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ANNUAL REPORT

—OF—

THE SELECTMEN

AND OTHER

TOWN OFFICERS

—OF—

ORFORD, N. H.,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1884.



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# WARRANT.

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## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

{ L. S. }

*To the inhabitants of the Town of Orford Qualified  
to vote in town affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said town on the second Tuesday of March next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

2nd. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

3d. To choose three Selectmen, and all other town officers for the ensuing year.

4th. To choose an Agent or Agents to take charge of the defense of the petition for a writ of mandamus brought by School District No. Six in said Orford, against Hazen E. Carr, Edwin C. Franklin and Hazen Pebbles, Selectmen of said town, which petition is now pending in the Supreme Court; and authorize such Agent or Agents to employ counsel to aid and assist them in defending said suit.

5th. To see if the town will vote to abolish the school districts in said town, and make due provision for taking possession of all the school-houses, land, apparatus and other property, owned and used for school purposes, which the school districts might lawfully sell or convey, and for the appraisal of the same.

6th. To see if the town will vote to lay out a sidewalk six feet wide, with posts in front of Thomas J. Fifield's land on Orford street.

7th. To see if the town will vote to abolish the Liquor Agency in said town.

8th. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to employ and pay a suitable person to take care of and drive the hearse.

9th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town expenses for the ensuing year.

10th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to repair highways and bridges.

11th. To hear the report of the Auditors and the Superintending School Committee.

12th. To determine the division of the school money.

Given under our hands and seal this 23d day of February, 1884.

HAZEN E. CARR,	} Selectmen	
EDWIN C. FRANKLIN,		of
HAZEN PEBBLES,		Orford.

A true copy of warrant. Attest:—

HAZEN E. CARR,  
EDWIN C. FRANKLIN,  
HAZEN PEBBLES.

FINANCIAL REPORT  
OF THE  
**TOWN OF ORFORD,**  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1ST, 1884.

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HAZEN E. CARR,  
EDWIN C. FRANKLIN, } Selectmen.  
HAZEN PEBBLES, }

VALUATION OF TOWN APRIL 1, 1883.

Real estate,	\$364,563 00
Non-resident,	5,560 00
1 mule,	35 00
294 horses,	19,073 00
1144 cattle,	33,609 00
3525 sheep,	9,124 00
132 hogs,	835 00
Mills and machinery,	6,600 00
Bank Stock,	600 00
Money at interest,	39,870 00
Stock in trade,	39,755 00
32 carriages,	2,015 00
283 polls,	28,300 00
Total valuation,	\$541,439 00

MONEY TAX FOR 1883.

State tax for 1883,	\$1,124 00
County tax “	1,734 57
To defray town charges,	1,500 00

To pay school tax for 1883,	983 50	
To liquidate town debt,	500 00	
To pay interest,	200 00	
To pay town tax for support of schools,	300 00	
To purchase hearse,	400 00	
Add 5 per cent. allowed by law,	337 10	
Total amount,	<u>          </u>	\$7,079 17
Rate of tax on \$100.00, \$1.31.		

## HIGHWAY TAX FOR 1883.

To support highways and bridges,	\$1500 00	
Add 5 per cent. allowed by law,	75 00	
Total amount,	<u>          </u>	\$1,575 00
Rate of tax in labor, \$0.29.		

## DOG TAX.

To tax on dogs,		\$67 00
Total tax for 1883,		<u>          </u>
		\$8,721 17



## TREASURER'S REPORT.

ISAAC WILLARD, Treasurer.

March 1, 1884.

Balance in hands of Trs. March 1, 1883,	\$4,083 15
Received of County of Grafton,	82 38
“ State Treasurer, R. R. tax,	8 40
“ “ bounty on foxes and crows,	45 30
“ “ savings bank tax,	243 79
“ “ literary fund,	98 85
“ school rents,	86 00
“ literary fund,	87 50
“ West Fairlee savings bank,	30 20
“ Tho's J. Page, note and interest,	118 49
“ refunded road tax,	92 07
“ town of Piermont for M. Stevens,	7 20
“ balance of taxes of 1882,	947 42
“ Collector of taxes of 1883,	5,646 28
“ Hazen Pebbles, for plank,	4 50
Total receipts,	————— \$11,599 28

