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ANNUAL REPORT

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THE SELECTMEN

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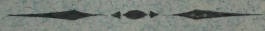
TOWN OFFICERS,

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LEBANON, N. H.

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 4, 1883.



LEBANON, N. H. :
Press of Freeman, & Richardson, Free Press Job Office.
1883.

MEAD, MASON & Co. now have a Retail Store in connection
with their Furniture Manufactory at Lebanon, N. H.

PARLOR,
Chamber
and
Dining-
Room
Furniture.

Builders'
Materials,
Doors, Sash
Blinds,
Clapboards
Lumber, &c



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WARRANT.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

{ L. S. }

To the inhabitants of the town of Lebanon, qualified to vote in town affairs:—

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on the second Tuesday of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:—

1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

2nd. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

3rd. To choose three Selectmen, one or more Fish and Game Wardens, and all other necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

4th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year.

5th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to repair highways.

6th. To hear the report of the Auditors and the Superintending School Committee.

7th. To determine the division of the school money.

8th. To see what action the town will take on article 4 of warning for town meeting, dated October 21st, 1882, which was postponed to the "next March meeting," said article being: "To see if the town will vote to furnish a town clock for West Lebanon, or act thereon."

9th. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of fifty dollars or as much thereof as may be necessary to defray the expense of a proper observance of memorial day, or act thereon.

10th. To see what action the town will take in relation to the balance of the dog tax of 1882, not ordered to be paid for damages by dogs.

Given under our hands and seal this 24th day of February, 1883.

SOLON A. PECK,	}	<i>Selectmen of Lebanon.</i>
JOHN S. FREEMAN,		
CHAS. B. DRAKE,		

A true copy—Attest.

SOLON A. PECK,	}	<i>Selectmen of Lebanon.</i>
JOHN S. FREEMAN,		
CHAS. B. DRAKE,		

REPORT

OF THE

TREASURER OF THE TOWN OF LEBANON,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1ST, 1883.

Cash on hand as per last report,	\$403 65
Received of Selectmen,	7,260 89
“ F. L. Owen, 1881,	58 69
“ “ 1882,	24,820 46
“ “ interest,	27 12
	<hr/> \$32,570 81

Paid as per orders drawn by Selectmen—	
Ordinary and incidental,	2,975 31
Fire department,	543 65
Highways and bridges,	1,140 08
Town paupers,	1,426 74
County paupers,	932 36
Schools,	4,394 60
Note and interest,	3,455 59
Dog damage,	29 30
County tax,	7,111 11
State tax,	4,608 00
Special taxes,	4,430 00
Extraordinary expenses,	590 00
	<hr/> \$31,636 74
Cash on hand to balance,	934 07
	<hr/> \$32,570 81

C. E. HILDRETH, Treasurer.

REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF LEBANON,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1ST, 1883.

Received of Grafton Co., pauper account,	\$808 85	
T. D. Freeman, land rent,	20 00	
J. G. Ticknor, fines collected,	47 29	
N. R. R., in Hardy case,	20 00	
D. M. Ross, borrowed,	300 00	
A. Gile, for grass sold,	6 00	
Railroad tax,	1,367 00	
Savings Bank tax,	3,289 93	
Literary fund,	337 18	
Bounty on hawks and crows,	22 80	
E. G. Beers, on Daniel Stanley's account,	80 00	
Interest on Eldridge estate fund,	58 54	
Eldridge estate account,	391 47	
Town Clerk for billiard table licenses,	59 16	
A. W. Baker, rent of P. O.,	100 00	
C. D. Jewett, use of hearse,	24 00	
E. Ticknor, balance of liquor ac- count,	76 45	
W. H. Richardson, balance of Town Hall account,	235 97	
Balance of new cemetery ac- count,	16 25	
	\$7,260 89	

