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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN AND AUDITORS,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF DERRY,

FOR 1849-50.

MANCHESTER, N. H.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

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| 1849. | | | |
| May 17. | Paid | J. P. Nichols, breaking paths last winter, | \$3,20 |
| Sept. 3. | " | Jonas Herrick, bridge plank, | 2,10 |
| 28. | " | Israel Herrick, building stone bridge, | 287,00 |
| Oct. 6. | " | Robert Jeffers, widening highway, | 5,00 |
| | " | William Emery, repairing gulf bridge, | 15,00 |
| 8. | " | Osgood Chevah, stringers and work on bridge, | 5,20 |
| Nov. 1. | " | Parker Adams, repairing bridges, | 1,00 |
| 2. | " | Peter J. Horn, Fordway bridge and bridge near sawmill, | 50,35 |
| | " | A. F. Hildreth, stone railing bridge near his house, | 61,00 |
| | " | A. F. Hildreth, bill of plank for bridges, | 25,20 |
| 22. | " | Charles Choate, widening highway, | 30,00 |
| 23 | " | Leonard Brickett, widening highway, | 9,00 |
| | " | Leonard Brickett, repairing highway, | 8,63 |
| | " | John Gregg, do. | 3,70 |
| | " | John Perkins, do. | 2,30 |
| Dec. 7. | " | A. F. Hildreth, bridge and highway, | 13,62 |
| 11. | " | Edwin Merrill, plank & labor on bridge near Horn's, | 8,25 |
| 14. | " | James Taylor 2d, repairing highway, | 2,37 |
| | " | William Reynolds, do. | 1,75 |
| 18. | " | Samuel Adams, stone for bridges, | 4,50 |
| | " | Lemuel Johnson, breaking paths last winter, | 3,20 |
| 1850. | | | |
| Jan. 5. | " | George Moor, repairing highway last April, | 1,00 |
| | " | William Ela, widening highway, | 4,20 |
| | " | Alexander Jack, repairing highway, (Green road,) | 11,75 |
| | " | Abner Hill, work on highway, | 2,00 |
| | " | Jeremiah Hayes, do. | 2,25 |
| | " | Isaac Chase, do. | 2,00 |
| | " | Josiah H. Adams, do. | 6,00 |

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| Jan. 26. | Paid Nathaniel Aiken, work on highway, | 4,37 |
| | " Samuel Clark 2d, plank and work on highway, | 4,00 |
| | " John Low, repairing highway, | 1,50 |
| | " Lyman Hayes, do. | 2,00 |
| Feb. 2. | " James Kershaw, repairing highway, | 4,00 |
| 9. | " Lorenzo Kimball, repairing bridge, | 2,50 |
| | " Paul Taylor, repairing highway, | 2,50 |
| 13. | " Daniel P. Page, plank and repairing bridge, | 1,19 |
| 16. | " I. A. Butterfield, fencing in stone bridge, | 1,00 |
| | " Wm. Emery, work on road, | 2,80 |
| | " R. Jeffers, work on Fordway bridge, | 2,00 |
| 19. | " S. F. Taylor, work on road, | 3,00 |
| | | <u>\$602,43</u> |

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

1849.

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| Feb. 26. | Paid Auditors for 1848. | \$3,54 |
| | " D. A. Gregg's services as Superintending School Committee, | 10,00 |
| March 8. | " J. H. Goodale, printing town accounts, | 24,00 |
| | " E. Ballou, about town accounts, | 7,00 |
| 11. | " I. Hubbard for Record Book, | 0,75 |
| | " John Porter, Attorney's services, | 15,00 |
| | " A. Richardson, paper for check list, | 1,00 |
| July 21. | " John Folsom, expenses in regard to the settlement of Mary Greenleaf and children, | 10,32 |
| | " Benjamin Barker, lock for pound, | 1,00 |
| | " Phillip F. Pattee, notifying town of Weare, | 3,24 |
| | " Wm. Greenleaf, for giving affidavit, | 1,00 |
| | " E. Cogswell, building fires and cleaning Parish Hall, | 4,42 |

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| Jan. 26. | " Richard Melvin, services as moderator, | 5,00 |
| | " William Anderson, surveying highways | 2,00 |
| | " Moses Webster, tax book and tax bills, | 2,42 |
| | " B. F. Gregg, serving notices on petition, | 1,00 |
| | " Phineas Palmer, bill of Post Guides and putting up, | 13,33 |
| | " Hiram Simons, examining records of town of Weare, | 0,75 |
| | " John Folsom, bill of paper, | 1,30 |
| Feb. 21. | " A. F. Hildreth, services as Superintending School Committee, | 10,00 |
| 22. | " A. F. Hildreth, services as Treasurer, | 20,00 |
| | | <u>\$211,52</u> |

SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

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| | No. 1. | | No. 6. | |
| 1849, Sept. 28, | 82,00 | 1849, July 21, | 18,67 | |
| 1850, Feb. 2, | 93,64 | Dec. 18, | 38,31 | |
| | <u>\$175,64</u> | | <u>\$56,98</u> | |
| | No. 2. | | No. 7. | |
| 1849, Sept. 12, | 56,00 | 1849, Aug. 13, | 35,00 | |
| 1850, Feb. 16, | 110,17 | 1850, Jan. 19, | 63,43 | |
| | <u>\$166,17</u> | | <u>\$98,43</u> | |
| | No. 3. | | No. 8. | |
| 1849, Sept. 11, | 30,00 | 1849, Oct. 6, | 30,25 | |
| 1850, Feb. 6, | 45,40 | 1850, Jan. 21, | 66,53 | |
| | <u>\$75,40</u> | | <u>\$96,78</u> | |
| | No. 4. | | No. 9. | |
| 1849, Sept. 1, | 38,00 | 1849, Oct. 6, | 20,00 | |
| 1850, Jan. 12, | 60,42 | 1850, Feb. 1, | 52,72 | |
| | <u>98,42</u> | | <u>\$72,72</u> | |
| | No. 5. | | No. 10. | |
| 1849, Dec. 10, | \$50,55 | 1850, Feb. 16, | \$31,47 | |
| | | 1849, Sept. 15, | \$62,08 | |
| | | | <u>\$984,64</u> | |
| School House tax in District No. 3, | | | \$113,29 | |
| School House tax in District No. 4, | | | <u>\$51,88</u> | |

SUPPORT OF COUNTY PAUPERS OUT OF ALMS HOUSE.

