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AUDITORS' REPORT.

The Auditors of the Town of Haverhill having carefully examined the accounts of the Treasurer and Selectmen, respectfully submit the following report in detail for the year ending February 28, 1886 :

Cash in Treasury March 1, 1885, \$2,592 85

RECEIVED BY TREASURER.

Railroad Tax,	763 52
Savings Bank Tax,	534 72
Literary Fund,	303 78
Support of County paupers,	611 78
Rent leased land,	107 94
C O Morse tax bill 1885,	13,875 76
James Glynn, note,	160 95
H M Smith license,	10 00
Chas House for wire sold,	14 12
Nathan Hanson, over-paid on school order,	15 00
State for bounties on woodchucks,	541 60
Use Town Hall,	2 50
Land sold for taxes and bid off by Town,	39 44
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	\$19,573 96

Disbursements.

Paid for support of highways,	\$2,757 89
Water troughs,	56 00
Bounties,	111 20
Schools and school-houses,	4,682 95
Abatements and discounts,	157 68
Damages on highways,	25 00
Sheep killed by dogs,	22 00
Support of Paupers,	797 60
Outstanding orders 1884,	239 98
Into Trust fund,	2,000 00
Interest on order	4 16
County tax,	2,187 75
State tax,	2,176 00
Coupons on bonds,	1,938 00
Expenses of Town officers &c,	1,922 23
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	\$19,078 44
Less outstanding orders,	231 54
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	\$18,846 90
Balance in Treasury	727 06
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	\$19,573 96

Orders drawn for the support of Highways and Bridges.

In favor of J Harris	snow	\$3 00
C H Simpson	“	5 10
A F Kimball	“	3 15
L Hildreth	“	3 75
H Carleton		1 00
I B Clark		1 20
H A Wheeler	snow	2 85
Geo Wells	“	8 18
H E Noyes	“	17 40
W S Waterman	“	6 61
M P Boswell	“	1 95
Geo Woodward	“	3 00
A F Kimball	“	4 35
M P Bemis	“	7 42
C L Chamberlain	“	3 75
Scott Wells	“	2 75
M C Rogers	“	3 00
A E Heywood	“	6 15
Manson Young	“	13 90
W H Lewis	“	4 20
B Noyes	“	24 19
C B Ingraham	“	2 55
“ “	“	9 45
C H Cummings	“	12 15
C H LaReau	“	5 55
E O Harris	“	2 10
W C Marston	“	3 60

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In favor of	C T Gannett	snow	8 25
	Robert Arnold	"	3 45
	M C Marston	"	11 15
	Geo W Mann	"	1 00
	W C Rogers	"	2 25
	John Harris	"	8 25
	C W Hartwell	"	1 20
	C T Gannett	"	2 25
	B R Dean	"	31 20
	L Clough	"	5 85
	James Wells	"	4 51
	M B Meader		4 30
	B Noyes	snow	17 46
	C E Morse	"	3 00
	A F Kimball	"	5 70
	E J Large	"	90
	A F Pike	"	2 47
	Haverhill Paper Co	"	1 50
	J R Day	"	14 85
	D W Day	"	13 50
	S Pike	ice	3 75
	S W Kezer	1884 bill	1 58
	W F Randall		1 50
	H W Dean		6 75
	" "	snow	2 10
	S R Baker		2 25
	D K Davis		25 00
	R Pierce	1884 bill	10 17
	E S Blake		9 75
	S R Baker	snow	75
	J A Foster		2 47
	H Holmes		90
	J L Cutting		3 75

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In favor of M V B Cady	snow	2 25
E P Cutting		10 50
E French	snow	1 50
C L Chamberlain	snow	1 95
C R Dunklee		4 12
S T Merrill	snow	5 40
S R Baker		1 50
C R Dunklee	snow	6 69
R H Noyes	"	7 65
Joseph Hardy	1884 bill	7 60
John Battis	snow	6 30
S Hildreth	"	5 03
E W Hildreth	"	19 07
C Sawyer	"	1 58
B R Dean		10 50
C T Gannett		5 25
A E Heywood		3 00
J W Bemis		5 25
W S Waterman		17 95
" "	snow	6 36
I K George		4 50
M F Cotton		2 55
F S Kezer		5 85
N C Wright	snow	9 75
E Hildreth & Son	"	8 85
E M True		2 85
S C Newell		2 25
F Robshaw	snow	1 50
P Metcalf	"	23 10
H Tarleton	"	5 20
P Flanders	"	3 90
Orville Noyes	"	1 20
R W Bailey	"	3 00

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In favor of	E B Morse		16 50
	N C Wright	plank	10 35
	C W Pike		31 76
	E W Hildreth	snow	3 38
	J G Marston		3 00
	M Powers		1 00
	G W Smith	snow	1 20
	E R Weeks	lumber in 1883	2 40
	F S Wilmot		34 75
	H Cutting		10 50
	D Gannett		1 50
	F S Hardy	one-half snow	8 77
	B A Bailey		8 51
	A Blake	snow	75
	John Putnam	snow	4 05
	John Annis	"	1 20
	H Merrill	cedar posts	1 96
	Frank Bean	snow	5 25
	W O Burbeck		5 56
	W H Morrill		2 25
	R Davis	snow	1 95
	V P Dailey		10 20
	A Tyler	snow	45
	Milton Young	"	1 65
	W F Prescott	"	1 05
	F Patridge	"	3 00
	Frank Keyes		2 25
	B H Pike	damage to field	10 00
	H W Burnham		9 70
	John Battis		15 75
	E N Everett		11 05
	E C French		6 00
	W F Prescott		51 80

