







# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TREASURER, AUDITORS,

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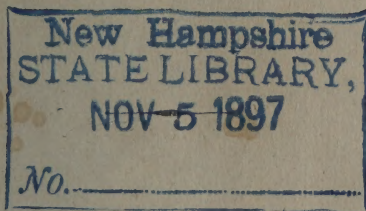
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

# TOWN OF WINDHAM.

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1873.



MANCHESTER, N. H. :

WILLIAM H. FISK, JOB PRINTER AND BOOKBINDER.

1873.



## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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The Treasurer respectfully submits the following report for the fiscal year ending Feb. 28, 1873:

Money and funds received and taxes made payable to the Treasurer during the year as follows:

1872.

March 1, cash balance in Treasury.....	\$668 09
May 4, received of State Treasurer for reimbursement of municipal war expenditures, State bonds.....	5400 00
Cash received of State Treasurer for same.....	58 33
Whole amount of tax assessed and made payable to Treasurer.....	2981 76
Oct. 21, money hired of E. N. Stickney .....	1000 00
Received of State Treasurer, savings bank tax.....	314 21
Received of State Treasurer, railroad tax .....	462 17
Received of State Treasurer, literary money .....	68 95
Feb. 10, money hired of the Ladies Benevolent Society.....	280 00
Rec'd interest on State bonds, July and Jan.....	324 00



1872 Rec'd of county for support of paupers	\$41 45	
“ “ Rei Hills, collector for 1870..	13 10	
“ “ “ “ “ 1871..	400 00	
“ for the use of town house.....	12 50	
“ from C. K. Barker, his note.....	9 50	
“ “ “ interest.....	2 75	
“ “ Selectmen, balance of high- way tax not worked out in high- way, Dist. No. 2 and 17.....	13 00	
“ from Selectmen, money hired.....	200 00	
“ “ Horace Berry, collector 1872 interest.....	15 02	
Due on George Copp's note.....	117 48	
		<u>\$12,382 31</u>
		CR.
By paid 121 orders amounting to.....	\$3,837 12	
“ Notes and interest.....	2,821 19	
		<u>\$6658 31</u>
Due on George Copp's note.....	\$117 48	
“ from Horace Berry, collector 1872 .....	38 00	
State bonds. ....	5400 00	
Cash in Treasury.....	168 52	
		<u>\$12,382 31</u>

## Notes and Interest.

Paid Sarai Armstrong, interest.....	\$24 00	
Silas Armstrong, interest .....	48 00	
Eliza Hills, notes and interest .....	1022 60	
Clarissa Hills, note and interest.....	725 97	
Isaac Emerson, agt. for Dist. No. 2....	6 00	
Harriet Dinsmoor's note and interest....	841 73	
Horace Anderson, agt. Dist. No. 6....	7 32	
Samuel Campbell, agt. Ministerial fund	25 57	
Thomas A. Rowell, interest.....	60 00	
Jacob Rowell, interest.....	60 00	
		<u>\$2,821 19</u>

### Standing of Treasury.

Date and amount of notes against the town:

1864, Aug. 22, (interest paid to Feb. 16, 1873),	\$400 00
1864, Sept. 22, " " " "	800 00
1866, March 1, " " Jan. 23, 1872,	478 00
1866, Dec. 3, " " Dec. 3, 1872,	100 00
1869, Feb. 1, " " Feb. 1, 1872,	122 00
1869, July 1, " " July 1, 1872,	426 00
1871, April 17, " " April 17, 1872,	1000 00
" " " " " "	1000 00
1872, Oct. 21	1000 00
1873, Feb. 10	280 00
1873, March 1	100 00
" " " " " "	100 00
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	\$5,806 00

Interest on the above notes due Mar. 1, 1873,	\$217 24
Estimated bills	300 00
Due school Dist. No. 5, literary money	8 24
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	\$6,331 48

### Notes and Bonds in favor of the Town.

State bonds	\$5400 00
Interest on the same	54 00
Due on George Copp's note	117 48
Due from Horace Berry, collector, 1872	38 00
Cash in Treasury	168 52
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	\$5,778 00

