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REPORT

Charles A Dearborn

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THE SELECTMEN

OF THE

TOWN OF CHESTER,

For the Year 1858-9.



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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen charge themselves with the following amounts:

Drawn from the town treasury, . . .	\$2642	65
Received from J. B. Cheswell, . . .	100	00
“ “ Hannah Currier, . . .	300	00
“ “ Ezekiel E. Currier, . . .	250	00
“ “ Moses Hazelton, . . .	70	00
“ “ Abigail A. Currier, . . .	1398	33
“ “ Town of Hampton, . . .	6	00
“ “ Town Hall, . . .	2	00
“ “ J. Plummer, . . .	2	18
	<u>2128</u>	51

Whole amount received, \$4771 16

And account for the same as follows:

Paid John Currier note and interest, . . .	\$1398	33
“ Lucien Kent “ “ . . .	275	67
“ George W. Hook, for funeral expenses of William Lane, . . .	6	00
“ T. J. Hazelton, for services as Overseer of Poor, . . .	20	00
“ Superintending repairs on Almshouse, . . .	15	00
“ Time and expenses on pauper cases, and getting county money, . . .	22	37
	<u>57</u>	37
“ Money for repairing almshouse and support of Poor, . . .	640	72
“ Henry Moore, for services as Selectman, . . .	46	00
“ Expenses, . . .	10	62
	<u>56</u>	62
“ George Marden, for services as Selectman, . . .	29	00
“ Expenses, . . .	2	00
	<u>31</u>	50

Paid Lewis Kimball, for services as Select-			
man,		\$16 50	
“ Expenses,		2 00	
		<hr/>	\$18 50
“ William Greenough, for services as			
Treasurer,			6 00
“ Rev. H. O. Howland, for services as			
Superintending School Committee,			25 00
“ Auditors’ services:			
Parker Morse,		1 00	
John W. Noyes,		1 00	
William Greenough,		1 00	
		<hr/>	3 00
“ Lucien Kent, for services as Town			
Clerk,			10 00
“ Lucien Kent, for 16 dinners for Se-			
lectmen and Auditors,			5 99
“ H. Moore,			
for cash paid for Surveyor’s Warrants,		87	
“ “ Collector’s book,		42	
“ “ Service book,		37	
“ “ Postage,		39	
“ “ Stationery,		15	
“ “ Witnesses in case of			
J. Clough,		1 00	
“ “ W. W. Stickney, for			
advice on Dist. 8,		2 00	
“ “ J. M. Campbell, for			
printing 50 town			
meeting warrants,		2 25	
“ “ Powder and fuse for			
District No. 15,		46	
		<hr/>	7 91
“ B. P. Robie, amount in Town Trea-			
sury due estate of Ednah Morse,			12 84
“ James M. Kent, for repairing grave tools,			18
“ Hazleton & Wells, for sawing clapboards,			4 90
“ J. S. Couch, for meal for almshouse in Feb-			
ruary and March last,			8 14
“ John Dearborn, for boarding John Underhill			
7 weeks, to March 9, 1858,			3 65
“ W. P. W. Whittemore, for wood to E. Hall,			
in Feb. 1858,			3 56
“ C. Wilcomb, for repairing leach tub,			30

Paid Estate of Noah Clark, for damage to horse getting into snow, 1856,		\$5 00
“ John Clough, award of referees for damage to horse in District No. 4,	7 00	
“ Interest,	15	
“ Cost of referees,	2 00	
	<hr/>	9 15
“ Asa Wilson’s bill, 1857, for damage of two yoke of oxen, by breaking down of bridge,	10 00	
„ Loss of use of oxen,	6 00	
“ Time spent on oxen,	2 00	
“ For getting, and cash paid for wagon,	1 25	
“ Repairing wagon three days,	3 00	
“ One chain lost,	50	
“ One yoke broke,	2 00	
“ Labor getting out wood and wagon,	1 50	
“ “ on bridge,	1 50	
“ Charles H. Bell, office fees,	2 00	
	<hr/>	29 75
“ Ebenezer Marden, for one day with Selectmen in District No. 8,		1 00
“ Lewis Currier, for one day with Selectmen in 1857,		1 00
“ T. F. Reynolds, for time and expenses to get Town Reports printed,		4 75
“ C. L. Weymouth, for taking care of hearse and grave tools 1 year,	2 00	
“ Warming Town Hall, 2 days,	2 00	
	<hr/>	4 00
“ Hiram Smart, Jr. for Teacher’s Institute,		15 00
“ C. M. Hubbard & Co., for Stove and Funnel for Town Hall,	13 77	
“ Freight to Chester	42	
	<hr/>	14 19
“ Cash to Town Treasurer,		10 18