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In favor of S Plant	1 95
J M Foster	7 00
B Davis	2 85
J L Cutting	12 75
Carr & Gale	9 30
W E Dearth	17 39
W W Lane	1 25
S B StClair	19 50
A M Pike snow	2 10
Mrs L W Buck	5 80
S B StClair snow 1884	16 54
Milo Powers	3 00
S H Cummings	10 80
C H Simpson damage to field	5 00
T B Carr	1 35
Scott Kezer snow	1 13
C M Carleton	9 00
S F Eastman	13 60
E Weeks	17 55
M P Boswell	10 50
Jas Jeffers	2 80
G C Jeffers one-half snow	10 27
S & G C Jeffers plank and timber	37 58
G K Blake one-half snow	10 65
W C Marston	30 55
C E Page	11 78
C R Dunklee land damage	3 00
J G Blood posts and plank	39 17
J G Marston	2 77
M F Young	15 55
John Harris	4 50
A Eastman	2 70
E R Morrill one-half snow	4 35

In favor of Joseph Blake		4 50
H P Burleigh one-half snow		9 60
R Elliott		7 87
J R Squires		12 00
C S Cawley	snow	2 00
C A Prescott		19 80
B Clifford		31 50
“ “	snow	1 95
R Arnold		22 50
S W Elliott		4 50
Chas House		6 00
W Elliott		2 25
John Silver		3 25
L Leet		2 40
A W Smith		13 95
E B Morse		41 77
W S Hackett		3 75
H T Armington	lumber	20 75
G S Stevens		9 47
H E Noyes	snow	15 55
“ “		49 50
H F King		126 33
E B Mann		17 63
Woodsville Lumber Co	plank	2 65
H Fortier light Bath bridge		10 90
A F Pike	plank	42 87
H H Morrison	posts	9 88
J R Currier	on bridge	10 00
F F Silver		9 65
H M Putnam		52 50
“ “	lumber	25 35
M V B Cady		8 25
H L Woodward		2 25

In favor of	C S Cawley	one-half snow	3 50
	Mrs Horace Noyes		3 00
	H F Dearborn		33 00
	J Robshaw		2 40
	S T Plant		4 65
	R H Noyes		11 09
	J B Cutting	bridge bolts	4 00
	C E Morse		2 25
	Horace Blake		13 50
	D W Day		18 20
	C H Simpson		18 00
	S W Howard		11 62
	H G Marston		10 64
	I B Clark		3 50
	D Quimby		2 33
	G E Brown		5 10
	“ “		7 87
	J K Wells		40
	J Sealey		1 95
	E B Humphrey	snow	2 55
	E C Kenney	“	5 10
	G L Wilson	one-half snow	8 10
	I B Clark	“	2 75
	H S & E Bailey	ice	4 30
	M Jeffers		3 00
	H S & E Bailey		42 00
	J G Brown		2 25
	I Corliss		1 50
	G L Batchelder	1884 bill	11 25
	“ “	snow	5 25
	“ “		16 95
	Haverhill Paper Co	plank	19 39
	S B StClair		1 48

In favor of F P Currier		12 35
S T Pennock		32 95
Wm Nelson		14 40
M C Marston		20 15
John Harris		7 50
D E Bliffin		2 55
L F Clough		6 52
Thos Nutting		2 25
A M Pike		6 75
E Rodimon		1 65
W J Harris		4 27
D Witcher		26 35
G W Smith		1 50
E O Harris		2 25
W C Rogers		4 50
C W Pike		45 45
Poor & Westgate		3 10
V P Dailey		3 75
F P Cutting		9 75
E Hildreth		3 60
S T Morrill		75
L Chamberlain		3 00
M P Boswell		2 25
G C Butler		18 00
F Crouch		4 90
H B Cass	snow	1 40
B Whelpley	"	1 26
C B Ingraham		4 50
W S Waterman		7 20
S L Woodbury		1 50
E Hildreth	snow	3 15
E W Hildreth		10 65
J W French		9 00

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In favor of E Hildreth		17 55
C Merrill		1 60
Sarah Glynn		6 15
A L Warren	snow \$7	23 00
C A Cummings		20 80
G P Wright		6 15
H W Sutton		2 25
Frank Knapp		4 95
D K Davis		13 03
G J Woodward		55 12
Henry Glines		3 00
R H Noyes		4 50
James Gordon		24 00
G W Mann	plank	11 75
J D Wilson	lumber	2 48
T P Blake		1 95
G W Libbey	repair chains	60
S Blumley		2 10
T K Clifford		50
N M Page		75
B Dow		50 00
W C Marston		3 00
C A Gale		45
Robert Arnold		2 00
H F King		29 66
Geo Gleason		4 65
G W Libbey		2 00
H Eastman		3 00
Thos Currier		2 75
C F Cotton	snow	90
E Smith	"	3 00
L F Clough		2 10
A Chase	snow	2 40

In favor of F L Blodgett	12 00
W F Prescott	9 40
Victor Brooks snow	1 20
M F Young	6 20
C N LeReau	3 90
W H Lewis	6 15
J L Cook labor and lighting bridge	24 00
A W Harriman repair road machine	2 60
Ira Whitcher brick	2 40
H Fortier light dry bridge	6 25
Woodsville Lumber Co	7 58
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	\$2,757 59

Orders drawn for support of Schools and School-houses.