ORDERS DRAWN ON THE TREASURER

FOR ORDINARY AND INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

S. A. Peck, expense to Haverhill,	\$10 60
J. A. Davis, return of births and deaths,	13 00
T. H. Currie, " " "	3 50
D. G. Brockway, " " "	5 75
Val. Manahan, " " "	25
H. A. Watson, " " "	75
C. W. Manchester, " " "	3 00
M. S. Woodman, town agent,	100 00
C. A. Downs, on town history,	100 00
A. B. Freeman, printing reports,	49 00
A. B. Freeman, posters,	1 00
Freeman & Richardson, check list,	15 00
J. G. Ticknor, police justice,	100 00
A. W. Baker, stamps,	3 00
E. H. Cheney, printing,	9 85
Joel Hall, labor in cemetery,	6 75
C. D. Jewett, " " "	1 00
Lewis Hinkley, " " "	12 50
J. C. Ray, board of Will Porter,	26 99
N. C. Bridgman, expense in W. Porter case,	21 09
N. C. Bridgman, " Eva Hutchins "	15 00
E. J. Durant, insurance on town hall,	40 00
John B. Pike, " " "	40 00
J. E. Dewey, " " "	120 00
J. E. Dewey, " Lyman's bridge,	12 00
C. M. Baxter, furnace for hall,	99 50
Daniel Hinkley, labor in cemetery, W. L.,	6 00
M. S. Woodman, books for poor children,	6 20
O. S. Wright, labor on street lights,	124 73
N. R. R., freight,	27 98
Geo. Davis, labor on street lights,	3 75
H. G. Wood, " " "	13 11
Goold & Holmes, oil, etc.,	14 41
Durant & Perkins, " "	10 90
Simmons Bros., " "	9 00
J. K. Butman, " "	4 57
Alta Mfg. Co., oil and lamps,	550 00
Muchmore & Whipple, labor, lumber and cement,	4 28
C. M. Hildreth & Son, pipe and labor, town hall,	35 85
C. M. Hildreth & Son, sundries,	24 76

W. H. Richardson, books for office and scholars,	\$34 02
W. H. Richardson, care of clock,	12 00
A. H. Smith, repairs on town hall,	11 25
S. A. Peck, sundry small bills,	8 55
E. H. Bagley, sundries,	9 84
C. D. Jewett, repairs on hearse, etc.,	20 00
M. Barraby, damage to carriage,	10 00
S. A. Peck, bounty on crows,	19 40
Police,	41 00
E. J. Durant, Town Clerk and recording	58 00
N. F. Tilden, School Committee,	50 00
Jessie M. Stearns, " "	50 00
Bridgman and Ticknor, truant officers.	10 00
O. S. Wright, Supervisor,	20 00
J. L. Spring, " "	10 00
J. L. Spring, Atty. fees,	11 00
H. P. Goodrich, Supervisor,	20 00
H. P. Goodrich, Moderator, Mar. and Nov.,	8 00
H. P. Goodrich, use of team,	1 00
C. E. Hildreth, Treasurer,	50 00
Solon A. Peck, Selectman,	282 00
John S. Freeman, " "	85 00
Charles B. Drake, " "	124 00
Auditors,	12 00
F. L. Owen, on collecting taxes of 1881,	88
F. L. Owen, " " " 1882,	372 30
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	\$2,975 31

EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES.

Paid Timothy McNamara, land damage,	\$115 00
" S. G. Shepard, road damage,	300 00
" Henry S. Hall, " "	175 00
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	\$590 00

NOTE AND INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Paid E. A. Kendrick, coupons,	\$669 00
Savings Bank, on note and interest,	1,689 50
D. M. Ross, note and interest,	308 34
Nellie R. Worthen, interest,	288 75
Town Bond,	500 00
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	\$3,455 59

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES,

Paid A. G. Smythe, Treas., County tax,	\$7,111 11	
Solon A. Carter, " State tax,	4,608 00	
		<u> </u> \$11,719 11

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Engine Co. No. 3,	\$240 00	
Hook and Ladder Co.,	90 82	
Extinguisher Co.,	96 58	
Shaw Hose Co.,	62 50	
Whipple Hose Co.,	53 75	
		<u> </u> \$543 65

NEW CEMETERY ACCOUNT.

Received of O. J. Richardson,	\$10 00	
Kitty B. Eddy,	5 00	
Mrs. L. F. Dillingham,	10 00	
Z. Durkee estate,	10 00	
		<u> </u> \$35 00
Paid S. A. Peck, (surveyor) on road,	\$18 75	
C. M. Hildreth, Treas.,	16 25	
		<u> </u> \$35 00

SPECIAL TAXES.

