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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TREASURER, AUDITORS,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF HENNIKER,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

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REPORT.

*Horace Gibson in account with the Town of Henniker as
Treasurer, for A. D. 1860.*

	DR.
To Cash remaining in the hands of the Treasurer, on settlement March, 2d, 1860,.....	\$301 89
“ received from the town of Deering, for the expenses of Milton Gregg’s family,.....	240 00
“ received from the town of Warner, for the support of Fanny K. Clark,.....	11 25
“ received from James P. Baker, it being for cash advanced for Liquors, in 1859,.....	12 05
“ received from Oliver Pillsbury, the Literary Fund money,.....	105 00
“ received from the town of Deering, for assistance rendered Cyrus Carpenter,.....	6 00
“ received from Oliver C. Fisher, the Railroad tax,.....	73 92
“ received from O. C. Fisher, Collector at sundry times,.....	4156 99
“ received from County, for support of Lydia Densmore, county pauper,.....	52 00
“ received from County, for support of the Davis family, and Julie F. Leslie,.....	77 59
	\$5036 69

Audited by the undersigned, this second day of March, A. D., 1861.

HARRIS CAMPBELL, JEREMIAH FOSTER, JAMES STRAW,	}	<i>Auditing Committee.</i>
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*Horace Gibson, Treasurer aforesaid, in account with the Town
of Henniker, for A. D., 1860.* CR.

Paid E. Phillips, breaking roads in 1859, Dist. No. 1,		\$2 25
Wire Gove,	" " "	2, 4 25
C. S. Dodge,	" " "	4, 4 93
Frank A. Gordon,	" " "	5, 7 40
Joseph B. Colby,	" " "	6, 14 30
Joshua Sanborn,	" " "	7, 13 40
Timothy H. Conner,	" " "	8, 5 00
Benj. F. Philbrick,	" " "	9, 8 62
Frank Goss,	" " "	11, 2 10
Thomas Brown, 2d,	" " "	15 65
Wm. K. Plummer,	" " "	16 50
Imri Wood,	" " "	16, 6 30
Eri Colby,	" " "	17, 3 00
Charles H. Woods,	" " "	19, 3 40
David Chase,	" " "	7 00
Ezekiel W. Morse,	" " "	4 45
Washington Berry,	" " "	22, 5 35
Cyrus Bell,	" " "	24, 3 70
Samuel Paige,	" " "	28, 6 60
Henry A. Davis,	" " "	29, 3 55
John Chase,	" " "	30, 2 40
Luther Harthorn,	" " "	31, 10 25
T. T. Huntington,	" " "	32, 14 72
Thomas L. Chase,	" " "	33, 8 05
Alonzo I. Chase,	" " "	34, 20 07
Nathan P. Buxton,	" " "	36, 3 72
Levi C. Newton,	" " "	37, 4 50
David L. Cogswell,	" " "	90
H. G. Clark, for repairing roads in Dist. No. 5,		9 50
David L. Cogswell, for snowing and repairing lower covered bridge, for 1859,.....		2 00
H. Merrill, School Commissioner,.....		21 36
P. B. Cogswell, for printing 500 school reports, for A. D. 1859,.....		16 00
M. F. Hoyt, for services as Agent on the town farm, A. D. 1859,.....		225 00
C. S. Foster, for cash advanced for stationery for the use of the town,.....		3 62
G. Parker Lyon, for record books,.....		5 69
Benjamin F. Noyes, for work on road,.....		2 00

