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REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF NEW HAMPTON,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st. 1874.

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REPORT OF THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS

TOWN OF NEW HAVEN

1871

YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1871

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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

Receipts.

Cash in Treasury March 1, 1873,	\$955.23
Rec'd of K. W. Smith,	1,400.00
G. W. Roberts,	650.00
G. W. Wallace, rent of Levi Wallace farm '72,	40.00
G. R. Downing, Collector 1871,	8.00
Luther Robinson,	300.00
W. B. Gordon,	200.00
Abbie S. Sanborn,	1,279.91
Lizzie M. Carlton,	75.00
J. B. Sanborn,	175.00
Wm. Eaton,	703.00
J. D. Kelley,	400.00
E. W. Weed,	315.00
Mary J. Wallace,	440.00
Town of Salem, expences in R. Plaisted case,	11.38
" " board of " "	51.75
W. B. Gordon,	102.65
C. S. Flanders,	365.00
Sarah Brawn,	787.36
D. E. Fifield,	79.30
B. S. Gordon,	267.64
Sarah P. Robinson,	250.00
M. D. Bugbee,	500.00
County of Belknap, transient paupers,	2.00
E. M. Huckins,	60.00
Town of Winchester, aid for Harman Robinson,	23.60
Orpha Hancock,	35.00
State Treasurer, bounty claims,	170.94
W. B. Gordon, rent of Wallace farm, '73,	35.00
Wm. Boswell,	60.00
Alvah B. Kelley,	15.00
State, Railroad tax,	41.31
Savings Bank tax,	557.68
Literary fund,	111.52
Town of Meredith, supplies for Mrs. Severance,	35.47
Frank F. Palmer,	25.00
Assessment, 1873,	11,130.00
	\$21,658.74

Expenditures.

Paid Notes and Interest :

Edward Carlton,	26.18
John Jewett,	781.00
J. D. Kelley,	466.14
J. B. Sanborn, Abbie S. Sanborn note,	1,280.16
G. W. Roberts, Lizzie M. Carlton "	75.37
" " Edward " "	57.71
L. S. Gordon, S. W. Swett note,	88.73
" "	208.50
Dorcas W. Heath,	82.20
Sarah Brawn,	188.73
David Weed for Eunice W. Weed,	385.19
Mary E. Flanders,	371.70
D. E. Fifield,	79.30
B. S. Gordon,	267.64
Ebenezer Fisk,	387.76
Levi Carter, interest on notes,	24.00
C. S. Flanders,	46.00
James B. Sanborn,	25.00
Sarah W. Davis,	213.50
Wm. Boswell,	25.00
Sarah P. Robinson,	50.00
K. W. Smith,	1,219.47
J. S. Piper,	32.00
Mary J. Wallace,	209.40
S. W. and E. H. Prescott,	499.00
Marcus L. Emmons,	242.07
Lovetia E. Emmons,	62.34
Ellen G. Kidder,	122.70
Daniel Kelley,	85.00
Esther M. Merrill,	389.92
Frank F. Palmer,	36.30
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	\$8,028.01

Roads and Bridges.

Paid David H. Smith, labor on highway in 1872,	\$4.50
J. W. Merrick, " "	20.60
Walter S. Plaisted, " " 1871,	7.25
" " " "	21.80
George Brown, " "	10.10
A. Burpee, " "	90.00
D. T. Smith, labor and material repairing bridge,	21.23
E. G. Kelley, iron for bridge,	4.28
S. S. Plaisted, lumber to repair bridge in '71.	3.00