Paid P. Bliss, Com. school Dist. No. 12,	\$30 00	
O. W. Baldwin, Com. school Dist.		
No. 13,	200 00	
W. H. Cotton, Treas. Dist. Nos. 14		
and 15,	3,500 00	
J. E. Dewey, Treas. Fire Precinct,	700 00	
		<u> </u> \$4,430 00

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid A. H. Walker, snowing bridge,	\$10 00
C. E. Batchelder, lighting bridge,	1 45
Frank Sayre, job on Hanover St.,	90 00
C. M. Bedell, lighting bridge,	9 05
D. H. Tenney, " " "	1 50

T. F. Waterman, plank,	36 41	
John Clark, “	24 38	
S. R. Truell, lumber,	39 36	
E. F. Emerson, lumber and labor,	349 07	
F. P. Hatch, gravel,	25 00	
J. H. Buck, gravel and labor,	20 20	
J. F. Hall, “ “	18 00	
Thomas Marcott, labor,	22 16	
N. A. Northrop, labor on stone work,	116 39	
J. S. Freeman, “	25 20	
G. B. Eastman, “	40 00	
A. H. Smith, on bridges,	17 25	
Smith Marston, plank,	11 00	
O. S. Bagley, snowing bridges, &c.,	13 25	
Jason Densmore, labor,	84 68	
C. H. Emerson, “	124 80	
C. B. Plastridge, “	40 25	
M. T. Brown, gravel,	11 68	
A. A. Cox, lumber, (old bill)	9 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,140 08

PRESCOTT BEQUEST.

Received interest of Savings Bank,		\$30 20
Paid M. B. Hazen,	\$10 20	
Fanny Stockwell,	20 00	
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TOWN PAUPERS.

Sarah C. Cushing,	\$217 72	
Mary Cushing,	137 04	
John P. Hall and family,	311 22	
Daniel Stanley,	210 39	
Isaac Eastman,	104 00	
D. M. Moody and wife,	96 11	
Fred Dawson,	64 75	
Florence Strong, (old bill)	113 20	
Bela Eastman,	64 31	
John Townsend's family,	19 27	
James Flynn,	25 70	
Peter P. Cotee,	60 78	
Mrs. Joseph Templeton,	2 25	
	<hr/>	\$1,426 74

COUNTY PAUPERS.

S. E. Bernard's family,	\$65 00
Geo. H. Smith and family,	59 69
Mrs. Laplant	129 71
E. Mann	40 40
Mrs. Paront	73 48
Mrs. Northrop	92 13
E. Champagne	40 25
Mary Tucker	10 85
Mary Sears	53 82
Levi Door	15 87
Joseph Brown	8 03
J. Marcotte	3 84
D. Marcotte	2 25
A. Barron	4 66
I. P. Sawyer	3 07
Edward Paro	47 34
Polly Garland,	40 00
P. A. Cushman,	70 73
George Bennett,	71 35
Cyrus Bushwa,	17 75
Wm. B. Hall,	8 25
Samuel Tenney,	2 75
Mrs. Lowar,	8 00
A. J. Rogers,	41 42
Transients,	21 72

 \$932 36

ELDRIDGE ESTATE ACCOUNT.

Received of C. D. Smith, rebate on Ins.,	\$9 30
B. C. Daniels' Est., rent of lot,	14 00
D. T. Ross,	14 00
Asa Sawyer,	21 00
O. N. Bartlett,	22 50
J. B. Pike,	22 50
T. D. Simmons,	15 00
Farnk Sayre,	30 00
C. H. Whipple,	15 00
Lyman Whipple,	14 00
Sundry persons, rent of pasture,	38 00
A. C. Daniels, " m'dow, etc.	400 00
Rufus Baker, " homestead,	175 00
A. G. Page, " pasture, '76	40 00

Received of C. D. Smith, on sale of Wilson f ^m	\$500 00	
C. D. Smith, Int., on note,	126 00	
G. W. Foster, on note,	17 00	
		————— \$1,473 30

