

ANNUAL REPORTS  
OF THE  
SELECTMEN, TREASURER,  
OVERSEER OF THE POOR,  
AND  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF  
**THE TOWN OF GILFORD**  
FOR THE  
FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 1,  
**1877.**

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# TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1877.

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Received Cash in Treasury March 1, 1876, \$4,442 13	
Collector's list for 1876.....	14,412 19
Savings Bank Tax.....	1,799 47
Railroad Tax.....	318 24
Literary Fund.....	136 80
Insurance Tax.....	15 00
Literary Money from Town.....	33 60
W. L. Melcher, Treasurer of Laconia, March 13, 1876.....	400 00
S. M. Doe, Treas. of Laconia, June 23, 1876,.....	500 00
R. C. Sanborn, Selectman.....	144 43
H. F. Rublee, Coll. 1875, Cash.....	798 43
H. F. Rublee, " " Abatements.	42 53
J. L. Dixon, " 1874, " .	1 20
J. M. Ward, " " " .	43 52
J. M. Ward, " " Cash.....	100 00
C. A. Sanborn, " " " .	20 00
Isaac Morrill, " 1873, " .	12 00
Isaac Morrill, " " Abatements.	36 93
J. M. Ward, " " " .	2 27
J. M. Ward, " " Cash.....	14 39
H. Jewett, " 1861, Abatements.	33 36
E. Flanders, School-House Tax, Dis- trict No. 3.....	225 00
On Notes of Town.....	6,396 00

*Dr.*

Paid State Tax.....	\$1,700 00
County Tax.....	2,451 72
	<hr/> \$4,151 72

## SCHOOL HOUSE TAX.

Paid Enoch Flanders, School Dist. No. 3..	225 00
	<hr/> \$225 00

## SCHOOL ORDERS.

School District No. 1.....	\$118 22	
No. 2.....	65 17	
No. 3.....	87 10	
No. 4.....	69 97	
No. 5.....	119 37	
No. 6.....	91 57	
No. 7.....	118 16	
No. 8.....	1833 7	
No. 9.....	1273 4	
No. 10.....	143 98	
No. 11.....	59 69	
No. 12.....	122 91	
No. 13.....	860 93	
		2.167 78
Simon Rowe treas. Ministerial fund.....	48 00	
Simon Rowe treas. Literary fund.....	33 60	
Simon Rowe services as Treasurer.....	1 00	
		\$82 60

## HIGHWAYS &amp; BRIDGES.

Cole Manufacturing Co., lumber.....	\$98 43	
L. B. W. Avery, land damage.....	100 00	
L. B. W. Avery, grade for highways.....	86 87	
L. B. W. Avery, " " ".....	31 35	
J. J. Sanborn, in part for Weirs Bridge.....	400 00	
Geo. L. Sleeper & Co., lumber.....	63 62	
J. J. Sanborn, bal. for Weirs Bridge.....	314 46	
A. W. Bugbee, spikes.....	18 00	
Geo. L. Sleeper & Co., spikes.....	6 75	
Levi C. Davis, lumber.....	27 96	
J. H. Davis, lumber.....	2 50	
Hason Copp, lumber.....	91 36	
Gust A. Copp, lumber.....	25 86	
H. H. Sleeper, lumber.....	137 13	
J. J. Morrill, lumber.....	58 67	
G. W. Morrill, lumber.....	3 96	
Thos. Weeks lumber and labor on bridge.....	29 25	
H. P. Weeks, labor and material on bridge...	64 60	
		\$1,560 67

## TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Auditor's bill March 1, 1876.....	\$9 00
Simon Rowe, services Town Clerk, 1875.....	18 00
M. V. B. Eaton, Selectman, 1875.....	12 00
J. N. Rich, School Committee.....	50 00
C. A. Sanborn, Selectman, 1875.....	19 00
S. L. Goss, Town Clerk.....	39 75
S. S. Ayer, services as Treasurer.....	60 00
R. C. Sanborn, Selectman, 1876.....	120 00
Thomas Weeks, " ".....	100 00
C. H. Sleeper, " ".....	103 50
H. F. Rublee, Collector, 1876.....	100 00
R. H. Sanborn, " ".....	100 00
J. N. Rich, School Committee, 1876.....	65 00
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	\$796 25

