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— AND THE —

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

— OF THE —

TOWN OF DUNBARTON,

— FOR THE —

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1879.

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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1878.

Wm. H. Stinson, Treasurer, To Town of Dunbarton :

| March 1st, 1879. . | DR. |
|---|------------|
| To Cash in Treasury March 1, 1878, | \$601 08 |
| in Manchester Savings Bank, 1878, | 499 43 |
| Railroad tax " " | 288 78 |
| Savings Bank tax " " | 867 39 |
| Literary Money " " | 63 64 |
| Amount of Town, County, State, School and School-house taxes for 1878, | 3,513 22 |
| Non-Resident Highway tax " " | 204 39 |
| Dog tax, " " | 71 00 |
| of Caleb Page for County Paupers' support, | 139 35 |
| Balance on Wm. H. Stinson's collections with interest for 1877, | 290 00 |
| Interest on amount in Manchester Savings Bank, | 21 61 |
| of O. P. Wilson, use of Hall election day 1878, | 2 26 |
| | \$6,562 15 |

| March 1st, 1879. | CR. |
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| By Cash, State tax paid, | \$1,276 00 |
| County tax paid, | 1,597 13 |
| School money paid, | 1,255 88 |
| Orders and receipts, | 1,133 29 |
| In Manchester Savings Bank with interest, | 645 36 |
| Due on A. P. Hammond's collection of 1878, | 450 00 |
| In Treasury to balance, | 204 49 |
| | \$6,562 15 |

DUNBARTON, N. H., March 1st, 1879.

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

DANIEL H. PARKER, }
THOMAS W. KIMBALL, } Auditors.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT,

For the year ending March 1st, 1879.

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| Whole amount of money tax assessed, | \$3,390 10 |
| Non-Resident Highway tax, | 204 39 |
| Dog tax, | 71 00 |
| School-house tax Dist. No. 3, | 103 31 |
| “ “ “ “ 11, | 15 04 |
| School tax of J. R. Ferson, permit of Goffstown, | 4 77 |
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| | \$3,788 61 |
| State tax for 1878, | \$1,276 00 |
| County tax for 1878, | 1,597 13 |
| School money for 1878, | 1,255 88 |

SCHOOL MONEY FOR 1878.

Divided as follows :

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| School District No. 1, Colby's, | \$72 64 |
| 2, Centre, | 182 80 |
| 3, Stark's, | 123 15 |
| 4, Waite's, | 170 79 |
| 5, Woodbury's, | 107 70 |
| 6, Page's Corner, | 149 75 |
| 7, Stinson's, | 104 40 |
| 8, Wheeler's, | 96 67 |
| 9, Bailey's, | 67 79 |
| 10, Ray's, | 81 31 |
| 11, Burnham's, | 98 88 |
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| | \$1,255 88 |

ORDERS

Given by the Selectmen, to March 1st, 1879.

| | |
|---|---------|
| Oliver P. Wilson, Town Treasurer, | \$20 00 |
| William S. Twiss, Town Clerk, | 21 90 |
| Charles Brown, services as Selectman, | 63 75 |
| Caleb Page, services as Selectman, | 46 50 |
| Samuel B. Hammond, services as Selectman, | 44 00 |
| William H. Stinson, Tax Collector, | 24 00 |
| Daniel H. Parker, Auditor, | 2 00 |

