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ANNUAL REPORTS

—OF THE—

TREASURER & SELECTMEN

—OF THE—

TOWN OF WINDHAM,

TOGETHER WITH THE REPORTS OF THE

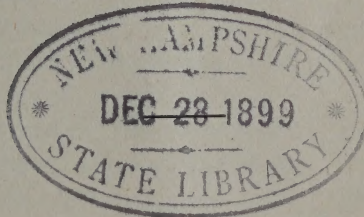
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

—AND—

TRUSTEES OF NESMITH LIBRARY,

—FOR THE—

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1884.



NASHUA:

BARKER & BEAN, STEAM POWER BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS,
1884.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer respectfully submits the following report for the year ending March, 1st, 1884:—

DEBTOR

To cash in treasury March 1st, 1883,	\$197 65
taxes assessed for the year 1883,	4,326 97
tax on dogs “ “ “	41 00
cash received for rebate on county tax for 1883	75 64
cash received for support of county paupers	71 50
cash received for rebate on state tax for 1883	60 00
cash received of state treasurer, railroad tax	323 44
cash received of state treasurer, savings bank tax	521 90
cash received of state treasurer, literary fund	60 69
cash received for reimbursement of bounty on crows	4 10
cash received of state treasurer to balance account between state and town	94 03
cash received of collector, 1881,	54 50
cash received of collector, 1882,	859 91

To cash received of town clerk for license of A. Dow's bowling alley.....	5 00
cash received of James Cochran for use of town-house.....	4 50
cash received of collector for in- terest, 1881.....	4 37
cash received of collector for in- terest, 1882.....	16 53
	<hr/> \$6,721 73

CREDIT.

By county tax.....	\$1,099 34
state tax.....	872 00
eighty-one orders.....	3,093 33
highway receipts, 1881.....	1 10
“ “ 1882.....	92 10
“ “ 1883.....	438 83
due from collector, 1883.....	966 68
cash in treasury.....	158 35
	<hr/> \$6,721 73

FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TREASURY.

ASSETS.

Due from collector for 1882.....	\$ 49 10
“ “ “ “ 1883.....	966 68
Cash in treasury March 1, 1884....	158 35
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LIABILITIES.

Highway receipts, 1883.....	\$263 35	
School-house tax, district No. 5....	40 00	
Tax on dogs.....	41 00	
Outstanding order.....	31 75	
	<u> </u>	\$376 10
Balance in favor of town March 1, 1884,		\$798 03

J. P. CROWELL, TREAS.

We the undersigned auditors, have this day examined the above accounts and find them correct with satisfactory vouchers.

E. O. DINSMOOR, }
 F. J. HUGHES, } AUDITORS.

WINDHAM, March 1, 1884.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF WINDHAM, TAKEN APRIL 1, 1888.

	VALUE.
Number of polls, 172.....	\$17,200 00
Real estate, resident.....	203,366 00
Real estate, non-resident.....	77,312 00
Number of oxen, 33.....	1,880 00
Number of cows, 397,.....	10,350 00
Number of neat stock, 45.....	722 00
Number of horses, 182.....	9,726 00
Number of sheep, 77.....	298 00
Number of hogs, 5.....	80 00
Number of carriages, 5.....	310 00
Money at interest.....	7,430 00
Stock in trade.....	10,188 00
Mills and machinery.....	11,950 00
	\$350,812 00

WHOLE AMOUNT ASSESSED.

State tax.....	\$ 872 00
County tax.....	1,099 34
School tax.....	763 00
Money voted for schools.....	200 00
Money raised for town charges.....	500 00

School-house tax in Dist. No. 5.....	40 00
Highway tax.....	702 18
Dog tax.....	41 00
Overlay.....	150 45
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	\$4,367 97

Rate per cent. \$10.20 per \$1,000, money.