## ABATEMENTS FOR 1876.

H. F. Rublee, Collector's book, 1876.....	\$17 89
R. H. Sanborn, Collector's book, 1876.....	52 33
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	\$70 22

## ABATEMENTS FOR 1861, '73, '74 &amp; '75.

H. Jewett's Collector's book, 1861.....	33 36
I. Morrill, " " 1873.....	36 93
J. M. Ward, " " ".....	2 27
J. M. Ward, " " 1874.....	43 52
J. L. Dixon, " " ".....	1 20
H. F. Rublee, " " 1875.....	42 53
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	\$159 81

## MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Jewell Gove, damage to sheep by dogs.....	\$8 00
W. T. Batchelder, damage to sheep by dogs...	5 00
Wesley O. Farrar, " " " " ".....	5 00
J. F. Follett, " " " " ".....	12 00
John M. Weeks, " " " " ".....	9 00
Geo W. Morrill, " " " " ".....	10 50

M. A. Haynes, printing town reports .....	\$50 00
Morrill & Silsby, stationery .....	14 27
R. C. Sanborn, use of team cash paid .....	8 50
B. Q. Jewett, damage to sheep .....	5 00
M. V. B. Eaton, board and use of team .....	6 00
F. J. Collins, damage to sheep .....	3 00
Geo W. Hicks, care of street lamps .....	10 00
Simeou Whiting, police .....	12 25
H. F. Blaisdell, cleaning town house .....	1 50
H. E. Brawn, oil for street lamps .....	14 32
M. A. Haynes, printing .....	4 50
E. Blaisdell, town agent for liquors .....	108 11
Geo. W. Hicks, care of street lamps .....	15 00
Geo. H. Moulton, care of street lamps .....	3 50
S. S. Ayer, labor on culverts .....	12 00
J. P. Hutchinson, counsel .....	600
E. H. Wheeler use of water trough, 1875-76 ..	3 00
W. S. Davis, care of street lamps .....	14 00
Globe Gaslight Co., naphtha .....	18 84
M. A. Haynes, printing check-lists .....	13 00
Geo W. Hicks, care of street-lamps .....	15 00
H. E. Brawn, street-lamps oil &c .....	28 23
N. Engine Co., No. 1 .....	90 00
N. Engine Co., No. 5 .....	90 00
J. P. Lane, use of team .....	3 75
J. M. Drake, culvert stone .....	9 80
Levi C. Davis, damage to sheep .....	2 00
J. H. Davis, use of water trough, 1876 .....	1 50
W. S. Davis, care of street-lamps .....	14 00
H. P. Weeks, use of water troug 1876 .....	1 50
D. W. Leavitt, use of water trough 1876 .....	1 50
R. G. Morrill, culvert stone .....	2 70
D. P. Grant, use of water trough 1876 .....	1 50
Daniel Gilman, damage .....	3 00
Wm. W. Watson, damage to team .....	2 50
A. W. Hill, culvert stone .....	2 16
W. M. Leonard, wood for lock-up .....	3 25
Globe Gaslight Co., naphtha .....	21 27
Geo. W. Hicks, care of street lamps .....	10 00
Geo. W. Leavitt, overtax, 1876 .....	10 68