### DISBURSEMENTS—TOWN NOTES.

Eunice Rogers,	\$150 00
Benjamin F. Niles,	74 00
Mary B. Lane,	350 00
Thomas Howard,	339 38
Interest on town notes,	304 44
	————— \$1217 82

## LABOR ON HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

John H. Sargent,	\$30 22
Henry C. Gardner,	9 75
B. F. Hackett,	2 50
W. H. Horton,	23 48
D. B. French,	30 00
E. W. Cushman,	3 50
C. T. Savage,	5 84
John Roberts,	2 16
“ “	2 82
Daniel S. Willis,	6 36
S. N. Lamprey,	3 00
Willie E. Downing,	15 00
A. C. Washburn,	14 00
William Stetson,	9 00
Benjamin F. Trussell,	26 75
Henry Stevens,	18 00
A. L. Chandler,	7 30
D. T. Hale,	19 71
Ida A. Hodge,	14 00
J. K. Carr,	8 50
Leonard Roberts,	1 00
George Washburn,	4 00
D. S. Willis,	10 71
A. G. Lovejoy,	8 48
John S. Corliss,	3 00
Daniel A. Blood,	10 00
Josiah D. Clough,	2 50
J. K. Avery,	3 25
D. S. Simpson,	6 75
W. H. Gilman,	1 72
A. G. Lovejoy,	2 04
S. Cole and Son,	44 31
John Huntington,	37 00
Hazen E. Carr,	48 59
E. C. Franklin,	4 05
Samuel Q. Cutting,	8 50
John G. Stickney,	7 66
James R. Gardner,	5 25
Daniel F. Tillotson,	15 00
Edwin Bugbee,	53 15
Joseph Cross,	5 36
John L. Haselton,	15 00
Webster P. Blodgett,	1 97

Benjamin F. Niles,	20 50	
Hazen Pebbles,	9 77	
Henry J. Finney,	2 04	
John R. Pierce,	2 10	
	<hr/>	\$585 59

#### PLANKS AND TIMBER—EXPENSE.

H. F. Carr,	\$3 83	
A. L. Chandler,	3 58	
D. A. Blood,	3 00	
Tillotson & Cushman,	103 06	
Geo. N. Russell,	21 63	
D. T. Hale,	173 81	
John L. Haselton,	19 74	
Edwin Bugbee,	8 55	
	<hr/>	\$337 20

#### EXPENSE OF BREAKING SNOW PATHS.

F. M. Bathrow,	\$3 42
J. L. Chase,	5 00
John Roberts,	1 33
Thomas Huckins,	15 00
George Draymont,	75
John E. Chesley,	3 48
N. S. Morey,	5 22
D. S. Willis,	7 27
P. A. Chapman,	1 41
A. G. Lovejoy,	11 40
S. N. Lamprey,	7 92
George Savage,	4 80
J. M. Goodwin,	75
Henry Stevens,	10 50
Dan. T. Simpson,	5 76
D. B. French,	7 75
W. H. Gilman,	2 00
Willie E. Downing,	8 92
Horace Clough,	4 92
C. T. Savage,	2 76
John H. Sargent,	96
Thomas T. Savage,	1 32
John Cunningham,	1 44
John Hall,	4 85

John G. Stickney,	11 64	
Charles C. Davis,	11 81	
Charles R. Tarbox,	60	
E. C. Franklin,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$147 98

## EXPENSE OF COUNTY POOR.

Charles T. Savage, for support of Miss Sally Adams,	\$49 00	
John Carlos Stevens, for support of Mrs. Sarah Powers,	12 00	
Zerah C. Mann, for support of Mrs. Sarah Powers,	15 75	
William H. Bigelow, for support of Mrs. Sarah Powers,	15 00	
Willard Bros., Mdse. for Mrs. Sarah Powers,	2 77	
Edwin C. Franklin, support of Mrs. McIntire,	5 00	
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## EXPENSE OF TOWN POOR.