Paid Thomas Levingston, for snowing and repairing bridge near his house in 1859,.....	\$2 34
David D. Davis, for work on bridge near M. J. Mirick's,.....	6 00
David Clark, for work on bridge near N. J. Mirick's,.....	4 25
Mary O. Johnson, for lumber used on bridge, near M. J. Mirick's,.....	2 13
Fandacia Bean, for lumber used on bridge near M. J. Mirick's,.....	7 33
T. W. Whitman, for work on bridge near M. J. Mirick's,.....	2 10
David Clark, for drawing timber and work on bridge near Mrs. Johnson's,.....	4 50
C. A. Bean, for work on bridge near Mrs. Johnson's,.....	90
H. M. Davis, for plank to cover the Ring bridge, the Johnson bridge, and in part for the lower covered bridge,.....	32 54
David Clark, for work on road in his District,...	3 33
George Nichols, for clearing out brush and re- pairing highway in his District,.....	2 75
H. M. Davis, for bridge plank delivered H. G. Morrill, for the Alley bridge,.....	14 14
Cyrus R. Bacon, for railing bridge near Smith's Mills,.....	5 73
Jonathan Cogswell, for support of watering trough,.....	3 00
William Smith for support of watering trough,..	3 00
N. H. Asylum, for support of Mrs. Jane Whitney,	131 23
Sally Morrison, for support of Lydia Densmore one year, ending Feby. 8th, 1861, county pauper,.....	52 00
Alonzo Patterson, for expenses paid the town of Andover, for Moses Dolby, and moving him to Henniker,.....	134 66
Alonzo Patterson, for time and expenses going to Andover to get Moses Dolby,.....	5 50
Cyrus Goss, for cash advanced to Stephen Morse of Bradford, for support of Sarah E. May,..	25 00
Jonathan Badger, for support of Edward K. Gove, from March 24th, 1859, to March 25th, 1860,.....	32 52.

Paid Abijah Hildreth, for support of Julia F. Leslie, from Jany. 1st, to Feby. 6th, 1861, county pauper,.....	\$10 41
Town of Deering, for support of Mehitable Withington, from Jany. 1st, to Sept. 2d, 1860.	17 50
Gould Wallace, for wood furnished M. Gregg,..	2 02
W. E. Cogswell, for stove delivered to M. Gregg,	1 75
Dr. W. W. Wilkins, for board and clothing for M. Gregg's family,.....	39 05
Horace Gibson, for clothing and provisions furnished Samuel Davis' family, county pauper, .	12 26
J. & J. W. Morse, for shawl delivered to Samuel Davis' family, county pauper,	2 75
John K. Plummer, for supplies furnished Samuel Davis' family, and services rendered at his funeral, county pauper,.....	6 17
D. L. Cogswell, for digging grave for Samuel Davis, county pauper,.....	2 00
Wm. H. Gilmore, for coffin for Samuel Davis, .	3 50
S. Otis Hanson, for clothing furnished Samuel Davis's family and express business, county pauper,.....	20 50
Dr. I. P. Chase, for medical services rendered Samuel Davis, county pauper,.....	3 00
Harriet Levingston, for services rendered Clarisa Carpenter,.....	1 00
Dr. W. W. Wilkins, for services rendered Clarisa Carpenter,.....	3 00
D. L. Cogswell, for digging grave for Clarisa Carpenter,.....	2 00
Mrs. Betsey Patch, for support of Fanny K. Clark, from Dec. 21st, 1859, to April 4th, 1860,.....	11 25
Dr. I. P. Chase, for medical services rendered Moses Dolby,.....	3 00
Dr. I. P. Chase, for attendance and medicine for Julia F. Leslie,.....	8 50
Thomas Brown, for boarding, nursing and repairing clothing for Julia F. Leslie, county pauper,	3 50
Jacob Brown, for boarding and nursing Julia F. Leslie, county pauper,.....	5 00
Rufus S. Howe, for support of watering trough,	1 50

