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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN

OF THE

TOWN OF ORRINGTON

AND THE REPORT OF THE

Supervisor of Schools,

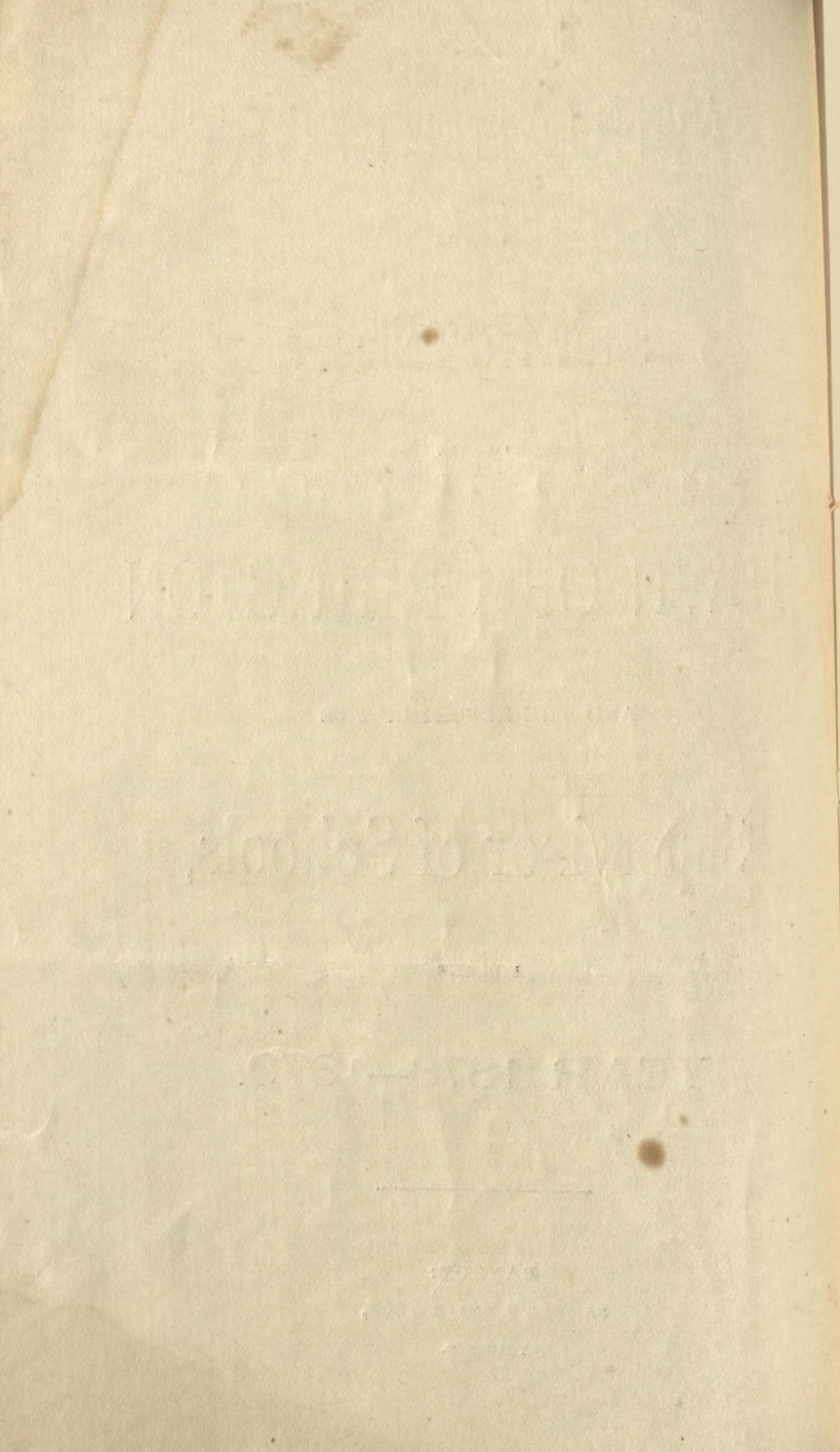
FOR THE

YEAR 1878—1879.

