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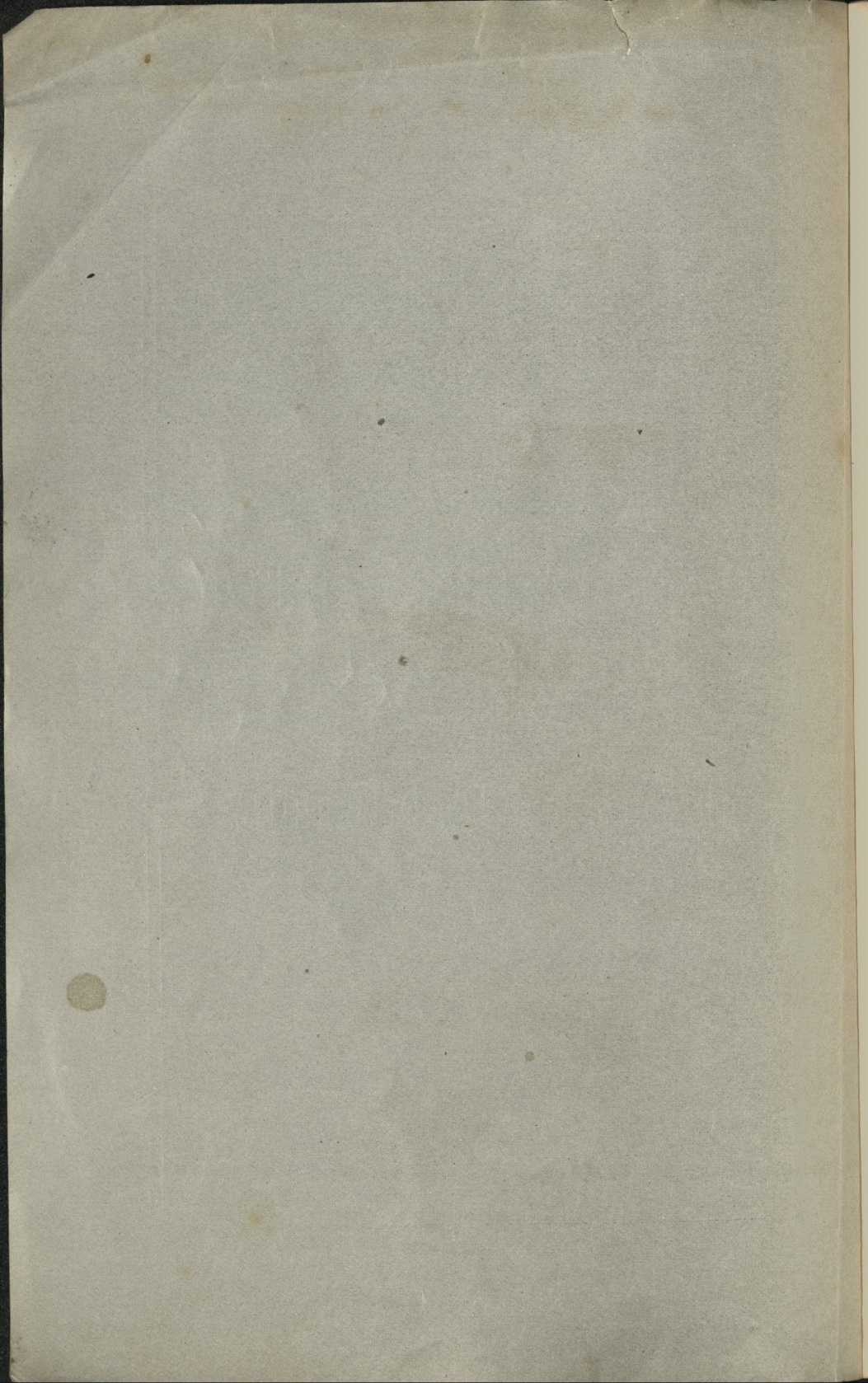
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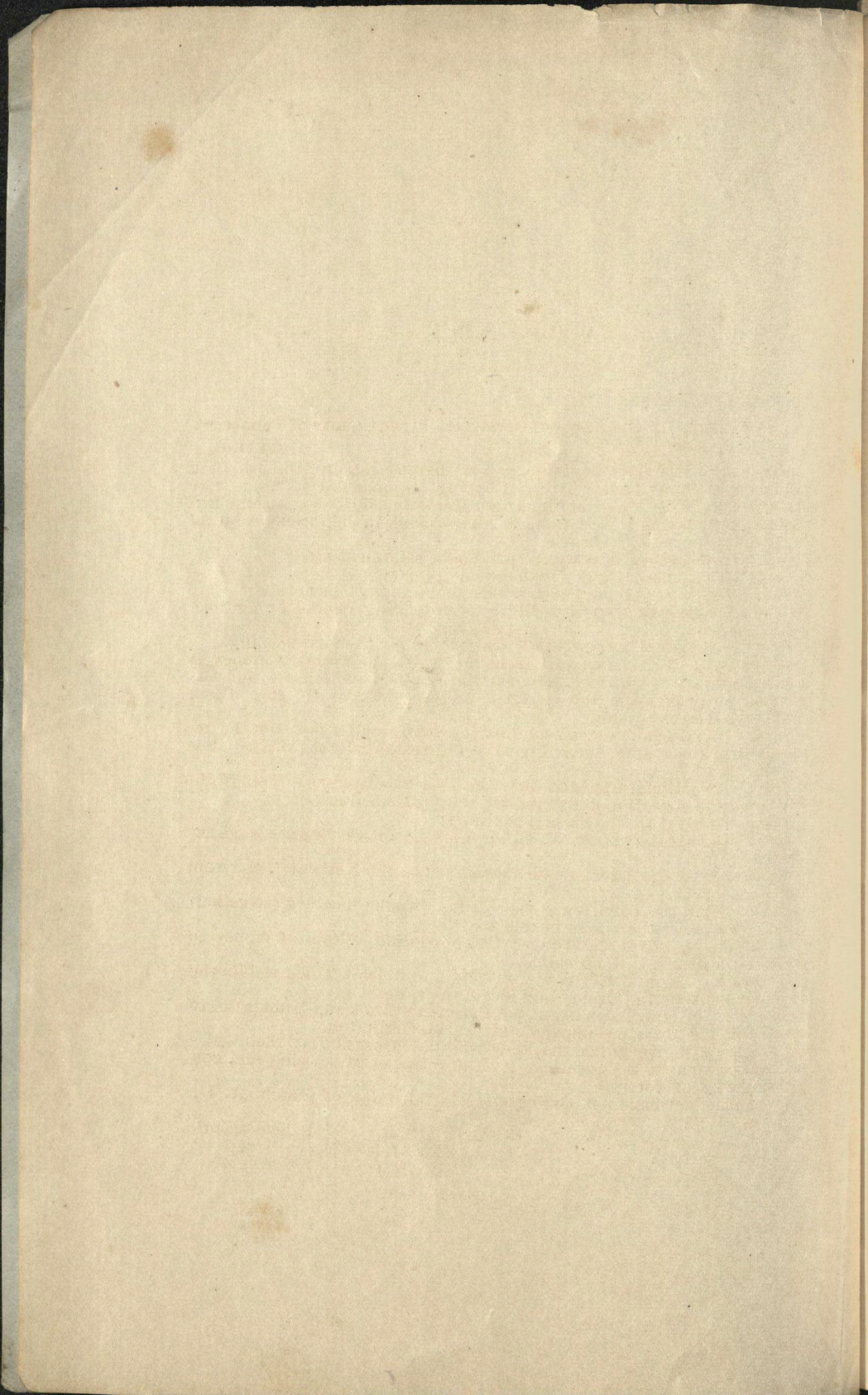
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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN
OF THE
TOWN OF ORRINGTON,
AND THE REPORT OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
For the Year 1880--81.

