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REPORT.

Ministerial Department.

Paid Micajah Morgan, for Baptist Society,	64.28
Asa Ray, Christian Society,	15.12
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	\$79.40

School Department.

Paid Dist. No. 1, Amos Hastings,	Summer,	35.00
“ “ “ “	Winter,	95.65
No. 2, Benton M. P. Stanley,	Summer,	55.00
“ “ “ “	Winter,	75.65
No. 3, Anthony C. Burpee,	Summer,	80.00
“ “ “ “	Fall,	80.00
“ “ “ “	Winter,	267.42
No. 4, Sereno Howe,	Summer,	60.00
“ “ “ “	Winter,	107.95
No. 5, Almond Whittier,	Summer,	90.00
“ “ “ “	Winter,	87.50
No. 6, Job C. Cross,	Summer,	45.00
“ “ “ “	Winter,	44.77
No. 7, Hiram Sargent, Summer and Winter,		80.25
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		\$1,204.19

Town Debts and Expenses.

John M. Messer, amount of note,	54.00
Charles Woodward, “	150.82
Asa B. Pillsbury, “	380.15
Arvilla O. Pattee, “	87.59

Arvilla O. Pattee, amount of note,	20.36
“ “	54.48
Sally Mills,	419.45
Stephen Whittier,	225.44
J. W. Buswell,	141.85
A. C. Buswell,	70.92
Betsey Perley,	69.70
“ “	56.30
John Trussell,	112.36
Edwin P. Messer,	92.35
Jane E. Graves,	852.10
Osborn French, endorsed on note,	50.00
Ransome Sargent,	45.00
Jane E. Graves,	600.00
Phebe Call,	25.00
Eugene O. Neil, amount of note,	230.33
Paid Knight and Trussell, auditors,	2.00
Henry Davis, services on town farm,	265.00
D. L. Guernsey, record book,	5.25
“ stationery,	3.34
Timothy Quirk, for sheep killed by dogs,	3.00
Austin R. Todd, “ “	27.02
McFarland & Jenks, for printing reports,	32.00
Minot & Co., county tax,	1121.00
State Treasurer, State tax,	2028.00
Charles Jewett, for digging grave,	1.75
B. W. Gay, public water,	3.00
John Pressey, running town line,	1.00
D. L. Guernsey, stationery,	1.15
Asa Ray, work on town hall,	18.00
Stephen Messer, work on town hall,	7.00
Adelbert Messer, shingles on town hall,	20.25
Luther McCutchins, for shingles, board, and cash,	37.55
Henry R. Gates, for digging graves, &c.,	13.50
“ “	19.00
Discount allowed collector on taxes,	218.78
Daniel M. Annis, collector of taxes, 1871,	75.00
James H. Burpee, town clerk,	10.00
Marcus Nelson, selectman,	26.00
Luther McCutchins, expenses and fare two days to Concord for disbursement of soldiers,	

Paid Luther McCutchins, services selectman, treasurer, and overseer of the poor,	87.00
Leonard P. Gould, selectman,	25.00
Due on bond, 1871,	1007.82
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	\$8,807.11

Roads and Bridges.

Paid Thomas S. Worthen, for plank and work,	6.25
Nathaniel Messer, work on road,	5.00
Reo A. Farwell, road bill,	2.40
H. Marshall Fales, road bill,	2.00
James M. Jewett, repairing bridge,	1.25
James M. Pike, repairing bridge,	5.16
Geo. W. F. Hayes, repairing roads,	11.15
James M. Pike, for way marks,	2.00
Enoch C. Adams, work on roads,	2.50
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	\$37.71

Pauper Bills.

Paid N. Y. Clark, visits and medicine for Bacon,	4.75
Town of Sutton, for Barney Saunders,	6.50
Amos Hunt, for board of B. Saunders,	14.00
James H. Burpee, one pair boots for Saunders,	4.25
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	\$29.50

Abatement of Taxes for 1871.

Asa N. Todd, over-taxed,	7.50
James C. Greenwood, over-taxed,	9.00
Austin Goings, abated,	7.50
Samuel Messer, estate abated,	7.50
Dudley Center, " " " " " "	2.25
Robert Todd, " " " " " "	2.25
Timothy Crowley, dog tax abated,	2.00
Gilman Sawyer, " " " " " "	1870, 2.13
" " " " " "	1871, 2.25
Highway tax of non-residents paid in work,	1.14
David Baldwin, on cow,	1.00
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	\$44.52

Recapitulation.

