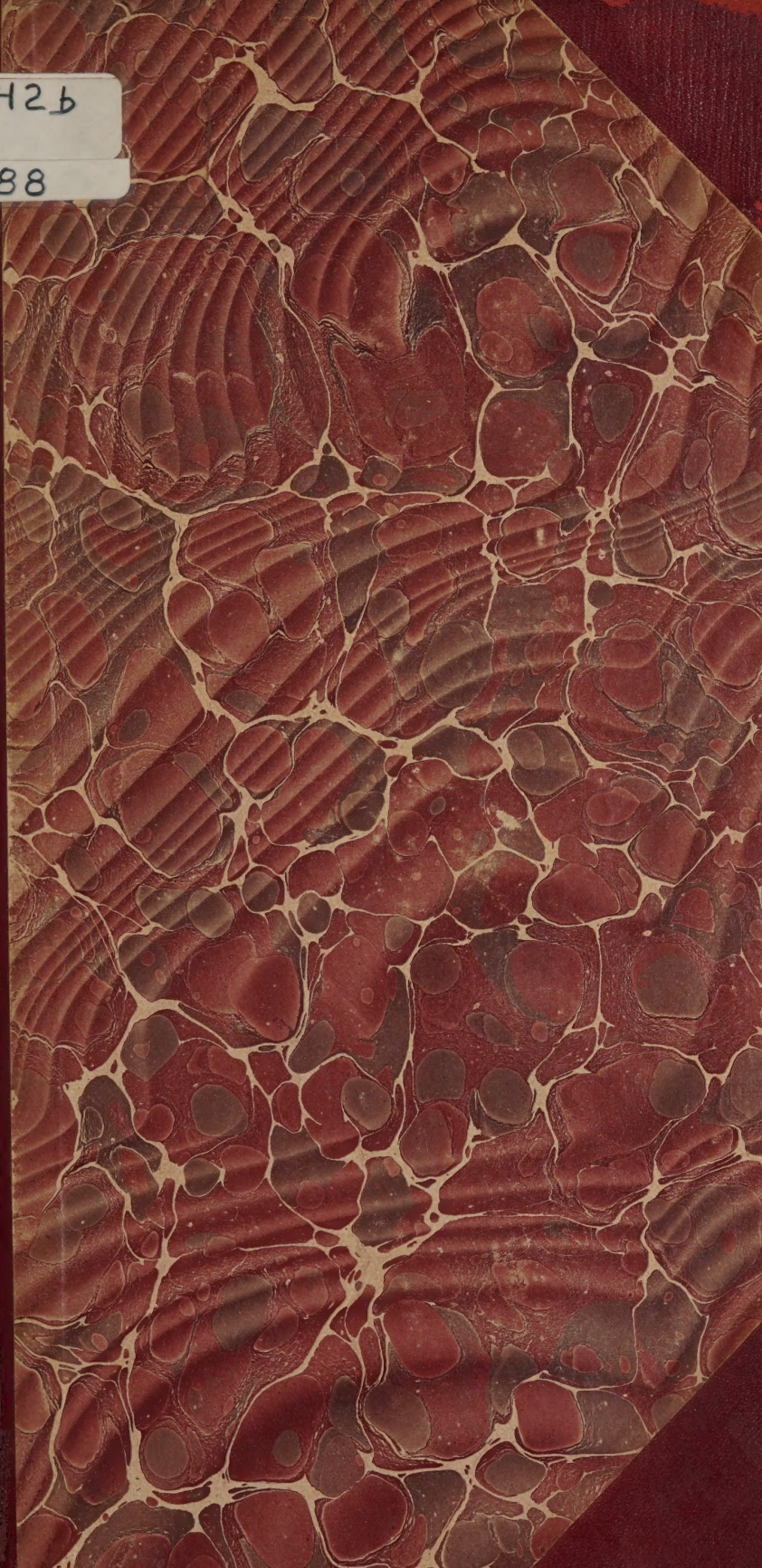


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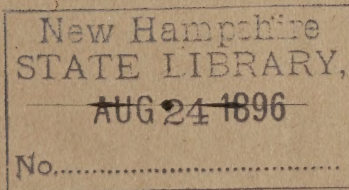
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF LITTLETON,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1876.