District No 1, Tyler Westgate	\$443 58
2, C O Morse	361 98
3, M E Kimball	278 61
4, Nathan Heath	160 57
5, D E Carr	189 85
6, Geo C Jeffers	141 68
7, D W Day	100 29
8, B H Pike	237 62
9, James Glazier	124 51
10, M C Marston	122 50
11, W C Rogers	58 08
12, A C Clough	215 67
13, E B Mann	994 58

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District No 14, Nathan Hanson	211 14
15, S W Kezer	127 44
17, W F Westgate	440 40
18, W H Large	96 82
19, R Meserve	180 40
20, Lydia A Battis	76 20
5, in Benton, O L Mann	7 61
12, in Bath, J A Davis	54 75
Grafton Co, S S Brown	58 67
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	\$4,682 95

 Orders drawn for support of Paupers.

H E McIntire for Mrs Palmer	\$15 00
C Getchell transient	7 00
S Pike for Mrs Carter	21 35
G W Mann for transient	5 00
Haverhill Paper Co for Mrs J Weed	4 00
Clara Deland for Rhoda Hurlbutt	53 00
H E McIntire for Ruth Thomas	4 25
L K Gleason	42 00
G N Pierce for Mrs Stratton	3 00
C R Gibson transient	19 83
E C Kenney for B F Day	2 00
H E McIntire for “	14 00
“ “ for Abby Parker	5 25
Geo Knapp for “ “	26 32
Myron Wetherbee “ “	7 00
E R Weeks for A Irwin	28 28

E French for Rhoda Hill	6 50
L B Ham for T Colbridge	3 00
H S & E Bailey for Mrs J Shelley	11 25
Poor & Westgate for A Moulton	52 00
“ “ T Colbridge	33 13
“ “ J H Burbank	16 50
“ “ Mrs Shelley	14 98
“ “ O Simpson	17 21
“ “ G Walcott	3 50
“ “ E Moulton	6 00
“ “ Mrs Carter	5 00
L W Patridge for Mrs C Shelley	4 00
Carr & Gale “ “	75
Eliza J Day for J H Burbank	6 00
W E Pike for County paupers	3 40
S H Cummings for Mrs J Shelley	50
B R Dean for J Dean	52 00
A W Lyman for Mrs J Shelley	48
“ “ T Colbridge	1 30
“ “ O Simpson	2 40
A Hodgdon for Geo Walcott	10 00
E R Weeks for A Hardy	5 27
“ “ B F Day	26 79
“ “ Mrs C Shelley	63 89
C W Pike for County Paupers	4 50
H P Watson for Shelley child	1 00
Grafton County for O G Page	145 00
“ “ L K Gleason	40 85
Albert Chase for Mrs C Shelley	3 12

 \$797 60

Orders drawn for Town Expenses.

D W Meader Supervisor	\$14 00
C G Smith " "	14 00
E B Mann " "	14 00
Bittinger Bros print Auditors' Report	38 70
H E Dean wood for Town House	3 51
Killey & Wadleigh wire for fence	36 59
H P Burleigh stone post on Town line	1 00
P W Kimball Auditor	15 00
C B Griswold " "	15 00
J A Page for Nat Westgate Post	50 00
Scott Fellows wire for fence	41 00
P Spalding return births and deaths	50
Bittinger Bros print blanks	4 00
C O Morse paid for road machine	215 10
B & L R R freight on " "	6 14
Grafton Co Signal advertising	75
Bittinger Bros printing for Board of Health	7 25
Henry Swan water spouts for Town House	15 95
H A Winship wire	12 16
Ira Whitcher stove and pipe lobby	7 60
" " build new road	150 00
E B Mann drain pipe	270 07
" " Auditor	15 00
Ira Whitcher land damage	25 00
H F King cement	5 64
J G Blood pews church	5 58
H H Clark abstracts of lease lands	3 00
E R Weeks return births and deaths	15 30

C Wells wire and labor on fence	15 80
E B Mann & Co lamp and stationery	8 35
J W Merrill stationery	3 45
M E Kimball books	1 36
C R Gibson births and deaths	4 00
H A Remick S S Com	100 00
E R Weeks	4 75
H P Watson witness Plymouth	10 00
“ “ evidence Nelson matter	10 00
“ “ service on Board Health	12 00
E R Weeks Town Clerk and Treasurer	100 00
S B Page balance acct 1884	39 10
E R Weeks record book	1 90
C W Pike services Selectman	152 00
S H Cummings “	143 90
W C Marston “	120 50
J Martel labor on Town House	2 70
C G Smith services making taxes	8 00
C O Morse Collector	150 00
“ “ discounts &c tax bills of 1885	125 00
Silsby & Co record books &c	12 00
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	\$1,922 23

Orders drawn for abatement of Taxes.

