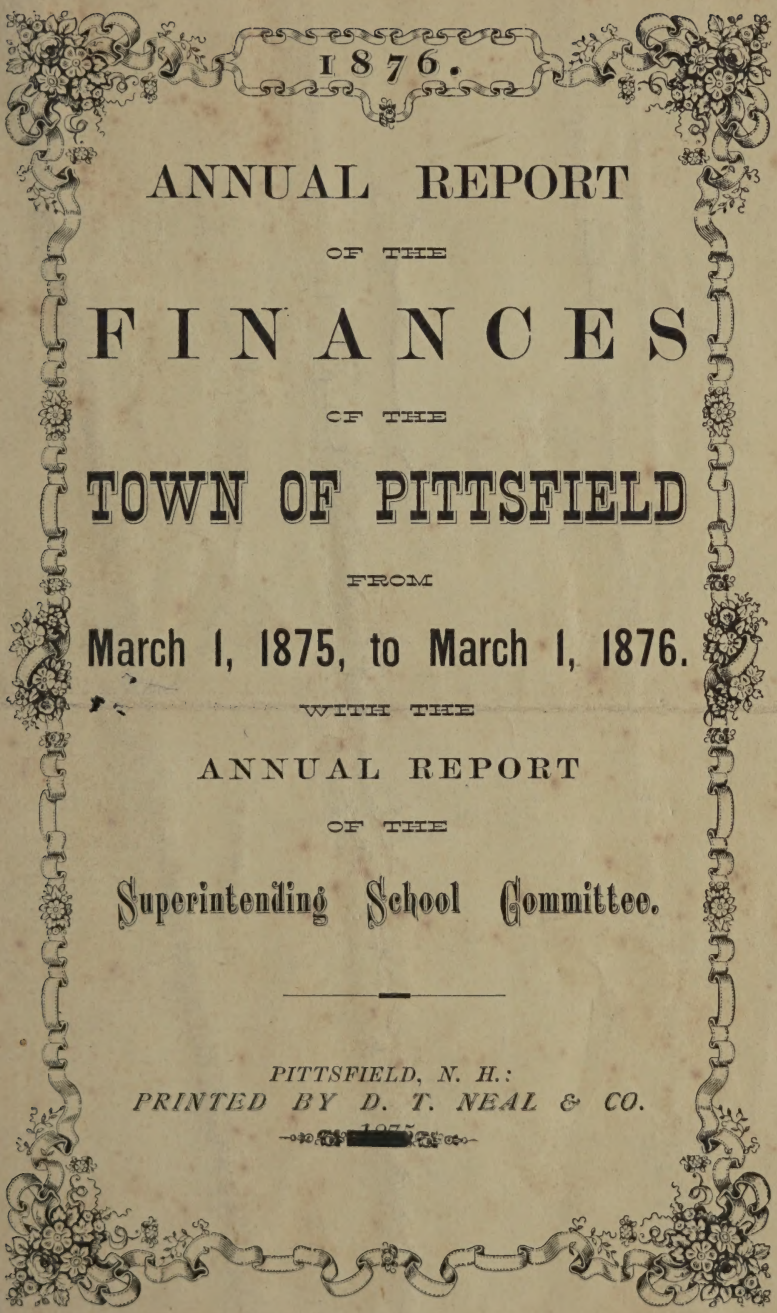




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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
**FINANCES**  
OF THE  
**TOWN OF PITTSFIELD**

FROM  
March 1, 1875, to March 1, 1876.

WITH THE  
ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
Superintending School Committee.

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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 ending March 1, 1876, is respectfully submitted.

### RECEIPTS.

By received of Town Treasurer of 1874, amount in his hands March 1, 1875	\$2,113 83
“ Town of Epsom for support of Alonzo F. Lake	10 00
“ R. E. Cram, to restore him the right of suffrage	6 00
“ Joseph Styles, .. .. .	13 00
“ Alonzo F. Lake, .. .. .	10 00
“ J. D. C. Welch, .. .. .	12 99
“ Frank E. Cram, Collector 1871	57 51
“ Francis Peaslee, Collector 1872	30 27
“ Francis W. Blake, Collector 1873	157 04
“ Francis Peaslee, Collector 1874	2,008 36
“ Francis Peaslee, Collector 1875, including Fire District Tax	14,160 00
“ State Treasurer, Savings Bank Tax	1,651 52
“ State Treasurer, Railroad Tax	64 01
“ State Treasurer, Literary Fund	133 30
“ State Treasurer, Insurance Tax	7 50
“ County Treasurer, for support of Poor	740 22
“ Rent of Town Hall	154 18
“ Town Barnstead, for support of B. R. Munsey	20 00
“ H. R. Chamberlain, Treasurer of City of Manchester	85 78
“ W. H. Berry, Prudential Com. District No. 5, 1-2 Premium Town Hall Policy	26 00
“ Money hired and notes renewed	16,149 66

By received of Town of Chichester, on account of Orrin E. Drake	10 00
	<hr/> \$37,621 17

**DEBT.**

Due, March 1, 1876, on outstanding notes with accrued interest to date	
	<hr/> \$77,879 48

**EXPENDITURES**

FROM MARCH 1st, 1875, TO MARCH 1st, 1876.