The Treasurer has included in cash in Treasury the tax on dogs for 1872	\$56 00
Amt. of orders for damage to sheep	30 00
Balance of dog tax in Treasury	26 00
Whole amount of town debt	\$553 48

### Recapitulation.

Whole amount received and due the Treasury	\$12,436 31
Paid notes and interest	\$2821 19
Town officers.	374 50
For education	1063 94

Paid For roads and bridges.....	84 47	
For snow paths.....	124 25	
For abatement of taxes.....	11 00	
For non resident highway receipts.....	63 21	
For miscellaneous.....	553 21	
For county paupers.....	27 45	
For town paupers.....	441 95	
For Nesmith library.....	263 50	
For cemeteries.....	329 64	
For receiving tomb.....	500 00	
Assets of the town.....	5778 00	
		\$12,436 31
Demands against the town.....	\$6,331 48	
Assets.....	5,778 00	
Whole amount of town debt .....		\$553 48

WILLIAM D. COCHRAN, *Treasurer.*

Windham, Feb. 28, 1873.

We the undersigned, Auditors, have examined the above accounts and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

REI HILLS,  
SAMUEL CAMPBELL, } AUDITORS.



# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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## Town Officers.

Paid Hiram S. Reynolds, balance due as Selectman, 1871. ....	\$9 00
William D. Cochran, balance due as Selectman, 1871.....	7 25
Leonard A. Morrison, balance due as Selectman, 1871.....	6 00
Horace Berry, Auditor for 1871.....	3 00
1872, William D. Cochran, services as Selectman, going to H. S. Reynolds, for town chest.	\$1 00
Writing three bonds.....	50
One half day approving bonds .....	1 00
Going to Manchester. ....	1 50
Drafting jurors.....	75
Taking inventory 8 3-4 days.....	17 50
Making new valuation, six days .....	12 00
Assessing tax, five days.....	10 00
Making of inventory to State Treasurer	2 00
Distributing highway warrants.....	1 50
Making record of taxes.....	4 00
Making Collector's book.....	3 00
One half day appointing Collector and taking bonds.....	1 00
For services on James Pool's petition....	75

## Paid William D. Cochran for services as Selectman :

Going to J. C. Clark's, relative to D. C. Davidson.....	1 00	
Regulating guide-boards.....	2 50	
Hiring money.....	2 00	
Taking up highway warrants.....	2 00	
Oct. 19, putting up warrants for town meeting .....	1 00	
One half day regulating check list.....	1 00	
Attending town meeting.....	1 00	
Putting up guide-boards.....	3 00	
One half day to Manchester for insur- ance on town house and library ....	1 00	
Regulating jury box.....	75	
Drafting jurors.....	75	
Going to Exeter for county money.....	1 00	
Preparing check list for printing.....	1 00	
Going to S. L. Prescott's, relative to Charles Prescott.....	1 00	
Posting warrant for town meeting.....	1 00	
One day giving orders.....	2 00	
		\$78 50

## 1872, Leonard A. Morrison, services as Selectman,

One half day approving bonds.....	\$1 00
Drafting jurors.....	75
7 3-4 days taking inventory .....	15 50
Making new valuation, 6 days.....	12 00
Assessing taxes 5 1-2 days.....	11 00
Distributing highway warrants.....	1 00
Appointing Collector, 1-2 day.....	1 00
Application of James Pool, relative to changing district lines .....	75
General business, 1-2 day.....	1 00
Hearing on James Pool's case.....	75
Going to J. S. Cottle's, relative to guide- boards .....	75
Regulating guide-boards, 1 day.....	2 00
Changing district lines.....	1 00





Paid Horace Berry, Collector of taxes, 1872.....	50 00	
William D. Cochran, Treasurer, 1872.....	20 00	
William D. Cochran, getting State bonds, paying notes, &c.....	7 00	
		————— \$374 50