Wm Reding over tax	\$11 51
F Crouch “	4 66
J S Deland poll tax	1 17
J V Webster “	1 17

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M A Meader over tax	1 17
D A Shaw dog tax	1 00
C O Morse collector	5 00
Mrs M P Boswell over tax on Manson place	2 33
E R Weeks over tax	3 50
C F Morrill taxed in Boston	1 17
C O Morse abatements and discounts	125 00
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	\$157 68

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Orders drawn for Water Troughs.

Order to J L Moore for 1884	3 00
Niles Doty	3 00
J L Moore	3 00
W H Burnham for 1884 and 1885	6 00
H P Burleigh	3 00
Geo Corliss	3 00
A F Pike (2)	6 00
Horace Blake for 1884 and 1885	6 00
James Glazier	3 00
E C StClair	3 00
W B Titus	3 00
S C Newell	3 00
A W Harriman for 1884 and 1885	5 00
W F Jewett	3 00
Frank Chase	3 00
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	\$56 00

Order drawn for Damage on Highway.

To O L Mann in 1884 \$25 00

Bounties.

Amount of orders drawn for bounties on Wood-
chucks \$111 20

Orders drawn for Sheep killed.

David Whitcher	\$12 00
B H Pike	2 00
Charles Clark	8 00
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	\$22 00

Trust Fund.

Inventory of Haverhill Trust Fund, as reported by the Trustees, March 1, 1886 :

Haverhill Bonds due 1890	\$1,500 00
Lisbon Town Bonds due 1890	100 00
Dalton " " 5 per cent due 1898	2,000 00
Osceola School Bond 5½ " " 1891	3,000 00
C E Ramsey mort	200 00
Fairbanks mort due 1888	5,000 00
A M Beattie mort collateral	2,000 00
A Pierson " "	2,500 00
Cash on hand	125 00
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	\$16,425 00
Interest accrued to March 1 not yet due	468 70
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	\$16,893 70

Liabilities of the Town.

Bonded debt	\$15,600 00
Nine months' interest on same	702 00
Unpaid coupons	6 00
Outstanding orders as follows :	
No 94 C S Burleigh	1 30
96 G C Jeffers school	60 00
100 Nathan Heath "	40 00
181 Alvah Blake	75
404 E W Hildreth	10 65
430 M A Meader	1 17
439 B R Dean	52 00
440 C R Gibson	4 00
456 S C Newell	3 00
464 S S Brown school	58 67
Due District 3 balance school money not drawn	203 77
" " 10 " " " " "	11 18
" " 19 " " " " "	1 58
	\$16,756 07

There is pending against the Town a suit for damages on the highway, brought by Eben T Hardy.

Resources of the Town.

Trust Fund as reported by Trustees	\$16,425 00
Accrued interest to March 1	468 70
Cash in Treasury	727 06
Due on leased land :	
From Frank R Dean due April 1 1886	18 00
John Hyde due January 1 “	6 00
John N Morse due April 1 “	14 00
E W Hildreth “ March 1 “	12 00
Jacob Morse estate due Jan 1 “	6 00
S F Southard “ Apr 1 “	18 00
C A Preston “ Feb 1 “	6 00
S W Kezer “ Mar 1 “	6 00
Due from Grafton County support of paupers	494 46
“ “ I B Davis on land sold for taxes and bid off by Town	10 81
“ “ District 5 amount over-drawn	6 00
	\$18,218 03

Leaving the resources of the town above the liabilities \$1,461 96.

The Auditors recommend that the Town raise to defray Town expenses \$2,000.

For the support of highways \$2,000 to be raised in money.

For the support of schools \$4,000.

CHAS. B. GRISWOLD,	}	<i>Auditors.</i>
P. W. KIMBALL,		
E. B. MANN,		

It appears by the Auditors' reports for preceding years, that the resources and liabilities of the town since 1865 were as follows :

	RESOURCES.	LIABILITIES.
On March 1 1865	\$12,376.80	\$63,863.97
1866	13,047.53	56,293.15
1868	9,574.41	63,564.00
1869	23,248.76	63,564.00
1870	22,407.05	Debt slightly increased but amount not stated.
1871	23,530.58	71,295.63
1872	24,036.12	72,067.12
1873	40,586.28	71,647.66
1874	42,058.23	70,451.50
1875	46,238.77	70,683.26
1876	29,027.85	51,676.17
1877	31,131.96	52,987.78
1878	32,804.34	51,043.60
1879	34,681.43	50,844.22
1880	38,370.97	50,478.00
1881	21,362.84	33,694.44
1882	25,780.85	33,285.65
1883	29,937.54	33,935.84
1884	32,289.72	33,159.89
1885	33,703.52	33,353.58
1886	18,218.03	16,756.07

Statistics.

No of polls	650	value	\$65,000 00
“ Horses	594	“	38,950 00
“ Oxen	125	“	7,220 00
“ Cows	1120	“	31,018 00
“ Other cattle	578	“	11,025 00
“ Sheep	3,253	“	8,658 00
“ Hogs	50	“	552 00
“ Carriages	63	“	4,062 00
Stock in trade			40,662 00
“ “ Public funds			14,000 00
“ “ Banks			9,600 00
Money at interest			95,625 00
Aqueducts mills and bridges			14,500 00
Lumber			880 00
Real Estate			783,760 00
			\$1,125,512 00

Taxes Assessed.

