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TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR 1883, ENDING MARCH 1, 1884.

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid Solon A. Carter, State Treasurer.....	\$628 00
Charles S. Cartland, County Treasurer.....	738 34

SCHOOLS.

Paid Jonathan Jenkins, Pru. Com. Dist. No. 1, 1883	\$102 80
Asa Young, " " " 2, "	259 27
David H. Evans, " " " 3, "	146 18
Isaac G. Felker, " " " 4, "	175 15
Frank Freeman, for city of Dover, Hayes & Hill's proportion 1883.....	22 50
	\$705 90

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid William S. Hayes, 1st selectman.....	25 00
John B. Huckins. 2d "	25 00
Asa Young, 3d "	25 00
John C. Hanson, collector.....	30 00
Charles W. Hayes, treasurer.....	15 00
Henry L. Felker, S. S. Committee.....	16 00
Edward L. Young, town clerk.....	10 00
E. L. Jenkins, supervisor, March, 1884.....	3 00
David B. Hayes, " " "	3 00
	\$152 00

DAMAGE BY DOGS IN 1882, PAID 1883.

Paid Towle & Gowen, 3 sheep killed.....	\$12 00
M. V. B. Felker 1 " "	3 50
A. D. Nute 1 lamb "	5 00
Catharine Gerrish, 2 turkeys.....	3 60
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	\$24 10

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Patience Church for support of John H. and Ellen M. Church from March 1, 1883 to Feb. 15, 1884, 50 weeks, at \$2.50 per week.....	\$125 00
Isaac G. Felker for support of Nath'l Church from March 1, 1883 to Feb. 18, 1884, 50 weeks, at \$1.00 per week.....	50 00
Frank E. Tibbetts, for board and care of Fred Tyler 35 days, at \$1.00 per day.....	35 00
Dr. James H. Wheeler for medical attendance on Fred Tyler.....	30 00
Dr. John S. Daniels for medical attendance on Fred Tyler.....	12 00
Lothrop, Farnham & Co., for one suit clothes for John H. Church.....	6 50
Lothrop, Farnham & Co., for two blue flannel shirts for John H. Church.....	2 00
Lothrop, Farnham & Co., for 2 pr hose for J. H. Church.....	5 00
Lothrop, Farnham & Co., for 2 pr overalls for John H. Church.....	8 00
Drs. Smith & Chamberlin for medical attend- ance on Sewell Miles.....	6 00
G. W. Tash & Co., for 1 pr boots for John H. Church, \$2.25; 1 pr shoes for Ellen M. Church, \$1.25.....	3 50
Dr. John Gilman, for medical attendance on Annie M. Berry.....	3 00
John H. Griffin, for mdse. furnished John Smith	6 00
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	\$280 30

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Demeritt & Burnham for 2,453 ft. plank for Ger- rish bridge, at \$18 per M.....	\$44 15
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Paid Daniel Chesley, jr., for 366 ft. plank for Johnson Creek bridge.....	\$5 12
Forest E. Gerrish, for 82 hours repairing road and culvert.....	12 95
Abram Morrison, 47 hours work on road in Dist. No. 6.....	7 05
Asa Young, 4 hours work on Gerrish Bridge...	60
Jonathan W. Hodgdon, for 2 stones for culvert.	2 00
Thomas W. Fernald, for moving 60 rods wall on road widened last year in part, at .75 per rod	45 00
M. V. B. Felker, for moving 51 rods 9 feet wall on road widened last year, in full, at .75 per rod	38 62
Benj. F. Hayes, for 4 hours repairing culvert...	60
David B. Hayes, for 4 " " " "....	60
Daniel Chesley, Jr., labor drawing & laying plank	1 80
" " " covering stone for culvert..	75
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	\$159 24

BREAKING ROADS.

