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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF NEW-LONDON,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH, A. D. 1853.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

DISBURSEMENTS BY THE SELECTMEN.

MINISTERIAL DEPARTMENT.

Paid B. C. Clement, for Baptist Society,	\$48.34
“ B. P. Burpee, for Universalist Society,	15.82
“ James Todd, for Christian Society,	10.58
“ William G. Nelson, Free-Will Baptist Society,	4.66 \$79.40

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

Paid William Todd, District No. 1,	\$58.28
“ Robert Fulton, District No. 2,	68.54
“ Rev. E. Dodge, District No. 3,	133.14
“ Enoch C. Adams, District No. 4,	85.26
“ William Whittier, District No. 5,	69.81
“ Asa Ray, District No. 6,	53.41
“ Henry R. Gates, District No. 7,	41.77 \$510.21

FOR TOWN EXPENSES AND DEBTS.

Paid Edwin R. Gates, for military duty, 1851,	\$1.00
“ A. S. E. Crawford, amount of note,	53.26
“ David Everett, amount of note,	161.70
“ Eugene O'Neil, amount of note,	321.12
“ McFarland & Jenks, for printing Reports,	14.00
“ Morrill & Silsby, for Stationery,	2.21
“ Dennis H. Adams, Dr. Bickford's bill,	27.12
“ Isaac Page, for the support of Eliza Adams,	52.00
“ Jona. S. George, for services on Poor Farm,	143.00
“ Solomon Whipple, for doctoring poor,	9.50
“ Rev. E. Dodge, services as School Com. for 1851,	17.00
“ James Todd's bill for support of Wm. Sargent,	1.50
“ Obadiah E. Ring, amount of note,	814.56
“ Nathaniel Kenniston, pauper bill,	9.41
“ John Currier, for way marks on Sunapee lake,	1.00
“ John Pike, for ditto,	1.00

Paid Marcus E. Sargent, for coffin, Lizzie Kempton,	3.50	
“ Nathan Trow, school money,	1.75	
“ Samuel Greenwood, over paid Tax,	.71	
“ H. Gillingham, for blanks, paper, &c.,	1.00	
“ G. W. Everett's bill, for School Committee, 1851, and services,	34.34	
“ Henry R. Gates, for collecting taxes,	33.46	
“ State Tax,	197.40	
“ County Tax,	232.13	
“ Geo. A. Whitney, over-paid Tax,	1.42	
“ Luther McCutchins, expenses to Concord to set- tle suit,	2.75	
“ Hiram Davis, for digging graves,	17.50	
“ Due on bond for the year 1852,	147.37	
“ Auditors' Bill,	2.00	\$2894.52

REPAIRING HIGHWAYS.

Paid Jas. Todd, breaking out highways in Dist. No. 3,	\$2.50	
“ James Todd, repairing highway in Dist. No. 4,	5.00	
“ Joseph Trussell, for plank,	.57	\$8.07

ABATEMENT OF TAXES FOR 1851.

Jona. A. Armour,	1.83	
Daniel Burpee,	1.83	
Robert Butterfield,	1.83	
J. B. Clark,	1.83	
David Cutting,	1.83	
Levi Everett,	1.95	
Joseph Greeley,	1.83	
Jona. E. Herrick,	1.83	
Zacheus Messer,	.12	
Zacheus Messer, jr.,	1.83	
William Sargent,	.24	
John McWilliams, jr.,	1.83	\$18.78

ABATEMENT OF TAXES FOR 1852.

James M. Pike,	1.42	
James W. Knowlton,	1.42	
Carr Buswell,	2.01	
Zacheus Messer,	.12	
Zacheus Messer, jr.,	1.42	

Levi Everett,	1.53	
J. M. N. Young,	1.42	
Daniel Bickford,	1.42	
John Morgan,	1.42	
John Pike,	1.42	\$13.60

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Paid Luther McCutcheon for services:

1852, March 27. One day hiring agent on poor farm and making bond,	1.00	
April 7. Five days taking inventory,	5.00	
“ 20. Five days making out taxes and surveyors' warrants,	5.00	
“ Two days writing,	2.00	
May 12. Half day making returns,	.50	
June 3. Half day at poor farm,	.50	
Aug. 30. Half day at poor farm,	.50	
Oct. 12. One day at Concord to settle suit,	1.00	
“ Two days making out check list and warrants,	2.00	
“ 18. Half day on pauper business,	.50	
Dec. 7. 1 day and journey to Bradford to pay note,	2.00	
1853, Feb. 5. Half day settling,	.50	
“ 21. Three days making out check-list and warrants,	3.00	
“ Four days settling with Agent, Collector, Auditors, and making Report,	5.00	
One day regulating jury box and drawing jurors,	1.00	
Keeping Town Books and postage,	6.00	\$35.50

