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TREASURER'S REPORT.

ROBINSON BROWN, TREASURER OF GOFFSTOWN FOR 1884.

In treasury March 1, 1884 . . . $2,424 19
Received from county for support
  of paupers . . . 197 22
  of selectmen of Goffstown 42 40
  of selectmen of Goffstown,
    use of road machine . 5 00
  for pair oxen . . . 160 00
  for pair oxen . . . 145 00
  railroad tax . . . 251 53
  savings-bank tax . . 3,573 23
  literary fund . . . 165 76
  of Taggart Guards for
    use of town house for
      1884 . . . 85 00
  of Henry Moore, collector
    for 1883 and 1884 . . 8,696 00
  of George P. Hadley, 2d,
    collector of 1882, taxes
    abated . . . 1 56
  of George P. Hadley, 2d,
    collector of 1880–81–82 48 07

$15,794 96

Cr.

By county tax . . . $1,927 73
state tax . . . 2,648 00
orders paid . . . 9,888 67

$14,464 40

In treasurer's hands at time of
settlement with auditors . $1,330 56

ROBINSON BROWN,
Treasurer.
SELECTMEN'S REPORT

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid W. B. Richards, labor on roads $16 34
Gilman Story, labor on roads . 7 05
Harvey Scribner, labor on roads
  1883 . . . . . . . . . 15 00
William H. H. Hart, labor on Parker bridge . . . . 3 75
E. C. Shirley, labor on roads . 33 84
James G. Taggart, labor on roads, 1882-83 . . . . 20 80
Wm. H. Poor, labor on roads,
  1883 . . . . . . . . . 64 90
E. Rowe, labor on roads . . . 7 18
Z. T. Pierce, labor on roads . . 3 75
James Ferson, labor on roads . 12 54
C. A. Upham, labor on roads . . 3 52
G. P. Hadley, 2d, labor, and cash paid out for removing ob-
  structions . . . . . 2 00
Wm. P. Burpee, labor on roads 4 65
J. Q. Perley, labor on roads . . 2 00
S. J. Tenney, labor on roads . . 11 00
A. J. Pierce, labor on roads . . 16 90
Henry Blaisdell, labor on roads 7 00
G. H. Bartlett, labor on roads . . 4 79
George Pattee, labor on roads . 36 02
D. G. Davis, labor on roads . . 10 20
Harvey Stratton, labor on roads . . 6 00
James Melendy, labor on roads . 2 00
J. K. Richardson, labor on roads . . 1 12
J. B. Pattee, labor on roads . . 9 22
John Murphy, labor on roads . . 11 70
Paid F. Martin, labor on roads
Wm. Kidder, labor on roads
S. W. Little, labor on roads
C. K. Pierce, labor on roads
Thos. Shortle, labor on roads
F. Cunningham, labor on roads
James Carter, labor on roads
James Stiles, labor on roads
John K. Piper, labor on roads
G. Patnoe, labor on roads
A. J. Phelps, labor on roads
C. E. Morse, labor on roads
B. F. Harriman, labor on roads
B. F. Harriman, labor on roads
C. E. Bailey, labor on roads
Mrs. E. J. Ayer, labor on roads
Daniel W. Hoit, labor on road
L. Stowell, labor on roads
A. W. Whipple, labor on roads
G. H. Hoit, labor on roads
August Stoehr, labor on roads
Wm. S. Whipple, labor on roads
Luther Sargent, labor on roads
Irad Poor, labor on roads
Alfred Stevens, labor on roads
George W. Hunkins, labor on roads
Ed. Phelps, labor on roads
Wm. F. Nay, labor on roads
J. W. Hoit, for 28 days with road-machine
Sarah N. Sargent, gravel for road
Alvin Hadley, material and labor on roads
Charles G. Barnard, labor on roads
James Richards, labor on roads
D. W. Stevens, labor on roads
Charles Morgrage, for 38 days running road-machine

