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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. 1861,* DR.

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| To Cash remaining in the hands of the Treasurer, for 1860,..... | \$610 28 |
| “ received of Oliver C. Fisher, the Literary Fund money,..... | 99 90 |
| “ received of Alonzo Patterson, the Railroad tax,..... | 81 38 |
| “ received from county for support of Lydia Dinsmore and Julia F. Leslie,..... | 47 28 |
| “ received from county for support of paupers on the Town Farm,..... | 208 94 |
| “ received from the town of Salisbury for as- sistance rendered Josiah Scribner, | 13 00 |
| “ received of Selectmen, borrowed according to the direction of the town,..... | 2790 00 |
| “ received of O. C. Fisher, collector of taxes, the amount of tax committed to him for collection for 1861, | 4616 09 |
| “ received of O. C. Fisher, it being the inter- est collected on taxes,..... | 28 89 |
| | \$8495 76 |

Audited by the undersigned, this first day of March, A. D.,
1862.

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| HARRIS CAMPBELL, JAMES STRAW, OLIVER PILLSBURY, | } | Auditing Committee. |
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Horace Gibson, aforesaid, in account with the Town of Henniker, as Treasurer for 1861, CR.

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| Paid Annas Goss, for breaking roads in 1860, | | \$11 95 |
| Warren Felch, | " " | 11 12 |
| John C. Ray, | " " | 17 50 |
| Joshua H. Colby, | " " | 40 00 |
| William H. Smith, | " " | 20 50 |
| William A. Colby, | " " | 11 50 |
| Geo. W. Cogswell, | " " | 5 38 |
| Samuel Morrison, | " " | 11 48 |
| Nathaniel Chase, | " " | 18 35 |
| Barak Colby, | " " | 11 80 |
| Alanson Wood, | " " | 15 00 |
| Asa Whitcomb, | " " | 26 18 |
| Cyrus R. Bacon, | " " | 5 50 |
| Seth A. Morse, | " " | 34 20 |
| David R. Robbins, | " " | 9 76 |
| Horace Berry, | " " | 19 50 |
| George W. Hoyt, | " " | 27 70 |
| Norman Matthews, | " " | 30 35 |
| Harrison Morrill, | " " | 12 50 |
| George Nichols, | " " | 20 00 |
| Hamilton F. Green, | " " | 16 85 |
| Jonathan Dow, | " " | 3 90 |
| James B. Wood, | " " | 21 30 |
| Henry A. Davis, | " " | 16 85 |
| Wm. H. Sawyer, | " " | 18 80 |
| Ezra Chase, | " " | 16 75 |
| John A. Newton, | " " | 19 27 |
| Hiram G. Clark, | " " | 27 85 |
| Elisha Rice, | " " | 41 35 |
| K. G. Morrill, | " " | 13 13 |
| Nathaniel Paige, | " " | 9 90 |
| Benjamin F. Clark, | " " | 20 10 |
| David Clark, | " " | 18 85 |
| Silas Barnes, | " " | 9 35 |
| Micajah Peasley, | " " | 27 67 |
| Oliver Colby, | " " | 10 70 |

\$652 89

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| Paid Squire Dow, for lumber to repair bridge, and labor on highway, | \$12 50 |
| Nahum Newton, for building bridge near S. O. Hanson's, | 15 54 |
| Andrew D. Favor, for plank to cover bridge near S. O. Hanson's, | 9 09 |
| Jonathan Dow, for covering stone and labor on culvert near Jonathan Flanders' house, | 16 95 |
| Jonathan Dow, for gravel and repairing bridge near Widow Patch's, | 11 52 |
| Joshua H. Colby, work on highway in his district, | 1 50 |
| Seth A. Morse, " " " | 1 00 |
| Willard Colby, " " " | 5 00 |
| William H. Sawyer, " " " | 9 50 |
| Henry N. Hoyt, " " " | 8 00 |
| Nahum Newton, " " " | 1 25 |
| Walter Felch, for work and lumber on highway in his district, | 6 01 |
| Willard Colby, for plank, stringers and work on bridge near Joshua H. Colby's, | 6 75 |
| Willard Colby, for plank and work on bridge, ... | 1 50 |
| Silas Barnes, for drawing plank for lower covered bridge, | 75 |
| Thomas Levingston, for snowing upper covered bridge, | 2 00 |
| Rufus S. Howe, for repairing road near I. Morse's mill, | 62 25 |
| William H. Sawyer, for repairing road near Mud Pond, | 95 00 |
| Mary O. Johnson, for nursing and board of Josiah Scribner from Feb. 21, to March 21, 1861, .. | 10 00 |
| Samuel Morrison, for boarding Mary Whitman four weeks, ending March 29, 1861, | 3 33 |
| Jonathan Badger, for support of Edwin R. Gove for one year and four weeks, ending April 21, 1861, | 21 52 |
| William H. Sawyer, for supporting watering trough for 1859 and 1860, | 3 00 |
| David Clark, for supporting watering trough for 1861, | 3 00 |
| Nathan Carter, for work on house on town farm and lumber furnished, | 7 35 |
| James Wilkins, for coffin for Lydia Dinsmore, county pauper, | 4 50 |