Ministerial,	79.40
Common Schools,	1204.19
Debts and Expenses,	8807.71
Roads and Bridges,	37.31
Pauper Bills,	29.50
Abatement of taxes,	44.52
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Amount charged,	\$10,202.43

*The Selectmen Credit the Town of New London, for the Year
1871, as follows:*

By balance in hands of Selectmen, 1870,	\$1,179.41
List of taxes assessed, 1871,	6,935.51
On bond in full of 1870,	381.95
Anthony Colby, interest on note,	93.70
Asa B. Pillsbury, borrowed,	380.00
Henry Davis, “	178.00
A. C. Buswell, “	70.00
J. W. Buswell, “	140.00
Adelbert Messer, “	92.00
Willie Stevens, “	140.00
Adelbert Messer, “	200.00
Hiram Sargent, “	200.00
Eugene O. Neil, “	200.00
Glass broken in Town Hall,	.50
Savings Bank tax,	264.11
Railroad tax,	440.25
Fund from banks,	60.90
John French, principal on Ministerial Fund,	100.00
Cash from Town Farm,	36.96
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Amount credited,	\$11,093.29
Amount charged,	10,202.43
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Balance in hands of Selectmen,	\$890.86

Indebtedness of town March 1, 1872,	\$19,126.59
Means of paying the same,	\$2,000.00
Indebtedness above means of paying,	\$17,126.59
All of which is respectfully submitted,	

LUTHER McCUTCHINS, } *Selectmen*
 LEONARD P. GOULD, } *of*
 MARCUS NELSON, } *New London.*

This certifies that I have examined the books and accounts of the selectmen, and find them properly vouched and correctly cast, and the books well kept.

GEORGE M. KNIGHT, *Auditor.*

Indebtedness of the Town. To whom payable.

Adam Davis,	\$200.00
Augusta Davis,	200.00
Abia Clough,	100.00
Sarah M. Wilkins,	75.00
Luther McCutchins,	200.00
Jane E. Graves,	1,400.00
James M. Jewett,	600.00
Laura Davis,	100.00
Ransome Sargent,	212.00
Laura Davis,	160.00
Nancy Brown,	40.00
Charles Jewett,	250.00
George M. Jewett,	150.00
Colby children,	250.00
Harriet Messer,	200.00
Margaret Burpee,	28.59
Betsey Perley,	200.00
Ransome Sargent,	238.00
John M. Dow,	280.00
John Brown estate,	1,000.00
Marcus Nelson,	1,400.00

Charles Jewett,	125.00
Abbie Perley,	35.00
Henry Davis,	200.00
Mary Jewett,	224.00
John Morey,	200.00
Mary E. Chandler,	56.00
Obediah Morgan,	350.00
Abbie Perley,	20.00
Obediah Morgan,	100.00
John M. Dow,	248.00
Luther McCutchins,	351.00
Sarah J. Sargent,	150.00
Charles Jewett,	130.00
Jacob Dole,	300.00
Henry Davis,	200.00
Newton Manahan,	175.00
John M. Dow,	100.00
Hiram Sargent,	60.00
Mary Barton,	250.00
Adelbert Messer,	190.00
Rhoda Smith,	100.00
Rhoda Smith,	625.00
Manning Seamans,	1,000.00
Lucinda Addison,	160.00
Augusta Davis,	70.00
Phebe L. Call,	125.00
Rhoda Smith,	450.00
Rhoda Smith,	250.00
George W. F. Hayes,	50.00
Willie Hayes,	50.00
Sarah Sargent,	180.00
Rhoda Smith,	100.00
Mary E. Everett,	31.00
Mary Jewett,	337.00
James M. Jewett,	600.00
Ausborn French,	150.00
Asa B. Pillsbury,	380.00
Henry Davis,	178.00
Ann C. Buswell,	70.00
J. Ware Buswell,	140.00
Willie Stevens,	140.00

Adelbert Messer,	92.00
Adelbert Messer,	200.00
Hiram Sargent,	200.00
Eugene O. Neil,	200.00
Interest on debt,	2,500.00

Whole amount of debt, \$19,126.59

A schedule of property at Town Farm, Feb. 20, 1872.