$14 10
9 00
16 25
6 00
3 00
22 80
25 80
12 50
3 25
5 55
3 00
13 31
14 34
24 83
3 00
11 10
36 85
41 25
3 30
62 23
11 70
21 00
2 50
76 75
11 87
31 00
8 10
4 50
56 00
8 50
8 58
57 57
15 25
1 50
76 00
Paid Kendall, Hadley & Co., lumber for roads . . . . $8 40
H. H. Richards, labor on roads 75
Charles B. Carr, labor on roads 2 75
E. P. Carr, labor on roads . 5 25
S. D. Johnson, 1,739 feet plank for bridges . . . . 34 78
J. P. Flanders, labor on roads. 7 50
B. F. Hazen, labor on roads . 3 00
Peter Piper, labor on roads . 6 75
Thomas Bassett, labor on roads 2 10
E. W. Mills, labor on roads . 5 25
George Tenney, labor on roads 3 45
D. A. Parker & Son, for 542 feet of Akron pipe, and freight . . . . 150 67
Eugene Phelps, labor on roads 3 00
J. E. Tebbetts, labor on roads . 5 72
Daniel Plumer, labor on roads 1 95
O. G. Kelton, labor on roads . 60
J. C. McIntyre, labor on roads 1 00
John Ferson, labor on roads . 12 15
G. P. & William Hadley, labor on roads . . . . 10 35
J. W. Hoyt, labor on roads . 52 75
Caleb Stowell, labor on roads . 14 45
L. V. Genge, labor on roads . 53 45
Aleck Peacoy, labor on roads . 28 00
S. J. Dow, labor on roads . 29 25
B. F. Stevens, labor on roads . 4 75
C. H. Tebbetts, labor on roads 2 20
E. W. Kendrick, labor on roads 17 70
Joseph Cram, labor on roads . 32 50
P. C. Cheney Co., labor on roads 54 00
C. E. Smith, labor on roads and gravel . . . . 18 00
Charles Morgrage, cash paid for labor on roads . . . . 5 00
M. P. Tennant, labor on roads 75
Benjamin Greer, labor on roads 14 65
V. B. Martin, labor on roads . 20 00
Scott Gage, labor on roads . . 75
Paid Jas. McDougall, labor on roads $12 00
J. R. Lockhead, labor on roads 4 05
J. G. Roberts, labor on roads 4 00
Willis Worthley, labor on roads 14 00
J. H. Stiles, labor on roads 13 00
Hazen Blood, labor on roads 11 70
Rodney Johnson, labor on roads 10 25
H. B. Wicom, labor on roads 2 17
S. E. Hills, labor on roads 2 55
J. M. & D. A. Parker, labor on roads 12 75
E. Whitney, labor on roads 12 00
B. Cram, labor on roads 7 75
I. M. Harvey, labor on roads 2 50
G. M. Eaton, labor on roads 10 25
A. J. Hazen, labor on roads 21 98
N. S. Merrill, labor on roads 9 00
A. W. Russell, labor on roads 1 50
Chas. Morganage, labor on roads 19 20
R. Tirrell, labor on roads 26 85
J. W. Merrill, labor on roads 1 50
G. Plumer, labor on roads 12 90
C. B. Moore, labor on roads 6 62
Chas. Spencer, labor on roads 16 34
Daniel Shirley, labor on roads 17 50
J. L. Whipple, labor on roads 1 50
G. L. Barrett, labor on roads 7 00
David Wells, labor on roads 55 40
Wm. Law, labor on roads 3 75
J. B. Jones, labor on roads 7 00
F. O. Colby, labor on roads 22 00
D. T. Butler, labor on roads 1 05
H. Richards, labor on roads 2 70
T. W. Richards, labor on roads 1 50
G. P. Henry, snowing Center bridge, 1883-84 10 00
Charlton K. Pierce, labor on roads 5 00
S. Tibbetts, labor on roads 1 20
R. D. Moore, labor on roads 3 35
R. Pattee, snowing bridge and labor on roads 13 00
Paid Mrs. G. W. Parker, labor on roads $3 25
W. P. Hall, labor on roads 1 13
A. H. George, labor on roads 22 75
A. J. Hall, labor on roads 6 00
H. Moore, labor on roads 14 65
C. H. Tirrell, labor on roads 15 00
Joseph Tirrell, labor on roads 18 20
S. J. Merrill, labor on roads 18 00
Wm. H. Boynton 24 44
P. H. Merrill 8 25
W. L. Roberts, labor on roads 28 86
Darius W. Stevens, labor on roads 5 50
Cyrus George, labor on roads 1 35
Jesse W. Tirrell, labor on roads 7 75
C. C. Hadley, labor on roads 10 85
C. H. Martin, labor on roads 1 50
D. Little, labor on roads 4 00
E. W. Cram, labor on roads 3 80
F. H. Woodman, labor on roads 5 00
Total  $2,236 26

SCRIBNER ROAD.

