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REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF NEW-LONDON,

FOR THE YEAR

ENDING MARCH 1, 1871.

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## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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### *Ministerial Department.*

Paid Micajah Morgan, for Baptist Society,	\$69.40
Asa Ray, for Christian Society,	10.00
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	\$79.40

### *Common School Department.*

Paid Daniel A. George,	Dist. No. 1,	\$90.32
Francis P. Messer,	" 2,	107.35
J. L. Loverin,	" 3,	308.75
Asa N. Todd,	" 4,	143.13
Alonzo Nichols,	" 5,	129.93
Albert R. Hunting,	" 6,	76.27
William A. Messer,	" 7,	62.96
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		\$918.71

### *Town Debts.*

Paid State tax,	\$2,028.00
County tax,	996.47
Eliphalet Gay, amount of note,	651.65
Mary Jewett,	155.34
Mary Jewett,	182.22
Maria R. Smith,	102.10
R. Louisa Fales,	42.00
Albert Little,	354.62
Charles Goings,	225.95
Manning Seamans,	354.61

Paid Manning Seamans, amount of note,	685.94
Martha Greenwood, "	1,083.32
L. M. Addison, "	124.76
Augusta M. Davis, "	85.11
John Knowlton, "	322.16
Rhoda Brown, "	102.07
Marcus Nelson, "	308.55
Charles Woodward, "	192.39
John Knowlton, indorsed on note,	500.00
John Knowlton, "	600.00
Jane E. Graves, "	300.00
Marcus Nelson, "	400.00
M. Burpee, "	5.00
John Hoit, amount of note,	405.08
Fanny Hoit, "	135.22
Charles Trussell, "	271.54
Ausborn French, "	164.29
Luther McCutchins, "	526.91
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	\$11,305.30

*Town Charges.*

Paid Auditor's bill, 1869,	\$2.00
McFarland & Jenks, printing reports,	30.00
D. L. Guernsey, stationery,	3.88
Greenwood & Burpee, for Town Hall,	1.18
H. M. Fales, for wood, Town Hall,	4.50
E. C. Eastman, for stationery,	.90
Henry R. Gates, for digging graves,	17.00
Marcus E. Sargent, Town Clerk,	10.87
Henry Davis, service on town farm,	240.00
Daniel M. Annis, Collector,	75.00
H. Marshall Fales, Selectman,	24.50
Hiram Sargent, "	24.00
Luther McCutchins, "	88.50
N. C. Todd, School Committee,	30.00
Town Farm, taxes,	33.11
Due on bond, 1870,	381.95
Daniel Bickford, for digging grave,	3.00
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	\$970.39

*Roads and Bridges.*

Paid Stephen Messer, work on Bog Road,	\$1.00
Nathaniel Knowlton, repairing bridge,	17.90
Elbridge Mitchel, repairing road,	32.00
George W. F. Hayes, for plank,	1.25
Joseph H. Messer, repairing road,	2.00
James M. Pike, waymarks on lake,	2.00
H. M. Fales, repairing roads,	10.50
Asa N. Todd, breaking out roads,	12.25
Nathaniel Knowlton, “	37.60
H. M. Fales, “	10.00
James Todd, “	29.85
Charles Crockett, “	9.40
Job C. Cross, “	40.31
George W. Sargent, “	20.00
Daniel A. George, “	28.06
John Roby, “	37.52
David Baldwin, “	10.90
J. G. Hunting, “	28.17
Edmund Davis, “	22.75
George Shoales, “	13.54
H. W. Putney, “	44.16
Horace Clark, “	25.49
Curtis Messer, “	24.36
Moses Haskins, “	10.50
Benjamin W. Gay, “	7.97
Jona. G. Everett, “	20.60
George Fisher, breaking roads,	33.18
Gideon Wilkins, “	4.05
Luther McCutchins, repairing roads,	6.75
Henry R. Gates, breaking roads,	3.00
Osborn French, “	44.00
Albert S. Worthen, “	4.00
Walter E. Pingree, “	3.30
James E. H. Shepherd, “	59.75