Paid James Todd for services:

1852, March 13. Half day drawing jurors,	.50	
“ 27. Half day hiring agent on poor farm,	.50	
“ 30. Half day at poor farm,	.50	
April 9. Four and a half days taking invoice,	4.50	
“ 16. Five and a half days making taxes, Distributing surveyors' warrants,	5.50	
May 3. Half day at poor farm,	.50	
“ 4. One day buying oxen and driving to poor farm,	1.00	

July 12.	Half day at poor farm,	.50	
Aug. 4.	Visiting poor farm, &c.,	.50	
Oct. 18.	Regulating check-list and warrants,	.50	
Nov. 6.	Half day perambulating town lines,	.50	
" 17.	Half day at poor farm,	.50	
	To drawing jurors and regulating box,	.75	
1853, Feb. 17.	To regulating check-list and warrant,	1.00	
" 22.	One day at poor farm,	1.00	
" 24.	Three days making report and settling with Auditors,	3.00	\$22.25
	Paid Asa B. Pillsbury, services :		
1852, March 27.	Half day hiring agent for poor farm,	.50	
April 6.	Four days taking inventory,	4.00	
" 17.	Five days making taxes,	5.00	
" 20.	One day writing,	1.00	
May 4.	Two days buying oxen and visiting poor farm,	2.00	
July 12.	Half day at poor farm,	.50	
Oct. 11.	Half day regulating check-list and warrants,	.50	
1853, Feb. 5.	To drawing jurors,	1.00	
" 18.	To regulating and posting check-list,	1.00	
" 22.	One day at poor farm,	1.00	
" 26.	Three days preparing and settling with Auditors,	3.00	\$19.50
	Paid Charles S. Sargent, services as Town Clerk,		
	For recording two births,	.54	
	For recording eight deaths,	.48	
	For recording eight marriages,	.48	
	To paid Dr. S. M. Whipple for copy of births and deaths, as furnished by him for the year end- ing April 1st, A. D. 1852,	.85	\$9.35
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			\$86.50

The Selectmen credit the Town for the A. D. 1852, as follows :

Received 1st, Cash in hands of Selectmen, 1851,	\$648.51
2, John J. Sargent, interest on note,	16.39
3, List of Taxes for the year 1852,	1934.64

4, Nathan D. Pingree, amount due on		
J. Pingree's Note,	90.00	
5, Amos Page, borrowed money,	200.00	
6, Anthony Colby, interest on note,	30.00	
7, Israel Hunting, " " "	5.40	
8, Stephen Sargent, " " "	10.50	
9, Asa Pingree, " " "	17.59	
10, John J. Sargent, " " "	16.38	
11, State Treasurer, for soldiers, 1851,	7.00	
12, " " literary fund,	45.62	
13, " " railroad tax,	22.22	
14, County Treasurer, pauper bills,	7.50	
15, G. W. Everett, on John Morgan's note,	5.00	
16, G. W. Everett, interest on note,	30.00	
17, D. H. Adams, on bond for A. D. 1851,	171.12	
18, Allow'd as abated on D. H. Adams' bond,	18.78	
19, From poor farm,	45.88	\$3322.53

RECAPITULATED.

Amount received,	\$3322.53
Amount paid out,	3021.57
Balance due the town,	300.96
Estimated as debts against the town,	1200.00
Means of paying the same,	600.00
Balance unpaid,	600.00

LUTHER McCUTCHINS, } Selectmen
 JAMES TODD, } of
 ASA B. PILLSBURY, } New-London.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen for the past year, and find them duly vouched and correctly cast, and that the foregoing is a true statement thereof.

JOHN TRUSSELL, } Auditors.
 B. P. BURPEE, }

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY ON POOR FARM, FEB. 22, 1853.