Paid B. F. Hazen, labor on $10 50
Geo. Tenney, labor on 9 72
James Carter, labor on 9 00
B. F. Harriman, labor on 9 00
J. Norris, labor on 7 50
Wm. Laws, labor on 6 00
Wm. S. Whipple, labor on 15 00
J. W. Hoit, labor on 13 50
Geo. Pattee, labor on 12 00
A. J. Hazen, labor on 4 50
Wm. F. Nay, labor on 6 00
James Ferson, labor on 6 00
Joseph LaFlower, labor on 4 50
Daniel Shirley, labor on 8 00
N. S. Merrill, labor on 4 50
Joseph Tirrell, labor on 15 00
Benj. F. Greer, chestnut post 1 30
Total  $142 02
G. F. Farley, damage to sleigh . . . . $1.75
J. B. Clarke, printing town reports for 1883 . . . . 24.50
F. Blaisdell, M. D., post mortem of Chas. Miller . . . . 5.00
C. F. George, M. D., post mortem of Chas. Miller . . . . 5.00
C. F. George, M. D., medical attendance, F. Cunningham in 1883 . . . . 1.50
Temple & Farrington collector and surveyor books . . . . 4.00
T. W. Richards, for one pair of oxen . . . . 175.00
J. W. Hart, for one pair of oxen . . . . 160.00
George Pattee, for hay . . . . 6.44
G. W. Taft, for edge to road-machine . . . . 6.85
F. E. Paige, for printing tax and highway bills . . . . 6.75
N. S. Merrill, land damage, Scribner road . . . . 100.00
H. S. Scribner, land damage, Scribner road . . . . 1.00
J. W. Hoit, bounty on woodchucks . . . . 11.10
Geo. Pattee, bounty on woodchucks . . . . 21.70
Wm. S. Whipple, bounty on woodchucks . . . . 9.60
Chas. Morgrage, services as selectman after settling with auditors and cash paid out . . . . 9.75
Henry Moore, decorating soldiers' graves . . . . 47.80
Parker Bros., meal and shorts for town team . . . . 39.00
L. Stowell, hay for town team . . . . 14.75
J. W. Hart, cash paid for keeping town team . . . . 16.73
J. B. Varick, for 12 dualing cartridges, caps and fuse . . . . 3.32
Geo. Pattee, cash paid for lock to town house . . . . 1.50
Geo. Pattee, cash paid for putting lock on town house . . . . 50.00
G. P. Hadley, 2d, attendance on Scribner road . . . . . . . $2 00
G. P. Hadley, 2d, surveying Scribner road and transcript . . . . . . 3 00
Albert Hill, sharpening drills, mending chains . . . . . . . 1 00
Moore & Campbell, shoeing oxen, repairs to road-machine . . . . . 5 40
Moore & Campbell, iron for sewers, sharpening drills, etc. . . . . . 8 92
C. S. Balch, lighting bridge six months, globe and wicks . . . . . 10 28
Wm. S. Whipple, keeping town team . . . . . . . . . 9 30
J. R. Ferson, repairs to road-machine . . . . . . . 1 25
J. H. Connor, land damage and deed for road laid out 1883 . . . . . 9 00
W. S. Rowell, freight on street lamps . . . . . . . . . 2 08
J. M. Parker, for Piscataquog Reservoir Company . . . . . . . 2500 00
Morey & Smith, Feb. 23, street lamps 118 67
Geo. Pattee, car-fare to Boston for street lamps . . . . . . . 2 75
E. A. Blaisdell, insuring town house . . . . . . . . . 56 25
E. Rowe, damage to wagon and harness . . . . . . . . . 5 00
Geo. Pattee, expenses to Concord to pay state tax . . . . . . . 2 25
D. G. Davis, 23 lamp-posts . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 20 70
Henry Moore, discount on taxes . . . . . . . . . . . 248 68
Fred I. Carlton, labor on lamp-posts . . . . . . . . . 3 00
A. M. Davis, labor and door for town house . . . . . . . . . 7 80
C. F. George, M. D., certificates of births and deaths . . . . . . . 5 00
A. F. Carr, M. D., certificates of births and deaths . . . . . . . 2 00
F. Blaisdell, M. D., certificates of births and deaths . . . . . . . 7 75
E. W. Goodwin, hay for town team . . . . . . . . . . . 4 89
H. Hutchinson, use of watering trough 1882 and 1883 . . . . . . . 4 50
Parker Bros., cement, powder, fuse, oil, etc., . . . . . . . 5 71
Rand & Seeton, lamp-globe . .  $  85
Wallace Caldwell, services . .  2  00
Otis E. Whipple, damage to horse . 10  00
A. M. Davis, use of watering-trough
1883 and 1884 . . . . . . . . .  6  00
J. Carlton, use of watering-trough
1883 and 1884 . . . . . . . . .  6  00
Richards & Johnson, use of watering
trough, 1883 and 1884 . . . . . .  3 75
P. H. Pattee's heirs, use of watering
trough 1883 and 1884 . . . . . .  5  00
Moore & Campbell, use of watering
trough 1883 and 1884 . . . . . .  4  00
Charles Martin, use of watering trough 3  00
C. Stowell, use of watering trough 3  00
L. Robertson, use of watering trough
1883 and 1884 . . . . . . . . .  6  00
Cross & Taggart, for counsel in 1883  5  00
Cross & Taggart, for counsel in 1884 27 36
George Pattee, expenses taking in-
ventory . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 20
George Pattee, expenses to court, and
postage and stationery . . . . . .  2  00
L. H. Greer, lighting Center bridge . 20  00
H. E. Poor, lighting bridge at village 10  60
E. Johnson, recording births, deaths,
and marriages . . . . . . . . . . 11 40
E. Johnson, postage and stationery . 1 25
J. B. Hoit, repairing fence at cemetery 4 50
Moore and Campbell, housing engine 3  00