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| Paid Sally Morrison, for boarding Lydia Dinsmore thirty-two weeks, and nursing her in her last sickness,..... | \$34 00 |
| David L. Cogswell, for digging grave for Lydia Dinsmore, ... | 1 50 |
| Town of Hill, for assistance rendered Samuel Connor in his last sickness, and funeral charges, | 14 98 |
| N. H. Asylum, for support of Jane Whitney to June 10, 1861, | 48 32 |
| Phinehas Danforth, for cash paid for materials to repair rooms for Judith Hardy and Jane Whitney, | 4 87 |
| Alonzo Patterson, for time and expenses to Concord moving paupers to town farm, and stationery, | 6 15 |
| Caleb D. Perry, for support of Sarah Pressy, from April 1, 1861, to April 1, 1862, | 39 00 |
| Town of Deering, for support of Mahitable Withington from Sept. 2, 1860, to July 4, 1861, county pauper,..... | 21 75 |
| I. P. Chase, for medical services rendered Josiah Scribner, | 3 00 |
| Abijah Hildreth, for boarding and nursing Julia F. Leslie, from Feb. 6, to March 30, 1861,.. | 7 28 |
| Kendall Whitcomb, for lumber and work repairing bridges, | 2 20 |
| Alonzo Patterson, for cash paid for work repairing road near Isaac Morse's, | 12 83 |
| Alonzo Patterson, for cash advanced, and time spent in search of Oxen when stolen, | 8 50 |
| George W. Rice, for time and expenses in finding Oxen,..... | 7 00 |
| William K. Plummer, for time and expenses in finding Oxen,..... | 7 25 |
| Moses F. Hoyt, for services as Agent on the town farm in the year, 1860,..... | 240 00 |
| P. B. Cogswell, for printing 500 town reports,.. | 18 00 |
| I. P. Chase, for furnishing certificate of births and deaths for 1860 and 1861, and medical services at the town farm, | 4 50 |
| Imri Woods, for taking Jonathan Eastman's affidavit, | 50 |
| Alonzo Patterson, cash to satisfy Execution of Adeline Tucker vs. Town of Henniker,..... | 2418 88 |

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| Paid E. B. S. Sanborn, for cash paid Drs. Peaslee and Crosby for advice in case Adeline Tucker <i>vs.</i> Town,..... | \$12 00 |
| E. B. S. Sanborn, balance of account for services rendered in the suit Adeline Tucker <i>vs.</i> Town, | 148 33 |
| Alonzo Patterson, for cash advanced to Minot & Mugridge for services in suit A. Tucker <i>vs.</i> Town,..... | 246 97 |
| Oliver C. Fisher, for cash advanced to pay costs of suit Adeline Tucker <i>vs.</i> Town,..... | 405 55 |
| O. C. Fisher, for pay roll of witnesses in suit Adeline Tucker <i>vs.</i> Town,..... | 177 12 |
| O. C. Fisher, for services and expenses as Agent in suit Adeline Tucker <i>vs.</i> Town,..... | 56 66 |
| Alonzo Patterson, for cash advanced to Flint & Bryant for services in 1858, in suit Willard Colby <i>vs.</i> Town,..... | 2 36 |
| Rufus S. Howe, Prudential Com. in Dist. No. 1, | 127 52 |
| Seth A. Morse, " " 2, | 58 72 |
| Norman Matthews, " " 3, | 66 08 |
| William H. Rice, " " 4, | 95 48 |
| Samuel M. Currier, " " 5, | 123 05 |
| Ira C. Connor, " " 6, | 52 40 |
| Zadok Dustin, " " 7, | 128 57 |
| Moses Garland, " " 8, | 95 48 |
| Thomas Brown, " " 9, | 51 37 |
| Daniel M. Buxton, " " 10, | 55 05 |
| Charles H. Darling, " " 11, | 172 00 |
| John K. Connor, " " 12, | 47 70 |
| William H. Sawyer, " " 13, | 51 37 |
| Walter Felch, his proportion of school money,.. | 11 02 |
| K. G. Morrill, " " " | 4 36 |
| George W. Hoyt, " " " | 8 26 |
| David Reid, " " " | 4 72 |
| Jeremiah Morse, the county tax,..... | 1000 77 |
| Peter Sanborn, the State tax,..... | 361 20 |
| Ebenezer Smith, for glass, wood, and taking care of town house,..... | 5 84 |
| John Chase, for repairing road in his District in 1861,..... | 1 20 |
| Ira Whitcomb, for abatement of his poll tax,.... | 1 70 |
| Otis Gibson, for abatement of his poll tax in 1859,..... | 1 50 |
| Nathan Carter, for error in tax,..... | 2 13 |