**TAXES.**

Paid State Treasurer, State tax	\$2,036 00
Paid County Treasurer, County tax	1,820 38
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**DAMAGE BY DOGS.**

Paid Daniel S. Tilton	\$4 50
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**SCHOOL EXPENSES.**

District No. 1,	paid H. M. Foss	\$140 35
" 2,	D. L. Green	63 40
" 3,	G. W. Roby	228 80
" 4,	S. H. French	308 92
" 5,	W. H. Berry	1,153 24
" 6,	J. Harvey	49 14
" 7,	E. B. Sargent	147 59
" 8,	R. T. Leavitt Jr.	130 72
" 9,	G. W. Snell	110 33
" 10,	J. F. Locke	65 73
	O. A. Dennett, Barnstead	17 96
	J. P. Brown, Chichester	1 73
		<hr/> \$2,417 91

SEPTEMBER APPRAISAL OF REAL ESTATE.

Paid C. S. French	64 75
F. E. Cram	60 55
J. Clark	56 50
R. L. French	60 00
N. W. Drake	62 50
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	\$304 30

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Auditors, 1874	\$8 00
W. H. Tibbetts, Constable	4 00
J. M. Tucker, balance of services	10 00
C. S. French, balance of services	10 00
F. W. Blake, balance of services	10 00
C. S. French, Selectman	105 50
D. K. Foster, Selectman	90 50
F. E. Cram, Selectman	111 50
C. S. French, Town Treasurer	100 00
C. S. French, Overseer of Poor	30 00
D. W. C. Scates, S. S. Committee	100 00
C. H. Drew, Police	14 00
A. P. Marden, Police	15 00
A. G. Eaton, Police	16 35
J. F. Locke, Police	8 00
F. Peaslee, Collector, 1874	72 00
F. Peaslee, Collector, 1875, part,	100 00
J. M. Bachelder, Town Clerk	70 00
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	\$874 85

FIRE DISTRICT.

Paid W. H. Berry, balance of tax, 1874	80 00
W. H. Berry, 1875	1,160 00
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	1,240 00



BREAKING ROADS.

District No.	1, T. B. Tucker and others	\$102 55
"	2, George Miner	37 85
"	3, S. F. Ring	28 53
"	4, J. B. Ring and others	30 20
"	5, J. H. Maxfield and others	56 44
"	6, A. B. Taylor	22 01
"	7, I. S. Carr	39 45
"	8, O. P. Greene	13 55
"	9, W. Shaw	46 87
"	10, J. Marston	37 93
"	11, F. E. Cram	37 45
"	12, J. P. Lang	3 00
"	13, I. Berry	12 82
"	14, Lang, Pillsbury and Morrill	22 45
"	15, S. S. Jenness	60 77
"	17, J. G. Kelley	89 90
"	18, S. J. Winslow	48 57
"	19, M. Cummings	13 39
"	20, R. T. Leavitt Jr., and others	28 40
"	21, Daniel Watson	27 31
"	22, J. Doe, 1873-74	44 75
"	23, C. T. B. Knowlton	24 30
"	24, S. G. Marston	29 90
"	25, S. J. Clark	43 32
"	26, G. E. Drake	62 08
"	27, S. S. Ring	18 50
"	29, S. N. Lougee	13 35
		\$995 64

CURRENT EXPENSES.