DIVISION OF SCHOOL MONEY.

Dist. No. 1, O. B. Pierce, Com., $1,011 83
          2, A. J. Pierce, " 62 73
          3, Wm. Shirley, " 134 12
          4, E. W. Kendrick, " 90 19
          5, Mrs. E. M. Johnson,
            Com., 157 38
          7, W. C. Poor, Com., 141 99
          8, J. G. Taggart, " 112 55

$3,856 63
Dist. No. 9, R. T. S. Shepard, Com. $299 04
10, A. W. Whipple, " 179 87
11, J. W. Root, " 220 39
12, F. H. Phillips, " 63 36

$2,473 45

SCHOOL-HOUSE REPAIRS.
Dist. No. 5, H. H. Johnson . . $75 00
1, O. B. Pierce . . . 195 00

$270 00

SUPPORT OF TOWN POOR.
Paid Mrs. S. B. Davis, support of Story child, . . . . . $35 25
Cyrus George, assistance . . . . . 10 00
C. F. George, M. D., medical attendance M. E. Merrill . . 9 50

$54 75

HILLSBOROUGH Co. TO SUPPORT OF COUNTY PAUPERS.
Dr.
Paid J. M. & D. A. Parker, wood for
J. Basha . . . . . $3 00
A. F. Carr, medical attendance,
J. Ordway . . . . . 5 00
Edwin Kidder, board and care of
J. Ordway . . . . . 101 00
F. Blaisdell, medical attendance,
J. Ordway . . . . . 25 00
O. D. Abbott, M. D., consulta-
tion on J. Ordway . . . . . 10 00
George Pattee, team to Wilton
with J. Ordway . . . . . 3 00
William Kidder, support of
Gould child from Jan. 1, 1884,
to March 5, 1885 . . . . . 30 62
Charles Morgrage, care of D.
Haggarty . . . . . 1 60
B. F. Richards, board of G. W.
Cummings . . . . . 9 00
Paid George Pattee, cash paid for flour for Ann Foster  $1.50
A. F. Carr, M. D., medical attendance, Mrs. F. Tucker  5.00
Wm. S. Whipple, wood for Ann Foster  5.50
Chas. G. Barnard, team to Wilton, with J. McKeever  4.00
H. H. Dustin, keeping six tramps  4.25
George F. Jones, flour for Ann Foster  1.00

By balance due from county, March 1, 1884  19.25

Cr.
March 19. By cash  $159.22
Oct. 1. By cash  38.00
To balance due March 1, 1884  31.50

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.
Paid Alfred Story, overtaxed on Dodge property, 1883  $22.09
Henry Hutchinson, overtaxed in 1884  3.85
S. W. Little, overtaxed in 1884  2.31
Leonard Robertson, overtaxed on Shirley land, 1884  1.54
N. L. Richards, overtaxed in 1884  5.78
Abatements in Henry Moore’s list for 1883 and 1884  38.90