Hours labor.				
Paid E. L. Jenkins	87½	Dist. No. 2	March, 1883	\$13 12
J. H. Daley,	32	3		4 80
Alfred Demeritt	39½	3		5 92
Horace Foss,	14	3		2 10
C. E. Perkins,	11	3		1 65
Samuel Glass,	8	3		1 20
A. N. Jackson.	20	4		3 00
E. Pendexter,	27	4		4 05
C. E. Perkins,	17	4		2 55
Samuel Glass,	15	4		2 25
Chas. Henderson.	4	4		60
Ivory H. Kelley,	14	5		2 10
Abram Morrison,	28	6	1884	4 20
G. W. Bodge,	12	7	1883	1 80
G. W. Bodge,	5	7	1884	75
John A. Randall,	6	7	1883	90
C. W. Hayes,	15	8		2 25
Frank E. Tibbetts	5	8		75
L. M. Emerson,	17	8		2 55
A. D. Nute,	26	9		3 90
T. W. Fernald,	34½	9		5 16
W. S. Caldwell.	24	9		3 60

Hours labor.			
Paid Albert Varney,	34½	Dist. No. 9, March, 1883,	\$5 16
A. B. Tallant,	34 1-2	9	5 16
B. F. Hayes,	8	10	1 20
David B. Hayes	10	10	1 50
J. H. Fernald,	10	10	1 50
G. W. Fernald,	6	10	90
F. F. Fernald,	6	10	90
F. L. Richardson,	6 1-2	10	97
John W. Hodgdon,	4	10	60
G. W. Hodgdon,	4	10	60
C. L. Huckins,	11	12	1 65
Wm. S. Hayes,	14	12	2 10
George Berry,	5	12	75
John B. Huckins,	6	12	90
Isaac G. Felker,	18 1-2	13	2 77
G. M. Church,	10 1-2	13	1 57
J. D. Young,	9	13	1 34
W H H Twombly	23	13	3 44
Ann Cole,	41 6-15	13	6 21
George O. Hayes	16	14	2 39
John Roberts,	16	14	2 00
George E. Bodge,	49	14	6 70
Ira A. Locke,	27	14	3 40
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			\$122 91

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid George E. Durgin, taking depositions of Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds in Berry law suit.....	\$11 26
John Kivel, counsel for Frank Hobbs' guardian, as retainer in Berry law suit.....	10 00
John Kivel, for Frank Hobbs' guardian, for advice to selectmen in 1879 on school affairs in District No. 2.....	5 00
Marston & Eastman, balance of their account for services and expenses in Berry law suit...	265 00
Press Publishing Company, for 200 town acc'ts. March, 1883,.....	11 00
Asa Young, washing town house floor.....	1 00
“ “ 2 feet wood for town house.....	1 00
“ “ 4 lamp chimneys.....	45
John Demeritt, P. O. box one year.....	1 00

Paid John B. Huckins, cash paid Barrington Town Clerk for certificate to get Fred Tyler on County	\$ 50
C. W. Hayes, J. D. Young, and J. B. Huckins. for expenses to Concord to meet State Board of Equalization of Taxation.....	12 00
George M. Church, for keeping public watering tub 9 months.....	2 00
E. J. Lane & Co., for two Inventory books.....	2 00
1-2 quire bill paper.....	18
cap paper and envelopes....	20
Collector's book.....	1 00
12 Surveyor's books.....	1 00
Envelopes.....	15
2 Invoice record books.	16 00
John Hatch, in full for settlement of Berry law suit against the town.....	223 80
J. S. H. Frink, attorney in Ann Cole suit against the town.....	24 10
W. S. Hayes, for one day at Exeter in Berry case, and expenses.....	2 90
W. S. Hayes, for one day at Dover to settle Berry case.....	2 00
W. S. Hayes, for one day before County Commissioners.....	2 00
W. S. Hayes, one day to settle pauper bills....	2 00
" " one-half day perambulating line between Dover and Madbury.....	1 00
J. B. Huckins, for one day at Exeter in Berry law suit, and expenses.....	2 90
J. B. Huckins, one day at Dover before County Commissioners.....	2 00
J. B. Huckins, one day perambulating line between Dover and Madbury.....	2 00
Wm. S. Hayes, for interest on money furnished to pay Hatch and Frink in settlement of law suits	11 75
Edward L. Young, for recording births, marriages and deaths, enrolling militia and making returns,.....	6 00

\$623 19

BOUNTY ON CROWS AND WOODCHUCKS.

