need a better school-house and I should urge it very emphatically were it not that I anticipate that something may be done before many years by which union schools shall be established in all the State.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Summer term taught by MISS ASENATH CLIFFORD. The district deserves the credit of being united in feeling and of knowing when they get a good teacher. Miss C. had taught in this school before, and a second trial proved judicious. Here too, map-drawing and geography exercises were shown to advantage. The scholarship of the school is of a high order and several of the pupils need rather to be held back than to be pushed forward. All parents and pupils in this district will, I think, regret their separation from Miss Clifford, while wishing her great joy in all her after years.

The winter term, taught by CELESTIA HOYT, is not yet concluded. Miss H. has taught much in this and other towns, and will doubtless serve the district to their satisfaction.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Summer and winter terms taught by ABBIE H. BARNARD. The employment for two successive terms of the same teacher, speaks well for both teacher and district. The examination demonstrated much interest and thorough drill; in one instance a case of discipline was met with such promptness, kindness, and good judgment that no further necessity of discipline appeared. I return my thanks in this instance, as in others pointed out, for an attempt to follow out my suggestions of the importance of map-drawing. This school had some excellent maps and appeared well in geography; one of the members ought

certainly to enjoy the best advantages of the academy and college.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Summer and Winter terms taught by Eva F. Burnham, of Hopkinton. These terms were conducted by Miss B. to the quite general acceptance of the district and profit of the school. She had had previous experience in the schools in Concord, and, with a mind of her own, knew how to teach and govern a school. She had something to do to succeed Miss Kimball, but I judge the school took no backward steps under her management.

I have no doubt, in this instance, that an enlargement and repair of the school buildings are eminently desirable. A private school is now being enjoyed under the care of Ella Mills, of whose merits I have spoken in the report of No. 2.

DISTRICTS NO. 7 AND 11.

These districts have united as heretofore, summer terms being taught by Lestena H. Stone, and winter terms by Clara A. Barnard. Both terms went on quietly under the care of experienced teachers, except in the beginning of Miss Barnard's labors; but a decided stand then taken, combined with sincere kindness on the part of the teacher, obviated the necessity of further correction. The scholars in these schhols are generally quite advanced, and thoroughly engaged, and Misses Stone and Barnard must have found their task in the main quite agreeable.

These districts seem determined the scholars shall have a pleasant room in which to study.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Summer term taught by Jennie S. Webster, of Suncook. Winter term by John P. Brown, of Bow. The summer school was quite small and afforded but little test of the

merits of the teacher. The winter school, larger, numbering thirteen scholars. Through a misunderstanding on my part at the beginning, and an inadvertance on my part at the close of the term, I failed to see the school under the care of Mr. B. at all; and I regret it the more because I hear the best reports of the school through others, and Mr. B. enjoys a good reputation as a teacher elsewhere. He seems to have secured the confidence of the scholars, one and all, and to have made the term well worthy of the increased attendance.

DISTRICT No. 9.

One term only, under the care of Jennie S. Bailey. This school exceeded in numbers any term for some time past, as well as exceeded the expectations of the teacher, but she had no reason to regret it was so. As it was, the school was made much more agreeable and profitable. I should further the suggestion of my predecessor of the desirableness of uniting, if possible, this school with some other, that it may enjoy more weeks of tuition than is now possible.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Summer term, Hattie L. Hart; her second term as a teacher, and amongst those with whom she had been associated. A situation especially trying, and not unattended in this instance by embarrassments which I doubt not experience and more favorable circumstances would remove.

Winter term, Sarah E. Clough, of Weare. This term, too, was subject to some disturbing influences which it would, on the whole, be a matter of grave difficulty either to enumerate or remove. Remarks in the register lead me to suspect the teacher was dissatisfied because discipline was not enforced by me more rigidly; but a full, impartial

consideration of all the facts in the case will sustain the course pursued as on the whole the wisest, I think. The interests of this school seem to demand a teacher thoroughly qualified to instruct certain very forward scholars in the district, and at the same to govern with a firm hand and with a mind of his own, capable of pursuing a straightforward course, unmoved by any interference outside of the school-room.

G. I. BARD.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Number of district.	Teachers.	Number of weeks.	Wages per month.	Number of pupils.	Average attendance.	Instances of tardiness.	Instances of dismissal.	Not absent a half day.	Visits by Prudential Committee.	Visits by citizens and others.
1	Rebecca A. Merrill	8	\$16.00	21	16	40	2	9	1	32
2	Fannie L. Burnham	9	16.00	30	26	33	27	3	1	29
	Ella Mills	8	16.00	32	23	113	18	5	..	24
	Clarence E. Blake	10	20.00	40	24	106	50	..	1	6
3	Clara A. Barnard	8	12.00	14	11	10	3	4	..	23
	Clara A. Barnard	11	17.00	16	10	15	8	1	1	31
4	Asenath Clifford* . . . . .	..	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Celestia Hoyt* . . . . .	..	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5	Abbie H. Barnard	9	12.00	20	17	7	1	5	1	43
	Abbie H. Barnard	9	17.00	14	12	5	2	5	..	28
6	Eva F. Burnham	10	22.00	22	20	27	21	5	..	28
	Eva F. Burnham	12	20.00	20	2	18	12	3	..	31
7	Lestena H. Stone	7	14.00	11	9	33	5	3	1	25
	Clara A. Barnard	7	18.00	13	12	4	2	4	..	12
8	Jennie S. Webster	5	10.00	15	4	4	..	2	..	..
	John P. Brown	10	18.00	13	10	7	1	2	..	24
9	Jennie S. Bailey	10	20.00	11	5	11	..	..	1	19
10	Hattie L. Hart	6	12.00	15	..	14	10	7	..	16
	Sarah E. Clough	9	24.00	14	11	55	5	3	2	16
11	Lestena H. Stone	7	14.00	17	14	37	4	4	1	23
	Clara A. Barnard	6	18.00	17	14	8	3	7	1	17

* Register incomplete, as the term is not yet closed.