1849.

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| July 12. | Paid N. H. Asylum for the Insane, for the support of Sarah Cowdry, 1 year up to May 31st, | 104,00 |
| Nov. 30. | do. for support of do. six months, | 54,00 |
| | | <u>158,00</u> |
| June 28. | William H. Proctor's bill of supplies for Mary Greenleaf and her two children, | 28,15 |
| | Dr. Weston's bill of doctoring, do. | 7,00 |
| | R. M. Bayley, supplies for do. | 6,84 |
| | | <u>41,99</u> |
| | Robert M. Bayley, supplies for Samuel Austin, | 43,40 |
| | Robert Chase, potatoes, for do. | 1,80 |
| | Cash delivered said Austin, Feb. 21, to pay for nursing, | 2,00 |
| | Dr. G. Farrar, for doctoring said Austin, | 3,75 |
| | Dr. S. Wallace, for doctoring do. | 9,25 |
| | | <u>60,20</u> |
| Feb. 2. | Digging grave for Charles E. Greenleaf, | 1,25 |
| | | <u>261,44</u> |

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

1849.

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| May, 17. | Paid | Abatements on M. Webster's list for 1848, | 10,42 |
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| | " | Abatements do do | 15,00 |
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| Nov. 1. | " | " on Daniel T. Bond, tax 1849 | 0,48 |
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| Jan. 8. | " | " " N. Ripley, " " | 1,50 |
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| | " | " E. Adams, 2d, " " | 2,14 |
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| | " | " Moody Adams, " " | 1,50 |
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| | " | " Estate of Moody Adams " " | 0,52 |
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| | " | " J. Kelly, tax " " | 1,61 |
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| | " | " J. M. Batchelder, " " | 0,84 |
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| | " | " Wm. Adams, " " | 1,61 |
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| | " | " Daniel Carr, " " | 0,27 |
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| | " | " Henry T. Bond, " " | 1,61 |
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| | " | " Pinkerton & White, " " | 1,40 |
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| | " | " Derry Bank, " " | 2,67 |
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| | " | " M. P. Choate, " " | 2,68 |
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| | " | " H. C. Thorn, " " | 1,14 |
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| | " | " M. Webster on his list, | 22,98 |
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| | " | " Z. Colby, | 1,00 |
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| Dec. 19. | | State tax, | 420,00 |
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| Sept. 18. | | County tax, | 99,81 |
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| Paid orders of last year, No. 12—1,00 | No. 13—4,13, | 5,13 |
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TOWN NOTES AND INTEREST PAID.

1849.

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| Mar. 12. | Paid | P. J. Horne's note 200,00. | Interest 2,83, | 202,83 |
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| Oct. 4. | " | E. Ballou's " 200,00 | " 10,25, | 110,25 |
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| Feb. 5. | " | George N. Warner's note 330,41 | " 33,86, | 264,27 |
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| | " | E. P. Nichols' " 33,00 | " 2,45, | 35,45 |
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\$712,80

NON-RESIDENT RECEIPTS.

1849.

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| May, 17. | Paid M. Webster, Receipts taken up by him in 1848, | 9,42 |
| Nov. 1. | " Parker Adams, taxes worked, | 2,90 |

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| Jan. 26. | " L. Brickett N. R. taxes worked, | ,38 |
| " " | " L. Hayes " " | ,67 |
| Feb. 9. | " R. Clendennin " " | 4,95 |
| " " | " Osgood Chevah " " | ,33 |
| " " | " R. W. Adams " " | 2,72 |
| " " | " John Gregg " " | ,76 |
| 19. | " M. Webster, Receipts taken up, | 35,24 |
| | | <u> </u> |
| | | \$57,37 |

SELECTMEN'S SERVICES, 1848-9.

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| March 11. | Paid Ballou's bill, | 5,31 |
| | " J. Herrick's bill, | 5,72 |
| | " G. H. Taylor's bill, | 4,13 |
| | | <u> </u> |
| | | \$15,16 |

SELECTMEN'S SERVICES.

1850.

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| Feb. 19. | Paid John Folsom's bill, | 117,02 |
| | " S. F. Taylor's bill, | 53,84 |
| | " R. W. Adams' bill, | 42,30 |
| | | <u> </u> |
| | | \$213,16 |

POST OFFICE BILL.

1849.

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| July, 21. | Paid D. A. Gregg, Post Master, | 2,48 |
| 1850. | | |
| Feb. 13. | " R. M. Bayley, " " | 1,05 |
| | | <u> </u> |
| | | \$3,53 |

OUTSTANDING ORDERS,

108

ALMS-HOUSE.

1849.