Paid A. Deering, printing Town Report	\$50 00
Lavina Gray	300 00
W. T. Blake, labor on Factory Hill, 1874	2 00



S. P. Jones, labor on Factory Hill, 1874	1 50
G. W. Roby, sawdusting Town Hall	2 00
Dr. E. L. Carr, settlement damage claim	87 50
Evans, Waldo & Page, building Armory	37 47
Dr. E. L. Carr, certificates births and deaths	5 50
J. T. Hill, sealing Weights and Measures	2 25
Seth Eastman, County Sealer	14 62
C. S. French, painting Armory	7 40
D. K. Foster, Survey and Plan in case E. L. Carr vs. Town of Pittsfield	10 00
D. K. Foster, Books and Stationery	9 50
A. Deering, printing Police Notices	3 50
B. W. Sanborn, Record Book	8 00
A. G. Eaton, repairing Lobby	1 25
J. H. Maxfield, labor on road, 1874	1 65
E. K. Webster & Co., Selectmen's Office	75
I. S. French, printing Receipts	1 00
Paran Philbrick, examining Records	50
Asa Fowler, legal advice	2 00
C. H. Osgood, damage to Sleigh	12 00
E. Langmaid, running Line	1 50
W. A. Mack, Blank Books	90
S. G. Kelley, Insurance Town Hall	52 00
A. J. Pillsbury, Watering Tub	3 00
J. True, Watering Tub	2 00
D. Marden, Watering Tub	3 00
J. A. Walker, Watering Tub	3 00
M. Brown, Watering Tub	3 00
R. L. French, Watering Tub, 2 years	4 00
J. Harvey, Watering Tub, 2 years	6 00
F. B. Berry, Watering Tub	3 00
A. L. Nutter, Special Police	2 00
D. T. Neal & Co., printing Police Notices	1 50
B. W. Sanborn, Note Book	50
N. W. Drake, Assessor, April	4 00

R. L. French, Assessor, April	4 00
C. C. Rogers, abatement on loss of Cow	76
T. H. Maxfield, damage to wagon	4 00
W. Leighton, abatement on loss of Cow	77
C. S. French, postage	81
C. S. French, car-fare and horse hire	13 82
J. C. Dow, watching fire, Feb, 15	3 00
G. H. Sanborn, watching fire at Perkins'	3 00
J. C. Dow, watching fire at Perkins'	3 00
J. R. Tucker, abatement dog Tax	1 00
F. E. Cram, horse hire	15 00
G. R. Drake, making School return	2 00
A. P. Marden, meals furnished at Lobby	3 50
S. M. D. Perkins, abatement on cattle and horses	16 58
T. B. Tucker, supplies furnished firemen of Manchester and Pittsfield	40 00
F. B. Berry, damage to wagon	5 00
Sanborn and Green, abatement tax, 1873	2 00
C. H. Sanborn, abatement tax, 1873	10 00
Jos. Jenkins, abatement tax, 1875	12 40
C. H. Sanborn, " 1874	13 50
D. K. Foster, stationery	5 30
D. K. Foster, setting line on Chestnut street, 1874	1 50
J. C. Dow, Check-list board	1 25
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	\$811 98

#### REPAIRING HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid S. H. Sargent, Surveyor, District No. 1	\$375 00
S. H. French, " " 2	76 75
S. F. Ring, " " 3	40 00
David L. Green, " " 4	18 00
Benj. M. Rogers, " " 5	30 70
John Smith, " " 6	73 67
I. N. Carr, " " 7	35 00
Trueworthy Joy, " " 8	45 00

William Shaw,	“	“	9	33 30
Worthen Perkins,	“	“	10	20 00
G. H. Burgess,	“	“	11	52 25
John P. Lang,	“	“	12	45 00
Nathan B. Berry,	“	“	13	65 20
C. R. Lang,	“	“	14	33 50
S. S. Jenness,	“	“	15	40 80
John P. Watson,	“	“	17	45 00
S. J. Winslow,	“	“	18	52 25
R. B. Bachelder,	“	“	19	15 00
R. T. Leavitt Jr.,	“	“	20	40 00
Daniel Watson,	“	“	21	55 50
J. S. Parks,	“	“	22	53 60
W. B. Drake,	“	“	23	55 00
Josiah A. Barton,	“	“	24	45 25
John C. Berry,	“	“	25	38 00
E. W. French,	“	“	26	36 50
J. A. Walker,	“	“	27	44 50
Timothy W. Nutter	“	“	28	69 00
J. G. L. Smith,	“	“	29	143 50
John A Walker, bill, bridge plank				55 78
John P. Lang, bill,				9 75
Sam'l J Clark, bill, 1874				4 50
G. H. Burgess and G. W. Snell, bill, 1874				5 25
A. J. Young, bills				21 20
S H. French, bill, bridge plank				9 72
C N. Green, bill, Lumber				11 86
D. K. Foster et als., bill, Berry road Sand Hill				28 50
E. K. Webster, bill, spikes, &c.,				4 15
D. K. Foster, bill, labor on bridges				5 00
D. K. Foster et als., removing ice from Berry road				4 40
J. C. Foss, bill. lumber				8 12
Evans, Waldo & Page, bill. lumber				7 03
E. G. Edgerly's bill				1 88
R. L. French & Co., bill. pikes, &c.				5 01