15 tons English hay,	202.50
10 tons meadow hay,	90.00
2 Oxen,	95.00
5 Cows,	100.00
4 three years' old Cattle,	60.00
6 two years' old Cattle,	60.00

3 Yearlings,	20.00
11 Hens,	3.63
2 Shoats,	16.00
1 Stove,	20.00
30 bushels Corn,	30.00
70 " Oats,	35.00
5 " Rye,	5.00
1 " Seed Corn,	1.50
3 " Beans,	4.50
110 " Potatoes,	27.50
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ barrels Pork,	29.00
$\frac{1}{2}$ " Ham,	9.00
$\frac{3}{4}$ " Beef,	8.00
46 lbs. cheese,	3.68
32 " Tallow and Candles,	3.80
36 " Lard,	3.60
20 " Butter,	4.00
$\frac{3}{4}$ bbl. Flour,	4.50
1 lb. Tobacco,	.22
2 gallons Molasses,	.72
$\frac{1}{2}$ bag of fine Salt,	.12
$\frac{1}{2}$ bushel Salt,	.25
$\frac{2}{3}$ barrel Soap,	2.00
1 bushel Corn Meal,	1.00
15 lbs. Dried Apple,	.60
1 pint Lamp Oil,	.19
1 Lantern,	.50
7 lbs. rolls wool,	4.00
1 lb. Tea,	.50
4 lbs. Sugar,	.28
2 " Coffee,	.25
Household Furniture,	40.00
Wearing Apparel,	25.00
1 Patent Churn,	3.00
1 Cheese Press,	1.00
1 Plough,	4.00
3 Ox Yokes,	5.00
2 Draft Chains,	3.00
1 Harrow,	2.00
1 Cart and gear,	8.00

2 Ox Sleds,	5.50	
1 Manure Shovel,	.75	
2 Manure Forks,	1.50	
3 Hay Forks,	2.00	
1 large Rake,	.75	
3 small Rakes,	.50	
2 Hoes,	.60	
1 Manure Rake,	.60	
2 Scythes and Snaths,	2.00	
4 Axes,	2.00	
1 Shoeing Bench,	1.00	
1 Hand Saw,	.75	
1 Wood Saw,	1.25	
1 Shave,	.25	
1 Nail Hammer,	.25	
6½ M. Shingles,	12.00	
1 Grind Stone,	1.50	
1 Stone Boat,	.50	
22 Hemlock Logs at the Mill,	10.00	\$981.54

THE POOR FARM IS CREDITED FOR THE YEAR 1852 AS FOLLOWS :

Rec'd Albert Little, for difference in Calves,	1.37
“ Mr. Wyman, for keeping horse,	2.59
“ Jona. S. George, for 31¾ lbs. cheese,	1.90
“ G. Wyman, for one ox,	45.00
“ Mr. Gale, for 28 sheep,	28.00
“ Ruel Durgee, for support of Lizzie Kempton,	60.00
“ G. Wyman, for three oxen,	106.00
“ Daniel Bickford, jr., 4½ lbs. lard,	.50
“ N. P. Clough, for calf skin,	.80
“ Sam'l Shepherd, for wool,	12.50
“ Samuel Shepard, for three pelts,	1.92
“ E. Gay, for beef,	2.50
“ N. P. Clough, for hide,	2.60
“ James Phillips, for wood,	2.00
“ C. M. Cheney, for wood,	6.00
“ Otis Jones, for bark,	20.60
“ Samuel Shepard, balance on account,	.76
“ George Shepard, for oats,	1.00
“ Wm. Shepard, 2 bushels oats,	1.00

Rec'd Dan'l E. Colby, for four pairs feeting,	1.12	
" " " " 47 bushels oats,	19.00	
" " " " 2 pairs feeting,	.56	
" " " " 3 pairs ditto,	.84	
" " " " 56 lbs. cheese,	4.50	
" " " " 1 pair feeting,	.30	\$323.36

The Poor Farm is charged for the year 1852 as follows :