Paid John Davis, repairs at homestead,	\$13 87	
S. M. Clay, on account,	3 88	
S. Worthley, painting,	5 62	
J. L. Brown, labor,	45	
A. Sawyer, " on fence,	5 20	
S. Cole & Son, shingles,	23 62	
Mead, Mason, & Co., lumber,	90	
F. L. Owen, taxes,	103 85	
Brown Bros., lead pipe, etc.,	8 77	
G. S. Nott, labor on aqueduct,	2 70	
E. J. Durant, making leases and deeds,	4 50	
C. E. Hildreth, Treasurer,	391 47	
Unitarian Society.	649 97	
Deposited in Savings Bank for fund,	258 50	
		————— \$1,473 30

Amount of fund, deposited in the Savings Bank, on which a division has been made,	\$2,035 50
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INDEBTEDNESS.

Town bonds and Int., due July 1, 1886,	\$10,100 00	
C. H. Worthen, notes and interest,	5,692 50	
Savings Bank, " " "	1,515 00	
Due school districts, unpaid balance,	270 45	
Dog damage,	41 00	
Balance of dog tax,	89 00	
Balance of land damage on Hanover St.,	55 00	
Due District No. 16, special tax,	15 00	
		————— \$17,777 95

ASSETS.

Cash on hand,	\$934 07
Cart and tools,	15 00
Liquor and cash in hands of E. Ticknor,	226 20
“ “ “ “ M. S. Woodman,	173 20
Due on county pauper account,	932 36
“ tax bill of 1882,	426 13
“ “ “ 1881,	59 58
“ “ “ 1879,	54 33
	<hr/> \$2,820 87
Indebtedness,	\$17,777 95
Assets,	2,820 87
Liaibilities over assets,	<hr/> \$14,957 08
Liabilities over assets, March, 1882,	\$18,186 .87
“ “ “ “ 1883,	14,957 08
Decrease of indebtedness,	<hr/> \$3,229 79

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

SOLON A. PECK,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
JOHN S. FREEMAN,	
CHARLES B. DRAKE,	

of
Lebanon.

REPORT

OF THE

LIQUOR AGENTS OF TOWN OF LEBANON.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 12, 1883.

Received for liquors sold during the year,		\$1,578 88
Paid for liquors purchased,	\$1,239 53	
Paid town,	76 45	
Agent's salary,	200 00	
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		\$1,515 98
Balance in hands of agent,		\$62 90
Merchandise on hand Feb. 12, 1882,		\$226 20
" " " " 1883,	\$163 30	
Cash in hands of agent,	62 90	
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		\$226 20

E. TICKNOR, *Agent.*

Grafton SS., Feb. 20, 1883.

Subscribed and sworn to before me,

SOLON A. PECK,

Justice of the Peace.

WEST LEBANON.

Cash received for liquors sold during the year,		\$823 37
Cost of liquors purchased,	\$732 71	
Cash in hands of agent,	3 16	
Agent's salary,	87 50	
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		\$823 37
Stock furnished by town Apr. 1, 1882,		\$100 00
Merchandise on hand Feb. 15, 1883,		170 04

M. S. WOODMAN, *Agent.*

State of New Hampshire,

Grafton SS., Feb. 22, 1883.

Subscribed and sworn to before me,

WILLIAM P. BURTON,

Justice of the Peace.

REPORT

—OF—

LEBANON TOWN HALL AGENT.

W. H. RICHARDSON,

TO TOWN HALL, DR.

1882.			
Mar. 1,	Cash	A. E. Hough,	\$50 00
		Jubilee Singers,	10 00
		Shaw Rifles,	7 00
17,		A. B. Chandler,	5 00
25,		Garfield Lecture,	9 00
31,		E. J. Durant,	6 00
Apr. 5,		A. B. Childs,	15 00
17,		Shaw Rifles,	11 25
25,		G. Bennett,	15 00
May 5,		L. C. Pattee,	12 00
13,		Tableau of Erin,	12 00
18,		Shaw Rifles,	10 00
22,		L. M. Laplante,	15 00
June 7,		Cong. Society,	10 00
21,		John Muzzey,	2 00
Aug. 20,		E. J. Durant,	2 00
30,		H. O. Page,	10 00
31,		G. C. Whipple,	10 00
Sept. 7,		Chas. Atkinson,	12 00
11,		Roy Bros.,	12 00
16,		Uncle Tom,	12 00
20,		E. H. Thompson,	8 00