George Durgin, labor on Bridge	1 00
W. G. Rollins cutting out New Bridge	5 00
C. S. French, labor on Bridge	5 00
Frank E. Cram, labor on Bridge	1 00
J. O. Tasker, labor on Bank Street	3 00
C. W. Green, labor, District No. 1	1 50
Oliver P. Greene plank	3 40
Thomas Berry, plank	3 20
N. S. Drake, plank	96 46
S. M. D. Perkins, lumber	2 77
D. K. Foster, Shoe Factory Sidewalk	6 00
D. K. Foster, bill, Park Street and Concord Hill	13 32
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Factory Hill Ditches, Main Street, Old Cemetery Road,  
Berry Road and Catamount Street Extension.

Paid D. K. Foster, for Labor and Money expended		
as per Bills and Orders		\$1,040 23
G. H. Burgess, bill		30 00
John P. Nutter, bill		9 48
A. J. Young, bill		18 20
Paid Order No. 1,	to Mrs. C. H. Brock	\$17 33
" 2, 26,	John Nutter	23 60
" 3,	E. C. Willard	24 50
" 5, 21, 37,	W. S. Jones	88 65
" 6, 34,	H. P. Joy	79 50
" 9,	J. O. Tasker	21 43
" 10, 27,	G. M. Ring	79 85
" 11,	G. H. Burgess	43 30
" 12,	Trueworthy Norris	7 50
" 13,	Josiah Fernald	9 90
" 16,	John P. Lang	17 20
" 20, 45,	G. W. Roby	98 10
" 22,	L. J. French & Co.	6 75
" 23,	W. C. Brock	12 55

..	24,	Mrs. Jona. Towle	7 50
..	25,	A. S. Willey	18 75
..	28,	C. H. Brock	25 00
..	29,	N. S. Drake	35 55
..	30,	S. P. Jones	19 65
..	31,	I. E. Smith	40 25
..	32,	H. W. Bachelder	23 48
..	33,	Alvin F. Towle	3 75
..	35,	Orrin E. Drake	3 75
..	36,	N. C. Tilton	11 29
..	38, 60.	F. E. Cram	46 80
..	39,	W. H. Berry	6 00
..	40,	J. A. Walker	58 41
..	41,	C. M. Green	8 00
..	42,	C. M. Bailey	21 00
..	43,	E. K. Webster	12 35
..	44,	J. B. Ring	41 10
..	46, 54.	S. H. Sargent	239 97
..	47,	G. H. Sanborn	14 90
..	49,	F. F. Hill	19 50
..	50,	S. R. Perkins	8 90
..	51,	S. B. Prescott	18 00
..	52,	J. T. Hill	14 06
..	53,	Thomas Berry, Chichester	6 24
..	55,	S. F. Ring	34 45
..	56,	R. L. French & Co.	17 31
..	57,	R. L. French	5 88
..	58,	H. A. Tuttle	50 60
..	59,	W. G. Rollins	8 00
..	61,	Foss Brothers	8 61

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\$2,457 12.

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PAUPERS.

Paid for Abigail Clark	\$26 00
Joseph Styles	52 00
Sally Chase	65 00

Paid for David H. Coombs	29 17
T. P. Woodman	160 25
C. E. Moody	100 00
R. E. Cram	49 72
Elizabeth Dennett	80 00
Lousina Brock	78 00
B. R. Munsey's child	24 00
Elvira Langley	9 35
Joseph Eastman	108 20
to John C. Ray, Supt. Reform School	61 72
for Mary White	183 00
Mary Mathews	83 65
Lucy Cram	43 25
Elsie Dorway	11 19
Transients	8 50
Alonzo F. Lake	10 00
J. D. C. Welch	15 50
Timothy Welch and family	5 00
Orrin E. Drake	10 00
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	\$1,213 50

## S U M M A R Y.

### RECEIPTS.

\$37,621 17

### EXPENDITURES.

By Notes. Interest and Endorsements	\$18,894 57
State and county tax	\$3,856 38
breaking roads	995 73
repairing roads and bridges	2,001 07
paupers	1,213 50
current expenses	811 98
Schools	2,417 91
Town Officers	874 85
Fire District, balance tax, 1874	80 00



