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AUDITORS OF ACCOUNTS

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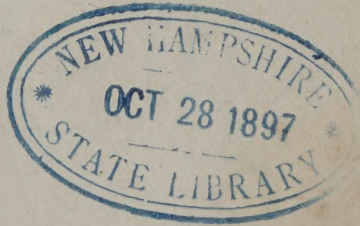
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE TOWN OF

HAMPSTEAD, N. H.,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH FIRST, 1875.



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1875.



TREASURER'S ACCOUNT

OF THE

TOWN OF HAMPSTEAD,

FOR 1875.

RECEIPTS.

By Cash, received of Treasurer of 1873,	\$379 05
N. H. State Bonds,	2500 00
Interest on Bonds sold,	91 83
Savings Bank tax,	473 04
Railroad tax,	173 70
Literary Fund,	83 64
R. K. Brickett, collector for 1872,	440 91
" " interest on taxes,	72 87
C. W. Bailey, collector for 1871,	49 99
" " interest,	12 34
Wm. C. Little, collector for 1873,	1928 93
" " interest,	52 58
W. A. Emerson, collector for 1874,	5051 00

By cash, W. A. Emerson, interest,	15 00
For use of Town Hall,	23 25
Of Nathan Johnson, for Bailey House,	530 50
Of C. Stevens, for shop,	23 48
Of Amos Clark, for underpinning stone,	23 00
Of Caleb Moulton, for old fence,	3 00
For standing grass and oats,	16 00
Of M. D. Pressey, for apples,	10 00
Of W. Griffin, for fence and shed,	36 75
Of County, for support of paupers,	59 10
From Treasurer of 1873, dog tax,	88 00
Hired for the use of the town,	2300 00
Dr. J. C. Eastman, note for barn,	109 00
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	\$14546 96

DISBURSEMENTS.

TAXES.

To paid State Tax,	\$884 00
County Tax,	976 46
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	\$1860 46

SCHOOL MONEY.

To paid School District,	No. 1,	\$250 78	
“	“	No. 2,	372 44
“	“	No. 3,	160 97
“	“	No. 4,	259 75
“	“	No. 5,	118 47
“	“	No. 6,	170 56
“	“	No. 7,	156 97
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			\$1489 94

SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

To paid County for support of A. W. Ayer,	\$156 00
" " W. P. Brown,	83 75
" " James Burrill,	42 38
" " Nora B. Willey,	8 10
" " Transient paupers.	17 50
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	\$307 73

PUBLIC WATERING PLACES.

To paid George Allen,	\$3 00
Daniel Nichols, for 1873, and 1874,	6 00
F. A. Pike,	3 00
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	\$12 00

UNDERTAKERS.

To paid Ithamer Eaton,	\$19 00
G. W. Keezer,	4 50
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	\$23 50

SNOW PATHS.

To paid Ebenezer Tabor, for 1873,	83
Samuel Morse, for 1873,	60
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	\$1 43

REPAIRS ON HIGHWAYS.

To paid for land damage and labor in widening road by Abial Ordway's,	\$42 38
For repairs in District No. 5,	9 46
" " No. 10,	12 60
Land damage on new road from Smith road to Depot,	50 00
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	\$114 44

NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAX.

To paid the several districts, and expended,	\$78 34
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HIGH SCHOOL.

To paid Building Committee,	\$6000 00
Committee on plans and specifications,	47 50
Insurance on building,	25 26
Auctioneer, Surveyor, and Justice of the Peace,	5 00
For seeding down land,	7 06
For recording deeds,	2 70
D. F. Hall, for land,	50 00
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	\$6137 52
To paid Notes and interest,	\$3328 07

MISCELLANEOUS.

To paid C.C. Morse & Son, for printing reports of 1873,	\$20 00
J. J. Tabor, for ringing bell,	48 00
" " " wood and repairs on Hall,	12 12
" " " sweeping Town Hall,	50
C. Fellows & Son, for bell rope,	1 20
Wiggin & Fernald, for counsel,	5 00
George E. Lane, for blank book,	1 00
A. W. Foote, for stationery,	80
J. W. Garland, for blanks, postage, etc.,	1 52
Daniel H. Emerson, damage to sheep,	10 00
Oliver Putnam, " "	5 00
John W. Garland, horse hire,	7 00
Nathan Johnson, " "	7 50
Moses B. Little, " "	6 50
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	\$126 14

TOWN OFFICERS.