1 pair of oxen,	\$145.00
4 cows,	155.00
1 two years old,	15.00
3 yearlings,	24.00
2 shoters,	25.00
10 Hens,	5.00
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons stable hay,	75.00
5 tons stock hay,	80.00
12 bushels corn,	12.00
3 " meal,	3.00
12 " oats,	12.00
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " buckwheat,	1.00
1 " spring wheat,	1.50
1 " beans,	1.50
125 " potatoes,	31.25
175 lbs. pork,	20.00
100 lbs. ham, &c.,	10.00
2 barrels cider,	8.00
8 dozen candles,	1.00
$\frac{1}{2}$ barrel flour,	4.50
$\frac{1}{2}$ barrel soap,	2.00
2 barrels ashes,	1.20
2 gallons boiled cider,	
30 lbs. maple sugar,	3.00
3 " butter,	.75
30 " lard,	4.50
12 " dried apples,	1.44
1 bushel salt,	.75
Fresh meat,	1.50
12 lbs. cheese,	1.80
1 cart and fixings,	12.00

2 plows,	8.00
1 harrow and 1 drag,	2.50
Beetle and wedges,	1.00
Ox-yokes and chains,	6.00
Three axes,	2.00
Horse-rake and hay tools,	3.00
Augers and cheese-press,	2.00
Wood-saws and grindstone,	3.00
Ox-sled and iron bar,	3.00
Manure forks and shovels,	3.00
One cook stove and furniture,	17.00
Sap-pan and buckets,	8.00
Household furniture,	60.00
Seven thousand shingles,	14.00
One clock,	4.00

\$797.19

The Town Farm is credited, 1871.

Israel Adams, one yearling steer,	\$18.50
Benjamin W. Gay, one pig,	3.00
Samuel Emery, for veal,	.35
Sharon Jameson, one cow and steer,	43.00
John Farmer, for pasturing colts,	19.00
Samuel Shaw, one heifer,	8.00
Albert S. Worthen, for pasturing,	1.00
Sharon Jameson, one steer,	15.00
Mrs. Parker, for wood,	4.50
Mr. Bailey, for wood,	2.74
Belden Morgan,	1.00
For keeping team,	1.00
Charles Jewett, for work,	1.25
Amos Hastings, pasturing colt,	3.00
James M. Pike,	.20
Luther McCutchins, two pigs,	6.00
James Morgan, for pasturing colt,	6.00
Nathaniel Knowlton, for use of sap trees,	6.00
County pauper bill,	6.12

Amount credited,

\$145.66

The Town Farm is charged, 1871.

Paid Claud Going, for iron,	.75
Amos Hastings, mending shoes,	.45
Andrew Fellows, horse hire,	1.50
Nat. Knowlton, one tub,	1.00
James Davis, for work,	1.00
Charles Jewett, for peas,	.08
Amos B. Currier, for cow-bell,	1.00
George Chadwick, for meal,	1.80
Muzzey, for beef,	.15
Wash-boiler,	3.00
H. A. Stratton, work haying,	16.00
36 bushels meal,	31.50
John W. Taylor, for rolls,	1.12
Daniel George, for mutton,	.60
Silas Dana, for beef,	1.32
Harrison Williams, for threshing,	4.47
Amos B. Currier, use of cider-mill,	.20
James M. Pike, for work,	.30
Moses Davis, for use of sap furniture,	2.00
John Farmer, horse hire,	1.00
Samuel Bagley, iron work,	4.75
Benj. C. Davis,	2.66
Reo A. Farwell, for lumber,	.85
Amos Hastings, mending shoes,	.60
Nat. Knowlton, balance on account,	.60
Oliver K. Russell & Co., balance on account,	29.50
Luther M. Trussell, for lumber,	1.00
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Amount charged,	\$108.70
For the year 1871 the town farm is credited,	145.66
“ “ charged,	168.70
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Balance in favor of town, and carried to credit of town,	\$36.96

LUTHER McCUTCHINS,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
LEONARD P. GOULD,	
MARCUS NELSON,	
	} <i>of</i>
	} <i>New London.</i>

REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

In compliance with the laws of New Hampshire, I present the following report of the schools of New London, for the year ending March, 1872:

DISTRICT NO. 1. Prudential Committee, Amos Hastings. Summer term, Lucinda M. Dana, teacher. I saw nothing to criticise in the school. The teacher performed her work faithfully, was thorough in discipline, and firm in her endeavors to advance the school. Winter term, H. A. Stratton, teacher. Much was said throughout the district in regard to the management of this school. The scholars appeared well and orderly. At the examination the classes in Algebra, Arithmetic, and Grammar showed there had been considerable time allotted them; but the classes in reading and spelling, and some of the smaller classes, appeared in part to have been neglected.

DIS. NO. 2. B. M. Stanley, Prudential Committee. Miss Julia Morgan, teacher of the Summer term. This teacher ranks among our most successful teachers. She was persistent in her efforts and thorough in her instructions, and merits praise for so ably conducting this school. Consequently, general satisfaction was given. The Winter term was a success, under the instruction of M. F. Johnson. He was easy, affable, and pleasant, and

won the approbation of parents and scholars. In this way he sustained good order. Though the school was short, the pupils gave indications of considerable progress in their studies.