Paid S. S. Plaisted, watering trough in '71-2,	\$6.00
Oliver Blake, plank,	7.80
J. R. Pike, bal. snowing bridge in '71,	3.91
“ “ “ “ “ '72, '73,	4.25
“ “ shovelling snow from bridge, Jan. 16, '73,	2.50
David T. Fellows, repairing Kelley Pond bridge,	10.16
J. H. Harper, plank,	14.89
“ “ watering trough in '72,	3.00
“ “ “ “	3.00
R. B. Tilton, labor and lumber in '72-3,	14.00
J. S. Piper, timber, '72,	1.92
M. L. Palmer, plank,	2.00
Jona. M. Smith, watering trough,	3.00
D. T. Smith, lumber,	4.92
“ “ labor on highway,	25.64
Dana Woodman, lumber,	12.07
J. L. Merrill, plank, L. pond bridge, '71,	2.45
T. P. Robinson, repairing L. Pond bridge,	24.39
“ “ “ M. “ “	24.16
G. W. Fletcher, plank,	9.26
A. M. Mudgett, plank,	.90
J. B. Sanborn,	6.52
J. B. Gordon, snowing bridge in '70, '71 and '72,	7.50
“ “ breaking roads in '72-3,	33.25
L. B. Thompson, breaking roads, Dist. No. 14, '72-3,	9.00
J. W. Merrick, “ “ “ “ “	3.80
J. D. Robinson, “ “ “ “ “	9.78
Noah Glover, “ “ “ 20, “	17.13
Aaron Buzziel, “ “ “ 2, '71,	3.00
“ “ “ “ “ '72-3,	10.50
J. H. Berry, “ “ “ “ “	4.05
T. P. S. Huckins, “ “ “ “ “	20.05
O. G. Huckins, “ “ “ “ “	18.37
David H. Smith, “ “ “ “ “	26.10
N. B. Boynton, “ “ “ 25, '72,	18.91
“ “ “ “ “ '72-3,	2.62
Wm. D. Boynton, “ “ “ “ “	2.36
J. H. Plaisted, “ “ “ “ “	2.84
G. M. Haynes, “ “ “ “ “	.91
H. L. Smith, “ “ “ “ “	42.00
H. Robinson, “ “ “ “ “	14.42
Wm. R. Robie, “ “ “ “ “	17.69
J. D. Robinson, “ “ “ 28, '69-70,	8.55
“ “ “ “ “ '72-3,	10.55
J. S. Drake, “ “ “ 3, '73,	1.30
J. P. Smith, “ “ “ “ “	1.50

Paid B. S. Gordon, breaking roads Dist. No. 3, '73,		\$4.00
T. P. Smith, " " " " "		1.35
J. C. Smith, " " " " '72-3,		25.00
Jona. M. Smith, " " " " 11, '72,		11.40
Sam'l Plaisted, jr., " " " " "		5.25
M. L. Palmer, " " " " 13, '72-3,		32.51
C. W. Buzziel, " " " " 21, "		15.69
F. O. Wallace, " " " " " "		13.25
J. P. Drake, " " " " " "		5.80
C. H. Heath, " " " " 27, "		3.66
D. T. Smith, " " " " 6 " "		1.75
B. S. Gordon, " " " " 4, " "		68.06
C. S. Huckins, " " " " 9, " "		34.50
Lyman B. Wells, " " " " 32, " "		30.00
W. B. Gordon, " " " " 16, " "		10.00
E. H. Prescott, " " " " 11, " "		24.39
G. W. Roberts, " " " " 12, " "		54.88
J. M. Flanders, jr., " " " " 17, " "		21.10
Orrin Plaisted, " " " " 24, " "		32.10
S. P. Huckins, " " " " 8, " "		55.36
A. W. Smith, " " " " 30, " "		16.50
K. W. Smith, " " " " 27, " "		22.45
Jos. S. Witcher, " " " " 1, " "		47.58
J. F. Prescott, " " " " 26, " "		32.55
Rich'd R. Wallace, " " " " 34, " "		9.00
Daniel Chase, " " " " " "		3.15
C. B. Heath, 2d, " " " " 5, " "		30.64
D. W. Shaw, " " " " " "		4.05
J. H. Harper, " " " " 7, " "		19.80
D. S. Andrews, " " " " 7, " "		6.69
J. M. Smith, " " " " " "		22.67
G. M. Huckins, " " " " " "		24.77
W. P. Dolloff, " " " " " "		3.60
John H. Smith, " " " " 22, " "		36.83
Noah Ward, " " " " 23, " "		4.50
Daniel Veasey, " " " " " "		11.28
" " 2d, " " " " " "		3.90
G. R. Downing, " " " " " "		4.05
S. H. Tilton, " " " " 15, " "		89.93
D. H. Ames, " " " " 5, " "		4.00
D. W. Wilson, " " " " 10, " "		48.39
R. M. Gordon, " " " " 18, " "		23.13
J. H. Berry, labor on highway,		5.70
D. Q. Gordon, " " " '72,		3.70

