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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

FINANCES

OF THE

TOWN OF PITTSFIELD,

FROM

March 1, 1874, to March 1, 1875.

TOGETHER WITH THE

REPORT OF THE

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

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REPORT.

In compliance with the law, the following Report of the Treasurer of the Town of Pittsfield, for the fiscal year from March 1, 1874, to March 1, 1875, is respectfully submitted.

Receipts.

By Cash from Town Treasurer of 1873, being balance in his hands March 1, 1874,	\$1,915.07
“ R. E. Cram, to restore him to right of suffrage,	6.00
“ S. G. Kelley, dividend on Insurance Policy,	5.93
“ C. H. Brock, for old plank,	4.00
“ State Treasurer, Savings Bank Tax,	1,616.03
“ “ “ Railroad	65.87
“ “ “ Literary Fund	158.67
“ “ “ Insurance	7.50
“ Town of Barnstead for J. S. Muncey,	66.45
“ the County for support of Paupers,	517.81
“ Town of Epsom, for A. Lake,	7.50
“ on goods of Mary White, sold,	34.18
“ F. E. Cram, Collector 1871, Cash and Abatements,	93.66
“ F. Peaslee, “ 1872,	240.74
“ F. W. Blake, “ 1873,	1,204.54
“ F. Peaslee, “ 1874,	16,065.00
“ Use of Town Hall,	28.07
“ Money hired and notes renewed,	52,727.93
Total amount of receipts,	\$74,784.95

Expenditures,

From March 1st, 1874 to March 1st, 1875.

Paid State Treasurer, State Tax,	\$2,036.00
“ “ “ over payment of bounty,	31.50

\$2,067.50

“ County Tax,	\$1,799.10
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Damage by Dogs.

Paid R. T. Leavitt,	\$6.00
“ J. M. Potter,	4.50
“ D. L. Green,	4.00
“ J. H. Maxfield,	6.00
“ D. S. Tilton,	15.50
“ J. A. Walker,	8.00
“ O. L. Perkins,	10.00
“ S. H. French,	115.00
“ S. M. D. Perkins,	8.00

\$177.00

Breaking Roads.

District No. 1, paid G. Frank Green,	\$25.75
“ 2, F. P. Parshley,	2.55
“ 3, S. B. Prescott,	9.60
“ 4, D. L. Green,	7.58
“ 5, H. M. Foss,	28.31
“ 6, J. Smith,	15.77
“ 7, F. W. Blake,	29.61
“ 8, H. Paige,	9.45
“ 9, W. Shaw,	22.57
“ 10, J. E. Shaw,	17.91
“ 11, J. M. Eaton,	10.52
“ 13, I. Berry,	7.29
“ 14, D. Lang and A. J. Pillsbury,	8.01
“ 15, W. B. Norris,	15.75
“ 16, A. J. Watson,	19.20
“ 17, A. P. James,	58.20
“ 18, P. C. True,	32.62
“ 19, R. B. Batchelder,	8.76

Dist. No. 21,	D. Watson,	6.30
" 22,	J. Doe,	11.16
" 23,	F. Peaslee,	10.88
" 24,	J. A. Barton,	18.60
" 25,	S. J. Clark,	8.37
" 26,	E. W. French,	31.11
" 27,	S. S. Ring,	6.80
" 28,	J. O. Tasker,	4.90
" 29,	T. N. Johnson,	3.00
	D. K. Swett, 1873,	5.60
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		\$436.17

New Bridge Expenses.

Paid S. M. Foss,	\$1.79
" O. L. Perkins,	28.40
" J. A. Walker,	2.50
" S. H. French,	216.40
" J. O. Tasker,	11.55
" J. M. Tucker and others,	55.25
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	\$315.89

Expenses on Old Cemetery.

Paid I. N. Carr,	\$5.00
" N. Brown,	4.00
" C. S. French,	12.50
" C. W. Bennett,	7.50
" C. H. Weston,	1.50
" F. W. Blake,	4.00
" R. L. French & Co.,	20.59
" H. W. Batchelder,	.61
" L. J. French & Co.,	1.24
" W. G. Rollins,	5.25
" Evans, Waldo & Lane,	29.96
" J. M. Tucker,	9.80
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	\$101.95

Repairing Highways.

