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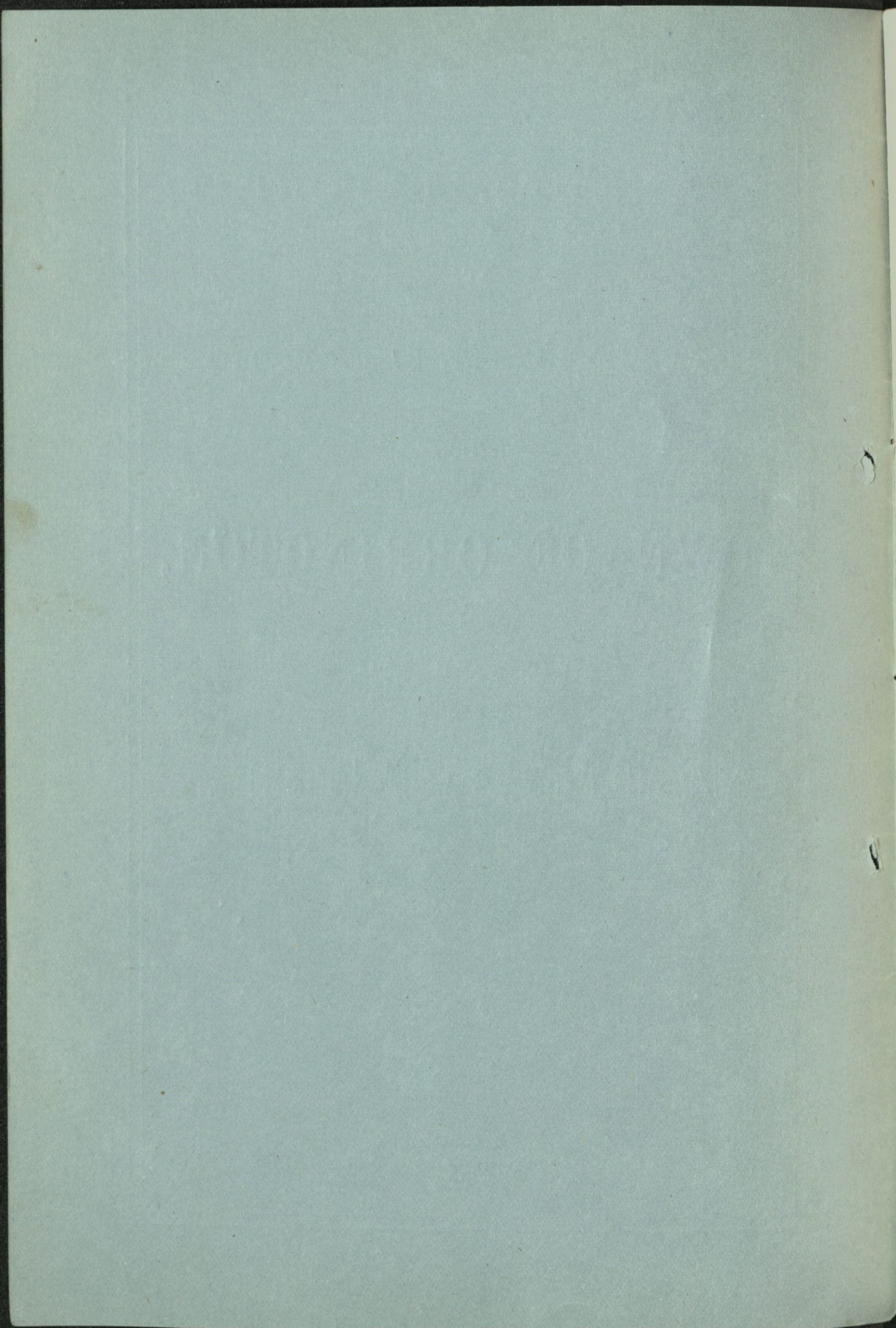
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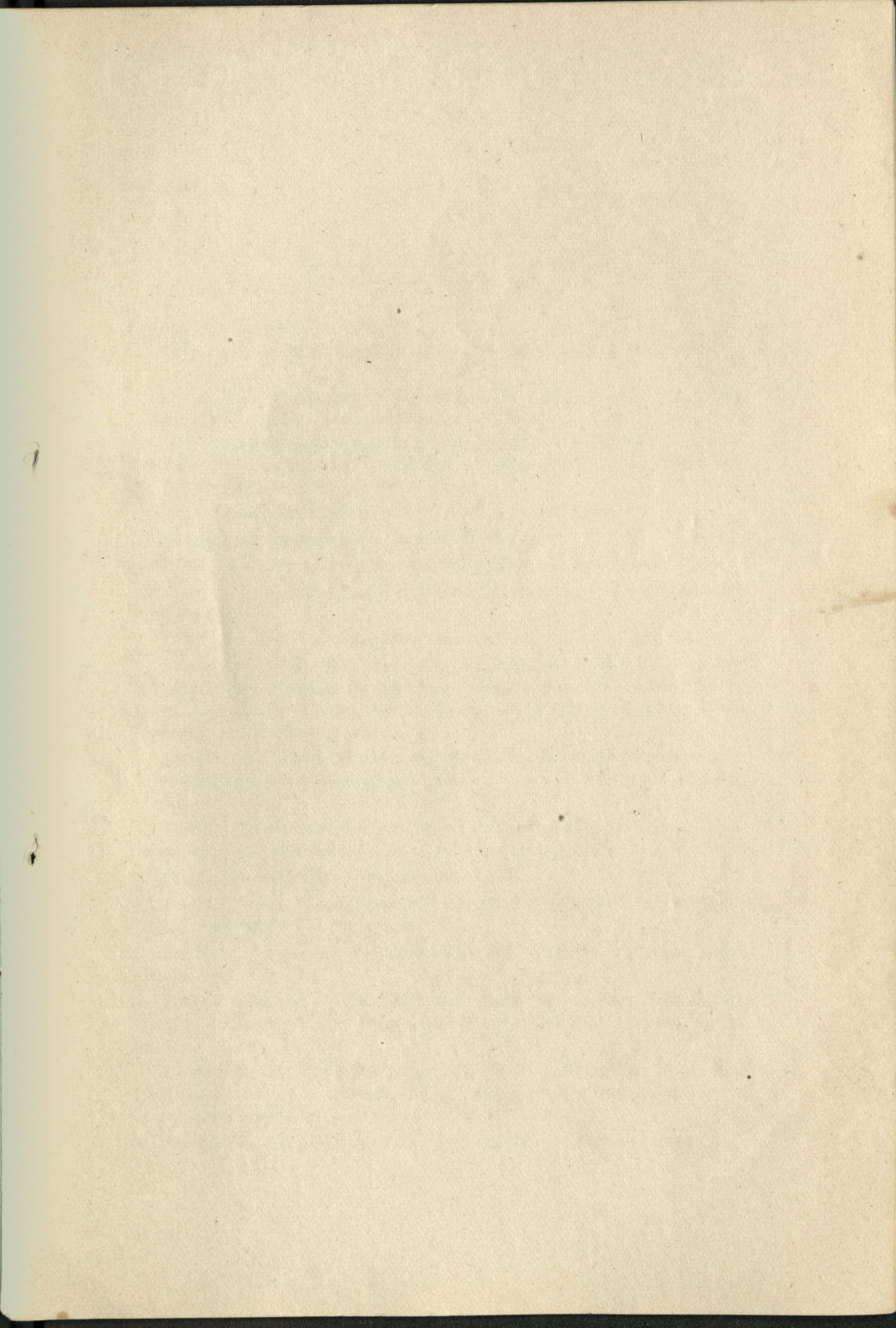
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ANNUAL REPORT
OF
THE SELECTMEN
OF THE
TOWN OF ORRINGTON,
AND THE REPORT OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
For the Year 1883--84.