BANGOR:

SAMUEL S. SMITH & SONS,

PRINTERS.



WARRANT.

To Josiah D. Hinds, 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 Supervisor of Schools, and act thereon.

Fifth—To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

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 method 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 make a dump of a part or a whole of the south end of the red bridge, so called, at East Orrington, and appropriate money for the same.

Eleventh—To see if the town will exempt from taxation for the year 1879 the Odd Fellows Hall.

Twelfth—Will the town choose a Cemetery Committee and authorize them to designate and confirm lots in the several cemeteries in town to such persons as in their opinion shall need the same for their exclusive use to descend to their posterity, and to give their Committee all necessary instructions, and that they hold office during the pleasure of the town, without pay.

Thirteenth—Will the town discontinue the road laid out by the Selectmen, near George Brooks' pottery, and accepted by the town March 11th, 1878.

Fourteenth—Will the town instruct their Selectmen to change the easterly and southerly bounds of the road leading from the town road near the Tile works, to the river, and accepted by the town at their last annual meeting, beginning where it now begins, at the town road near the Tile works, thence southerly in a direct line to the northwesterly corner of Mr. Trask's garden fence, thence southerly by the westerly line of said Trask's garden to the boundary line between the Brooks and Atwood lots, thence forward in direction as last described, to a point one rod south of said boundary line, thence westerly to the river, and parallel to said boundary line, and also assess damage to each of the parties owning land over which the road passes, and also to see if the town will raise or appropriate a sum of money to pay said damage.

Fifteenth—To see if the town will discontinue so much of the old road leading by and near the Tile works over the point to the river, as lies between its junction with the new road accepted at the last annual meeting, and the river.

Sixteenth—To see if the town will cause the taxes to be paid in to the Treasurer without a Collector.

Seventeenth—To see if the town will exempt from taxation for the year 1879 the East Orrington Cheese Manufacturing Association.

Eighteenth—Will the town abate certain taxes in E. A. Hincks' bills, that cannot be collected without damage to the town.

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

Given under our hands, at Orrington, this first day of March, A. D. 1879.

J. D. BAKER,	} Selectmen of Orrington.
W. M. BAKER,	
J. B. BARTLETT,	

At the annual meeting March 11, 1878, it was "voted the Selectmen be instructed to publish in their town report their private account against the town."

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

SELECTMEN'S BILLS.

TOWN OF ORRINGTON,

To J. D. BAKER, Dr.

For services as Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of Poor, and Highway Surveyor.

1878.

March 13,	To 1 day in board at Town House,	1.50
15,	2-3 day on Red Bridge, E. Orrington,	1.00
19,	1-2 day Bangor and fare, .80	1.55
29,	1-2 day on town business,	.75
April 1,	1 day at town house,	1.50
	3, 4, 5, and 6, 3 days taking inventory,	4.50
	9 and 10, 2 days in board on town business,	3.00
	15 to 20, 6 days valuing property, &c.,	9.00
	22 and 23, 2 days Assessing Highway Tax, &c.,	3.00
	24 and 25, 2 days Assessing Money Tax, &c.,	3.00
	26 and 27, 2 days proving books and making appointments, &c.	3.00
	29 and 30, 2 days on Coll. Book and Recording Tax,	3.00
May 1st, 2d, and 3d,	3 days proving and recording tax, and making and recording certificates,	4.50
	6th, 1-2 day making fiscal return to State Superintendent,	.75
	14th, 1-2 day on Pension Claims for Paupers,	.75
	24th, 1-2 day in board at town house,	.75
	31, 1-2 day with team on roads and bridges,	1.50
June 6,	1 day to Bangor and expenses,	2.25
	12, 1-2 day buying land for town and making deed,	.75
	24, 1-2 day looking after pauper case,	.75
	29, 1-2 day at town house,	.75
July 1st,	1-2 day making return to Sec. of State,	.75
	2d, 1-2 day to examine Collector's Book, E. A. Hinks,	.75
Aug. 5,	1-2 day making Voter's List for Clerk,	.75
	8, 1 day Bangor with team on town business,	2.50
	16, 1-2 day making Voter's Lists, to be posted,	.75
	31, 1-2 day to E. Orrington on town business,	.75
Sept. 24,	1-2 day with team to M. Fling's,	1.25
Nov. 2,	1 day apportioning school money, &c.,	1.50
1879.		
Feb. 14th,	2-3 day to M. Fling's pauper case,	1.00
	15, 1-2 day making voters' lists,	.75
	17, 2-3 day town house,	1.00
	24, 1 day " "	1.50
	25, 1 day Bangor and expenses, town business,	2.20
	26, 1 day Town House, with Collectors,	1.50
	27, 1 day settling with Treasurer,	1.50
	28 and 29, 2 days drawing warrants and making Report,	3.00
	Drawing orders and recording the same,	6.00