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1881.





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 fourteenth 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 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 repair of roads and bridges, and to defray all other Town charges for the year ensuing.

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 year ensuing.

Ninth. To see if the Town will tax dogs.

Tenth. To hear the report of the Committee on Cemeteries, and act thereon.

Eleventh. Will the Town abate certain taxes to Nathaniel Marston, Collector for 1877.

Twelfth. Will the Town fence the Meadow Brook Cemetery (so called) or cause the bodies therein to be removed.

Thirteenth. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to grade the old Hoxie Hill, so called.

Fourteenth. To see if the Town will dig and finish a Town well in the highway at Orrington Corner, and locate the same.

Fifteenth. Will the Town assist the Firemen's Hook and Ladder Co. to erect a building for said Company's use at So. Orrington.

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 hands at Orrington, this third day of March, A. D., 1881.

J. D. BAKER,	} Selectmen of Orrington.
C. A. SEVERANCE,	
W. NICKERSON.	

ANNUAL REPORT.

ALBERT G. DOLE, Treasurer,

In account with the TOWN of ORRINGTON,
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March 8, 1880.	
To uncollected non-residents tax,	\$189 39
" " resident "	903 63
" Martin Sheehan's note,	75 00
" Jesse H. Nickerson's note,	30 00
" Due from Amasa S. Conant, fish privilege,	8 00
" Cash in the Treasury,	473 48
	<hr/> \$1,679 50
" Charlotte Barnes Pension,	\$96 00
" Cash for fish privilege,	5 00
" Amount raised by the town March 8, for support of Poor,	500.00
" Amount raised by the town March 8, for repair of roads and bridges,	500 00
" Amount raised by the town March 8, to defray town charges,	500 00
" Overlaying in Assessments,	131 58
" Highway deficiency for 1879,	62 55
" Tax on Dogs,	65 00
" Cash from C. A. Severance, for wood, iron &c., sold for benefit of town,	2 85
" Interest on Martin Sheehan's note,	5 40
" " " Jesse H. Nickerson's note,	2 80
	<hr/> \$1,871 18
	<hr/> \$3,550 68

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By pay of town officers,	\$388 86
" paid for support of poor,	1,021 00
" " " repair of roads and bridges,	254 97
" " " winter work in 1878-'9	140 42
" " " repairs of Cemetery fences &c.,	38 17
" " " interest on School fund for 1880,	76 35
" " " Chas. A. Severance, note and interest,	270 92
" " " miscellaneous expenses,	288 32
	<hr/> \$2,479 01

By uncollected non-resident tax for 1876,	\$4 65
" " " " 1877,	2 64
" " " " 1878,	10 99
" " " " 1879,	30 77
" " " " 1880,	182 62
" " resident " " 1877,	32 96
" " " " 1878,	104 30
" " " " 1879,	62 41
" " " " 1880,	480 98
" cash in the Treasury,	159 35
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	1,071 67
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	\$3,550 68

PAY OF TOWN OFFICERS.

J. D. Baker, Selectman, Assessor, & Overseer of Poor,	\$ 78 75
C. A. Severance, " " " " "	50 75
Warren Nickerson " " " " "	45 62
Albert G. Dole, Treasurer,	40 00
A. G. Dole, Collector for 1880.	100 00
A. N. Lufkin, Supervisor of Schools for 1879,	69 74
J. D. Hinds, Con., warning town meetings,	4 00
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	\$388 86

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Dr. Woodcock, for medical attendance on the town poor,	\$57 00
Mrs. Deborah Fling, support and nursing,	50 40
Mrs. Charlotte Barnes, board and clothing,	117 50
John Rider, support and clothing,	88 83
Mrs. Tamson Fowler, support and clothing,	91 09
Mrs. Clara Smith, " " "	86 31
Emaline Appleton, support	35 00
City of Bangor, supplies to G. W. Gould's family,	62 08
" " " " Angeline Downs,	16 00
Town of Chesterville, for support of Charles A. Ayer's child,	215 00
City of Gardiner for support and expense of Charles A. Ayer's wife and child,	83 04
Town of Farmington for support of Charles A. Ayer's boy,	10 65
J. Wyman Phillips, admr. of Zacheus Thayer's estate,	9 50
Morris Fling, support,	73 60
George Harvey, clothing,	25 00
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	\$1,021 00

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Thomas Bowden, Winter work in 1878-9,	\$8 89
Jos. D. Freeman, " " "	11 41
Jos. W. Bowden, " " "	6 50
Samuel B. Snow, " " "	6 37
Walter A. Marston, " " "	4 90
C. A. Severance, " " "	6 81
David Scott, " " "	5 53
Nathaniel Souther, " " "	7 00
David L. Dodge, " " "	17 19
Amasa S. Conant, " " "	11 16

Samuel A. Thayer, Winter work in 1878-9,	\$4 26
Amos H. King, " " "	7 84
Chas. H. Freeman, " " "	6 65
G. W. Brown 2nd, " " "	6 69
William Seavey, " " "	14 72
Daniel Appleton, " " "	1 00
Fred I. Harriman, " " "	7 35
Rodolphus Godfrey, " " "	2 90
Jeremiah Blanchard, " " "	3 25

\$140 42

REPAIR OF ROADS AND BRIDGES, 1880.