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| May, 28. | P'd | Willian Sandborn for a gig wagon, | 45,00 |
| 17. | " | B. F. Gregg, coffin for S. Rankin, | 2,67 |
| Oct. 29. | " | G. F. Adams, 14 sheep and lambs, | 15,05 |
| Nov. 13. | " | S. Newell Simpson for a lot of wood, | 106,00 |
| Dec. 7. | " | Abram Brooks chopping 115½ cords wood, | 63,32 |
| 18. | " | Samuel Adams' bill of grain, lime and plaster | 18,56 |

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| Jan. 19. | " | Charles Parker's bill of supplies, | 3,56 |
| 26. | " | A. F. Hall's " " " | 90,04 |
| " | " | L. Brickett's bill of Blacksmith work, | 5,70 |
| Feb. 2. | " | L. Wilson's " " " | 7,46 |
| " | " | James French for salt, | ,75 |
| " | " | Doct. T. Wallace for doctoring poor, | 28,10 |
| " | " | William Choate for clover seed, | 1,58 |
| 9. | " | Barker & Palmer for sawing boards, | 5,28 |
| " | " | B. Barker for surveying wood, | 1,50 |
| " | " | S. W. Dole's bill of Blacksmith work, | 4,05 |
| " | " | Lucien Harper's bill of supplies, | 6,43 |
| " | " | Robert M. Bayley's bill of " " | 66,34 |
| 13. | " | S. C. Kimball's balance of account, | 197,26 |
| " | " | Orders on town Treasurer accounted for by Super- intendent, | 145,00 |
| 16. | " | A. McCrillis for Blacksmith work, | 2,10 |
| " | " | A. F. Hildrith for hauling lumber, | 1,25 |
| | | | <u>\$817,00</u> |

GRAVE YARD.

1849.

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| Oct. 22. | Paid | Nathaniel Aiken's bill of digging graves, | 36,55 |
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| Aug. 26. | " | L. Wilson's bill of sharpening tools, | ,62 |
| " | " | L. Harper for a shovel, | ,87 |
| " | " | Wm. B. Wilson's bill of digging graves, and pick handle, | 9,72 |
| | | | <u>\$47,76</u> |

TRANSIENT POOR.

1850.

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| Jan. 5. | Paid | Joseph Johnson's bill of wood for Sybill Sargent, | 7,75 |
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REPAIRS OF HOUSE AT TOWN FARM.

1849.

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| Aug. 13. | Paid Kenney & Cate's bill of Clapboards, | 62,40 |
| " " | " " " " " shingles, | 22,50 |
| " " | Barker & Palmer's bill of boards, | 11,00 |
| Sept. 3. | " " " " " boards and plank, | 7,05 |
| " " | A. C. Wallace's bill of sashes and doors, | 17,79 |
| " " | John P. Adriance & Co's. bill of sheet lead, | 6,56 |
| " " | Kenney & Cate's bill of plank, | 3,75 |
| 13. | E. Gage for door stone, | 4,75 |
| " " | R. M. Bayley, for nails, | 2,52 |
| " " | do do. | ,78 |
| Oct. 8. | John P. Adriance's bill of lock, window springs &c. | 2,14 |
| " " | do. " lead screws, &c. | 2,51 |
| " " | A. McKenney's bill of Mason work, | 3,17 |
| 9. | Jonathan P. Nichols' bill of Carpenter work, | 80,79 |
| 12. | George Poor's bill do | 42,00 |
| Nov. 6. | Peter J. Horn for hauling lumber, | 6,00 |
| " " | George Poor for leading chimnies, | 11,17 |
| Dec. 11. | A. McKenney for plastering, | 1,58 |

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| Jan. 5. | R. Esty for underpinning stone 49 feet, | 5,88 |
| 26. | A. F. Hall's bill of nails and paints, | 48,17 |
| " " | A. F. Hildreth for hauling lumber, | 1,25 |
| Feb. 9. | Barker & Palmer's bill of boards, | 1,57 |
| " " | Charles Choate's bill of bricks, | 3,20 |
| " " | David C. Palmer's bill of painting, | 8,37 |
| 13. | John Folsom's bill of nails and butts, | 1,75 |
| 16. | R. McMurphy for setting underpinning, | 1,67 |

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MILITARY BOUNTIES.

1849.

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| May, 28. | Paid Military Bounties for 1848, | 27,00 |
| Sept. 29. | " " Rations on Muster field, | 60,00 |

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| Feb. 19. | " " Bounties paid by M. Webster, | 75,00 |
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TEACHER'S INSTITUTE.

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| Oct. 29. | Paid J. G. Hoit, Treasurer, | 25,00 |
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TOWN OF DERRY, TO JOHN FOLSOM FOR SERVICES.