District No. 1,	paid T. B. Tucker,	\$438.03
"	2, G. Miner,	57.54
"	3, S. F. Ring,	35.40
"	4, J. B. Ring,	15.00
"	5, J. H. Maxfield,	38.69
"	7, I. S. Carr,	35.00
"	8, O. P. Green,	40.00
"	9, W. Shaw,	30.00
"	10, J. Marston,	20.00
"	11, F. E. Cram,	40.00
"	12, J. P. Lang,	49.27
"	13, I. Berry,	45.00
"	14, G. W. Johnson,	35.00
"	15, S. S. Jenness,	35.00
"	16, A. J. Watson,	39.50
"	17, J. G. Kelley,	51.87
"	18, S. J. Winslow,	70.80
"	19, M. Cummings,	20.00
"	20, R. T. Leavitt Jr.,	35.00
"	21, D. Watson,	44.56
"	22, J. Doe,	41.75
"	23, C. T. B. Knowlton,	55.00
"	24, S. G. Marston,	45.00
"	25, S. J. Clark,	35.55
"	26, G. E. Drake,	29.70
"	27, S. S. Ring,	35.12
"	28, T. W. Nutter,	35.00
"	29, S. N. Lougee,	154.72
	F. B. Berry,	7.50
		\$1,615.00

Expenses on Factory Hill.

Paid F. W. Blake,	\$22.00
" L. Brown,	43.89
" L. Green,	28.25
" A. Hurd,	55.00
" E. Shannon,	32.50

Paid W. G. Rollins,	24.50
“ J. B. Ring,	22.50
“ A. R. Green,	75.12
“ E. B. Ring,	18.00
“ S. J. Winslow,	12.00
“ J. A. Walker,	54.12
“ S. F. Ring,	46.50
“ J. Marston,	9.00
“ J. Clark,	3.00
“ C. S. Sykes,	2.00
“ H. Paige,	1.35
“ D. Goodwin,	1.10
“ J. M. Tucker and others,	144.62
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	\$595.45

Pauper Expenses.

Paid for C. E. Moody,	\$86.96
“ Elsie W. Dorway,	31.32
“ R. E. Cram,	44.25
“ T. P. Woodman,	81.60
“ J. N. Mason,	31.50
“ M. J. Welch,	45.35
“ Sarah Chase,	65.00
“ J. Stiles,	52.00
“ Abigail Clark,	26.00
“ L. A. Cram,	1.50
“ T. Delaney,	12.00
“ Anna Welch,	12.99
“ D. H. Coombs,	19.92
“ Transient persons,	40.35
“ H. Littlefield,	5.00
“ E. Dennett,	83.00
“ M. Mathews,	63.80
“ J. Eastman,	229.50
“ L. Brock,	80.00
“ J. S. Muncey,	66.45
“ Mary White,	180.00
“ D. K. Foster, for School Books for poor,	8.70
“ Alonzo Lake,	17.50
“ E. Prescott,	6.00
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	\$1,290.69

[Current Expenses.