Paid David Clark, for support of watering trough in 1860,.....	\$3 00
Ammi Smith, for plank in part for lower covered bridge,.....	5 85
James Straw, for taking affidavits,.....	1 50
Josiah Morse, for services as Committee to examine records in relation to the condition of the town house.....	3 00
O. C. Fisher, for services as Committee to investigate individual rights in the town meeting house, and cash advanced for counsel,.....	11 00
Cyrus Goss, for cash advanced to town clerk of Boscawen, for searching records,.....	1 00
Caleb D. Perry, for additional expense in the support of Mrs. Pressey, by sickness,.....	4 00
Caleb D. Perry, for the support of Mrs. Sarah Pressey, from April 1st, 1860, to April 1st, 1861,.....	36 00
O. C. Fisher, for cash advanced for plank for use of the town,.....	1 00
Charles Knott, for painting guide boards,.....	1 40
Wm. K. Plumer, Prudential Com. in Dist. No. 1,	114 63
Ormel Pope, " " 2,	66 56
John G. Emory, " " 3,	72 06
S. W. Carter, " " 4,	98 15
George W. Rice, " " 5,	110 53
H. G. Clark, " " 6,	74 80
Oliver Colby, " " 7,	113 26
Harris Campbell, " " 8,	99 53
Thomas Brown, 2d, " " 9,	59 69
Timothy Peasley, " " 10,	66 56
Carlton Wadsworth, " " 11,	154 25
H. F. Green, " " 12,	59 59
James P. Flanders, " " 13,	63 81
Walter Felch, his proportion of school money,..	8 23
G. W. Hoyt, " " "	5 49
K. G. Morrill, " " "	5 71
L. W. Cogswell, cash advanced for printing notices respecting the cattle disease,.....	1 00
Gibson & Cogswell, for stationery, and spikes used at the lower covered bridge,.....	1 36
E. B. S. Sanborn, for attorney fees in 1859 and 1860, and writing legal notices and appointments,.....	9 00

Paid E. B. S. Sanborn, for cash advanced and services in taking depositions at Providence in Adaline Tucker case,	\$50 33
E. B. S. Sanborn, on account of services as counsel in Adaline Tucker case,	61 67
O. C. Fisher, for cash advanced for expense and services in action Adaline Tucker vs. Town of Henniker,	41 96
Oliver C. Fisher, for cash advanced for pay roll of witness in action Adaline Tucker vs. Town of Henniker,	41 51
Interest on cash advanced by the Selectmen for the use of the town in 1860,	7 67
Arthur L. Graves, the County tax,	1042 48
Peter Sanborn, the State tax,	373 80
O. C. Fisher, for taking depositions,	1 00
Wm. P. Cressey, for support of watering trough,	1 50
L. W. Cogswell, for services as Superintending School Committee,	12 00
Frank A. Gordon, for services as Superintending School Committee,	12 00
Charles H. Darling, for services as Superintending School Committee,	12 00
F. W. Gould, for damage of horse by reason of encumbrance of snow,	10 00
Josephas Smith, for taking care of town house and repairing windows,	6 50
Oliver C. Fisher, for services as Collector, A. D. 1860,	40 00
Oliver C. Fisher, the amount of non-residents highway receipts,	21 88
Paul Morrill, for expenses of town officers in 1860,	16 75
Horace Gibson, for cash paid physician for return of births and deaths, and recording births, deaths and marriages in 1859 and 1860,	9 27
Horace Gibson, for services as Town Clerk in 1860,	18 00
Horace Gibson, for services as Treasurer in 1860, and preparing town reports for the press in 1859,	16 00
Jonathan Dow, for bridge plank, repairing bridge, and work on road,	2 09
Samuel W. Morrison, for support of Mary Whitman one year ending March 1, 1860,	43 33

Paid Oliver C. Fisher, for abatement of taxes as follows:

Elbridge Duston, in 1859,.....	\$1 50
Peleg W. Smith, in 1859,.....	1 50
Titus V. Wadsworth, in 1860,.....	3 21
Mark Brown, in 1860,.....	2 88
John Colby,.....	89
Sylvester G. Hoyt,.....	1 52
Charles W. Leslie,.....	2 02
Joseph Straw,.....	1 52
Peleg W. Smith,.....	1 52
Lemuel B. Twist,.....	1 60
Hannah Tucker,.....	63
William Wallace,.....	1 95
John S. Elliott, for abatement of tax in part,...	63
James French, for abatement of tax,.....	1 95
Amos Wood, for abatement of highway tax,....	83
Cyrus Goss, for time and expense to Weare on pauper business,.....	\$2 00
Cash advanced to stranger,.....	50
For time and expense to Hillsborough on pauper business,.....	1 00
Time and expense to Concord to notify Gilmore & Corning to repair bridge,...	2 50
Time and expense to Andover on pauper business,.....	4 75
2½ days work on Ring bridge,.....	2 50
Time and expense to Hillsborough, and cash advanced to J. F. Briggs for taking affi- davits,.....	2 00
Time and expense to Concord on County pauper business,.....	4 00
One day perambulating town line, and ex- pense,.....	1 50
Time and expense to Hopkinton on pauper business,.....	3 00
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	23 75
Alonzo Patterson, for recording valuation and taxes on Selectmen's record book,..	\$4 50
For recording school district taxes,.....	1 00
For time and expense to Deering on pauper business,.....	2 00
One day perambulating town line and ex- pense,.....	1 50