Rate per cent. \$2.00 per \$1,000, highway.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid George N. Demott, services as constable for the years of 1880, '81, 82, and '83,	\$ 8 25
L. A. Morrison, moderator March 13, '83,	2 00
W. C. Harris, supervisor, 1883.....	4 50
John H. Dinsmore, supervisor, 1883..	4 50
J. P. Crowell, supervisor, 1883.....	4 50
J. P. Crowell, treasurer, 1883.....	25 00
James Cochran, town clerk, 1883.....	25 00
B. E. Blanchard, superintending school committee, 1883.....	40 00
S. L. Prescott, collector, 1883.....	50 00
H. S. Reynolds, selectman, 1883.....	75 25
A. E. Simpson, selectman, 1883.....	42 25
Charles Smith, selectman, 1883.....	48 00
F. J. Hughes, auditor, 1883.....	4 00
E. O. Dinsmoor, auditor, 1883.....	4 00
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	\$337 25

PAID FOR SCHOOLS.

Paid District No. 1, town appropriation....	\$196 90
literary fund.....	6 95
dog tax.....	7 00

Paid District No. 2, town appropriation....	210 91
literary fund.....	6 32
dog tax.....	7 00
3, town appropriation....	145 38
literary fund.....	17 07
dog tax.....	7 00
4, town appropriation....	90 62
literary fund.....	6 32
dog tax.....	7 00
5, town appropriation....	123 64
literary fund.....	9 48
dog tax.....	7 00
6, town appropriation....	127 46
literary fund.....	12 01
dog tax.....	7 00
7, town appropriation....	68 09
literary fund.....	2 54
dog tax.....	7 00
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	\$1,072 69

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid B. E. Blanchard for use of schools for the year 1883.....	\$123 66
Barker & Bean, printing town reports..	25 00
L. A. Morrison, the sum voted towards the publication of its history.....	300 00
Charles H. Baker, damage sustained by falling off bridge below Butler's mills between Windham and Pelham in 1883.....	20 00
J. F. Webster, use of public watering trough, 1883.....	2 00
E. N. Stickney, interest on note.....	10 00

B. H. Hughes, use of public watering trough, 1882 and 1883.....	4 00
W. A. Dinsmoor, use of public watering trough, 1883.....	2 00
Olen Parker, use of public watering trough, 1883.....	2 00
James Cochran, postage and stationery 1883.....	3 00
S. L. Prescott, postage and stationery, 1883.....	6 00
H. S. Reynolds, cash paid out of town, 1883.....	7 40
H. S. Reynolds, postage and stationery, 1883.....	1 22
A. E. Simpson, postage and stationery, 1883.....	25
James Cochran, care of town and hearse house, 1883.....	15 00
James Cochran, wood and supplies furnished town house, 1883.....	19 94
Charles Smith, supplies for town house, 1883.....	2 65
Charles Smith, highway receipts, 1883,	2 00
F. J. Hughes, use of public watering trough, 1883.....	2 00
J. P. Crowell, expense in paying county tax, 1883.....	3 00
Charles Smith, collector's and highway books, &c.....	5 70
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	\$556 82

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Patrick Hayes for rep'ring stone bridge,	\$ 8 18
freight on road machine.....	5 75
T. W. Simpson, 25½ days, man and team with road machine.....	204 00
A. E. Simpson, 25 days with road machine.....	50 00
Geo. W. Taft, for steel edge for road machine.....	6 00
H. S. Reynolds, for repairing bridge on Mammoth road below B. E. Blanch- ard's, 1883,.....	19 09
Dow and Alexander for labor on Policy street, 1883.....	27 75
Dow and Alexander, ½ day with team at trial with road machine, 1883.....	4 00
Charles Smith, railing bridge at Butler's mills, 1883.....	3 19
Geo. W. Taft, road machine.....	250 00
Olen Parker, labor on highway, 1883..	7 05
W. H. Proctor, labor on highway, 1883,	4 04
A. E. Simpson, self and team in pro- curing road machine.....	4 00
A. E. Simpson, putting in water way to gravel pit, 1883.....	3 75
A. E. Simpson, labor on Policy street, 1883.....	15 50
J. L. Cottle, labor on highway, 1883...	4 50
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	\$616 80

SNOW PATHS.