Paid R. P. J. Tenney, for brick, &c.,	\$4.00
“ David Marden, for watering tub,	3.00
“ J. M. Tucker, labor on Lobby,	3.30
“ W. Yeaton, Invoice Book,	1.00
“ H. C. Knowlton, running line,	1.50
“ M. Batchelder, cemetery lot,	8.00
“ R. L. French & Co., hardware,	1.17
“ J. P. Nutter, nails, &c.,	1.75
“ C. M. Bailey, as per bill,	9.02
“ “ “ “	9.25
“ I. S. Carr, rails,	15.00
“ E. L. Carr, certificates,	4.50
“ H. B. Cross, damage on wagon,	4.00
“ B. W. Sanborn, books and stationary,	14.75
“ J. M. Drew, as per bill,	3.00
“ Paron Philbrick,	.50
“ A. S. Shackford,	.25
“ E. R. Johnson, watering tub, 1873 and 1874,	4.00
“ J. C. Cashman, printing reports,	50.00
“ C. E. Clough, as per bill,	.50
“ H. H. Aldrich, office chairs,	7.60
“ S. D. Caswell, damage on sleigh,	12.00
“ Mrs. A. French,	15.00
“ J. S. Dennett, watching fire,	2.00
“ J. Osgood, surveying lumber,	1.25
“ D. Goodwin,	.40
“ Walker & Co., for iron,	13.03
“ A. P. James, School House Tax,	31.89
“ Asa Fowler, advice,	2.00
“ Hutchinson & Hartwell,	.50
“ B. F. Sanborn, Note Book,	.75
“ C. O. Green, land damage,	90.55
“ E. Jenkins, “ “	12.00
“ C. W. Bennett, as per bill,	5.10
“ W. B. Norris, “	7.25
“ F. W. Blake, “	2.00
“ R. L. French & Co., nails, &c.,	9.80

Paid Zemanet Garland, damage,	3.00
" J. M. Tucker, on Lobby,	6.00
" J. M. Drew,	.75
" N. W. Drake, damage on plow,	4.25
" S. Brock, Jr., cutting out bridge,	2.00
" J. True, watering tub,	3.00
" A. Fowler, on Carr case,	17.00
" F. B. Berry, watering tub,	3.00
" J. A. Walker, " "	3.00
" C. S. French, labor on Lobby,	4.00
" T. B. Tucker, horse hire,	3.00
" C. S. Emerson, 40 loads pan on road,	4.00
" D. L. Green, over tax in 1873 and 1874,	4.00
" S. H. French & Co., " "	3.00
" S. H. French & Co., " "	6.00
" John Clark, abatement on loss of cow,	.70
" " " over tax,	.70
" A. J. Young, cutting out bridge,	2.50
" A. J. Pillsbury, watering tub,	3.00
" Town of Chichester, on bridge,	3.02
" J. Marston, damage,	2.00
" W. M. Chase, et als., advice to Board of Education,	10.50
" Moses Brown, watering tub,	3.00
" M. S. Clough, " " "	2.00
" W. B. Drake, over tax,	3.00
" A. Perkins, over tax,	2.25
" J. M. Tucker, horse hire,	6.30
" F. B. Blake, " " "	10.25
" S. M. D. Perkins, abatement on loss of horse,	1.00
" J. Brown, " " " cow,	.64
" W. H. Berry, Treasurer of Fire District,	2,720.00
" F. Peaslee, discount on taxes previous to Aug. 1st,	136.33
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	\$3,325.89

Notes, Interest and Indorsements.

Paid Notes, Interest and Endorsements,	\$57,669.48
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School Money.

Paid Board of Education,	\$1,914.44
“ Dog Tax,	70.00
“ Union District, with Barnstead,	25.00
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	\$2,009.44

Board of Education, for Services.

Paid D. K. Foster,	\$82.25
“ S. J. Winslow,	15.00
“ G. R. Drake,	52.75
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	\$150.00

Town Officers.

Paid Auditors, 1874,	\$6.00
“ C. H. Drew, Police,	15.00
“ J. F. Locke, “	6.50
“ A. P. Marden, “	15.00
“ A. G. Eaton,	15.00
“ C. H. Brock,	15.00
“ J. M. Batchelder, Town Clerk,	70.00
“ D. P. Locke, Selectman, 1873,	9.00
“ J. M. Tucker, as Moderator, 1874,	6.00
“ “ “ Town Treasurer,	100.00
“ “ “ Overseer of Poor, “	29.00
“ “ “ Selectman, “	121.99
“ C. S. French, “	126.00
“ F. W. Blake, “	98.50
“ “ “ Collector, 1873,	13.00
“ F. Peaslee, “ 1872,	10.00
“ “ “ 1874,	150.00
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	\$805.99

Abatement of Taxes.