LITTLETON, N. H.

"REPUBLIC" BOOK AND JOB PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT.
1876.

Receipts from March 1, 1875 to March 1, 1876

Cash in treasury March 1, 1875,	\$1,041 31
Received from Coos Co., support Buckman,	26 54
“ Circus license,	30 00
“ Town Lisbon support W. Dexter,	81 00
“ County, support of paupers,	514 57
“ J. C. Quimby, sale Annis' cow,	45 00
“ Geo. Farr, Barrett case,	2015 50
“ H. L. Tilton, P. & O. R. R.	1000 00
“ Savings Bank tax,	1414 75
“ Railroad tax,	248 84
“ Literary Fund,	274 77
“ Geo. A. Bingham, pauper claim,	20 00
“ Town Whitefield, support paupers,	45 71
“ Nathaniel Flauders for posts,	1 56
“ J. S. Frye, Morrison note,	83 50
“ County referees, fees Barrett case,	574 61
“ L. P. Parker, collector,	20,385 34
“ H. L. Tilton, bal. on P. & O. R. R.	256 65
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	\$28,059 65

Disbursements.

STATE TAX.

To treasurer of State, \$2,372 00

COUNTY TAX.

To Treasurer of County, \$2,111 39

PRECINCT TAX.

Littleton Fire District, \$1,303 40

TOWN OFFICERS.

Alexander McIntire, services as selectman,	\$267 00	
John C. Quimby, " "	265 00	
J. K. Dunbar, " "	252 50	
Dennis Wheeler, " "	12 00	
Joseph A. Albee, " "	12 00	
Alonzo Weeks, services as Treasurer,	\$65 00	
H. W. Smith, " Town Clerk,	51 90	
L. P. Parker, " Collector,	347 86	
A. H. Bowman, " Policeman,	10 00	
Wm. M. Atwood, " "	10 00	
F. H. Smith, " "	10 00	
N. G. Smith, " "	10 00	
Willis Thayer, " "	10 00	
Lovell Taylor, " "	11 00	
C. H. Applebee, " " 1874,	6 00	
G. W. Ruland, services as Supt. School Committee and books for poor,	139 23	
	<hr/>	\$1,479 49
Amos Annis, notes and accounts,		805 72

SCHOOL MONEY.

To the several Districts,	\$4,674 72	
To No. 9 due last year,	74 84	
	<hr/>	\$4,749 56

SCHOOL HOUSE TAXES.

Union School District,	\$3,500 00	
District No. 2,	25 00	
" 3,	262 50	
" 7,	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,802 50

P. & O. RAILROAD.

Farr & Stevens bill,	\$100 00	
G. A. Bingham's bill,	132 77	
G. A. Bingham's bill,	50 00	
Farr & Stevens' bill,	350 55	
H. L. Tilton, cash,	250 00	
	<hr/>	\$883 32

BARRETT CASE.

George Farr, pr. bill,	\$186 10	
H. L. Tilton, referees bill,	574 61	
Geo. A. Bingham,	116 00	
H. L. Tilton, time spent,	104 00	
Farr & Stevens' bill,	124 67	
	<hr/>	\$1,105 38

CEMETERIES.

Building fence at West Littleton,	\$257 58	
Repairing fence at North Littleton,	23 43	
" " on Meadow,	106 57	
	<hr/>	\$387 58

COUNTY PAUPERS.

