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REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN

OF THE

TOWN OF ORRINGTON,

For the Year 1867—'68.

William H. Dole, Tseasurer, in account with
the town of Orrington.

	<i>Dr.</i>
To balance due the town, last settlement,	\$700,19
“ assessment committed to Collector,	2701,91
Received of Bangor on account of Angeline Downs,	5,38
Amount received for sale of Fish privileges,	10,00
Received of Brewer and Holden $\frac{1}{2}$ bill for running town line,	2,00
Balance of road tax not used by Selectmen,	1,25
Received of town of Tremont for supplies to F. Ober,	31,00
Mayo & Gilley's notes,	250,00
Stubbs & Wheelden's notes,	143,00
J. Wyman Phillips' note,	226,39
Cash on Mayo & Gilley's note,	100,00
Interest paid on sundry notes,	29,58
Bounty on Bear, received from State,	2,00
Money received from State to pay Pensions,	696,00
Received from State and charged N. D. Phillips,	55,73
“ “ “ for State aid, 1866,	47,88
	\$5002,31

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By paid for support of Poor,	\$1021,36
Pay of Town Officers,	395,80
Abatements made,	160,35
Interest on School Fund,	69,42
Miscellaneous Expenses,	79,98
Paid for labor on road,	104,17
Paid D. Sargent and A. Bowden for Bridge Plank,	53,92
Paid Heirs of E. O. Giles, balance of Bounty,	50,00
Taxes refunded to J. Freeman, administrator, by vote of town,	39,08
Expenses paid for remonstrating against division of town,	177,53
Paid A. W. Paine, services against division of town,	60,00
Mayo & Gilley's notes,	250,00
Stubbs & Wheelden's notes,	143,00
J. Wymen Phillips' note,	226,39
Pen ions Paid,	348,00
Sundry notes and interest paid,	834,37
Uncollected non-resident tax, 1866,	10,58
“ “ “ 1867,	73,72
Cash in Treasury,	904,64
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	\$5002,31

Support of Poor.

Sewell N. Ryder, keeping Richard Ryder,	112,50
James Hartford, keeping Nellie Nickerson,	61,85
William B. Hoxie, “ “ “	10,00
Sundry persons, supplies to George Harvey,	45,83
Dr. R. K. Cushing, attendance on do.	7,00
Sundry persons, supplies to B. F. Smith,	80,90
“ “ “ “ Benoni Baker,	156,48
Maine Insane Hospital, board, &c. to Z. Thayer,	133,18
James Hurd, keeping Mrs. Billington,	130,00
Mrs. Hurd, extra attendance on do.	13,00
W. O. Ayer, clothing for do.	8,94
H. J. Nickerson, supplies to F. Rebaro and Mary Hart,	37,96
Hampden, burial expenses Mary Nickerson,	17,00
Dr. C. W. Thomas, attendance on do.	10,00
John B. Wentworth, keeping Mrs. Barns,	68,25
Bangor, supplies to Angeline Downes,	19,93
S. H. Richardson, moving and boarding Elisha Higgins,	38,70
J. M. Robinson, board and clothing to Frank Ober,	31,00
M. Currier, supplies to Edgar Kent,	5,00
H. J. Nickerson, supplies to J. Boober,	3,68
“ “ “ Richard Ryder,	20,16
Wm. H. Dole, rent of house and shore to Benoni Baker,	10,00
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	\$1021,36

Pay of Town Officers.

Solomon Bolton, S. S. Committee,	41,50
J. B. Pollard, " "	41,50
J. Wyman Phillips, Selectman, Overseer, and Assesser,	85,75
A. L. Nichols, do. do. do.	57,00
J. M. Robinson, do. do. do.	47,25
William H. Dole, Treasurer, 1866,	12,00
" " 1867,	32,00
Nathaniel Marston, Collector,	74,00
H. J. Nickerson, recording births and deaths,	4,80
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	\$395,80

Miscellaneous Expenses.