By Fire District, tax, 1875	1,160 00
September appraisal of real estate	304 30
damage by dogs	4 50
Factory Hill Ditches, Main Street, Old Cemetery Road, Berry Road and Catamount Street Extension	2,457 12
Abatement in favor of F. E. Cram, Collector, 1871	42 61
“ “ F. W. Blake, “ 1873	12 04
“ “ Francis Peaslee, “ 1874	87 86
“ “ Francis Peaslee, “ 1875	61 14
Cash in hands of Treasurer	2,345 61
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	\$37,621 17

#### ASSETS.

Balance in hands of Treasurer	\$2,345 61
Due from Frank E. Cram, Collector, 1871	63 63
“ Francis Peaslee, “ 1872	14 99
“ F. W. Blake, “ 1873	48 42
“ Francis Peaslee, “ 1874	122 74
“ Francis Peaslee, “ 1875	4,616 82
“ Town of Epsom, on account of Alonzo F. Lake	10 00
“ Concord Railroad Corporation	12 00
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	\$7,234 21

#### DEBT.

Notes outstanding March 1, 1876	\$77,879 48
Assets deducted	7,234 21
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Indebtedness of Town March 1, 1876	\$70,645 27
Indebtedness of Town March 1, 1875	\$71,075 58
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Reduction of debt	\$430 31

CHARLES S. FRENCH, *Town Treasurer.*

The undersigned, having examined the books of the Town Treasurer for the year ending March 1, 1876, hereby certify that they find them correctly kept and all expenditures supported by proper vouchers. The Treasurer's Report, in our opinion, is a correct statement of the financial condition of the town.

ELIPH. W. FRENCH, }  
DAVID W. C. SCATES, } *Auditors.*

Pittsfield, N. H., March 6, 1876.

**REPORT**  
OF THE  
**Superintending School Committee**  
OF THE  
**TOWN OF PITTSFIELD,**  
*For the Year ending March, 1876.*

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The Superintending School Committee, in compliance with the law, respectfully submits the following report:

**DISTRICT No. 1.**

*First Term. Miss Abbie Lougee, Teacher.*

Length of School, 8 weeks.  
Number of pupils, 16.  
Average attendance, 14 4-5.  
Pupils not absent 1-2 day, 4.  
Pupils not tardy during term, 7.

In many of our schools it is more difficult to govern than to teach. This is largely due to home influences, but in this district the parents, mindful of the duties which they owe to society, so train their children at home that their government at school is an easy task. This condition of things we find so desirable that we are led to say to parents in other localities, "Go ye and do likewise." Though this was Miss Lougee's first experience in the vocation in which so few are really successful, yet with the valuable aid rendered her by the condition of things above mentioned, the result of her labors was a pleasant and profitable term.



*Second Term. Mr. Edwin C. Goodwin, Teacher.*

Length of School, 9 weeks.  
 Number of pupils, 17.  
 Average attendance, 16 2-15.  
 Pupils not absent 1-2 day, 3.  
 Pupils not tardy during term, 15.

To a teacher of the experience and ability of Mr. Goodwin and in a district like this, where all the influences tend to aid a teacher's well directed efforts, failure is out of the question. Success is easy. The closing examination of this school gave ample evidence of an earnest term's work by both teacher and pupils.

## DISTRICT No. 2.

*Miss Frances H. Maxfield, Teacher.*

Length of School, 11 weeks.  
 Number of pupils, 14.  
 Average attendance, 9 48-55.  
 Pupils not absent 1-2 day, 0.  
 Pupils not tardy during term, 2.

The Prudential Committee of this district, in view of the limited school fund at his disposal, wisely decided to expend it all in one term, and it is occasion for regret that this one term could not have been more regularly attended—that not one pupil could be able to attend every day of the term. Two things for which parents are in a great degree responsible are requisite to a successful school—regular attendance and careful attention to study. Unless parents labor to secure these things, they cannot reasonably expect great progress by their children. Though Miss Maxfield assumed the responsible position of a teacher this term for the first time, yet she manifested a good degree of skill and earnestness and the result of her labors was advantageous to those under her tuition. Her reading classes deserve especial mention for their commendable progress.

## DISTRICT No. 3.

*First Term. Miss Ada H. Williams, Teacher.*

Length of School, 8 weeks.  
 Number of pupils, 33.  
 Average attendance, 26.  
 Pupils not absent 1-2 day, 2.  
 Pupils not tardy during term, 26.