Rate taxation on total valuation $1\frac{1}{8}$ per cent.	
State Tax	\$2,176 00
County Tax	2,187 75
School Tax	4,000 00
Town charges	2,000 00
For safe for Town	50 00
Highways	2,000 00
Decoration	50 00
Dog Tax	128 00
Over-lay	535 03
Schools and School-house special Tax	598 98
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	\$13,875 76

SCHOOL REPORT.

To the Selectmen and Citizens:

Herewith I submit my report as Superintending School Committee. For a number of years the schools of the town have been set off into two sections, demanding the attention of a corresponding number of persons as committee. It seemed wise and expedient to the Selectmen to unite the schools under one jurisdiction. Accordingly during the past year they all have fallen under my care. District No. 13, however, has withdrawn itself from the pale of our authority, having formed a Union High School District, with the adjoining district in Bath.

In view of the change in our school laws, taking effect the first day of March, I shall not make the suggestions in regard to the supervision of schools which would have been eminently pertinent under the old order of things.

SCHOOL-HOUSES.

The condition of the school-houses throughout the town is not of such a nature as to receive the approval or commendation of any person interested in the cause of education. No teacher can be justly expected to do justice to himself or his pupils without the necessary appliances. What tools are to the artisan, *necessary* supplies are to the teacher. In only one school have I found a globe. And for instruction, in the majority of the schools, the map of our own State, *and in some instances not even this*, constitutes, aside from the text book, the sole means of instruction in that most important branch of study, Geography.

It is a fact, well attested by the experience of successful educators, that the mind is most thoroughly reached and retention there secured through and by the medium of sight. However much we may deplore the deficiency in regard to these matters, yet the lack of sufficient black-board room is even more lamentable. And under this head I would include every school in town. For this condition of affairs no excuse can be given, when with so little expense the black-board surface of a school-room can be made amply sufficient. A smoothly skinned wall covered with liquid slating makes a most superior and very durable black-board. Rather than continue as we have in the past, it were better that a term of school should be shortened and the funds thus obtained used to secure this necessity in the way of good practical teaching. I feel assured that the end would justify the means and that immediately we should reap the fruit of our increased advantages.

Would that I might leave this subject here, satisfied that I had done my duty! But this cannot be when our school-houses, as a rule, present so untidy and uncomely an appearance. There is no more truthful exponent of the character of a community, no surer mark of its thrift and prosperity, than the condition of its school-house. As this is, so in a measure will the homes be. Would we be satisfied in the application of this criterion in our case? Money expended in making a school-room home-like and attractive is by no manner of means lost. Under such conditions the scholars are most generally industrious and pains-taking workers, and the teacher energetic and cheerful. Beside, this all tends to the cultivation of those habits of cleanliness and neatness which should be excited in the minds of the young. What can be imagined more dark, dismal, and forbidding than the external appearance

of some of our school-houses. And if there be any excuse that can reasonably be offered for this, what shall we say when we enter and view the interior. The walls dirty and dingy from smoke and dust are brought out in more forcible contrast by a clean, new patch, and in some of our school-houses these patches are so frequent in their application that one could almost imagine it an attempt at mosaic. If necessary a coat of white-wash, applied once a year, would make no serious inroad into our school fund and would afford our children healthful and agreeable surroundings. A careful oversight exercised alike by committee and teacher would preserve our school property from the constant mutilation so generally inflicted by scholars. Let us banish the idea that our children should have no greater advantages in the way of securing an education than we or our fathers before us as children enjoyed. On the same ground the reaper and the mowing machine, nay, our very homes and habits of life, rise up and condemn us. As to the sanitary condition of school-houses the State Board of Health is making a strict examination.

TEACHERS.

With but few exceptions I have been well pleased with the work of the teachers in their respective schools. From all I can learn they have given general satisfaction. As I have not yet received the registers from quite a number of the teachers, and because the wisdom of the habit is very questionable, I shall break away from the old custom of making special mention of each school. Among our teachers for the past year have been a few who, for the first time, have tried their ability as instructors. Without an exception their work has been of a most gratifying character. They have been faithful, earnest and conscientious workers, and have proved valuable additions to our corps

of teachers. The older teachers have maintained their former good reputation. Their work speaks for itself and commands our approval. I may be allowed to remark in this connection that we have some very able teachers, and also some who would justly be included under the heads of poor, and incompetent. As from the former class I forbear to select individual cases where praise could fairly be bestowed, so I will leave the latter without the censure which, with equal justice, could be written. Could persons generally realize the grave responsibility teachers incur as secondary agents, at least, in moulding the morals and in establishing correct and healthful channels of thought, they would not as a mere expedient, and without any special adaptation to the ends sought, embrace a profession where their success, *if they meet with any*, will be only of a mediocre character.