Paid Patrick Hayes, 1882.....	\$ 60
P. S. Call, 1882.....	1 80
L. L. Fish, 1883.....	1 65
J. F. Webster, 1882.....	1 80
Ambrose Richardson, 1883.....	2 70
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	\$8 55

CEMETERIES.

Paid C. B. Clark, labor on cemeteries, 1882,	\$ 1 50
P. S. Call, care of tomb, 1882-83.....	4 00
W. D. Cochran, labor and material in improving cemeteries, 1883.....	235 37
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	\$240.87

TRAMPS.

Paid Geo. N. Demott, conveying three tramps.	\$1 00
H. S. Reynolds, keeping seven tramps,	4 50
A. E. Simpson, “ two “	1 50
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	\$7 00

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid Wm. D. Cochran, supplies for Fintin Bahar, 1883.....	\$71 90
Dr. Wade, medical attendance on Fintin Bahar, 1883.....	1 50
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	\$73 40

 TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid Wm. D. Cochran, supplies for Edward Bahan, 1883.....	\$28 10
E. O. Dinsmoor, wood furnished Edward Bahan.....	3 25
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	\$31 35

 NESMITH LIBRARY.

Paid Trustees of Nesmith Library, interest on fund.....	\$60 00
John E. Cochran, services as librarian, ending May 1, 1883.....	60 00
John E. Cochran, mucilage, ink &c....	60
M. V. B. Greene, binding books.....	26 60
Charles S. Cogswell, services in procur- ing books, cash paid out for paper and expenses, 1883.....	5 52
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	\$152 72

 ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid Mrs. S. J. Titcomb, for overvaluation, 1883.....	\$ 3 96
S. L. Prescott, collector, 1881.....	10 44
S. L. Prescott, collector, 1882.....	9 13
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	\$23 53

BOUNTY ON CROWS.

Paid H. S. Reynolds, bounty on 5 crows....	50
A. E. Simpson, bounty on 13 crows....	1 30
Charles Smith, bounty on 23 crows....	2 30
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	\$4 10

RECAPITULATION.

		DR.
Whole amount received and due the treasury for the year 1883.....	\$6,770 83	
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By state tax, 1883.....	\$ 872 00	
county tax, 1883.....	1,099 34	
town officers, 1883.....	337 25	
education, 1883.....	1,072 69	
highways and bridges, 1883..	616 80	
miscellaneous, 1883.....	556 82	
cemeteries, 1883.....	240 87	
tramps, 1883.....	7 00	
county paupers, 1883....	73 40	
town paupers, 1883.....	31 35	
bounty on crows, 1883.....	4 10	
snow paths, 1883.....	8 55	
Nesmith library, 1883.....	152 72	
abatement on taxes, 1883....	23 53	
highway receipts, 1881.....	1 10	
“ “ 1882.....	92 10	
“ “ 1883.....	438 83	
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	\$5,628 45	
Deduct unpaid order No. 32....	31 75	
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	\$5,596 70	
Balance.....	\$1,174 13	

FINANCIAL STANDING.

The following is the financial standing of the town
March 1, 1884 :—

Assets of the treasury..... \$1,174 13

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Due Dis. No. 5, school-house tax,	\$ 40 00
“ tax on dogs.....	41 00
Highway receipts, 1883	263 35
Unpaid order No. 32,.....	31 75

\$376 10

Balance in favor of the town..... \$798 03

Respectfully submitted,

HIRAM S. REYNOLDS,	} SELECTMEN OF WINDHAM.
ALBERT E. SIMPSON,	
CHARLES SMITH,	

We the undersigned auditors, have this day examined
the above accounts and find them correctly cast and
properly vouched.

E. O. DINSMOOR,	} AUDITORS.
F. J. HUGHES,	

WINDHAM, March 1, 1884.

TOWN HOUSE.