Paid Daniel E. Colby, for 1 lb. Brown Tea,	.34
" " " " 1 lb. Y. Tea,	.50
" " " " 1 lb. Saleratus,	.07
" " " " 1 lb. Tobacco,	.25
Jona. S. George, for seven Hens,	1.75
Stephen Hoit, for taxes in Sutton, 1851,	2.80
Otis Jones, for one pair of oxen,	78.66
J. French, for one pair thick boots for Lavak,	2.25
Luther McCutchins, coat and pants for E. Wood,	7.50
Eliphalet Gay, for pasturing cattle and sheep,	8.86
A. Colby, for two Pigs,	4.00
Israel Hunting, for pasturing oxen,	2.25
Luther McCutchins, for driving oxen to Warner,	1.50
Luther McCutchins, pasturing oxen,	4.02
Henry R. Gates' taxes on poor farm,	11.30
Christopher Phillips, filing saws,	.35
Daniel E. Colby, 12 sheets of paper,	.10
E. Gay, for lime,	.13
J. Berry, for tapping boots,	.45
E. Gay, for eggs,	.14
Hiram Todd, for manure rake,	.65
J. C. Butterfield, for tin,	.25
Jona. G. Everett, for yoke,	1.00
Moses Davis, for help,	.10
J. Greenwood, for tin pail,	.38
C. S. Guild, for cheese strainer,	.26
J. M. Hayes, for 1 skein twine,	.03
Rowe & Todd, hay fork,	.67
J. M. Hayes, for cod fish,	1.00
John Walker, for blacksmithing,	1.00
Jesse Wilkins, for work in haying,	13.00
J. M. Hayes, for nails,	.09

Geo. Clement, for 3 lbs. tobacco,	.75
Mr. Bailey, for threshing,	2.45
E. Gay, for apples,	1.00
Moses Davis, for threshing,	.50
Izetta Fulsome, for labor of James Reed,	20.22
Otis Jones, for sawing,	.75
Asa L. Hoskins, for blacksmithing,	.75
Moses Davis, for vinegar,	.16
Green Johnson, for carding,	.63
Jesse Baker, for blacksmithing,	.88
Dustin Wilkins, for 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. butter,	.88
“ “ “ 2 lbs. saleratus,	.14
“ “ “ 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ gallons molasses,	.50
“ “ “ potatoes,	2.25
“ “ “ ashes,	.62
“ “ “ 1 bushel meal,	1.00
“ “ “ 137 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. flour,	4.13
“ “ “ 5 gallons of vinegar,	.83
“ “ “ 1 ball twine,	.08
“ “ “ 1 razor,	.50
“ “ “ 119 lbs. pork,	19.04
“ “ “ 1 sickle,	.26
Daniel E. Colby, for 1 barrel flour,	6.50
Otis Jones, for sawing shingles,	5.98
Luther McCutchins, for plough 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ days,	.75
Charles S. Sargent, vest and pants for E. Wood,	3.50
Phillips, Messer, Colby & Co., 2 scythes,	1.67
Daniel E. Colby & Co., for 3 lbs. coffee, @ 9d; 1 lb. ginger, 13; 1 lb. cinnamon, 34;	.85
2 $\frac{1}{6}$ lbs. soap, @ .08; 6 lbs. tobacco, @ .25; 2 lbs. Y. H. tea, @ 50 cts.;	2.73
1 $\frac{3}{4}$ yds. crash, 19 cts; 2 bean pots, .28; 6 galls. molasses, @ 2s.;	2.47
10 lbs. sugar, 65; 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. codfish, 1.15; 7 yds. striped shirting, 88;	2.68
1 doz. buttons, .03; 2 oz. pins, .08; $\frac{1}{4}$ gross matches, 15; 1 pint oil, 11,	.37
1 oz. linen thread, .09; $\frac{1}{2}$ B. H. G. Seed, 1.63; 20 lbs. clover seed, 2.60;	4.32
10 lbs. coffee, 125; 2.50 lbs. plaster, 1.67; two bushels salt, 1.00,	3.92