Paid F. E. Cram, 1871,	\$47.67
“ F. Peaslee, 1872,	111.95
“ “ 1874,	72.10
“ F. W. Blake, 1873,	79.54
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	\$311.26

Recapitulation.

To Amount of Receipts,	\$74,784.95
Expenditures.	
By amount paid State Treasurer,	\$2,067.50
“ “ County Treasurer,	1,799.10
“ “ damage by dogs,	177.00
“ “ breaking roads,	436.17
“ “ new bridge,	315.89
“ “ old cemetery,	101.95
“ “ repairing highway,	1,615.00
“ “ for Factory Hill,	595.45
“ “ pauper expenses,	1,290.69
“ “ current	3,325.89
“ “ Notes, Interest and Endorsements,	57,869.48
“ “ School money,	2,009.44
“ “ Board of Education,	150.00
“ “ Town Officers,	805.99
“ “ abatements of taxes,	311.52
“ “ cash in hands of Treasurer.	2,113.83
	\$74,784.95

Assets.

To balance in hands of Treasurer,	\$2,113.83
“ due from Frank E. Cram, Collector, 1871,	121.14
“ “ “ Francis Peaslee, “ 1872,	45.26
“ “ “ “ “ “ 1874,	2,131.10
“ “ “ Francis W. Blake, “ 1873,	205.46
“ “ “ the Town of Epsom for support of Alonzo Lake's family,	\$10.00
	\$4,626.79
Amount of Notes and Interest on the same, out- standing March 1st, 1875,	\$75,702.37
Assets deducted,	4,626.79
Indebtedness of the Town March 1st, 1875,	\$71,075.58

JOHN M. TUCKER, *Town Treasurer.*

The undersigned, having examined the Report of the Town Treasurer for the year ending March 1, 1875, hereby certify that the receipts and expenditures correspond in all the items entered upon the town books, and in all respects are supported by proper vouchers and in our opinion give a plain and accurate exhibit of the financial condition of the town.

The Town Treasurer and Selectmen appear to have been faithful and judicious in regard to the loan by which the rate of interest has been reduced to 6 per cent.

E. W. FRENCH,
DAVID W. C. SCATES, } *Auditors.*
JOHN L. FRENCH, }

Report of the Board of Education.

The Board of Education submit the following Report of the Schools for the year ending March, 1875.

School No. 1.

The Summer and Fall Terms of 8 weeks each, were taught by MISS JENNIE G. CLARKE, of Candia. Miss Clarke possessed tact and talent for her business; the order of her school was excellent; her methods, normal and somewhat novel in this school, and applied with aptness and energy, at once interested her classes, made their exercises a daily pleasure, and crowned the labors of the terms with abundant success.

We regretted that she could not be retained for the next term, inasmuch as it had been the policy of the Board from the outset to employ the best teachers they could, and keep them in the positions assigned them as long as consistent with the good of the school; and when obliged to make a change to do the next best thing. We think, however, our "Upper City" people were very happy in the selection of the teacher for their Winter Term.

This term was taught by MILTON T. BERRY. Mr. Berry is a teacher of experience and ability, and under his charge the school moved forward very prosperously, and at the close of an eleven weeks' term and the year, we feel that the meed, "Well done," is due to both scholars and teachers. Mr. B's class in Primary Geography showed a clearer understanding of the matter than scholars of their years sometimes possess. The teacher had made them know that Geography did, after all, tell them something about the earth on which they lived and walked and played every day. The classes in Algebra and English Analysis were farther advanced than any others in town outside of the High School, and ought to remain no longer in

this school. A continuation of the *School System* of this year would have provided, in due time, suitable accommodation for these advanced classes and for all others of the like grade, in a *Town High School*, which must have been the legitimate and inevitable outgrowth of the abolition of our school districts. But alas! the "new things have passed away and all things have become old" again. This strikes us to be an *inversion* as well as a *perversion* of the text. F.

Number 4.

The three terms of the year have been kept by Miss MYRA L. FOSS. The Board have to congratulate the patrons of this school on their good fortune in receiving for the past year, the services of the teacher to whom they had become so strongly attached by three preceding years of successful labor in their school-room. Miss Foss closes this year with her school, as she did the last, with the entire confidence and approbation of all concerned—scholars, parents and superintendents. F.