Paid for town Books, Stationery and stamps,	\$24.03
" Charles Baker, warning three town meetings,	4.50
" William H. Dole, for rent of house for B. Baker,	8.00
" Smith & Hill, for printing Town Reports, 1866,	21.00
" J. H. Nickerson, taking care Town House,	4.00
" Lore Alford, referee on Town Line,	12.45
" James Freeman, running Town Line,	4.00
" L. Wheelden, Constable, notifying Officers elect,	2.00
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	\$79.98

Liabilities of the Town.

Outstanding Notes,	\$9459.00
Deduct Assets,	1608.33
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	\$7850.47

ASSETS.

Cash in Treasury,	\$904.64
Uncollected non-resident tax, 1866,	10.58
" " 1867,	73.72
Mayo & Gilley's Notes,	250.00
Stubbs & Wheelden's Note,	143.00
J. Wyman Phillips' Note,	226.39
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	\$1608.33

SCHOOL FUND.

Balance due the several Districts, Feb. 28, 1867,	\$93.59
Money raised by the Town,	1500.00
Bank Tax, received from the State,	53.68
Interest on School Fund,	69.42
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	\$1716.69

Apportionment.

No. of District.	No. of Scholars	Apportioned.	Due from 1866.	Paid.	Now due
No. 1.	54	123.55	1 33	124.46	42
2.	72	164.73		159.23	5 50
3.	66	151.00	7 89	156.99	1 90
4.	83	189.90		188.84	1 06
5.	22	56.33		52.05	4 28
6.	58	132.70	7 90	140.00	60
7.	121	276.84	1 49	277.43	90
8.	47	107.53	35	107.88	
9.	36	82.36		82.36	
10.	23	56.75			56 75
Corner District.	56	128.12	71 24	191.26	8 10
South District.	67	153.29	3 39	156.68	
	705	\$1,623.10	\$93 59	\$1637.18	\$79 51

Amount raised March, 1867,	\$3,800.00
Overlayings in Assessment,	249.82
Highway Deficiency, 1866,	101.09
Tax on Dogs,	51.00
State Tax,	2,137.05
County Tax,	734.13
	<u>\$7,073.09</u>

Per centage \$1.56 on \$100. No. of Polls, 434.

Valuation for 1867.

Real Estate of Residents,	\$231,139.00
Personal " " "	124,518.00
Estates of Non-residents,	18,263.00
	<u>\$373,920.00</u>

Am't Road Tax paid Chairman of Selectmen,	\$295.10
Paid to the several Districts,	\$293.85
Paid to the Treasurer,	1.25
	<u>\$295.10</u>

J. WYMAN PHILLIPS, } *Selectmen*
A. L. NICHOLS, } *of*
J. M. ROBINSON, } *Orrington.*

ORRINGTON, March 2, 1868.

ORRINGTON, March 2d, 1868.

Having this day examined the Bills and Accounts of the Treasurer and Selectmen, I find them substantially as reported in the foregoing Report.

H. J. NICKERSON, *Auditor.*

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In compliance with Law, the following Report of Schools is submitted.

STATISTICS.

Summer Schools.

Winter Schools.

No. of District.	No. of Days.	No. of Scholars Registered.	Average Attendance.	Wages.	Price of Board.	No. of District.	No. of Days.	No. of Scholars Registered.	Average Attendance.	Wages.	Price of Board.
No. 1	55	28	20	3 00		No. 1	55	32	29	26 00	3 50
2	60½	46	39	3 50	2 50	2	51½	55	50	5 00	2 50
3	44	31	23	3 50		3	44	42	35	30 00	3 50
4	33	40	35	3 00	2 00	4	33	58	52	35 00	
5	55	19	14	1 75		5					
6						6	50	42	36	5 00	2 50
7*	49	41	31	3 50	2 50	7*	44	36	31	3 50	2 75
7†	49	28	23	3 00	2 00	7†	37½	38	32	39 00	4 00
8	49	32	22	3 00	2 50	8	44	35	31	4 50	2 50
9	44	25	20	2 00	2 00	9	32	27	25	22 00	3 00
Corner	38	30	21	3 75	3 00	Corner	44	44	36	20 00	3 00
South	57½	40	33	3 00	2 00	South	46	52	47	35 00	3 25

