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# TREASURER'S REPORT.

R. BROWN, TREASURER OF GOFFSTOWN FOR 1877.

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Received of former treasurer . . . . .	\$1,462 01
P. C. Cheney, for stone . . . . .	16 00
Hannah Tewksbury, for William Tewksbury . . . . .	20 00
Charles Morgrage, for old boards	5 00
E. & F. Johnson, for use of town house for 1877 . . . . .	130 50
Alfred Poore, interest on taxes for 1876 . . . . .	44 92
Charles Morgrage, int'st on taxes	4 00
D. M. Taggart, collector for 1875 county for support of paupers . . . . .	85 25
railroad tax . . . . .	362 80
savings-bank tax . . . . .	2,291 20
literary fund . . . . .	146 20
Alfred Story, executor of last will of Phebe R. Worthley, money belonging to Phebe A. Worthley . . . . .	200 00
interest on school-fund note . . . . .	19 50
D. M. Taggart, interest on note	14 45
Alfred Poore, collector for 1876	2,008 88
Charles Morgrage, collector for 1877 . . . . .	8,526 00
	\$15,452 71

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By state tax . . . . .	\$2,180 00
county tax . . . . .	1,242 44
orders paid . . . . .	11,842 78
	\$15,265 22
In treasurer's hands at time of settlement with auditors . . . . .	187 49

ROBINSON BROWN,  
*Treasurer.*

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## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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*Orders drawn from March 1, 1877, to March 1, 1878.*

### HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Charles H. Lancaster, lighting Centre bridge for 1876 . . . . .	\$15 00
George W. Rowe, work on roads in 1876 . . . . .	13 00
C. H. Tirrell, work on roads in 1876 . . . . .	36 25
A. J. Hazen, work on roads in 1876 . . . . .	11 75
S. J. Wells, work on roads in 1876 . . . . .	11 10
D. J. Davis, work on roads in 1876 . . . . .	32 11
Jacob A. Flanders, work on bridge, 1876 . . . . .	3 00
D. J. Davis, non-resident highway tax . . . . .	5 00
Wm. S. Whipple, cemetery posts . . . . .	5 00
W. C. Merrill, labor on roads . . . . .	2 00
John Butterfield, breaking out roads in 1876 . . . . .	10 70
C. K. Pierce, breaking out roads in 1876 . . . . .	58 05
John Ferson, breaking out roads in 1876 . . . . .	7 00
John Murphy, labor on roads in 1877 . . . . .	3 00
J. L. Bedee, building Gage road in 1877 . . . . .	30 00
C. Stowell, labor on road near J. Murphy's . . . . .	17 00
S. J. Wells, breaking out roads, March, 1877 . . . . .	3 43
S. M. Barnard, working out non-resident high- way tax . . . . .	4 25

J. W. Tirrell, stringers for Parker bridge and labor on roads . . . . .	42 05
J. G. Carr, labor on roads and use of watering-tub . . . . .	11 25
T. C. Bowers, labor on Parker bridge . . . . .	13 75
J. B. Varick, iron for Parker bridge . . . . .	2 15
George W. Hunkins, working out non-resident highway tax . . . . .	11 84
I. G. Cree, plank for Bog Brook bridge . . . . .	12 00
Irad Poor, labor on bridge and breaking roads . . . . .	33 37
James Richards, labor on roads . . . . .	3 00
E. W. Martin, labor Black Brook road . . . . .	13 50
George A. Perkins, labor on roads . . . . .	10 62
Moody B. Jones, labor on roads as non-resident tax work . . . . .	43 18
Henry Moore, labor on roads . . . . .	16 00
John Bartlett, labor on roads and bridge . . . . .	3 25
John Tewksbury, lumber and labor for railing . . . . .	13 00
James McDougall, labor on roads . . . . .	4 00
A. J. Hazen, labor on roads and bridge . . . . .	40 00
C. H. Tirrell, labor on roads and bridge . . . . .	14 00
W. Harriman, plank and use of watering-tub . . . . .	8 44
F. O. Colby, labor on B. B. road . . . . .	4 58
Lewis Sargent, non-resident tax and plank . . . . .	7 05
Rodney Tirrell, labor on B. B. road . . . . .	11 00
N. E. Kimball, working out non-resident tax . . . . .	2 00
Henry Moore, cash paid for land damage . . . . .	2 00
Jesse W. Tirrell, labor on roads and use of watering-tub . . . . .	23 25
David Weatherspoon, labor on roads . . . . .	11 50
Charles Morgrage, labor on Parker bridge, town house, and roads . . . . .	38 00
A. J. Phelps, labor on roads in 1876 . . . . .	* 3 00
Leonard Robertson, labor on roads in 1876 . . . . .	3 75
S. J. Tenney, labor on roads in June and December, 1877 . . . . .	23 75
J. G. Taggart, labor on Black Brook road . . . . .	21 85
John B. Jones, labor on Black Brook road and guide-boards . . . . .	13 25
Byron F. Richards, labor on roads in 1876, breaking out in 1876 . . . . .	13 50
Clement Sawyer, labor on roads in 1876 . . . . .	1 50