Near the beginning of the school year, certain men in our village whose deep interest in educational matters has led them to witness with sorrow the defects of our mixed schools, took measures to unite districts No. 3, No. 4, and No. 5, for the purpose of adopting the Graded School System—an end earnestly desired by all our citizens who have at heart the interests of the rising generation. But unfortunately for the success of this commendable endeavor, men were found, who had no direct personal interest in schools, who spared no pains to defeat the measure—not because it was not a good one, but because certain men who favored it were objectionable to them. What a sad sight, to see old men, almost ready to step into the grave, exerting their influence against education and in favor of ignorance, ready to strike a blow even at the very foundation of society, simply to gratify a low, unmanly prejudice! Young men, do not follow in their lead. You can never make of yourselves true men by the imitation of any such an example. And to you who defeated this measure let me say, if this generation, on whose prospects this blow of yours has fallen with such telling effect, shall in the years to come rise up and curse your memories, your heirs can console themselves with the comforting thought that such a punishment is very light compared with what justice demands. Could this school have been graded, as desired, the teacher's labors might have been productive of better results. As it was, the earnest efforts of Miss Williams left their visible effects. In point of order this school ranks among the first in town.

*Second Term. Miss Achsa L. Cheney, Teacher.*

Length of School, 8 weeks.  
 Number of pupils, 27.  
 Average attendance, 23.  
 Pupils not absent 1-2 day, 7.  
 Pupils not tardy during term, 31.

*Third Term. Miss Achsa L. Cheney, Teacher.*

Length of School, 7 weeks.  
 Number of pupils, 32.  
 Average attendance, 35 19-75.  
 Pupils not absent 1-2 day, 7.  
 Pupils not tardy during term, 31.

Miss Cheney is a teacher of large experience, and having taught four terms previous to this in this district, was neither a stranger to parents in this locality nor to the wants of the school. A slight opposition was manifested when it was ascertained that the choice of teacher had fallen on this lady, but as it came largely from a class whose deepest anxiety was to ascertain the political views of her connexion, it was not deemed worthy of notice. Miss Cheney sustained her former high reputation as a thorough, earnest, practical teacher and succeeded, as she always does, in accomplishing a good work for those under her charge.

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**DISTRICT No. 4.**
*First Term. Miss Emma F. Tasker, Teacher.*

Length of School, 10 weeks.  
 Number of pupils, 46.  
 Average attendance, 36 1-4.  
 Pupils not absent 1-2 day, 5.  
 Pupils not tardy during term, 32.

The proposition for uniting districts and grading schools, referred to in the report of district number 3, was also submitted to this district and met the same fate from the same causes. Miss Tasker possessed ample mental qualifications to teach this school successfully, and had she received that sup-

port from parents, that a teacher has a right to expect, the summer school in district number 4 might have been one of the best in town. But is it reasonable to expect a hearty support to anything good from men who willingly place obstructions in the way of educational progress, to the injury not only of the present, but of future generations, all to gratify low political prejudice and personal animosity? Miss Tasker did her best. Angels could do no more.

*Second Term. Mr. Frank E. Randall, Teacher.*

Length of School, 9 weeks.  
 Number of pupils, 49.  
 Average attendance, 43.  
 Pupils not absent 1-2 day, 4.  
 Pupils not tardy during term, 48.

Mr. Randall is one of our ablest and most experienced teachers. Possessing a large fund of general information, a thorough knowledge of the principles of the text books used, and the valuable faculty of imparting information to his pupils so clearly that they readily comprehend it, he met with as good a degree of success as could be expected of any one in his place. He had at least two grades to teach and consequently two days' work to do each day. The result was, something must be neglected. Was this the teacher's fault? No. It was the fault of your school system.

*Third Term.*

Length of School, 7 weeks.  
 Number of pupils, 49.  
 Average attendance, 41.  
 Pupils not absent 1-2 day, 8.  
 Pupils not tardy during term, 40.

The first three weeks of this term were taught by Mr. Frank E. Randall. The remainder by Mr. George R. Drake. It was deeply regretted by all interested, that other business interests made Mr. Randall's resignation necessary. The school under his management was progressing finely and promised results



fruitful of good; but whether or not these promises were fulfilled we are unable to say, for receiving no notice of the time when the school would close, we knew nothing of the event till it had passed.

### DISTRICT No. 5.

#### *High School.*

The Prudential Committee of this district was one of the foremost in urging a union of the village districts for purposes set forth in the report of districts No. 3 and No. 4, but the measure failing he wisely decided to grade No. 5 alone. It was not thought best to have a summer term of the High School, as the pupils of that grade would not generally attend during this season; but as several came into the Grammar School advanced beyond the standard established for this grade, it was decided to provide means for their instruction. Arrangements were made with the teacher of the Grammar School to instruct those of the High School grade who chose to attend between the hours of 4 and 6 in the afternoon.