Oct. 8,	W. H. Wilkins,	2 00
28,	E. J. Durant,	3 00
Nov. 2,	Union Square Co.,	12 00
3,	Gilmore's Band,	12 00
17,	R. E. Collins,	12 00
	L. M. Laplante,	14 00
23,	Grand Army,	8 00
28,	Nonabels,	7 00
Dec. 13,	Ladies U. A. Society,	15 00
26,	Cong. Society,	15 00
29,	P. E. Davis,	10 00
1883.		
Jan. 17,	Masquerade Ball,	20 50
	C. Stebbins,	15 00
Feb. 9,	E. P. Hardy,	15 00
13,	E. J. Durant,	6 00
20,	Reform Club,	2 50
	Republican Club,	8 80
19,	A. W. Baker, gasoline, P. O.	15 00
20,	A. E. Hough,	45 00
		<hr/> \$493 05

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1882.			
Feb. 28,	By 28 hours labor,	at .20,	\$5 60
Mar. 31,	90½	" "	18 10
April 30,	51	" "	10 20
May 31,	76½	" "	15 30
June 30,	27½	" "	5 50
July 31,	27	" "	5 40
Aug. 31,	43	" "	8 60
Sept. 30,	56	" "	11 20
Oct. 31,	30	" "	6 00
Nov. 30,	120	" "	24 00
Dec. 31,	113	" "	22 60
1883.			
Jan. 31,	122	" "	24 40
1882.			
Mar. 2,	By paid A. C. Daniels,		8 00
3,	C. M. Hildreth & Son,		75
May 10,	Brown Bros.,		25
June 5,	Freight,		2 65
Aug. 9,	Gasoline,		20 00
	Kend'k, Davis & Co., bill Feb. 1,		12 37

Sept. 30,	F. L. Owen, coal bill,	30 46	
Oct. 4,	Mead, Mason & Co., bill,	2 00	
14,	Freight bill,	2 65	
Nov. 14,	Pulsifer Bros.,	35	
Dec. 5,	Gasoline bill,	19 40	
	C.M.Hildreth & Son, bill, May 20,	1 30	
1883.			
Feb. 20,	Town balance,	235 97	
			\$493 05

W. H. RICHARDSON, *Agent.*

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE.

We the undersigned, having examined the foregoing statements, to which the Treasurer, Selectmen, and Agents of the Town of Lebanon, have affixed their respective signatures, do hereby certify that we find their accounts properly vouched and correctly cast.

The vouchers, consisting of paid coupons on town bonds due Jan. 1st, 1882, those of July 1st, 1882, also those of Jan. 1st, 1883, amounting in all to \$669.00, together with town bond of 1881, of \$500.00 were all burned in the presence of the Selectmen and Auditors.

F. L. OWEN,	} Auditors.
C. B. PLASTRIDGE,	
O. W. BERNAP.	

STATISTICS.

	VALUE.	
No. of Polls, 822,	\$82,200	
“ Horses, 472,	40,170	
“ Mules, 2,	75	
“ Oxen, 106,	6,880	
“ Cows, 584,	16,131	
“ Neats, 465,	7,965	
“ Sheep, 6833,	19,982	
“ Hogs, 98,	935	
“ Carriages, 122,	10,010	
Public funds,	32,200	
Stock in Banks and other corporations,	68,000	
“ “ “ “ “ “ out of state,	9,660	
Surplus capital in Banks,	10,000	
Money on hand and at interest,	219,109	
Stock in trade,	160,700	
Aqueducts,	1,000	
Real estate,	1,359,650	
	\$2,044,667	

TAXES ASSESSED.

State,	\$4,608 09	
County,	7,111 11	
Town,	4,000 00	
School,	4,032 00	
School District Nos. 14 & 15,	3,500 00	
“ “ No. 13,	200 00	
“ “ “ 12,	30 00	
“ “ “ 16,	15 00	
Dog tax,	130 00	
Fire precinct tax,	700 00	
Per cent. allowed to be added,	881 56	
Total tax bill,	\$25,207 67	

Rate of state, county, town and school taxes,	\$1 00
District 14 & 15,	34
“ No. 13,	15
“ “ 12,	03
“ “ 16,	10
Fire precinct,	06
Highway tax,	12½

APPORTIONMENT OF HIGHWAY TAXES.