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1884.





WARRANT.

To ALBERT H. SMITH,

A Constable in the town of Orrington, in the County of Penobscot,

Greeting :

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Orrington, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town House in said Town, on Monday, the tenth day of March, inst., at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit :

First. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

Third. To hear the report of the Selectmen and act thereon.

Fourth. To hear the report of the Superintending School Committee and act thereon.

Fifth. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Sixth. To see if the Town will grant and raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the maintenance and support of schools, and the poor, and repairs of roads and bridges, and to defray all other Town charges for the ensuing year.

Seventh. To determine what way the Town will adopt for the repairs of its highways the ensuing year, and to establish the price of labor thereon.

Eighth. To determine in what way the Town will choose their Highway Surveyors and School Agents, for the ensuing year.

Ninth. To see if the Town will tax dogs.

Tenth. To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen regarding the letting and care of Town House.

Eleventh. To see if the Town will put a ventilator in the Town House.

Twelfth. To see if the Town will grant the prayer of certain petitioners to improve the Dean Hill Cemetery without expense to the Town.

Thirteenth. To see if the Town will choose a Committee to examine and make trial of a "road-machine;" and authorize the purchase of a machine, if such trial prove satisfactory.

Fourteenth. To see if the Town will continue to furnish school-books

to their scholars at cost; and choose an agent to keep and sell such school-books, and appropriate money for this purpose.

Fifteenth. To see if the Town will accept the action of the Selectmen in laying out a Town way from the "Artic Road" to the land of the Orrington Ice Company.

Sixteenth. To see if the Town will allow Emery B. Lufkin's bill for damage to wagon near the Brewer line.

Seventeenth. To see if the Town will build sheds for horses on the Town House lot, and raise money for that purpose.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session at their office one hour previous to the meeting, for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hand, at Orrington, this twenty-seventh day of February, A. D. 1884.

J. D. BAKER,	}	Selectmen of Orrington.
A. N. LUFKIN.		
N. A. NICKERSON,		

ANNUAL REPORT.

ALBERT G. DOLE, TREASURER.

In account with the Town of Orrington.
Dr.

Feb. 27, 1883.		
To uncollected resident tax for 1882.....	\$134 00	
Uncollected non-resident tax.....	357 11	
		\$491 11

AMOUNT RAISED BY THE TOWN MARCH, 12, 1883.		
For the support of poor.....	\$700 00	
Repairs of Road and Bridges.....	600 00	
Town charges.....	500 00	
Cemetery fence at Oak Hill.....	75 00	
Highway deficiency for 1882.....	25 50	
Tax on dogs.....	64 00	
Overlying in assessments.....	172 79	
		2137 29
Cash from Town of Holden.....	\$98 00	
Mellen Atkins' notes.....	75 00	
Received for use of Town House.....	82 70	
Cash for fish privileges.....	4 00	
Tax from Railroad and Telegraph Co.....	3 00	
Cash from Bucksport—Town Line.....	3 00	
" for gravel sold.....	1 00	
Cash from A. Everett for help in T. Stubbs' family.	4 50	
Cash for plank and old iron sold.....	1 00	
Cash collected for abatements.....	2 00	
Balance due from Holden, Tirrell case.....	31 50	\$305 70
		\$2934 10

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By paid for support of poor.....	553 32	
Pay of town officers.....	375 79	
Paid for repairs of roads and bridges.....	222 11	
Paid miscellaneous expenses.....	237 83	
Paid interest on school fund, 1883.....	69 42	
Paid cash borrowed from school fund.....	286 01	
		1744 48
Uncollected non-resident tax, 1880.....	14 19	
" " " 1882.....	21 68	
" " " 1883.....	213 80	
		\$249 67
Uncollected resident tax 1883.....	500 00	
Mellen Atkins' notes.....	75 00	
Balance due from Holden, Tirrell case.....	31 50	
Cash in Treasury.....	333 45	939 95
		2934 10

SUPPORT OF POOR.