 \$1,584.59

Paupers.

Paid A. F. Whitcomb, services L. Wallace family '72-3.	\$45.00
G. W. Wallace, shoes for L. Wallace, 1872,	2.00
G. W. Wallace, assistance in L. Wallace family, 72'3.	45.00
J. E. Morrison, supplies for Ruth Garland, Mar. '73,	30.82
“ “ board of Ruth Garland, July, '73,	5.00
J. W. Merrick, board of Martha Howe,	130.00
G. W. Wallace, supplies for L. Wallace,	95.00
“ “ chopping, drawing wood, L. Wallace, '72,	12.00
“ “ for assistance in L. Wallace's family,	16.00
“ “ Board of L. Wallace, 4 weeks,	10.00
C. D. Thyng, medicine for Ruth Smith,	1.00
J. W. Moor, car fare, O. Colton,	1.95
T. P. Robinson, cash expense in R. Plaisted's case,	11.38
T. P. S. Huckins, for board of R. Plaisted,	51.75
S. P. Huckins, expense in sickness and funeral charge.	23.35
John Perkins, for board of O. Colton,	23.00
E. G. Kelley, for transient paupers,	2.00
C. Taylor & Son, supplies for Reuben R. Wallace,	9.38
A. Burpee & Co., “ “	1.28
“ “ “ “ Ruth Garland,	2.45
“ “ “ “ Martha Howe,	2.52
“ “ “ “ Levi Wallace,	12.20
“ “ “ “ Wm. C. Sanborn,	5.61
Geo. Brown, expense in N. D. Smith's case,	2.70
H. L. Smith, house rent, wood, Homan Robinson,	12.35
J. S. Whitcher, wood for Homan Robinson,	7.87
Wm. D. Boynton, wood for “ “	3.38
Dana Woodman, wood for Mrs. Hoyt,	2.25
“ “ wood for Ruth Smith,	.75
A. F. Dolloff, supplies for Mrs. Severance,	35.47
Co. Belknap, board for N. D. Smith, 15 wk's, \$1.25,	18.75
Wm. George, boots for Reuben R. Wallace,	4.00
L. W. Hammond, supplies for Sarah A. Prescott,	78.00
A. Burpee & Co., “ “ Martha Howe,	.29
J. W. Merrick, board for Martha Howe,	26.00
“ “ “ supplies furnished Martha Howe,	6.50
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	\$737.00

Schools.

Paid Wm. R. Roby, District No. 1,	\$73.61	
David H. Smith,	2,	42.00
J. S. Drake,	3,	78.49
C. B. Sargent, 1871-72,	4,	94.48
“ “ “ 1873,	4,	159.69

Paid Samuel Ward, District No. 5,		\$61.37
Noah Ward,	6,	60.23
N. B. Hight,	7,	55.20
John F. Prescott,	8,	59.57
Daniel M. Dearborn,	9,	28.63
D. W. Shaw,	10,	32.43
John M. Flanders, Jr.,	11,	48.05
John B. Gordon,	12,	37.47
Albert M. Mudgett,	13,	72.17
G. M. Huckins,	15,	60.43
W. B. Gordon,	16,	39.15
W. S. Plaisted,	17,	18.77

\$1,021.74

School-house Tax.

Paid S. B. Cram,	No. 1,	\$50.00
John P. Smith,	3,	30.00
J. R. Pike,	4,	50.00
Samuel Emerson,	7,	500.00
W. B. Gordon,	16,	20.00
Samuel S. Plaisted,	17,	11.91

\$661.91

General Expenses.