Abner Hoitt, lumber for Parker bridge . . .	5 04
Benjamin Greer, labor on highway in 1876 . .	3 50
George L. Barrett, labor on Black Brook road	7 50
A. Poore, non-resident highway tax worked out . . . . .	9 26
George P. Hadley, 2d, surveying and making plan of road . . . . .	5 45
David Wells, plank for bridge . . . . .	21 40
George K. Richards, gravel for road . . . .	5 00
Charles H. Lancaster, lighting Centre bridge for 1877 . . . . .	30 00
Charles Morgrage, non-resident tax worked out . . . . .	21 09
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	\$861 30

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MISCELLANEOUS.

Campbell & Hanscom, printing town reports	\$32 50
E. W. Martin, use of watering-tub two years	6 00
P. H. Pattee, use of watering-tub one year .	3 00
Gilman Woodbury, use of watering-tub three years . . . . .	3 00
Wm. H. Weeks, cash paid out for service . .	3 00
Fletcher & Libby, two ladders and one hook	12 35
T. & O. P. Wilson, damage to wagon . . .	5 00
J. B. Varick, varnish, glass, knobs, and glue for town house . . . . .	6 44
A. McDougall, use of watering-tub . . . .	3 00
Kendall, Hadley, & Co., board, sticking, sheathing, and sawing . . . . .	93 82
Temple & Farrington, paper-hanging . . .	9 24
J. S. Whipple, labor in town hall, painting .	3 75
Lorenzo Jones, papering town hall . . . .	7 17
Benj. Saulpaugh, labor in town hall . . . .	7 70
Charles Morgrage, expenses to Concord, Am- herst, Nashua, Manchester, and Wilton on town and pauper business . . . . .	21 67
George P. Hadley, keeping tramps, wood and repairs on tramp house in 1877 . . . . .	34 09



George P. Hadley, keeping tramps in 1876 . . . . .	10 00
S. W. Little, wood for use of town house . . . . .	4 15
T. C. Bowers, labor on town hall and house . . . . .	76 87
A. Story, service and overtax in 1876 . . . . .	10 00
S. J. Dow, working out non-resident highway tax . . . . .	4 22
P. C. Cheney, use of watering-tub four years . . . . .	12 00
Allen Waldo, use of watering-tub . . . . .	3 00
John Carlton, board and laths for town house . . . . .	2 97
Eliphalet Jones, guide-post and putting up the same . . . . .	1 50
J. G. Carr, damage to plough on roads in 1876 . . . . .	3 00
James R. Pherson, school money refunded . . . . .	3 06
Caleb Stowell, use of watering-tub in 1877 . . . . .	3 00
E. & F. Johnson, care of town house for 1877 . . . . .	25 00
E. & F. Johnson, wood, oil, etc., for town house . . . . .	24 00
Charles Morgrave, surveyors' books, stationery, stamps, collector's book, and tax-bills, bolts for Parker bridge and keeping 3 tramps . . . . .	22 73
Frank E. Paige, printing 200 orders and 200 receipts . . . . .	2 30
Henry Moore, material and labor at cemetery . . . . .	21 50
Moore & Campbell, use of watering-tub for 1877 . . . . .	3 00
Franklin Hadley, cash paid records of births and deaths . . . . .	15 25
H. Heath, digging grave for Mrs. Edwin Collins . . . . .	3 00
C. M. Carr, use of watering-tub two years . . . . .	6 00
W. A. & C. S. Parker, nails, paints, oils, etc., for town hall . . . . .	11 00
D. V. Morgrave, labor at town house . . . . .	10 50
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\$529 78