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| Paid Oliver C. Fisher, for abatement of Nathan F. Carter and Robert Campbell's poll tax for 1859, | \$3 00 |
| Oliver C. Fisher, the amount of non-resident highway taxes,..... | 20 34 |
| Oliver C. Fisher, for error in tax against Contoocook River Railroad, and abatement of Thomas J. Hardy, Samuel Rollins, Josephus Smith, Henry M. Sanborn and Samuel Crombie's tax 1861,..... | 14 78 |
| Oliver C. Fisher, for abatement of George Brown's tax in 1860, James Ellis, John Lynch and Wm. E. Mirick's,..... | 8 08 |
| Hiram M. Davis, for abatement of John Adsit's tax in 1854, Mark Brown, Patrick Broderick in part, Charles A. Bean, William H. Gibson, and Joseph Straw's tax for 1855,..... | 16 45 |
| Wm. P. Cressy, for supporting watering trough, | 1 50 |
| T. L. Sanborn, " " " | 3 00 |
| Jonathan Cogswell, " " " | 3 00 |
| Horace Gibson, for recording marriages, births and deaths for 1861,..... | 3 24 |
| Horace Gibson, for supplies furnished to Chester Bailey, to March 1, 1862,..... | 10 02 |
| Horace Gibson, for nails and stationery,..... | 61 |
| Wm. B. Swett, for plank and work on bridge,.. | 75 |
| George L. Flint, for fixing railing iron,..... | 1 50 |
| Oliver C. Fisher, for cash advanced and taking affidavits for county paupers and others,.... | 4 00 |
| Charles H. Darling, for services as Superintending School Committee for 1861,..... | 17 50 |
| Leander W. Cogswell, for services as Superintending School Committee for 1861,..... | 3 00 |
| Frank A. Gordon, for services as Superintending School Committee for 1861,..... | 16 50 |
| Paul Morrill, for expense of town officers for 1861, | 18 38 |
| Horace Gibson, for preparing town reports for 1860, for services as Treasurer for 1861,... | 16 00 |
| Horace Gibson, for services as Town Clerk for 1861,..... | 18 00 |
| Drusilla Smith, wife of Alpha C. Smith, according to the Act passed July 4, 1861, authorizing towns to aid the families of volunteers,..... | 26 00 |
| Larett Cheney, wife of Lyman H. Cheney, according to the Act passed July 4, 1861,..... | 26 00 |