IMPROVEMENT ON HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Amos Hazelton, for four stringers, 12 1-2 c.		50
“ Nathaniel West, for railing, posts and labor on bridge in District No. 10,		21 38
“ Osgood True, for plank and labor in 1857, on bridge in District No. 11,		16 29
“ Nathaniel Chase, for labor on bridge in No. 6, in 1857,		1 00
“ Anderson Holman, for breaking roads in District No. 15,		5 00

Paid Simeon M. Sanborn, for labor on highways in 1857, in District No. 10,	\$2 00
“ Peter Hazelton, for labor on highways, in District No. 4, in 1857,	3 50
“ one day on reference of John Clough,	75
“ Amos D. West, for breaking roads in District No. 14, in 1856,	1 12
“ Simon Hazelton, for labor on bridge in District No. 11, in 1854,	1 75
“ Thomas A. McDuffee, for labor on highways in District No. 4,	34
“ Lewis Kimball, for plank and stringers in District No. 17,	8 80
“ George Wilson, for plank, stringers and labor in District No. 6,	3 03
“ Frederick Underhill, for blasting and use of tools in District No. 15,	1 51
“ Nathaniel Sleeper, for plank for bridge,	3 15
“ Same, for labor in District No. 3,	84 4 00
“ Nason H. Hall, for breaking roads in District No. 7,	3 60
“ Moses Hall, for breaking roads in District No. 7,	3 25
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	\$77 22

NON-RESIDENT TAX WORKED OUT.

Paid David E. Richardson,	\$7 00
“ Walter Morse,	1 93
“ John Sanborn,	3 01
“ George W. Hook,	1 34
“ Nathaniel West,	5 32
“ Benjamin Moore,	4 31
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	\$22 91

LAND AWARDS AND BUILDING NEW ROAD.

Paid Asa Wilson, for land damages,	\$7 00
“ Jacob Green, for land damages,	15 00
“ William T. Green, for building new road,	23 00
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	\$45 00

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid Peter Sanborn,	207 90
“ Charles M. Norris,	520 42
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	\$728 32

SCHOOL HOUSE TAXES.

Paid Parker Morse, District No. 7,	. \$474 13
“ Charles Chase, District No. 1, in Auburn,	10 31
	<hr/> \$474 44

REMITTANCE OF TAXES.

1856. S. P. Jones, out of the State,	. 2 25	
“ J. L. Lovett, “ “ “	. 1 93	
“ Thomas West, deceased,	. 2 23	
1855 and 1857. David Campbell, out of State,	2 07	
1857. Paul V. Emerick, “ “ “	1 66	
“ Samuel Coolidge,	. 1 56	
“ Franklin A. Morse, not of age,	. 1 56	
“ Charles Wells, paid tax in Sandown,	1 66	
“ James Locke, wrong tax,	. 5 44	
	<hr/>	20 36
1858. Jonathan Shackford,	. 7 48	
“ Benjamin Moore, deceased,	. 1 64	
“ Nathan Wason, taxed in Sandown,	1 64	
“ Hazelton & Wells, over-taxed,	. 1 36	
“ Sylvester Sanborn, over-taxed,	. 1 02	
“ Wm. T. Green, over-taxed,	. 1 36	
“ Asa Wilson, “	. 2 72	
“ J. S. Couch, “	. 5 44	
“ Jacob Green, “	. 3 40	
“ James Hook, horse died,	. 51	
“ Robert Shirley, horse died,	. 68	
“ W. P. W. Whittemore, horse died,	34	
“ George Wilson, over-taxed,	. 2 72	
“ Nathan K. Moore, “	. 1 36	
“ George W. Weeks,	. 4 28	
“ William B. Brown,	. 1 64	
“ John N. B. Green, paid in Mass.,	. 1 64	
“ Isaac Plummer,	. 1 64	
“ William Lane, deceased,	. 1 64	
“ Levi Hoyt, paid in Danville,	. 1 64	
		\$44 15

SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid	District No. 1,		\$180 66
"	"	" 2,	82 32
"	"	" 3,	100 00
"	"	" 4,	
"	"	" 5,	31 03
"	"	" 6,	48 00
"	"	" 7,	58 58
"	"	" 8,	70 20
"	"	" 9,	32 98
"	"	" 10,	34 63
"	"	" 11,	38 98
"	"	" 1, in Auburn,	10 43
			687 81

\$4770 93

HENRY MOORE,
 GEORGE MARDEN,
 LEWIS KIMBALL. } *Selectmen of,
 Chester.*

CHESTER, Feb. 22, 1859.

We, the undersigned, have this day examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen, and find the same correctly cast, with vouchers for the several charges, and a balance of three cents remaining in their hands.

PARKER MORSE,
 JOHN W. NOYES,
 WILLIAM GREENOUGH, } *Auditors.*

R E P O R T

OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

TOWN FARM EXPENDITURES.

2 Cows,	\$81 00	
32 1-2 lbs. Sugar,	10 68	
13 1-4 lbs. Tea,	6 38	
52 1-2 lbs. Coffee, -	6 36	
10 barrels Flour,	63 83	
81 gallons Molasses,	24 85	
1090 lbs. Beef and Beef Bone,	60 90	
471 lbs. Fish,	15 95	
431 lbs. Salt Pork,	46 76	
33 bags Meal,	64 45	
5 pairs Boots,	15 18	
95 yards Cloth,	10 59	
Grass Seed and Oats,	8 96	
Blacksmithing,	11 10	
1 Harness,	8 00	
Farming Tools,	3 44	
Leather,	5 63	
1 barrel Crackers,	3 13	
2 bushels Beans,	3 50	
5 1-2 bushels Potatoes,	4 25	
1 Frock Coat,	3 50	
Tin Ware,	5 75	
Sundries,	104 20	
B. F. Morse and Wife, services,	190 00	
	758 39	
Paid Dr. J. P. Whittemore, for Visit and Medicines,	\$5 50	
Paid for J. Little and Wife,	3 25	
“ for Abigail Lane,	5 00	
“ for Samuel Aiken,	19 83	\$33 58
		\$791 97

ASSISTANCE RENDERED OFF THE FARM.

ROBINSON FAMILY.

Paid Division 373,	\$42 06	
“ Coffin for J. Robinson,	4 00	
“ C. S. McDuffee for digging Grave,	1 50	
“ for Robe,	1 00	
“ Paid Dr. J. P. Whittemore’s Bill,	5 63	
	<hr/>	\$54 19

ARAMANTHA WEST.

Paid Nathaniel West for Board,	\$9 00	
“ Dr. J. P. Whittemore’s Bill,	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$10 00

EPHRAIM HALL’S FAMILY.

For Supplies,	\$37 00	
4 Cords Wood delivered from Town Farm,		
	<hr/>	\$37 00

CREDIT.

By Cash received for Pigs, Poultry, Apples, &c.,	\$26 00	
By Cash for Labor off the Farm,	109 96	
“ “ of County of Rockingham,	340 66	
“ “ of Town of Auburn,	201 43	
“ “ of Town Treasurer,	190 61	
“ “ G. W. Clark,	24 00	
“ “ for Lime,	50	
	<hr/>	\$893 16

The nett Expenses of the Poor for the year, is \$190 61

CHESTER, April, 1st, 1859.