To paid J. D. Ordway, services as Moderator,	\$2 00
Amos Buck, " " "	2 00
Samuel Morse, " " "	2 00
A. W. Foote, Town Clerk,	28 00
E. W. Pepper, Constable,	6 87
John W. Garland, Selectman,	83 00
Nathan Johnson, "	55 00
Moses B. Little, "	57 00
Mary E. Noyes, Supt. School Committee, "	25 00
Mary E. Noyes, posting notices of school laws,	2 00
J. W. Garland, Treasurer,	25 00
J. W. Garland, time and expense to Concord to pay State tax,	5 00
J. W. Garland, for pauper business,	4 50
W. A. Emerson, Collector,	70 99
W. A. Emerson, postage and stationery,	1 00
W. A. Emerson, settling with Selectmen,	2 00
Auditors, for auditing accounts,	6 00
Auditors' expenses,	1 50
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	\$378 86

Total amount of Expenditures,	\$13,858 43
Cash in Treasury,	533 53
Dog tax in Treasury,	46 00
One Note,	109 00
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	\$14,546 96

JOHN W. GARLAND, *Treasurer.*

Hampstead, Feb. 22, 1875.

The undersigned, having examined the foregoing accounts, find them correctly cast, and satisfactory vouchsafers corresponding with the same.

CALEB MOULTON, }
WM. C. LITTLE, } *Auditors.*

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Dr. Total amount of taxes assessed for 1874,	\$7,099 11
From the County, for support of paupers,	59 10
For use of Town Hall,	23 25
For property sold off from High School- House lot,	751 73
	<u>\$7,933 19</u>
Cr. By taxes committed to W. A. Emerson, for collection,	\$7,099 11
Funds deposited with J. W. Garland, Treasurer,	834 08
	<u>\$7,933 19</u>

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Amount or indebtedness being Notes, with accrued interest, to March 1,	\$2,4761 24
Assets as follows :	
Due from W. A. Emerson, Collector for 1874,	\$1,950 99
" " W. C. Little,	300 00
" " R. K. Brickett,	43 88
" " C. W. Bailey,	31 45
" for U. S. Bounties,	776 40
Balance of Dog Tax, in Treasury,	46 00
Cash in Treasury,	533 53
Due from Dr. J. C. Eastman,	115 00
High School-House and land on hand,	7,712 19
	<u>\$11,509 44</u>
Balance being town debt, March 1, 1875,	\$13,251 80
	<u>\$24,761 24</u>

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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Indebtedness reported for 1874,	\$15,461 33
" " " 1875,	13,251 80
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Reduction of town debt,	\$2,209 53

JOHN W. GARLAND, } *Selectmen*
 NATHAN JOHNSON, } *of*
 MOSES B. LITTLE, } *Hampstead.*

SCHOOL REPORT
 FOR THE
 YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1875,
 OF THE
 TOWN OF HAMPSTEAD, N. H.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

EZRA W. PEPPER, Prudential Committee; MISS JANE R. TAYLOR, of Washington, Vt., Teacher.

	1st t'm.	2d.	3d.
Length of the schools in weeks,	9	8	10
Wages of Teacher, per month, including board,	\$32	\$32	\$32
Whole number of different scholars,	14	11	13
Average attendance during the terms,	13 $\frac{2}{43}$	8 $\frac{7}{10}$	10 $\frac{37}{100}$
Number of children in the District between 4 and 14 years, not attending school,	3	6	5
How many instances of tardiness,	23	1	11
“ “ “ “ dismissal,	36	10	21
“ “ pupils not absent one-half day,	7	3	7
Number of visits by Supt. School Committee,	2	2	2
“ “ “ Prudential Committee,	0	0	0
“ “ “ other citizens,	6	1	8