## SCHOOL MONEY.

District No. 1, S. M. Christie . . . .	\$720 39	
2, James Ferson . . . .	71 90	
3, William Shirley . . . .	127 68	
4, A. J. Hazen . . . .	89 39	
5, Ira W. Pennock . . . .	174 47	
7, B. Dow . . . .	146 17	
8, F. O. Colby . . . .	109 41	
9, B. F. Stevens . . . .	279 46	
10, A. W. Whipple . . . .	154 20	
11, H. S. Hoit . . . .	142 06	
12, Henry Moore . . . .	63 32	
	<hr/>	\$2,078 44

## SCHOOL-HOUSE MONEY.

District No. 1, S. M. Christie . . . . .	\$1,100 00
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## TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Charles Morgrage, selectman . . . .	\$135 00	
Henry Moore, selectman . . . .	50 00	
Jesse W. Tirrell, selectman . . . .	38 50	
Robinson Brown, treasurer . . . .	60 00	
Franklin Hadley, town clerk . . . .	20 00	
James W. Poland, superintending committee	75 00	
Charles Morgrage, collector of taxes . .	100 00	
Auditors . . . . .	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$484 50

## NOTES AND INTEREST PAID.

Sally Parker, interest . . . . .	\$81 00	
Julia A. Little, note and interest . . . .	1,383 75	
Julia A. Little, note and interest . . . .	1,440 83	
Julia A. Warren, note and interest . . . .	666 87	
Naomi J. Warren, note and interest . . . .	232 19	
Lucy Hadley, note and interest . . . .	706 16	
Elizabeth A. Richards, note and interest . .	516 41	
	<hr/>	\$5,027 21

## ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Joseph Tirrell, over taxed in 1876 . . .	\$5 00	
Steam Mill Co., over taxed in 1876 . . .	11 36	
Eliphalet Jones, over taxed in 1877 . . .	1 94	
Alfred Poore, list of abatements for 1876 . . .	44 38	
David M. Taggart, list of abatements for 1875 . . .	85 25	
Charles Morgrage, list of abatements for 1877 . . .	56 15	
Charles Morgrage, discount on taxes . . .	227 03	
	<hr/>	\$431 11

## NOTE OUTSTANDING MARCH 1, 1878.

Sally Parker, note and interest . . . . .	\$1,687 50
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## SUPPORT OF POOR.

Insane Asylum, board of S. Dunlap . . .	\$109 08	
Insane Asylum, board of Wm. H. Tewksbury . . .	115 67	
Hillsborough County Farm, board of town paupers . . . . .	530 07	
	<hr/>	\$754 82

## TOTAL VALUATION, APRIL, 1877.

District No. 1, \$318,908	Amount of tax,	\$3,093 44
“ “ 2, 28,546	“ “	276 81
“ “ 3, 54,797	“ “	531 45
“ “ 4, 36,779	“ “	356 64
“ “ 5, 76,818	“ “	744 95
“ “ 7, 61,612	“ “	597 41
“ “ 8, 46,199	“ “	447 95
“ “ 9, 120,576	“ “	1,169 27
“ “ 10, 67,278	“ “	652 51
“ “ 11, 61,564	“ “	597 10
“ “ 12, 24,486	“ “	237 31
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\$897,563		\$8,704 84

CHARLES MORGRAGE, } *Selectmen*  
HENRY MOORE, } *of*  
JESSE W. TIRRELL, } *Goffstown.*

## AUDITORS' REPORT.

Note and interest on the same due from town *		
March 1, 1878 . . . . .	\$1,687	50
Outstanding bills, (believed to be due) . . . . .	50	00
	<hr/>	\$1,737 50
Less due from D. M. Taggart, collector, 1875 . . . . .	\$104	46
Less due from A. Poore, collector, 1876 . . . . .	222	82 <sup>e</sup>
Less due from Chas. Morgrage, collector, 1877 . . . . .	1,562	82
In hands of treasurer . . . . .	190	00
	<hr/>	\$2,080 10
Balance in favor of town . . . . .		\$342 60

GEO. P. HADLEY, 2d,  
 JOHN K. RICHARDSON, } *Auditors.*  
 JOHN M. PARKER,

## SCHOOL REPORT.

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Agreeably to the statutes of New Hampshire concerning schools, I submit to the town the following

### REPORT.

It will be perceived that the several schools in town have received a more extended notice this year than has been usual. I have done this in order that each district may obtain some knowledge of what has been accomplished in school-work. My own preliminary remarks will therefore be brief.