AMOUNT OF STOCK AND PROVISIONS AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

STOCK :

1 yoke oxen,	3 shotes,
2 cows,	1 horse.

PROVISIONS :

1 bag meal,	25 lbs. tallow,
1 1-2 bushel rye,	5 bushels beans,
1-4 barrel flour,	40 bushels potatoes,
1 barrel pork,	4 tons English hay,
1-3 barrel beef,	1 1-2 tons meadow hay.
40 lbs. ham,	

AMOUNT ON HAND FEBRUARY 21st, 1859.

STOCK :

1 yoke oxen,	3 shotes,
4 cows,	1 horse.

PROVISIONS :

3-4 barrel flour,	2 barrels apples,
62 lbs. butter,	4 barrels cider,
52 lbs. cheese,	9 bushels beans,
65 lbs. dried apples,	5 tons English hay,
1 1-2 barrels beef,	5 tons meadow hay,
3-4 barrels pork,	1 ton butts,
45 lbs. ham,	275 bundles stalks,
120 bushels potatoes,	7 bushels oats,
4 bushels beets,	1 bushel barley,
40 bushels turnips,	24 bushels shelled corn.

Whole number of paupers assisted at the Almshouse the past year,	19
Present number,	16
County paupers,	4
Auburn,	2
Board paid by Geo. W. Clark,	1

The following is a list of the names and ages of the present inmates of the Almshouse :

Nelson Hills,	41	Philip Flanders,	58
John Dunlop,	69	Hannah Flanders,	32
Joel Estabrook,	71	John Flanders,	2 months.
Philip Shea,	68	Nancy Clark,	88
Joshua Little,	60	Sally Whorf,	70
Elizabeth M. Little,	78	Abigail Lane,	51
Sarah A. Potter,	38	Abigail Bryant,	35
Ann Simonds,	46	Charles Morse,	6

By advice of counsel, a suit has been commenced against the Town of Plaistow, for the maintenance of Philip Flanders and family.

If the case is attended to, it will, doubtless, result in Plaistow having to support them, as it is evident he has a residence there.

THOMAS J. HAZELTON,

Overseer of the Poor.

BUILDING AND REPAIRING ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Luther Hall, as per contract, . . .	\$430 00	
for extra work,	28 50	
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“ for 10 1-2 days’ mason work,	21 00	
“ for 12 casks of lime,	13 54	
“ for sundries,	26 58	
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		\$519 62

CREDIT.

By lumber and labor furnished by Town Farm,	69 51	
“ Cash drawn from Town Treasury,	450 11	
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		\$519 62

**Town of Chester in account with Wm. Greenough,
Treasurer,**

From March 9th, 1858, to March 8th, 1859.

		DR.
To Paid Sundry bills for Non-Resident taxes worked out in 1858,	\$14 71	
“ “ Sundry bills for Non-Resident taxes worked out in 1857,	69	
“ “ D. D. Patten's bill for Services as School Committee in 1857,	1 56	
“ “ J. D. Bell for abatement of Rufus Forsaith's tax in 1857,	5 45	
“ “ J. D. Bell, for abatement on Jonathan Shaw's tax in 1857,	65	
“ “ J. D. Bell, for a mistake in J. W. Noyes' tax in 1857,	3 07	
“ “ J. D. Bell, for abatement on J. D. Morse's tax in 1857,	68	
“ “ Campbell's bill for Printing Town Accounts for 1857-8,	18 00	
“ “ Orders of Selectmen from No. 1 to No 90, inclusive,	2642 65	
“ Cash furnished Liquor Agent to buy Liquors,	98 00	
“ Cash now in the hands of the Town Treasurer,	924 94	
	\$3710 40	

CREDIT.