Paid,

J. D. BAKER.

\$75 00

TOWN OF ORRINGTON,

To W. M. BAKER, Dr.

For services as Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of Poor, and Highway Surveyor.

1878.

March 13.	To one day in board,	\$1 50
	15, one half day to East Orrington, on Red Bridge,	75
April 1.	one day in board,	1 50
	2, 3 and 6, three days taking Inventory,	4 50
	9 and 10, two days in board, town matter,	3 00
	15 to 20, six days valuing,	9 00
	22, 27, five days assessing,	7 50
	29, 30, two days proving books,	3 00
May 1,	2, 3, three days recording taxes and making ap't.,	4 50
	24, one half day in board,	75
	31, one half day to East Orrington,	75
June 6,	one day to Bangor and horse,	1 50
	29, one half day to town house,	75
July 27,	to So. Orrington, draft jurors,	33
Aug. 8,	to Bangor town business,	1 00
Sept. 20,	attending draft jurors,	33
	21, one half day,	75
Oct. 11,	one day to Bangor,	1 50
	12, on town matter,	50
Nov. 2,	one day ap. School Money, &c.,	1 50
	30, So. Orrington, draft juror, &c.,	50
Dec. 16,	to town matter,	50
	17, to Bangor one day on pauper case,	1 50
	18, two-thirds day,	1 00
	19, town treasurer,	50
	20, to Bangor,	1 00
1879.		
Feb. 14,	one half day,	75
	17, two thirds day town house,	1 00
	24, one day,	1 50
	25, one day to Bangor,	1 50
	26, one day town house,	1 50
	27, one day settling with treasurer,	1 50
	29, one day making Report,	1 50

\$58 66

Paid

W. M. BAKER.

TOWN OF ORRINGTON,

To J. B. BARTLETT, Dr.

For services as Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of Poor, and Highway Surveyor:

1878.

March 13.	To one day in Board,	\$1 50
	15. one-half day on red bridge,	75
April 1.	one day making inventory,	1 50
	2, 3, 8. three days taking inventory,	4 50
	9, 10. two days in Board, town matters,	3 00
	13. fare to Bangor and time, three hours,	75
	15 to 20. six days, valuing,	9 00
	22 to 27. five days, assessing road tax and surveyor's books,	7 50
	29, 30. two days, assessing money tax,	3 00

May	1.	one day, proving books,	1 50
	2.	one-half day, distributing books,	75
	25.	one-half day in Board,	75
June	8.	one-quarter day at S. Orrington.	38
	16.	one-quarter day on road, Dis. No. 5,	38
	30.	one-half day in Board,	75
July	2.	one-half day to East Orrington,	75
	2.	horse to East Orrington,	30
	20, 26.	one-half day at Town House, seeing to painting,	75
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			\$37 81

PAID.

J. B. BARTLETT.

ALBERT G. DOLE, TREASURER,

In account with the TOWN OF ORRINGTON, Dr.