All the schools, without exception, have done well, and the citizens of the several districts have no occasion to complain that the money expended upon the schools has, in any case, been wasted. Teachers and scholars have mutually aimed at making the schools a success, and the aim has gained the desired result.

A word for the prudential committees. Every man of them has seemed to feel an interest in having a good school, and, therefore, has endeavored to secure competent teachers, and most of them have attended the examinations in their respective districts. It may be well to insert here an item from the School Digest, which the prudential committee of every district should understand. It is a part of his duty to inform the superintending committee *when his school is to commence, and when it is to close.*

When visiting the schools held in the summer, I found a general complaint that the series of reading-books, though excellent compilations, had become so familiar, from several years usage, that the scholars had lost their interest in them, and consequently had become careless in reading. There was a general

wish for a change. After a thorough examination, I concluded to introduce Harvey's series of readers, consisting of five books. The price is lower than Hillard's, one less in number, and, in my judgment, are an improvement on the series now in use. Sickness in the fall and the first part of the winter prevented my introducing the books generally, so that District No. 4 was the only district to adopt the series entirely. That school showed, in the great improvement made, especially by the small scholars, that the change was a great benefit. The readers now in use are generally badly worn, and I would, therefore, recommend to the districts to make the desired change, and thus secure a still better class of readers in the schools. The introduction-price comes low.

#### DISTRICT NO. 1.—WEST VILLAGE.

During the past year two terms of three schools each have been maintained by public money, and one term of two schools has been supported by tuition. In the main we think the money has been well laid out, although we see chances for improvement from year to year.

The district has been taxed liberally to build a new school-house, and they trust to the committee to select good teachers and have good scholars.

Now, the duty of the committee should not end in hiring a teacher, by any means ; and we would recommend that one of the committee be so paid that he can afford to take the care of the school it demands. Each room should be visited once a week at least, and in so doing he would know what improvement the scholars were making, and also could correct some of the habits which teachers are liable to fall into. No one man can afford to take the time our schools demand at his own expense.

Primary School.—Summer and winter schools taught by Miss Anna M. Rowell. This school is as important as any in the building, and needs careful instruction. How important that the foundation be well laid !

Under Miss Rowell the school made good improvement, and we were much pleased with the interest manifested, showing the

teacher had labored to get the youthful minds interested in their lessons. Whole number of scholars in summer, 37 ; whole number of scholars in winter, 35.

Intermediate School.—Summer term taught by Miss Ella F. Sanborn. Miss Sanborn taught a good school, and with good results. How much better to hear scholars say, “I don’t know,” when such is the case, than to wait for some one to tell them. The scholars were prompt and order good. Whole number of scholars, 34. Miss Sanborn also taught the fall term.

Winter term, taught by Miss Anna C. Rogers. Miss Rogers has taught several terms in town before, and knows how to take hold of a school in the right way, and to keep it moving in that direction. It is no easy matter to follow a good teacher, but Miss Rogers maintained her former reputation in town, and gave good satisfaction to both parents and pupils. Whole number of scholars, 39.

High School.—Summer term taught by Stephen S. Bean. Mr. Bean taught by far the most orderly school since we began the graded system, but his method of instruction was rather foreign, and there seemed to be wanting, on the part of both teacher and pupils, any great vivacity. Whole number of scholars, 37.

Fall and winter terms taught by Frank M. McCutchins. Of the winter term only we will speak. His method of instruction was very good, and we were much pleased with his class in history and in spelling. But we do want better order in our high school. There is a time for everything, and the amusements of the previous evening should not be rehearsed at recess in school next day. Whole number of scholars, 47.

ALFRED STORY,	} <i>School Board.</i>
ROBINSON BROWN,	
SAMUEL M. CHRISTIE,	
EDWIN FLETCHER,	
LEONARD ROWELL,	
GEORGE P. HADLEY, 2D.,	

NOTE.—District No. 1 is under the supervision of a board of education, and the report of said district is from the secretary of that board.



## DISTRICT NO. 2.—MOUNTAIN.

This district had no summer term, but expended the money belonging to it in the winter. Miss Cynthia Worthley, of District No. 7, was the teacher, who well sustained her reputation as a well-qualified and faithful instructor. Although having but *five* scholars, Miss W. kept herself busy during school hours, and her scholars made surprising advancement in their studies. Reading and spelling received a large share of attention. The wall-maps were used to great advantage, two small scholars obtaining from them more knowledge of geography *by rote* than many who are much older learn from their books in one or even in two terms.