SHEEP BILLS.
Paid J. W. Hoit, two sheep killed by dogs  $5.00
George Wheeler, one sheep killed by dogs  3.50

$209.47
$228.72
$228.72

$74.47
$8.50
TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Geo. Pattee, selectman . . . $123 00
Wm. S. Whipple, selectman . . . 56 00
J. W. Hoit, selectman . . . 46 00
Robinson Brown, treasurer . . . 30 00
Ernest Johnson, town clerk . . . 25 00
Henry Moore, collector . . . 100 00
F. Blaisdell, M. D., school committee 37 50
G. F. Farley, school committee . . . 37 50
S. D. Johnson, supervisor . . . 18 00
J. Laselle, supervisor . . . 18 00
R. Johnson, supervisor . . . 18 00
T. W. Richards, police . . . 2 00
Wm. H. Weeks, police . . . 2 00
Board of education for 1882–83–84 . 32 00
Auditors . . . . . . 4 00

$549 00

AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAX.

State tax . . . . . . $2,648 00
County tax . . . . . . 1,927 73
School tax . . . . . . 2,317 00
Repairs of roads and bridges . . . 1,756 67
To defray town charges . . . . . . 1 00
.04\(\frac{3}{4}\) on the above . . . . . . 410 89

$9,061 29

We have assessed on the polls and estates of the inhabitants and non residents the sum of . . . $9,041 94

School-house tax Dist. No. 1 . . . $195 00
Five per cent . . . . . . 9 75

$204 75

We have assessed in Dist. No. 1 . . . $202 55
School-house tax, Dist. No. 5 . . . $75 00
Five per cent . . . . . . 3 75

$78 75

We have assessed in Dist. No. 5 . . . $78 44
Dog tax . . . . . . 115 00

$9,437 93
RECAPITULATION.

Amount of tax for 1884 . . . $9,437 93
Amount in treasury March 1, 1884 2,424 19
Taxes uncollected March 1, 1884 . . . . . 825 29
Received from Hillsborough county . 197 22
  savings-bank tax . 3,573 23
  railroad tax . 251 53
  literary fund . 165 76
  bounty on wood-chucks . 42 40
  four oxen . 305 00
  use of road-machine . 5 00
  use of town hall . 85 00
Due from county . . . 31 50
Money refunded . . . 1 56

$17,345 61

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid state tax . . . $2,648 00
  county tax . . . 1,927 73
  school money . . . 2,473 45
  school-house tax Dist. No. 1 . 195 00
  school-house tax Dist. No. 5 . 75 00
  repairing roads and bridges . 2,236 26
  miscellaneous expenses . 3,856 63
  support of town poor . . . 54 75
  support of county poor . . . 209 47
  sheep bills . . . 8 50
  abatement of taxes . . . 74 47
  town officers’ bills . . . 549 00
  out-standing bills . . . 100 00
  Scribner road . . . 142 02
  old orders . . . 14 12
By balance in favor of town . . . 2,781 21

Total $17,345 61

GEORGE PATTEE,
WM. S. WHIPPLE,
JOHN W. HOIT,
Selectmen of Goffstown.
AUDITORS’ REPORT.

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We have carefully examined the books of the Selectmen and Treasurer, and find their accounts correct and satisfactory.

EH. C. COLBY,
RODNEY JOHNSON,
*Auditors.*
REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The close of the school year finds the schools in a generally satisfactory condition; yet much must be done before they can be what we wish them to be.

We have made but two changes in text-books, one being to introduce book-keeping, the other the introduction of physiology as a study. A number of the districts have also purchased a complete set of charts, and we would recommend each district to do the same.

There has been commendable improvement in the repairs of school-houses, nearly all of them being comfortable and well suited to the requirements of each district.

There is one other thing that should be attended to,—the furnishing of text-books to those who are unable to buy them. There is a general law that covers this subject, but it is practically inoperative. It is necessary for the best good of those teaching and of those taught that the text-books used should be of the kind prescribed by the school officers, and if a pupil is unable to buy and is obliged to depend upon some old book given or loaned him, it keeps the pupil in a class by himself, and lays an additional burden upon the teacher.

We are all ready to advocate the supplying of text-books by the state, believing that while this plan may have some disadvantages, it has much to commend it; we can readily see how it would give the poor scholar an equal chance with the rest.

A truant law has been passed, and Charles G. Barnard has been appointed to see that it is executed. Mr. Barnard makes an excellent officer, and his efforts add much to the efficiency of the schools.