By Received of T. F. Reynolds—last year's Treasurer,	\$680 19	
“ “ of Noah Clark—reported due last year,	26 00	
“ “ of the town of Auburn,	110 51	
“ “ Rail Road tax for 1857,	17 00	
“ “ Literary Fund for 1858,	105 28	
“ “ D. L. Batchelder, for Lumber in 1857,	13 16	

By Received of Selectmen (Received by them		
from town of Hampton, &c.,)	\$10	18
“ “ of School District, No. 1, for		
Lumber in 1857,	8	73
“ “ of T. F. Reynolds for error in		
Treasurer's acct. for last year,	19	35
“ “ of Hazen Mills, Collector, in part		
for tax list for 1858,	2720	00
		<u>3710 40</u>

STATEMENT.

The Town owes the following debts, interest on which is cast to February 11, 1859.

Note to Josiah Seavey, dated Feb. 11 1858,	\$1590	00
“ “ “ “ “ “ “	41	00

Also the following on which the interest is cast to March 1, 1859 :

Note to Jacob Chase, dated May 13, 1858,	140	05
“ to Abigail A. Currier, dated March 1,		
1858,	1482	23
“ to Joshua B. Cheswell, dated Oct. 22,		
1858,	102	12
“ Hannah Currier, dated Nov. 9, 1858,	305	55
“ to Ezekiel E. Currier, dated Dec. 9, '58,	253	37
“ to Moses Hazelton, dated Jan. 26, '59,	70	40
There is due to School District No. 4,		
School Money,	53	64
		<u>4038 36</u>

The following sums are due the Town :

Note vs. Alfred S. Dearborn, dated March 1,		
1854,	\$203	36
“ “ Samuel Kendall, dated Jan. 11,		
1858,	2	40
“ “ Barnard P. Robie, dated Feb. 4, '58,	6	13
In the hands of Hazen Mills, Collector,	425	54
Cash and Liquors in the hands of Town Agt.	98	00
Due from the Estate of Noah Clark for the		
Support of his Mother,	9	00
In the hands of Town Treasurer,	924	94
Due from Reuben Stevens,	3	10
		<u>1672 47</u>
Balance against the Town,		2365 89

There is in the hands of Hazen Mills, Collector, a School House tax assessed against the inhabitants and estate of School District, No 8, which, when collected, is to be paid to said District.

CHESTER, February 22, 1859.

We the undersigned, have this day examined the foregoing account of the Town Treasurer, and find the same correctly cast, with proper vouchers for the several charges.

PARKER MORSE, }
JOHN W. NOYES, } *Auditors.*

R E P O R T
 OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
 OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER,
 FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1859.

To THE TOWN OF CHESTER.

The undersigned, having been appointed Superintending School Committee for this town, has endeavored to perform the duties of the office according to the requirements of the Statute.

Teachers have been examined, and all the schools have been visited as the laws requires. Your Committee is not able to compare the schools of the present year, with what they were at any past time, but he has been highly gratified to find them as a whole, in so good a condition. While he has not looked for, or found perfection, he thinks he has discovered a degree of interest on the part of teacher and scholar, which is an evident token of able and thorough supervision in the past, and promises high attainments in the future.

The amount of money appropriated by the town

this year, was	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$619,17
From Literary Fund,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	105,28
Rail Road Tax,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,00
								\$741,45

The avails of the Literary Fund and the Railroad tax, furnish to each of the eleven districts in town, \$11,11.

The amount received from the three sources above mentioned, and appropriated to the several districts, is as follows:

District No. 1,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$180,66
“ “ 2,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	82,32
“ “ 3,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100,00
“ “ 4,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	53,64
“ “ 5,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31,03
“ “ 6,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48,00
“ “ 7,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	58,58
“ “ 8,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	70,20
“ “ 9,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32,98
“ “ 10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34,63
“ “ 11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38,98
“ “ 1, in Autumn,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,43
								\$741,45.

The following are the principal facts to which it seems necessary to make reference in regard to each of the schools :

DISTRICT No. 1.

CHARLES WILCOMB, *Prudential Committee.*

The three terms of this school have all been kept by one teacher, Hannah M. Hazelton. The school is large, and there must be abundant employment for the teacher. She has done well in government and instruction, and good progress has been made by the scholars.

DISTRICT No. 2.