With such a teacher small schools can be made exceedingly profitable.

## DISTRICT NO. 3.—SHIRLEY HILL.

The summer term was taught by Miss M. Alice Caldwell, of New Boston, and was her first term of teaching. Miss C. showed considerable enthusiasm in her work, which will avail her much as she obtains experience in teaching. The school made progress in some of the studies pursued. Whole number of scholars, 23.

The school, during the winter term, was instructed by Miss Ella M. Lufkin, whose thorough literary qualifications, industry, and experience were clearly manifested in the advancement which the scholars made in their studies. The recitations in algebra, arithmetic, grammar, and other branches showed thoroughness in teaching and diligence in study.

Benches and chairs, like those in Kennedy Hill school-house and some others in town, would be an improvement in the school-house on Shirley Hill. Whole number of scholars attending winter term, 21.

## DISTRICT NO. 4.—KENNEDY HILL.

The summer term was taught by Miss Ella F. Barnard. There were some good readers at commencement of the school, but all made improvement in reading. Miss B. succeeded in interesting her scholars in their studies, and in preserving good



order. The examination at the close was very satisfactory. Whole number of scholars, 12.

Miss Loella Pattee was the teacher for the winter term. The success of Miss Pattee in this district, in the previous winter term, called for her services again. Her reputation as a good teacher and disciplinarian has been more than sustained during this term.

This school changed its series of reading-books, to the great delight of the scholars; and, under the instruction of such a thorough teacher, a very marked improvement was made in reading. There are some fine readers in this school. Advancement was made in all other studies pursued in this term, showing thoroughness in teaching and close attention to studies. Whole number of scholars, 15.

#### DISTRICT NO. 5.—MAST ROAD.

Summer term.—This was taught by Miss Annie L. Thayer, who came to the school with an experience gained in twenty months of previous teaching. The term was a pleasant and profitable one, and the satisfaction given by Miss Thayer in this term created a demand for her services in succeeding terms. Whole number of scholars in the summer term, 17.

There was a fall term of nine weeks, attended by 19 scholars, which was taught by Miss Thayer. She says, in a note at the end of the winter term, that the school was partly sustained by public money; but the superintending school committee was not notified either of its beginning or of its close. No farther report, therefore, of this term can be made, and it will not appear in the statistical table. The portion of public money expended on this term is not given.

The winter term was taught by Miss Thayer. Great improvement was manifest, both in studies pursued and in deportment. Penmanship received special attention, which was seen in the progress made. All the recitations at the examination were very satisfactory. Some of the very young scholars should receive special notice, as having made great improvement in reading and spelling. Examination-day was very pleasant, and the citi-

zens showed their appreciation of the teacher's successful labors by a large attendance. Whole number of scholars, 14.

DISTRICT NO. 7.—EAST PART.

Spring term.—This term was the completing of that which preceded it, but is included in this year's report. It was taught by Mr. John C. Hammond, of Bow, who may be accounted as a *veteran teacher*, having an experience of sixty-seven months previous to this term. Mr. H. is an excellent teacher in all branches ever taught in our common schools, and maintains the best of order without severity. The prudential committee, at the close, applied for his services for the next winter term. The scholars made great improvement. Whole number of scholars during the term, 22.

The summer term was taught by Miss Cynthia Worthley, a resident in the district. Her labors were marked by great industry, adding singing to the other exercises, which made the term a pleasant and profitable one. There was a readiness in answering the questions asked in examination, which showed a thoroughness in drill. The exercise in declamation was very good. Whole number of scholars, 10.

The winter term opened under high expectations, under the instruction of Mr. Hammond, the teacher of the spring term, which expectations were fully met. A few paying scholars came in from Hooksett and Bow, which lengthened out the term. The high respect which the scholars had for their teacher secured perfect order in school and great diligence in studies. It was particularly gratifying to witness the special attention given to *spelling*. Such teachers as Mr. Hammond is are always in demand. Whole number of scholars, 26.

DISTRICT NO. 8.—TEBBETTS HILL.