Paid Daniel Veasey, sheep damage,		\$9.35
George Brown, " "		6.30
S. P. Huckins, " "		2.50
J. M. Flanders, Jr., " "		8.75
J. M. Smith, " "		10.60
M. L. Huckins, " "		2.65
D. T. Smith, " "		2.90
E. H. Prescott, " "		2.50
S. G. Kelley, " "		12.50
D. W. Wilson, " "		6.25
E. H. Smith, " "		5.60
Noah Woodman, " "		15.60
G. H. Gilman, " "		7.50
G. W. Wallace, witness fee, 1871,		3.65
J. G. Favor, poll tax refunded, 1869,		3.60
Noah Glover, taking care town house,		6.00
J. Copp, dog tax refunded,		1.00
A. W. Bingham, stove pipe, 1872,		1.12
J. C. Herbert, light'g bridge, Mar. 6, '72 to Mar. 1, '74,		37.06
Warren Loud, services as auditor, 1872,		2.90
K. W. Smith, cash expense, 1872,		1.50

Paid Abiah Smith, over tax, 1872,	\$3.30
Cyrus Plaisted, over tax, 1872,	1.04
Charles Buzzell, over tax, 1872,	.85
J. G. Robinson, over tax, 1872,	2.62
T. L. Smith, poll tax, 1872,	1.95
Expense in I. D. Morse case,	72.43
Stevens & Stone, professional services in I. D. Morse case, 1872-3,	125.00
T. J. Whipple prof'l services in Morse case, '72, '73,	51.50
Jewell & Smith, " " " " "	3.89
I. D. Morse, damage on Smith bridge, 1870,	300.00
Express, books and stationery,	15.35
D. T. Fellows, 4 chairs for town house, 1872,	1.36
T. P. Robinson, cash expense,	3.70
R. W. Musgrove, printing town reports, 1872,	35.00
C. D. Thyng, printing,	4.25
C. D. Thyng, services as town clerk,	35.00
Wm. B. Welch, police services, 1872,	30.40
W. S. Cox, Sheriff fees in Shaw case, 1871,	6.94
M. L. Palmer, over tax, E. Pike '72,	2.43
A. M. Hersey, damage to sleigh, 1872,	7.00
D. S. Andrews, " received on highway,	10.00
Samuel Emerson " to horse, and sleigh,	5.00
H. Hodgdon, powder for District No. 3,	.76
H. Hodgdon, school book for Chase children,	.83
H. L. Smith, over tax, 1872,	3.53
R. W. Musgrove, printing school notices,	1.00
L. W. Hammond, oil for lighting bridge,	7.55
A. Burpee & Co., horse keeping of selectmen,	10.00
" " " ½ cord wood for town house,	2.25
E. H. Prescott, services Supt. School Committee, '72,	65.00
State tax,	1,524.00
County tax,	1,592.68
Noah Glover, taking care of town house, 1873,	6.00
Edwin C. Lewis, Treasurer,	50.00
Martin L. Palmer, Collector,	110.00
E. G. Kelley, Services as Selectman,	80.00

Paid E. G. Kelley, board of Selectmen,	\$12.00
“ “ horse hire,	8.00
T. P. Robinson, services Selectman,	98.50
“ “ “ use of Team,	11.00
“ “ “ cash paid out,	1.00
George Brown, services Selectman,	118.00
“ “ use of team,	15.00
“ “ board of Selectmen,	12.00
Mrs. Jacob Heath, sheep damage, 1871,	3.00
Abatement of tax on money loaned the town,	169.49
“ “ taxes and paid in other towns,	45.93
Over Tax,	46.20
Erroneous assessment,	83.77
Taxes worked out as per receipts,	1,166.40
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	\$6,111.83

RECAPITULATION.

Receipts.