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|---|----------|
| Thomas W. Kimball, Auditor, | \$2 00 |
| Enoch P. Marshall, Auditor, | 2 00 |
| Oliver P. Wilson, expense collecting town note, | 5 00 |
| Adams Roberts for breaking roads in 1876—7, | 4 30 |
| O. H. A. Chamberlen for printing town reports, | 24 00 |
| Caleb Page for money paid for pauper's fare to County Farm, | 55 |
| Charles Brown, for money paid for town order book, | 1 25 |
| John Page for building tramp house, | 63 00 |
| Lewis Wilson for money paid for beds for tramp house, | 1 00 |
| Caleb Page for money paid balance due on State tax, | 56 19 |
| Oliver P. Wilson for care of Town House for election in 1878, | 3 00 |
| Caleb Page for money paid for inventory book and blanks, | 1 21 |
| Caleb Page for money paid for check-lists and warrants, | 40 |
| Caleb Page for money paid for legal advice of John Y. Mugridge on road case in 1876 and 1877, | 14 00 |
| Caleb Page for money paid for inventory books, stationery, blanks, warrants, books, postage, &c., | 12 70 |
| A. P. Hammond for discount three per cent. on taxes, | 39 15 |
| Samuel B. Hammond for services as moderator at annual election 1878, | 2 00 |
| Caleb Page for making out papers for guardian for Henry Merrill, | 50 |
| John Page for lathing and plastering the lower hall in the Town House, | 80 00 |
| Lewis Wilson for mattress for tramp house. | 1 00 |
| John R. Emerson for putting up guide board and post, | 1 50 |
| A. J. Hopkins for printing school certificate, | 1 50 |
| Caleb Page for money paid John Y. Mugridge for legal advice in 1878, | 1 00 |
| W. H. Stinson, abatement on collection of 1877, | 10 00 |
| J. A. Chamberlen, for board of Selectmen, | 2 75 |
| O. P. Wilson, assistance rendered J. P. Emerson, | 3 85 |
| Samuel B. Hammond, cash in part as Selectman, 1878, | 20 00 |
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| | \$576 00 |

LABOR ON HIGHWAYS.

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| Nelson H. Barnard for labor on highways, 1878, | \$2 25 |
| Frank C. Woodbury for breaking roads in 1877, | 2 00 |

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| Elbridge C. Brown for labor on highway, | \$1 50 |
| Justus Lord " " " " | 1 50 |
| John C. Mills, " " " " | 4 95 |
| Samuel Boyce, " " " " | 18 40 |
| Nelson H. Barnard " " " " in 1877, | 1 50 |
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| | \$32 10 |

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

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| A. P. Hammond for abatement of school-house tax in Dist. No. 6 for the year 1876, | \$1 74 |
| John L. Merrill for abatement of tax in 1877, | 2 01 |
| Joseph Young for abatement of dog tax in 1877, | 1 00 |
| Samuel Kelley for abatement of tax, | 1 29 |
| Henry L. Merrill for abatement of tax in 1875. | 3 23 |
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| | \$9 27 |

ILLEGAL TAXES.

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| George N. Stodard for abatement of poll tax, 1877, | \$ 86 |
| E. C. Morse " " " " | 86 |
| Ira M. Colby " dog " " | 1 00 |
| Mrs. Eliza Straw " school-house " | 7 80 |
| Allen W. Marshall " poll tax, 1878, | 84 |
| John W. Gould " " " " | 84 |
| Mrs. Eliza Straw " of tax, " | 25 20 |
| Warren Story " of tax, " | 84 |
| Alfred Young " of dog tax, " | 1 00 |
| James H. Stone " of dog tax, " | 1 00 |
| Edward C. Morse " of tax, " | 86 |
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| | \$41 10 |

FURNISHING WATER ON HIGHWAYS.

1877.

| | |
|------------------|--------|
| David S. Ferson, | \$3 00 |
| John C. Mills, | 3 00 |
| Wm. C. Stinson, | 2 00 |
| Stephen Hammond, | 2 00 |

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| Avery Saunders, | \$2 00 |
| Larkin S. Page, | 2 00 |
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| | \$14 00 |

LUMBER FOR BRIDGES.

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| John Page, chestnut plank for bridge, | \$18 42 |
| David Wells, " " " | 5 90 |
| Benjamin Page, " " " | 4 00 |
| Amos W. Hadley, " " " | 2 50 |
| John Page, " " " for 1877, | 8 96 |
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| | \$39 78 |

FOR SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS.

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| Paige Twiss, | \$10 00 |
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BOUNTIES ON HAWKS AND FOXES.