Summer term, Miss M. Abbie Colby, teacher. This was Miss Colby's first term of teaching, but her success was good. Being an excellent reader herself, she taught her scholars how to read; and, although most of them were quite young, there

was good improvement made in all branches taught, and correct deportment was sustained. Whole number of scholars, 14.

The winter term commenced under the instruction of Miss Anna C. Rogers, who had, before this term, taught in the district. But the graded school at the West Village wanted a teacher in the intermediate department, and Miss Rogers was invited to fill the vacancy, which invitation was accepted. Miss Mary F. Whitney finished out the term. The school appeared well in the examination, and the scholars gave very prompt answers to questions proposed by the committee. The school money was well expended. Whole number of scholars, 17.

#### DISTRICT NO. 9.—CENTRE.

The summer term was taught by Miss Anna C. Rogers. The school is a large one,—too large for one teacher unless better classified, reducing the number of classes. But Miss Rogers succeeded in maintaining good order, and in advancing the scholars in their studies. The large attendance of visitors at the examination indicated the lively interest taken in the prosperity of the school and in the teacher. Whole number of scholars, 41.

A fall term was also taught by Miss Rogers. Dr. George—in place of the superintending committee, who was sick—visited the school at its close. The minutes taken by Dr. G. speak of the reading-classes as showing a great improvement upon the previous year, while the recitations in arithmetic were very good. The scholars seemed to have a clear understanding of the application of rules. But few attended to the study of grammar. Whole number of scholars during the fall term, 45.

Winter term. This was taught by Mr. Wm. A. Chase, the teacher of the school one year ago, and whose services were sought for this term. At the first visit of the committee the school was rather noisy (not the teacher's fault), and fears were then entertained, that, owing to the large number of scholars and the uneasiness of many, the school would be a failure. But Mr. Chase succeeded admirably in bringing order out of confusion, and in showing to the large number of visitors present

at the examination, that he was capable of instructing a large school. His training in the Normal School was of service to him.

Through Mr. Chase's influence a large Webster's Dictionary was procured for the school,—a desirable book for other districts. Whole number of scholars, 47.

DISTRICT NO. 10.—PATTEE HILL.

Summer term. Miss Mary F. Whitney was the teacher. She had previously taught in this district. The school is composed of well-behaved, industrious scholars, and, as might be expected, improvement was plainly seen at the close of the term. We infer that the teacher enjoyed her work from the closing sentence of her remarks: "I sincerely thank the parents and friends for their kindness to me during the term." Whole number of scholars, 16.

Fall term. This was also under Miss Whitney's instruction. The committee visited the school at the commencement of the term, but sickness prevented his attendance at the close. The teacher's remarks are: "The average attendance has been very good this term. Six have attended school every day; eleven have not been tardy, and ten have not whispered during the term."

Miss Whitney's practice of giving written remarks in the blank assigned for them in the register is worthy of being followed by other teachers. Whole number of scholars, 16.

The winter term was taught by Miss Lizzie E. McLane, of New Boston. Miss McLane is endowed by nature with two desirable qualities in a teacher,—*aptness to teach* and *a good share of enthusiasm*. With a thorough knowledge of the branches taught, and possessing the qualities mentioned, the teacher succeeded in making her school one of the best. Penmanship received unusual attention, every scholar practising it. A cleaner set of writing-books cannot be found than this school presented on examination-day. Although the closing day was very stormy and uncomfortable (February 22), yet the citizens

came in good numbers, witnessing the exercises with unflagging interest. Whole number of scholars for the term, 18.

#### DISTRICT NO. 11.—PARKER'S.

Summer term, Miss Ella M. Lufkin, teacher. This school was kept in excellent order. Miss L. is gentle and pleasant in her intercourse with her scholars, but still is decided in discipline. The moral influence of the teacher was evidently felt by the scholars, giving them a becoming respect for themselves and for their teacher as well. There were examples wrought in arithmetic, which showed that the rules were well understood. In the other recitations there was abundant evidence that both teacher and scholars had been very diligent. There are some fine readers in this district. Whole number of scholars, 19.

There was a fall term in this district, sustained by New Boston money, and managed by the New Boston committee. Both New Boston and Goffstown scholars attended the school.

Winter term. Miss Ella M. Lufkin was also the teacher of this term. The scholars generally have improved much in their reading, as well as in every branch of study receiving their attention.

The afternoon on which the examination was held was very stormy, so that the citizens did not attend. They certainly would have been much gratified with the excellent deportment of the scholars and their intelligent recitations.