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| Paid Mary D. Elliott, wife of I. S. Elliott, according to the Act passed July 4, 1861,..... | \$24 00 |
| Wm. Smith, for supporting watering trough,... | 3 00 |
| O. C. Fisher, for collecting taxes for 1861,.... | 40 00 |
| Kendall Whitcomb, for 1 day moving David Conner to town farm and cash for expenses, 3.00, 1 day's work on the road in Willard Colby's District, 1.25,..... | 4 25 |
| Eri Colby, $\frac{1}{2}$ day moving paupers to farm, \$1 00 | |
| 1 day to Concord on pauper business and expense,..... | 1 50 |
| 1 day repairing bridge at W. Henniker, to journey to Deering, to settle pauper bill,..... | 1 25 |
| | 1 50 |
| | <hr/> 5 25 |
| Alonzo Patterson, to journey to Concord at the Asylum, and to consult counsel, to recording valuation book,..... | 2 87 |
| to time, fare and expenses to Concord to consult counsel,..... | 4 50 |
| to time, fare and expense to Concord to settle suit Tucker vs. the Town, to 1 day to plank bridge near Smith's Mill,..... | 2 87 |
| assistance rendered stranger,..... | 2 87 |
| to time and expense to Antrim on Co: pauper business and cash advanced, to 2 days to Concord, fare and expenses on Co. pauper business with Commissioners,..... | 1 25 |
| to cash for check list and blanks,..... | 1 00 |
| | 2 50 |
| | 5 50 |
| | 76 |
| | <hr/> 24 12 |
| Alonzo Patterson, for services as Selectman in 1861,..... | 48 50 |
| Kendall Whitcomb, for services as Selectman in 1861,..... | 37 00 |
| Eri Colby, for services as Selectman in 1861,.. | 36 50 |
| Selectmen, for interest on cash advanced for the use of the town,..... | 33 85 |
| Samual W. Morrison, for boarding Mary E. Whitman from March 1st to March 5th, 1861,.... | 1 00 |
| Horace Tucker, for breaking road in 1858 and 1860,..... | 5 25 |
| Harris Campbell, for 1 day auditing the Treasurer's accounts,..... | 1 00 |

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| Paid James Straw, for 1 day auditing the Treasurer's accounts,..... | \$1 00 |
| Oliver Pillsbury, for 1 day auditing the Treasurer's accounts,..... | 1 00 |
| by remaining in the hands of the Treasurer,.... | 549 75 |
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| | \$8495 76 |

Audited by the undersigned, this first day of March, 1862.

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| HARRIS CAMPBELL, | } <i>Auditing Committee.</i> |
| JAMES STRAW, | |
| OLIVER PILLSBURY, | |

Finances of the Town, Dr.

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| Due Agent on town farm,..... | \$175 00 |
| Due on notes outstanding, against the town,..... | 2790 00 |
| Due on other bills, exclusive of bills for breaking roads the past winter, | 25 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$2990 00 |

Credit.

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| Cash in the hands of the Treasurer,..... | \$549 75 |
| Due from the State,..... | 76 00 |
| Due from the County,..... | 10 00 |
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| Total,..... | \$635 75 |

Balance against the town, exclusive of breaking roads, \$2354 25

PAUPER ESTABLISHMENT.

| Phinehas Danforth, Agent, in account with the Town of Henniker: | | Dr. |
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| By cash received of | Moses F. Hoyt, | \$26 03 |
| | George L. Flint, | 1 50 |
| | Town Treasurer, | 4 87 |
| for neat stock, | | 118 00 |
| | colt, | 50 00 |
| | hide, | 3 63 |
| | veal, | 2 98 |
| | calf skin, | 92 |
| | cider, | 4 00 |
| | hams, | 8 42 |
| | shoulders, | 2 25 |
| | cheese, | 21 42 |
| | butter, | 28 25 |
| | dried apple, | 96 |
| | poultry, | 6 46 |
| | beans, | 2 00 |
| | feeding, | 60 |
| | beef, | 3 08 |
| | pasturing, | 75 |
| | saw, | 25 |
| | keeping pedlers, | 1 51 |
| | potatoes, | 1 00 |
| | tallow, | 3 75 |
| | lard, | 3 00 |
| | bark, | 1 75 |
| | labor, | 2 74 |
| | G. W. Rice, | 1 00 |
| Total debtor, | | \$301 12 |