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| Caleb Page for 20 hawks and 1 fox, | \$4 50 |
| Lewis Wilson for 10 hawks and 2 foxes, | 3 00 |
| Samuel B. Hammond for 6 hawks and 3 foxes, | 2 70 |
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| | \$10 20 |

EXPENSE OF PUBLIC TRAMPS.

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| Mrs. U. M. Jameson for boarding and lodging 16 tramps, | \$16 00 |
| Ansil Marshall for board and care of 20 tramps at tramp house, | 5 00 |
| F. B. Mills for boarding and lodging 1 tramp, | 1 00 |
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| | \$22 00 |

OVER-TAX.

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|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Moses Hadley, for 1878, | 2 52 |
| Anglo Burnham, for 1878. | 2 52 |
| Richards and Butterfield, for 1878, | 84 |
| Ferson and Jones, for 1878. | 84 |
| James W. Colby, for 1878, | 84 |
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| | \$7 56 |

EXPENSE OF COUNTY PAUPERS.

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| Paid | Elizabeth R. Emerson, a county charge, | \$52 00 |
| | Laura Buzzell, " " | 39 00 |
| | Sargent Colby for board of S. S. Colby, | 22 00 |
| | Dr. Harriman for attendance on S. S. Colby, | 10 85 |
| | Justus Lord for board of Sarah A. Chamberlin and child, | 5 00 |
| | Dr. Frank Eaton for medical advice on Sarah A. Chamberlin, | 3 00 |
| Due | Francis O. Colby for board of Samuel Kelley to Feb. 14, | 7 50 |
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| | | \$139 35 |
| | Cash of County Commissioners, | \$139 35. |

OUTSTANDING BILLS AGAINST THE TOWN.

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| William H. Stinson, Town Treasurer, | \$16 00 |
| William S. Twiss, Town Clerk, | 20 56 |
| Caleb Page, services as Selectman, | 76 00 |
| Samuel B. Hammond, " " balance, | 29 00 |
| Lewis Wilson, " " | 41 00 |
| Daniel H. Parker, " Auditor, | 2 00 |
| Thomas W. Kimball, " " | 2 00 |
| A. J. Hopkins, " School Committee, | 25 00 |
| W. H. Stinson, " " " | 25 00 |
| A. J. Hopkins, " Moderator, Nov. 1878, | 2 00 |
| A. P. Hammond, " Tax Collector, | 24 00 |
| Henry L. Burnham, " Supervisor, | 3 00 |
| Oliver Bailey, Jr., " " | 3 00 |
| George O. Waite, " " | 3 00 |
| O. H. A. Chamberlen, for printing town reports, | 22 00 |
| Francis O. Colby, for board of Samuel Kelley to Feb. 14, | 7 50 |
| John O. Merrill, for over-tax on lumber in 1875, | 1 50 |
| Caleb Page, for one order book, | 1 25 |
| Charles F. George, M. D., for surgical attendance on Samuel Kelley, | 5 00 |
| John D. Buntin, for labor and material furnished on bridge, | 1 50 |
| J. A. Chamberlen, labor on highways, | 2 50 |
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| | \$312 81 |

RECAPITULATION.

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| Cash in Treasury, | \$204 49 |
| “ “ Savings Bank, | 645 36 |
| Due on A. P. Hammond's collection, 1878, | 450 00 |
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| | \$1,299 85 |
| Outstanding bills against the town, | 312 81 |
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| Balance in favor of town, | \$987 04 |

Respectfully submitted,

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| CALEB PAGE, | } Selectmen of Dunbarton. |
| SAMUEL B. HAMMOND, | |
| LEWIS WILSON, | |