Wm. Weeks, damage to sheep.....	\$11 00
H. F. Blaisdell, sawing wood.....	1 00
H. S. Emerson damage to sheep.....	4 50
N. Engine Co., No 1.....	450 00
B. C. & M. R. Road, freight on naptha.....	7 91
S. P. Rowe, damage to field.....	5 00
W. S. Davis care of street-lamps.....	21 00
Globe Gaslight Co. naptha.....	13 99
L. B. Brown, horse hire.....	31 75
E. D. Ward, glass for street-lamps.....	7 18
A. Tucker, articles for street-lamps....	17 57
G. W. Hicks, cartage of naptha.....	1 80
G. W. Hicks, care of street-lamps.....	10 00
William Ladd, overtax 1876.....	4 00
J. C. Locke, culvert stone.....	2 50
J. W. George, use of water trough 1876.....	1 50
J. C. French, health officer.....	5 00
Mrs. S. B. Elkins, use of water trough 1876..	1 50
H. E. Brawn, oil for street-lamps.....	8 09
Cole Manf. Co., use of water trough 1876.....	3 00
Cole Manf. Co., street-lamp posts.....	36 88
Frank S. Plumer, land damage.....	4 00
E. M. Brown, culvert stone.....	9 00
Simeon Whiting, police.....	9 00
Geo. W. Hicks, police.....	16 50
F. A. Baker, horse hire.....	13 00
Isaac Morrill, overtax 1876.....	20 25
J. P. Smith, use of water tub 1876.....	1 50
M. V. B. Eaton, stationery.....	1 07
C. H. Sleeper, use of team cash paid.....	8 95
G. W. Munsey, board of selectman.....	64 66
Thomas Weeks, use of team..	15 50
R. C. Sanborn, board & cash paid.....	15 00
B. A. Leavitt, use of water trough.....	1 50
	—————\$1,511 73

### BREAKING ROADS, 1875-76.

Dist. No. 1, Richard Frohock.....	\$26 67
2, I. C. Morrill.....	75 73

Dist. No. 3,	Isaac Morrill.....	\$67 37
4,	Daniel Frohock.....	30 02
5,	Jacob L. Frohock.....	14 71
6,	Levi D. Sawyer.....	12 97
7,	David Hatch.....	3 67
8,	W. F. Bussiel.....	9 55
9,	Morrill Ames.....	31 39
10,	Geo. W. Sanders.....	72 00
11,	Geo. W. Leavitt.....	3 90
12,	Wm. H. Sanborn.....	1 46
13,	Manly Munsey.....	26 24
14,	Orrin H. Weeks.....	32 10
15,	J. S. Batchelder.....	50 59
16,	Geo. W. Farrar.....	5 55
17,	W. T. Batchelder.....	37 46
18,	Thomas Weeks.....	24 85
19,	John H. Bennett.....	3 83
20,	E. S. George.....	5 39
21,	Wm. Ladd.....	9 50
22,	J. A. Jewett.....	6 21
23,	Geo. E. Sanborn.....	20 24
24,	Jewell Gove.....	4 57
25,	Geo. H. Wilkinson.....	68 63
26,	Charles A. Allard... ..	35 38
27,	W. A. Sanborn.....	17 89
28,	P. R. Libby.....	71 47
29,	John H. Davis.... ..	21 52

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 \$790 86

### REPAIRING HIGHWAYS, SUMMER OF 1876.

Dist. No. 1,	Richard Frohock.....	\$33 17
2,	I. C. Morrill.....	48 50
3,	Isaac Morrill.....	35 62
4,	E. M. Brown.....	27 51
5,	J. L. Frohock.....	37 50
6,	Wm. W. Watson.....	32 47
7,	Wm. M. Potter.....	14 39
8,	W. F. Bussiel.....	3 80
9,	Morrill Ames.....	44 45