JOSEPH WEBSTER, *Prudential Committee.*

Daty Ann Morse, in the Summer, and James H. Whittemore, in the Winter, taught in this district. Both had the honor of being called to teach a second time in the district, which is ordinarily, one of the best recommendations a teacher can have. Both accomplished their task well, and while there was faithfulness and success on the part of the teachers, there was diligence and progress manifested by the scholars. In Summer, the teacher makes mention, in the register, of two scholars who were neither tardy nor absent during the term. This is right. It is an example worthy of imitation.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

LUTHER FITZ, *Prudential Committee.*

Summer Term. Elizabeth B. Coolidge, Teacher.

Here the Committee found a good school. The instruction was accurate and thorough. The manner in which reading and spelling, and mental arithmetic were taught, was especially worthy of praise ; and good progress was made in all these, as well as in other branches. The school was in all respects excellent.

Not less successful was the Winter Term, which was taught by Susan D. Hazeltine. Good order, diligent study, and a commendable progress in learning, characterized the term. This district has procured experienced and approved teachers, they have paid them good wages, and they have had their reward. Their schools have been such as justly to meet high expectations.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

This district, the Committee is informed, has had no school during the year.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

NATHANIEL WEST, *Prudential Committee.*

Susan E. Kimball, Teacher.

This district had but one term during the year. The number of scholars is not great. The teacher accomplished her task well, and the school may be regarded as a successful one.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

F. D. PARRY, *Prudential Committee.*

Sarah B. Stickney, Teacher in both Terms.

Miss Stickney filled her situation in the school-room with credit to herself, and greatly to the benefit of the scholars. The government and the instruction were both excellent. The scholars made good progress in reading, and in all their studies.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

PARKER MORSE, *Prudential Committee.*

Elizabeth B. Coolidge, Teacher.

The same teacher that gave so good satisfaction in the summer, in District No. 3, succeeded well in the long single term of 16 weeks, in the fall and winter. The scholars made good progress in their studies.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

PAGE R. SMITH, *Prudential Committee.*

In the summer term Lydia Jane Worthen commenced the school and taught it four weeks, but was then obliged to leave on account of ill health. Mary S. Brown then took the school, and continued it through the remaining three weeks. Both teachers were well qualified for their place, and the school prospered under the direction of each of them. Miss Brown says in her register :

“ Nine pupils have not been absent one half day during the term. Twenty-five have not been tardy, and none more than three times each.”

This is certainly worthy of commendation.

After the summer term the district proceeded to rebuild their school-house, and on this account the winter term has not (at the writing of this report) been commenced.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

DANIEL SANBORN, *Prudential Committee.*

One Term only. Sarah E. French, Teacher.

This district has been highly favored this year with a good school. The teacher has performed her duty faithfully, and with good success. At the final examination every class appeared well.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

ISAAC L. SEAVEY, *Prudential Committee.*

One term only. Mary E. Patten, Teacher.

This school has enjoyed the successful efforts of a faithful teacher. The scholars have made good progress.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

SIMON HAZELTON, *Prudential Committee.*

Sarah S. Chace was examined as a teacher for the first term, and approved; but sickness prevented her from taking the school. Augusta J. Smith taught in her place.

In the second term, Miss Chace began to teach, but was obliged by sickness to leave the school-room. Martha H. Emerson took her place, and completed the term, with credit to herself and decided advantage to the scholars.

In District No. 1, a set of outline Maps, and some anatomical drawings have been procured during the year, for the school-room. Outline-Maps should be obtained for every school. The expense, considering the number of years they may be used, is very trifling, and the advantage to be derived from them is very great. But these remarks apply with peculiar force to the propriety of suspending in every school-room a map of *our own State*. So many of those born and educated in New Hampshire leave the State and find a home in other parts of the world, that while they do remain, every facility should be afforded them to become acquainted with the land of their nativity. For this purpose, a beautiful and well colored map of the State should be constantly suspended on the wall in every school-room. Will not the town make an appropriation sufficient to procure such a map for each school-house in town?