Town of Dunbarton, To Caleb Page for services as Selectman :

| 1878. | | DR. |
|-----------|--|--------------|
| March 19, | To one day on tramp house business, | \$2 00 |
| 25, | Half day making warrants for April meet- ing, | 1 00 |
| April, | Eleven days taking inventory and making taxes, | 22 00 |
| | Making collector's book and bond, | 1 50 |
| May, | Recording taxes, | 3 00 |
| June 3, | One day to find guardian for Henry Mer- rill, | 2 00 |
| 11, | One day to Concord to have guardian ap- pointed over Henry Merrill, | 2 00 |
| Aug. 26, | Half day at town house, making appoint- ments and other business, | 1 00 |
| 31, | Half day viewing J. C. Mills' farm, | 1 00 |
| Sept. 7, | One day viewing Moses Hadley's and An- glo Burnham's farms, | 2 00 |
| 10, | One day to Goffstown on pauper business, | 2 00 |
| 12, | One day to Concord on pauper business, Drawing jurors, | 2 00 1 00 |
| | Making return of the inventory and taxes to county commissioners, | 3 00 |
| 19, | Half day on pauper business, | 1 00 |
| 28, | Drawing jurors to go to Exeter, | 1 00 |

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| Oct. | 5, | Taking S. S. Colby's affidavit, | \$1 00 |
| | 15, | Half day making warrants for November election, | 1 00 |
| Nov. | 2, | One-half day correcting check-list, | 1 00 |
| | 8, | One-half day viewing Person and Jones' woodland, | 1 00 |
| | 23, | One day to Concord on town business, | 2 00 |
| Dec. | 13, | One-half day to regulate jury box and other business, | 1 00 |
| | 24, | One day at Duubarton with county commissioners, | 2 00 |
| Jan. 11—1879, | | One day to Concord on pauper business, | 2 00 |
| | 13, | “ “ “ “ “ | 2 00 |
| | 14, | One day carrying Mrs. Chamberlin to asylum, | 2 00 |
| Feb. | 1, | One day to Goffstown to take Samuel Kelley's affidavit, | 2 00 |
| | 2, | Recording town orders, | 1 50 |
| | 3, | One-half day to Hopkinton on pauper business, | 1 00 |
| | 5, | One-half day making county pauper report, | 1 00 |
| | 14, | One day to Concord to settle with county commissioners, | 2 00 |
| | 19, | One-half day making warrants for March meeting, | 1 00 |
| March | 1, | One day at Town Treasurer's, | 2 00 |
| | 3, | One day making town reports, | 2 00 |
| | 10, | One-half day drawing jurors, and other business, | 1 00 |
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| | | | \$76 00 |

Town of Duubarton, To Samuel B. Hammond for services as Selectman :

| 1878. | | DR. |
|-----------|--|--------|
| March 19, | To $\frac{1}{2}$ day making arrangements for building tramp house, | \$1 00 |
| 25, | $\frac{1}{2}$ day making town warrants and check-list, | 1 00 |
| 29, | $\frac{1}{2}$ day appointing prudential committee in No. 7. | 1 00 |

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| April 1 to 13, | 11 days taking inventory and making taxes, | \$22 00 |
| | $\frac{1}{2}$ day qualifying prudential committee, | 1 00 |
| May 9, | $\frac{1}{2}$ day distributing Surveyor's warrants, | 1 00 |
| Aug. 26, | $\frac{1}{2}$ day appointing special constables and other business, | 1 00 |
| | 31, | $\frac{1}{2}$ day looking over farm of John C. Mills, |
| Sept. 7, | 1 day viewing farms of Moses Hadley and Anglo Burnham, | 2 00 |
| | 13, | $\frac{1}{2}$ day drawing jurors, |
| | 28, | $\frac{1}{2}$ day drawing jurors for court at Exeter, |
| Oct. 15, | $\frac{1}{2}$ day making State election warrants, and posting the same, | 1 00 |
| Nov. 2, | $\frac{1}{2}$ day regulating check-list, | 1 00 |
| | 8, | $\frac{1}{2}$ day viewing woodland of Ferson and Jones, |
| Dec. 13, | $\frac{1}{2}$ day regulating jury box, | 1 00 |
| Jan. 1879, | 1 day on town business, | 2 00 |
| | 14, | 1 day carrying Mrs. Sarah M. Chamberlin to asylum, |
| Feb. 5, | $\frac{1}{2}$ day making county pauper account, | 1 00 |
| | 19, | $\frac{1}{2}$ day making town warrant, |
| March 1, | 1 day settling with Town Treasurer, | 2 00 |
| | 3, | 1 day making town report, |
| | 10, | $\frac{1}{2}$ day drawing jurors, &c. |
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| | | \$49 00 |

Town of Dunbarton, To Lewis Wilson for services as Selectman :
1878. Dr.