Paid John Drew bounty on 10 crows, at 10 cts.....	1 00
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Paid J. N. Young bounty on	5	crows, at	10	cts.	\$	50	
Chas. W. Jenkins	"	6	"	"		60	
Geo. W. Fernald	"	3	"	"		30	
James H. Dailey	"	2	"	"	....		20
Irving E. Young	"	19	"	"	....		1 90
Alonzo D. Nute	"	7	"	"	....		70
Elvin H. Varney	"	1	"	"		10	
Abram Tallant	"	1	"	"		10	
Chas. W. Hayes,	"	1	woodchuck			15	
Daniel Boyle	"	2	"			30	
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							\$5	85

TOWN OF MADBURY IN ACCOUNT WITH
TREASURER, CR.

By cash in Treasury, March 1, 1883	\$139	96
State, County, Town, and School taxes collected	.....	1,988	89
Dog tax collected	.....	49	00
Highway tax collected	.....	82	23
Savings bank tax	.....	810	57
Railroad tax	.....	95	00
Literary Fund	.....	31	62
Literary Fund interest, in C. W. Hayes's hands	..	11	40
County for support of County Paupers	.....	280	30
E. L. Jenkins, bounties from State	.....	21	80
Asa Young, for rent of Town House	10	00
John C. Hanson, coll. for the year 1882, in full	..	16	57
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			\$3,537 34

TOWN OF MADBURY IN ACCOUNT WITH
TREASURER, DR.

Paid State tax	\$628	00
County tax	738	34
Schools	.....	705	90
Salaries of Town Officers	.....	152	00
Damage by dogs for the year 1882	.....	24	10
Support of poor	.....	280	30
Roads and bridges	.....	159	24

Paid Breaking roads.....	\$122 91
Miscellaneous bills.....	623 19
Bounty on crows and woodchucks.....	5 85
Auditors.....	2 00
Cash in Treasury, March 1, 1884.....	95 51
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	\$3,537 34

CHARLES W. HAYES, Treasurer.

W. S. HAYES,	} Selectmen of Madbury.
JOHN B. HUCKINS,	
ASA YOUNG,	

We, the undersigned, certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts of the Town Treasurer, and find them correctly cast, and all payments charged against the town properly vouched.

N. D. MESERVE,	} Auditors.
ALBERT VARNEY,	

Madbury, March 3, 1884.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE
TOWN, MARCH 1, 1884.

State, County, Town & Schooltaxes assessed 1883.	\$2,076 57
Highway tax, assessed 1883.....	921 90
Dog tax, 1883—42 dogs.....	49 00
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Total assessment for 1883.....	\$3,047 47

DUE THE TOWN.

Outstanding, Albert Varney's list, 1880.....	2 80
John C. Hanson's 1881.....	10 20
" " 1883.....	56 66
Due from State for bounties paid in 1883.....	5 85
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	\$75 51

DUE FROM THE TOWN.

School money due Dist. No. 2, divided 1880..... \$6 52

	Damage by dogs, 1880, & am't payable on each claim	Total Damage, Apl. 1 '84	Amount Payable.
Albert Varney,	21 sheep killed.	71 81	24 35
John H. Kelley,	5 "	17 50	5 26
Oliver K. Hayes,	1 "	3 50	1 05
George O. Hayes,	1 "	3 50	1 05
James J. Griffin,	2 "	8 00	2 41
George Berry,	1 lamb "	3 00	90
Charles W. Hayes,	1 sheep "	3 50	1 05
Alonzo D. Nute,	1 "	3 50	1 05
Joseph Fernald,	1 "	3 50	1 05
Fred Richardson,	1 "	4 00	1 20
Henry Swallow,	1 "	3 50	1 05
Augustus Beaterman,	1 "	3 50	1 05
Alfred Demeritt,	2 "	7 00	2 11
C. R. Cocking,	1 "	4 00	1 20
Abigail Demeritt,	2 "	7 00	2 11
W. S. Hayes,	2 "	7 00	2 11
	44	\$163 00	49 00—49 00
			\$55 52

ABATEMENTS.