#### Paid for Education.

Paid School Dist. No. 1, town appropriation...	\$181 25	
“ “ tax from dogs, '70-71	12 00	
“ “ literary money.....	14 32	
“ 2, town appropriation...	196 28	
“ “ tax from dogs, '70-71	12 00	
“ “ literary money.....	7 81	
“ 3, town appropriation...	151 23	
“ “ tax from dogs, '70-71	12 00	
“ “ literary money.....	12 57	
“ 4, town appropriation ..	77 17	
“ “ tax from dogs, '70-71	12 00	
“ “ literary money.....	6 50	
“ 5, town appropriation...	104 56	
“ “ tax from dogs, '70-71	12 00	
“ “ “ “ 1871	5 28	
“ “ literary money, 1871	6 85	
“ 6, town appropriation...	131 05	
“ “ tax from dogs, '70-71	12 00	
“ “ literary money.....	13 01	
“ 7, town appropriation...	54 46	
“ “ tax from dogs, '70-71	12 00	
“ “ “ “ 1871	5 28	
“ “ literary money, 1871	5 82	
“ “ literary money.....	6 50	
		————— \$1,063 94
Literary money in town Treasury unpaid be- longing to District No. 5.....		\$8 24

## Highways and Bridges.

Paid John E. Brown, for plank and stringers, 1871 .....	\$8 29	
George Copp, for repairing highway, 1871...	10 85	
Charles E. Buttrick, for repair of highway near Pelham line .....	26 56	
James Pool, for repairing highway.....	11 67	
Abram Woodbury, plank for bridge.....	4 59	
David Wilbur, for labor and lumber, re- pairing highway.....	22 51	
	<hr/>	\$84 47

## Snow Paths.

Paid Jonathan Stickney, 7 1-2 hours, 1871.....	\$1 25	
Charles E. Buttrick, 23 " " .....	3 82	
George Copp, 40 " 1872.....	6 67	
George W. Noyes, 175 " 1873.....	29 17	
Charles Buttrick, 190 " " .....	31 67	
Abel Dow, 118 " " .....	19 67	
John H. Dinsmore, 88 " " .....	14 67	
William D. Cochran, 35 " " .....	5 83	
Olin Parker, 33 " " .....	5 50	
Rei Hills, 27 " " .....	4 50	
Joseph C. Armstrong, 9 " " .....	1 50	
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## Abatement of Taxes.

Paid Daniel C. Davidson, 1872,.....	\$4 28	
Giles Merrill, poll tax (over 70 yrs.) .....	1 43	
Michael Dolan, " " .....	1 43	
M. G. Frye, and Oliver* Simpson's poll tax...	2 86	
James W. Smith, dog tax.....	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$11 00

## Non Resident Highway Receipts.

Paid Horace Berry, Collector for 1872.....	\$63 21
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## Miscellaneous.

Paid William H. Fisk, town reports, books and stationery.....	\$40 75
Horace Berry, discount on taxes paid on or before Aug. 1.....	105 78
E. P. Richardson, for insurance on library and town house.....	114 00
James Cochran, for taking care of town house, and hearse.....	10 00
For lights and wood for town house.....	9 99
Isaiah Dinsmoor, damage on wagon.....	8 00
L. D. Sargent, for guide-boards.....	28 05
Williams & Willison, for bolts.....	6 40
William D. Cochran, for use of horse.....	7 25
Joseph L. Cottle, " ".....	8 00
Leonard A. Morrison, " ".....	12 50
William D. Cochran, for cash paid for car fare, \$5.35, express \$1.20, glass and window cord, \$1.72, postage and stationery, .95, 3 revenue stamps \$3.00...	12 22
C. H. Roberts, for copy of reimbursement to soldiers.....	2 00
Rei Hills, public watering trough.....	2 00
B. H. Hughes, " ".....	2 00
William Worledge, " " 1871-72.....	4 00
" " stone step for graveyard.....	1 00
Benj. O. Simpson, for powder and fuse.....	1 85
George B. Poor, for bier, and labor on town house.....	4 50
Benj. F. Hall, sheriff fees in Frank Wilson case.....	3 00
Horace Berry, for tax bills.....	2 50
Leonard A. Morrison, for counsel.....	3 00
" " for car fare to Manchester, and stationery, correspondence,.....	4 47
John B. Wilson, repair money for school District No. 7.....	75 00



Paid Joseph C. Armstrong, for repair money for		
District No. 6:.....	25	00
Trustees of Nesmith library, int. on fund...	60	00
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### County Paupers.