To uncollected non-resident taxes, 1876,	8 96	
" " " " 1877,	131 07	
" resident " 1875,	311 13	
" " " 1877,	770 94	
Martin Sheehan's note,	75 00	
cash in treasury, last settlement,	21 79	
	<hr/>	1318 89
E. C. Wheelden's note,	11 00	
fish priv. to A. S. Conant and others,	13 00	
J. H. Nickerson & Son's note,	50 00	
cash for gravel sold at South Orrington,	2 30	
cash from Wilson & Woodard, Withee case,	39 67	
cash interest on Martin Sheehan's note,	4 50	
cash interest on E. C. Wheelden's note,	66	
am't of State for free high school,	62 50	
am't cash of A. H. Smith for paints,	2 11	
am't cash of C. M. Rogers for plank,	1 00	
am't cash of Town of Dixmont, E. Works,	29 00	
	<hr/>	215 74
To am't raised by the town for the support of the poor,	300 00	
am't raised by the town for roads and bridges,	100 00	
am't raised by the town for town charges,	500 00	
am't overlaying on assessments,	133 57	
am't of highway deficiency, 1877,	66 97	
am't of tax on dogs,	59 00	
am't of supplementary tax,	18 00	
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		2712 17
To am't borrowed of school fund to balance acc't,		705 04
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		\$3417 21

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By pay of Town Officers,	363 22
paid for support of poor,	621 21
paid for roads and bridges,	145 20
paid for high school,	127 00
paid for miscellaneous expenses,	404 05
paid for interest on school fund,	69 42
paid Wilson & Woodard, counsel Withee case, etc.,	25 50
uncollected non-resident tax, 1876,	7 23
" " " 1877,	7 50

By uncollected non-resident tax, 1878,	130 99
" resident " 1875,	151 39
" " " 1877,	243 10
" " " 1878,	998 00
Martin Sheehan's note,	75 00
J. H. Nickerson & Son's note,	40 00
A. S. Conant, fish priv.,	8 00
	<hr/> \$3417 21

PAY OF TOWN OFFICERS.

J. Wyman Phillips, Supervisor of Schools, 1877,	58 00
J. D. Baker, Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of Poor, and Highway Surveyor,	75 00
W. M. Baker, Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of Poor, and Highway Surveyor,	58 66
J. B. Bartlett, Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of Poor, and Highway Surveyor,	37 81
A. G. Dole, Treasurer,	40 00
Charles Baker, Constable, 1877-8,	3 00
C. W. Freeman, " 1877,	1 75
C. W. Freeman, Collector, 1878,	89 00
	<hr/> \$363 22

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Mrs. Peter Field, 1877-8,	38 45
Dr. Field, med. attendance to Mrs. Peter Field,	15 00
Mrs. Ruth Rogers,	78 75
Charlotte Barnes,	106 00
Clara Smith, board and clothing,	84 47
Tamson Fowler, clothing,	83 64
Fannie Ayer and child,	28 50
Deborah B. Fling,	44 00
John Ryder,	5 00
George Harvey, care and clothing,	25 00
George W. Gould,	14 50
Angeline Downes and child, 1877-8,	98 30
	<hr/> \$621 61

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

James Freeman, surveying roads, 1877,	3 50
F. B. Irish, labor on road, 1876,	2 72
M. E. Hatch, " " 1877,	18 93
R. F. Rowell, for plank,	14 90
G. W. Godfrey, labor on road, 1875,	2 61
E. L. Bowden, " " Dis. No. 5,	10 00
J. W. Bowden, " " Dis. No. 5,	10 50
Leopold Essegg, " " 1875,	1 50
Prince Higgins, " " Dis. No. 6,	9 25
P. C. Baker, " " Dis. No. 8,	10 00
C. A. Severance, " " Dis. No. 7,	8 07
J. N. Wheelden, " " Dis. No. 4, 1877,	13 00
Herbert Thayer, " " Dis. No. 5,	1 00
Almon Rogers, lumber for bridges,	16 03
S. B. Snow, labor on road, Dis. No. 1,	6 96
W. M. Baker, " bridge,	2 50
Thos. Bowden " road, Dis. No. 8,	4 90
Thos. Barstow " road, 1877,	8 83
	<hr/> \$145 20