Dist. No. 10, Geo. W. Sanders.....	\$33 75
11, Geo. W. Leavitt.....	26 29
12, F. M. Gilman.....	50 90
13, J. M. Blaisdell.....	46 76
14, Orrin P. Copp.....	84 44
15, Benjamin Weeks.....	83 67
16, Geo. W. Farrar.....	19 80
17, W. T. Batchelder.....	15 40
18, Thomas Weeks.....	24 35
19, H. P. Weeks.....	27 04
20, A. C. James.....	33 05
21, N. D. Weeks.....	31 73
22, R. G. Morrill.....	44 50
23, B. Q. Jewett.....	38 65
24, Jewell Gore.....	24 85
25, George W. Robison.....	49 22
26, D. T. Barker.....	26 51
27, W. A. Sanborn.....	54 72
28, Geo. W. Plumer.....	57 21
29, H. Gilman.....	40 96
30, Rufus Smith.....	406 92
31, S. Rowe.....	665 14
32, Morrill Thyng.....	9 43
33, D. T. Leavitt.....	37 65
24, Benjamin Jewett Jr.....	22 96
—————\$2,234 31	

## BREAKING ROADS WINTER OF 1876 TO JAN- UARY 1, 1877.

Dist. No. 1, Richard Frohock.....	27 06
2, J. C. Morrill.....	37 19
3, W. S. Morrill.....	31 05
4, E. M. Brown.....	58 12
5, J. L. Frohock.....	6 27
6, Wm. W. Watson.....	35 95
7, W. M. Potter.....	7 60
8, W. F. Bussiel.....	46 97
9, Morrill Ames.....	46 97
10, Geo. W. Sanders.....	23 03
11, George W. Leavitt.....	13 82

Dist. No. 12, F. M. Gilman.....	11 70
13, J. M. Blaisdell.....	19 27
14, Orrin P. Copp.....	58 22
15, Benjamin Weeks.....	101 66
17, W. T. Batchelder.....	27 99
18, Thomas Weeks.....	18 30
19, H. P. Weeks.....	23 03
20, A. C. James.....	31 41
21, N. D. Weeks.....	14 76
22, R. G. Morrill.....	30 25
23, B. Q. Jewett.....	21 02
24, Jewell Gove.....	69 81
25, George W. Robinson.....	55 17
26, D. T. Parker.....	20 70
27, W. A. Sanborn.....	26 47
28, George W. Plumer.....	40 71
29, H. Gilman.....	45 49
30, Rufus Smith.....	51 79
31, Shepard Rowe.....	41 73
32, Morrill Thyng.....	4 35
33, D. T. Leavitt.....	24 31
34, B. Jewett Jr.....	23 45
George W. Brawn, Laconia side....	34 86
	—————\$1,086 90

## RECAPITULATION.

### *Dr.*

Cash in Treasury March 1, 1876.....	\$4,442 13
Collectors lists for 1876.....	14,412 19
Received on notes.....	6,396 00
Received from all other sources.....	4,676 87
	—————\$29,927 19

### *Cr.*

Paid on notes.....	\$9,713 69
State and County taxes.....	4,151 72
School Orders.....	2,167 78
Treasurer Ministerial & Literary Fund,	82 60

Paid Overseer of the Poor.....	291 96
Abatements for 1876.....	70 22
School House Tax..	225 00
Highways & Bridges.....	1,496 07
Town Officer's Bills.....	796 25
Abatements on Coll. Books, 1861-73-74 & 75.....	159 81
Breaking Roads winter of 1875-76.....	790 86
Repairing Highways summer of 1875....	2,234 31
Breaking Roads winter of '76 to Jan. 1, 1877.....	1 086 90
In Collectors' hands, 1876.....	1,958 13
Miscellaneous Bills.....	1,577 83
In Treasury March 1, 1877.....	3,124 06
	<hr/> \$29,927 19

### LIABILITIES.

Amount due on Notes.....	\$36,132 17
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### ASSETS.