No. 1,	Charles H. Emerson,	\$352 83
“ 2,	Jeremiah Wood,	54 15
“ 3,	J. S. Estabrook,	19 51
“ 4,	G. N. Hall,	21 80
“ 5,	John Lovering,	42 72
“ 6,	Wm. H. Ela,	38 08
“ 7,	G. S. Gray,	23 54
“ 8,	Wm. O. Bosworth,	69 90
“ 9,	G. B. Eastman,	19 82
“ 10,	C. B. Plastridge,	66 25
“ 11,	A. C. Rowe,	66 81
“ 12,	Chester Simons,	24 52
“ 13,	Charles H. Gerrish,	121 12
“ 14,	S. A. Peck,	1,634 51
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		\$2,555 56

DIVISION OF SCHOOL MONEY.

Districts.		Dog Tax.	Division of 1882.	Old Balance.	Total.	Paid.	Now Due.
No.	1	\$5 60	\$58 81	\$21 72	\$86 14	\$40 00	\$46 14
	2	5 60	536 65		542 25	542 25	
	3	5 60	134 62	92	141 14	141 14	
	4	5 60	40 23		45 83	45 83	
	5	5 60	71 06		76 66	76 66	
	6	5 60	77 14	04	82 78	82 78	
	7	5 60	59 43		65 03	65 03	
	8	5 60	120 60	16 92	143 12	135 00	6 12
	9	5 60	122 73		128 33	128 33	
	10	5 60	137 07		142 67	138 00	4 67
	11	5 60	123 52	24 57	153 69	144 57	9 12
	12	5 60	191 80	17 34	214 74	205 00	9 74
	13	5 60	307 32	188 64	501 56	308 00	193 56
	14 & 15	11 20	2287 38		2298 58	2298 58	
	16	5 60	32 22		37 82	37 82	
	Gile	1 10	3 61		4 71	3 61	1 10
		\$90 70	\$4304 19	\$270 16	\$4665 05	\$4394 60	\$270 45

REPORT

—OF THE—

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1ST, 1883.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

No school.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Prudential Committee, P. CLOUGH.

Three terms. The Grammar school was for the entire year in charge of Miss Cora B. Hubbard, who has now completed her sixth term in this district. The Primary school was taught in the summer by Miss Agnes B. Lauder. She fully sustained her past reputation. For the remainder of the year, the school was taught by Miss Helen M. Pease, a teacher well known in this vicinity.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Prudential Committee, JEREMIAH WOOD.

Three terms. Teacher for summer and fall, Miss Julia A. Scales; for the winter, Mr. George A. Wood. The attendance of this school has, as usual, been very irregular. The last year has been one of thorough work by both teachers and scholars.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Prudential Committee, A. P. WOOD.

The committee was fortunate in securing the services of Miss Hattie L. Childs, a teacher of some years' experience. The school numbered more than last year, and the closing exercises were very interesting.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Prudential Committee, MRS. J. LOVERIN.

Two terms. The first taught by Miss Emma A. Eaton; the second by Miss Mary E. Scales. This school has a few more scholars than last year, and appeared well at each visit.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Prudential Committee, F. B. HOWE.

One term. Teacher, Mr. E. P. Dewey. Only a few scholars availed themselves of this excellent opportunity to learn. Those who did advanced rapidly and thoroughly.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Prudential Committee, EDWIN C. BARDEN.

One term, taught by Miss Mary E. Mason.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Prudential Committee, HENRY B. HOUGH.

Three terms. The first and second terms were taught by Miss Mary E. Mason, and the third by Mr. Charles J. Mason.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Prudential Committee, WARREN LOWE.

Three terms. The summer and fall terms were taught by Miss Alice G. Baker, and the winter term by Miss R. R. Kempton.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Prudential Committee, WM. B. KIMBALL.

Two terms; summer and winter. The first was taught by

Miss Helen M. Pease; the second by Miss Etta F. Merrill. The exhibition at the close of the year was highly creditable to teacher and scholars. Though a large school, it presented a good appearance at each visit.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

Prudential Committee, HARVEY FRESH.