For support of Emanuel Haines family,	\$170 65	
" " D Beaton,	57 75	
" " Mrs Hurd,	63 50	
" " Oliver Byron,	9 03	
" " John Nurse,	4 30	
" " Mrs Evans,	80 47	
" " Plant family,	19 19	
" " Carbino family,	2 06	
" " Ezra Knapp and mother,	158 95	
" " Sherwood family,	73 66	
" " Mrs. Heath,	17 89	
" " H Williams wife,	34 28	
" " Geo Carpenter,	5 00	
" " Mrs. Lewis Ashland,	14 46	
" " Gonyer family,	44 00	
" " John Messer family,	58 71	
" " Solomon Wallace family,	105 25	
" " Clark Steere,	25 00	
" " John Q. Hunt family,	81 96	
" " Lathrop Child,	52 00	
" " Lewis Guy family,	48 35	
" " Laban Ainsworth family,	11 98	
" " Isaac Dougherty,	32 29	
" " Willis Palmer,	18 45	
" " Charles H. Cook,	10 75	
" " Belware boy,	25 00	
" " J Woodard and boy,	36 00	
" " Hiram Chafee,	19 50	
" " Hollis Palmer,	65 77	
	<hr/>	\$1,346 20

TOWN PAUPERS.

For support of	Enoch Carpenter family,	\$120 68
"	John Morse,	85 28
"	Sally Parker,	72 50
"	Lathrop children,	30 00
For support of	Buzzell boy,	8 00
"	Hattie Steere,	10 00
"	Charles Russell,	40 00
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		\$367 29

PAUPERS BELONGING IN OTHER PLACES.

Bethlehem for support of	Mrs H Cheney	\$14 37
Has property	" Roxana Eastman,	33 75
Coos County	" Ingerson family	17 68
Whitefield	" Valentine Morse	17 71
Lisbon	" Benjamin Streeter	22 59
"	" Elmer Goodwin	9 59
Whitefield	" O P Smith	46 35
Bethlehem	" E Russell	3 00
Lisbon	" W Dexter	28 50
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		\$193 54

TRAMPS.

Alex. McIntire for keeping tramps	\$30 00	
A Mills	" " 3 50	
Mrs E Buckley	" " 28 40	
N G Smith	" " 10 48	
A H Bowman for arresting tramps	10 47	
Geo W Fuller for assisting taking tramps	2 00	
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		\$84 85

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Albert Fuller labor on highway	\$22 00
M M Little labor and timber	80 36
William Bowman labor on highway	46 00
G D Lewis	" " 5 25
Benjamin Fiske	" " 6 00
J D Chandler	" " 6 34
J E Whitcomb	" " 13 50
S S Carter	" " 8 00
Rufus Smith	" " 36 40
C B Steere	" " 9 50
C P Carter	" " 55 00

Alverton Clough labor on highway	\$6 00
G W Carpenter plank for highway	18 25
John C Quimby building bridge	100 00
C T Carpenter labor on highway	18 50
B & C F Cate plank and timber for highway	185 61
G D Shute labor on highway	17 75
John Bowman labor on highway	5 50
J E Henry plank for highway	76 67
G C Patten " "	12 65
B Kinne and G A Clark building bridge	300 00
J C Quimby money expended on road to Dalton over Mann's Hill.	200 00
Richard Smith labor on highway	2 00
B A Clough " "	2 00
J J Barrett damage for new highway	26 50
Oliver Biron labor on highway	6 00
Horace Cushman plank for highway	3 67
T J Albee labor on highway	87 50
Madison Sanborn " "	6 00
Warren McIntire " "	18 00
Wm Eudy " "	1 50
Wm Little " "	20 25
Geo Aldrich " "	9 70
C F Lewis labor and plank for highway	337 78
J K Dunbar labor and timber for highway	96 67
Isaac Fuller labor on highway	1 75
J W Fuller " "	1 75
Russeil Steere " "	6 00
Jeremiah Phillips " "	4 20
Geo Carter " "	39 00
J W Remic " "	19 75
Chas Nurse rep'ng bridge at Scythe Factory	75 72
Chas Nurse labor on highway	40 44
Bradford Kinne " "	26 50
H A Bishop " "	3 00
G W Cleasby " "	75
Joseph A Albee " "	70 85
Benj Sawyer " "	4 50
Ransom Huntoon " "	6 95
Stephen Steere " "	2 50
Hiram Steere " "	1 25
Charles R Allen " "	3 75
C L Albee " "	25 00
Rinaldo Dodge " "	3 00
John C Quimby " "	6 55
Henry Markly " "	5 25
H C Redington & Co bolts & timber for bridge	23 48