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 \$658.11

*Abatement of Taxes, 1870.*

Abated J. G. Everett, for bond, 1869,	7.31
Mrs. Phillips, over-taxed,	42.60
R. A. Bunker, “	5.68
Charles Wyman, “	4.27
Charles W. Macy, abated,	3.56
Phinehas Nourse, “	12.62
Philbrick, “	3.13
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	\$79.17

*Paid School house Tax in District No. 3.*

Paid Micajah Morgan,	\$120.00
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*Credit for the year 1870.*

Received balance in hands of Selectmen, 1869,	982.36
Charles Woodward, borrowed,	140.00
John French, interest on note,	31.80
Henry Davis, borrowed,	200.00
By list of taxes for 1870,	6,792.61
Newton Manahan, borrowed,	175.00
John M. Dow, “	100.00
Hiram Sargent, “	60.00
Mary Barton, “	250.00
Adelbert Messer, “	190.00
Edwin P. Messer, “	85.00
Rhoda M. Smith, “	100.00
L. M. Addison, “	160.00
Rhoda M. Smith, “	625.00
Manning Seamans, “	1,000.00
Maria R. Smith, “	100.00
Augusta M. Davis, “	70.00
Phebe L. Call, “	125.00
R. M. Smith, “	450.00
R. M. Smith, “	250.00
George W. F. Hayes, “	50.00
Willie Hayes, “	50.00
Sarah Sargent, “	180.00
R. M. Smith, “	100.00
Mary E. Fverett, “	31.00

Received Mary Jewett, borrowed,	337.00
Arvilla Pattee, “	20.00
Sally Mills, “	410.00
Savings Bank tax, 1870,	232.83
Railroad tax, 1870,	455.83
Literary fund,	90.19
John French, interest on note,	60.00
Bond, 1869, in full,	376.88
Sally Mills, borrowed,	410.00
James M. Jewett, borrowed,	600.00
Ausborn French “	150.00
James E. H. Shepherd, “	86.52
Balance in favor of Town Farm,	213.47
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Whole amount credited,	\$15,330.49
Whole amount charged,	\$14,151.08
Balance in hands of Selectmen, March 1, 1871,	1,179.41
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Indebtedness of town, March 1,	\$19,863.49
Means of paying the same,	1,661.36
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Indebtedness, above means of payment,	\$18,202.58

We hereby certify that we have examined the books and accounts of the Selectmen, and find them properly vouched and correctly cast, and books well kept.

GEORGE M. KNIGHT, }  
 JOHN TRUSSELL, } Auditors.

*Indebtedness of the Town. To whom payable.*

1. Adam Davis,	\$200.00
2. Augustus Davis,	200.00
3. Abiah Clough,	100.00
4. Sarah N. Wilkins,	.75
5. Mary A. Messer,	100.60
6. John Trussell,	100.00
7. Stephen Whittier,	200.00
8. J. W. Buswell,	100.00
9. Ann C. Buswell,	50.00
10. Luther McCutchins,	200.00
11. John Messer,	25.00

12.	Jane E. Graves,	2,000.00
13.	Jane E. Graves,	360.00
14.	James M. Jewett,	600.00
15.	Laura Davis,	100.00
16.	Ransom Sargent,	212.00
17.	Laura Davis,	160.00
18.	Nancy Brown,	40.00
19.	Charles Jewett,	250.00
20.	George M. Jewett,	150.00
21.	Colby children,	250.00
22.	Harriet S. Messer,	200.00
23.	Asa B. Pillsbury,	282.00
24.	Margaret Burpee,	28.59
25.	Betsey Perley,	200.00
26.	Ransom Sargent,	238.00
27.	John M. Dow,	280.00
28.	John Brown's estate,	1,000.00
29.	Marcus Nelson,	1,400.00
30.	Charles Jewett,	125.00
31.	Betsey Perley,	60.00
32.	Abbie Perley,	35.00
33.	Henry Davis,	200.00
34.	Eugene O. Neil,	200.00
35.	Mary Jewett,	224.00
36.	Arvilla Pattee,	80.00
37.	John Morey,	200.00
38.	Mary E. Chandler,	56.00
39.	Obadiah Morgan,	350.00
40.	Betsey Perley,	50.00
41.	Abbie Perley,	20.00
42.	Arvilla O. Pattee,	50.00
43.	Obadiah Morgan,	100.00
44.	John M. Dow,	248.00
45.	Luther McCutchins,	351.00
46.	Sarah J. Sargent,	150.00
47.	Charles Jewett,	130.00
48.	Jacob Dole,	300.00
49.	Charles Woodward,	140.00
50.	Henry Davis,	200.00
51.	Newton Manahan,	175.00
52.	John M. Dow,	100.00