Your Committee ventures to ask whether it would not be well for District No. 2, and District No. 5, to unite together so as

to form one District. They will both, probably, before long, exchange their present school-houses for new ones ; this renders the present a more favorable time for consummating the union than it would be after either or both had built anew. If they could now unite together and build a larger and better house than either alone would think it best to build, would it not be to the advantage of both Districts ?

In District No. 7, a great change has been made. Their old house had evidently been for many years tottering in the decrepitude and infirmity of age. A goodly number of its sons and daughters, who had passed through its course of study and discipline, and received its degree, as well as of those who had stood behind the desk and held the rod, assembled together to do honor to their long cherished institution in the hour when its outward and visible form was about to pass away, and give place to something better fitted to the demands of the age. Friendly greetings were exchanged, slumbering recollections revived, and, no doubt, feeble aspirations were strengthened, and new vows made to do honor, by greater usefulness, to the cherishing mother that had so faithfully disciplined them to virtue, and trained them for stations of honor and usefulness. The old house has passed away ; a new one has appeared. Its large, roomy play-ground first attracts the eye. Its beautiful appearance on the outside, speaks of taste. Its green blinds show a kind regard to the comfort of the scholar and the teacher. When we enter the school-room, we see good taste and convenience apparently striving to outdo each other. The new furniture for school-rooms, has been obtained at considerable expense by the District. This is well. It answers the purpose of seats and desks, much better than any other that can be obtained. This District has acted wisely, in the liberal investment it has made. They have looked backward upon the half century now past, since their last school-house was built, and seen what has been accomplished under its regime. They have, undoubtedly, looked forward and tried to catch a glimpse of the good that will be secured by education in the half century to come ; and they have generously paid the debt which a half century has been accumulating against them. And when another fifty years shall have passed away, a generation, we may hope, will rise up and call them blessed, not merely for this school-house, which possibly may then be as much out of date as their old one was last summer, but also for the educated mind and consecrated talent which will have emanated from it.

Your Committee is happy to say that he has generally, during the past year, been favored with the company of the Pru-

dential Committee in visiting the schools. The influence of this on the scholars cannot be otherwise than good.

Mention should be made also, of the attendance, in most of the Districts, of the parents at the examination of the schools. This shows a praiseworthy interest on the part of parents in the education of their children.

All which is respectfully submitted.

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Statistical Table.										
	District.....	Whole number of scholars.....	Number of scholars between four and sixteen.....	Number of scholars over sixteen years.....	Average Attendance.....	Cases of Tardiness	Cases of Dismissal.....	Number not absent one half day... ..	Number of weeks.....	Wages per week, including board...
FIRST TERM.										
Hannah M. Hazelton.....	1	63	63	0	50	150	62	4	12	\$22 00
Daty Ann Morse.....	2	21	21	0	20	50	23	3	9	12 00
Elizabeth B. Coolidge.....	3	49	49	0	38	43	70	0	10	18 00
Susan E. Kimball.....	5	14	12	2	11	28	24	1	12	11 00
Sarah B. Stickney.....	6	25	21	4	19	11	5	1	8	12 00
Elizabeth B. Coolidge.....	7	39	39	0	29	231	54	2	16	15 00
Lydia Jane Worthen. }	8	31	28	3	27	8	9	7	7	17 00
Mary S. Brown..... }										
Sarah E. French.....	9	18	15	3	15	43	3	14	11½	11 33
Mary E. Patten.....	10	20	19	1	14			4	10½	14 00
Augusta J. Smith.....	11	16	14	2	13	51	17	1	8	16 00
SECOND TERM.										
Hannah M. Hazelton.....	1	62	61	1	48	100	52	2	9	22 00
James H. Whittemore...	2	27	26	1	22	175	44	1	9	22 00
Susan D. Hazeltine.....	3	63	60	3	51	165		3	9½	24 00
Sarah B. Stickney.....	6	27	24	3	22	3		2	7	12 00
Sarah S. Chace.... }	11	18	17	1	13	49	56		8	16 00
Martha H. Emerson }										
THIRD TERM.										
Hannah M. Hazelton.....	1	63	59	4	46	21	22	1	8	22 00