Although I find many things calling for words of commendation, I am constrained to say of nearly all the teachers, that in regard to proper government they are extremely deficient. I do not mean by this word government that a teacher should be a perfect Polyphemus to his scholars, receiving indeed their obedience and at the same time their bitterest animosity, but the school should be governed by its proper head, the teacher, and not by its subordinates, whether parents or scholars. And this superiority should be effected by a gentleness that is firm, by a kindness that is exacting and calculated to produce reciprocity in these relations. A snarling, peevish teacher will always be surrounded by unmannerly, discontented pupils, I know there are exceptions, but they are the exceptions that prove the rule. Where our school-rooms are study and recitation rooms combined, the more perfect the order which reigns, the more rapid and thorough the progress

that will be made. The indiscriminate whispering practiced in most of our schools ought not, under any circumstances, to be tolerated. In the first place it is wholly unnecessary, and again it is sure to divert and distract the attention of other scholars from their studies and produces a perfect Babel of confusion in the school-room. Strict impartiality, no deference to older scholars (whoever makes a rule and enforces it with the younger scholars, being blind to its transgression by the older ones, receives the contempt of young and old alike), kindly, considerate treatment of all these, are rules which cannot be ignored. And in addition to this let not each imagine that his or her success in a school is gauged by the *amount* of work accomplished, but rather by its thoroughness. Where the work has to be traversed and retraversed again and again for the proper understanding of the subject, all previous work may be considered as well-nigh futile. I will close this portion of my report with the remark that our home institution, the Haverhill Academy, has furnished us with a majority of our teachers, and among them are numbered some of our most efficient instructors.

SCHOLARS AND PARENTS.

There has been nothing of any serious nature to disturb the quiet of the schools and call for interference on my part during the year. There is not care enough and pride enough on the part of parents and scholars in regard to punctuality. With the parents lies the remedy, as from them the fault has sprung. Aside from its pernicious effects upon the school, it is the formation of a habit which will prove a perfect barnacle in the way of future usefulness. No measures can be too stringent which look to the correction of this evil. The interference of parents in the

discipline and government of schools will impair their efficiency, create dissatisfaction and set in motion the tongues of local gossips. The bad effects which arise from such a course are not overcome in a single term. Oftentimes by these means, the grossest injustice and injury results to a teacher. There will always be found a remedy for any real or fancied wrong done to our children, but under no circumstances should a scholar be made conscious that we espouse their cause as against the teacher. I write in this strain by reason of a little difficulty which occurred in one of our Southern districts.

Parents do not evince the interest which they ought to feel in the well-being of our schools. Little do we appreciate the influence on both scholar and teacher, of an occasional visit. We are thus made aware of some of the trials and annoyances of the teacher, learn their method, and can speak from actual observation, of the work that is being accomplished. On no other grounds have we a moral right to offer any criticism.

In conclusion, if without presuming too much, I may be allowed to suggest to the Committee, who under the new law will take our schools in hand, I would most respectfully recommend that at a given time and place, due notice of which having been given, they meet all those persons who desire positions as teachers in the schools. Let the morning be occupied in examinations. In the afternoon designate certain ones to act as teachers, with the balance of the applicants as scholars, and as far as possible call upon them in turn to hear a recitation, to be selected by the Committee. From such a course I believe that the best possible results would ensue, and teachers could be selected of a capacity fitted to the varied requirements of each school.

We ought all of us to take a deeper interest in educational matters, for on this as a foundation is reared the fabric of our material wealth, and our national greatness. In it is contained the germ of every beneficent and moral activity.

HERBERT A. REMICH.

ROLL OF HONOR.

DISTRICT No. 2.—First Term—John L Adams, Asa B Harriman, Lucia H Carleton, Jennie R Glines, Lilla M Marden. Second Term—Lilla M Marden, Katie Mudgett, John Sealey, Etta Sealey, Ethel M Shelley. Third Term—Jennie E Buck, Mattie Buck, Mary A Carleton, Lucia H Carleton, Harry B M Carleton, Ethel M Shelley.

DISTRICT No. 3.—First Term—Addie Kimball, Mary Eastman, Jennie Jackson, Louis Kimball, Roy Kimball, Eugene Sleeper. Second Term—Addie Kimball, Helen Kimball, Carrie Teft, Carrie Taylor, Mary Eastman, Bertha Farnham, Mary Hurlbutt, Jennie Jackson, Belle Rinehart, Bessie Coburn, Annie B. Priests, Sydney Rinehart, Chase Blake, Milo Farnham, Louis Kimball, Roy Kimball, George Winchester. Third Term—Chase Blake, Roy Kimball, Ned Noyes, Fred M Meader, Milo Farnham, Addie Kimball, Mary Eastman. For the year, Mary Eastman, Addie Kimball, Roy Kimball.

DISTRICT No. 4.—No register filed.

DISTRICT No. 5.—First Term—Mattie French, Jane French, Hattie Harris. Second Term—Mattie French, Hattie Harris.

DISTRICT No. 6.—Second Term—Mary E Peters.

DISTRICT No. 7.—First Term—Mattie Simpson, Second Term, Peabody K. Day.

DISTRICT No 8.—No register filed.

DISTRICT No. 9.—First Term—E Henry Lewis, Minnie B Plant. Second Term. Edward M Clark, Harry A Clark, Frank L Plant.

DISTRICT No. 10.—First Term—Will Carleton, Harlan Kezer, Emma Bancroft, Bessie V Brooks, Clara M Marston. Second Term—Nellie A Bard, Emma Bancroft, Hattie Young, Mamie Young, Charlie Mann, Harlan Kezer. For the year, Emma Bancroft, Harlan Kezer.