County of Grafton for Mrs. Muzzy,	\$276 44
“ “ “ Susan H. Dow,	62 00
Jonathan Ford, for “ “	31 72
John R. Pierce, for Dora Quint,	38 00
Willard Brothers, “	1 55
Benj. Morrill, “	1 15
Arthur W. Blair, med. attendance, do.,	15 00
Asaph Mann, coffin, do.,	15 00
Ernest W. Cushman, sexton, do.,	4 00
Arthur W. Blair, medical attendance for Willard Hackett,	4 50
S. J. Saunders, support of Geo. Green,	3 00
Willard Bros., mdse. for Josiah Archer,	62 21
Samuel R. Morrison, mdse. “ “	3 75
Arthur W. Blair, medical att. “ “	17 25
John A. Worthen & Co., mdse. for Eph. Worthen,	11 82
Enos Huckins, medical attendance on George Green family,	6 00
Willard Bros., school-books for Smith child,	35

“	“	“	“	Warner	“	1 45
“	“	medicine for	Howland	“	“	32
“	“	“	“	A. B. Heath,	“	90
“	“	mdse. for	Morse and	Marquette,	“	5 04
						————— \$561 45

## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Freeman & Richardson, town reports,	\$16 00
Isaac Willard, services for 1883,	35 00
Edson C. Eastman, books and stationery,	4 08
F. E. & E. W. Cushman, damage on sheep,	6 00
N. E. Carr, bounty on crows,	16 20
Edwin C. Franklin, bounty on crows,	2 70
Hazen Pebbles, “ “ “	3 00
Samuel Howland, care of water,	3 00
John Whitcomb, “ “	3 00
Isaac Hartwell, “ “	3 00
Edwin Bugbee, “ “	3 00
John Hall, “ “	2 00
Arthur W. Blair, returning births and deaths,	10 00
Freeman A. Durkee, “ “ “	1 50
John Whittemore, “ “ “	25
J. M. Learned, returned tax for C. H. L.,	3 09
D. S. Willis, balance on school district tax,	9 72
Levi G. Sheldon, work in west cemetery,	2 00
Ernest W. Cushman, “ east “	4 00
Julius H. Griggs, “ west “	3 75
Eph. B. Strong, depositions, Morse & Markett.	2 00
Shirley & Stone, legal services and expenses,	152 17
Charles Finney, damage to sleigh,	5 50
A. C. Washburn, work on hearse house,	6 50
George W. Lamprey, services at town house,	4 50
Willard Brothers, bill, merchandise,	10 46
Chas. H. Riley, services and ex. to Concord,	12 70
“ “ “ “ to Andover and Ha-	
verhill,	21 85
Benjamin F. Trussell, services as town clerk,	42 17
Arthur W. Blair, hearing in S. D. No. 4 & 11,	3 00
James M. Learned, “ “ “	2 00
Charles H. Riley, “ “ “ “ “	3 00
Isaac Williard, as Treasurer, 1884,	35 00
James M. Learned, as Supervisor,	7 00
Samuel R. Morrison, “ and services,	22 00
Charles H. Riley, “	8 00

Daniel C. Clark, as Town Agent,	4 50	
Charles Rogers, " "	21 07	
Edwin C. Franklin, Overseer of the Poor,	5 00	
Hazen Pebbles, " " "	8 00	
Hazen E. Carr, Selectman,	90 95	
Edwin C. Franklin, "	94 00	
Hazen Pebbles, "	46 25	
Isaac Williard, Auditor, and expenses,	6 00	
Hartwell C. Cushman, Auditor,	4 00	
Benjamin F. Trussell, "	4 00	
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		\$752 91
Paid State tax,		\$1,124 00
County tax,		1,734 57
School Districts,		1,644 17
Hearse and freight,		400 00
Balance in hands of Treasurer,		2,994 05
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Total disbursements, \$11,529 28		

## CONDITION OF SCHOOL FUND.

Surplus revenue in notes,	\$795 00	
" " " cash,	3213 67	
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		\$4,008 67
Literary fund in notes,	\$854 59	
" " " cash,	3,494 18	
" " " State,	333 79	
" " " dog tax,	103 00	
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	\$4,785 56	
Drawn out for school purposes,	536 79	
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		\$4,248 77
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Total literary fund,		\$8,257 44

The above notes are in the hands of the Selectmen.

We have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, as presented by their Treasurer, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched. All of which is respectfully submitted.

ISAAC WILLARD,	} Auditors.
HARTWELL C. CUSHMAN,	
BENAJMIN F. TRUSSELL,	

## RECAPITULATION.

March 1, 1884.