Paid Time and expense to Hillsborough on pauper business,.....	\$2 00	
Cash advanced for check lists and blanks,.	1 12	
Time and expense to Warner to hire agent for town farm,.....	2 00	
	—	\$14 12
Kendall Whitcomb, for putting two guide boards and furnishing posts for the same,	\$1 50	
For 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ days work on bridge near M. J. Mirick's,.....	4 75	
For 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ days work on bridge near Mrs. Johnson's,.....	1 75	
Examining road near mud pond,.....	50	
Work on bridge near E. W. Barnes',....	50	
Assisting Jonathan Eastman and carrying him to town farm,.....	1 00	
	—	\$10 00
Cyrus Goss, for services as Selectman in 1860,	\$53 00	
Alonzo Patterson, “ “ “	48 75	
Kendall Whitcomb, “ “ “	32 50	
Harris Campbell, for services as Auditing Com.,	1 00	
Jeremiah Foster, “ “ “	1 00	
James Straw, “ “ “	1 00	
Cash remaining in the hands of the Treasurer,	610 28	
	—	\$5036 69

Audited by the undersigned this second day of March, 1861.

HARRIS CAMPBELL,	} Auditing Committee.
JEREMIAH FOSTER,	
JAMES STRAW,	

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Finances of the Town.

Bills outstanding for breaking roads,.....	\$400 00
Due Agent on town farm,.....	240 00
Other bills exclusive of Tucker suit,.....	30 00
	—
	\$670 00

Credit.

Cash in the hands of the Treasurer,.....	\$610 28
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Balance against the town,.....	\$59 72

PAUPER ESTABLISHMENT.

Moses F. Hoyt, Agent, in account with the town of Henniker:		DR.
By cash in hand from last year,.....		\$2 13
By cash received for cheese,.....		24 63
“ “ butter,.....		52 10
“ “ neat stock,.....		260 50
“ “ of Washington Berry,.....		1 20
“ “ town of Hollis for the support of E. Woods,...		16 00
“ “ for veal,.....		6 13
“ “ calf skins,.....		2 83
“ “ pigs,.....		6 00
“ “ plums,.....		2 50
“ “ drag plank,.....		1 00
“ “ poultry,.....		9 00
“ “ cider,.....		4 50
“ “ hide,.....		3 20
“ “ bacon,.....		15 26
“ “ dried apple,.....		8 00
“ “ pasturing calf,.....		1 00
“ “ fire frame,.....		2 00
“ “ of James French,.....		2 50
“ “ William Bickford, for labor,.....		2 68
“ “ Widow Harriman, for labor,.....		1 26
“ “ Cyrus R. Bacon, for labor,.....		3 13
“ “ sundry individuals,.....		2 00
“ “ for keeping pedlers,.....		1 00
Total debtor,.....		\$430 55