FRANK BLAISDELL, M. D.,
G. F. FARLEY,
Superintending School Committee.
The schools have been under the instruction of the same corps of teachers throughout the year. Miss Bessie R. Brackett, a graduate of the Salem (Mass.) normal school, has had charge of the upper department. Miss Alice C. Taggart has completed her second year in the intermediate, and Miss Cynthia A. Worthley her third year, nearly, in the primary department. The committee are well satisfied with the work of each of these teachers. They have been faithful, and as much as could be expected has been accomplished. We believe the schools were never in a more prosperous condition than now. Miss Brackett had had but little experience in teaching, but her work shows the value of a normal school training. She has been taught how to teach. The other teachers have also done excellent work.

We have before had occasion to speak of deficiencies in reading and writing. We are glad to say that there has been improvement in both these branches. The Franklin series of readers, having been in use for many years, has been superseded by Swinton's. An interesting class in physiology has been formed. This important study has been neglected, but it is expected that more attention will be paid to it in future. A law of the last legislature requires that the teachers of our common schools be able to pass an examination in physiology, and gives the committee authority to prescribe its study.

We have felt it necessary, during the year, to make certain regulations for the government of the school, relating to the studies, and also to excuses for absence and tardiness. A copy of these rules, it is supposed, has gone into the hands of each family where there are school-children. If any have not received a copy, it will be supplied upon request.

At the last town meeting the following truant law was enacted by the town: "Any child between the ages of six and sixteen years, having no regular and lawful occupation, and of sufficient health, neglecting to attend some proper school, or remaining absent or playing truant therefrom, shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined a sum not exceeding ten dollars, nor less than one dollar; and
in default of payment thereof, be committed to the industrial school till the same is paid, or he is otherwise discharged; or, instead of such fine he may be sentenced to the said industrial school for a term not exceeding one year."

Charles G. Barnard has been appointed, and has qualified, as truant officer for the town, and it becomes his duty to see that the above law is enforced. This law was needed in this district, as, without it, there was no way of compelling attendance where the parents were indifferent in regard to the education of their children. It may be remarked in this connection that if a child has "regular and lawful occupation" the law compels his attendance at some school for at least twelve weeks of each year.

Fearing that the money might not hold out, the first and second terms of the year were but ten weeks in length; the third has been eleven weeks. Unfortunately the sickness of many pupils and the stormy weather have interfered with the highest prosperity of the school. It is desirable, in our opinion, that each term should be not less than eleven weeks long; which involves the raising of more money. It is therefore recommended that we raise one hundred dollars beyond what the law requires during the coming year. No better investment could be made than this, and the burden upon each would be so slight as scarcely to be noticed.

Our furnaces are in a dilapidated condition, and involve an annual expense for repairs. Some better arrangement for heating the rooms will soon be imperative.

A list of the school-books now in use is here appended for the information of those whom it may concern: —


SAMUEL L. GERould,
H. M. CAMPBELL,
O. B. PIERCE,
T. R. BUTTERFIELD,
KENDRICK KENDALL,
EDWIN A. BLAISDELL,

Board of Education.
In accordance with the usual custom we append the names of those scholars who have been neither absent nor tardy, protesting, however, that it unjustly discriminates against several who have been just as faithful, who were kept at home by sickness or by other unavoidable reasons.

ROLL OF HONOR.


District No. 2. — Mountain.

Miss Bertha Hulsman. Miss Hulsman was not educated in our schools and was unfamiliar with our methods, but, we think, tried to do her best. At the examination only two little scholars were present, but these did well.
District No. 3. — Shirley Hill.

Two terms, and both by Miss Mary V. Shirley. Miss Shirley's school proved that the opinion we had expressed of her previous effort was well founded. A diligent application to her pupils was followed by corresponding improvement on their part.

Roll of Honor. — First term — Florence Shirley, Lydia Shirley, Emma Shirley, Jennie Shirley.
Second term — Georgie Cram, Florence Shirley.

District No. 4. — Kennedy Hill.

Three terms by Miss Georgia L. Barnard. This was her first experience in teaching, and in her own district. The school was apparently in fine condition and showed good, faithful work on the part of the teacher and scholars, and the progress made and orderly appearance deserve much credit.

Fall and winter terms — Helen M. Barnard.

District No. 5. — Mast Road.