Paid D. Sargent & Sons, for plank, Dist. No. 1,	\$8 26
R. F. Rowell, plank for Bridge, Dist. No. 6 and 7,	12 11
William Seavey, labor on Road, Dist. No. 5,	33 51
David Scott, " " Dist. No. 8, E,	50 50
" " " " No. 8, W,	33 00
Augustus Chapin, labor " " " "	8 00
David L. Dodge, " " " No. 6, W,	5 25
L. A. Chapin, " " " " E,	20 00
C. A. Severance, repairs on Bridge, No. 7,	16 46
S. S. Harriman, repairs on Road in No. 8, E,	25 00
C. H. Smith, " Culvert Dist. No. 5,	1 00
Almon Rogers, lumber for Bridge, Dist. No. 4, N,	21 38
Jos. W. Bowden, labor on Road in Dist. No. 9,	10 50
J. N. Wheelden, " " " No. 4,	10 00

\$254 97

REPAIR OF CEMETERY FENCE.

Paid James E. Smith, labor and material on Dean Hill Cem.,	\$6 17
Nathaniel Marston, building fence, North Cem.,	32 00

\$38 17

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Thomas H. Crowell, care of Town House in part, 1879,	\$ 2 71
Burr & Robinson, printing town reports, 1879,	20 00
Chas. M. Wentworth, abatement of tax for 1877,	1 62
Almon Rogers, repairs on guide post, S. Orrington,	4 00
Wilson & Woodard's bill for E. A. Hineks, Collector of taxes, &c.,	25 89
Chas. W. Freeman, Collector abatements of taxes, for 1878,	84 66
Chas. A. Snow, for lease of land for gravel,	6 00
David Bugbee, Collector's book and road books, &c.,	3 65
J. D. Baker, stamps and stationary for town,	3 50
C. A. Severance, miscellaneous expenses for town,	5 61
G. W. Littlefield stone monuments for roads,	5 50
A. G. Dole, Collector abatements of tax for 1879,	27 32
" " " " " " " " 1880,	72 60
" " " " of non-resident tax,	9 68
A, Ice Company, abatement of tax,	5 40
A, G. Dole, error on settlement of 1879,	10 00

\$288 32

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

Uncollected non-resident tax,	\$231 67	
Uncollected resident tax,	680 65	
Cash in the treasury,	159 35	
	<hr/>	\$1,071 67

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Borrowed of school fund,	\$740 26	\$740 26
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Balance in favor of the town,		\$331 41

VALUATION FOR 1880.

Real estate of residents,	\$236,520	
Personal estate of residents,	79,120	
	<hr/>	\$315,6 40
Real estate of non-residents,	18,560	
Personal estate of non-residents,	4,415	
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Total estate,		\$338,615
Number of Polls, 425,		
Poll tax, \$3 00		
Percentage, \$1 35 on \$100,		

AMOUNT RAISED BY TOWN MARCH 8, 1880.

For Schools,	\$1500,	
Poor,	500,	
Roads and Bridges,	500,	
Town charges,	5 00	\$3000 00
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State tax,		2008 60
County tax,		706 39
Overlaying in assessments,		131 58
Highway deficiency for 1879,		62 55
Dog tax,		65 00
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Total assessments,		\$5974 12

SCHOOL FUND.

Balance due the districts, Feb. 27, 1880,	\$ 349 09	\$349 09
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School mill tax for 1880,	558 56	
Amount raised by town, March 8, 1880,	1,500 00	
State school fund,	213 86	
Int. on school fund, (with balance due from 1879,)	76 35	
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Amount appropriated,		\$2,348 77
Mill tax for 1881, not apportioned,	\$537 56	

APPORTIONMENT.

District.	No. of Scholars.	Appor- tioned.	Due from 1879.	Paid.	Now due.
No. 1,	42	\$181 02	\$1 05	\$174 48	\$7 59
No. 2,	57	245 67		242 94	2 73
No. 3,	48	206 88	104 50	303 70	7 68
No. 4,	116	499 96	62 21	561 30	87
No. 5,	18	104 58		100 22	4 36
No. 6,	27	136 37	3 87	139 15	1 09
No. 7,	87	374 97	36 30	369 48	41 79
No. 8,	25	127 75	36	123 75	4 36
No. 9,	19	106 89	3 05	109 94	
No. 10,	12	84 53	4 75		89 28
Corner,	65	280 15	133 00	370 20	42 95
	516	\$2348 77	\$349 09	\$2495 16	\$202 70

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. BAKER,
C. A. SEVERANCE, } Selectmen
W. NICKERSON, } of
Orrington.