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Paid for nails, 74; tobacco, 4.37; coffee, 4.00; saleratus, 74; nutmegs, 38; salt fish, 3.31; brooms, 91; combs, 11; gimlet, 05; screws, 05; salsoda, 05; boots and shoes, 5.95; grass seed, 2.00; clover seed, 1.76; wash board, 17; rope, 51; beeswax, 11; tar and rosin, 18; sugar, 5.12; glass and putty, 14; hoes, 1.00; lock, 33; medicine, 91; beans, 25; tea, 4.00; saltpeter, 14; oil, 1.05; cassia, 29; ginger, 03; fly paper, 05; pepper, 12; castor oil, 10; sheeting, 4.20; matches, 22; thread, 52; woolen cloth, 1.31; print, 3.92; crackers, 1.25; rice, 18; books, 29; essence, 18; door bolt, 12; wicking, 25; cream tartar, 18; bags, 50; fire frame, 50; butter tubs, 99; salt, 3.33; denims, 73; potash, 40; starch, 12; scythes, 1 50; mackerel, 1.25; strainer cloth, 25; molasses, 5.46; twine, 08; boy's cap, 50; raisins, 28; pins and needles, 11; lindsey, 40; rennet, 50; straw and hay, 8.46; use of plow, 36; pasturing, 3.25; labor, 55.25; blacksmithing, 8.35; vest, 1.44; potatoes, 4.12; shorts, 1.00; peas, 16; expenses to Andover, 95; soap tub, 1.33; pigs, 4.00; lumber, 1.59; tin ware, 1.04; palmleaf, 08; coffin, 4.00; weighing oxen, 10; repairs on harness, 1.10; scythe stones, 15; horse rake teeth, 1.15; corn, 6.40; threshing grain, 2.65; repairs on plow, 1.17; handkerchief, 09; mittens, 15; making cider, 37; buttons, 09; repairs on pump, 55; digging grave, 1.50; saw bill, 2.60; tanning calf skin, 66; funeral services, 1.00; fresh fish, 50; rye, 46; hard soap, 10; yarn, 1.82; meat, 8.52; alcohol, 77; almanack, 04; dinner and horse baiting, 50; expenses to Concord, 2.19; neat stock, 82.50; crockery, 72;

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| Paid for pegs, 05 ; A. Caldwell, balance on account, 33 ; materials to repair rooms for Jane Whitney and Judith Hardy, 4.87,..... | \$286 92 |
| Cash remaining in the hands of the Agent,..... | 11 11 |
| Bills due the Agent,..... | 3 09 |
| | \$301 12 |

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| The Town Farm in account with the Town of Henniker: | DR. |
| By amount of real and personal property, as per inventory of Selectmen, taken Feb. 26, 1861,..... | \$3807 55 |
| Interest on the same,..... | 228 45 |
| Agent's compensation,..... | 175 00 |
| | \$4211 00 |

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| By real estate, | \$2600 00 |
| By personal property, as per inventory of Selectmen, taken Feb. 22, 1862, as follows: | |
| By neat stock and horse, 381.00 ; hay, 155.00 ; corn fodder and straw, 4.00 ; corn, 45.00 ; wheat, 22.50 ; beans, 4.00 ; peas, 1.50 ; rye, 90 ; grass seed, 2.00 ; shoats, 22.00 ; calf skin, 1.50 ; plaster, 80 ; dried fruit, 4.00 ; tobacco, 2.00 ; lard, 6.00 ; tallow and candles, 6.50 ; pickles, 1.50 ; pork, 42.50 ; bacon, 21.00 ; beef, 13.90 ; soap, 4.00 ; soap grease, 1.50 ; butter, 4.80 ; boiled cider, 2.00 ; vinegar, 6 50 ; garden sauce, 2.00 ; cheese, 7.11 ; potatoes, 42.00 ; shingles, 2.50 ; farming tools and furniture, 325.00,..... | \$1135 01 |
| Bills due the Agent,..... | 3 09 |
| Cash in the hands of the Agents,..... | 11 11 |
| Cash received by town Treasurer for the support of county paupers at the Farm,..... | 208 94 |
| | \$3958 15 |
| Total credit,..... | \$3958 15 |
| Balance against the Farm,..... | 252 85 |

Record of paupers that have been supported at the Farm the past year:

TOWN PAUPERS.

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| Nathaniel A. May, aged..... 7 | David Conor, since April 26,.....78 |
| Jonathan Eastman, until July 2,.....80 | Robert Marsh, since Aug. 12,.....74 |
| David Purrington, until June 14,....84 | Hiram Colby, from Dec. 30, to Jan- |
| Moses Dolby, until July 4,.....44 | uary 18,..... 42 |
| Mary Whitman, since March 29,....39 | |

COUNTY PAUPERS.

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| Mehitable Kezer, aged..... 85 | Salome Leslie, aged.....44 |
| Judith Hardy,.....75 | Julia F. Leslie, one week,.....13 |
| Betsey Putney,.....74 | Jane Whitney, since June 10,.....77 |

Audited by the undersigned, this first day of March, A. D., 1862,

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| HARRIS CAMPBELL, | } | Auditing Committee. |
| JAMES STRAW, | | |
| OLIVER PILLSBURY, | | |

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In submitting the report of the condition of our schools, we would respectfully offer a few suggestions.