1 broom, 30 ; 10 lbs. sugar, 80 ; 2 doz. crackers, 12 ; 2 papers beet seed, 10 ;	1.32	
38 yds. cotton cloth, 3.23 ; 2 lbs. Y. H. tea, 1.00 ; 2 lbs. saleratus, 14,	4.37	
Crushed sugar, 10 ; 1 spool thread, .05 ; 3½ yds. crash, 44,	.59	
1 yd. cotton cloth, .06 ; 2 oz. indigo, 25 ; 1 rake, 22 ; 1 scythe stone, .08,	.61	
1 bbl. flour, 5.38 ; 1 pair overalls, 58 ; 2 lbs. coffee, 22,	6.18	
4 lbs. sugar, 32 ; 2 lbs. saleratus, 14 ; 1 bag salt, 25,	.71	
10 lbs. sugar, 80 ; 8 lbs. coffee, 92 ; 1 lb. Y. H. tea, 64,	2.36	
2 bushels salt, 1.00 ; 1 axe, 100 ; crackers, 18 ; 2 lbs. B. H. sugar, 16,	2.34	
4 lbs. yellow sugar, 28 ; 2 lbs. saleratus, 14 ; 10 lbs. coffee, 1.25,	1.67	
10 lbs. B. H. sugar, 80 ; 10 lbs. yellow, 65 ; 1 lb. Y. H. tea, 50 ; 10 lbs. nails, 40,	2.35	
6 gallons extra molasses, 2.16 ; 3 yds. striped shirting, 37,	2.53	
2 balls wicking, 12 ; 1 pr. boots, 2.50 ; 1 green jacket, 2.00,	4.62	
1 lb. ground pepper, 16 ; 2 bushels salt, 1.00 ; 2 lbs. saleratus, 14,	1.30	
3 rolls batting, 30 ; 12 ps. cotton thread, .06 ; 1 lb. tobacco, 22 ;	.58	
1 pt. sperm oil, 19 ; ¼ lb. nutmegs, 34 ; 1 lb. tobacco, 22,	.75	
1 barrel flour,	5.50	\$55.12

Amount charged, \$277.49

Amount credited, 323.36

Balance in favor of Poor Farm, and carried to credit of town, \$45.88

Amount of property on Poor Farm,	281.54
Amount credited,	323.36
Amount charged,	277.49

Amount in favor of Poor Farm, carried to credit of town, \$45.88

Which is respectfully submitted,

LUTHER McCUTCHEON, } Selectmen
 JAMES TODD, } of
 ASA B. PILLSBURY, } New-London.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

The Summer Term of the School was for two weeks under the care of Miss Gay who then left, at the suggestion of the Committee, Miss Mary G. Todd had charge of the school the last two weeks. Under her management there was a marked improvement both in the Government and in the instruction of the pupils. In her report she makes the following very just remarks: "I think if a child has the right influence around it will be no hard task to govern that child at school. It then is responsibility resting on the teacher, there is also upon the parent. The length of the School was 12 weeks. The average attendance was 20.

The Winter Term opened under the direction of Mr. George H. and after the expiration of two weeks he was dismissed, as understood to teach the School. Mr. Robert H. Nelson taught the School the last seven weeks. The average attendance was 22. The School was quiet and orderly, and the scholars gave evidence of having made progress in their studies.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

The Summer Term was under the care of Mr. George H. Nelson. The School opened well. Its Government and the mode of instruction was highly approved of the Committee. The length of the School was 12 weeks. The average attendance was 22.

The Winter Term was under the charge of Mr. Andrew. The School was quiet by excellent order, and by the careful management of the scholars in their studies. The length of the School was 11 weeks. The average attendance was 22.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

The Summer Term was under the care of Miss Maria C. Johnson. The devotion and energy of the teacher secured a good school. The scholars were pleased with the oral teaching of the Bible, and to make the scholars give evidence of their religious

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Amount of property on loan

Amount credited

Amount charged

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF NEW-LONDON.

1852-3.

Your Committee submit the following Report on the character and condition of the District Schools of New-London.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

The Summer Term of this School was for two weeks under the care of Miss Gay, who then left, at the suggestion of the Committee. Miss Mary G. Todd had charge of the school the last ten weeks. Under her management there was a marked improvement, both in the government and in the instruction of the pupils. In her report she makes the following very just remarks: "I think if a child has the right influence at home, it will be no hard task to govern that child at school. If there is responsibility resting on the teacher, there is also upon the parent." The length of the School was 12 weeks. The average attendance was 20.

The Winter Term opened under the direction of Mr. George Davis. At the expiration of two weeks he was dismissed, as unqualified to teach the School. Mr. Robert B. Nelson taught the School the last seven weeks. The average attendance was 24. The School was quiet and orderly, and the scholars gave evidence of having made progress in their studies.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

The Summer Term was under the care of Miss J. A. B. Page. The School appeared well. Its government and the mode of instruction met the hearty approbation of the Committee. The length of the School was 12 weeks. The average attendance, 25.

The Winter Term was under the charge of Mr. Fowler. This School was marked by excellent order, and by the decided interest taken by the scholars in their studies. The length of the School was 11 weeks. The average attendance, 35.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

The Summer Term was under the care of Miss Martha G. Bigelow. The decision and energy of the teacher secured a good school. The Committee were pleased with the oral teaching of physiology, the aim to make the scholars more studious, and to exert over them a religious

influence. There may have been at times, owing to a partial failure in her health, a want of patience; but this did not change the general character of the school. The length was 11 weeks. The average attendance, 30.