HIGH SCHOOL.

This school, organized in December, 1873, by the union of the Village Districts Nos. 3, 4 and 5, was convened for its Summer Term in the Town Hall Grammar school-room, under the instruction of Mr. D. W. C. Scates. Mr. Scates, instinctively averse to everything savoring of flattery, nevertheless seems to take a wicked delight in doing his work in the school-room so well that he always leaves his reporters dangling on the dilemma, that they must either seem to flatter him and encounter his aversion, or else say nothing about him. We are disposed to seek relief from our awkwardness by taking the latter horn. Finis. F.

The fall and winter terms were kept in the Academy, in connection with that school, by Mr. D. K. Foster and Mr. D. W. C. Scates, and, although the two schools were so intermingled as to make it difficult to judiciously ascertain how much of the thorough and rapid progress should be credited to the High School scholars, it is evident that the teachers labored with their accustomed zeal in instructing both schools.

The majority of the classes in the High School were under the

instruction of Mr. Scates whose past reputation as a teacher is too well known to need a repetition of his deserved praises. His rigorous discipline, pleasant manners and perspicuous style of explanation all conspire to make his reputation as a teacher more eminent as his experience increases. In map drawing—an art too little practiced in our common schools—the scholars exhibited in dexterity and accuracy of delineation, a proficiency that can be acquired only by thorough instruction and close application. D.

Primary No. 5.

The Summer Term of 8 weeks was taught by MRS. JOHN D. STEVENS. Mrs. Stevens is a lady well known to all the scholars and parents in this community, by her long connection with our schools, having taught in nearly every school-room in town. For a long time this school has been regarded the most perverse, perplexing and difficult in our list; and it undoubtedly was so up to this year. Many circumstances not material here, have contributed to make it what it was—the dread of every teacher who knew it. We are, however, very happy to report that this school, at the close of Mrs. Stevens's term, appeared better, and certainly was in a healthier frame than it has ever before been within our knowledge;—and we may be allowed to add, the poor thing has been growing better ever since. F.

Fall and Winter Terms.

MISS ELLA F. DOW, teacher. Miss Dow, a teacher whose heart and soul are absorbed in the vocation she has chosen, which, to her, is that of love, has the natural abilities requisite for a successful educator of the young, and particularly for scholars of this grade. These combined with a somewhat extensive experience of the repeating art of teaching give her capacity for its vital science. Herself assiduous in the pursuit of learning, she imbues this activity in the minds of her loving pupils, and by her own activity and interestedness she makes each one emulous, showing by their every act the zeal she has fired within them. As a disciplinarian she is no less a success than as an instructress. In the exercises of the recitation and examination, thought was developed to a degree that would be creditable to more advanced pupils. The reading, singing and other exercises

of the closing examination were credential to teacher and pupil and appreciated by the good number of visitors present.

It is with no intention of disparagement to Miss Dow, but a duty we owe to parents of small children, to advise them to keep their children from schools of all kinds until they are six years old. The zeal of the emulation witnessed at the examinations of this school is suicidal to the weak and plastic minds of children less than six years of age. D.

Number 7, Summer Term.

MR. M. T. BERRY, teacher. Having a school-house that has justly excited the ridicule of our predecessors for the last decade of years and located in a community where trivial envy between different persons has had much to do with the failure or success of the school, and where far too large a part of the interest taken has been derogatory to the school's success, it is but natural that the Board, under these untoward circumstances, should have considerable anxiety about procuring a teacher for this position.

In the selection of Mr. Berry we considered ourselves and those patronizing the school very fortunate, for we had never known, in our previous knowledge of the affairs of this district, a term of school in which there was less dissatisfaction expressed. This, in part, may be attributed to the fact of having the affairs managed by neither of the former jealous parties, but a good share of it is due to the able management of the teacher. The discipline and progress were exceedingly good, particularly in an advanced class in Mental Arithmetic, and everything seemed deserving of favorable comment. D.