					1st t'm. 2d, 3d.			
How many pupils have attended to	Reading,	14	11	13				
"	"	"	"	"	Spelling,	14	11	13
"	"	"	"	"	Penmanship,	9	4	12
"	"	"	"	"	Arithmetic,	12	9	12
"	"	"	"	"	Geography,	5	2	8
"	"	"	"	"	Grammar,	6	5	7
"	"	"	"	"	Composition,	0	4	4
"	"	"	"	"	History,	3	2	2
"	"	"	"	"	Book-keeping,	2	2	2
"	"	"	"	"	Algebra,	1	0	0
"	"	"	"	"	Philosophy,	1	1	1

Miss Taylor came, a graduate from a Normal school, fully qualified for the position. She has the ability to execute her arrangements in the school-room with promptness and decision. Her method of instruction is thorough and systematic. The number of her pupils being so small, there was a want of enthusiasm that characterizes great achievements. The school, when first visited, seemed to lack that life and animation which are so desirable in a school room. Miss Taylor labored to overcome this evil, and although she may not have accomplished all that we would desire, still we are pleased to note the improvement in Reading, and more life in recitation.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

JOHN H. CLARK, Prudential Committee; MISS ALMIRA J. EATON, of Plaistow, Teacher.

		1st t'm.	2d.	3d.
Length of the schools in weeks,		9	11	10
Wages of Teacher, per month, including board,		\$39	\$41	\$43
Whole number of different scholars,		63	63	56
Average attendance during the term,		55	50	45
Number of children in the District between 4 and 14 years, not attending school,		11	12	15
How many instances of tardiness,		60	40	58
" " " " dismissal,	No account kept.			
" " pupils not absent one-half day,		14	11	10

	1st t'm.	2d.	3d.
How many cases of corporeal punishment,	7	0	0
Number of visits by Supt. School Committee,	2	2	4
" " " Prudential Committee,	0	1	2
" " " other citizens,	30	35	50
How many pupils have attended to Reading,	63	63	56
" " " " " Spelling,	63	63	56
" " " " " Penmanship,	40	32	25
" " " " " Arithmetic,	52	50	45
" " " " " Geography,	23	19	14
" " " " " Grammar,	21	12	16
" " " " " Composition,	20	18	0
" " " " " History,	4	0	0
" " " " " Book-keeping,	0	0	2
" " " " " Algebra,	0	4	2
" " " " " Vocal Music,	20	25	35

This school has been under the care and instruction of an experienced and successful teacher. There has been a decided improvement in the appearance of this school at each visit. The last examination gave evidence that the teacher and pupils have not been idle. The promptness and correctness of all the answers gave unmistakable proof that the pupils had had a most thorough drilling. The order was unexceptionable. The school a success. The whole number of visitors, 45.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

DANIEL N. HOYT, Prudential Committee; MISS ABBIE A. JOHNSON, of Hampstead, Teacher.

	1st t'm.	2d.
Length of the schools in weeks,	11	10 ³ / ₅
Wages of Teacher, per month, including board,	\$28	\$28
Whole number of different scholars,	23	23
Average attendance during the term,	18	19
Number of children in the District, between 4 and 14 years, not attending school,	4	4
How many instances of tardiness,	29	20
" " " " dismissal,	4	3

	1st t'm.	2 t'm.
How many pupils not absent one-half day,	1	2
Number of visits by Supt. School Committee,	2	2
“ “ “ Prudential Committee,	0	0
“ “ “ other citizens,	7	20
How many pupils have attended to Reading,	23	23
“ “ “ “ “ Spelling,	23	23
“ “ “ “ “ Penmanship,	17	14
“ “ “ “ “ Arithmetic,	21	19
“ “ “ “ “ Geography,	10	8
“ “ “ “ “ Grammar,	0	4
“ “ “ “ “ Composition,	5	3
“ “ “ “ “ History,	2	1
“ “ “ “ “ Book-keeping,	2	2

The school has been under the management of a very amiable and conscientious teacher of experience, who evinced earnestness and faithfulness in her instruction; and evidently left nothing undone which was in her power, to promote the advancement of her pupils. But better discipline was needed. Sickness in the school and the death of one of her pupils, Hattie S. Strong, a very promising little girl, was deeply felt by teacher and schoolmates, as well as by a large circle of friends who had known and loved her. The progress of the school was somewhat retarded by this sad bereavement.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

CHARLES W. GEORGE, Prudential Committee; MISS MARY E. STEVENS, Methuen, Mass., Teacher.