Robert Drew, on poll, assessed 1881.....	\$	80
" " " " 1882.....		83
Nicholas Varney, heirs of, on real estate, 1883..		1 00
David H. Evans, on horse.....		79
Sarah A. Woodman, on bank stock.....		11 85
Mary A. Woodman, " " " ".....		17 38—31 02
		\$32 65

SCHOOL MONEY FOR 1883.

Raised by law.....	\$549 50
" vote of town.....	100 00
Literary Fund.....	31 62
Dog tax.....	13 38

Literary Fund interest, in C. W. Hayes's hands	11 40
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	\$705 90

EXPENSES OF BERRY LAW SUIT AT SETTLEMENT.

Paid. 1878	\$4 00
1879	39 50
1880	570 02
1881	8 70
1882	2 90
1883	528 47
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	\$1,153 59

CHARLES W. HAYES, Treasurer.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

OF THE TOWN OF MADBURY,

For the Year ending March 1st, 1884.

DISTRICT No. 1.—Amount of money \$102.80; J. Jenkins, Prudential Committee. Summer Term—Miss Lizzie A. Henderson, Teacher; wages, \$24.00 per month; length of term, 5 weeks; number of pupils, 0; average daily attendance, 0; number of pupils who have not been absent, 0; number of pupils on the roll of honor, 0. This district had no scholars from Madbury and it was thought best to close the school at the end of the fifth week. Miss Henderson is a very good teacher, and no doubt the school would have been one of success if it had continued, for the scholars of Durham. There was no winter term.

DISTRICT No. 2.—Amount of money, \$259.27. Asa R. Young, Prudential Committee. Summer term—Miss Lizzie P. Thompson, teacher; wages per month, \$30.00; length of term, 9 weeks; number of pupils, 17; average daily attendance, 16; number of pupils who have not been absent, 4; number of pupils on the roll of honor, 4, Charles B. Pinco, Herbert F. Berry, Hiram Berry, and Walter D. L. Fernald. The district has been exceedingly fortunate in securing the services of Miss Thompson. The improvement of the school was very good. The reading classes made an excellent improvement during the term. The closing examination was very satisfactory.

Fall term—Miss Abbie N. Nute, teacher; wages per month, \$30.00; length of term, 10 weeks; number of pupils, 22; average daily attendance, 18; number of pupils who have not been absent, 2; number of pupils on

the roll of honor, 2, Charles B. Pineo and Chester V. D. Jenkins. Miss Nute is a teacher of experience, and knew how to discipline her school. The term was presided over by one who was thoroughly competent to teach such a school. Teachers need the hearty support and aid of the parents; they need their sympathy and encouragement, and must have it in order that the highest degree of success may be attained; in these and in many other ways they can do much to aid and make a teacher's duties lighter. A cheering word will go a great ways towards lightening her burdens.

Winter term, Mr. Frank F. Fernald, teacher. Wages per month, \$30. Length of term, 14 weeks—unfinished. Number of pupils, 21. Average daily attendance, 13 4-5. Number of pupils who have not been absent, 1. Number of pupils on the roll of honor, 1, Walter D. L. Fernald.

This was Mr. Fernald's first attempt at teaching, but he seemed to apprehend the duty before him, and labored energetically, and he wisely directed their course. Considering that the school was interrupted by sickness and had to be closed twice, they have done excellent work. One thing I would not advise, and it is this, for a teacher to teach in his own district for the first time. Teaching implies something more than simply hearing the recitations. It is to give instruction; and that instruction should serve to fit our youths for all the ordinary duties of life, and make them intelligent and cultivated men and women. Experience with some teachers, is a great educator, but with others, is not always sufficient.

DISTRICT No. 3.—Amount of money, \$146.18. D. Hanson Evans, Prudential Committee. Summer term, Miss Anna M. Glidden, teacher. Wages per month, \$24. Length of term, 9 weeks. Number of pupils, 12. Average daily attendance, 12. Number of pupils who have not been absent, 7. Number of pupils on the roll of honor, 7, Addie J. Evans, Nellie M. Hayes, Annie A. Varney, Effie L. Varney, Harry H. Evans, Arthur L. Fernald and Albert D. Emerson.