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INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Wallace & Robins stationery and books	\$16 98
F F Hodgman alcohol for Dexter	95
H L Tilton rent of town hall	100 00
J J Barrett running town lines	8 00
N G Smith police badges, billies, wood etc.	28 80
G C Furber printing reports, check-lists etc.	87 00
G W & A Barrett cleaning town hall	10 00
O G Hale auditing accounts 1874—5	15 00
Mrs L H Eastman water	4 00
A S Batchellor legal services	5 00
A H Bowman arresting Plants ¹ and taking to Haverhill and expenses	25 55
M M Little damage to horse	16 50
W F Robins excess taxes 1874	8 85
L T Dow " "	10 04
Cyrus Young " "	13 75
J M Ladd " "	13 75
Theron A Farr " "	18 75
Milo E Pollard " "	7 50
C W Brackett " "	1 00
Henry Richardson " "	8 25
Albert Carpenter " "	1 50
W H Chandler " "	13 75
G H Bunker " "	13 75
H L Tilton " "	46 25
Tilton & Stevens " "	5 95
Ralph Bugbee " "	55 00
T E Sanger " "	18 75
C J Phillips " "	1 67
C B Town " "	1 88
William Jackson " "	4 16
D Y Clark referee services	2 00
John W Farr water trough	3 00
A H Bowman arresting Frank Stanley	14 00
D H French repairing Annis wagon	39 00
J C Quimby lock for Annis house	40
Alex. McIntire cash expenses, pr bill	24 10
N C Farr use of hall	5 00
Hildreth & Calhoun water trough	3 00
E D Dann rent of lobby	40 00
G A Bingham legal services	21 00
John Farr services as Justice	2 12
J S Frye wood for selectmens' use	1 00
Eaton & Tarbell use of hall	45 00
C & C F Eastman oil for bridge	1 85

J C Quimby expenses to Haverhill etc.	\$12 10	
Ladd & Bunker bill work	13 90	
H W Quimby wood for Selectmen's room	1 75	
		<hr/> \$780 55

DEBTS CONTRACTED PRIOR TO MARCH 1, 1875.

Seth Ford balance interest on E C Kinnie note	45 00	
Lucy Kinnie note and interest	697 43	
Susan Gilman	174 36	
Geo. Farr administrator	205 05	
Jesse Eastman	576 00	
Richard Smith sheep killed by dogs	5 00	
Frank Walker	10 00	
M C Pollard	5 00	
Isaac Calhoun	6 00	
Gilman Wheeler	5 00	
A L Thompson	5 00	
R C Towne	5 00	
Warren McIntire	5 00	
Alexander McIntire	6 00	
J O Dodge water trough	3 00	
Ralph Bugbee medical services	33 00	
Paid coupons town bonds	1878 00	
		<hr/> \$3663 84
Amount received,	\$28,059 65	
Amount paid out,	27,550 40	
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Amount in treasury,		\$509 25

LIABILITIES.

Town bonds	\$32,100 00	
Interest on bonds to March 1, 1876	642 00	
Coupons over-due or unpaid	117 00	
Due Thompson children on note	181 03	
“ Geo Leslie	1,607 13	
“ Bridget O'Brien	160 58	
“ J C Hicks	226 51	
“ E M Cobb	36 46	
“ Lydia Cobb	120 23	
“ R K Stevens	484 21	
“ Druzzilla Shay	1294 84	
“ School district No 12	110 06	
“ Sundry persons sheep killed by dogs	20 00	
		<hr/> \$37,100 05

ASSETS.