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|----------------|---|--|
| March 19, | To $\frac{1}{2}$ day arranging for building of tramp house, | \$1 00 |
| | 25, | $\frac{1}{2}$ day making town warrants and posting same, |
| | | 1 00 |
| April 1 to 13, | 11 days taking inventory and making out taxes, | 22 00 |
| Aug. 26, | $\frac{1}{2}$ day appointing special constables and other business, | 1 00 |
| | 31, | $\frac{1}{2}$ day viewing John C. Mills' farm, |
| Sept. 7, | 1 day viewing Moses Hadley's and Anglo Burnham's farms, | 2 00 |
| | 13, | $\frac{1}{2}$ day drawing jurors and other business, |
| | 28, | $\frac{1}{2}$ day drawing jurors at Exeter court, &c., |
| | | 1 00 |

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| Oct. 15, | $\frac{1}{2}$ day writing warrant and posting the same, November election, | \$1 00 |
| Nov. 2, | $\frac{1}{2}$ day correcting check-list, | 1 00 |
| 8, | $\frac{1}{2}$ day viewing Ferson & Jones' woodland, | 1 00 |
| Dec. 13, | $\frac{1}{2}$ day regulating jury box, | 1 00 |
| Feb. 5—1879, | $\frac{1}{2}$ day making county pauper bill, | 1 00 |
| 19, | $\frac{1}{2}$ day writing town warrant and posting the same, | 1 00 |
| March 1, | 1 day settling with Town Treasurer, | 2 00 |
| 3, | 1 day making out town report, | 2 00 |
| 10, | $\frac{1}{2}$ day drawing jurors and making out orders, | 1 00 |
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| | | \$41 00 |

Town of Dunbarton, To Wm. S. Twiss for services as Town Clerk, for the year ending March 1st, 1879.

| | DR. |
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| 1878. | |
| March 12, April 12, Nov. 5, To $2\frac{1}{2}$ days at town elections, | \$3 75 |
| Notifying and qualifying town officers, | 2 50 |
| Assistance on enrollment, recording and making return of same, | 1 00 |
| May, Recording and making return of births and deaths, | 1 00 |
| August, Posting tramp law and qualifying special constables, | 1 25 |
| Septemb'r, Two drawings of jurors and notifying the same, | 2 25 |
| Novemb'r, Recording town business, | 7 31 |
| Decemb'r, Half day on town business, | 75 |
| February, 1879, Half day on town business, | 75 |
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| | \$20 56 |

SCHOOL REPORT.

FELLOW CITIZENS :—The closing of another school year reminds us of the law, of presenting for your consideration a report of the relative standing—whether progressive or otherwise—of the schools in our town ; and although there are many instances where, perhaps, a better degree of improvement might have been made, still we feel like congratulating you—when taken as a whole—on the advances made in the various studies, under a class of teachers who are nearly all entitled to those words of cheer, “Well done good and faithful servant.”

We are also glad to note the interest taken by the parents and citizens in several of the districts, who have encouraged the scholars and cheered the teachers by their occasional visits to the school-room, and have in this slight way, though perhaps unconsciously to themselves, added most materially to the progress and welfare of the several terms. Children are apt to pattern—in a measure—from their elders, and if you prove to them that you are sincerely in earnest in your desire that they should rightly improve their time while at school, by visiting the school-room as time and opportunity may allow, by making enquiries and drawing them out in many ways as to lessons and other school affairs. You may rest assured that under the eye of the right teacher your boy or girl is in safe hands, and making safe progress.

You cannot, as parents, take too deep an interest in the noble cause of education ; and on the interest you take in this matter depends in a great measure, the success of our common schools. Allow us ~~not~~ here to offer this suggestion : never in the presence of your children, or other people's children, speak disparagingly of the teacher ; if you cannot have a kind word, do not mention the matter in their presence, for they will retain in their minds what is said, ready to distribute the same at all favorable opportunities to the teacher's harm and the injury of the school. We must sustain our teachers, and the errors to which we are all heir to, can better be remedied than by rehearsing them to the children.