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

J. D. Baker, for collecting, correcting, and recording births and deaths, in 1877,	112 00	
Burr & Robinson, printing town reports,	20 00	
Horace Smith, abatement road tax, 1877,	2 39	
H. P. Marston, labor in North cemetery,	1 50	
S. H. Higgins, abatement road tax, 1876,	12 95	
Allen Hoxie, land for gravel,	6 25	
J. D. Baker, postage and stationery,	5 26	
Collector of Belfast, report,	50	
Freight on paints for town house,	75	
Glass, etc., for town house,	50	
J. B. Bartlett, nails, glass, etc., for town house,	60	
Almon Rogers, for tramp, 1877,	55	
Med. for Mrs. Barnes and Smith,	60	
Wm. P. Dickey, for oil,	1 95	
“ “ for paints, as per bill,	51 30	
S. H. Ryder, painting town house,	12 00	
Philander Kent, “ “ “	12 75	
Nathaniel Marston, abatement of taxes, 1876-7,	56 21	
Horace Pierce, “ “ 1877,	7 10	
	<hr/>	\$305 16
E. A. Hincks, abatement, by order of Selectmen, 1876,	12 78	
Hattie Pollard, damage to sleigh,	5 55	
C. W. Freeman, Collector, abatement,	68 53	
David Bugbee, books and pens,	2 94	
T. H. Crowell, care of town house,	2 94	
O. J. Kendall, abatement tax, 1877,	4 95	
A. G. Dole, Treasurer's book,	1 20	
	<hr/>	98 89

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

Balance due from last year,	95 24	
Amount received from State,	62 50	
	<hr/>	157 74
Paid H. C. Wright, teaching,	125 00	
A. N. Lufkin, sundries,	2 00	
	<hr/>	127 00
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		\$30 74

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

Uncollected non-resident tax,	145 72	
“ resident tax,	1392 49	
Martin Shéechan's note,	75 00	
S. H. Nickerson & Son's note,	30 00	
Due from A. S. Conant, fish priv.,	8 00	
	<hr/>	1661 21

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Borrowed of school fund,	705 04	
Balance in favor of town,	956 17	

VALUATION FOR 1878.

Real estate of residents,	\$242,800 00	
Personal estate of residents,	89,295 00	
	<hr/>	332,095 00
Real estate of non-residents,	16,660 00	
Personal estate of non-residents,	415 00	
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Total estates,		\$349,170 00

No. of Polls, 423.
 Poll tax, \$3 00.
 Per centage, \$.011, on \$1 00.

AMOUNT RAISED BY TOWN MARCH 11, 1878.

For schools,	1425 00	
roads and bridges,	100 00	
town charges,	500 00	
support of poor,	300 00	
	<hr/>	2325 00
State tax,		1607 78
County tax,		1024 26
Highway deficiency, 1877,		66 97
Tax on dogs,		59 00
Overlays in assessments,		133 59
Supplementary tax,		18 00
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Total assessments,		\$5234 60

SCHOOL FUND.

Balance due the Districts Feb. 27, 1879,		468 32
School mill tax, 1878,	572 60	
Am't raised by town March 11, 1878,	1425 00	
interest on school fund,	69 42	
State school fund, 1878,	291 90	
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Amount apportioned,		\$2358 92
Mill tax for 1879. unapportioned,	\$548 50	

REPORT OF SCHOOLS.

DISTRICT No. 1.—Summer term. Miss Anna P. Phipps commenced this term, but after four weeks withdrew, and Miss Eva L. Long completed it with excellent success. Winter. Mr. F. F. Phillips, teacher. Under his instruction this school has made good improvement in all the branches of study pursued, particularly in reading, to which he has devoted careful attention and critical instruction.

DISTRICT No. 2.—Summer and Fall term. Miss Nellie F. Pierce, teacher. Good order and generally fair improvement resulted from this teacher's labors. Some low speaking and careless answers detracted from the generally creditable examination; classes in History and Geography are worthy of special notice. Winter. Mr. E. S. Wardwell's large experience in teaching is a great benefit to this school; his pupils are taught to think for themselves, and under his efficient instruction are making very satisfactory progress. The term is still in session.