S. G. Nye, board and clothing of Fannie Ayer's child.....	\$55 51	
Mrs. Abbie D. Godfrey, care and expenses at Asylum.....	113 13	
Baker & Pond, supplies to A. L. Thayer.....	58 85	
Geo. W. Brown, board and clothing Charlie A. Ayer.....	81 25	
A. Richardson, board and clothing, Clara H. Smith.....	84 40	
" " board and clothing, Geo. Harvey.....	40 00	
Daniel Appleton, board and clothing, E. S. Appleton.....	40 00	
John Ryder Jr. support for one year.....	20 00	
T. Stubbs, paid for help in family.....	15 25	
O. H. Hymes, wood, medical attendance and funeral expenses.....	28 93	
Mrs. Hymes, wood.....	6 50	
City of Bangor, supplies to Angeline Downs.....	9 50	
	<hr/>	\$553 32

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

Uncollected non-resident taxes.....	\$249 67	
" resident taxes.....	500 00	
Mellen Atkins' notes.....	75 00	
Balance due from town of Holden.....	31 50	
Cash in the Treasury.....	333 45	
	<hr/>	\$1189 62

VALUATION FOR 1883.

Real estate of residents taxed.....	\$248,300	
Personal estate of residents taxed.....	82,840	\$331,140
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Real estate of non-residents.....	21,070	
Personal estate of non-residents.....	280	21,350
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Total estates taxed.....		\$352,490
Number of Polls, 390. Poll tax, \$3 00. Percentage, \$1 20 on \$100.		

AMOUNT RAISED BY TOWN, MARCH 12, 1883.

For Schools.....	\$1250 00	
Support of Poor.....	700 00	
Repairs of Roads and Bridges.....	600 00	
Town Charges.....	500 00	
Cemetery Fence.....	75 00	
	<hr/>	\$3125 00
Overlays in Assessment.....	\$172 79	
Highway Deficiency, 1882.....	25 50	
Tax on Dogs.....	64 00	
	<hr/>	262 29
State Tax for 1883.....	1628 09	
County Tax for 1883.....	474 00	
	<hr/>	2102 09
Total Assessments.....		\$5489 38

SCHOOL FUND.

Balance due districts, Feb. 26, 1883,	\$369 47	
School Mill Tax for 1883.....	500 00	
		\$869 47
Amount raised by town March 12, 1883.....	\$1250 00	
Interest on Town School fund for 1883.....	69 42	
State school fund for 1883.....	529 02	
		\$1848 44
		2717 91
School mill tax not apportioned.....	\$200 00	

APPORTIONMENT.

No. of District.	No. of Scholars.	Apportioned.	Due from 1882.	Paid.	Now Due.
1	42	\$203 70	\$21 09	\$173 49	\$ 51 30
2	50	242 59	55 77	290 26	8 01
3	34	164 90	2 45	167 35	
4	113	548 05	33 44	580 96	53
5	21	141 40	88 09	229 49	
6	25	148 25	6 47	153 80	92
7	75	363 75	111 62	432 63	42 74
8	18	117 59	02	109 60	8 01
9	18	117 60	09	114 00	3 69
*10	3		49 93	8 35	41 58
Corner.	62	300 70	59	164 75	136 45
	461	\$2348 44	\$369 47	\$2424 68	\$293 23

*United with District No. 5.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. BAKER,
A. N. LUFKIN,
N. A. NICKERSON, } Selectmen
of
Orrington.

Orrington, Me., Feb. 27, 1884.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Summer and Winter terms.—Miss E. MARIA SMITH, teacher. The government of these schools was crisp and orderly, the instruction direct. The scholars felt this and were measurably benefitted by it, but seemed to desire a little more of that domestic confidence that makes study a pleasure and learning a delight. These terms were profitable ones.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Spring Term.—Miss MINNIE SNOW, teacher. During this short term of five weeks considerable improvement was made. Miss SNOW has a pleasing faculty in the school room of making the most of things, and her scholars appreciated her kind efforts.