Cash in treasury March 1, 1877.....	\$3,124 06
H. F. Rublee, Collector, 1876.....	1,958 13
J. M. Ward, " 1874.....	17 98
C. A. Sanborn, " 1874.....	80 00
Isaac Morrill, " 1873.....	132 44
R. H. Sanborn, " 1872.....	18 63
B. Wadley, " 1871.....	24 00
H. H. Sleeper, " 1868.....	225 67
Thomas E. Hunt, " 1868.....	227 76
H. H. Sleeper, " 1867.....	281 15
Enoch Flanders, " 1863.....	22 59
Collectors 1843-44 and 1854.....	13 98
H. F. Rublee, Collector, 1875.....	54 26
Due from the town of Laconia as by acts of Legislature approved July, 1874.....	<hr/> \$6,180 65 \$18,174 97
Liabilities over assets.....	<hr/> \$11,776 55

STEPHEN S. AYER, Treasurer.

REUBEN C. SANBORN.	}	Selectmen of Gilford.
THOMAS WEEKS.		
CHARLES H. SLEEPER		

Gilford, March 2, 1877.

The undersigned having examined the foregoing accounts of the Treasurer and Selectmen find them correctly cast and properly vouched

J. J. MORRILL	}	Auditors.
R. H. SANBORN.		

Cash and stock in trade in the hands of E. Blaisdell,  
Town Liquor Agent, March 1, 1877.....\$100 88

## REPORT OF THE OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

The Overseer of the Poor charges himself as follows :

To cash received of the county for aid to Mark Small.....	\$10 00	
To cash received of the county for aid to Ralph McMurphy.....	16 23	
To cash received of the county aid Mary A. Davis.....	6 50	
To cash received of the county aid to John P. Thompson....	12 00	
To cash received of the county aid to Joseph Glidden.....	8 00	
To cash received of the county for aid to Emma Huckins....	13 00	
To cash received of the county for aid to Mary A. Gilford....	7 50	
To cash received of the county for aid to John H. Chick....	5 00	
To cash received of the county for aid to Mathew Mooney....	13 15	
To cash rec'd of the county for aid to Mrs. G. W. Dockham,	6 00	
To cash received of the county for aid to Abbie McCarty....	24 00	
To cash received of the county for aid to transient paupers	10 00	
To cash received of the town of Lancaster aid to Mrs. Otis B. Harriman.....	4 25	
To cash received of the Treasurer.....	291 96	
		\$427 61

The Overseer of the Poor credits himself as follows :

By paid Merrill & Richardson for coffin for Ralph McMurphy	13 00
T. J. Plummer for aid to Ralph McMurphy.....	3 25
Plummer & Renou aid to Mary A. Davis.....	6 50
D. F. & J. C. Moore for aid to John P. Thompson.	12 00

Isaac Glidden for aid th Joseph Glidden.....	8 00
Dr. O. Goss aid to Emma Huckins. ....	13 00
Sarah Gilford aid to Mary A. Gilford.....	7 50
Arthur Tucker for aid to John H. Chick.....	5 00
C. D. Robie aid to Mathew Mooney.....	5 15
George L. Sleeper for aid to Mathew Mooney.....	8 00
Geo. A. Wilder for aid to Mrs. Geo. W. Dockham	4 90
Hannah Perkins for aid to Abbie McCarty....	21 00
Dr. O. Gess for aid to Abbie McCartv.....	3 00
Geo. W. Hicks for aid to transient paupers.....	10 00
Geo. W. Brawn aid to Mrs. O. B. Harriman.....	4 25
Charles E. Moulton for aid to Willie Moulton....	157 09
Hanson Beede serving notice.....	3 32
A. L. Morrison for horse hire.....	7 50
E. S. Hunt horse hire... ..	19 75
B. Wadley for services in 1875.....	6 00
B. Wadley for cash paid out.....	32 80
B. Wadley services as Overseer of the Poor... ..	77 00
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	\$427 6

## RECAPITULATION.

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By paid for support of poor.....	\$281 24
Miscellaneous bills.....	146 37
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	\$427 61

*Dr.*

To cash received of County... ..	\$131 40
Town of Lancaster.....	4 25
Town Treasurer.....	291 96
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	\$427 61

Gilford, March 2, 1877.