#### *Fall Term.*

For want of suitable accommodations elsewhere, the pupils of this grade, numbering 26, were placed in the Pittsfield Academy and their tuition for English Branches paid from the funds of the district. A good degree of progress was made by the several classes.

#### *Winter Term. David W. C. Scates, Teacher.*

Length of School, 8 weeks.  
 Number of pupils, 17.  
 Average attendance, 15.  
 Pupils not absent 1-2 day, 3.  
 Pupils not tardy during term, 15.

The Executive Committee of Pittsfield Academy, for reasons not yet made public, concluded not to open their doors for a Winter Term. Therefore our Prudential Committee, determined to have a school somewhere, hired the Town Hall, and the High School was opened there. This room, with a very little

expense, might be made one of the pleasantest school rooms in town.

*Grammar Department. First Term. David W. C. Scates, Teacher.*

Length of School, 11 weeks.  
 Number of pupils, 37.  
 Average attendance, 33.  
 Pupils not absent 1-2 day, 6.  
 Pupils not tardy during term, 27.

*Second Term, Miss Myra L. Foss, Teacher.*

Length of School, 10 weeks.  
 Number of pupils, 34.  
 Average attendance, 30 1-2.  
 Pupils not absent 1-2 day, 13.  
 Pupils not tardy during term, 29.

*Third Term, Miss Myra L. Foss, Teacher.*

Length of School, 8 weeks.  
 Number of pupils, 32.  
 Average attendance, 26 2-5.  
 Pupils not absent 1-2 day, 8.  
 Pupils not tardy during term, 26.

Irregularity of attendance at school is an evil that can be remedied only by parental discipline. It is occasion for deep regret that certain parents in this district are so sparing of the remedy for this evil, that they allow their children to absent themselves from school day after day during the term, and examination day in particular, without sufficient cause. Parents, this is all wrong. If you allow your boys to shirk the duties of school, you not only send them out into the world unfitted by mental culture for the duties of life, but you also teach them a lesson which, if followed out, will lead them to shirk the great duties and responsibilities of life. Remember

“As the twig is bent,  
 The tree is inclined.”

The past success of Miss Foss as a teacher is so well known to the people of Pittsfield, that it would be a waste of words for me to particularize the many things worthy of commendation observed at her examination. Let it suffice that her earnest efforts, while in charge of this school, were so abundantly successful as to call forth from the large number of visitors present

at the close of the Fall term, the commendatory exclamation, "This is the best examination I ever witnessed." The Winter term was equally successful.

*Primary Department. First Term. Miss Myra L. Foss, Teacher.*

Length of School, 10 weeks.  
 Number of pupils, 69.  
 Average attendance, 63 3-5.  
 Pupils not absent 1-2 day, 9.  
 Pupils not tardy during term, 55.

*Second Term. Miss Ella F. Dow, Teacher.*

Length of School, 10 weeks.  
 Number of pupils, 56.  
 Average attendance, 48.  
 Pupils not absent 1-2 day, 10.  
 Pupils not tardy during term, 50.

*Third Term. Miss Ella F. Dow, Teacher.*

Length of School, 8 weeks.  
 Number of pupils, 35.  
 Average attendance, 29 1-4.  
 Pupils not absent 1-2 day, 14.  
 Pupils not tardy during term, 26.

Too great caution cannot be exercised in the selection of teachers for schools of this grade. That any one will do to teach our Primary schools is an error. The fact is our most skilful teachers are required here in laying the foundation, as they do, of all future scholarly attainments. Here habits are formed, which growing with the growth and strengthening with the strength of the child, shall become the controlling influence of the man. Many an unsuccessful man of business of to-day can justly charge his failure to the errors of his early teachings. Allow these little one to be careless and untidy, negligent of their duties and heedless of the laws of the school, and you will send out into the world in a few years, a class of thriftless, incompetent business men, regarding neither their own interests, the interests of society nor the laws of the land; proving a curse to themselves, to their friends and the world at large. But on the other hand you instil into their young minds principles of obedience to the laws of the school, neatness and a

careful, systematic attention to all their duties, and you are fitting for the coming duties of manhood, a class of energetic, systematic business men and law abiding, peaceful citizens, who will prove a blessing to the world and of whom their friends may justly feel proud. Miss Dow seemed peculiarly adapted by nature to this important position. Possessing a natural liking for the society of little ones, doing everything in the school room by a perfect system, kindly though firmly exacting implicit obedience to all the rules of school, no queen ever reigned more absolutely than she in the hearts of her pupils. Music, declamation and oral instruction, so pleasantly varied the exercises of each day as to keep up a lively interest in the minds of her pupils. Of the many things deserving the highest commendation, allow me to call your attention especially to the writing class. The writing books exhibited at the closing examination were a credit to both teacher and pupils, so neatly were they kept and so carefully written.