| | | Dr. |
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| 1849. | | |
| March | 16. 1 day to get books and settle with town Treasurer, | 1,18 |
| | 17. 1-2 day making records and arranging papers, | 59 |
| | 19. 1 day at town farm, appraising property and appointing superintendent, | 1,18 |
| 21 and 24. | 2 days making invoice book, | 2,36 |
| | 22. 1 day on business relating to School District No. 3, | 1,18 |
| | 23. 1 day on business and taking affidavit relating to George Randall, | 1,18 |
| | 29. 1-2 day going to Mr. Taylor's on town business | 59 |
| | 30. 1-2 day on town business, | 59 |
| | 31. 1-2 day going to Mr. Adams' and Londonderry on town business, | 59 |
| April | 14. 1-2 day meeting the Selectmen of Londonderry on peti- tion of J. McMurphy, and als., | 59 |
| | 16. 10 1-2 days taking invoice, | 12,39 |
| 17 to 25. | 6 1-2 days carrying out invoice and making highway taxes and warrants, | 7,67 |
| | 26. 1 day distributing highway warrants, | 1,18 |
| | 27. 1 day to Salem making enquiries relating to Mary Greenleaf, | 1,18 |
| May | 1. 1 day to W. H. Proctor's and Dr. Weston's settling bills of Mary Greenleaf, | 1,18 |
| | 2. 1 day to Salem to examine Records relating to the set- tlement of Mary Greenleaf, | 1,18 |
| | 4. Recording resident and non-resident invoices, | 2,36 |
| | 7. Making resident and non-resident taxes, | 2,36 |
| | 9. Making tax lists and warrants for Collector, | 2,36 |
| 10, 11 and | 12. 2 1-2 days to Weare and Henniker examining the records of those towns relating to the settlement of Mary Greenleaf and Children, | 2,95 |
| | 15. Making school house taxes in Districts Nos. 3 and 4, | 1,18 |
| | 16. Making bond for Collector and other business, | 59 |
| | 17. 1 day appointing Collector and settling with the last year's collector, | 1,18 |
| | 18. Widening and straightening highway on Leonard Brick- ett's land, and making Return, | 1,18 |
| | 31. 1-2 day making Returns to State and County treasurers, | 59 |
| June | 2. 1 day to Mr. Taylor's and other places, on town business, | 1,18 |
| | 7. 1 day making proportion of School money, | 1,18 |
| | 8. 1 day do. and regulating the books, | 1,18 |
| | 22. 1 day drawing Warrants for town meeting, going to Mr. Taylor's and putting up Warrants, | 1,18 |
| June | 23. 1 day at town farm, and going to Charles Choate's about widening highway, | 1,18 |
| July | 7. 1 day at S. Wilson's to view highway, and at Charles Choate's widening highway, | 1,18 |
| | 9. 1 day examining bridge and making proposals for build- ing a stone bridge, | 1,18 |
| | 10. 1 day making notices for letting out bridge and putting them up, and making return of widening and straight- ening highway near C. Choate's, | 1,18 |
| | 11. 1-2 day at town farm to get dimensions of the house, | 59 |
| | 12. 1 day to Manchester and Concord to settle bill at Insane Hospital, and make enquiries about clapboards and shingles, | 1,18 |
| | Expenses and fare in the Cars to Concord, | 1,41 |
| | Horse and Wagon to Manchester, | 1,00 |

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| | 21. | 3-4 day letting job for building stone bridge and writing agreements, | ,88 |
| | 22. | 3-4 day engaging carpenters to repair house at town farm and copying highway return into Selectmen's book, | ,88 |
| | 26. | 1 day at Manchester to buy Clapboards and shingles, Horse and Wagon to Manchester and horse-keeping, | 1,18 1,25 |
| Aug. | 13. | 1 day at town farm and Mr. Taylor's on town business, | 1,18 |
| | 14. | 1 day at town farm and took Farwell's affidavit and to William Dustin's and took Mary Greenleaf's affidavit, | 1,18 |
| | 20. | 1 day at Salem and Windham taking affidavits, Horse and Chaise 12 miles, | 1,18 1,20 |
| | 21. | Taking the affidavit of William Greenleaf, | ,25 |
| | 24. | 1 day at Manchester to get shingles and lead for house at town farm, | 1,18 |
| | 18. | 1 day at Salem and lower part of Derry taking affidavits, | 1,18 |
| Sept. | 3. | 1-2 day at Mr. Taylor's on town business, | ,59 |
| | 13. | 1 day taking S. C. Kimball's affidavit, also Jonas Herrick's and at Mr. Taylor's, drawing orders, | 1,18 |
| | 14. | 1 day at Windham taking the affidavit of Samuel Austin, Expenses, | 1,18 ,45 |
| | 15. | Taking Depositions, and preparing papers for Mr. Porter to carry to Court to support our pauper accounts, | 1,18 |
| | 18. | 1 day to Londonderry paying rations to soldiers, Horse and wagon, ,40, expenses ,62, | 1,18 1,02 |
| | 27. | 1 day at stone bridge, Mr. Taylor's and Mr. Adams' | 1,18 |
| | 28. | 1 day at stone bridge, accepting it, and other business. | 1,18 |
| Oct. | 5. | 1 day to Mr. Adams and Manchester to buy things for house at town farm, | 1,18 |
| | 6. | 1-2 day at Jeffers widening road and at Town Farm, | ,59 |
| | 8. | 1 day at Railroad, G. N. Warner's and G. Moors, on town business, | 1,18 |
| | 9. | 1 day at town farm settling with workmen and other places, | 1,18 |
| | 18. | 1-2 day at town farm and Mr. Porter's on town business, | ,59 |
| | 19. | 1-2 day on town business, | ,59 |
| Nov. | 1. | 1 day at town and other places on town business, | 1,18 |
| | 6. | 1-2 day on town business, | ,59 |
| | 8. | 1 day on petition of J. Montgomery and others, | 1,18 |
| | 12. | 1-2 day at S. F. Taylor's about buying wood, | ,59 |
| | 13. | 1-2 day at town farm buying wood, | ,59 |
| | 14. | 1-2 day at Mr. Adams about getting wood cut, | ,59 |
| | 20. | 1-2 day to show wood to Mr. Brooks, | ,59 |
| | 21. | 1-2 day at town farm to get a room for Brooks, | ,59 |
| | 22. | 1-2 day at Mr. Adams on town business, | ,59 |
| | 24. | 1 day on petition of J. Montgomery and others, | 1,18 |
| | 28. | 1-2 day on do | ,59 |
| Dec. | 6. | 1-2 day surveying, do | ,59 |
| | 7. | 1 day measuring wood and other town business | 1,18 |
| | 10. | 1-2 day on town business, | ,59 |
| | 14. | 1 day on town business in several places, | 1,18 |
| | 15. | 1-2 day regulating Jury box, | ,59 |
| | 28. | 1 day at Mr. Taylor's and other places on town business, | 1,18 |