Miss Glidden is a good teacher and worked hard for

her school. I noticed there had been much interest taken in writing, which is of great importance. This is a small school, but some of the scholars are far advanced for their age. The remarks last winter term will apply to this also, so it would be useless to repeat the same now. The discipline was good.

Fall term, Miss Helen C. Bennet, teacher. Wages per month, \$24. Length of term, 10 weeks. Number of pupils, 12. Average daily attendance, 11. Number of pupils who have not been absent, 6. Number of pupils on the roll of honor, 6, Addie J. Evans, Nellie M. Hayes, Mary S. Brown, Harry H. Evans, Albert D. Emerson and Arthur L. Fernald.

Miss Bennett is one of our best teachers, and one that took an interest in the advancement of the school. This school has not been surpassed in making progress by any one in town. Miss Bennett is a teacher of considerable experience, a good instructor and one that fully meets the requirements of a good teacher. Much of the time was taken up in mental work which is of great importance by young and also old. I like to see a teacher hear a class without looking on the book, and requiring an answer from the child in his own language, and not word for word as it is in the book. When this has prevailed you may know the scholars are getting a thorough drill. Such was the case this term, and all the classes were thorough. Excellent order in school.

Winter term, Miss Emma A. Clarke, teacher. Wages per month, \$26. Length of term, 10 weeks. Number of pupils, 12. Average daily attendance, 11. Number of pupils who have not been absent, 6. Number of pupils on the roll of honor, 6, Addie J. Evans, Rosa A. Emerson, Frank J. Woodus, Elvin K. Varney, Arthur L. Fernald and Harry H. Evans.

This school in care of one of the best of teachers, made rapid and thorough advancement in every study pursued. I believe it one of the necessary qualifications of a teacher to be able to instruct without the use of a text book at hand, and to be able to give many practical

questions that will occur in every day life. Miss Clarke seemed well acquainted with the text books, and wanted the scholars' ideas instead of repeating the words exact as they are in the book.

Such teaching seems to me to be very practical. I have been gratified by the interest manifested by the parents of this districts, since I have been committee. I cordially thank them, not alone for myself, but for the teachers whose labors have been lightened by their co-operation and encouragement. I wish this were true of all our districts. It ought to be, and will be when they arise to a full sense of their part in the work.

DISTRICT No. 4.—Amount of money, \$175.15. Isaac G. Felker, Prudential Committee. Summer term, Mrs. Carrie B. Bennett. teacher. Wages per month, \$24. Length of term, 3 weeks. Number of pupils, 13. Average daily attendance, 12. Number of pupils who have not been absent, 9. Number of pupils on the roll of honor, 7, Ellery M. Felker, Charles G. Sanders, Walter T. Twombly, Mary A. Huckins, Esther S. Young, Ida M. Church and Lavina H. Twombly.

Mrs. Bennett entered upon the duties of the term with a determination to succeed, and no doubt if the school had not been interrupted by sickness, it would have been a success.

Fall term, Miss Annie S. Tuttle. teacher. Wages per month, \$24. Length of term, 10 weeks. Number of pupils, 19. Average daily attendance, 17.83. Number of pupils who have not been absent, 6. Number of pupils on the roll of honor, 6, Ellera M. Felker, Harry L. Twombly, Walter T. Twombly, Vina H. Twombly, Ida M. Church, Bernice A. Young.

Winter term, Miss Anna S. Tuttle, teacher. Wages per month, \$24. Length of term, 15 weeks—unfinished. Number of pupils —. Average daily attendance—. No. of pupils who have not been absent—. No. of pupils on the roll of honor—.

Miss Tuttle, having taught this school before, she well knew the disposition of the scholars. She seemed

to do everything in her power for the benefit of the school, and I think she succeeded well. This school was stopped several weeks on account of sickness. It seems to me in a school so small as this that if a little better order had been maintained, it would have been beneficial to the scholars, as well as a credit to the teacher. A grammar class I was pleased with, for the progress they have made since my position in office. If a scholar does not understand any part of the lesson let him ask the reason why, and be not afraid to speak for himself.