We have introduced into the schools during the year a new series of Geographies known as Harper's, believing them, after a careful examination, to be far superior to all others, and most admirably adapted to our wants ; the part devoted to the New England States is of itself most valuable, and the moderate cost of introduction places them within the easy reach of all.

We desire to allude to one fact of great importance as relating to school prosperity, which is this : a good teacher cannot be too long retained in a school ; while on the other hand one term is plenty long for a poor teacher. If we but stop to consider we cannot fail to realize the advantages gained by retaining the right teacher during the school year, at least ; much valuable time is lost—doing no one any good—from this habit of continual changing. Three of our schools have retained their teachers during the year ; others might with equal success.

We desire to thank those of our teachers who have taken especial pains in returning their Registers promptly at the close of the term, with the queries in full correctly answered, while others have been quite dilatory in returning theirs with only partial answers given. This is not as it should be, for all should take pride in attending to this small but necessary requirement ; small in one sense, but of much importance to your committee.

During the winter we have had four male teachers—an unusual fact,

we think—of much efficiency, who presided with great credit in their several districts. They seemed to the “manor born.”

We have noticed in every school-room, save one, most inferior blackboards, on which it is discouraging to use the crayon with the expectation of discovering a figure when viewing the same at a distance of a few feet ; cannot these faulty boards be remedied? mention is made, with pleasure, at the close of this report, of our High School so ably conducted, towards which we should ever be ready to lend our support and encouragement.

The following brief statements in regard to the condition and progress of the several schools may be of interest.

DISTRICT NO. 1.—COLBY.

Miss Jennie B. Carroll, of Contoocook, commenced her experience as a teacher during the summer term. Miss Carroll came well recommended and her success was commendable : we advise her to try again.

The school-room was tastily decorated with festoons of leaves on examination day, and presented a neat appearance ; the exercises passed off in a clear and understanding way ; we particularly noted improvements in the reading classes.

The fall term was taught by Miss Flora M. Poor of Goffstown. Miss Poor labored to obtain the good will of her pupils, and succeeded ; she is a conscientious teacher, and together with her admirable qualifications the term was one of profit and improvement.

Winter term :—Miss M. Abbie Colby teacher. This was Miss Colby's first term in town, and we hope it will not be her last. At the examination progress was evident, and we were glad to meet so many of the citizens and friends on this occasion, who, in this respect set a worthy example to other districts. Declamations and recitations are noted characteristics of this school. A term or more at a High School or Academy would result in great good to a few of the older pupils.

DISTRICT NO. 2.—CENTRE.

The summer term of this school was taught by Miss Alice P. Cilley who thus completed her seventh consecutive term in this district. There was manifested the same earnestness and faithfulness on the part of both scholars and teacher which has been noticed in previous terms, and in all respects it was a good school.

The winter term was kept by Mr. Milton K. Putney of Bow, who brought his accustomed enthusiasm and readiness in teaching to the work of this school. A marked improvement was shown in all the classes and the proficiency of some of the younger scholars was creditable alike to their teacher and to themselves. Those older pupils who were permitted to continue studies already begun in the High School are to be congratulated that they have been able to reap advantages equal to, or superior to any they could have enjoyed from two terms at an academy.

DISTRICT NO. 3.—STARK.

Summer term taught by Miss Susie R. Clifford. Miss Clifford is a teacher of ability and zealous in her duties ; but owing to the smallness of the school, her opportunities for display were limited. She was faithful, and the work done, was well done ; we were agreeably sur-

prised on the closing afternoon, at listening to the oral exercises so wonderfully rehearsed by her pupils.

Miss Ella Mills taught the fall term. Miss Mills is well known as a brilliant and thorough teacher, hence, the noticeable gain made by the scholars. She certainly deserved a larger field of labor. The enterprise of the district in renewing and improving their school-house—too long neglected—we notice with pleasure.