53.	Hiram Sargent,	60.00
54.		250.00
55.	Adelbert Messer,	190.00
56.	Edwin P. Messer,	85.00
57.	R. M. Smith,	100.00
58.	R. M. Smith,	625.00
59.	Manning Seamans,	1,000.00
60.	L. M. Addison,	160.00
61.	Augusta M. Davis,	70.00
62.	Phebe L. Call,	125.00
63.	R. M. Smith,	450.00
64.	R. M. Smith,	250.00
65.	George W. F. Hayes,	50.00
66.	Willie Hayes,	50.00
67.	Sarah Sargent,	180.00
68.	R. M. Smith,	100.00
69.	Mary E. Everett,	31.00
70.	Mary Jewett,	337.00
71.	Arvilla Pattee,	20.00
72.	Sally Mills,	410.00
73.	James M. Jewett,	600.00
74.	Osborn French,	150.00
	Interest due on debt,	2,000.00
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		\$19,863.94
	Means of paying,	\$1,661.36
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	Leaving indebtedness,	\$18,202.58

*A Schedule of Property at the Town Farm, Feb. 25, 1871.*

6 tons stable hay,	\$120.00
5 tons stock hay,	75.00
Lot of straw,	7.00
2 oxen,	130.00
4 cows,	170.00
2 heifers,	50.00
1 three years old,	25.00
4 yearlings,	45.00
2 shoters,	32.00
12 hens,	6.00

10 $\frac{1}{2}$ bushels corn,	13.00
5 bushels India wheat,	4.00
2 bushels wheat,	3.00
25 bushels oats,	16.25
1 bushel beans,	2.00
$\frac{3}{4}$ bushel grass seed,	4.00
75 bushels potatoes,	52.50
200 lbs. pork,	36.00
150 lbs. ham, &c.,	22.50
81 lbs. dried apple,	5.00
35 lbs. lard,	6.00
6 lbs. butter,	1.80
50 lbs. beef,	5.00
30 lbs. cheese,	4.50
13 dozen candles,	2.00
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ barrels cider,	5.00
$\frac{3}{4}$ barrel soap,	4.00
4 barrels ashes,	2.40
2 gallons boiled cider,	.80
15 dried pumpkin,	.50
$\frac{2}{3}$ barrel flour,	6.00
Cart and fixings,	20.00
2 plows,	8.00
Harrow and drag,	3.00
Beetle and wedges,	1.00
Ox yokes and chains,	7.00
Axes,	2.00
Horse rake and hay tools,	4.00
Augers and cheese press,	2.00
Wood-saws and grind-stones,	3.00
Ox sled and iron bar,	3.00
Manure forks and shovels,	3.00
Cook stove and furniture,	18.00
Sap-pan, buckets, &c.,	8.00
Household furniture,	60.00
7 M-shingles,	14.00