Two terms. The first was begun with Miss Clare B. Bigelow as teacher, who, on account of sickness, was soon compelled to resign. Miss Alice E. Gould was employed to fill the vacancy thus formed. The second term was taught by Miss Florence E. Pringle.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

Prudential Committee, P. BLISS.

Three terms. This school was taught the entire year by Miss Sarah A. Mason, which fact speaks well for her efficiency.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

Prudential Committee, O. W. BALDWIN.

Three terms; taught by Miss Lora Chase, who is always successful. This district has expended considerable money the past year, for the comfort and convenience of its many scholars. It has enlarged its school building one-third, and put in new desks and seats for forty-eight scholars. It is the *largest* of our district schools, and, all things considered is the banner school for full and regular attendance, which speaks well for teacher, *parents* and children.

DISTRICT NO. 16.

Prudential Committee, JOHN LAHAYE.

One term, taught by Miss Idalene W. Berry.

REMARKS.

Your committee have seen fit this year to depart from the

old custom of criticising the teachers and their comparative success or failure, in this their annual report. No other officers of the town are thus publicly approved or condemned; and such criticisms are apt to be unfair. A teacher in a small school may labor as faithfully as one in a larger one, and yet her work not be as apparent; or one who, for various reasons, has not succeeded well in one place, may have done nobly in another. Oftimes the lack of success may be traced to scholars and parents as well as to the instructors.

In looking over the list of teachers for the year, your Committee are glad to notice the frequent re-employment of those who have done good service in the past, not only in our own town, but in adjoining ones. We would especially call the attention of Prudential Committees to the *fact*, that in *no* department of human endeavor, does *experience* prove of more real service, than in teaching the young. The preference should be given as far as possible to those whose *book-learning* has been backed up by *terms* of effort. *Skilled labor pays* in the school room. Especially may this be seen in our larger schools. The Prudential Committee *may*, by the employment of a novice, render the school a failure; in fact, throw away the money of the district. In this regard, we think the past year has revealed much wisdom on the part of these various committees; for generally speaking, the schools have made progress, and little or no trouble has occurred.

The multiplicity of text-books is a source of annoyance to both your Committee and the teachers, and prevents proper classification. We cannot but express the hope that the *town* will sometime furnish all books used in the schools, a method now being adopted with success in many places. Such a course would insure uniformity of books in the schools of the town, and work to the advantage of pupils greatly. Larger classes could be formed and more enthusiasm aroused, and *more time advantageously devoted* to the subject under consideration.

Acting upon the suggestion of your Committee of last

year, history and reading have been given more attention this year than common, and the result has been quite satisfactory. We believe in teaching the *common branches* almost *exclusively* in our common district schools, leaving the study of the higher branches for students of our high school and academies.

One more subject we desire to call up for the consideration of parents, viz. : that *attendance, regular* and constant, on the part of the pupils is requisite for good scholarship. Absenteeism is a source of great evil. The irregular scholar loses interest in his studies, becomes disheartened, falls behind his classmates, and *hinders* the progress of the whole. It also discourages the teacher, who cannot do her best with such breaks in the classes. We cannot but feel that much of this irregularity of attendance is unnecessary ; that parents too often injudicially give the child leave of absence. The good of the child, and of the school, compel us to say, that such absence from school should only be allowed for strong and weighty reasons.

In conclusion, we would urge committees and parents to use every available means to make the schools for the coming year a success. Let our citizens attend school meetings, freely exchange opinions, and allow the wisest counsels to prevail. Few of us can give our children anything more than a common English education ; yet in doing that, let us remember that that is more valuable than gold, and cannot be taken away. Let us strive to give them the best we can, and thus fit them to intelligently fill a useful place in life.

N. F. TILDEN, }
J. M. STEARNS, } S. S. Committee.

TABLE OF SCHOOLS.