Paid Leonard A. Morrison for keeping 12 transients.....	\$6	50
W. D. Cochran, for keeping 3 transients.....	1	95
J. L. Cottle, keeping 4 transients.....	3	00
G. C. Howard, for balance due for medical attendance on T. Kenedy.....	6	00
Henry S. Davis, for medical attendance on Aaron Foster.....	10	00
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### Town Paupers.

Paid N. H. Asylum for the Insane, for the board of N. Webster.....	\$199	40
William J. Campbell, for medical attendance and medicine for J. Clark.....	44	00
William J. Campbell, for medical attendance on Daniel C. Davidson.....	28	00
S. D. York, for medical attendance on James Clark, 1871.....	8	80
D. O. Smith, for medical attendance on Mrs, Johnson, 1871.....	6	00
Hiram S. Reynolds, for board of James Clark, from Jan. 14 to July 1, 24 wks.	91	50
Hiram S. Reynolds, for board of James Clark, from July 1 to Aug. 21, and nursing while sick.....	43	00
Hiram S. Reynolds, for coffin, robe, supplies, and funeral expenses of James Clark.....	18	25
James Cochran, for services at the burial of James Clark.....	3	00
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## Cemeteries.

Paid W. D. Cochran, for services and labor in enlarging cemeteries.....	\$32 00
Leonard A. Morrison, for services and labor in enlarging cemeteries.....	17 25
Joseph L. Cottle, for services and labor in enlarging cemeteries.....	16 00
B. E. Blanchard, for surveying.....	2 00
Robert P. Morrison, for land for cemeteries	55 89
E. B. Smith, " "	22 00
Absalom Haselton, for labor.....	7 50
David Anderson, " .....	7 00
John H. Dinsmoor, " of self and team	16 00
Charles Daniels, " .....	7 50
Robert Simpson, " .....	6 50
Rei Hills, for labor of self and team.....	10 00
James Cochran, for labor of self and team	15 00
" " for building 46 rods of wall	115 00
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## Receiving Tomb.

To 52 3-4 days' work of John Ellenwood, at \$3 per day,	\$158 25
12 1-2 " G. L. Webster, at \$2 per day,	25 00
Use of tools.....	3 25
Sharpening tools .....	12 79
J. C. Armstrong, for board .....	1 00
J. G. Bradford, " .....	3 75
P. S. Call, " .....	36 00
James Mansfield, " .....	50
—— Knapp, for stone.....	1 00
2 casks cement.....	5 70
12 lbs. lead.....	1 80
James Marden, one day's work.....	3 00
William Butterworth and oxen .....	6 86
James Cochrane and oxen, \$4 per day.....	29 00
William Dobbins, for iron door for tomb.....	32 00
Rei Hills, for 36 ft. split stone, 50 cts per ft.....	18 00
" 57 3-4 days' work and board, \$3.....	172 75
" 4 1-4 days, oxen and man.....	12 50

To Rei Hills, for going to Nashua, Derry, meeting committee, and drawing stone.....	6 00
“ use of horse and wagon.....	5 00
42 lbs. iron bolts, 9 cts. per lb.....	3 78
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	\$537 93
Paid Rei Hills, Building Committee .....	500 00
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Due on the above bill.....	\$37 93

### Nesmith Library.

Paid Leonard R. Morrison, for expense procuring books,	\$10 30
Leonard A. Morrison, for labor in selecting, purchasing, numbering. and arranging books in Nesmith Library, and making supplementary Catalogue .....	24 75
Trustees of Nesmith Library, for money expended for boxes, Boston freightage. &c., for Nesmith Library, 1871.....*	9 23
Noyes, Holmes & Co., for cover-paper for books, and Literary World .....	15 22
George S. Merrill & Co., for printing 350 catalogues for Nesmith Library, 1871 .....	137 25
George S. Merrill & Co., for printing 350 supplementary catalogues for Nesmith Library.....	24 50
William D. Cochran, for curtain and ladder for Library, and freight upon books.....	5 65
Eliza Hills, for covering 250 books for Library.. ..	1 60
Clara Hills, for services as Librarian.....	35 00
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	\$263 50