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Paid for molases, 5.06; sugar, 5.82; coffee, 2.05; tea, 6.75; fish, 3.71; flour, 28.50; mackerel, 1.75; saleratus, 90; spices, 84; cream tar-tar, 36; pepper, 18; mustard, 12; pepper sauce, 15; rice, 59; salt, 4.63; crackers, 1.37; raisins, 25; tongues and sounds, 73; fresh fish, 40; cauldron kettle, 3.75; rennet, 34; vinegar, 37; painting tub, 16; bone meal, 50; sundries, 50; camphor, 25; pitch fork, 75; making cider, 3.33; leather, 5.14; shorts, 4.11; brass skim-mer, 16; tin ware, 78; alcohol, 1.20; pasturing, 10.00; rye, 5.50; corn, 7.50; sawing bill, 1.65; wheel-barrow, 3.00; candle wick-ing, 25; neat stock, 145.00; yoke, 1.00; doctor's bill and medi-cine, 5.21; cattle knobs, 39; labor, 56.17; meat, 6.09; oil, 68; glass and putty, 28; nails, 87; bake pan, 62; starch, 20; sulphur, 12; essence, 32; glue, 25; shoes and boots, 6.87; butts, screws and lock, 40; sickle, 50; repairs on harness, 92; repairs on plow, 2.02; blacksmith's bill, 9.16; lime, 1.42; boards, 1.10; threshing, 3.08; barley, 17; almanack, 5; box, 25; stationery, 43; room paper, 1.05; pipes, 5; turnips, 25; books, 37; horse-rake teeth, 50; boys cap, 50; muslin, 11; brick, 18; hat, 12; hoe, 42; Irish moss, 20; files, 20; batting, 25; rakes, 34; fly paper, 8; woolen cloth, 4.20; lindsey, 42; powder and fuse, 38; yarn, 2.92; crock-ery, 81; bar soap, 22; pot, 75; window shades, 37; grafting wax, 21; rosin, 4; plaster, 1.82; tar, 12; tacks, 6; buffalo robe, 3.50; needles, 5; handkerchief, 10; saltpeter, 12; shovel, 75; grass seed, 3.80; garden seed, 31; table cloth, 1.00; shoe lacings, 8; matches, 24; drilling, 90; comb, 16; salsoda, 75; butter tubs, 1.75; thread, 80; tobacco, 2.25; earthen ware, 30; twine, 33; buttons, 24; sand paper, 4; print, 4.45; sheeting, 4.19; tweed, 1.42; to Timothy Emerson, 1.57; George L. Flint, 1 50,.....	\$404 52
Cash remaining in the hands of the Agent,.....	26 03

 \$430 55

The Town Farm in account with the town of Henniker,		Dr.
By amount of real and personal property, as per inventory of Selectmen, Feb. 25, 1860,.....		\$3877 00
Interest on the same,.....		232 62
Agent's compensation,.....		240 00
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Total debtor,.....		\$4349 62
Cr. By real estate,.....		\$2600 00
By personal property, as per inventory of Selectmen taken Feb. 26, 1861, as follows:		
By neat stock and horses, 462.00; hay, 128.00; corn, 38.00; wheat, 58.00; rye, 3.50; beans, 2.00; peas, 1.25; shoat, 24.00; dried apple, 4.20; apple sauce, 1.50; tallow and candles, 6.70; lard, 5.40; apples, 3.50; potatoes, 20.00; garden sauce, 1.00; cheese, 18.00; butter, 13.50; cider and vinegar, 6.00; soap, 4.00; bacon, 22 00; pork, 50.00; beef, 10.00; farming tools and furniture, 325.00,.....		\$1207 55
Cash in the hands of the Agent, as per his account,		26 03
Cash due from Timothy Emerson's estate,.....		1 57
Cash due from George L. Flint,.....		1 50
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Total credit,.....		\$3836 65
Balance against the Farm,.....		\$512 97

TOWN PAUPERS.

David Purington, aged.....84	Jonathan Eastman, since Feb. 18th,..80
Mehitable Kezer,.....84	Betsey Putney,.....72
Salome Leslie,.....44	Judith Hardy,.....74
Sarah E. May to June 10th,..... 6	Sarah Dolby,.....32
Moses Dolby, since July 3rd,.....43	Nathaniel A. May,..... 5
Emerson Woods, to April 14,..... 78	

Audited by the undersigned, this second day of March, A. D. 1861,

HARRIS CAMPBELL, }
 JEREMIAH FOSTER, } *Auditing*
 JAMES STRAW. } *Committee.*

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Your Committee can confidently say, that the schools the past year have, as a general thing, made some progress towards that point they should reach. A little has been done towards bringing them up to that position enjoyed by the schools of many towns of our State.