* Primary. † Grammar

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Money raised by the Town,	\$1500.00
Amount from Bank Tax,	53.68
Interest on School fund,	69.42
	\$1623.10

Number of Scholars in Town,	705
Number attending Summer School,	391
Average number attending Summer School,	310
Whole number attending Winter School,	477
Average number attending Winter School,	415

Average length of Summer School,	49 days.
Average length of Winter School,	43 days.

Average wages of female teachers per week, exclusive of board,	\$3.40
Average wages of male teachers per month, exclusive of board,	29.00

Average attendance in Summer, 44 per cent. of number of scholars in town. Average attendance in Winter, 59 per cent.

SUMMER SCHOOLS.

No. 1. *Miss E. F. Freeman.* Much labor was bestowed upon this school, and, had it been equalized either with love or severity, richer fruits would have resulted. It was a profitable term however; some of the pupils deserving great credit.

No. 2. *Miss Louise P. Gibbs.* An effectual effort was here made. The examination gave evidence of *good order* and proficiency.

No. 3. *Miss Delia Emery.* She is an experienced teacher, and gave all her experience and powers to her school, and as might have been expected, it was a profitable one.

No. 4. FALL TERM. *Miss Hattie Swett.* The teacher is a young lady qualified by nature for teaching, consequently her pupils made good improvement.

No. 5. *Miss Mary O. Fowler.* This was Miss F.'s first attempt at teaching; she succeeded well, and gives promise of being a profitable teacher. The school made good proficiency.

No. 6. *Miss L. H. Smith.* She is a diligent teacher and proved herself worthy of the charge committed to her trust. Deportment good.

No. 7. PRIMARY. *Miss C. M. Skinner.* The teacher has again discharged her duties here with success equal to her former term.

No. 7. GRAMMAR. *Miss Annette Ware.* The teacher's reputation was a prestige to success. Her school appeared finely. The recitations were conducted with vigor and thoroughness. Droneness was not an exotic here. Fortunate for that school whose teacher is not buried in textual mould.

No. 8. *Miss Hattie A. Meader.* A very trifling circumstance gave rise to grievous complaints. The teacher sought advice from the committee; but instead of following it, most wilfully took the opposite course which necessitated an examination into the case. No important facts however were elicited, save that had Miss Meader followed the recommendations of the committee, harmony would have been easily restored without compromising her authority. It is but just to say that the school was much profited by her instruction, till this disturbance arose.

No. 9. *Miss J. C. Smith.* Miss S. had the good fortune to gain the confidence and esteem of her scholars, and her labors were not in vain.

CORNER. *Miss Charlotte A. Phillips.* It has seldom been our pleasure to visit a school where every scholar was so punctilious in deportment and recitation. Too much credit cannot be given this school for its dignified behaviour. Attainment satisfactory.

SOUTH. *Miss Georgie A. Barstow.* This teacher has taught several schools, and as in the present instance, has given satisfaction to her employers.

WINTER SCHOOLS.

No. 1. *J. Wyman Phillips*. This school was lengthened two weeks by subscription, showing the interest that the inhabitants of this district take in their common schools. The scholars were much interested, and good progress made.

No. 2. *Miss S. P. Gibbs*. A full school, requiring all the tact and energy of the teacher; she was successful in their application. The examination though not so thorough and extended as was desired, was satisfactory, and proved the teacher competent for her task, and the scholars profited by the few weeks of her instruction.

No. 3. This school was taught by *Mr. George D. Hersey*, who has the elements of a man and a teacher slumbering within him, and it is to be hoped that experience may yet give to *Mr. H.* the mastery over his temper and his latent powers. The school made fair proficiency.

No. 4. Taught by *Mr. M. D. Miller*. There were a few scholars who surmounted every obstacle and made good progress.