DISTRICT No. 12.—Second Term—Addie G Morse. Third Term—Georgia M Hoyt, Ina E Hoyt, Addie G Morse.

DISTRICT No. 14.—First Term—Ray C Cady.

DISTRICT No. 15.—No register filed.

DISTRICT No. 1 and 17.—No register filed.

DISTRICT No. 19.—First Term—Edward L Blumley, Willie A Meserve, Herbie C Merrill, Annie B Blumley, Susie M Merrill, Minnie M Merrill, Hattie E Merrill. Second Term—Edward L Blumley, Willie A Meserve, Herbie C Merrill, Annie B Blumley, Minnie M Merrill, Hattie E Merrill, Mary H Kezer. Third Term—Edward L Blumley, Herbie C Merrill, Annie B Blumley, Minnie M Merrill, Hattie E Merrill, Geo H Noyes. For the year, Edward L Blumley, Herbie C Merrill, Annie B Blumley, Minnie M Merrill, Hattie E Merrill.

DISTRICT No. 20.—Second Term—Ida E Wood.

DISTRICT No. 18.—First Term—Etta M Danforth, Nellie A Dickerman. Second Term—Anabel Large, Etta Danforth, William Corliss. For the year, Etta Danforth.

DISTRICT 13.—Primary, First Term—George E Bowen, Harley D Dodge, Frances Hood, Freddie Knight, Harry Mann, Sophie Page, Charlie Smith, Anna Stevens, Charlie Stevens, Laura Sawyer, Clemy Clough. Second Term.,

Ham Burton, Essie Corliss, Willie Hill, Eda Mann, Harry Mann, Sophie Page, Laura Sawyer, Charlie Smith. Third Term—George E Bowen, Ham Burton, Essie Corliss, Eugene Dow, Frank Higgins, Henry Hill, Lilla Hill, Eddie Kane, Mattie Leighton, Eda Mann, Harry Mann, Irving Scott, Charlie Smith. For the year, Harry Mann, Charlie Smith.

INTERMEDIATE.

First Term—Willie Burton, John Hancock, George Smith, Ira Mann, Fred Mann, Alice Battis, Mabel Crosier, Madge Evans, Minnie Gordon, Alice Moulton, Etta McConnell, Blanche Pennock, Lena Willis. Second Term—Willie Burton, John Hancock, Clarence Mann, Ira Mann, George Smith, Alice Battis, Edith Kinne, Lena Mann, Lena Willis. Third Term—Bertie Remick, Lena Willis, Willie Burton, Ida Moore. For the year, Willie Burton, Lena Willis.

GRAMMAR.

First Term—Flora Burnham, Nellie Martin, Lynn Kinne, Eddie Mann, Phillip Smith. Second Term—Flora Burnham, Annie Carpenter, Alice M Moulton, Juliette Hancock, Roscoe Olney. Third Term—Flora Burnham, Ida Crosier, Alice Thayer, Altha Thayer, Alice M Moulton, Clarence Battis, Eben Getchell, Orrin Martin. For the year, Flora Burnham.

SCHEDULE OF SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS.

District.	Term.	Length in weeks	No. Pupils.	Teacher.	Wages per month.	
No. 2	Spring	10	28	S. J. Mulliken	\$24	
"	Summer	9	22	" "	26	
"	Fall	12	24	" "	30	
No. 3	Spring	10	38	Ida M Buck	20	
"	Summer	10	36	" " "	20	
"	Fall	12	36	L. E. Patridge	44	
No. 4	Spring			Cora Buck		
"	Summer	Register not returned			" "	
"	Fall			" "		
No. 5	Spring	10	15	Elizabeth Page	12	
"	Summer	10	17	" "	12	
"	Fall	12	16	N. W. French	32	
No. 6	Spring	10	21	Ella Webber	22	
"	Summer	13 $\frac{3}{5}$	22	Cora Jeffers	22	
No. 7	Spring	12	6	Annie Leonard	12	
"	Fall	12	9	Mary E. Fulton	20	
No. 8	Spring			May Morrison		
"	Summer			" "		
"	Fall	Register not returned			J. C. Whitney	
No. 9	Spring	10	11	Minnie Mann	19	
"	Fall	8 $\frac{3}{5}$	10	" "	23	
No. 10	Spring	8	24	Nellie Marston	14	
"	Fall	12	22	A F Kimball	28	
No. 12	Spring	5	12	Cora Jeffers	20	
"	Fall	6	12	Emma Carbee	20	
"	Winter	6	12	" "	22	
No. 13	Spring	10	29	B. V. Child	40	
"	Fall	10	32	" "	48	
"	Winter	11	39	" "	48	
"	Spring	10	33	Marion McLeod	32	
"	Fall	10	35	Helen F. Baker	36	
"	Winter	11	31	" " "	36	
"	Spring	10	33	Abbie L. Cheney	28	
"	Fall	10	28	" " "	32	
"	Winter	11	26	" " "	32	
No. 14	Spring	12	28	Lena Carleton	22	
"	Winter	11	32	C L Spear	37	
No. 15	Spring			Otavia Warren		
"	Winter	Register not returned			Ora Gale	
No. 1, 17		Register not returned			Miss Bean	
"				May Burbeck		
No. 18	Spring	6	13	" "	14	
"	Winter	14	16	May Morrison	20	
No. 19	Spring	10	7	Nellie S. Stocker	21.50	
"	Fall	5	10	" " "	21.50	
"	Winter	12	11	" " "	32.50	
No. 20	Spring	6	3	Carrie Clark	8	
"	Summer	12	5	Lillie M Wilson	20	

DISTRICTS NO. 1 AND 17 AND HAVERHILL
ACADEMY.