B. WADLEY, Overseer of Poor.

The undersigned having examined the foregoing accounts of Overseer of the Poor find them correctly cast and properly vouched,

J. J. MORRILL.	} Auditors.
R. H. SANBORN.	

# Report of School Committee.

## STATISTICS.

### SUMMER.

District.	Name of Teacher.	Wages per month including board.	Weeks of term.	No. Scholars.	Number in Arithmetic.	Number in Geography.	Number in Grammar.	Number in History.
1	Mary A. Blaisdell.	\$23 00	6	10	6	7	1	1
2	Olive M. Bennett.	21 00	6	7	5	2	1	0
5	Belle J. Thompson.	22 00	10	19	16	14	3	0
6	N Ella Wilkinson.	21 00	7	11	6	6	0	0
7	Levinia E. Melvin.	22 00	7	9	6	4	2	1
8	Mattie J. Foster.	30 00	8	29	21	13	9	0
9	Ida M. Hatch.	20 00	7	9	4	3	1	0
12	Nellie M. Morrill.	23 00	6	15	10	8	5	0
13	Emma J. T. Sanders.	36 00	9	44	25	17	0	0
	Julia A. Davis.	40 00	9	35	35	34	15	0
14	Vina A. Dole.	50 00	9	20	16	4	18	0
	Elvena D. Sanborn.	27 00	9	16	13	7	10	3

### FALL.

1	Olive M. Bennett.	26 00	12	15	12	10	4	2
2	Mintia J. Porter	20 00	7	7	5	3	1	0
3	Elvena D. Sanborn.	32 00	9	18	16	11	7	0
5	Belle J. Thompson.	24 00	11	19	15	10	4	0
6	J. Annie Robinson.	22 00	8	10	8	7	3	0
7	Levinia E. Melvin.	23 00	12	11	8	5	3	1
8	Alice J. Gilman.	30 00	11½	28	21	9	9	0
9	Ida M. Hatch.	22 00	15	11	6	3	3	0
10	Emma J. Rogers.	26 00	9	15	14	6	6	0
11	L. T. Benson.	24 00	11	11	6	4	2	1
12	Fannie A. Shannon.	24 00	14	16	13	10	4	0
13	Emma J. T. Sanders.	33 00	11	45	20	9	0	0
	Julia A. Davis.	40 00	11	38	38	37	0	0
	Vina A. Dole.	50 00	11	39	35	13	21	0
	Mary A. Davis.	32 00	10	27	27	25	0	0
	Charles W. Vittum.	44 00	5	37	37	35	37	0
	Carrie E. Baker.	40 00	4	37	37	35	37	0
14	Ella J. Arnold.	32 00	10	31	6	0	0	0
	E. D. Sanborn	20 00	4	12	11	4	4	1

### WINTER.

10	Emma J. Rogers.	26 00	9	12	12	10	8	0
13	Emma J. T. Sanders	36 00	10	38	20	8	0	0
	Julia A. Davis.	40 00	10	42	42	41	0	0
13	Vina A. Dole.	50 00	10	33	27	12	23	0
	Charles W. Vittum.	41 00	10	47	47	32	21	0
	Ella Paleifer.	28 00	9	22	22	22	0	0
	Ella J. Arnold	28 00	9	19	7	0	0	0

Having attended to the duties to which I was elected, I beg leave to submit the following report of the schools of the town.

GENERAL STATUTES, CHAP. 81. SECT. 19 The school committee shall present to the town, at its annual meeting, a report stating the number of weeks the public schools have been kept in each district, in summer and winter, what portion by male and what by female teachers; the whole numbers of scholars that have attended each school, and the number attending to each study; the number of children between four and fourteen that have not attended school, and the number of persons in each district between the ages of fourteen and twenty-one years who cannot read and write, with such suggestions relative to the schools as they may think useful.

By the above quotation, it will be seen that my duty is to report the condition of the schools, and that I am not required to make personal criticisms upon the qualifications or success of the several teachers,—a thing I am glad to avoid as a useless and unpleasant service.