No. 5. *Miss M. O. Fowler*. This school acquitted itself well under the instruction of its former teacher.

No. 6. *Miss L. H. Smith*. This was *Miss S.*'s fourth term here, yet we could not perceive that her energy or the pupil's zeal seemed to abate. Improvement satisfactory.

No. 7. PRIMARY. *Miss C. M. Skinner*. This was her third term here and she has proved herself an efficient leader of the little grand army of the republic. She seems to have a special regard for the little ones, and the little ones a general liking for her; the solution of which was a good school.

No. 7. GRAMMAR. *Mr. S. Bolton*. This was a short term only seven weeks, but the examination showed that the pupils have not been idle, and that the teacher was not wanting. *Mr. B.* is an old and worthy teacher, and this district were fortunate in securing his services.

No. 8. *Miss Mary E. Butters*. She is a working teacher. The examination showed more thoroughness in all branches than is generally manifested in our schools. The pupils were not hurried over their lessons but were *required to know* them. An example worthy of imitation.

No. 9. *Mr. Charles Cressy*. An experienced teacher, but being accustomed to more advanced schools came near overlooking his humbler charge. The order was good, the attention and industry to study was shown by a successful examination.

No. 10. *Miss Katie Swett*. The scholars in this district justly appreciate the benefits of education. The government of this school cost the teacher very little trouble. Therefore *Miss S.*'s ability to teach shone very bright. In teaching the art of reading *Miss S.* has not probably been surpassed in any school in town.

CORNER. *Mr. J. E. Nickerson*. The order very deficient, and of course the examination a disappointment. Allowance should be made however, for a beginner, that he may collect his energies for a bolder effort.

SOUTH DISTRICT. *Mr. Haney*. This was a very profitable term. There was a good understanding between teacher and scholars, which always facilitates the acquisition of knowledge and conduces to morality.

The past School year has developed no mental spontaneities, has disclosed no "royal road to knowledge." The same native intellect has sought refuge in the genial conservatories of the town, as in other times, and the same path has been threaded as in "ye years of old." Children have questioned, youth has answered, and maturity gives judgment. Some impressions made upon the plastic mind will, in coming years, be as the burnished silver; it is hoped none will profit less.— That teacher is happy, indeed, who reflects upon his last term of school with a conscientious discharge of duty, and the scholar should feel equally gratified who has labored under the same motive. Your committee has been pleased to notice the general harmony between the teacher and the taught; but exceptional cases have existed; one from executive intolerance, and two from legislative imbecility—both equally fatal.

It has been the care of the examining committee to maintain the standard of qualification and to approbate only the deserving, hoping that district officers would second their efforts with a corresponding compensation for the teacher's services; but the means at their disposal has not always allowed this, and inferior instructors have been employed. To remedy this evil, either the town must increase her charities, or grow up servants of her own, who will (for they can afford to do it.) labor for less hire than importations. The former we recommend, the latter we insist upon; for there is a growing apathy among our scholars to teaching. Where are our native helpers, especially males? Where are our prospective helpers? The time was when these Pythagorean disciples, not only honored "the groves of the Academy" by their multitude and erudition; but sought other parts of Egypt to disseminate knowledge, germain to wealth and prosperity, believing that

"From education as the ruling cause
The public mind its color draws."

Now some of our schools contain precisely the element so much needed to supply the growing deficiency of successful teachers. True, it must be watchfully quarried, lain to the line and plummet and polished before it shall become an ornament in the temple of science; and you are ready to decry the brevity of our schools for this purpose!— Here there may be ground for complaint; but *intensify, intensify*:— make the term electric, a focus of thought, counsel and emulous endeavor, till it shall glow with youthful ambition, and our scholars more than compensated by the height they have reached, than by the distance traveled.

Respectfully submitted.

J. WYMAN PHILLIPS, }
J. B. POLLARD, } *S. S. Committee.*
GEORGE E. CHAPIN, }

ORRINGTON, March 2, 1868.