### Town House.

Paid David Young for 1 1-4 cords wood... ..	\$5 00
James Cochran, for carting wood.....	1 25
“ sawing and putting in same, .....	1 50
B. O. Simpson, oil and wicks .....	2 24
James Cochran, care of town house,.....	8 00
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	\$17 99



	CR.
By cash received for use of hall.....	\$12 50
Wood on hand.....	5 50
	\$18 00

Recapitulation.

Whole amount received and due the Treasury.....	\$12,436 31
Paid notes and interst .....	\$2,821 19
Town officers .....	374 50
For education.....	1,063 94
Roads and bridges.....	84 47
Snow paths .....	124 25
Abatement of taxes .....	11 00
Non-resident highway receipts.....	63 21
Miscellaneous .....	553 21
County Paupers.....	27 45
Town Paupers.....	441 95
Nesmith Library.....	263 59
Cemeteries .....	329 64
Receiving Tomb .....	500 00
Assets of the Town.....	5778 00
	\$12,436 31
Demands against the town.....	\$6,331 48
Total Assets.....	5,778 00
	\$553 48
Whole amount of Town debt .....	\$553 48

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM D. COCHRAN,	}	<i>Selectmen</i>
LEONARD A. MORRISON,		<i>of</i>
JOSEPH L. COTTLE,		<i>Windham.</i>

We, the undersigned Auditors have examined the above accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched,

REI HILLS,	}	<i>Auditors.</i>
SAMUEL CAMPBELL,		

**Ministerial Fund.**

Report of the Agent of the Ministerial fund for the year ending  
Feb. 28, 1873,

	DR.
To two bonds against City of Manchester,...	\$1,500 00
one note against the town,.....	426 18
Interest on the Bonds.....	90 00
"    town note,.....	25 57
	—————\$2,041 75
	CR.
By amount of bonds and notes.....	\$1,926 18
paid interest, Presbyterian Religious Soc.	115 57
	—————\$2,041 75

SAMUEL CAMPBELL, *Agent of Fund.*

We, the undersigned Auditors have examined the above account and find them correctly cast.

REI HILLS,  
SAMUEL CAMPBELL, } *Auditors.*

**Valuation of the town, April 1, 1873.**

Real and personal estate.....	\$328,038 00
Number of Polls, 183	
Poll tax.....	1 43
Rate of taxation, 1.43 per .....	100 00
State tax, 1872.....	768 00
County tax, 1872.....	1269 10
School tax, 1872.....	896 00
Amount of money voted 1872 .....	1500 00
Debt of town March 1, 1863,.....	7136 75
"    "    "    1864.....	7,205 83
"    "    "    1865.....	15,573 41
"    "    "    1866 .....	14,000 01
"    "    "    1867.....	16,405 58
"    "    "    1868.....	11,157 26
"    "    "    1869.....	10,256 07
"    "    "    1870.....	9,909 50
"    "    "    1871 .....	7,682 09
"    "    "    1872.....	5,883 32
"    "    "    1873.....	553 48

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE NESMITH LIBRARY.

## Statement of Accounts.

Money at disposal of trustees March 12, 1872.....	\$1000 00
Received from the town as interest on fund.....	60 00
Amount received from interest and fines.....	71 07
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	\$1,131 07
Paid Noyes, Holmes & Co., April 11, 1872.....	\$867 57
“ “ Nov. 11, “ .....	263 50
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	\$1,131 07
Money due Noyes, Holmes & Co., April 1, 1873.....	\$34 12
Money in hands of trustees, \$7 89.....	} 8 89
Duplicate book to be returned, \$1.00.....	
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Present indebtedness, above amount in hands of trustees	\$25 23
Number of volumes in library at commencement of the year, 1582	
Number at present time,	1834
Number of volumes taken from the library during the year was five thousand five hundred and ninety three.	