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| Jan. 6. | 1-2 day at L. Harper's settling accounts, | ,59 |
| 18. | 1-2 day at do do | ,59 |
| 26. | 1-2 day at Cameron's do | ,59 |
| 31. | 1-2 day at Almshouse making pauper account, | ,59 |
| Feb. 2. | 1 day at Cameron's settling accounts, | ,59 |
| 6. | 1 day at S. F. Taylor's about check list and other business, | 1,18 |
| 7. | 1-2 day at Windham to get S. Austin's affidavit, Horse and Sleigh, | ,58 |
| | | ,51 |
| 8. | 1 day to Haverhill to get S. Austin's affidavit, Fare in Cars, expenses and justice fees, | 1,18 |
| | | 1,97 |
| 9. | 1-2 day at L. Harper's settling accounts, | ,59 |
| 13. | 1 day at town farm settling with Superintendent, | 1,18 |
| 18. | 1 day at town farm, taking account of property, | 1,18 |
| 16. | 1-2 day at Cameron's settling accounts, | ,59 |
| 18. | 1 day at home making check List, | 1,18 |
| 19. | 1 day settling with Collector, | 1,18 |
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| | | \$117,02 |

TOWN OF DERRY TO SAMUEL F. TAYLOR,

| | | DR. |
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| 1849 | | |
| March 16, | To $\frac{1}{2}$ day settling with Treasurer, | ,59 |
| 19, | 1 day at Almshouse, | 1,18 |
| Apr. 2 to 17, | 11 days taking invoice, | 12,98 |
| 7, | $\frac{1}{2}$ day in District No. 9, hearing parties, | ,59 |
| 14, | $\frac{1}{2}$ day in District No. 3, hearing parties, | ,59 |
| 18, | 1 day at J. Folsom's, on town business, | 1,18 |
| 19, | Removing pauper to Almshouse, | ,50 |
| 25 and 26, | 2 days making highway warrants, | 2,36 |
| 27, | 1 day at Salem, on pauper case, | 1,18 |
| 30, | $\frac{1}{2}$ day distributing highway warrants, | ,59 |
| May 10, | $\frac{1}{2}$ day on town business, | ,59 |
| 12, | $\frac{1}{2}$ day on town business, | ,59 |
| 15, | $\frac{1}{2}$ day appointing Clerk and Prudential Committee in District's Nos. 6 and 7, | ,59 |
| 17, | 1 day settling with Collector and appointing new Collector, | 1,18 |
| 19, | $\frac{1}{2}$ day on petition of L. Brickett and others, | ,59 |
| 28, | $\frac{1}{2}$ day buying gig wagon for town farm, | ,59 |
| June 2, | 1 day on pauper case and town business, | 1,18 |
| 7 and 8, | 2 days with Selectmen at Folsom's, | 2,36 |
| 23, | 1 day at Almshouse, and petition C. Choate, | 1,18 |
| July 7, | 1 day on Wilson road, and town business, | 1,18 |
| 9, | 1 day examining bridge and putting up advertisements for building stone bridge, | 1,18 |
| 21, | $\frac{1}{2}$ day at J. B. Cameron's receiving proposals for building stone bridge, | ,59 |
| August 13, | Part of a day giving orders, | ,40 |
| 18, | $\frac{1}{2}$ day at Salem on pauper case, | ,59 |
| Sept. 1, | Attending the draft of Jurors, | ,25 |
| 3, | Part of a day giving orders, | ,34 |
| 18, | Paying soldiers on muster field, | 1,18 |

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| Sept. 21, | ½ day at Almhouse, | 59 |
| 28, | 1 day settling for stone bridge, and on road near E. Merrill's, | 1,18 |
| Oct. 8, | 1 day on town business, | 1,18 |
| 18, | ½ day at Almhouse, | 59 |
| 19, | ½ day on town business, | 59 |
| Nov. 6, | ½ day on road near E. Merrill's, | 59 |
| 24, | 1 day on petition of Joseph Montgomery's, | 1,18 |
| 28, | 1-2 day on petition of " " " | 59 |
| Dec. 18, | 1-2 day regulating Jury box, | 59 |
| 19, | 1 day putting up guide posts, | 1,18 |
| 1850. | | |
| Jan. 5, | 1-2 day at L. Harper's, giving orders, | 59 |
| 19, | 1-2 day | 59 |
| 26, | 1-2 day at Cameron's, | 59 |
| 28, | Attending the draft of Jurors, | 25 |
| 31, | 1-2 day at Almshouse, making pauper account, | 59 |
| Feb. 2, | 1-2 day at J. B. Cameron's giving orders, | 59 |
| 13, | 1 day at Almshouse settling with superintendent and town business, | 1,18 |
| 15, | 1 day at town farm taking account of property, | 1,18 |
| 16, | 1 day at J. Folsom's and J. B. Cameron's, giving orders, | 1,18 |
| Feb. 18, | 1 day making check-list, | 1,18 |
| 19, | 1 day settling with collector, | 1,18 |
| | | <hr/> 53,84 |