	1st t'm.	2d,	3d.
Length of the schools in weeks,	10	11	13
Wages of the teacher per month, including board,	\$31	\$31	\$31
Whole number of scholars,	16	21	21
Average attendance during the term,	14	16	16
No. of children in the district, between 4 and 14 years, not attending school,	4	0	0
How many instances of tardiness,	37	56	
“ “ “ “ dismissal,	8	14	

	1st t'm.	2d.	3d.
How many pupils not absent one half day,	3	3	
No. of cases of corporeal punishment,	very few.		
No. of visits by Supt. School Committee,	2	2	4
“ “ “ Prudential “	0	0	0
“ “ “ other citizens,	12	21	
How many pupils have attended to Reading,	10	21	21
“ “ “ “ “ Spelling,	10	21	21
“ “ “ “ “ Penmanship,	14	12	19
“ “ “ “ “ Arithmetic,	10	11	19
“ “ “ “ “ Geography,	6	5	8
“ “ “ “ “ Grammar,	4	5	10
“ “ “ “ “ Composition,	15	2	21
“ “ “ “ “ History,	2	2	3
“ “ “ “ “ Algebra,	1	0	1
“ “ “ “ “ Physiology,	0	0	2

This being her first experience in teaching, she entered upon her duties with many things to learn; but being a young lady of great energy and perseverance, the success was greater than was expected. One of the crowning features of her teaching is the promptness and alacrity with which she inspired her pupils. Her order was above the average of many more experienced teachers.

Much praise is due both teacher and pupils for the attention given to reading. It may be safely said the *best readers* are found in District No. 4.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

ORRIN HALL, Prudential Committee; MISS EVA S. PLAISTED, of Boston, Mass., Teacher.

	1st. t'm.	2d.
Length of the terms in weeks,	8	12
Wages of teacher, per month, including board,	\$22	\$22
Whole No. of different scholars,	5	6
Average attendance during the term,	$4\frac{2}{3}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$
No. of children in the district between 4 and 14 years, not attending school,	0	0

	1st t'm.	2 t'm.
How many instances of tardiness,	6	5
“ “ “ dismissal,	0	0
“ pupils not absent one half day,	0	0
Number of visits by Supt. School Committee,—	1	2
“ “ “ Prudential “	1	0
“ “ “ other citizens,	1	0
How many pupils have attended to Reading,	5	5
“ “ “ “ “ Spelling,	5	5
“ “ “ “ “ Penmanship,	3	3
“ “ “ “ “ Arithmetic,	5	5
“ “ “ “ “ Geography,	2	2
“ “ “ “ “ Grammar,	2	2
“ “ “ “ “ Drawing,	0	2

Miss Plaisted, the teacher in this school-district, is quite young, and has had no experience in school-teaching previous to the term; yet, having a true idea of teaching, and a love for the work, she labored faithfully for the progress of the few under her care and guidance. Miss Plaisted is capable of teaching a much larger school.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

AMOS CLARK, THOMAS M. ARNOLD, Prudential Committees; MISS ORRIE BELLE LITTLE, of Hampstead, Teacher.

	1st t'm.	2d t'm.
Length of the schools in weeks,	8	21
Wages of the teacher, per month, including board,	\$24	\$24
Whole number of different scholars,	21	19
Average attendance during the terms,	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	13
Number of children in the District between 4 and 14, not attending school,	1	2
How many instances of tardiness,	5	13
“ “ “ “ dismissal,	6	14
“ “ pupils not absent one-half day,	12	
Number of visits by Supt. School Com.,	2	4