### GENERAL REMARKS.

A common defect in all our schools, not only in this town, but throughout the entire State, is that too large a share of the scholar's time and study is devoted to arithmetic, to the neglect of other equally important studies. Of course the knowledge of mathematics is important, and so is grammar, geography and history. Many, who are very good mathematicians, are shamefully deficient in these other branches. Even teachers in our schools are defective in these necessary studies. Writing is reduced to a beautiful system, and with the books now in use in our schools, the science should be taken up and taught systematically, and teachers should prepare themselves to teach it thus, and should be examined in the art of teaching it.

### SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

This subject has been treated upon in almost every report for the last twenty years, and we trust some good has resulted, but more needs to be done to make the school buildings throughout the town what they ought to be.

In No 3, they have done a praiseworthy deed in repairing their edifice. Indeed if they had put a couple of coats of paint on the inside to hide the old boards, it would have been as good as a new house.

Then they should add a set of black-boards. Will they not finish up the well-begun work.

Dist. No. 8, would do to take trip down back of the mountains and get an inspiration that shall enable them to see how much they need to repair their old wreck, or build a new one. They would appear better in the eyes of the world to unite to advance education and help "the coming man."

At the last session of the legislature district No. 2, of Laticonia was united to No. 13, of Guilford, throwing the whole village into one district, having six schools, as now arranged. The district now needs a general revolution.

First it should be incorporated and controlled by a board of education as the schools of Laticonia now are.

Then the schools should be thoroughly graded. There should be, on each side of the river, a primary and an intermediate department. Then a grammar school and a high school should be made up from both sides of river.

A building is needed at one to accommodate these higher schools. This district has a golden opportunity now to start schools that shall do much to elevate the standard of education in the town, and to afford our talented young men and women opportunity to secure an education without going abroad to patronize other schools. A high school should be started there that shall draw in all the best talent of the town.

Some of the other districts should attend to the repair of their school buildings; especially is there need of repairing the blackboards. There is scarcely a board in town but needs repainting.

It would be well also to furnish the schools with thermometers. They are very much needed in the winter schools.

### THE TEACHERS.

We have had a good corps of teachers who have generally labored hard and with good success.

In a few cases there has been a lack of discipline, and with some teachers a lack of system. Several of the teachers deserved very high credit for their ability and marked success, "and their works do follow them." On account of the sickness of the teacher in No. 3, the school closed a week sooner than was contemplated, consequently I had not an opportunity to visit the school the second time, but have no doubt of the success of the school, for the teacher they had is sure to succeed.

All the other schools I visited twice or more each term, and conducted an examinations at the close. Most of these examina-



tions were witnessed by parents and friends, which added much to the interest of the occasion. Will not parents make more effort to attend these examinations? It cheers both scholars and teachers, and enable the parents to judge of the success of the school.

### EMPLOYMENT OF TEACHERS.

Too little effort is made frequently by our committees to secure *suitable* teachers.

When one is chosen committee, he is to serve the district, and should not hire a teacher for friendship or relation's sake, but seek to secure a teacher that will have success. Do not hire because you can hire *cheap*. Some things are too cheap. A good teacher can scarcely be paid too much. A poor one always has too much. A poor teacher is a good deal worse than none.

Let your motto be, good teachers or none.

### LIST OF TEXT BOOKS USED IN TOWN.

READING,	.	.	Monroe's series.
SPELLING,	.	.	Town's Progressive.
WRITING,	.	.	Payson, Dunton & Scribner's.
ARITHMETIC,	.	.	Greenleaf's and Colburn's.
GEOGRAPHY,	.	.	Cornell's.
GRAMMAR,	.	.	Quackenboss's.
HISTORY,	.	.	Swinton's.
BOOK-KEEPING,	.	.	Meservey's.

Thanks to all who have shown their kindness to me in my work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. RICH, *S. S. Committee.*

Gilford, Feb. 24, 1877.

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