Orrington, March 3d, 1881.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

STATISTICS.

Summer Term.						Winter Term.					
No. of District.	Length of School in Weeks.	No. of Scholars Registered.	Average Number in Attendance.	Wages per Week.	Board per Week.	No. of District.	Length of School in Weeks.	No. of Scholars Registered.	Average Number in Attendance.	Wages per Week.	Board per Week.
1,	8	17	14	2 50	2 00	1,	12	26	20	7 00	3 00
2,	7	30	25	4 00	2 00	2,	11	46	42	10 00	3 00
2, Fall,	7	27	24	4 00	2 00	3, Fall,	5	24	21	3 50	2 00
3,	8	23	21	3 25	2 00	3,	12	28	25	6 25	3 00
*4,	8	33	28	6 00	2 00	*4,	11	38	33	12 50	3 00
†4,	8	42	35	3 00	2 00	†4,	11	56	49	6 00	2 00
*4, Fall,	8	34	30	6 00	2 00	5,	8	14	13	4 50	2 50
†4, Fall,	8	42	36	3 00	2 00	6,	10	18	15	5 50	2 50
5,	6	14	13	4 00	2 00	*7,	10	39	31	10 00	3 00
6,	8	13	11	3 00	2 00	†7,	8	24	17	4 00	2 25
*7,	9	45	39	6 00	2 00	8,	11	15	14	5 50	2 25
†7, Fall,	7	28	26	4 00	2 25	9,	12	16	14	3 75	2 00
8,	8	10	9	3 00	1 50	10,	10	4	4	1 50	1 50
9,	7	12	11	3 00	2 00	Corner, Fall,	8	38	30	4 00	2 00
Corner,	8	43	36	4 00	2 00	Corner,	12	34	28	7 75	2 75

*Grammar. †Primary.

Number of scholars in town.	516
Number attending summer schools,	282
Number attending fall schools,	193
Number attending winter schools,	358
Average number attending summer schools,	242
Average number attending fall schools,	167
Average number attending winter schools,	305
Average length of summer schools, in weeks,	7.7
Average length of fall schools, in weeks,	7.1

Average length of winter schools, in weeks.	10.6
Average length of schools, in weeks, for the year.	8.5
Average wages of female teachers per week, exclusive of board,	\$4 00
Average wages of male teachers " " "	8 29
Average price of board per week.	2 22
Per cent. of average attendance in summer, to number of scholars, in town.	.48
Per cent. of average attendance in summer, to number of scholars in town.	.33
Per cent. of average attendance in winter, to number of scholars in town.	.60

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Summer.—MISS NETTIE B. RYDER. The term was successful. The teacher came well qualified for her work, and the school made good advancement.

Winter.—J. WYMAN PHILLIPS.—This school was much interrupted by sickness which prevailed nearly the whole term. Those who were most constant made good attainment in the fundamental branches.

Reported by MR. PHILLIPS.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Summer and Fall Terms, MRS. L. P. NICKERSON. "The thing well done is twice done." It is needless to specify when every branch of study is duly considered by the pupil under the scrutiny of so experienced a teacher.

Winter.—MR. SHERMAN alighted here for a few weeks on his journey to Hampden Academy, much to the interest, pleasure and culture of all under his instruction. Full of zeal, love and knowledge, he kept his school at high pressure six days in the week during the term. The school was taken out of the more usual methods of instruction with great profit. An interesting part of the closing exercises was the presentation of fifteen diplomas for punctuality.

No Register was returned.

MR. PHILLIPS.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Summer Term, MISS JENNIE L. FARRINGTON, teacher. In this her first school, Miss Farrington proved herself a teacher apt to teach. Prompt and accurate recitations were required, and at the closing examination of the school, order prevailed, and much improvement was shown.

Fall Term, MISS NETTIE B. RYDER, teacher. This school commenced well but closed without a final examination on account of the sickness of the teacher.

Winter Term Mr. J. C. LONG, teacher. This school was fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Long. He was the right man in the right place. Under his skillful and experienced leadership the school prospered to the entire satisfaction of its friends.

MISS POLLARD.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Summer and Fall Terms, MRS. GEORGIA A. WASHBURN, teacher. Mrs. Washburn is a live teacher, and under her guidance the scholars made rapid advancement doing themselves and teacher much credit. These schools were distinguished for the thoroughness of every department.