	DR.
Paid James Cochran, care of town house....	\$12 00
“ “ 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ gals. kerosene oil,	1 79
“ “ one broom.....	40
“ “ 3 cords oak wood.....	13 50
“ “ $\frac{1}{2}$ cord pine wood	1 50
“ “ fitting and putting in same.....	2 75
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	\$31 94
	CR.
Received of Jubilee Singers.....	\$1 50
Ladies' festival.....	3 00
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	\$4 50

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON CEMETERIES, 1883.

THE OLD CEMETERY ON THE PLAIN.

Paid P. S. Call, cutting bushes..	\$3 00	
W. D. Cochran, 3 rails....	30	
W. D. Cochran, irons for posts.....	29	
	\$3 59	

THE NEW CEMETERY ON THE PLAIN.

Paid George C. Wheaton, labor.	\$ 4 50	
W. P. Simpson, “	75	
P. S. Call, “	50	
W. C. Harris, “	13 50	
Horace Berry, “	6 00	
William Cushman, “	3 00	
W. A. Rowe, “	75	
John G. Bradford, “	5 25	
W. D. Cochran, labor, self and team.....	27 75	
James Cochran, labor, self and team.....	24 68	
Samuel Kelley, 6 stone posts, setting same and building wall.....	38 00	
8 guide boards, posts and setting same.....	6 56	
	\$131 24	

THE CEMETERY ON THE HILL.

Paid George C. Wheaton, labor..	\$ 9 75	
John H. K. Lamson, “	7 50	
W. C. Harris, “	1 50	
John H. Dinsmoor, labor, self and team.....	7 00	
W. D. Cochran, labor, self and team.....	22 00	
Samuel Kelley, two stone posts and setting the same,	12 00	
For powder, fuse and sharp- ening drills.....	60	
Seven guide boards, posts, and setting the same.....	5 74	
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CEMETERIES.

J. B. Clarke, printing books and blanks.....	\$11 25	
C. H. Weeks, for resetting gravestones and monuments	15 25	
Geo. E. Seavey, brimstone, Express.....	1 20	
	25	
W. D. Cochran, services as committee.....	3 50	
Horace Berry, services as committee.....	1 50	
W. C. Harris, services as committee.....	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$34 45
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		\$235 37

MINISTERIAL FUND.

REPORT OF THE AGENT.

DEBTOR.

To two bonds against the city of Manchester.....	\$1,500 00	
Amount in Manchester Sav- ings Bank	487 94	
Interest on money in bank	19 48	
Interest on bonds	90 00	
		————— \$2,097 42

CREDIT.

By two bonds against the city of Manchester	\$1,500 00	
Money in Manchester Sav- ings Bank	487 94	
Paid interest on bank to Pres- byterian religious Society .	19 48	
Paid interest on bonds to Pres- byterian religious society	90 00	
		————— \$2,097 42

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL CAMBPELL, *Agent.*

REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF NESMITH LIBRARY,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1884.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

	DR.
Money in hands of trustees, March 1, 1883,	\$ 4 08
Received interest on fund from town.....	60 00
from librarian, fines collected.....	3 03
from town, expenses for obtaining books and consulting printers... ..	4 00
from town, paper for cov'r'g books,	1 12
from town, express bills.....	40
	\$72 63
	CR.
By cash paid L. A. Morrison, for History of Marlboro'.....	\$ 3 35
W. S. Harris, for History of the Harris family.....	2 00
for Blind Man's Offering and Ruling Ideas..	3 25
for car fare and other expenses obtaining books and consult- ing printers.....	4 00

By cash paid for paper to cover books,.....	1 12
express on books.....	40
Lockwood, Brooks & Co., for books.....	58 31
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	\$72 43
Money in hands of trustees.....	20
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	\$72 63

NUMBER AND CIRCULATION OF BOOKS :

We find by the Librarian's report for the current year to be as follows :