DISTRICT No. 3.—Summer term. Miss Mary A. Burr, teacher. A live teacher makes a live school. Miss Burr proved this by the pleasing variety and general excellence of the work of this term. Winter. Mr. J. B. Reed, teacher. A good school resulted from this. Mr. Reed's first effort at teaching.

DISTRICT No. 4.—Summer and Fall term: Primary. Miss Lizzie E. Snow, teacher. It requires rare patience and tact to manage so many little ones successfully; and Miss Snow was equal to the task. This school was well taught. Grammar. Mrs. D. L. Rogers withdrew from this school at the close of the second week, and Mr. S. S. Smith completed the term. The school appeared well, and the few present sustained a creditable examination. Winter terms: Primary. Miss Annie J. York, teacher. This school was well organized, and all who visited it during the last week testified that it was a profitable one. Impassable roads prevented a second visit. Grammar. Fall and Winter terms. Mr. H. W. Woods, teacher. The government of this school is good, the instruction thorough; and the unusually large attendance, notwithstanding the great length of the term—sixteen weeks—shows that a good degree of interest is maintained. The school is to close March 15th, the first six weeks being an equivalent for the Fall term which Mr. Josiah D. Fletcher left unfinished.

DISTRICT No. 5.—Summer term. Miss Lenna Bowden, teacher. Small in numbers, irregular in attendance, and not very large in attainment. Winter. Miss G. A. Washburn, teacher. Miss W. labored faithfully both in the school-room and at the homes of her scholars, and excellent improvement resulted from her thorough and systematic instruction. The teacher was greatly aided in her efforts by the frequent visits of the parents.

DISTRICT No. 6.—Summer term. Miss Nettie Rogers, teacher. Mildness characterized this term throughout; a pleasant and profitable school obtained. Winter term. Mr. Arthur Wentworth, teacher. Sickness in this district was a serious hindrance to progress, yet the school made good improvement under Mr. Wentworth's management.

DISTRICT No. 7.—Summer term. Miss Ellen E. Fifield, teacher. The Primary and Grammar schools were united, for this term, under the instruction of Miss Fifield, whose usual good success attended her labors until the end of the seventh week, when failing health compelled her to resign her charge. Winter terms. Primary. Miss Ida M. Wing, teacher. This is a difficult school to govern; but Miss Wing succeeded fairly. She persisted in requiring good work in the school-room, therefore her pupils made good progress. Ten scholars were advanced to the Grammar school. Grammar. Mr. B. G. Eaton, teacher. Slow but steady improvement characterized this school from the beginning; the advancement in books was less than in previous terms, but a much greater degree of thoroughness was attained.

DISTRICT No. 8.—Summer term. Miss Luella M. Hatch, teacher. Though Miss Hatch was a novice in the art of teaching, good results followed her efforts, her scholars made commendable progress. Winter, Mr. J. Y. Perkins, teacher. Though small in numbers, this school was excellent in all respects. Firm discipline and thorough and systematic instruction always produce good results.

DISTRICT No. 9.—Summer term. Miss Fannie Cooper taught this school with moderate success. Better results may be expected from further experience. Winter, Miss Lettie Phipps, teacher. One more success for Miss Phipps. We regret that we have not more teachers of equal abilities.

DISTRICT No. 10.—Summer term. Miss Flora Atwood, teacher. Seven scholars received the benefit of Miss Atwood's instruction for six weeks. The little ones did the best they could to improve, and succeeded admirably. Winter, Mr. Arthur Wentworth, teacher. This was Mr. Wentworth's second effort in this school. The scholars appreciated his instructions, and made good advancement.

CORNER DISTRICT. Summer and Fall terms. Miss Lizzie E. Wheelden, teacher. These were profitable terms. Some of the younger scholars acquitted themselves very well indeed. Winter, Mr. S. S. Smith, teacher. This was Mr. Smith's second effort in this school, and resulted in a somewhat profitable term. The plan of advancement was sufficiently extended but many details were wanting. As a disciplinarian, Mr. Smith, has hardly sustained his previous record.