Cash in Treasury, March 1, 1873,	\$955.23
Assessment, 1873,	11,130.00
Received State Treasurer, Bounty claims,	170.94
Amount from other sources,	1,020.36
Amount received, for which notes have been given,	8,382.21
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	\$21,658.74

Expenditures.

Paid Notes and interest,	\$8,028.01
Paupers,	737.00
Schools,	1,021.74
School-house tax,	661.91
Roads and bridges,	1,584.59
General expenses,	6,111.83
Taxes in Collector's hands,	1,548.89
Cash in Treasury, March 1, 1874,	1,964.77
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	\$21,658.74

This may certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

MOSES W. SHAPLEIGH, *Auditor.*

Town Liabilities. Notes and Interest.

Daniel Veasey,	\$898.11
Samuel P. Smith,	241.10
Lizzie A. Dow,	28.11
Ede Taylor,	259.04
Wm. Boswell,	319.14
Daniel E. Fifield,	90.73
Daniel Kelley,	372.93
Joseph S. Drake,	184.39
Levi Carter, jr.,	418.00
J. S. Piper,	100.30
L. S. Gordon,	1,398.63
Ebenezer Fisk,	121.63
B. S. Gordon, 2nd.,	887.45
C. A. Gordon,	164.73
Moza Clough,	859.79
Frank F. Palmer,	25.00
Dana Woodman, guar. E. L. Piper,	165.97
Thomas Abbott,	296.11
Anna Abbott,	533.10
John C. Huckins,	75.50
John Gordon,	265.61
C. S. Huckins,	117.67
Mary E. Flanders,	379.33
Lydia B. Burleigh,	152.14
E. M. Huckins,	386.58
Jacob S. Worthen,	223.73
C. S. Flanders,	438.88
Charlotte Dyer,	213.45
Geo. W. Roberts,	678.90
Luther Robinson,	315.20
Polly C. Kelly,	420.26
Abbie S. Sanborn,	1,337.36
Warren B. Gordon,	209.00
James B. Sanborn,	159.50

Wm. Eaton, Ex. estate Sarah J. Smith,	\$731.12
Sarah P. Robinson,	206.47
Mariam D. Bugbee,	509.66
Eunice W. Weed,	151.50
K. W. Smith,	1,206.00
Orpha Hancock,	35.17
Mary J. Wallace,	241.20
Sarah Brawn,	703.50
Alvah B. Kelley,	15.07
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	\$16,537.06

Amount due the town.

From John Bowen estate,	\$91.52
Washington Moonēy note,	212.23
Z. D. Gordon note,	384.00
Amount due from Liquor Agent,	113.53
Due on Government assignments,	1,954.06
Cash in Treasury March 1, 1874,	1,964.77
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	\$4,720.11
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Indebtedness of the town,	\$11,816.95

GEO. BROWN, } *Selectmen*
T. P. ROBINSON, } *of*
E. G. KELLEY, } *New Hampton,*

Report of Liquor Agent.

Amount of liquor sold for the year ending Feb. 18, '74,	\$223.29
Cost of " " "	151.05
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Profit,	\$72.24
Agent's salary,	60.00
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Net profit,	\$12.24
Amount due from Agent, being stock on hand,	\$113.53

I. L. ROBINSON, *Town Agent.*

REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF NEW HAMPTON.
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 10, 1874.

To the Selectmen, G. Brown, T. P. Robinson, and E. G. Kelley; and the Citizens of New Hampton, I respectfully submit the Annual Report of the schools, in accordance with custom and the requirements of law.

There are some very favorable things to report in connection with the schools for the past year, but with all these, they are far from reaching the standard they ought. Neither money, time nor pains should be spared in their improvement. We not only need to keep even pace with other towns and States in the means and facilities for education, but to lead them if we may. This would be a noble, praiseworthy pre-eminence.

Some of the schools have been very small, and those scholars have been accommodated in *very poor houses*, but a brighter day has dawned for part of them.

A part of Districts No. 8 and 12 have united with No. 7, and they will have a new house centrally located, and ready for use the coming season. The remaining part of No. 8 has united with No. 16, and will be accommodated in their house for the present.