It really seems too bad that this once thrifty school should dwindle down to four and five scholars.

DISTRICT NO. 4.—WAITE.

The summer and fall terms of this school were taught by Miss Emma M. Burnham, who is a cultured and conscientious teacher, and who strove to impart these same qualities to her pupils. The paper prepared and read by the scholars at the close of the first term was interesting and creditable, and there were evidences of progress on the part of all, during both terms.

The winter term was kept by Mr. Charles L. Page, of Bow, who here made his first attempt at teaching, and merged that attempt into success. The irregularity in attendance on the part of several was very discouraging, but those who were constant made good use of their opportunities and passed a creditable examination. The improvement on the part of some was very noticeable.

DISTRICT NO. 5.—WOODBURY.

Miss Etta C. Annis commenced the summer term, and after seven weeks of good honest labor was obliged to resign her position; the remainder of the term was completed by Miss Jessie G. Prescott, who also taught the fall and winter term. Miss Prescott is a teacher of experience, therefore we are glad to visit her schools; she is entitled to much credit for signs of thoroughness—an essential element. A personal matter in the district that threatened trouble to the school was happily averted, for which we felt truly grateful.

DISTRICT NO. 6.—PAGE'S CORNER.

Miss Mary C. Heath of Bow taught the summer term in this district and gave general satisfaction. Miss Heath is an experienced teacher and maintained excellent discipline in her school so that her pupils had abundant opportunity to improve and they improved their opportunity.

The winter term was taught by Mr. James Fitzgerald of South Hadley, Mass., who came well recommended and proved himself worthy of all his recommendations. The good order of the school, the promptness of the scholars in their answers, and their thoroughness of comprehension were especially noticeable; and the rapid progress of a few during the term was a matter of agreeable surprise to the committee and all friends of the school.

DISTRICT NO. 7.—STINSON.

The summer and fall terms were taught by Miss Leonora E. Flint of Henniker. Miss Flint was liked by her scholars, and we observed progress in their studies as we visited the school from time to time. During the fall term several of the pupils from No. 11 were present, making it more pleasant for teacher as well as scholar. These districts ought to be united.

DISTRICT NO. 8.—WHEELER.

Miss Sarah M. Hammond taught both terms in this district and was quite successful in improving the standard of its scholarship, good reading being an especially prominent feature of the examination. The parents and children of the district are to be congratulated that they have had so many weeks of school this year; and it is pleasant for the committee to examine the register of such a conscientious teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 9.—BAILEY.

Only a fall term under the tuition of Miss Alice M. Hammond who deserves to be classified among our best teachers. Miss Hammond is a teacher of experience and her usual success attended her efforts here. We were obliged to visit the school a few days before its close; the exercises of the afternoon were pleasant to witness, showing most creditable improvement and much faithfulness on the part of the teacher. Excellent scholars do not always develop into excellent teachers, but in Miss Hammond's case we find that it holds true.

DISTRICT NO. 10.—RAY.

Both terms of this school were taught by Miss Mary E. Sargent who was faithful in her efforts to aid and instruct every member of her school. Her success in interesting the young children was quite surprising, and it is believed she is not excelled as a teacher of young scholars.

DISTRICT NO. 11.—BURNHAM.

Miss Emma L. Hammond—now Mrs John B. Mills of Manchester—taught the summer term. We have cause to regret the loss of Miss Hammond from our rank of able teachers. Her scholarship was of the highest; and her endeavors as a teacher have merited the success awarded them. The same degree of improvement was observed as of previous terms.

Mr. Calvin Martin took charge of the winter term. Mr. Martin brought to the school an experience of 290 weeks as a teacher, and proved the truth of the saying—"the right man in the right place."

We have reason to doubt whether a school in town has made a more noticeable improvement in their studies during one term; the order was excellent—an important requisite—and the teacher and scholars worked together with a will. The exercises on examination day proved that what the scholars knew, they knew for certain; especially was this true in mathematics. A paper prepared for the occasion, and read by a member was quite meritorious. The lady residents—in good numbers—attended both of the examinations. The pupils made Mr. Martin the recipient of an appropriate present.