Fall Term.

Inspired by his success of the summer term, Mr. Berry commenced this under the most auspicious circumstances, and this state of things, so far as our knowledge went, extended through a greater part of the term, at the close of which, we ascribed the lenity of discipline to the possibility of his having been so flattered by his former term's success that he partially reclined from the activity requisite for a school of this size and grade. The school exhibited a good degree of proficiency at its close, most notably in the advanced classes. D.

Winter Term.

A majority of the Board thinking best to make a change of teacher in this school, for the Winter Term, Mr. Berry, the teacher of the Summer and Fall Terms, was placed in School No. 1, and No. 7 was placed under the instruction of MR. GEORGE R. DRAKE. Mr. Drake possesses, in no small measure, the qualities of the good teacher. System in arrangement, diligence in business, and ambition to excel, were noticeable features in teacher and scholars. His classes in Geography and map-drawing were well taught, and their work displayed skill and taste. The higher classes in Arithmetic showed accuracy in their knowledge of definitions and principles. The books in which the class in Spelling wrote their lessons, gave proof of much improvement in penmanship as well as orthography, carrying as they did the internal evidence of the two-fold advantages of the method adopted in conducting the spelling recitation.

It is our prayer that the *tutelary genii* of Dowborough will, at the opening of the Spring, so move upon the hearts and consciences of the people that they can rest night nor day, till they build a new school-house. F.

Number 8, Summer Term.

MISS ROSA I. EATON, teacher. In this locality the germ of the opposition to the "new system" of schools first developed, and so vigorous and untiring was it that little benefit accrued from this term. The majority of the parents not only compelled their children, but openly endeavored to prevent other scholars from availing themselves of the advantages of the school. It was under these adverse circumstances that our experienced teacher commenced her labors, and we regret to say that her earnest endeavors to accomplish the purposes for which she faithfully labored were fraught with hostile measures throughout the entire term. D.

Fall Term.

MR. E. C. GOODWIN, teacher. Mr. Goodwin began his term's work under more favorable auspices than did the previous teacher. The animosity to the system had partially subsided and the majority of scholars attended school, but our first visit convinced us of the exceedingly unwise course the parents took in the previous term. The smaller pupils were uneasy under

the restraint of the school-room, and most of them were unfamiliar with the contents of their text-books. The teacher soon accustomed the school to his ways and then his arduous task was a pleasant duty. We were unable to correctly determine the proficiency made, for the most advanced members of the school were unfortunately absent at the time of our final visit. It is inferred from the interest manifested in the welfare of the school by the teacher and the usual application of the pupils absent, that the progress of the classes was good.

Winter Term.

Mr. Goodwin's well-directed efforts gave entire satisfaction in the fall term and those of this term were debarred only in a measure by irregular attendance and the absence of some of the most advanced pupils; but he labored with commendable zeal, and as a result there was a good degree of progress. D.

Number 9.

MISS FANNIE A. SARGENT, teacher of the three terms. A small school of interested scholars, whose teacher has the confidence and co-operation of the parents, cannot be a failure. With so quiet yet efficient one as Miss Sargent is, it cannot be other than a decided success. Everything connected with the school was harmonious, consequently prosperous and conjoined to make it progressive. The classes in mental and written Arithmetic gave lucid explanations of problems and correct answers to questions. In the badly neglected art of spelling the teacher introduced an improvement as did those of the winter terms in Schools Nos. 5 and 7, by requiring the advanced classes to write the words instead of spelling them orally. This we believe to be the proper method of teaching this branch; advocating that it should be taught in the school-room as it is practiced in business, with the pen in hand. D.

Number 10, Summer Term.

MISS EMMA B. MERRILL, teacher. After considerable hesitancy, Miss Merrill was placed in charge of this school, and, although the Board had some uneasiness concerning her ability to manage it, she proved herself adequate to the requirements, and under her instruction the scholars acquired such proficiency as only an interested and assiduous teacher could accomplish.

The classes in Reading and Penmanship made commendable improvement. D.

Fall Term.