It has been the aim of your Committee to classify the scholars better. With two exceptions Colton & Fitch's Geographys have been thrown aside. Cornell's are used in nearly all the schools, not that they are the best, but that it seems advisable to retain them for present, hoping the same series will soon be used throughout the State. Campbell's Concise School History, Weld and Quackenbos' New English Grammar, Comings' Class Book of Physiology, Hillard's Series of Readers, Greenleaf's Elementary Algebra and Robinson's Series of Arithmetics are the principle text books used. All the Districts compared, the Arithmetic classes rank first, Algebra second, History third, Grammar fourth, Geography fifth and the Reading classes the lowest. It is an evil and a *great evil* that our English language should be so murdered in our Common Schools. Is it because our teachers are poor readers, or because they consider the time wasted in drilling in pronunciation, articulation and inflection? It is better to thoroughly master half a dozen pieces than to skim through half the book. Teachers, where you have failed in this branch the past year, guard it well the next.

The order has been the best in those schools that have had the most work to do. Teachers, find work enough for your scholars, and then expect it to be *well* done, or they will find enough for you. The irregular attendance of many scholars seriously hinders their proficiency, and is an injury to the whole school.

Parents, if you could know the amount of good that you might do by an occasional visit to the school-room, how you could assist and encourage a teacher almost ready to give up the trial of seeing her ideal of a school, how you might stimulate your own children, we think we should see you there oftener than we do. It is due our teachers to say that while some have attained a greater measure of success than others, all, so far as my observation has extended, have endeavored to make the schools of benefit to the pupils and a credit to the town.

The following are a few items from the Register of each school, with the impressions received from visits to each.

DISTRICT No. 1.

William R. Robie, Prudential Committee. M. ELLIE BEEDE, of Meredith, teacher.

Money appropriation, \$73.09. Wages of teacher per month including board, \$24.00. Length of school, 11 weeks. Number of scholars, 25; average, $21\frac{1}{2}$. Instances of tardiness, 55; dismissal, 7. Samuel H. and Charles W. Robie were neither absent nor tardy during the term. Number of visitors, 11. The school was very quiet and orderly at the commencement, but considerable uneasiness, as well as whispering, was seen and heard at the close. The advancement in their studies was all that could be expected, and on a general review, they were familiar with the ground gone over. In some of the schools the teachers had the scholars drilled to a certain routine of questions and problems, that they might answer promptly, but I am happy to say this was not the case here. A Select school of a few weeks in the summer was taught by Miss ETTA ROBINSON.

DISTRICT No. 2.

David H. Smith, Prudential Committee. ABBIE A. MUDGETT, of New Hampton, teacher.

Apportionment, \$51.21. Wages per month including board, \$24.00. Length of school, 6 weeks. Number of scholars, 18; average, 16. Instances of tardiness, 10; dismissal, 6. Emma H. Mudgett was neither tardy, dismissed nor absent, and had not whispered. Number of visitors, 10. The same scholars attended as in No. 13, and the classes remained the same. Physiology was commenced in the summer term, and creditably finished the present term. The older scholars showed more proficiency and thoroughness than the younger ones. The discipline was not quite as strict as it should have been.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Joseph Drake, Prudential Committee. SARAH E. CLOUGH, of Grantham, teacher.

School money, \$78.49. Wages per month, \$24.00. Length of term, 3 months. Number of scholars, 16; average, 13.

Marks of tardiness, 51; dismissal, 23. Willie H. Smith was not absent one-half day. This was Miss Clough's third term in town, and as a teacher she has sustained herself well.

The irregular attendance of some of the scholars lowered the standing in their classes very much. At the close, if a little more energy had been shown, with their thoroughness, all would have been excellent.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Caleb B. Sargent, Prudential Committee. HANNAH B. SMITH, of New Hampton, teacher.