GENERAL REMARKS.

FELLOW CITIZENS OF MADBURY :—In presenting this, my last annual report of our schools, your committee can do little but repeat the suggestions presented in his last. Your committee has been called into the schools but once the past two years on account of disorder. And in that instance the suggestion by the committee, that order must be sustained, proved to be sufficient to restore harmony.

It is difficult to present just the idea of good school government. The best government is not the most rigid, but that which awakens in scholars self-respect, which renders the school room orderly, and brings to it a refined and pure atmosphere. A great vice in our schools is whispering. The school is not well governed that allows this.

Our schools can never be raised much above their present moderate degree of excellence, until teaching as an art is more generally studied and understood by those to whose management they are committed. Strictly speaking, there is but little teaching in our schools, which answers to what should always be its leading design—that of educating or drawing out of the mind of the scholar, to take hold for itself, of the principles of knowledge. The greater part of what the pupil gains is mere “book learning” in the lowest sense of the phrase. The words of the book are committed to memory long

enough at least to be recited ; but what they were intended to convey to the mind, is not so imparted as to become the independent possession of the scholar. Our teachers are pronounced successful only by "comparing themselves among themselves," which, in art as well as religion, "is not wise." There are some honorable exceptions to this remark, and they are generally those who have availed themselves of the benefit, in one or more instances, of the means of instruction afforded by the "teachers' institutes," so called, in our State, which are a kind of travelling normal school, intended to bring the benefits of such institutions to some small extent within the reach of all our teachers, in their different localities.

The State, while compelling all children to attend the schools, might reasonably go farther, and require that all teachers should attend one entire session at least of these institutes, and their expenses to be paid by the Prudential Committee.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEES.

Do not hire a teacher because his father goes to your church, belongs to your political party, or because he is a cousin to your wife, or a particular friend to your daughter. We expect the teacher to govern his school at all hazards, and he should have the hearty sympathy and co-operation of the parents, and all the law-abiding citizens. The teacher should make good discipline his first strong point. Perhaps he partially fails to come up to the standard of what a teacher ought to be ; then use your best endeavor, in a kind and friendly manner, to bring them there.

I would advise that the Prudential Committee should consult the Superintending Committee relative to teachers before engaging them. The benefit to be derived is too plain for argument. In many cases the Prudential Committee postpones this work until near the beginning of school, and if his candidate is perchance rejected, he is forced into small quarters and perhaps driven to the "Botany Bay" of teachers to select such material as he may surely find there. The result is a poor school, or at best, only tolerable. The money is spent, every-

body dissatisfied, the Prudential Committee blown up, and the Superintending Committee condemned, both most undeservedly. Every person that can pass an examination requisite for a teacher, by no means fulfills his promise. It is not entirely the amount of a teacher's knowledge or his faculty of communicating it, that makes a good school, it is rather the power he possesses to give an impulse to the minds of his pupils and make them labor; he must be something more than a hired conductor to bow in one class and bow out another, to exhibit his classes like so many animals at a menagerie, with heartless indifference; he must possess ever-living fountains of knowledge and emotion that should gush up of themselves, and not be obliged to be drawn up by pulleys. He should have breadth as well as depth, and not one whose few thoughts rattle round in his head like dice in a dice-box. I am fully persuaded that a friendly consultation between the committees would result in great good to all concerned.

IRREGULARITY OF ATTENDANCE.

One of the greatest evils of our schools is irregularity of attendance which has occurred, in all parts of the town. In some cases it has been caused by sickness, but in most cases by a lack of interest on the part of either parents or scholars.

The frequent absence of several scholars half a day or a day in a week is a great evil to the school in many ways. It breaks up the drill, makes chasms in classes, gaps in recitations, and is fatal to uniform and orderly advancement. Such irregularity is very bad for the scholar; the interest in his lesson is broken up, the discipline of mind and regularity of thought is gone, in short so much of the term as has been wasted is gone and gone forever, for no one can make up for lost opportunities. This subject is worthy the attention of every citizen of the town.

Respectfully Submitted,

HENRY L. FELKER,

Supt. of Schools.