MISS ABBIE A. BROWN, teacher. This was Miss Brown's second attempt at teaching, and in this school she should not be judged by the same standard as an experienced teacher in a more progressive one would be. The scholars were orderly, attentive to study, and at the closing examination the small number present generally answered the questions promptly and correctly that were proposed by teacher and Board, thereby giving credit of faithful labor on the part of teacher and pupils. D.

Winter Term.

MISS CLARA R. BROWN, teacher. Having had two teachers in this school who gave satisfaction to us, the citizens and scholars, we were reluctant to make another change, but circumstances compelled it, and we were convinced by another example of the pernicious influence of a change of teachers when all interested parties are satisfied.

Undoubtedly more rigor in the discipline of the minds of the scholars and in the order of the school would have resulted, if the teacher had displayed more energy, and the progress would have been more satisfactory if she had made the classes comprehend one subject before taking up another. We do not pronounce the school a success nor a decided failure, but give the teacher due credit for the satisfactory advancement made in a few classes. D.

CONCLUSION.

The amount of money received for the support of schools has been as follows:

Appropriation,	\$1,781.50
Dog Tax,	70.00
Literary Fund,	158.67
From the Town of Epsom,	59.05
“ “ “ “ Northwood,	21.50
Tuition,	.53
Total Receipts,	<u>\$2,091.25</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for Teaching and Board,	\$1,890.50
“ “ Repairs and Fuel,	173.51
“ to Town of Barnstead,	25.00
Total Expenditures,	<u>\$2,089.01</u>
Balance on hand,	\$2.24

During the year, *eight schools* have been supported, each *twenty-seven weeks*; thus realizing, in the equalization of our school privileges and advantages, the chief object and promise of the New System under which the schools have been managed.

No schools have been kept in Houses No. 2, No. 3, and No. 6, the Board believing it would be an unwise and unnecessary outlay, to employ teachers in those small schools whose scholars were all within reasonable distance of other schools. The primary grade of No. 2 and No. 3 were put into school No. 4; the primary grade of No. 6 into No. 5; and the higher classes in these three schools have been accommodated in the High School. By this arrangement the expense of three teachers and the cost of repairing and warming three school-houses have been saved and applied to lengthen the other schools. We believe that none have suffered under this arrangement except perhaps those few persons whose prejudices (amounting almost to a holy horror always) against new things, too often blind their eyes to a just appreciation of their privileges, a proper regard for their own interests, and a clear conception of their plain practical relations to human society.

It is a satisfaction to the Board to know that they have endeavored, at all times, in their special acts as well as in their general management of the educational affairs of the town, to keep steadily in view the best interests, the greatest good of our schools. It is a comfort to them to know that, in the purposes of eternal justice, the willfully blind are made the only sufferers for their blindness. Meanwhile we pity the sufferers, would forgive them were it in our calling, but how to help them we see not.

F.