Cash in treasury,	\$509 25	
Due from Geo. Farr on Barrett case,	1,366 00	
In Annis Farm,	736 00	
E D Sawyer and others note,	1,054 90	
Due from County support of paupers,	1,346 20	
Due from other towns " "	99 25	
" L P Parker collector, 1875,	4,685 73	
	<hr/>	\$9,797 33
Indebtedness of town above assets March 1st, 1876,		\$27,302 72
Indebtedness of town above assets		
March 1st, 1875,	\$30,718 82	
Indebtedness of town above assets		
March 1st, 1876,	27,302 72	
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Indebtedness reduced during the year,		\$3,416 10

Having been chosen Auditor at the last Annual Town Meeting, would say that I have examined the books and vouchers of Alonzo Weeks, Town Treasurer, and find his accounts correct; and that he has the proper orders and vouchers for all sums paid out. I have also examined the books and papers of the Selectmen, and find they have kept a correct record of all orders they have issued, and have the proper vouchers for the same.

I have examined the accounts of John Farr, G. A. Bingham and C. W. Raud, committee chosen by the town to look after its interests in the P. & O. Railroad, and find by the accounts as presented by John Farr, Esq., that they received the sum of \$935 00 from the town, and have paid for surveys and other expenses thought necessary, and for which they have the proper vouchers, the sum of \$969 34, being \$34 34 more than they have received of the town, for which sum Mr. Farr says he makes no claim on the town. The committee made no charge for personal services.

Your committee on the P. & O. Railroad now consist of G. A. Bingham, H. L. Tilton and E. W. Farr. They have made a report as to the final settlement of the whole matter, which without further examination I would not recommend you to adopt. I am requested by the selectmen to say that they not being fully satisfied with said report, have decided not to have it printed.

Respectfully submitted, O. G. HALE, Auditor.

REPORT

*Of the Superintending School Committee at the
Annual Town Meeting, March 14, 1876.*

GENTLEMEN: The statistics which compose the educational report from Littleton for the Centennial year are greatly encouraging to her citizens. There is a volume of meaning in the fact that you have advanced in a hundred years from 16 bushels of wheat to \$8543.61 as the expenditure for the current year. This with 650 enrolled scholars makes the average expense for each scholar to be \$13. There have been 21 schools maintained in town within the past year, with an average length of 23 weeks for each school. The whole length of all the summer schools in weeks of five days each, is 174; of the fall and winter schools is 311. The district high school is enjoying great prosperity and accomplishing a noble work.

Of the other schools there are three whose average attendance for the year has been less than six. Five male teachers have been employed averaging \$44.20 per month. The 25 female teachers have received an average of \$25.60 per month. Two of the teachers had never taught school before. Eight taught two or more terms in the same school. Two have "boarded round." Nearly two-thirds of the School Registers were properly returned. In all but two cases the Prudential Committees were fortunate in securing the right teacher in the right place.

District No. 1. One term in the Fall, well attended and very successful; taught by Ellen Cleasby. She is well qualified and "apt to teach."

Emma M. Elliott taught both terms in No. 2 and there was good work done. This school excels in reading.

No. 3. Lizzie Cobleigh taught the Summer term. She is a teacher of experience and a faithful instructor. Sue C. Edson taught the Winter term and the school continued to improve. Miss Edson is one of the few female teachers that can manage large boys and prompt them to earnest study.

The first term in No. 4 was taught by Flora E. Harvey. Her work was well planned. The second and third terms were taught by Lucy M. Brooks. It seemed a mistake to let Miss Harvey go but Miss Brooks was successful.

In No 5 Estelle A. Chandler was the teacher of the summer school and worked faithfully. Mattie Cobb taught the second term and proved herself a superior teacher. She has enough enthusiasm to insure success in any school.

No. 6 is the best school outside of Union District. Emma Flanders organized the school anew and made good progress. Her success was carried forward by Clara M. Longley and Geo. W. McGregor. Their success was ensured by regular attendance and the interest of the District. The Book-keeping and Grammar classes in this school deserve special mention.

No. 7. The first term was taught by Susie E. Jones with good results. Her earnest endeavors were hindered by the irregular attendance. Esmeralda L. Metcalf took the winter school, not knowing that so many of the larger scholars were to attend. She did not think best to continue the whole term but resigned at the end of six weeks

and re-entered the High School. Mrs. Ella Z. Mills taught the remaining time. She brought to the somewhat demoralized school, the advantage of former experience and endeavored to make the school a success.