The Winter Term was under the charge of Mr. C. H. Hill. We can most cheerfully commend three things in the general management of this School—*good order, a thorough understanding of all that the scholars had been over, and the attention to the manners as well as the morals of the pupils.* The length of the School was 12 weeks. The average attendance was 50.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

The Summer Term was under the care of Miss Amy A. Sargent. The patience and perseverance of the teacher gave character to this school. The ease and stillness with which the whole machinery of the school-room moved, deserved all praise. It was the only Summer School in which we did not see some whispering during the afternoons we spent in examining them. The length of the school, 8 weeks. The average attendance, 19. The Winter Term was under the charge of Mr. William Thompson. The Committee visited the School twice before its close, and saw nothing out of place, either in the order or mode of instruction. But at the middle of the eighth week a petition, signed by a majority of the legal voters in this district, for the dismissal of the teacher, was sent to the Committee. After a hearing of several hours, the prayer of the petitioners was refused, *as it had not been shown that Mr. T. was "unqualified to teach the School."* Still, as the disaffection was great, the teacher was advised to leave the School. The length of the school was $7\frac{1}{2}$ weeks. The average attendance was 28.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

The Summer Term was under the care of Miss Emily R. Shepard. This was an excellent School. The enthusiasm and patience of the teacher secured not only good order, but the most decided progress in all the studies. We wish that all our Summer Schools could have as good teachers as Miss S. The length of the School was 10 weeks. The average attendance, 25.

The Winter Term was under the charge of Mr. N. C. Todd. The scholars at the close of the School showed that they had made decided progress in their studies. The first class in arithmetic and the younger classes in reading deserve special mention. If the small pupils in this School could have been taught the art of obedience, it would have been an improvement. The length of the School was a little more than 9 weeks. The average attendance was 30.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

The Summer Term was under the care of Miss Laura A. Putney. This School deserved high commendations for the progress made in all the studies. This was owing to the faithfulness of the teacher. She seemed resolved that she would do her whole duty to her pupils.



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The length of the School was 8 weeks. The average attendance, 18.

The Winter Term was under the charge of Mr. Nahum Smith. The teacher in this School succeeded in making his scholars earnest and diligent in their studies. There was no class but what had made decided progress during the term. The length of the School was 12 weeks. The average attendance was 25.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

The Summer Term was under the care of Miss M. D. Whittier. This was a good School. The frequency of recitations secured in a measure the benefits of a longer School. The length was 7 weeks. The average attendance was 16.

The Winter Term was under the charge of Mr. Herman L. Sargent. The teacher aimed to do his duty, and in many respects kept a good School. But there was a lack of that life and enthusiasm which is essential to perfect success. No class should be permitted to go through the arithmetic in six weeks. The length of the School was 8 weeks. The average attendance, 24.

As some of the teachers have omitted to make out a full report of the length of their Schools and the average attendance, the above account may in one or two instances be inaccurate.

Our Schools need more moral and religious instruction. In the language of our State Laws, "the great principles of virtue and piety" should be daily impressed on the minds of the young. Christianity cannot with safety be divorced from our schools, and thus banished from society. Children are educated not only by their teacher, but by their play-mates; not merely in the school-room, but in the streets. One bad boy may lead others into the practice of profanity or lying. There is far more to be feared from such an example than to be hoped from the influence of one virtuous lad. How important then it is that our teachers should be right in their morals and manners!

The great defect in the instruction of our schools is the want of thoroughness. This is owing in part to the prevailing idea that a child's progress in its studies is to be measured by the amount gone over, and not by his understanding of the subject; in part, also, to the anxiety of scholars to go through their text books before the term closes; but most of all, to the teachers themselves. They are too often defective in a thorough mastery of the elements of knowledge. Without this thoroughness there can be no discipline of the mind. The scholar can never learn to think in a clear and connected manner. His learning will always be superficial. He may be able to repeat the rules of Arithmetic, but the reason of the rules he will not see. He may solve all the problems in the text book, but he cannot explain them to another. Three months thorough instruction in the first half of the Arithmetic is far better than three years' superficial teaching on the whole.

E. DODGE, Super. School Com. of New-London.

New-London, Feb. 25, 1853.