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\$1,012.25

*The Town Farm is credited, for the year 1870, as follows :*

James Davis, 6 lbs. pork,	\$1.32
A. Marshall, 1 bushel India wheat,	1.00
Ausborn French, 4 bushels potatoes,	1.32
George W. Craft,	7.50
Hiram Baker, for work in haying,	7.50
Little & Ewings, 2 heifers,	60.00
Daniel Bean, balance on cows,	5.00
Mrs. Messer, for milk,	.05
N. Knowlton, for work,	.40
N. Knowlton, for 20 lbs. pork,	2.20
Claud Goings, barrel cider,	1.50
Amos Currier, 2½ barrels cider,	2.00
Received for chickens,	8.64
William Todd, for beef,	6.86
N. Knowlton, pasturing oxen,	7.50
J. S. George, for steer,	1.10
J. L. Loverin, balance on account,	3.52
H. R. Gates, for beef,	8.48
Received for oxen,	190.00
Received Mr. Putney, for pork,	48.12
Received Mr. Putney, butter,	83.20
Received Mr. Pressey, balance on oxen,	20.00
Received N. Knowlton, for cow,	30.00
Received N. Knowlton, for sap trees,	2.00
Received A. R. Hunting, for potatoes,	60.73
Luther McCutchins, for pig,	5.00
Edwin P. Burpee, for pasturing,	4.00
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Amount credited,	\$568.44

*The Town Farm is charged, for the year 1871, as follows :*

Paid James Davis, 2 days' work,	\$2.50
B. C. Davis,	1.00
James H. Brown, for paint,	.86
John Colby, work haying,	36.00
James Davis, for cow and calf,	50.00
R. A. Farwell, 1 barrel,	.20
H. Williams, threshing grain,	7.25
B. C. Davis, for work,	.60

Paid H. Baker, horse hire,	2.40
A. Fellows, horse hire,	1.75
Amos B. Currier, use of cider mill,	1.05
Abbott, for planing boards,	.75
William Russell, 3 lbs. nails,	.18
Door hangings,	2.50
1 cask of lime,	2.33
A. Fellows, use of horse,	2.00
J. M. Taylor, for rolls,	.75
B. C. Davis, work,	3.00
Amos Hastings, mending shoes,	1.36
1 school book,	.35
Hiram Baker, for brick and horse,	1.32
John Pressey, for oxen,	152.37
William Morgan, for grass seed,	7.50
Russell & Co., balance on account,	26.39
Greenwood & Burpee, balance on account,	43.51
Moses Davis, for use of buckets,	.50
John M. Dow, iron smith,	6.53

Amount charged,	<u>\$354.97</u>
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The whole amount credited the Town Farm for the year 1870,	\$568.44
The whole amount charged,	<u>\$354.97</u>

Leaving a balance in favor of Town, for the year 1870, \$213.47  
Carried to credit of Town.

LUTHER McCUTCHINS,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
HIRAM SARGENT,	
H. M. FALES,	
	} <i>of</i>
	} <i>New-London.</i>

# REPORT

OF THE

## SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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The Superintending School Committee respectfully tenders the following

### REPORT:

*District No. 1.* The school in this district has had the reputation of being a good one; and its fair fame was increased during the administration of Miss Nettie H. Loverin, who taught the summer term. Miss L. is a good teacher, and her government excellent. Good attention was paid to all the branches, and no one was neglected.

The winter term was under the tuition of Mr. H. A. Stratton. He was quite successful. Mr. S. labored diligently to promote the interest of the school, and succeeded admirably in gaining the respect of the scholars. On the whole, it was a very good school.

*District No. 2.* The summer term was taught by Miss L. Savory, who was young and inexperienced; but by her activity and perseverance succeeded in teaching a quite profitable school and giving universal satisfaction to the parents of the district.

The winter term was under the instruction of Mr. Timothy Ryan. He was successful. Greater progress would have been made, could there have been a longer term. The amount of ground traversed in the text books was not great, but thoroughness was manifested at the examination. The rules for reading, and sounds of letters, &c., were well attended to.

*District No. 3.* The Committee in this district determined to exercise care and judgment in selecting teachers for this school, and by so doing, he was perfectly successful.

Miss Augusta H. Eaton had charge of the summer term. Possessed with the peculiar disposition which fits one to educate children, her labors were profitable. The order of the school was good, and instruction methodical.