TO THE INHABITANTS OF WINDHAM: The Board of Trustees, in presenting a report of the affairs of the Nesmith Library during the year, would announce its continued prosperity, and that it meets and supplies a want of our citizens. The Trustees have aimed to establish the Library upon a sure and broad basis, and in purchasing books under the general heads of history, science, general literature, &c., preference has been given to such works as they believed would meet the wants of the reading community, rather than to those costly works which are better calculated to aid the researches of the scholar, trusting that the Library would, by future accessions, gradually arrive at that symmetry and completeness which is so desirable to be attained. An addition of two hundred and fifty two volumes has been made to the Library during the year. Catalogues and Supplementary Catalogue of the books in the Library have been issued and distributed to our citizens.

There should be continued additions to the Library of fresh, new works, as they appear, and if the interest upon the fund is

not sufficient for that purpose, some other means should be adopted for the attainment of that end. For that prosperity which shall be permanent, and which shall make this Library an element of strength, and a power among us, it demands our watchful care, our generous support. Without these, no public enterprise can prosper; without them a public library must decline—with them it will be a pillar of strength and a fountain of good. This Library, which has become a permanent institution of the town, should be an object of our regard and pride. With the common school—one the complement of the other—it should stand side by side, both objects of our patronage and favor. One being the basis of the intelligence of our people, the other will be a source of their mental strength and intellectual vigor.

JAMES COCHRAN,	}	<i>Board of Trustees.</i>
WILLIAM D. COCHRAN,		
LEONARD A. MORRISON,		
JOSEPH L. COTTLE,		



# SCHOOL REPORT.

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## District No. 1.

The summer term was taught by Miss Carrie A. Smith of Pelham. The examination at the close of the term passed off quite well. Reading and recitations of the first class were good. There was evident improvement in the manner of speaking, which heretofore has been, by many, so low that they could not be distinctly heard, and some still speak too low. The order was not as good as we like to see.

Fall and winter terms were taught by Miss Susan M. Smith of Pelham. She has taught school many terms, was well qualified as to knowledge of the various studies and had the goodwill of the scholars, so that at the close of the term the recitations were promptly recited. The reading of the first classes was good, and an exercise by the school in bounding the counties of the State was interesting, also answers to questions in Physiology which showed that the teacher had drilled them in these exercises. But there was a laxity in order which greatly injures the appearance of a school. The committee at the first visit referred to the order and hoped that would be sufficient, as the teacher thought there would be no trouble in sustaining order, but we did not find the improvement desired and expected. There are a few who if they would speak loud enough to be distinctly heard would make the school appear much better.

### District No. 2.

The summer term was taught by Miss Mary A. Marshall of Chelmsford, Mass. This school was small, numbering only nine scholars at the commencement and eight at the close of the term. The school appeared quiet, and the lessons promptly recited. In a school so small there is not room for much excitement or emulation among the scholars.

The Winter term was taught by Mr. F. J. Hughes of Windham. He has been unfortunate in losing his right arm, which must make it very hard to manage a school, yet he has succeeded in maintaining order and giving good satisfaction. A large number were present at the examination, who, with the committee, gave evidence of their pleasure at his success in teaching.

### District No. 3.

The Summer term was taught by Miss Alice D. Morse of Derry. This was her first attempt at teaching and she succeeded well for a young teacher. The reading was not quite as good as the spelling. Twenty-one scholars were present at the first visit of the committee and only fourteen at the close of the term.