Our common school system has been called, and rightly, too, "the chief glory of New England," and it is to this we must look for the perpetuity of this great government. We should cherish with the most scrupulous care, this glorious Institution, transmitted to us by our fathers. That our schools have not attained to that standard of perfection, designed by our ancestors, we know. That the progress made in our schools is fully commensurate with efforts bestowed upon them, we believe. In looking over the School Registers, and observing the great number of tardinesses, absences, dismissals, and the few names of parents registered there, we wonder at the progress in the various branches of study that is made; also in taking a careful survey of our school houses in their length, breadth, depth and condition, we find many of them wholly unfit for use, for this very reason, that they have been handed down from former generations unrepaired, and upon whose dilapidated walls may be seen autographs and obscene pictures, cuts and scratches upon the benches, many of the originators of which, if known, could be remembered only by the oldest inhabitants; while each succeeding generation of occupants have issued new editions "more wide and deep," and not materially improving upon the original. While pondering upon the above, "the more our wonder grew" that our schools were not already nurseries of rebellion—from which shall emanate many of the evils and vices, to which parents would shudder to have their children exposed.

Many of the Districts should provide more comfortable and inviting school houses, and furnish them with such apparatus, the right use of which will greatly enhance the teacher's usefulness in conveying ideas distinctly to the mind of the pupil, thereby awakening in the child a spirit of enquiry, which will "grow with his growth and strengthen with his strength," and better fit him for the stern realities of life.

Parents, to you are committed not only the welfare of this, but of future generations. You must realize more fully your accountability to your Country and your God, in educating the rising generation.

Show to your children that you are deeply interested in their

welfare, by visiting the school room often, and thus encouraging both teacher and scholar in their arduous labors; see that your children are punctual in their attendance every forenoon and afternoon; insist upon their obedience at home in little as well as great things, and they will seldom be refractory at school; impress upon their minds the importance of industry while at school; never permit them to be absent one half day unless absolutely necessary. You will thereby inculcate habits of obedience, punctuality and industry which will in time become so imbedded in their very nature as to cling to them in all future time—rendering them capable, intelligent and useful citizens, winning the respect and confidence of all with whom they may associate. Reverse this process, and you will send forth to the world a company of vagrants who will most assuredly become fit subjects for our jails, penitentiaries and pauper establishments, “bringing down your gray hairs in sorrow to the grave.”

Then, Parents, for the love you bear your children, make their physical, intellectual and moral education the great business of your lives; hire the best teachers and sustain them—do your duty and insist upon their doing their’s. Remember that “as is the boy, so is the man.” “Just as the twig is bent, the tree’s inclined.” You have but to be faithful and untiring in your perseverance in this matter, to call forth the warmest gratitude of not only this, but of future generations.

To teachers we would say, be at all times industrious and faithful to your employers. “Order is Heaven’s first law,” without it you will certainly fail. Insist then upon the most implicit obedience on the part of your scholars. You must have dignity, and a manly courage that will not shrink when opposition of parents and disobedience of pupils present almost insurmountable barriers in your path. Be mild but firm in your government, try to convince your scholars that you are their friend, and seek nothing but their highest good, and in nine cases out of ten, all obstacles in your way will vanish. You will thus prove to the community that you are fully equal for every emergency of your calling.

Fellow Citizens! Our only hope of reform in our schools, lies not in anything that we can say, but in the justness and magnitude of the cause; these we would commend to your careful consideration.

DISTRICT NO. 1. *Summer Term*—Miss CELIA H. HEAD, Heniker. Miss H. seemed wholly devoted to her scholars, and is possessed of many of those qualities, which in some schools would render her eminently successful. The school room, we found upon examination day, beautifully decorated; quite a number of visitors were present; the scholars appeared cheerful and everything argued success, but as the exercises of the school progressed, the want of proper discipline was apparent at almost every step;

for this very reason, the school was not so profitable to the scholars as it might otherwise have been.