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#### DISTRICT No. 6.

*First Term. Miss Willetta M. Thorne, Teacher.*

Length of School, 6 weeks.  
 Number of pupils, 9.  
 Average attendance, 7.  
 Pupils not absent 1-2 day, 3.  
 Pupils not tardy during term, 4.

Earnestly desiring success, Miss Thorne used every means in her power to improve the minds of her pupils. Oral instruction on useful subjects was an interesting and profitable exercise of the school. Considering the shortness of the term, a fair degree of improvement was noticeable in the several classes.

*Second Term. Miss Clara A. Proctor, Teacher.*

Length of School, 6 weeks.  
 Number of pupils, 13.  
 Average attendance, 10.  
 Pupils not absent 1-2 day, 2.  
 Pupils not tardy during term, 12.

Miss Proctor's extensive experience in teaching and ample



educational qualifications enabled her to conduct the exercises of this little school to the profit of her pupils and to the satisfaction of your committee.

#### DISTRICT No. 7.

*First Term. Miss Mary A. Kaime, Teacher.*

Length of School, 7 weeks.

Number of pupils, 42.

Average attendance, 36.

Pupils not absent 1-2 day, 6.

Pupils not tardy during term, 36.

To you who have seen that relic of by-gone days, known as the "Dowboro' School-house," it will be no news to tell you that the majority at least of this district are not deeply interested in educational matters: and of all the hard places for a teacher, that have so far come under our observation, the hardest is the one where the parents are careless of the educational interests of their children. When it became known that Miss Kaime had been selected to teach the summer term, the fear was expressed by some, that she would lack in discipline; that she would spare the rod to the injury of the child. But alas for human consistency! When punishment fell upon the children of those parents who called for such rigid discipline, their course reminded us of the following couplet:

"Whip all other children, ah yes, that will do;  
But don't you whip mine, if you do I'll whip you."

Miss Kaime is a pleasant and well-informed teacher. Her instructions were all clear and to the point, and her success as marked as could be expected from any one.

*Second Term. Mr. George B. Drake, Teacher.*

Length of School, 12 1-2 weeks.

Number of pupils, 48.

Average attendance, 37.

Pupils not absent 1-2 day, 0.

Pupils not tardy during term, 15.

Aided by an experience of two or more previous terms in this district, Mr. Drake's familiarity with the condition and wants of the school, enabled him to conduct this term in a manner profitable to his pupils and satisfactory to the district.

## DISTRICT No. 8.

*First Term Miss Annie E. Trafton, Teacher.*

Length of School, 6 weeks.  
 Number of pupils, 10.  
 Average attendance, 9.  
 Pupils not absent 1-2 day, 3.  
 Pupils not tardy during term, 4.

*Second Term Miss Annie E. Trafton, Teacher.*

Length of School, 11 weeks.  
 Number of pupils, 13.  
 Average attendance, 9.  
 Pupils not absent 1-2 day, 6.  
 Pupils not tardy during term, 1.

Miss Trafton, though inexperienced in the art of teaching, succeeded so well in advancing the interests of her pupils during the first term, that the Prudential Committee wisely concluded to secure her services for the second also. A good degree of improvement resulted from her labors during the year.

## DISTRICT No. 9.

*Miss Nancie S. Nutter, Teacher.*

Length of School, 12 weeks.  
 Number of pupils, 13.  
 Average attendance, 9.  
 Pupils not absent 1-2 day, 0.  
 Pupils not tardy during term, 3.

Possessing an experience of 32 months in the business of teaching, united with superior mental qualifications, Miss Nutter commenced her labors here with flattering assurance of that abundant success which ultimately crowned her efforts.

## DISTRICT No. 10.

*George E. Munsey, Teacher.*

Length of School, 7 weeks.  
 Number of pupils, 18.  
 Average attendance, 14 4-5.  
 Pupils not absent 1-2 day, 2.  
 Pupils not tardy during term, 11.

An examination of the register of this school discloses the fact that but two out of its eighteen members were not absent one-half day, and that the attendance of the remaining sixteen ranged from seventeen and one-half to thirty-four and one-half days. Parents, when your school privileges for the year are limited to thirty-five days, can you afford to allow your children

to miss even one-half day? Remember that the boys of to-day are to be the men of a few years hence, and that ideas are a better fit for the duties of manhood than dollars. Mr. Munsey succeeded in giving general satisfaction to the district and in doing all that any teacher could do for the prosperity of the school.

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
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
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