There are some scholars in this district who should, by and by, enjoy higher literary advantages than can be furnished them in a common school. Whole number of scholars, 23.

#### DISTRICT NO. 12.—PAIGE HILL.

Summer term, Miss Lois L. McIntire, teacher. This was Miss M.'s first term of teaching. The school was small in numbers and the children were young, the eldest only twelve years of age. But the scholars improved in reading and spelling, employing much time in the exercises. There were also classes in mental arithmetic, geography, and penmanship. The teacher

labored to have her scholars learn the outlines of geography by exercises upon the wall-maps. The citizens from this district and from others visited the school to the number of twenty-seven. Whole number of scholars, 7.

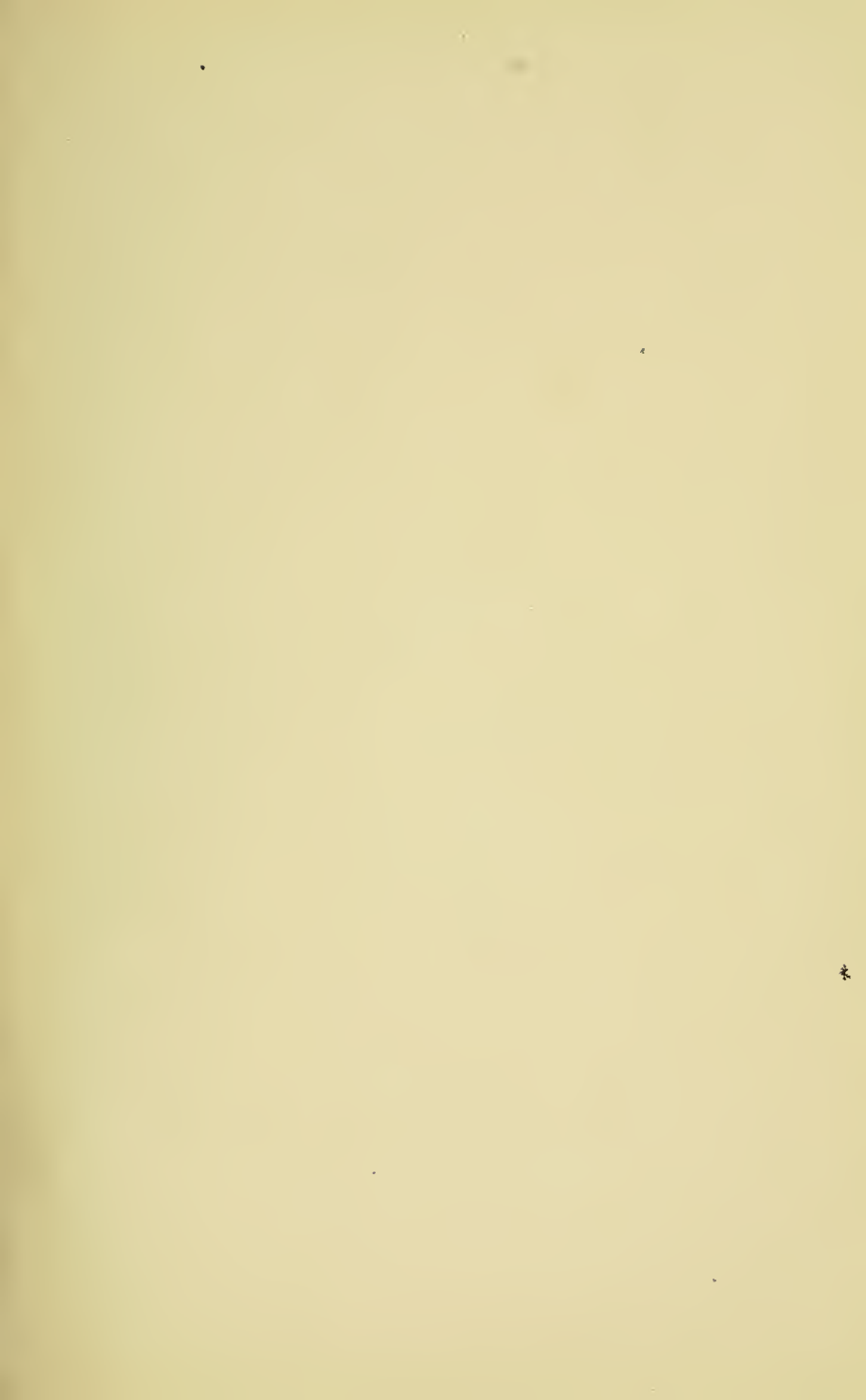
The winter term was likewise taught by Miss McIntire. Two scholars came in from another district, which increased the number. Those who sent scholars to school this term were satisfied with the instruction given. A stormy day and ill-health prevented the attendance of the superintending committee at the close. Whole number of scholars, 9.