HIGH SCHOOL.

There have been two terms of High School during the past year.

The spring term was taught by Mr. Wm. H. Burnham, now a student at Harvard College. Owing partly to indifference on the part of parents and scholars, and partly to the unfavorable season of the year the numbers were not large, but those who completed their term were well repaid for their time and money spent.

Mr. Milton K. Putney taught the fall term, and as his announcement was made sufficiently early, some who would otherwise have gone out of town to school were induced to remain and increased the number

of the membership of the school to 26. The interest of the scholars was maintained throughout the term, and the final examination closed one of our most successful terms of High School. Mr. Putney was a spring term now in session, with every indication of a like successful result.

We give a list of authorized text-books :

Readers—Harvey's Series. Arithmetic—Hagar's Com. School & Eaton's Primary. History—Quackenbos'. Spellers—Progressive. Grammar—Weld and Quackenbos'. Geography—Harper's Series.

Respectfully,

A. J. Hopkins, } School
W. H. Stinson. } Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

| No. of Districts. | Names of Teachers. | No. Weeks School. | Wages per Month, Including Board. | Number of Scholars. | Average Attendance. | Tardiness. | Dismissal. | Not Absent a Half Day. | No. Visits of S. S. Com. | No. Visits of Pru. Com. | No. Visits of Citizens & others. |
|-------------------|---|-------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------|------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 | Jennie B. Carroll. | 10 | 20 00 | 12 | 10 | 10 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 21 |
| 1 | Flora M. Poor. | 6 | 22 00 | 16 | 14 | 12 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 12 |
| 1 | M. Abbie Colby. | 10 | 22 00 | 17 | 16 | 17 | 11 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 26 |
| 2 | Alice P. Cilley. | 11 | 26 00 | 16 | 14 | 21 | 7 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 42 |
| 2 | Milton K. Putney. | 12 | 32 00 | 30 | 28 | 108 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 26 |
| 3 | Susie R. Clifford. | 10 | 20 00 | 4 | 3.5 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 15 |
| 3 | Ella Mills. | 12 | 20 00 | 5 | 5 | 15 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| 4 | Emma M. Burnham. | 8 | 22 00 | 8 | 7.2 | 21 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 13 |
| 4 | Emma M. Burnham. | 7 | 21 00 | 11 | 5 | 27 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 13 |
| 4 | Charles L. Page. | 12 | 25 00 | 15 | 10 | 52 | 31 | 10 | 2 | 2 | 18 |
| 5 | Etta C. Annis, and Jessie G. Prescott. | 10 | 15 20 | 16 | 14.1 | 63 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 11 |
| 5 | Jessie G. Prescott. | 12 | 19 00 | 16 | 9.2 | 45 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 7 |
| 6 | Mary C. Heath. | 10 | 19 00 | 22 | 19.5 | 30 | 11 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 15 |
| 6 | James Fitzgerald. | 14 | 20 00 | 25 | 23.2 | 37 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 34 |
| 7 | Leonora E. Flint. | 10 | 16 00 | 6 | 4.8 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 17 |
| 7 | Leonora E. Flint. | 13 | 16 00 | 10 | 7.5 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 11 |
| 8 | Sarah M. Hammond. | 7 | 16 00 | 7 | 6.5 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 19 |
| 8 | Sarah M. Hammond. | 17 | 16 00 | 18 | 9.75 | 156 | 20 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 138 |
| 9 | Alice M. Hammond. | 14 | 19 00 | 8 | 6 | 93 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 24 |
| 10 | Mary E. Sargent. | 7 | 16 00 | 16 | 14.3 | 29 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 14 |
| 10 | Mary E. Sargent. | 9 | 22 00 | 8 | 7.5 | 14 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| 11 | Emma L. Hammond. | 8 | 16 00 | 14 | 10.5 | 14 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 22 |
| 11 | Calvin Martin. | 10 | 24 00 | 12 | 9.9 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 21 |

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