Three terms by Miss Ruth S. Johnson. Miss Johnson is a teacher of considerable experience and evidently is very successful in the calling. The school appeared well at each visit, and the advancement made was very commendable. The scholars appeared to thoroughly understand what they had learned.


District No. 7. — East.

Three terms by Miss Ava L. Hammond. This is one of the small schools, and of course cannot compete with some of the other districts in scholarship. The summer
and fall terms seemed to be a success, and the improvement was very satisfactory. For the winter term a firmer hand to regulate one or two large boys would have been an improvement.

**Roll of Honor. — First term** — Grace E. Poore, C. Lottie Merrill, Charlie C. Greer.

*Second term* — George C. Stark, Mertie B. Merrill.

*Third term* — James F. McDuffie.

**District No. 8. — Tebbetts Hill.**

Summer term by Miss Sara A. Paige. A teacher of her well known experience and merit needs no words of praise. The school was of course a good one.

Fall and winter terms by Miss Angie G. Story. This was her first experience and was, we believe, very satisfactory to all concerned. She secured the good-will of her pupils and labored faithfully for their best interests, and the result was a decided success.


**District No. 9. — Center.**

Summer and fall terms by Miss Emeline Fifield. Miss Fifield is highly qualified and thoroughly in earnest in her vocation, and her schools in their examinations show the completeness of her teaching. We believe that the scholars and parents for the most part appreciated her earnest endeavors for the welfare of the school.

Winter term by Mr. John C. Hammond, who is one of the veteran teachers. Many people have had an impression that the "Center school" was one of the bad ones and difficult to manage, but we honestly believe that there are no vicious or thoroughly unruly scholars there. Certainly none but that can be controlled by good tact and judgment. Such influences were brought to bear with Mr. Hammond, and we consider the district as very fortunate in securing his services. As usual the friends were out with full numbers at the examination, which was a good one.

**Roll of Honor. — First term** — James M. George, Edna M. Cheney, Lizzie M. Eaton, Annie Flanders, Net-
tie M. George, Hattie M. Richards, Gertie M. Sheppard, Inez S. Stevens, Jeanie Wallace.

Second term — Charlie A. Davis, James M. George, Annie Flanders, Gertie George, Nettie M. George, Aggie I. Greer, Laura Lancaster, Mary L. Lancaster, Hattie M. Richards, Gertie M. Sheppard.


District No. 10. — Pattee Hill.

Three terms, and all by Miss Luella Pattee. We have praised Miss Pattee's work before, and feel compelled to do it again. She is very successful, and particularly so in this school, and we are glad that this district is so fortunate as to be able to retain her.

Roll of Honor. — First term — Eva Blaisdell, Maud Carlton, Eva Hazen, Dora Martin, Flora Merrill, Bertha Pattee, Carrie Perley, Hannah Perley, Ida Richardson, Ella Tenney, James Martin, Maurice Merrill, Johnnie Perley, Frank Tenney, Ina Pattee.

Second term — Eva Blaisdell, Eva Hazen, Mamie Hazen, Lizzie Hazen, Dora Martin, Bertha Pattee, Ina Pattee, Gracie Richardson, Ida Richardson, Emma Whipple, Abby Woodman, Lewis Blaisdell, Charles Hazen, Frank Kidder, James Martin, Maurice Merrill, Frank Tenney, Bertie Whipple.

Third term — Flora Merrill, Bertha Pattee, Gracie Richardson, Lewis Blaisdell, James Martin, Charlie Hazen.

District No. 11. — Parker's.

First term, Miss Sybil B. Marden. Miss Marden is a teacher of experience and had a good school, and the examination showed commendable results.

Second term, Geo. W. Cheney. Seldom have we had a school under our supervision which we could so unqualifiedly praise as this one. Mr. Cheney took hold of his school with a vigor which lasted throughout, and although the school was much broken by sickness, the term was an eminently successful one.

Second term — Frank E. Willard.

District No. 12. — Paige Hill.

First term, Isabel T. Brown. Miss Brown had a good school and a pleasant examination, at which the results of much work was manifest.

Second term. Miss Cram has kept this school before, and fully sustained her reputation as a practical teacher. Commendable progress was made.

Roll of Honor. — First term — Millie G. Soule, Mabel Pecoy, Alice E. Moore, Frank A. Underhill.

Second term — Millie G. Soule, Mabel M. Pecoy, Blanche B. Whipple, Ella B. Hammond, Josie E. Paige.
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