Winter Term—ALPHONZO B. WOOD, Henniker. This school was visited at its commencement, and we found everything in good order. The discipline of the school was more than usually robust and healthy, and bid fair to out-live the term; but, for the want of *timely portions* of coöperation on the part of some of the parents, and determined courage on the part of the teacher, after a few struggles, he gave up the ghost, thus ignominiously bringing the school to a premature close, thereby sowing the seeds of rebellion that will require a *strong arm* to eradicate. Of the progress made, we can say nothing—report says it was good during the greater part of the term.

DIST. NO. 2. *Summer and Winter Terms*—MISS SARAH P. HUSSEY, Henniker. Miss H. has taught several terms in this school, much to the satisfaction of the parents and scholars. She was untiring in her efforts to make her scholars well acquainted with the lessons passed over.

DIST. NO. 3. *Summer Term*—MISS ABBIE B. TAYLOR, Derry. Miss Taylor proved herself to be an earnest and laborious teacher, a good disciplinarian, and as a matter of course, succeeded in making the term both pleasant and profitable to teacher and scholar.

Winter Term—CYRUS E. MARSHALL, Newbury. Mr. Marshall possesses a combination of qualities, which must enter into the composition of every teacher who wishes to succeed in his calling, viz: a love for his work, aptness for imparting to others what he knows, untiring industry, decision in discipline, &c. The progress made in the various studies attended to, was very satisfactory. Mr. M. is deserving of a more extensive field of labor.

DIST. NO. 4. *Summer Term*—MISS EMILY W. GIBSON, Henniker. This is Miss Gibson's second term with this school, and like the first, it has proved to have been pleasant and profitable to both teacher and pupils. Miss G. manifests a degree of anxiety for the best good of those under her charge, rarely equalled. We consider her one of our best teachers, and worthy of all confidence that may be placed in her. The scholars have been very industrious in their various studies, and deserve a great deal of credit.

Winter Term—WILLIAM H. RICE, Henniker. Mr. Rice has a remarkable faculty of gaining and retaining the good will of the scholars under his care; also of imparting instruction in such a manner as not to confuse the mind of his pupils. We very seldom witness a better examination, as the *many* who were *present* will bear testimony.

DIST. No. 5. *Summer and Winter Terms*—Miss PHYLINDA C. SCOTT, Peterborough. Miss Scott possesses an enviable reputation as a No. 1 teacher. Anything we can say of progress made by a school under her care, would be like importing *whale oil* into New Bedford, or *wooden clocks* into Connecticut. We regret to learn that Miss Scott contemplates going to a far distant field of labor. Her loss will be deeply felt by all interested in the education of the young. We wish her success in her future efforts in the training of youth for usefulness in after life.

DIST. No. 6. *Summer Term*—JOANN M. CLARK, Henniker. The school was characterized by quietness and industrious habits of study. The examination gave positive and gratifying proof that the work here performed was a successful and profitable one.

Winter Term—Miss MAHALA F. RAND, Hopkinton. Miss R. is admirably qualified for both governing and teaching. We were highly gratified with the general appearance of the school. She fully sustained her reputation as one of our *best* teachers.

DIST. No. 7. *Summer Term*—MELISSA M. JOHNSON, Hopkinton. The examination of this school was truly gratifying. The reciprocity of feeling existing between teacher and scholars was a pleasant feature of this school. Miss J. is a thorough teacher, and has the faculty of exciting inquiry in the minds of her pupils. Good order was their first *motto*.

Winter Term—WILLIAM COLBY, Henniker. District No. 7 stands among one of our first schools. They engage none but the best of teachers, and of course their work is done in a scientific manner. This is Mr. C.'s second term here, and he has labored with earnestness and perseverance for the advancement of his scholars, and the examination was creditable to both teacher and scholars.

DIST. No. 8. *Summer Term*—Miss JENNIE CLARK, Henniker. Miss C. came before this school with years of experience as a teacher. The examination gave conclusive evidence that she has not mistaken her calling. The school appeared well.

Winter Term—Miss SUSAN C. EASTMAN, Henniker. To all appearance Miss E. possesses, in a good degree, many qualities requisite for an accomplished teacher, but wanting that energetic decision of character necessary to command the respect and obedience of her pupils, she thereby failed in securing the greatest benefit to the scholar. We can say that some of the recitations were of a high order, showing a *marked* improvement, especially the classes in reading and Geography. Had good order and *punctuality* been the *rule*, the school would have been more profitable to the District.