FREE HIGH SCHOOL. A term of 10 weeks, taught by Mr. H. C. Wright; whole number of scholars 57; average, 46; wages, \$50. per month, including board. The good results anticipated at the beginning of this term were more than realized. The final examination developed a very marked and substantial improvement in all the branches of study pursued. Mr. Wright's thorough scholarship, his earnestness, and his ambition have produced results second to none heretofore attained in our Free High Schools.

STATISTICS.

SUMMER SCHOOL.

WINTER SCHOOL.

No. of District.	Length of School in days.	Number of Scholars Registered.	Average Attendance	Wages per Week.	Price of Board per Week.	No. of District.	Length of School in days.	Number of Scholars Registered.	Average Attendance	Wages per Month.	Price of Board per Week.
1	55	26	18	5 00	2 00	1	66	25	21	35 00	2 50
2	44	33	29	5 00	2 00	2	60	46	40	35 00	2 75
Fall 2	44	27	24	4 50	2 50	3	49	27	22	22 00	3 00
3	44	26	23	5 00	2 25	*4	91	47	40	50 00	3 00
*4	44	28	22	5 50	3 50	†4	66	42	30	14 00	2 00
†4	44	48	37	3 00	2 00	5	66	16	12	16 00	2 12
Fall *4	15	24	12	7 50	3 25	6	61	28	21	20 00	2 50
Fall †4	38	43	37	4 00	1 00	*7	55	35	28	38 00	3 00
5	39	15	11	2 00	2 00	†7	66	45	34	22 00	2 50
6	55	14	10	3 00	2 00	8	59	15	13	35 00	2 50
7	38	50	41	7 00	2 50	9	66	18	15	19 00	2 00
8	44	12	10	2 00	2 00	10	50	14	11	20 00	1 75
9	39	13	11	2 00	2 00	Corner	71	33	30	28 00	3 00
10	33	7	6	3 00	2 00						
Corner	44	27	22	2 75	2 25						
Fall, Cor.	22	25	22	2 75	2 25						

*Grammar. †Primary.

Number of Scholars in town,.....	526
Number attending Summer Schools,.....	418
Average number attending Summer Schools,.....	335
Number attending Winter Schools,.....	391
Average number attending Winter Schools,.....	317
Average length of Summer Schools in days,	40
Average length of Winter Schools in days,	63
Average length of Schools for the year, in days.....	50.5
Average wages of female teachers per week, exclusive of board,....	3.92
Average wages of male teachers per month, exclusive of board,....	31.30
Average cost of board per week, for the year,	2.40
Per cent of average attendance in Summer, to number of Scholars in town,	64
Per cent of average attendance in winter, to number of Scholars in town,	61

In submitting this report, your attention is called to the high rate of tuition paid, per scholar, in some of our smaller districts. To illustrate:

Summer term.	District No.	8,.....	\$1.33 per month.
"	"	" 10,.....	2.85 " "
Winter term.	"	" 5,.....	1.50 " "
"	"	" 8,.....	3.00 " "
"	"	" 9,.....	1.50 " "
"	"	" 10,.....	1.93 " "

Cannot some plan be devised for a more equable expenditure of our school fund?

"Our World," the Geography now in use in this town, though an able work, is not well adapted to the wants of our schools; and our scholars are making very little progress generally in this study. It is desirable that the book be changed at once.

Parents should not permit new books to be introduced into their schools simply to gratify the teacher or pupil. Already there is a great lack of uniformity in text-books, and every new book added increases the difficulty.

Reviewing the work of the year, it is evident we have not accomplished all that we *might* and *could*. While no one of the thirty school terms in town has proved a failure, the aggregate improvement has been less than in either of the two preceding years. We trace results to causes. One-third of all the teachers were without any previous experience, and of the others, several have not equalled their predecessors. We have had too much *keep* school, and too little *teach* school. Due care should be taken that our standard of excellence be not lowered; for the general intelligence of the people is the only safeguard to our liberties. Shall we not then use all possible means to bring our schools up to the highest standard of excellence and usefulness?

Respectfully submitted.

A. N. LUFKIN,

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.

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