A great work yet remains to be done, to accomplish which, a good many objections must yet be encountered and a good many obstacles overcome. Many of these objections have been a matter of prominence in former reports by the different committees.

The great thing in the way, is the want of better school houses. Two thirds of the school-houses in this town are unfit for any use whatever; aye, so unfit are they that no prudent, careful farmer would use one of them for any out building, save, perhaps, for storing some of his farming utensils, and then, only to store such ones as he considered of *no value*. How long will the different districts having these *nuisances* within their limits, allow them to stand? How long before their places shall be filled with the neat, tidy, commodious, not over expensive house? Thank Heaven, once in a while one gets repaired or rebuilt so as to make it a little more interesting.

Could the people of District No. 11, have been present at the excellent examination at the close of the winter term, and have seen, out of the number of scholars present, at least *two thirds* of them coughing and sneezing, nearly down sick by being confined within the miserable shell, the district *feel proud* to call *their school house*, we think they would, if their hearts were not steeled against the welfare and comfort of their children, thus exposed, arouse themselves, and either agree to have a school house worthy the name, or else agree to abandon the idea of having a school at all in the district. Nearly one third part of the valuation of this town lies within this district, yet the people will allow the old *yellow and unpainted thing* to stand and be laughed at by every stranger coming into town who is possessed of a spark of interest in such things.

Another great fault, is the want of interest on the part of parents. They hire a teacher, furnish their children with books, and trouble themselves no further, unless the teacher is faithful, and is just what

he or she ought to be ; if so, a great many are too apt to make trouble instead of strengthening the teacher. These things have all been touched upon so many times that it seems almost a superfluity to mention them again.

Will not the people see, that with good houses, faithful teachers and a cordial co-operation with the teacher, that the schools might be almost infinitely improved. How glad would those who have been before us, been of the chance for schooling that we enjoy at the present time.

At a legal meeting of the voters of this town, held March 6th, 1769, it was voted, "to raise *ten dollars* to defray town charges, and *twenty dollars* for a school." The schools, then, were under the control of the town; the teacher giving bonds for the faithful discharge of his duty, and the selectmen in turn giving him bonds for the security of his wages. Now the town is liberal; no town being so more cheerfully than this.

The teachers for the most part, the past year, have been faithful. Some have been a little lax in discipline, though, perhaps, thinking they were doing right. No person ought ever attempt the task of teaching, unless he or she is determined that order must and shall be the first thing for the scholar to understand. How pleasant the school with every thing in its place and every scholar in his or her place.

But few visits have been made by parents. Only about *eighty* are recorded for the entire year. These things ought not to be. With a little outlay and a good deal of interest on the part of the parent, there is no reason why the schools of this town cannot reach as high a point in education as those of any town in the State. Knowledge is truly power. As is the scholar, so in most cases, will be the citizen. A scholar that is idle and indolent in the school room will have the same habits to a large extent through life. The experience of us all, as we recall to mind our school-mates, reminds us that this is a settled fact. How important then, that we see to it, that the youth at present occupying our places of learning have the right kind of instruction, not only in the school, but *at home*. See to it, that the next generation shall be a lively, wide awake, industrious and intelligent one. Now is the time to commence. Now is the time in which you can do the youth of our schools more good, than in any other. Parents, yours is the controlling influence. It lies in your power to make our schools what they ought to be. See to it, that the influence of the

“Old folks at Home” shall be of such a character that “Young America” shall bring no reproach upon them in after years.

“Lay not the flattering unction to your peaceful souls,” that you have nothing to do in this matter; visit the school-room often; see that your school-rooms are what they ought to be; make glad the hearts of your children, strengthen the hands of your teachers, and the smiles of a bountiful Providence shall be yours, not only in this world but in the next.