Balance from year 1883,	\$4,083 15
“ of taxes of 1882,	964 47
Received on taxes for 1883,	5,646 98
“ from all other sources,	904 68
	<u>\$11,599 28</u>

## CONTRA.

Paid Eunice Town, note,	\$150 00
Benj. F. Niles, do.,	74 00
Mary B. Lane, do.,	350 00
Thomas Howard,	339 38
Interest Town notes,	304 46
for highways and bridges,	585 59
for plank and timber,	337 20
for breaking snow paths,	147 98
for county poor,	99 52
for town poor,	561 45
miscellaneous town expenses,	752 91
state tax,	1,124 00
county tax,	1,734 57
school districts,	1,644 17
for hearse and freight,	400 00
Cash on hand,	2,994 05
	<u>\$11,599 28</u>

## RESOURCES OF TOWN, MARCH 1, 1884.

Due from Grafton County,	\$99 57
School rents due,	105 66
Taxes in hands of D. T. Hale for collection for the year, 1883,	500 00
Notes in hands of Selectmen,	1649 59
Cash on hand,	3006 05
	<u>\$5,360 87</u>

## CONTRA.

Due School Districts,	2,853 47
Resources over liabilities,	<u>\$2,507 40</u>

## STATEMENT OF HIGHWAY TAX BILLS.

DISTRICTS.	SURVEYORS.	AMT. COMMUTED.
No. 1,	John L. Haselton,	\$101 78
" 2,	Parker Wright,	180 58
" 3,	Horace F. Carr,	67 44
" 4,	Albert G. Lovejoy,	29 43
" 5,	John G. Stickney,	24 05
" 6,	Edwin C. Franklin,	70 20
" 7,	Willie E. Downing,	11 88
" 8,	William Stetson,	30 29
" 9,	Caleb F. Whitman,	23 35
" 10,	George N. Russell,	53 98
" 11,	Henry Stevens,	57 50
" 12,	Willie E. Simpson,	52 92
" 13,	John H. Sargent,	42 85
" 14,	Denison Hadley,	28 39
" 15,	George E. Rugg,	19 91
" 16,	Samuel Q. Cutting,	61 71
" 17,	William H. Horton,	30 37
" 18,	Luther S. Gage,	59 79
" 19,	Samuel N. Lamprey,	17 65
" 20,	John Roberts,	6 18
" 21,	Daniel S. Willis,	21 94
		----- \$1,004 26



## A Tabular Statement of School Money for the Year 1884.

Number of District.	1884. Names of the Prudential Committee.	Number of Scholars.	Moneys divided by the Dist.	Moneys divided by the scholar.	Balance due from last year.	Total amount due March 1, 1884.	Amount paid Districts for the year ending March 1, 1884.
1	Richard D. Bean.	23	80 01	140 99	55 33	276 33	126 45
2	{ Anson L. Chandler. }	74	80 01	453 62	20 44	554 07	356 35
	{ James M. Learned. }						140 29
3	Asa S. Rhodes.	16	80 01	98 08	55 55	236 64	115 00
4	Josiah D. Clough.	22	80 01	134 86	204 85	419 72	78 00
5	Josiah F. Lowell.	5	80 01	30 65	4 21	114 87	50 00
6	Albert G. Lovejoy.	8	80 01	49 04	59 92	188 97	135 00
7	George E. Learned.	18	80 01	110 34	38 02	228 37	87 00
8	John W. Cooledge.	7	80 01	42 91	26 06	148 98	174 43
9	Daniel S. Willis.	14	80 01	85 82	62 87	228 70	121 00
10	Albert B. Stevens.	13	80 01	79 69		155 50	133 34
11	Lucius H. Sargent.	19	80 01	116 47	31 00	227 48	50 00
13	David Wilcox.	3	80 01	18 39	55 47	153 87	79 00
15	Sylvester Blood.	4	80 01	24 52		69 84	
	Israel H. Gilbert.	1				4 00	

School money raised by tax for the year 1884,	\$983 50
School rents due Jan. 1, 1884,	105 66
Special tax by vote of town,	300 00
Divided by the scholar,	\$1389 16
Interest on surplus revenue,	\$240 51
Interest on literary fund,	262 92
Taken by vote from literary fund,	100 00
Balance of dog tax,	103 00
Received from the state,	333 79
Divided by the district,	\$1040 22

# REPORT

-OF THE-

## SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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The Superintendent of the public schools in Orford would respectfully present his report for the year ending March 1st, 1884 :

The schools in our town will, in all probability, compare favorably with the schools in most of the small towns in our state. With the amount of money raised Orford should make a better showing of its schools than it does.