What has been observed in regard to the summer term would apply to the winter term taught by Miss Libbie McCutchins, whose reputation as a teacher is established in this district. The ability of winning the approbation of her scholars had much to do with the discipline of the school. The closing examination was especially worthy of praise, and must have been gratifying to the parents and friends of the school present.

*District No. 4.* This school was taught in the summer by Miss Grace H. Manahan. She was successful. The school was small. At the close it was apparent that the teacher had been faithful, and a good degree of progress made.

Miss Mary E. Bailey taught the winter school. She seems to possess all the requisites of a superior teacher. At all times when the Committee visited the school it appeared well, and the examination showed that commendable progress had been made.

*District No. 5.* During the summer term of this school there appeared to be more interest and better attendance on the part of the scholars than in former terms, consequently, good advancement was made under the supervision of Miss A. O. Pattee, who discharged her duties well and faithfully.

On account of severe illness of the teacher of the winter term, the school continued but nine weeks, in the care of Miss Sadie Nichols. But it is believed by the Committee (from his knowledge of her as a teacher) that the school was profitable while it continued.

*District No. 6.* Miss Dianthy Abbott kept the summer school, sustaining her former good reputation. Miss Abbott deserves the commendation of the Committee for the neatness

and systematic way in which her register was kept. It is believed there was an effort made, on the part of parents and teachers, for punctual attendance, as there was not one instance of tardiness. The examination evinced good training under well directed efforts.

The winter term was only six and one half weeks, taught by two different teachers. Miss A. O. Pattee kept three and a half weeks, but for some cause resigned. The remainder of the term was under the charge of Miss M. A. Perley. At the close, it was evident good progress had been made, and Miss Perley appears in all respects to be an efficient teacher.

*District No. 7.* Miss Sadie Nichols, teacher. This school closed suddenly, without examination, on account of sickness of the teacher. We think it a good school.

Miss Irena W. Hemphill taught the winter term. The school is generally quiet and orderly. Evidently, Miss Hemphill's services were acceptable to the parents, and useful to the school.

Thus it will be seen your schools have been a success. The report of the individual schools, and teachers, together with the statistics, will give a general view of their condition. During the past year nothing has occurred to mar the general harmony, or call for any particular interference. Several of the teachers employed the past year are of the first quality. Such teachers should be retained by the same district as long as they can be secured, and their services profitable.

The method of education is training all the powers of the child. It is forming character. In all our schools inspiration is more important than instruction. Enthusiasm is the best part of education. To drill, and drudge, and fret, is not the way to educate. The ardor of the teacher must kindle the desire of the scholar. It is but a sad result of schooling, that as soon as school days are past, books are hustled aside as hateful. Mathematics, Grammar and Geography, should be so taught that a love of it will insure its future pursuit; then, when school days are over, the studies of those days will be loved and continued with a keener

zest of more mature powers. To fail in inspiring a love of knowledge is to fail entirely. To this test let *all* teachers bring their labors.

Subjoined is a statistical table.

All of which is respectfully presented.

N. C. TODD,

*Superintending School Committee.*

NEW-LONDON, March 7, 1871.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of District.	Term.	Length of school, in weeks.	No. of scholars.	Average attendance.	Wages of male teachers a month, including board.	Wages of female teachers a month, including board.	No. in district between 4 and 14 years, not attending school.
1	First.	10	12	9	\$32.00	\$15.00	3
	Second.	10	21	18		16.00	
2	First.	9	30	25	not reported.	32.00	3
	Second.	8½	29	25			
3	First.	13	29	24		40.00	
	Second.	14	38	33		16.80	
4	First.	10	19	14		26.00	3
	Second.	12	25	20		20.00	
5	First.	11	19	13		23.00	
	Second.	9	24	20		18.00	
6	First.	7	14	12		27.00	
	Second.	6½	21	18		12.00	
7	First.	8	14	12		23.00	
	Second.	11	22	16			