The Winter term was taught by Mr. Frank N. Parsons of Derry, a student of Dartmouth College. This was his first term at teaching. He was not quite as familiar with the common branches studied in our schools as some are who have not had their minds occupied by the study of Latin and Greek, yet we think he tried to do well. Your committee believe there is not that union of feeling and interest among the parents of the district there should be in regard to the school, as appears from the small number that visit the school. There is also, evidently, a looseness, and kind of vulgarity in the manners of the scholars out of school, which needs the watchful care of the teacher and especially of the parents. Why is it that at the close of the Summer term only  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the scholars were present, and of the Winter term only  $\frac{1}{3}$ ? It is evident there is something wrong. The teacher cannot oblige the scholars to come to the school, it is not his duty. His duty is to manage them at school and, perhaps, on the way to and from school, it is the parents' duty to

see that they are present. Those that were present at the close of the Winter term did themselves credit, especially the class in Mental Arithmetic. The committee had requested this class to learn the multiplication table during the term, they succeeded finely, and every parent must have been gratified to have heard them. But what can your committee say in commendation of those that were absent? Nothing! no, nothing! Nor yet of those parents who without a sufficient excuse allowed their children to stay at home.

#### District No. 4.

The Summer term was taught by Miss Josephine Bartley of Windham. This was her first trial as a teacher. She obtained the good-will of the school, was well qualified, and succeeded so well that she was engaged for the Fall term, both of which proved creditable to the teacher, and we think she bids fair to be useful in this employment.

The Winter term was taught by Miss Josephine Bradford of Derry, an experienced teacher, having taught some forty months previous to this term, and, as was expected, the exercises at the close of the term told what they had been doing during the weeks of school. The parents, with a few exceptions, in the district seem to enjoy a visit to the school-room, and take an interest in the school.

#### District No. 5.

Summer term was taught by Miss Ella J. Burns of Windham. This was her first term. She was young, and evidently did not take pride in acquainting herself with the lessons to be recited, which a young teacher ought to do in order to gain the respect and good-will of the school, and interest the class. But the school being small and the scholars well disposed, the school appeared better at its close than was anticipated by some.

Winter term was taught by Miss Martha Hills, also of Windham. She has had a good share of experience in teaching, has taught in this district three terms before this. She is a good disciplinarian, order being one of the first principles in her school, and as is usually the case with such teachers where the parents

cöoperate with them, a good school is expected and is obtained. We think the Prudential Committee was fortunate in obtaining so good a teacher for this small school.

#### District No. 6.

Summer and Winter terms were taught by Miss Mattie Scribner of Raymond. Miss Scribner is an experienced teacher, has taught four terms in this district previous to this, and needs no further recommendation from your committee. She makes teaching her business and succeeds well, takes especial interest in the larger and more advanced scholars. We see the wisdom of the prudential committee in obtaining the same teacher for so many terms.

#### District No. 7

Was taught by F. J. Hughes, of Windham, the same that taught in No. 2 with like success. They have but one term in the year, as the school is small and the amount of money being small also. Some come from Derry to this school and some from this District go to Derry when the two schools do not both keep at the same time.

#### General Remarks.

*Fellow citizens of Windham:* In presenting to you the report of our schools for the year past, your committee would urge the hearty cöoperation of parents and guardians with the teachers in governing and sustaining our schools. It is utterly impossible for a teacher to sustain good order in school, where the parents countenance disorder. We must respect the teacher if we wish our children to respect them. Children readily understand whether their parents respect and favor the teacher or not, although they do not tell it in words. We would like to impress upon the minds of Prudential committees the responsibilities resting on them. Do not hire a teacher because he or she applies for the school, but strive to learn whether they have good common sense, patience, perseverance, a mild temper and yet firmness, for a good teacher needs all these qualities. The prudential committee has as good and often a better opportunity than the school committee



to learn in regard to these qualities. It is the duty of the school committee to examine those who propose to teach, in regard to their knowledge of the branches to be taught in our schools. But it is very unpleasant and difficult for the committee after a person has been engaged and sent for examination and found qualified, as far as book knowledge is concerned, to refuse a certificate on account of an evident lack of certain qualities necessary to a successful teacher. It is much easier for the prudential committee not to engage such a person in the first place, and avoid much unpleasant talk and disagreeable feeling. Our common schools, the corner-stone of our republic, should be watched and cared for by all who wish for the peace and prosperity of our nation. Your committee would again refer to the register. Let every parent see to it, that no black marks stand recorded there against his child's name. It is disheartening to the child and it should shame the parent. Let no parent allow their children to stay at home a day from school on any account, if able to have them there, especially the last day. No matter how poorly clad compared with his neighbors, if his clothes are clean and comfortable, if not, let them be made clean. If they are backward in their studies, it will make them more so to keep at home.