In No. 10 Ada Farr taught the summer term and Edw. O. Wheeler the winter. This is a small school, yet there was no failure in either term.

In No. 12 Emma L. Cushman taught a summer term of four weeks. The summer term in No. 13 was taught by Mary V. Robinson, who would do well in a larger school. Jane Whipple taught the winter term. Not heeding the suggestion that *some* teachers at least, need to study some, she did not succeed. The suggestion was made to her and several others, for two reasons:—first the *studious* teacher is in sympathy with her scholars; second, she *keeps ahead* of them.

Wm. A. Wheeler is well qualified and taught a winter term in No. 16.

No. 11 and No. 18 had each one term, taught by Lucy A. Wilson. She succeeds with the little ones but is not strict enough with the older scholars. Mrs. D. Y. Clark taught one term in No. 19 and would do well in a larger school.

In No. 14 Mattie Cobb taught the summer term and Leslie F. Beane the winter. Both of these teachers were earnest and sanguine, but the irregular attendance is a marked fault in the Scythe Factory School. This ought to rank with No. 6, and can if the parents will cheerfully unite to make it so.

The very complete report of my predecessor contains many valuable suggestions relating to the necessity for reducing the number of districts in your town. That necessity must be apparent to every one. I earnestly recommend Districts No. 16, 12 and 18 to petition the Selectmen and School

Committee *at once* for union with the adjoining districts. In fulfilling the duties of my office I have made 85 school examinations, occupying 85 half days, requiring 502 miles of travel with my team, beside the examination of teachers, preparing State and Town reports, correspondence and examination of text-books. There are some pleasant features in this work and some disagreeable ones. I have been obliged to limit some of the certificates very closely, for obvious reasons. In every case it would be better for the Prudential Committee to *keep the law of the State*, and require every teacher to show a certificate before any contract is made, or school begun, and pay no teacher until the return of the register is properly certified.

The annual tabular statement required by law is herewith subjoined. Respectfully submitted,
GEO. W. RULAND.

ANNUAL STATEMENT.

Average attendance.	Whole number of Scholars.	Number of Weeks.	NAMES OF THE TEACHERS.	TERMS.	Number and Name of District.
42	53	12	F. P. Moulton and Miss H. D. Meserve.	Summer	High School
62	74	12	F. P. Moulton and Miss H. D. Meserve.	Fall	
47	60	13	F. P. Moulton and Miss H. D. Meserve.	Winter	Grammar
32	37	10	Anna F. Morrison.	Summer	
36	41	10	Emma J. Morrison.	Fall	Inter-mediate
33	37	10	Emma J. Morrison.	Winter	
32	37	10	Emma J. Morrison.	Summer	2d Primary
21	28	10	Sarah F. Harriman.	Fall	
32	37	10	Sarah F. Harriman.	Winter	1st Primary
41	47	10	Sarah F. Harriman.	Summer	
37	45	10	Grace G. Robinson.	Fall	District 1.
39	44	10	Sue H. Church.	Winter	
57	66	10	Sue H. Church.	Summer	District 2.
35	51	10	Angie L. Eastman.	Fall	
49	66	10	Angie L. Eastman.	Winter	District 3.
16	20	10	Ellen A. Cleasby.	Fall	
12	15	10	Emma M. Elliott.	Summer	District 1.
15	17	13	Emma M. Elliott.	Winter	
22	28	12	Lizzie Cobleigh.	Summer	District 5.
23	25	10	Sue C. Edson.	Winter	
11	15	11	Flora E. Harvey.	Summer	District 6.
8	14	10	Lucy M. Brooks.	Fall	
13	18	12	Lucy M. Brooks.	Winter	District 7.
12	10	12	Estelle A. Chandler.	Summer	
11	13	8	Mattie J. Cobb.	Winter	District 10.
18	21	8	Emma C. Flanders.	Summer	
22	26	8	Clara M. Longley.	Fall	District 11.
21	28	14	George W. McGregor.	Winter	
12	17	12	Susie E. Jones.	Summer	District 12.
13	19	6	Esmeralda L. Metcalf.	Fall	
9	14	7	Ella Z. Mills.	Winter	District 13.
5	6	8	Ada M. Farr.	Summer	
9	13	10	Edward O. Wheeler.	Winter	District 14.
11	15	13	Lucy A. Wilson.	Summer	
5	7	4	Emma L. Cushman.	Winter	District 15.
6	7	8	May V. Robinson.	Summer	
5	6	10	Jennie S. Whipple.	Winter	District 16.
20	26	10	Mattie J. Cobb.	Summer	
23	36	12	Leslie F. Beane.	Winter	District 18.
6	8	11	William A. Weeler.	Winter	
12	14	12	Lucy A. Wilson.	Fall	District 19.
6	8	8	Mrs. D. Y. Clark.	Fall	