Money appropriated, \$159.69; wages per month, first term, \$28.00; second and third terms, \$32.00. Length of terms, 8, 8, and $11\frac{1}{2}$ weeks each. Number of scholars first term, 41; second, 42; third, 36. Average first term, 35; second, 33; third, 27. Instances of tardiness first term, 54; second, 69; third, 132. Three of the parents have visited the school in $27\frac{1}{2}$ weeks. Nellie M. Cole has not been absent for the year; Frank W. Stevenson was not the first term; Minnie Avery, Susie Seavey and Allie E. Smith, the second term; Frank E. Holland, John R. Morrison, Minnie Avery, Edith Chessman and Alice E. Chase, the third term. The number that did not whisper the first term, 11; second, 3; third, 2. All things considered, the winter term was the most profitable. The order in this school falls below the others. The constant questioning and running to the teacher, when the classes were reciting, took the teachers attention, and greatly disturbed the one reciting. In my opinion, the Sixth or Fifth Reader should be thrown out, and then more time and care be taken with the other reading classes. A freer use should be made of the blackboards. One class have finished Colburn's and nearly all the Practical Arithmetic. They have finished their History and have a very good understanding of Grammar. Miss Smith has always shown a wonderful degree of patience, hearing poor lessons, or dealing with truant boys, she has ever shown the same equanimity. She returns the best kept registers. Mr. Shattuck went to the school-room to give his writing lessons the last two terms, which was a great improvement upon the former custom.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Samuel Ward, Prudential Committee. ALMEDA EMERSON, of New Hampton, teacher.

Amount of school money, \$61.37; wages per month, \$21.00. Length of school, 9 weeks. Number of scholars, 22; average, 19. Instances of tardiness, 12. Number of visitors, 8. The school was orderly, attentive and industrious, and made very good progress. The class in History excelled. Etta J. Willetts and James F. Ward were neither tardy, dismissed nor absent. Honorable mention is made of William Wallace, Harry Chase, John and Harry Dow, Luther Drake, Etta Willetts, Almo Flanders and Nettie Morse, for perfect recitations.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Noah S. Ward, Prudential Committee. LAURA J. DOE, of New Hampton, teacher.

Apportionment, \$60.23; wages per month, \$24.00. Length of term, $8\frac{1}{2}$ weeks. Scholars, 7; average, 4. Charlie H. Ward was not absent one half day. Miss Doe is a teacher of much experience, and likes to have her school move like clock-work. The lessons were well learned and carefully recited. Good attention was paid to the reading. Some trouble arose about the middle of the term, that made it very unpleasant, but it was soon settled.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Merrick Hight, Prudential Committee. MELISSA GORDON, of New Hampton, and MATTIE EMMONS, of Bristol, teachers.

Money, \$55.20; wages per month, \$22.00. Length of school, 9 weeks. Number of scholars, 7; average, 6. Marks of tardiness, 6. Number of visitors, 8. Maggie Hight did not whisper. Miss Gordon was obliged to leave the school at the end of two weeks. Her motto was, "What is worth doing at all is worth doing well." When the term closed, as good progress had been made as could be expected.

DISTRICT No. 8.

J. Frank Prescott, Prudential Committee. SARAH E. CLOUGH, of Grantham, teacher.

Money appropriated, \$59.57; wages per month, first term, \$20.00; second term, \$21.00. Length of terms, 8 and 9 weeks. Number of scholars, first term, 11; second, 12. Average, first term, $10\frac{1}{2}$; second, 8. There were 8 marks of tardiness the second term, none the first. Emma L. Gordon, Emma S. Wallace and Louisa A. Prescott were not absent the first term. To these scholars, to go to school means to work, and by their work, they have accomplished what but few scholars have done in the same length of time. While the older ones were studying, the younger ones were instructed orally, so they will find the first part of their books quite familiar when they commence them.

UNION DISTRICT No. 9

Daniel M. Dearborn, Prudential Committee. VILLA E. DEARBORN, of New Hampton, teacher.