TOWN OF DERRY TO ROBERT W. ADAMS,

| | | DR. |
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| 1849. | | |
| March 16, | To 1-2 day settling with Treasurer, | 59 |
| 9, | 1 day at Almshouse, | 1,18 |
| April 7, | 4 and a half days taking invoice, | 5,31 |
| " | 1-2 day on petition of John Alexander, | 59 |
| 14, | 5 and a half days taking invoice, | 6,49 |
| " | 1-2 day on petition of James McMurphy, | 59 |
| 17, | 1 day taking invoice, | 1,18 |
| 18, | 1 day on town business, | 1,18 |
| 26, | 2 days making highway warrants, | 2,36 |
| 28, | 1 day distributing highway warrants, | 1,18 |
| May 18, | 1 day settling with collector, and on other business, | 1,18 |
| 19, | 1-2 day making out school warrants, | 59 |
| June 7, | 1-2 day on road petition of L. Brickett and others | 59 |
| 21, | 1 day at Almshouse and hearing petition, | 1,18 |
| July 7, | 1 day on the Wilson road, and town business, | 1,18 |
| 9, | 1 day examining bridge and other business, | 1,18 |
| 21, | 1 day receiving proposals for building bridge, | 1,18 |
| Sept. 28, | 1 day on town business, | 1,18 |
| Oct. 17, | 1-2 day on town business, | 59 |
| 18, | 1-2 day on town business, | 59 |
| Nov. 6, | 1-2 day looking out road at Merrill's corner, | 59 |
| 13, | 1-2 day buying wood, | 51 |
| 20, | 1 day letting wood to cut, | 1,89 |
| 22, | 1-2 day to Chester, | 59 |

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| Nov. 24, | 1 day on road petition of Joseph Montgomery, | 1,18 |
| | 1-2 day on the petition of the same, | 59 |
| Dec. 18, | 1-2 day regulating Jury box, | 59 |
| 19, | 1 day setting up post guide, | 1,59 |
| 1850, Jan. 5, | | |
| | 1-2 day receiving orders, | 59 |
| 19, | 1-2 day receiving orders, | 59 |
| Feb. 9, | 1-2 day receiving orders, | 59 |
| 15, | 1 day at Almshouse, | 1,18 |
| 16, | 1 day at Cameron's and Folsom's, | 1,18 |
| 19, | 1 day at Folsom's settling with collector, | 1,18 |
| | | <u>\$42,30</u> |

Notes Due by the Town, February 21, 1850.

| DATES. | NAMES TO WHOM DUE. | PRINCIPAL. | INTEREST. |
|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1844, April 15. | Parker Adams, | \$856,62 | \$270,79 |
| 1845, Jan. 1. | William Moor, | 117,00 | 33,37 |
| 1846, Jan. 29. | William Ela, | 546,46 } | 173,88 |
| " " | William Ela, | 398,66 } | |
| Feb. 4. | Moses Webster, | 100,00 | 21,54 |
| " 20. | Jane Moor, | 380,00 | 81,94 |
| 1847, Jan. 16. | Mary Davis, | 160,00 | 26,11 |
| May 26. | Samuel Clark 2d, | 175,00 | 25,03 |
| Oct. 4. | Joshua Morse, | 150,00 } | 23,71 |
| " " | Joshua Morse, | 50,00 } | |
| " " | William Moor, | 300,00 | 35,60 |
| Nov. 29. | George W. Ballou, | 200,00 | 20,50 |
| Dec. 2. | William Moor, | 100,00 | 11,43 |
| 1848, Jan. 14. | William Moor, | 400,00 | 43,27 |
| Feb. 17. | George Moor, | 400,00 | 41,24 |
| " " | Sarah H. Moor, | 100,00 | 10,31 |
| Aug. 25. | William Moor, | 100,00 | 7,56 |
| " 28. | Louisa K. Choate, | 70,00 | 5,26 |
| Dec. 14. | George Moor 2d, | 100,00 | 5,97 |
| 1849, Jan. 27. | George Moor, | 600,00 | 32,18 |
| Feb. 10. | David Bassett, | 400,00 | 20,38 |
| Aug. 13. | Ithamar Hubbard, | 100,00 | 2,50 |
| Oct. 4. | Jonathan Ballou, | 110,25 | 1,83 |
| " 8. | George N. Warner, | 70,00 | 1,17 |
| " " | George Moor, | 100,00 | 1,66 |
| 1850, Jan. 31. | Eleanor Kimball, | 115,00 | ,23 |
| Feb. 5. | George N. Warner, | 364,27 | ,32 |
| | | <u>\$563,26</u> | <u>\$897,78</u> |

EXPENDITURES.

1850.

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| Feb. 26. Paid | State tax for 1849, | 420,00 |
| " | County tax 1849, | 699,81 |
| " | Schools, | 984,64 |
| " | School House tax in Dist. No. 3, | 113,29 |
| " | School House tax in Dist. No. 4, | 51,83 |
| " | Town notes and interest paid, | 712,80 |
| " | Roads and Bridges, | 602,43 |
| " | Support of Alms House, | 817,00 |
| " | Transient poor, | 7,75 |
| " | Contingent expenses, | 211,52 |
| " | N. Resident highway receipts, | 57,37 |
| " | Military bounties, | 162,00 |
| " | Selectmen's services 1848—9, | 15,16 |
| " | Expenses of grave yard, | 47,76 |
| " | County paupers out of Alms House, | 261,44 |
| " | Abatement of taxes, | 69,37 |
| " | Teacher's Institute, | 25,00 |
| " | Repairs on house at town farm, | 349,57 |
| " | Selectmen's services, | 213,16 |
| " | Outstanding orders, | 108,00 |
| " | Post Office bill, | 3,53 |
| " | Orders No. 12—\$1,00 and No. 13—\$4,13 of last year, | 5,13 |
| " | Cash in the Treasury, | 285,91 |
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RECEIPTS.

1850.

Feb. 26.