No. of District.	Terms.	TEACHERS.	Length in weeks.	Wages per Mo. including board.	Whole number of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	No. Visits by S. S. Committee.
1							
2	1	Cora B. Hubbard,	10	\$28 00	31	24	2
	2	" "	12	32 00	43	30	2
	2	" "	8	32 00	38	29	2
	3	" "	10	28 00	30	27	2
	1	Agnes B. Lauder,	12	28 00	34	23	2
	2	Helen M. Pease,	12	28 00	29	23	2
	3	" "	8	28 00	29	23	2
3	1	Julia A. Scales,	12	12 00	29	18	2
	2	" "	10	12 00	20	16	2
	3	" "	11	18 38	27	22	2
4	1	George A. Wood,	12	14 00	10	8	2
	1	Hattie L. Childs,	7	11 00	12	11	2
	1	Emma A. Eaton,	7	20 00	8	8	2
5	2	Mary E. Scales,	7	20 00	8	8	2
6	1	Edward Dewey,	11	28 00	4	3	2
7	1	Mary E. Mason,	13	16 00	10	9	2
8	1	" "	10	20 00	14	12	2
	2	" "	9	20 00	15	10	2
	3	Charles J. Mason,	12	28 00	16	14	2
9	1	Alice Baker,	10	12 00	12	10	2
	2	" "	8	12 00	10	8	2
	3	" "	13	24 00	13	12	2
10	1	R. R. Kempton,	11	24 00	24	14	2
	1	Helen M. Pease,	11	28 00	26	21	3
	2	Etta F. Merrill,	11	28 00	26	21	3
11	1	Alice E. Gould,	12	20 00	11	7	4
	2	Florence E. Pringle,	11	20 00	11	10	2
12	1	Sarah A. Mason,	12	20 00	33	26	2
	2	" "	10	24 00	22	18	2
	3	" "	10	24 00	30	25	2
13	1	Lora Chase,	11	32 00	44	42	2
	2	" "	11	32 00	40	37	2
	3	" "	10	34 00	46	44	2
14	1	E. W. Westgate,	11	800 00	30	28	2
&	2	" "	11	per	29	28	2
15	3	" "	11	year.	35	33	2
	1	Fanny O. Philbrick,	11	40 00			
	2	Cushman,	11	40 00			
	3	Hans P. Anderson,	11	40 00			
	1	Mary L. Chellis,	11	40 00	28	27	1
	2	" "	11	40 00	34	33	1
	3	" "	11	40 00	31	27	1
	1	R. R. Kempton,	11	32 00	31	27	1
	2	Helena Arvin,	11	32 00	30	27	1
	3	" "	11	32 00	33	29	1
	1	Mary C. Morris,	11	30 00	47	41	1
	2	" "	11	30 00	36	33	1
	3	" "	11	30 00	35	31	1
	1	Nellie F. George,	11	28 00	38	34	1
	2	Alice Gould,	11	28 00	45	39	1
	3	" "	11	28 00	32	30	1
	1	Jennie Brooks,	11	14 00	35	22	1
	2	" "	11	22 00	39	36	1
	3	" "	11	24 00	32	17	1
	1	O. W. Burnap,	11	40 00	41	36	1
	2	Mary J. Wright,	11	24 00	42	26	1
	3	" "	11	30 00	42	33	1
	1	Mary J. Wright,	11	24 00	42	32	3
	2	Emma Freeman,	11	22 00	49	41	2
	3	" "	11	24 00	41	35	2
16	1	Ida W. Berry,	12	16 00	5	5	2



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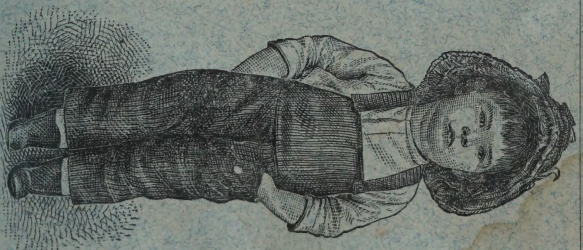
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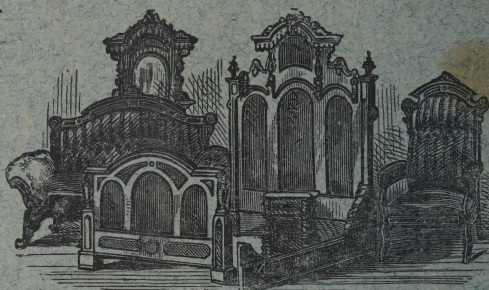


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