No. of volumes in the library at the beginning of the year.....	2,426
No. at the present time.....	2,483
No. taken from the library during the year.....	1,859
Largest number taken in any one month, which was March.....	222
Smallest number taken in any one month, which was May.....	113
Largest number taken in any one day which was Nov 18.....	54
Smallest number taken in any one day, which was May 2.....	4
The amount of fines from March 1st, 1883 to March 1st, 1884.....	\$4 02

From the Librarian's report we observe that there has been a considerable decrease in the circulation of the books for the last year. Why this should be so, we cannot now make answer. Certainly there are valuable books in the library having the appearance that they are seldom if ever read. From year to year additions have

been made to the library of the choicest literature which the market affords. We feel confident that Nesmith Library has a choice variety of desirable and valuable books. But if the people do not choose to take them out and read them, then they must consider who the losing party is in this affair. During the past year we have received some documents from the Department of the Interior, and our historian, Leonard A. Morrison, Esq., has given a copy of History of Windham to the library. Mr. John E. Cochran was re-elected librarian, and appears to have given general satisfaction. Some of the story books have been re-bound or repaired during the past year. The books with a few exceptions are in good condition, showing that the readers use them with care. May the coming year be more prosperous!

In behalf of the Trustees,

JOSEPH S. COGSWELL.

REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1884.

The requirements in the statutes of a school committee relating to the annual report to be submitted to the town are not arduous, neither indeed closely defined ; but leaving it to the judgment of those concerned as regards what is necessary and proper, or otherwise. It is a *very pleasant* task to be able to testify to the earnest endeavors and faithful efforts of our teachers the past year, so that while there has been in no case that which resembles a failure, in some terms the evidences of advancement were not only quite marked, but the genial efforts on the part of the scholars, very pleasing to notice ; while the growing paternal zeal on the part of the teacher was such as always brings good results. The *live, growing teachers* are the ones we need. Teachers that not only love to be with the children, but love to watch the growth and expansion of the young mind and to direct it in the right path.

The price per week or month should not for a moment be thought of in the school-room ; but to labor because one loves to labor for the good of the rising generation.

While our schools for the past year have been progressing in the main, some branches have been handled

altogether *too* carelessly, for instance reading, and while our educated classes are such *miserable* readers how *can* we elevate the standard of reading in our common schools? We must make a powerful effort to bring about better results. It *can* and *must* be done. Now will all lend a helping hand? Give us a better class of teachers if they can be found, but by all means see that your children do not read carelessly at home; teach them to study out the prominent or emphatic words and be sure they read slowly.

SPELLING

next to reading is of indispensable value to good scholarship. There are different methods by which to perfect one in the art of correct orthography. A very efficient one is to be supplied with blank books which cost but a few pennies, in which to record each lesson with a space for correcting mistakes. This is very fine and has been practised in many of our schools the past year with the best results. The plan works *finely*, and needs only to be examined to be appreciated.

PHYSIOLOGY

has been taught orally and otherwise in some of our schools for some time and with the best results, but we are notified by the State Superintendent that the coming year those proposing to teach must be prepared to instruct in physiology and hygiene, with special reference to the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants and narcotics upon the human system. Consequently an additional text-book will be required, but what author will be the approved one has not been decided. It is proposed by the State Superintendent to refer the matter to some eminent medical authority before selecting.

DRAWING

as practised in some of our schools, and we would be glad to say in all, let it be object or map drawing, cannot but be of value to every one who attempts to obtain a livelihood by his own efforts. It assists to cultivate a correct taste in architecture; it teaches the hands to carry out the suggestions of the mind; it helps not only to educate, but elevate the taste. Let the practice be continued.

VOCAL MUSIC.

is a recreation as well as a cheerful educator, and has found its place among school exercises much to the credit of those who took part in the rendering of the same. "Variety is the spice of life," and what is there that tends more to make the school-room homelike and cheerful?

MORALS.