Your committee have made thirty-one visits to the different schools, have noticed many things worthy of commendation, also pointed out some defects where they have thought improvement ought to be made. We have not been called to visit any school on account of disorder, either by parents or teacher. Although we have had general success in our schools, let us persevere and press onward and upward in endeavoring to place the standard of our schools still higher.

# ROLL OF HONOR.

NAMES OF SCHOLARS NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY.

## District No. 1.

SUMMER TERM.

Clara B. Dinsmoor.  
Katie A. Dinsmoor,  
Lizzie E. Wardwell.  
Flora E. Dustin.  
Abbie J. Lampson.  
Clara B. Brown.  
Lucy S. Procter.  
Charles O. Parker.  
Charles H. Dinsmoor.  
Horace P. Dinsmoor.  
Willie Dinsmoor.  
Joseph W. Dinsmoor.  
Joseph A. Lampson.  
Elmer H. Cochran.

FALL TERM.

Lucy S. Procter.  
Clara B. Brown.  
Mary J. Brown.  
Lizzie M. Dinsmoor.  
Willie W. Dinsmoor.  
Charles H. Dinsmoor.  
Horace P. Dinsmoor.  
George W. Dinsmoor.  
Charles O. Parker.  
Elma H. Cochran.

WINTER TERM.

Clara B. Dinsmoor.  
Katie A. Dinsmoor.

Joseph W. Dinsmoor.  
Willie W. Dinsmoor.  
Charles H. Dinsmoor.  
Horace P. Dinsmoor.  
Herbert W. Haseltine.  
Lucy S. Procter.  
Charles O. Parker.  
Alice M. Smith.

## District No. 2.

SUMMER TERM.

Walter E. Baley.

WINTER TERM.

George Haseltine.  
John Warledge.

## District No. 3.

SUMMER TERM.

Lydia L. Esty.  
Lizzie J. Esty.  
Abbie F. Palmer.  
Hattie S. Smith.  
Moody M. Esty.  
Loren J. Hardy.

WINTER TERM.

Frank W. Bodwell.  
Mary E. Bodwell.  
Nellie M. Alexander.

**District No. 4.**

SUMMER TERM.

Ida J. Kendall.  
Cindre J. Moore.  
Fannie Humphry.  
Lizzie Humphry.

FALL TERM.

Alice J. Moore.  
Nellie O. Moore.  
Ida J. Kendall.  
Lottie A. Reynolds.

WINTER TERM.

George H. Barker.  
H. Reid Campbell.  
Ida J. Kendall.  
Alice J. Moore.

**District No. 5.**

SUMMER TERM.

Ella A. Barker.  
Mary J. Goodwin.  
Ellen L. Hills.  
Ella L. Palmer.  
Flora B. Palmer.  
Vena F. Russell.  
Fred. W. Russell.  
Edward Titcomb.

WINTER TERM.

Forest Campbell.  
James E. Goodwin.

Mary B. Titcomb.  
Ella A. Barker.  
Flora B. Palmer.

**District No. 6.**

SUMMER TERM.

Mary A. Nesmith.  
Ellen R. Cochran.  
Lizzie C. Scott.  
Willie S. Harris.  
Frank L. Woodman.  
John E. Cochran.  
Charles I. Woodman.  
Charles H. Cochran.

WINTER TERM.

L. Etta Woodman.  
Frank L. Woodman.  
John E. Cochran.  
Willie H. Woodman.  
Charles I. Woodman.  
Charles H. Cochran.

**District No. 7.**

SUMMER TERM.

Annie Owens.  
Fannie A. Whitney.  
Carrie V. Whitney.  
Thomas Owen.  
Willie Owen.  
Michael Owens.  
Eddie Wilson.

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