DISTRICT No. 1. *Summer Term*—Miss A. Stephens, Henniker. Miss S. seemed unusually desirous that her pupils should do right, and thereby secure to themselves, all the advantages that can be obtained in the school-room. But, wanting in many of those qualities which enter into the composition of a No 1 teacher, confusion and disorder reigned triumphant. Discipline had a pale and sickly look at the commencement; soon it languished, and finally breathed its last, long before the close of the school. The sequel showed *plainly* the advancement made in the various studies, to be meagre in the extreme.

Winter Term—Mr. W. Clark, Hopkinton. Mr. C. possesses in a remarkable degree qualities, which are rarely combined in one man—rendering him eminently successful in teaching, viz: experience, ability to govern, mathematical exactness in demonstration and power to communicate instruction without confusing the minds of his pupils. We are happy to state, as a matter of course, under the care of such a teacher, the scholars improved most rapidly. The discipline of the school was *good*—whispering, obsolete. We hope the services of Mr. C. may be secured in our schools for a long time to come.

DIST. No. 2. *Summer Term*—Miss Sarah P. Hussey, Henniker. Miss H. was unceasing in her efforts to help forward her pupils, and the good order and promptness of the exercises, during the examination, proved that her efforts had not been in vain.

Winter Term—George W. Gove, Henniker. The term opened under favorable circumstances and bid fair for a pleasant and profitable one, till some little dissatisfaction was exhibited by a few, which resulted in the withdrawal of a very few scholars from the school. A teacher must have patience with his or her scholars, and the parents must have patience with the teacher; by so doing, much of the trouble in our schools might be obviated. The examination was pleasant, and ought to have been enjoyed by every scholar in the district.

DIST. No. 3. *Summer Term*—Miss Susan M. Marsh, Henniker. Miss M. was successful in this school, if good order, more than ordinary promptness in recitations, and an understanding of what had been passed over, and a pleasant examination may be called a success.

Winter Term—Miss Emily A. Chase, North Weare. Miss C. is a fine scholar, and labored hard with her pupils to help them forward in their studies. Being of a kind disposition, “coercion” was not to her taste; consequently a little disposition was manifested by some of the scholars to be disorderly and disrespectful, but this disposition was speedily checked. Firmness at the commencement of the term should be a cardinal principle with all teachers. The scholar should know his or her place, yet be respected.

DIST. No. 4. Summer Term—Miss Emily Gibson, Henniker, who commenced this, her first school, with the determination to fulfil the duties of a faithful teacher. In regard to the progress made, we cannot say, personally, not being notified of its close. From the report of those in the district, Miss G. carried out her resolutions.

Winter Term. Charles A. Harnden, Washington. This school has always had the reputation of being one of our best schools, and we regret that anything should occur to destroy the quietness of the district. Some of the large scholars were not inclined to obey the wishes of the teacher, which we attribute partly to the influence of the parents. Nothing can destroy the government of a teacher over a school sooner than this. The parent must co-operate with the teacher, if they would have a good school. A little more decision on the part of the teacher would have had a good effect. Some of the scholars did themselves credit by attending to their studies.

DIST. No. 5. Summer Term—Miss M. M. Johnson, Hopkinton. Miss J. was untiring in her efforts to promote the greatest advancement of those committed to her care. The recitations at the close of the term plainly indicated, that her labors were not in vain. Some of the smaller scholars exhibited a remarkable progress in reading and spelling. The order of the school was commendable.

Winter Term—Mr. C. M. Wood, Henniker. Mr. W., in the discharge of some of his duties as a teacher, met with the cordial approval of the committee. But, not assuming that energy, promptness, and dignity of character, which was his privilege and duty, his connection with this school did not prove to be so beneficial as, under *good discipline*, it might have been.

DIST. No. 6. Summer Term—Miss Joanna Clark, Henniker. This school was small, but the scholars appeared well—not a single whisper having been seen by the committee on examination day. Although Miss C.’s first appearance in the capacity of a teacher, she sustained, not only herself, but the heretofore good character of the school.