DIST. NO. 9. *Summer Term*—Miss LUCY E. PERRY, Henniker. This was Miss P.'s first term as a teacher. A little more energy would have had a good effect. The scholars were not so ready to answer questions, on what they had been over, as we could have wished. "It is not how much, but how well."

Winter Term—HARRIS W. RICE, Henniker. This was Mr. R.'s third term in this school. He labored with his usual good success. At the examination the school was in a prosperous condition.

DIST. NO. 11. *Summer Term*—Miss ELIZA T. RAND, Contoocook. Miss R. has labored earnestly and faithfully during her sojourn with this school, and if public examinations are criterions from which to judge of progress made, the result was proof positive, that Miss R.'s labors were by no means spent in vain. Order of the school, not only in the school, but *out* of it, was No. 1.

Winter Term—CHARLES H. DARLING, Henniker. Mr. D.'s services, as a teacher, have been so long enjoyed in Henniker, that *comment* is unnecessary.

DIST. NO. 12. *Winter Term*—Miss KATE D. STORY, Hopkinton. This school is small, but has had the benefit of a faithful teacher. May a large number of scholars in future enjoy the advantage of her instruction.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

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|--|--------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|---------|
| Number of Districts, | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| Whole No. attending School over 4 years old 2 weeks. | 33 | 12 | 14 | 20 | 29 | 11 | 29 | 22 | 6 | 13 | 45 | 7 | 11 |
| Average attendance of Schol- ars during the year. | 26 | 9 | 11 | 15 | 24 | 12 | 20 | 16 | 6 | 10 | 40 | 4 | 9 |
| Wages of male teachers per month, including Board. | 25 00 | | 17 00 | 25 00 | 22 00 | | 25 00 | | 18 00 | | 32 00 | | |
| Wages of female teachers per month, including board. | 13 00 | 12 00 | 12 50 | 12 00 | 16 00 | 12 00 | 12 00 | 17 00 | 15 00 | 12 00 | 18 00 | 14 00 | 12 00 |
| No. of male teachers employ- ed during the year. | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| No. of female teachers employ- ed during the year. | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| No. of teachers who have at- tended Teachers' Institutes. | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Length of Summer Schools in weeks. | 11 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 7 | 6 | 12 | 12 | 7 | 10 |
| Length of Winter Schools in weeks. | 9½ | 10½ | 9 | 9 | 12 | 7 | 12 | 12 | 7 | 12 | 13 | 10 | 17 |
| Amount of money raised by Town tax for Schools. | 120 88 | 53 08 | 60 40 | 87 28 | 112 48 | 57 04 | 87 23 | 46 96 | 50 32 | 161 20 | 43 60 | 46 96 | 107 402 |
| Amount of Literary Fund. | 11 36 | 5 04 | 5 68 | 8 20 | 10 57 | 5 36 | 11 05 | 4 41 | 4 73 | 15 16 | 4 10 | 4 41 | 98 27 |
| Amount appropriated to each Scholar. | 3 66 | 5 96 | 5 49 | 5 82 | 4 08 | 4 75 | 7 35 | 5 45 | 5 32 | 4 02 | 10 90 | 5 21 | 5 11 |
| No. of visits by Superintend- ing Committee. | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 48 |
| No. visits by Prudential Committee. | | | 3 | 49 | 1 | | 8 | | | 61 | 1 | | 118 |
| No. of visits by citizens of the Town. | 34 | 26 | 60 | 73 | 29 | 43 | 50 | 8 | 31 | 58 | 13 | 27 | 425 |

Walter Welch, 4 Scholars,—Amount, \$11,02,—schooled in Hopkinton.
 George W. Hoyt, 3 " " " " \$8.26,—
 Daniel Reid, 3 " " " " \$4.72,—
 Kilburn G. Morrill, 2 " " " " \$4.22,—
 WARNER.
 BOOKS USED. In Reading, Town's Series. In Spelling, Town's and Saundert's Speller.
 In Arithmetic, Greenleaf's Series, In Geography, Colton & Fitch's. In Grammar, Tower's
 and Wells. In History, Goodrich's. In Physiology, Cutler's. Algebra, Davies'. Science
 of Common Things.

We certify the foregoing to be a true return of the Schools of
this town.

CHARLES H. DARLING,
 FRANK A. GORDON,
 LEANDER W. COGSWELL, } Superintending
 School
 Committee.

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