Dis. No. 3. Prudential Committee, Anthony C. Burpee. The Summer term was taught by Miss A. W. Heath. The Fall term by Miss Fannie H. Gates. These teachers manifested an interest in their schools, and were desirous to have their pupils learn. The examinations showed good results from their labors. If there could have been more promptness in some of the recitations it would have been an improvement. N. C. Todd kept the Winter school. As a general thing the scholars seemed to feel interested in their studies and a desire to progress. They have the thanks of their teacher for their respectful behavior through the term.

Dis. No. 4. Sereno Howe, Prudential Committee. Miss Emma Coolidge, teacher both Summer and Winter terms. These schools were conducted very successfully by this teacher. She was ambitious and energetic. In most branches the recitations were creditable, more particularly the reading classes. Some of the older scholars deserve special praise, but some of the younger ones should have been taught the art of obedience.

Dis. No. 5. A. B. Whittier, Prudential Committee. Mrs. Lizzie Whittier, teacher, both Summer and Winter. Mrs. W. is an experienced teacher. During the Summer term the scholars learned well, though there was a slight draw-back in the want of good order. The children seemed quite unmanageable. The Winter school was improved in government. The teacher was faithful in her work, but some scholars were allowed to stay from school because they were taught to obey the teacher; and any parent who will permit such an act as this should be reproved instead of the scholar.

Dis. No. 6. J. C. Cross, Prudential Committee. The Summer term was taught by Miss Sadie J. Nichols. The school was small, but a good one. The scholars were punctual, and the progress made was satisfactory. The school in the Winter

was kept by Miss Julia Morgan, with as good success as she had the Summer term in Dis. No. 2. Notwithstanding the neglect the district manifest in regard to the school-house, they still are favored with good teachers and excellent scholars.

Dis. No. 7. Hiram Sargent, Prudential Committee. The Summer term, Miss Etta Putney, teacher. Miss P. is a fine scholar, but there is a deficiency in accuracy. Her register was not complete, and for the want of a little more energy some of her pupils came near getting the upper hands of her. With rather more promptness and perseverance, Miss P. may be an efficient teacher.

A long school was profitably kept during the Winter by Miss Sadie J. Nichols. The classes were well drilled, and passed a good examination. By report the exhibition at the close was a credit to teacher and scholars.

The teachers, as a main part, have been laborious, and ambitious to do all they could for their schools. The usefulness of a teacher depends greatly upon the influence exerted by parents upon the minds of their children. If they speak disparagingly of a teacher in their presence, form their opinion by inquiries made of them out of school (which are liable to be erroneous), and then pass judgment upon the school without any personal observation by visiting it and witnessing its exercises, they do the teacher, the school, and education a great wrong. Their children are thereby encouraged to renewed acts of disobedience. Such a course impairs the great object of education. The teacher may sometimes err, but be as charitable as prudence will admit. If there are those who attempt to teach, and are not fit nor adapted for the place they occupy, *such* a teacher should be properly discharged. No considerations should be thought of but the advantage of the scholars. Teaching is a speciality as much as any other calling. A person may be well educated and possess ample talent for almost anything else, and yet be a poor teacher. Let the teachers work in a

way to make the schools a profit, and receive the cordial coöperation of all interested, and every school will be a success.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of district.	Term.	Length of school in weeks.	No. of scholars.	Average attendance.	Wages of female teachers a mo. includ'g board.	Wages of male teachers a mo. includ'g board.	No. in district between 4 and 14 years not attending school.
1	First,	10	15	12 9-10	\$18.00		1
	Second,	12	21	17			5
2	First,	9	29	23	\$18.00	\$32.00	13
	Second,	8	32	29 1-2		\$27.50	5
3	First,	10	32	29	\$32.00		
	Second,	10	36	34	\$40.00		1
	Third,	13	37	32		\$50.00	
4	First,	11	21	17	\$17.00		
	Second,	13	22	17	\$24.00		
5	First,	15	22	18	\$20.00		4
	Second,	14	23	16	\$23.00		5
6	First,	8	13	11	\$19.00		
	Second,	9	15	14	\$20.00		
7	First,	9	14	10	\$17.00		
	Second,	15	18	15	\$16.00		

All of which is respectfully presented,

N. C. TODD,

Superintending School Committee.

New London, March 4, 1872.