Summer and Fall terms.—Miss SUSIE AREY, teacher. These schools opened with mutual confidence between teacher and scholars, and progressed under the same pleasant relations; but the health of the teacher did not allow of that energetic effort so essential to the best results. Under these circumstances the scholars did all that could be expected of them.

Winter Term.—Mr. JUDSON C. LONG, teacher. The school moved off steadily and with resolution; overcame many difficulties in Arithmetic, Geometry and Physiology, and closed the campaign of ten weeks with a very satisfactory review. It is recommended that two or three scholars of this school go to some higher institution of learning rather than spend further time in the common school. Promotion there will be quite as deserving and much more rapid.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Summer Term.—Miss ROSE E. BOWDEN, teacher. The mild and gentle manner of instruction produced a listlessness seldom observed. Had more vim been exercised, this school would have exhibited greater activity. Fair improvement was made.

Winter Term.—N. P. LIBBY, Teacher. Mr. Libby fully maintained his previous good reputation. The examination exhibited systematic and thorough instruction. Good improvement made.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Primary.—Summer and Fall Terms.—Miss MARY A. CROOK, teacher. This school was very restless and noisy at its commencement; but the patience and the untiring effort of the teacher, soon brought order out of confusion; and the terms passed pleasantly and with profit to those attending.

Winter.—Mrs. GEORGIA A. WASHBURN, teacher. Mrs. W. did well

with the little ones, and gave a pleasant exhibit at the close of the term; many of the scholars showing thorough drill.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Summer and Fall Terms.—Mrs. GEORGIA A. WASHBURN, teacher. The teacher entered upon her task with her usual vigor. Quiet prevailed throughout the terms. The examinations were pleasant. All performed their assignments promptly. The large attendance at the public exercises, showed the interest of parents in the school, and in the success of their children in study.

Winter Term.—Mr. S. BOLTON, teacher. This term passed pleasantly. The scholars appreciated their privileges, and many of them made commendable improvement.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Summer Term.—Miss ELIZA J. EATON, teacher. Although twelve scholars were registered, this school really numbered but seven; and these seven made substantial progress under Miss Eaton's instruction.

Winter Term.—Miss CORA K. COPELAND, teacher. A graduate of the Eastern State Normal School, Miss Copeland came well qualified for her work. Some disturbing elements in the District at the beginning of this term, were so adjusted that the school proved very satisfactory and profitable to all. The success attained in teaching geography to the infant class by means of the "moulding board" is worthy of special mention.

We cannot too strongly urge the employment of teachers specially trained for their vocation.

DISTRICT No. 6.

The Fall and Winter Terms, were under the instruction of Miss ADDIE A. HOLYOKE. Careful attention was given to reading and Arithmetic, Grammar and Geography, and the scholars made a very perceptible advance in all their studies. The self reliant perseverance on their part contributed much to this result.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Spring, Summer and Fall Terms.—Miss JENNIE A. SEWALL, teacher. A thorough student and a successful teacher. Miss Sewall sought to make the work done during these terms thorough and enduring rather than superficial. They were pleasant and profitable schools.

Winter Term.—J. WYMAN PHILLIPS, teacher. A thorough and systematic teacher and a prosperous school. The large attendance at the close of the school and the general excellence of the recitations, demonstrate that the term has been one of more than usual interest. These scholars are steadily advancing in mental culture.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Winter Term. Miss ROSE E. BOWDEN, teacher. In this the only term of school for the year, very satisfactory results were attained. Good order prevailed; sufficient advancement was made in the various studies; and the reviews were thorough. Miss Bowden has been a faithful teacher, and her school a profitable one.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Summer Term.—MISS MARY J. WATTERS, Teacher. Discipline good; advancement fair. The work accomplished by teacher and scholars was as much as could reasonably be expected.