The Academy opened August 26th, 1885, with 70 scholars, but gradually increased so that the Fall term closed with 87. The Winter term began with 84 scholars and closed with 90. The average attendance for all the departments during the past terms has been 80.

The Primary Department is under the direction of Miss Mary E. Burbeck. The order has gradually improved, the scholars are interested and industrious. The condition of this department and the progress of the pupils has been highly satisfactory and creditable alike to teacher and scholars.

Miss Jennie Bean has charge of the Intermediate Department. The scholars are keen and lively, but interested and well behaved. Miss Bean like all successful teachers spares neither time, patience nor labor to have a prosperous school. In her conduct of recitations there is much to be commended. In their examinations, all the scholars showed great thoroughness. The recitations in history and geography were especially interesting.

The Academic Department, under D. O. Bean, commenced in the Fall with 31 scholars but others came in so that the term closed with 41. The attendance was good, and the progress was especially commendable. The Winter term gave an encouraging increase. The interest in the school is constantly growing. Quite a large number of scholars from the adjoining towns of Piermont, Newbury, Lisbon, Bath and Benton as well as from other sections of our own town, are in regular attendance, so that the students from away average from 20 to 25. During the past year, classes have received instruction in

Latin, Greek, German and French, Algebra, Geometry and English Literature, as well as the higher branches of a common school education. The indications now point to a large and prosperous term this Spring.

HENRY MERRILL, *Chairman*, } Board of
 TYLER WESTGATE, *Secretary*, } Education.

UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT.

The Union High School District of Woodsville was organized March 7th, 1885, under the provisions of Sections 17 to 22 of Chapter 87 of the General Laws, and elected a Board of Education of six members, viz.: Ezra B. Mann, Albert H. Leighton, Herbert A. Remick, Samuel B. Page, James A. Sawyer and Seth P. Stickney. On May 9th following, by concurrent vote of the Districts, District No. 10 in Bath was united with the High School District. The funds available for the uses of the District, including \$350 specially voted, amounted to about \$1,000. Schools have been supported in three departments 31 weeks each. A full supply of fuel for the coming year has been purchased, about twenty new folding desks and seats placed in the school-rooms, a third room fitted up on the second floor for the highest department, and other improvements made, the bills for all of which have been rendered and paid, and there is no District debt. The property of the District is worth at least seven thousand dollars, and upon the building policies have been placed for \$4,000 insurance which have yet about two years to run.

The President of the Board is Rev. H. A. Remick; Secretary, Albert H. Leighton; Treasurer and Purchasing Agent, Ezra B. Mann; Examining and Visiting Committee, H. A. Remick, Samuel B. Page; Agent and

Janitor, James A. Sawyer; Clerk, George Emery. We believe the system adopted to have been fruitful of good results in every direction apparent in our improved business methods, social advancement, and as giving us a full and satisfactory return for our investments and expenditures; and that we can now offer to all who contemplate locating in any New England village, its first and most important element, a first-class system of public schools conducted with wise liberality and under the best approved methods.

The Primary school has been taught during the year by Abbie L. Cheney, with 39 different pupils whose average daily attendance has been 95 per cent. This school has two sessions of two hours each daily. The results of the year are very satisfactory, Miss Cheney being especially happy in her ways with little folk and easily winning their affection.

The Intermediate school was under the instruction of Marion McLeod during the summer term, and the Board are unanimous in the expression of the highest commendation. This grade of school always proves the most difficult to deal with. As a rule the boys do not yet esteem themselves young gentlemen, nor do the young Misses wear the manners of young ladyhood. Miss McLeod's excellent service is best attested by her unanimous re-election, and by the regret manifested throughout the District when her declination was made known. Helen F. Baker took charge of this department through the fall and winter terms. This lady possesses excellent attainments, and her pupils made good progress during both terms. The number of different pupils in this department during the year has been 39, with an average daily attendance of 94 per cent.

The High school was placed in charge of Bernard V. Child at the opening of the school year, and remained in

his charge during the three terms. It is a pleasure to report that not a complaint of any character whatever has reached the Board, whether upon the score of discipline, methods of instruction, results attained, or the personal qualities of Mr. Child as a gentleman. This department passed good examinations, embraced in its number 42 different pupils, of whom 10 were tuition paying scholars, and its average attendance was 91 per cent.

In the opinion of the Board, the present school-rooms will answer all requirements for the first and second terms of the coming year. They recommend that means be placed at their disposal for the fitting up of a fourth room when required, and that the sum of \$300 be raised for all purposes. Under the school laws of 1885, as interpreted by the Supreme Court, this District preserves its present organization, and its Annual Meeting will be held March 12th, at 7 o'clock P. M., at the School House Hall.

SAMUEL B. PAGE, *For the Board.*

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