In a small number of districts parents have shown a friendly interest in the educational welfare of their children by an occasional visit to school. Such visits are a constant stimulus to the scholar for perfect lessons, as well as a great encouragement to the teacher for thorough work. If each parent in town would make it a rule to visit school at least once each term we would soon have less complaints, more commendations of schools, more obedient and hard-working pupils, and more successful and painstaking teachers.

In the lack of individual interest the most important public matter will languish and come far short of its intended purpose. So the ends of the greatest gift of our state—*free education*—are crippled and often defeated, from lack of a living interest in the minds of the parents and guardians of our school children, and many things arise in the course of the school year to hinder the effective working of our school system.

Fathers and mothers will send their children to school with

an almost infinite variety of text-books, whose covers are mouldy with age, yet often the best part of the book; or, perhaps, with no books, then wonder why the teacher has so little time and poor success in filling their children's heads with the desired amount of knowledge.

Others hurry their children off out of their sight, little caring where they go if they only give six hours of absence from home. Others retain their children at home one, two, three or four days in the week, thinking that an "occasional absence" can do no harm to to their children or school. But the consequence is a decided injury to the children who stay out, a weight to all classes they are in, a blackening of our records with a long list of absences, a loss of proper restraint and discipline exercised over them by their teacher, and as a final result a set of faultfinders and grumblers in regard to the working of our public school system.

Now, if such would stop to consider, they would soon learn that the causes of all these misfortunes are found at the home end and not at the school end of the management.

The two most important factors which enter into the working of our great school system are *punctuality* and *obedience*; and how much each pupil gains from each of these depends, in a great measure, upon the home instruction. We cannot too strongly insist upon the utmost possible punctuality, and for unnecessary delinquencies in this regard, we say there is fault somewhere.

Sometimes, no doubt, blame may be attached to the teacher, who, although desiring a full attendance, yet lacks the authority, or the enthusiasm, or the winsomeness which draws. There are pupils whom it seems almost impossible to influence or educate in any way. But such need most the advantage of being constant, and we are persuaded that parents could, if they would, in a great measure, remedy this difficulty. Let parents begin right with their children; give them to understand that they are to attend school daily, as a matter of course, only the most extraordinary occasion making an exception. If they must stay at home some, let them stay out entirely next term;

but not go off and on, just as it happens, as many of our children do. It is a disgrace to all concerned. As this evil is of yearly occurrence it must be reprimanded year by year.

Again, put your children in a proper place to work, then give them proper implements. This brings me to the subject of school-houses and school-books. Most of the school-houses in town present but few attractions to the eye, either of the pupil or teacher. Every district should have a well-lighted, cheerful, well-ventilated room, with the best and most comfortable seats to be found in the market, a globe, outline maps and certainly good black-boards, all of which will tend to a wholesome, moral restraint upon the pupils.

Battered walls and rough board desks, carved with the jackknives and scribbled with the pencils of many past generations tend to lower, rather than elevate the tastes of our children.

A teacher put into one of these time-honored "knowledge-boxes" with a score or more of self-instructed carvers and draftsmen, aching to make their mark, has an almost Herculean task to make the principles of arithmetic, or the facts of history or geography stand out in attractive relief. I speak not in jest, but in the most candid earnestness. Put good things before your children and they will respect them. Good school-buildings, good furniture, good maps, good books, and, finally, good teachers.

Much inconvenience and loss of time arises in our schools from a lack of a proper and uniform series of text-books. In one school I found seventeen scholars and over forty recitations each day. Every school in town is laboring mere or less under the same disadvantage. An effort has been made the past year to supply the town with a uniform series of text-books, but such a uniformity can be maintained only by the hearty co-operation of parents, teachers and superintendents.

Physiology and hygiene are hereafter to be among the branches required to be taught. Too much time is spent upon arithmetic and geography and little or no time given to the history of the United States and the principles of grammar. His-

tory is a better educator of our children than geography.

As to the matter of text-books our town would save much every year if it would supply each district with suitable books for each pupil. A very small amount of extra tax raised each year will keep our districts abundantly supplied with books. Many of the large cities and towns are following this plan with a great saving to individuals as well as to the town as a whole.

With this arrangement every scholar can be supplied with books the first day of each term, and the same books can be passed from one scholar to another as needed. Experiment has proved that the books are better cared for and last longer than when owned by the children.