Winter Term.—MISS HATTIE E. MOULTON, Teacher. A milder type of discipline prevailed here, than during the summer term. Careful attention to reading resulted in marked improvement. Fair advancement was made in the other studies of the term.

CORNER DISTRICT.

Summer, Fall and Winter Terms.—MISS BELLE M. MOORE, Teacher.—During the summer term the school was orderly and made good improvement. The fall term was a pleasant and fairly profitable one. Some dissatisfaction and a diminished attendance during the winter term, rendered it less satisfactory and profitable than the preceding terms.

STATISTICS.

SUMMER TERM.						WINTER TERM.					
No. of District.	Length of School in Weeks.	No. of Scholars Registered.	Average Number In Attendance.	Wages of Teacher per month.	Price of Board per week.	No. of District.	Length of School in weeks.	No. of Scholars Registered.	Average Number In Attendance.	Wages of Teacher per month.	Price of Board per week.
1	12	21	16	22	2 25	1	12	21	16	22 00	2 25
2 Spring.	5	27	24	22	1 50	2 Fall	6	26	23	16 00	2 12
2	6	31	27	16	2 00	2	10	31	26	36 00	3 50
3	10	26	16	13	1 50	3	9	22	18	30 00	3 00
4*	8	27	21	24	2 00	†4 Fall	10	36	32	22 00	2 00
4†	8	39	33	22	2 00	*4	10	38	32	38 00	3 00
4* Fall.	10	23	19	24	2 00	†4	10	35	33	24 00	2 50
5	9	12	9	11	2 00	5	14	17	15	17 00	2 00
6	8	15	12	16	2 00	6	10	15	13	20 00	2 25
7 Spring.	8	35	27	30	2 50	7 Fall	8	35	28	28 00	2 50
7	8	30	24	28	2 50	7	11	41	37	40 00	3 75
9	6	20	18	10	2 00	8	14	13	12	16 00	2 25
Corner.	10	30	25	18	2 00	9	13	13	13	16 00	2 00
“ Fall.	10	35	28	20	2 00	Corner	12	38	23	24 00	2 50

*Grammar. †Primary.

Number of scholars in Town.....	461
Number attending Summer Schools.....	371
Number attending Winter Schools.....	381
Average number attending Summer Schools.....	299
Average number attending Winter Schools.....	321
Average length of Summer Schools, in weeks.....	8.4

Average length of Winter Schools, in weeks.....	10.6
Average length of schools, in weeks, for the year.....	9.5
Average wages of female teachers per week, exclusive of board...	\$5.00
Average wages of male teachers per month, exclusive of board.....	\$36.00
Average price of board per week.....	\$2.28
Per cent. of average attendance in Summer, to number of scholars in town.....	.65
Per cent. of average attendance in Winter, to number of scholars in town.....	.70
Average per cent. of attendance for the year.....	.67

At the last annual meeting the town voted, "that the S. S. Committee be instructed to furnish school books at cost." Acting under authority thus conferred, your S. S. Committee corresponded with dealers and publishers for lowest terms on which they would furnish school books. They received various offers ranging from 20 to 46 per cent. below present retail prices. This larger percentage was offered on Geographies, and your Committee thought it wise to accept this offer, which they did, exchanging the "Warrens" for the "Harpers" School Geographies, thereby reducing the retail price from \$1.50 to \$1.10, or still further to 80 cents per copy, if the town will deal directly with the publishers. Messrs H. and Bros. have contracted to furnish the Com. School Geography at 80 cents, and the Introductory at 35 cents per copy, so long as the town shall continue to use them, giving the town the benefit of any future reductions.

Your Committee also purchased a bill of writing books on account of the town, amounting to about \$20, which bill has not been presented for settlement.

Your Committee believe that it would be expedient for the town to choose an agent to receive and sell school books at cost, and therefore recommend that such an agent be chosen and furnished with books to be sold at prices fixed by the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Bolton,
J. Wyman Phillips,
A. N. Lufkin.

} S. S. Committee
of
Orrington.

Orrington, Feb. 28, 1884.