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| Cash in Treasury Feb. 1849, | \$385,77 |
| Note signed by Bradbury Bartlett, | 505,44 |
| Interest on the above note, | 16,34 |
| Outstanding taxes received, | 1160,00 |
| Literary fund received from the State, | 53,76 |
| Railroad money received from State, | 121,93 |
| Cash on account of taxes, | 2580,28 |
| Money hired, | 959,52 |
| Outstanding orders, | 307,43 |
| Cash received last year as Land fund, | 86,15 |
| Cash received of John Gregg for line tree sold, | 3,43 |
| Cash received G. Moor, ,96, E. Evans, ,97, J. Nichols, ,79, for plank sold them, | 2,72 |
| Cash received on order No. 2 and not used, | 35,00 |
| Cash received of A. F. Hall, error in his account, | 6,75 |
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| | 6224,52 |

DR.

DERRY.

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| Feb. 26. | To amount of Notes due by Town, | \$6563,26 |
| " | " Interest due on Notes, | 897,78 |
| " | " Due Edmund Adams, | 6,00 |
| " | " outstanding Orders, | 307,43 |
| " | " amount of Literary Fund, | 400,00 |
| " | " Phineas and James Webster, for land taken for highways, | 46,75 |
| " | " Joseph Montgomery, do. do. | 16,34 |
| " | " Moody Morse, do. do. | 4,00 |
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| Feb. 26. | By Note for Literary Fund, | \$400,00 |
| " | " Interest due on same to March 1, 1850, | 24,00 |
| " | " Claims against County, estimated at | 674,05 |
| " | " due from Londonderry, | 7,00 |
| " | " due from Salem, | 5,00 |
| " | " Taxes in Collector Webster's hands, | 1150,00 |
| " | " 58 Cords of Wood on the Railroad for sale, | 174,00 |
| " | " Cash in the Treasury, | 285,91 |
| " | " balance of debt against the town, | 5521,60 |
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JOHN FOLSOM,
SAM'L F. TAYLOR, } Selectmen of Derry.
ROB'T W. ADAMS, }

1850, Feb. 27. The undersigned Auditors, having audited the foregoing accounts, find the same correctly cast, and satisfactory vouchers corresponding thereto.

LUCIEN HARPER,
DAVID W. DICKEY, } Auditors of Derry.
GEO. H. TAYLOR, }

REMARKS.

It will be perceived that the town debt has considerably increased during the year past, which has been occasioned, by an increased County tax, the repairs on the house at the Town Farm, Roads and Bridges, and somewhat by the services of the Selectmen. We have no apology to make, but only observe that we have spent no more time, and expended no more money for any object than we thought the interest of the town required, and charged no higher pay than usual. The repairs on the house at the Town Farm consist in the following improvements: The whole outside has been clapboarded, the low part shingled, all new window frames, about two thirds new sashes, some new glass, three new outside doors, with outside casings, fifty-eight feet new sill, new door stone, forty-nine feet stone underpinning, cellar lined up with bricks inside, plastering all mended inside, the chimnies, outside doors, and the corners between the high and low parts well leaded, the whole house painted once over and paint enough to paint it once more. The clapboards and shingles were of the best quality, and the work all faithfully done.

The wood bought and chopping cost \$169. The superintendent and people under his care, have hauled fifty-eight cords of the best of the wood to the railroad, and about as much more of a second quality to the road near the house: besides they have cut up the tops of about twenty trees, that were standing when the rest of the wood was cut; they have also trimmed out and hauled to the house sixty-five large loads of limbs, and chopped them up at the door, which will support the fire for more than one year, besides the other wood that was cut by the cord. We cannot dismiss this subject without saying that the Superintendent and his wife have discharged their duties faithfully—that the farm has been well managed and considerably improved—the house kept in good order inside—the poor comfortably fed and clothed, and more value of provisions in the house now than there was a year ago.

We would observe that a large proportion of the outside fence has almost entirely rotted away; that there is great need of a wood house and a house to keep carts, wagons, and other farming tools in—and would recommend that measures be taken to supply those defects without delay.

We would also observe that the plank charged in Mr. Hildreth's account, procured for the bridge near L. Wilson's blacksmith's shop, are now nearly all on hand, the property of town.

REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Committee having attended to their appropriate duty, as required by law, respectfully submit the following report :

In most of our schools, the past year, such has been the method of instruction and government, pursued by the teachers, as to prove highly satisfactory both to parents and the Committee. In three or four districts, the Committee are privileged to say, that the teachers are entitled to their unqualified approbation ; and to their care and instruction, our children may, with the surest confidence of being well taught, be safely committed. At the examination of their schools, the greatest order and neatness were exhibited by the scholars ; who, at the same time, gave undoubted evidence of having made most satisfactory progress in their studies.

In two or three districts, the Committee are constrained to say, that the teachers greatly failed in good government and discipline ; that the scholars, at the examination of the schools, were disorderly and noisy ; giving good evidence of never having been subjected to proper obedience ; and that, consequently, little progress was made in their studies. A failure to secure the due obedience of their pupils, has undoubtedly been the greatest fault, the past year, in any of the teachers, either of the Summer, or Winter schools.

STATISTICS OF THE SEVERAL SCHOOLS.
SUMMER TERM, 1849.

| District. | Teachers. | School commenced. | Length of School. | Wages per month. | No. of Scholars. | Average attendance. |
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| No. 1, | Mary Montgomery, | May 7, | 5 months, | \$9,00 | 63 | 45 |
| No. 2, | Clarissa Campbell, | May 7, | 4 months, | 8,00 | 63 | 37 |
| No. 3, | Abigail Hayes, | July 2, | 3 months 5 days, | 8,00 | 35 | 25 |
| No. 4, | Sarah A. Stickney, | June 4, | 3 months 6 days, | 6,66 | 24 | 18 |
| No. 5, | Angeline M. Gage, | May 21, | 3 months, | 6,00 | 34 | 27 |
| No. 6, | | | | | | |
| No. 7, | Sarah A. Richardson, | May 27, | 3 months, | 6,65 | 42 | 32 |
| No. 8, | Louisa Marshall, | June 18, | 2 months 16 days, | 7,00 | 46 | 30 |
| No. 9, | Harriet N. Caldwell, | No | return, | | | |
| No. 10, | No Summer Term, | | | | | |
| No. 11, | Sarah J. Hazelton, | May 7, | 6 months, | 6,00 | 17 | 12 |

WINTER TERM, 1849-50.