Winter Term—Frank A. Gordon, Henniker. It is needless to say that the school under his charge was any other than pleasant and profitable to all interested.

DIST. No. 7. *Summer Term*—Miss M. Rand, Hopkinton. Miss R. came among us an entire stranger, but being possessed of kindness, firmness, perseverance and a love of her calling—a combination of elements so *indispensable* in constituting a good teacher—she soon gained the respect and esteem of her pupils. The discipline of the school was firm, yet of the most pacific character. The examination of this school was highly satisfactory—the scholars exhibited such a proficiency in their studies, as is seldom our privilege to record.

Winter Term—Mr. Wm. Colby, Henniker. We are of the opinion that great credit is due, to both teacher and scholar, for their mutual efforts in acquiring and sustaining an enviable reputation during the term for District No. 7. And if accuracy and promptitude in recitations, and uprightness of deportment are proof, then those who witnessed the examination will testify, that Mr. C. and his pupils were successful in an eminent degree. We would cheerfully recommend Mr. C. to public confidence as an earnest, faithful and successful teacher.

DIST. No. 8. *Summer Term*—Miss Eliza J. Rand, Hopkinton. This school was under the instruction of one of our best teachers. The discipline was mild but firm; the instruction thorough, and nothing can excel the pleasing manner in which the lessons were recited on examination day. Truly, Miss R., has not missed her calling.

Winter Term—Melissa M. Johnson, Hopkinton. The district were again fortunate in selecting their teacher. Miss J. showed herself to be a teacher of experience, by being perfectly at home in the school-room. The school was well governed. What they learned they knew positively. The exercises at the close were highly satisfactory.

DIST. No. 9. *Summer Term*—Miss Louisa Gibson, Henniker. We visited this school at the commencement when everything was in order and bid fair for a profitable term. This was Miss G.'s first attempt at teaching. We were not notified of its close, of which we were sorry, as we anticipated much pleasure at the examination.

Winter Term—Harris Rice, Henniker, who managed things in a very quiet and creditable way. The scholars were taught to do their own thinking, and were *well* acquainted with the ground passed over. This school is in advance of many of our larger schools. Mr. R. is deserving of a larger school.

DIST. No. 10. *Summer Term*—Miss Eunice Nichols, Henniker. This was Miss N.'s first attempt at teaching, hut she proved herself worthy of her vocation. The school was quite small; the scholars made good progress in their studies.

Winter Term—Miss. Abby M. Newhall, Henniker. Miss N. is one of our most thorough teachers and seems peculiarly adapted to the

school-room. Most sadly deficient in intellect must be those scholars that cannot improve under her instruction.

DIST. No. 11. *Summer Term*—Miss Susan M. Butler, Hillsboro'. A young lady with a good education, but possessing a disposition altogether too yielding for an efficient officer. There cannot be much progress in learning where disorder reigns supreme. Children sometimes make some progress in their studies in a school that is badly governed; but they acquire habits of disorder, disrespect, and a distaste for their books; and these are negative qualities that counteract much that is positive.

Winter Term—Charles H. Darling, Henniker. Mr. D. is a conductor of the right kind of qualifications to manage a literary and scientific train. The government of this school was excellent, which constitutes the corner stone, and foundation of a successful advancement. The examination exhibited a degree of improvement creditable to both teacher and scholars.

DIST. No. 12. *Summer Term*—Susan M. Marsh, Henniker. The whole amount of money for this district was spent in one term. Most fortunate were the people of this district in securing the services of so energetic and thorough a teacher. The school, though small, appeared well at its close, and the examination was pleasant and showed much improvement.

DIST. No. 13. *Summer and Fall Term*—Miss H. M. Straw, Hopkinton. This school was of 24 weeks duration, with a short vacation. Miss S. was untiring in her labors for the good of her scholars; and notwithstanding the great length of the term, the zeal of both teacher and scholars remained unabated through the long and sultry months of summer, and the no less tedious month of September, up to the day of examination—which we consider an unusual occurrence. The order of the school and the proficiency, made in various branches of study, were highly approved of by the committee.

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