The section in our statutes relating to the examination of teachers, expressly states that all persons proposing to teach in town, *shall* produce satisfactory evidence of good moral character and suitable *temper* and *disposition* for teachers as well as competency to instruct in the ordinary branches pursued in district schools. Therefore do not our teachers occupy a very responsible position? They should surely guard against every impure word or act on the part of themselves or the children intrusted to their care, in or around the school-room or on the way to or from school. And here let me say parents should co-operate with and sustain the teacher in enforcing those lessons which will tend to the purity of morals, politeness of manners and elevate the true standard of gentlemanly and lady-like deportment among the pupils; and even this must begin at home; if the first few years of a child's

life are under good tutelage, it will be very easy to direct the remainder of the school life. As is the parent, so is the child; what father or mother says or does is perfectly correct with the child. What satisfies the parents, satisfies the children; what disgusts the parents, disaffects the children. Consequently it is of the utmost importance the kind of remarks that are passed in the presence of the child. Parents if you have anything other than of a pleasant character to say of your teacher, for the good of your own family if for no higher motive, carefully avoid saying a word in the hearing of the children. Do not under any consideration vitiate the young and plastic minds with anything of a doubtful cast, either directly or indirectly, for they will seize upon and retail it to the disturbance of the whole school if not the whole neighborhood and town.

We would not forget the kindly co-operation during the past year of parents and teachers; neither would we fail to appreciate the respectful friendly greeting with pleasant smiles from the scholars, which tends to make life happy and duty a cheerful task, and indicates a very healthy state of affairs in our schools.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

B. E. BLANCHARD,
Superintending School Committee,
of Windham.

ROLL OF HONOR.

SCHOLARS WHO HAVE BEEN NEITHER ABSENT OR TARDY.

DISTRICT No. 1.

John L. Dinsmoor, 2 terms; Josie Wheaton, one term.

DISTRICT No. 2.

J. Worcester Cutting, 9 terms; Frederic G. Cutting, 6 terms; Ilde G. Prescott, 1 term; Fred C. and Arthur W. Noyes absent but $\frac{1}{2}$ day, and that very rainy, of the first term; Blanche A. Jewett absent but one day of the second term.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Eddie Clark, 2 terms; Henry Wheeler, 2 terms, Fannie Floyd, 1 term; Minnie Bean, 1 term, Minnie Clark, 3 terms; Jennie, Lirrie and Addie Doran, 1 term each; Edna Armstrong, 2 terms; Joey Clark absent but $\frac{1}{2}$ day second term; Edna Armstrong absent but one day, second term.

DISTRICT No. 4.

C. Arthur Barker, 6 terms; Eddie McDaniels, 6 terms; Fred G. Goodhue last term.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Ernest Richardson and Jennie Davidson one term each.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Mary L. Call, 6 terms; George M. Call, first term; *Percey J. Call, first term; Harry B. Call, 5 terms; Sadie E. Bray, 2 terms; Mary U. Cogswell, 1 term; Alice M. Lynde, 2 terms; Gracie R. Call, 1 term; John L. Bradford, 1 term; Eddie A. Lynde, 1 term.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Eva Clendenin, 1 term.

*Reported to be constant in attendance for eight previous years.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEES AND TEACHERS.

No. of District.	TEACHERS.			
	COMMITTEES.	FIRST TERM.	SECOND TERM.	THIRD TERM.
1	John H. Dinsmore.....	Carrie D. Sanders.....	Lucinda T. Carlton.....	Lucinda T. Carlton.....
2	Robert Simpson.....	S. M. Smith.....	S. M. Smith.....	S. M. Smith.....
3	Willis E. Hughes.....	Mary B. Titcomb.....	Ella L. Foote.....
4	A. F. Campbell.....	Nellie O. Moore.....	Nellie O. Moore.....	Nellie O. Moore.....
5	Wellington Russell.....	Ella A. Barker.....	Ella A. Barker.....
6	Charles P. Lynde.....	Mary F. Hazelton.....	Mary F. Hazelton.....	Mary F. Hazelton.....
7	John Wilson.....	Ella M. Thom.....