UNION DISTRICT.

UNION DISTRICT.

The very favorable report which we are permitted to make for the past year is largely owing to the fortunate selection of teachers and the equally fortunate retention of Mr. F. P. Moulton as Principal. Under his scholarly and efficient administration, aided by an untiring corps of assistants, the several departments (six in number according to Hon. J. W. Simonds' construction) are accomplishing very satisfactory results. The catalogue issued at the close of the spring term is replete with material for congratulation, and pardonable pride. Statistics of the Fall and Winter terms make the progress and great prosperity of the school still more evident. The success of Mr. Moulton and Miss Meserve in the High School is a guaranty of their fitness for their respective positions. If scholars are promoted from the Grammar School on the ground of scholarship *only*, the High School will more surely maintain its high standing. Mrs. Sue H. Church taught the Spring term of the First Primary with dilligence and enthusiasm. It was deemed advisable by the Board to give the school the benefit of the Normal methods and test them with the youngest scholars. Your Committee were fortunate in securing Miss Angie L. Eastman for the Fall term and she has achieved complete success. She continues as teacher in the First Primary.

Miss Sarah F. Harriman taught the Spring term of the Second Primary with her usual energy. Miss Grace G. Robinson took the school for the

Fall term but the discipline was unsatisfactory and a change deemed advisable. Mrs. Sue H. Church was recalled and taught the Winter term very successfully, and is retained in her position.

The Spring term of the Intermediate School was taught by Miss Emma J. Morrison who has an established reputation for fidelity and patience in class drill. The Fall and Winter terms were taught by Miss Harriman, whose tact and force had been fully attested in the Second Primary. She is also retained.

Miss Anna F. Morrison taught the Grammar School during the Spring term. This is the hardest school that we have to teach. Here the pupils, in the language of my predecessor, "are rejoicing in that portion of the 'teens when individual importance is most vividly realized." Miss Anna F. Morrison is faithful and well qualified, and the unsatisfactory examination was owing to causes beyond her control. A part of the class examined for promotion were conditioned to appear again before the Committee and some of them so appeared and were promoted. Miss Emma J. Morrison taught the Fall and Winter terms. There is a marked improvement in the school, and examinations were very satisfactory. A few words relating to promotion will be appropriate here. Mental growth or development is retarded rather than advanced by undue pressure. Undigested food gives no real strength to the system. Knowledge simply committed to memory and beyond the comprehension of the pupil is an indigestible mass in the mental system. Education means development or drawing out the mind. The *cranning* process must be postponed else Hamlet of the Committee, asking Horatio of the school, "what learnest thou, Horatio?" must hear for a true answer from Horatio,—"*Words! WORDS!! WORDS!!!*" and only

words. To promote or advance pupils to a higher department, for convenience or to gratify childish or parental pride, is worse than silly; it is cruel, and positively injurious to the child. Let the Board be sustained by every patron in the delicate work of grading every department.

In conclusion we are happy to report a higher average of attendance, by reason of freedom from the various diversions which so greatly interfered with the High School during the previous year.

The results of the Normal methods of teaching warrant the choice of Normal Graduates for teachers in our schools whenever a vacancy occurs, or a change is deemed necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. RULAND, Chairman.

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