	1st t'm.	2d t'm.
Number of visits by Prudential Com.,	0	1
“ “ “ “ other citizens,	15	34
How many pupils have attended to Reading,	21	19
“ “ “ “ “ “ Spelling,	21	19
“ “ “ “ “ “ Penmanship,	12	9
“ “ “ “ “ “ Arithmetic,	13	11
“ “ “ “ “ “ Geography,	8	8
“ “ “ “ “ “ Grammar,	5	5
“ “ “ “ “ “ Composition,	6	5
“ “ “ “ “ “ Algebra,	1	1
“ “ “ “ “ “ History,	0	1

Miss Little, though young in the art of teaching, is a most estimable young lady, and zealously devoted to her work. Her interest in the younger ones under her charge was very notable, and continued unabated to the end. Her demeanor in the school-room was pleasing, and her influence over her pupils was of a kind to inspire them with a love of learning and truth, and to train them in habits of promptness and affectionate obedience. At the close of her last term, Miss Lizzie H. Johnson, one of her older pupils, placed in her hands, with pleasing and appropriate words, a beautifully bound volume of “Webster’s Unabridged Dictionary,” as a token of the love and respect borne her by her pupils and friends of the district.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

S. HAZEN MORSE, Prudential Committee; MISS SOPHIA MOULTON, of Hampstead, Teacher.

	1st t'm.	2d t'm.
Length of the term in weeks,	10	14
Wages of the teacher per month, including board,	\$26	\$26
Whole number of different scholars,	34	34
Average attendance during the terms,	30	31
Number of children in the district between 4 and 14 years, not attending school,	0	0

	1st. t'm.	2d.
How many instances of tardiness,	16	75
“ “ “ dismissal,	No account kept.	
“ pupils not absent one-half day,	16	8
Number of cases of corporeal punishment,	0	1
“ visits by Supt. School Com.,	2	3
“ “ “ Prudential “	0	0
“ “ “ other citizens,	16	20
How many pupils have attended to Reading,	34	34
“ “ “ “ “ Spelling,	34	34
“ “ “ “ “ Penmanship,	20	20
“ “ “ “ “ Arithmetic,	25	25
“ “ “ “ “ Geography,	16	20
“ “ “ “ “ Grammar,	5	9
“ “ “ “ “ Composition,	8	9
“ “ “ “ “ History,	2	4
“ “ “ “ “ Book-keeping,	1	0
“ “ “ “ “ Drawing,	8	0

This school has again, the past year, enjoyed the services and instruction of one who has had a large and, highly successful experience. Miss Moulton made no specialty, but gave each study its proper attention. Thoroughness characterizes the work of both teacher and scholars. Specimens of *original composition* were read at the examination which were highly creditable to their authors.

REMARKS.

In conclusion it gives me pleasure to say that I believe all the schools have made a due amount of progress during the year. Harmony and peace have been universal, with one exception. A dissatisfaction arose in District No. 6, from one family; but upon examination it was found that the teacher was fully qualified for her position, and no serious trouble re-

sulted therefrom. The teachers have been carefully, and wisely selected, and much credit is due the Prudential Committee for their care and wisdom. A change of Readers and Spellers has been made. The Sargent's Reader, which has been used more than twenty years, has been exchanged for the Franklin Reader, a book containing many new and desirable features; The selections are new and fresh, and many of them original. The Primer, or First Reader, has been so prepared as to be adapted to teaching either the Phonic or the Word system, or by a combination of both of these modes. The lessons are not mere dull exercises, but are made interesting to the youngest learner. The Second Reader has been graded with care; each lesson is preceded by a pronouncing and spelling lesson. The pieces are lively and interesting. In the Third Reader, the lessons are of an elevating and instructive character. The Fourth and Fifth Readers are also carefully graded for the gradual advance of pupils, who have been brought, by the use of the preceding numbers of the series, to a familiarity with an advanced vocabulary. All are illustrated with wood-cuts in the highest style of engraving. Reading, in the past, has not received that attention which it merits. May the future make amends for the past. Judging from the number of visits, contained in the registers, from parents and guardians, it is felt that the teachers have had but little *help* or *disturbance*,—if may be—from them. Parents ought to manifest more interest; they ought to feel it as much their duty to go to the school-room and watch the intellectual growth of their children, as to provide for their physical needs at home.