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| No. 1, | James P. Walker, | Nov. 19, | 3 months 6 days, | \$21,00 | 69 | 48 |
| No. 2, | Jona. M'Allister, | Dec. 13, | not closed, | 23,00 | 62 | 52 |
| No. 3, | Freeman Q. Barrows, | Dec. 3, | 2 months 7 days, | 16,00 | 42 | 26 |
| No. 4, | Leonard P. Brickett, | Nov. 26, | 3 months, | 15,00 | 45 | 38 |
| No. 5, | — Tupper, | | not closed, | | | |
| No. 6, | Mary J. Morse, | No | return, | | | |
| No. 7, | Sarah A. Richareson, | Oct. 31, | 3 months 9 days, | 10,00 | 38 | 29 |
| No. 8, | John M. Ballou, | Nov. 12, | 2 months 14 days, | 16,00 | 49 | 37 |
| No. 9, | Mary Montgomery, | Oct. 16, | 3 months 16 days, | 9,00 | 43 | 35 |
| No. 10, | Mary J. Choate, | Nov. 5, | 4 months, | 4,00 | 10 | 8 |
| No. 11, | No Winter Term, | | | | | |

In closing their report, the committee would suggest for the consideration of the citizens of the town, a few subjects, which, in their opinion, deeply involve the best interest of our Common Schools.

Our School Houses, although much improved within a few years past, as a general thing, are greatly deficient in the arrangement and appendages, necessary to render them suitable places for the accommodation of the pupils. One or two of them, originally constructed without any regard to the comfort or convenience of children, have not as yet undergone any improvement. This is particularly the case with the School House in District No. 5. Your Committee hope that, before the close of the present year, the parents of that District, will make their School House a comfortable and healthy place of resort for their children. Should this be done, they might reasonably expect that, under the same instruction, besides rendering the government and general management of the scholars far easier for the teacher, much greater progress would be made in their studies.

Many of our School Houses, your committee regret to say, are destitute of any out-house. In such cases, the pupils are in danger of an unbecoming exposure to each other and to travelers; and thus, in early life, are liable to contract habits of immodesty and indecency.

Every School House should be furnished with decent out buildings, as an indispensable requisite. There should be two back yards, properly arranged for the two sexes, that the whole school may have a recess at the same time; thus not only saving thirty minutes each day, but affording the teacher an opportunity of taking a recess with his pupils, and of having, during that time, a general oversight of their behavior.

Most of our School Houses are too contracted in their dimensions. Something more than a hat room merely, is necessary for the proper accommodation of scholars. The school room should be ample in extent, and well ventilated. This the health and comfort of our children imperiously demand.

When a small room is heated by a close stove without being

ventilated, and crowded with scholars, the air will shortly become impure, and ill suited to the healthy action either of body or mind. Under such circumstances the pupils become restless, and the task of well governing the school is doubly increased.

The Committee are persuaded, that much improvement might be made in the study of English Grammar. As this branch is generally taught, the progress made by the scholar bears no proportion to the amount of time bestowed upon it. We would by no means exclude this branch of study from our common schools. But we would have it taught thoroughly, and in such a manner, as to enable our children in reality "to speak and write the English language correctly."

To effect this object, English Grammar should be taught in a more practical manner, than it now is. Instead of requiring children to spend so much time as is now done, in committing to memory definitions and rules, which they do not comprehend, and cannot apply, their attention should be directed to practical exercises; such as writing a short description of some object either natural or artificial; or addressing short notes to each other, their teachers, or to their parents. By having these exercises corrected, the pupils will, at the same time, be improving in orthography, as well as acquiring a correct knowledge of the proper use of the English language. But according to the present mode of teaching English Grammar, this last and most important object of this study, is but partially attained.

Parents, we fear, are not sufficiently aware of the great importance of their coöperation with teachers, in order to secure the good government and discipline of the school; and we could wish, that their attention might be turned more directly to this subject. It is certain that unless the teacher can command the obedience of his scholars, however capable he may be to impart instruction, all his efforts to that effect will be frustrated, and the great purposes, for which they are sent to school, entirely lost to them.

Many a teacher, when he finds he has the sympathy and coöperation of parents, will succeed in the government and discipline of his school, but will, without such sympathy and coöpe-

ration, completely fail to secure the obedience, and, therefore, the respect and attention of his scholars.

We see no better way, in which parents can testify their interest in the prosperity of their schools, than by occasionally visiting them; and especially at the closing examination. We are happy to state that, in several instances, there has been a sensible improvement in this respect.

In Districts Nos. 1, 4 and 9, the closing examination of the schools, was well attended by interested, and apparently highly gratified spectators. It is hardly necessary to discuss in this report, the beneficial effects of such visits either upon teacher, pupils or parents. It must be evident that when such a closing examination becomes the practice, both teacher, and pupils will look forward to it with no small degree of interest; and parents surely cannot be indifferent to the character of such examinations, when the reputation of their own children is involved.

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| A. F. HILDRETH, | } | <i>Superintending School Committee.</i> |
| D. W. DICKEY, | | |
| ALEXIS PROCTOR, | | |

Derry, March, 1850.