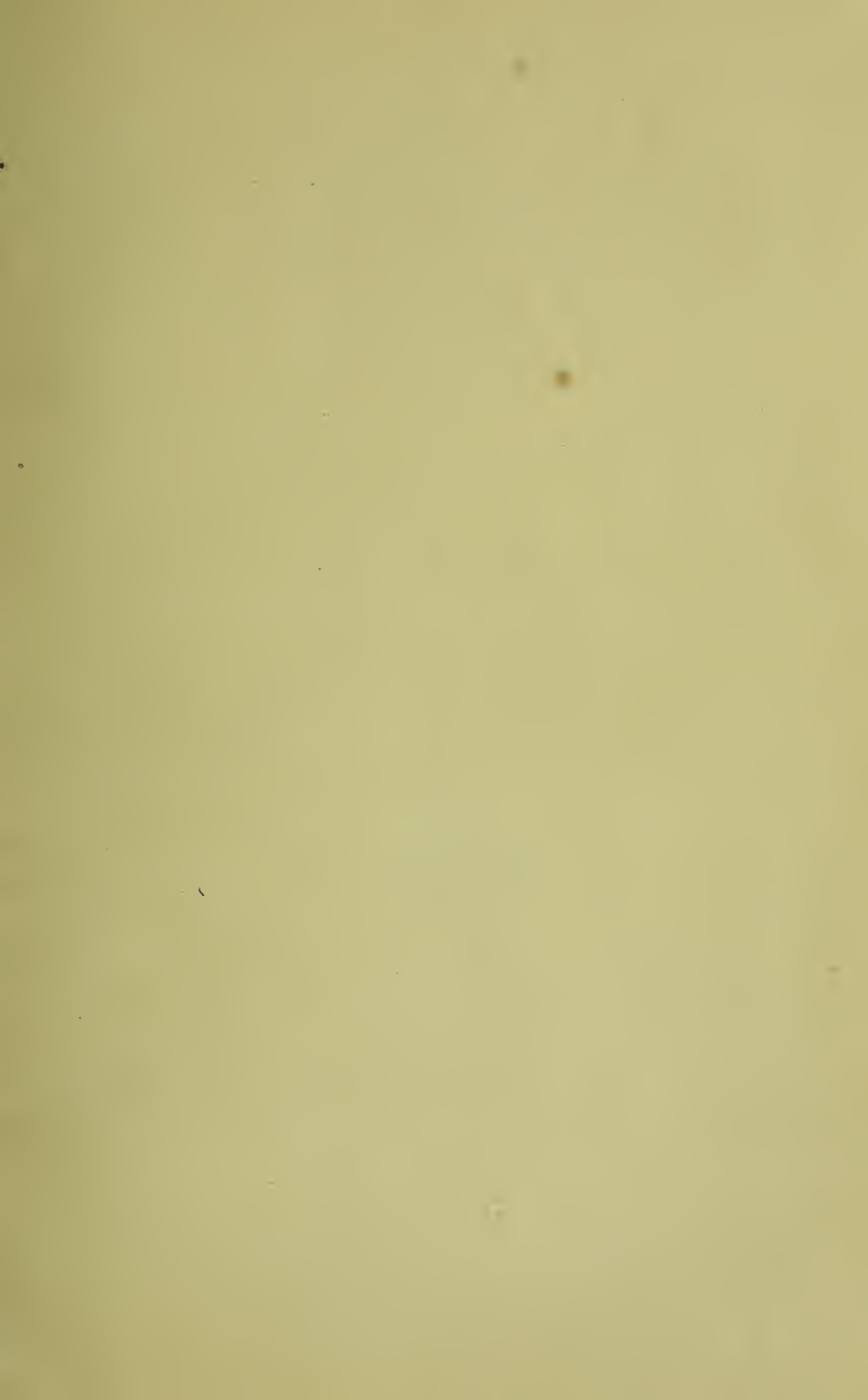












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