The teacher receives an infusion of super-natural ideas into the mind at every visit from the parent or guardians, and will accomplish greater achievements with the active co-operation of the parents.

Repairs are needed in and about every school-house. The black-boards are fast becoming white-boards, and some are almost useless. A coat of paint and whitewash adds much to the appearance of school-rooms as well as to your parlors. Although much has already been said in the past about the

changes that ought to be made in several districts, there has as yet been no change;—hence the query: *How long* shall this matter remain dormant in the minds of the *tax-paying* people? It may arise in the minds of some that our High School, which is soon to be occupied, will remedy this difficulty. If the standard of admission of pupils to the High School is placed at such a degree that it can deservedly be called a High School, it will not remedy this evil. In several of the districts, there has been a marked degree of care on the part of pupils to be present at every recitation.

The names of those of each district who have not been absent one half day in a term are as follows:

DISTRICT No. 1.

FIRST TERM. Cynthia S. Mills; Alice M. Little; Lillie E. Noyes; Mary Johnson; Louis C. Corson; Wallace P. Noyes; John E. Mills.

SECOND TERM. John E. Mills; Cynthia S. Mills.

THIRD TERM. James Noyes; Wallace P. Noyes; John E. Mills; Arthur H. Little; Cynthia S. Mills; Carrie P. Noyes; Lillie E. Noyes.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

FIRST TERM. Carrie M. Clark; R. Annie Emerson; Ada L. Emerson; Annie J. Tabor; Etta M. Tabor; S. Katie Smith; Walter Tabor; Daniel Emerson; Frank W. Emerson; Albion D. Emerson; Charles M. Hoyt; La Burton A. Shannon; Willie Shannon; Orrin Ranlett.

SECOND TERM. Carrie M. Clark; Abbie M. Corson; Nora B. Dow; Ada L. Emerson; R. Annie Emerson; Fannie M. Tabor; Albion D. Emerson; John H. Emerson; Charles M. Hoyt; Clarence L. Sawyer; Charles Grover.

THIRD TERM. Carrie M. Clark; R. Annie Emerson; Alice N. Smith; S. Katie Smith; Daniel Emerson; Frank W. Emerson; Arthur M. Emerson; Charles M. Hoyt; Willie P. Shannon; La Burton A. Shannon.



DISTRICT NO. 3.

FIRST TERM. Ellen C. Hassell.

SECOND TERM. Mattie M. Irving; Nellie T. Randall.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

FIRST TERM. Sarah Sagar; George E. Kent; Albert L. Eastman.

SECOND TERM. Sarah Sagar; Emma L. Ordway; George E. Kent. Number the third term not ascertained.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

FIRST TERM.—Lizzie H. Johnson; Nellie R. Williams; Abbie M. Webber; Cora E. Arnold; Mary A. Williams; John E. Haynes; George G. Williams; Newell G. Moulton; Albert M. K. Ver Cught; Edwin M. Hinds; Eugene B. Arnold; John W. Arnold.

SECOND TERM.—Lizzie H. Johnson; Abbie M. Webber; George H. Braggs; Hermon F. Le Rock; Asher B. Arnold.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

FIRST TERM.—Ellen R. Heath; Ruth A. Marshall; Mary B. Morse; Martha W. Hoyt; Etta F. Hoyt; Flora M. Heath; Mary S. Merrick; Wallace Keeser; William A. Love; Caleb S. Marshall; Everett Wood; Moses C. Morse; C. Beecher Merrick; George E. Morse; Frank Keeser; Walter A. Allen.

SECOND TERM.—Addie L. Johnson; Flora M. Heath; Martha W. Hoyt; Etta F. Heath; Albert G. Wood; Caleb S. Marshall; Everett Wood; Walter A. Allen.

It has been the aim of your Superintending School Committee, the past year, to fulfil her duties legally and acceptably in the minds of the people for which she has labored, and to promote the interest and advancement of education in the several schools under her charge. She feels a deep interest in the education of the youth, upon which their future depends; and sincerely hopes that she has not labored in vain.

Respectively presented,

MISS MARY E. NOYES,

Superintending School Committee.