Another thing needed to put our schools in good working condition is the town system of schools. If the people of Orford would take the trouble to inform themselves in regard to the advantages of the town system over the district system, I am confident that our summer schools would be commenced under the former plan. There was a time when the present or district system was the best for reaching all scholars alike, but it is defeating its own purposes in these days. The town system gives all scholars an equal amount of schooling each year, and on an average at less cost. True, we shall have to give up the district lines in a few instances and the district committees entirely, but for something better. In like manner we have given up the saddle-bags and thoroughbraces of our fathers for something more attractive and more convenient.

A Committee of three persons wisely chosen will care for our schools with better understanding and more economically than a committee of fourteen. With a small committee we shall have better teachers, better schools, better scholars and more willing tax payers.

“Respecting the comparative benefits of a system of school management by a town board of directors rather than by district school committees, whether in relation to the money cost, efficacious instruction, or the supervision and direction of school affairs it may be said: The theory of town management of schools is justified by reason and common sense. The theory

is practiced in the management of other town affairs, and when it has been fairly tested in the regulation of the education of the children, has been productive of much better schools with all that implies. In general the school directors under the town system hold their office three years. If there are three one new director is chosen yearly at March meeting, or two if there are six directors. The chairman of the board is superintendent. By this system, therefore, permanency in school officers is secured. Under the district system rotation is the rule and a new committee is elected annually. The longest tenure of office under the town system begets and husband's experience, secures uniformity and promotes efficiency; under the district system constant change dissipates experience, multiplies changes, promotes inefficiency and conduces to waste of time and money." Under the district system as a rule men are chosen little calculated for the position; under the town system the best men in town are the committee.

As to the selection of teachers made by the various committees much care should be exercised, more than has been manifested in some instances during the past year.

With rare exceptions no person under eighteen years of age—I might better say twenty—has sufficient resources, methods of instruction and mature enough judgment to meet all the requirements of even a very small school.

Reading, spelling, arithmetic, etc., are a very small part of the many things our children are to be taught at school.

Within the limits of our State there is a school whose design is to thoroughly instruct pupils in the best methods of teaching. It is a duty imposed upon us as tax-payers to put to test the virtues of the instruction given at the State Normal School. Employ teachers from this school, and see if they do not prove themselves better than *tyros* who spend much valuable time in trying to hit by hook or crook some method by which to impart instruction. Out of our twenty different teachers employed in town the last year, only two have attended a normal school, and it was no difficult task to notice a marked and improved method of instruction, used by these teachers over

the majority of teachers in town, though one was placed under unfavorable surroundings where her work was but little appreciated. There have been some excellent schools in town this year and some poor schools.

The three terms in No. 4, the summer term in No. 11, and the fall and winter terms in No. 14 were the best schools in town. The same teacher was retained in No. 4 during the three terms of the year, and it is hoped for the good of the school she may be retained as teacher for terms to come. The winter terms in Nos. 2 and 10 were exceptionally good. The teacher in No. 10 had some difficulties to meet from previous bad management of school, but she did her work well and gave good satisfaction. Of the other schools and teachers if space allowed I could speak with commendations of some and with dissatisfaction of others.

The following is the

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including the names of all pupils who have been present every half day of a term without being tardy.

#### SUMMER TERM.

Charlie Carr, Mercie Haselton, Mary E. Corliss, Emma L. Davis, Edith M. Clough, Willie D. Clough, Della H. Dustin, Lena B. Huckins, Mertie M. Huckins, Mabel C. Sherburn, Emma A. Sanders, Frankie Sanders, Stella M. Whitman, Hattie A. Schoff, Walter M. Dickinson, Eugene F. Willis, Flora Archer, Warren Stevens, George F. Trussell.

#### FALL TERM.

Maggie A. Smith, Mary B. Smith, Carroll B. Smith, Nellie Amsden, Mary Bugbee, Edith Clough, Lutie Kibbee, Freddy Bailey, Emma Davis.

## WINTER TERM.

Arthur Fitts, Georgie Haselton, Mercie Haselton, Edith Clough, George L. Clough, Albert H. Clough, Nellie E. Lawrence, Mabel C. Sherburn, Willie A. Rollins, Mary H. Whitman, Walter M. Dickinson, Addie Morrison, Hallie E. Morrison, Bertie W. Johnson.

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