New Hampton's apportionment, \$28.63; wages per month, \$24.00. Length of school, 3 months. Number of scholars, 11; average, 6. Marks of tardiness, 16. Number of visitors, 8. This was Miss Dearborn's first attempt at teaching, but she acquitted herself well. She needs a little more confidence and self reliance. There was only one scholar that belonged in the district, and the others came but part of the time, thus making the average very small. At the commencement the school was very quiet, and at the close there was no one to disturb *the scholar*. She had made good progress, and seemed interested in her studies.

DISTRICT No. 10.

David W. Shaw, Prudential Committee. School money, \$32.43. No school during the year.

DISTRICT No. 11.

John M. Flanders, Prudential Committee. ABBIE A. MUDGETT, of New Hampton, teacher.

Amount of money, 48.05; wages per month, 22.00. Length of school, 9 weeks. Number of scholars, 11; average, 10. Marks of tardiness, 2. Minnie F. Gordon, Carrie E. Flanders Abbie C. Gordon, Charlie Q. Gordon and Harry S. Flanders were not absent one half day. Number that had not whispered, 4. Number of visitors, 12. Much credit is due Miss Mudgett for her first attempt in teaching. The order and general appearance of the school was satisfactory, and the progress compares favorably with the other schools.

DISTRICT No. 12.

John B. Gordon, Prudential Committee. JENNIE S. EMMONS, of Bristol, teacher.

School money, \$37.47. Wages per month, \$24.00. Length of school, 6 weeks. Number of scholars, 6; average, $5\frac{2}{3}$. Instances of tardiness, 5. Ida Gordon was not absent one half day. Number of visitors, 9. This has been the shortest term in town, but a very profitable one; but it must not be supposed that the location of the school-house, or its adaptedness for its use, has contributed any thing to this result. I find the most advanced scholars finishing Robinson's Higher Arithmetic, Algebra, and quite familiar with Thompson's Lessons; one studying Latin. Reading falls below the standard of the other classes.

DISTRICT No. 13.

Albert M. Mudgett, Prudential Committee.

The summer term was commenced by ALMEDA EMMERSON, but she was obliged to leave the third week, and it was finished by IDA J. COX, of Meredith. AMELIA J. WEST kept one week on the winter term, and then it was finished by ABBIE A. MUDGETT. With four teachers in eleven weeks we neither find that order or methodical training that we should be glad to report, or expect had they been able to have one good teacher for both terms. School money, \$72.17. Wages per month, \$24.00. Length of school, 5 weeks. Number of scholars, 22; average, $15\frac{1}{2}$. Seven not absent one-half days. Marks of tardiness, 5. Number of visitors, 5.

Winter term, length of school, 6 weeks. Number of scholars, 16; average, 15. Six not absent one half day. Two did not whisper.

DISTRICT No. 15.

George M. Huckins, Prudential Committee. MARY A. ROBINSON, of Sanbornton, teacher.

Money appropriated, \$60.43. Wages per month, \$21.60. Length of school, $2\frac{1}{2}$ months. Number of scholars, 13; average, 11. Instances of tardines, 8. Charles E. Harper and Cady C. Smith were neither absent, tardy nor dismissed. Joseph M. and Mary E. Harper and Cady C. Smith did not whisper. Number of visitors, 10. The scholars are backward but most of them seemed anxious to learn. Considerable difficulty was experienced the last part of the term by the action of unruly boys, but Miss Robinson was an experienced teacher, and, knowing her rights, dared to maintain them. The parents do not take the interest in their school they ought. It is what they make it.

DISTRICT No. 16.

Warren B. Gordon, Prudential Committee. MARILLA S. GORDON, of New Hampton, teacher.

Amount of money, \$39.15. Wages per month, \$18.00. Length of term, 2 months. Whole number, 8; average, 7. Marks of tardiness, 10. Number of visitors, 3. This school is small, with no very advanced scholars. The order at the commencement was good, and every thing satisfactory. I did not visit the school at the close, failing to receive the notice, but learned the parents were well satisfied.

UNION DISTRICT No. 17.

New Hampton appropriated \$18.77. Register was returned to Ashland.

JULIA E. WALLACE, *Sup. School Committee.*