D. K. FOSTER,	}	<i>Board</i>
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		<i>of</i>
		<i>Education.</i>

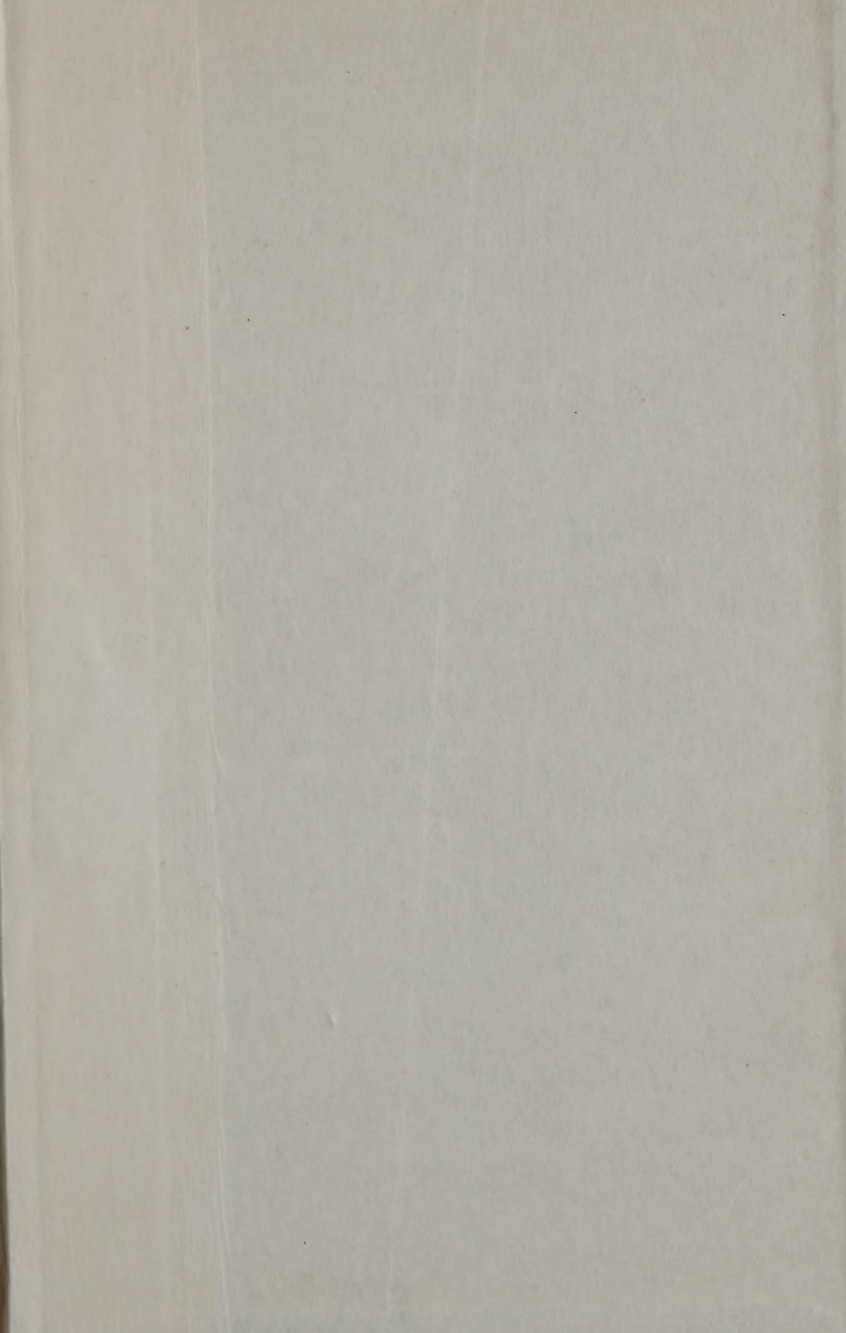
Pittsfield, N. H., March, 1875.

NOTE.—Those parts of the above Report to which F is subscribed were written by Mr. Foster. Those portions to which D is subscribed were written by Mr. Drake. The Table of Statistics was also made by Mr. Drake.

TABLE.

No. attending to Algebra.	3d term	13
	2d term	23
	1st term	0
No. attending to Grammar.	3d term	47
	2d term	75
	1st term	51
No. attend'g to Geography	3d term	28
	2d term	37
	1st term	31
No. attend'g to Arithmetic	3d term	56
	2d term	74
	1st term	56
No. atten'g to Penmanship	3d term	55
	2d term	67
	1st term	56
No. of scholars between 4 and 14 years of age, not attending school	3d term	—
	2d term	—
	1st term	—
Average attendance	3d term	53
	2d term	71
	1st term	43
Whole number of scholars	3d term	61
	2d term	82
	1st term	56
High School.	3d term	18
No. 1.	2d term	15
No. 2.	1st term	24
No. 3.	3d term	43
No. 4.	2d term	52
No. 5.	1st term	50
No. 6.	3d term	44
No. 7.	2d term	53
No. 8.	1st term	41
No. 9.	3d term	13
No. 10.	2d term	14
	1st term	7

Number of weeks in Summer and Fall Terms, 8; Winter Terms, 11.
 *Not reported.
 All the scholars have attended to Reading and Spelling.



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