Winter Term, Mr. E. E. McCAUSLIN, teacher. Mr McCauslin was master of the school, but lacked in that essential principle, thoroughness, without which no school can make rapid advancement.

PRIMARY.

Summer Term, Miss MARY E. RYDER, teacher. This being Miss Ryder's first school, naturally she did not succeed with a large school of small scholars, as well as an older teacher, with more experience might have done, still the term was not without profit.

Fall Term, Miss MINNIE E. SNOW, teacher. This was quite a good school, Miss Snow having the elements of a good teacher.

Winter Term, Mrs. G. A. WASHBURN, teacher. She had her usual good success, reducing the school to order, and bringing the scholars under good discipline.

DR. TIBBETTS.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Summer Term, Miss IDA C. MORELEN, teacher. The school was well taught and disciplined, and regular and full employment was given. The habit of careful analysis in the Mental Arithmetic classes was a marked feature in the daily recitations.

Winter Term, Mr. GLEASON SNOW, teacher. Both teacher and scholars manifested much interest in the branches of study pursued, and the scholars were required to do the talking at recitations; progress was the natural result. This is an appreciative district. In both terms of the school the average attendance lacked but one of the whole number of scholars registered.

MISS POLLARD.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Summer Term, Miss MINNIE E. SNOW, teacher. The school was commenced by Miss MARION C. ROBERTS, who withdrew after two weeks effort, and was succeeded by Miss Snow. This teacher went to her duty full of her work. Good order and good advancement in the school, and satisfaction throughout the district resulted from her work.

Winter Term, Miss LETTIE S. PHIPPS, teacher. This teacher, well known as a diligent and successful laborer, met with her uniform success here. "Not how much, but how well," is her motto.

MISS POLLARD.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Summer.—Miss NELLIE CHAPIN was in her sphere. Apt, enthusiastic and persistent, she handled her school with great profit. The examination was very creditable to all the pupils, who, in turn, manifested a like interest with the teacher.

Winter.—MR. STURTEVANT'S manner was deliberate and thoughtful. A portion of the school made good advancement and the term seemed satisfactory to all. We cannot commend the method adopted in Reading, but think the attention of the whole class should be given to a single lesson previously assigned.

Fall and Winter.—Primary.—Miss LIZZIE BATES was quite reserved and methodical. Kind and attentive, however, she won the regard of her scholars, who enjoyed all the exercises of the school. The fall term closed without notice, but was well spoken of.

MR. PHILLIPS.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Summer Term, MISS LENNA M. BOWDEN, teacher. The school was a moderately successful one.

Winter Term, teacher, MR. ARTHUR WENTWORTH. Good order was the rule. The school was well taught, good advancement being shown in the studies pursued. DR. TIBBETTS.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Summer Term, MISS NETTIE M. ROGERS, teacher. The school was small, but well conducted and profitable.

Winter Term, MISS IDA C. MORELEN, teacher. Miss Morelen did well, and leaves the school in a flourishing condition. DR. TIBBETTS.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Winter Term—This was the only term held for the year, and was taught by MISS FLORA E. ATWOOD. The school was very small, but well conducted, Miss Atwood showing good ability as a teacher.

DR. TIBBETTS.

CORNER DISTRICT.

Summer Term, MRS. CARRIE REED, teacher. This was a large school, and the unusual number of little ones entering their first term made Mrs. Reed's duties arduous. She met her difficulties with considerable energy and tact. The most improvement was shown in the reading of all the classes.

Fall Term, MR. J. B. REED, teacher. This term was a profitable one. The scholars were led to diligence and accuracy, and made commendable progress in their studies.

Winter Term, MR. S. S. BOLTON, teacher. Order is Mr. Bolton's first law, and under his regime a somewhat disorderly school was reduced to quiet and good behavior. Good advancement was made in the studies pursued. MISS POLLARD.

During the past year our schools have been very successful. Only in one or two instances have teachers failed to come up to the general standard of success, while others have gone beyond it and proved themselves faithful in their stewardship. This has been the case particularly in our Winter schools; owing, no doubt, to the fact that the teachers were experienced—and many of them of large experience—in the profession of teaching. Their success was aided by the good order that prevailed in the schools; order that resulted from law; order that could be as easily and as effectively applied at the end of the term as the beginning. For this reason, your Committee have not been called upon to aid in discipline, by compromise or by removing the obstinate from the school. So far as we have seen or heard, the precepts and conduct of these teachers have been worthy of copy in every respect, and have had an elevating influence upon the youths of our town.

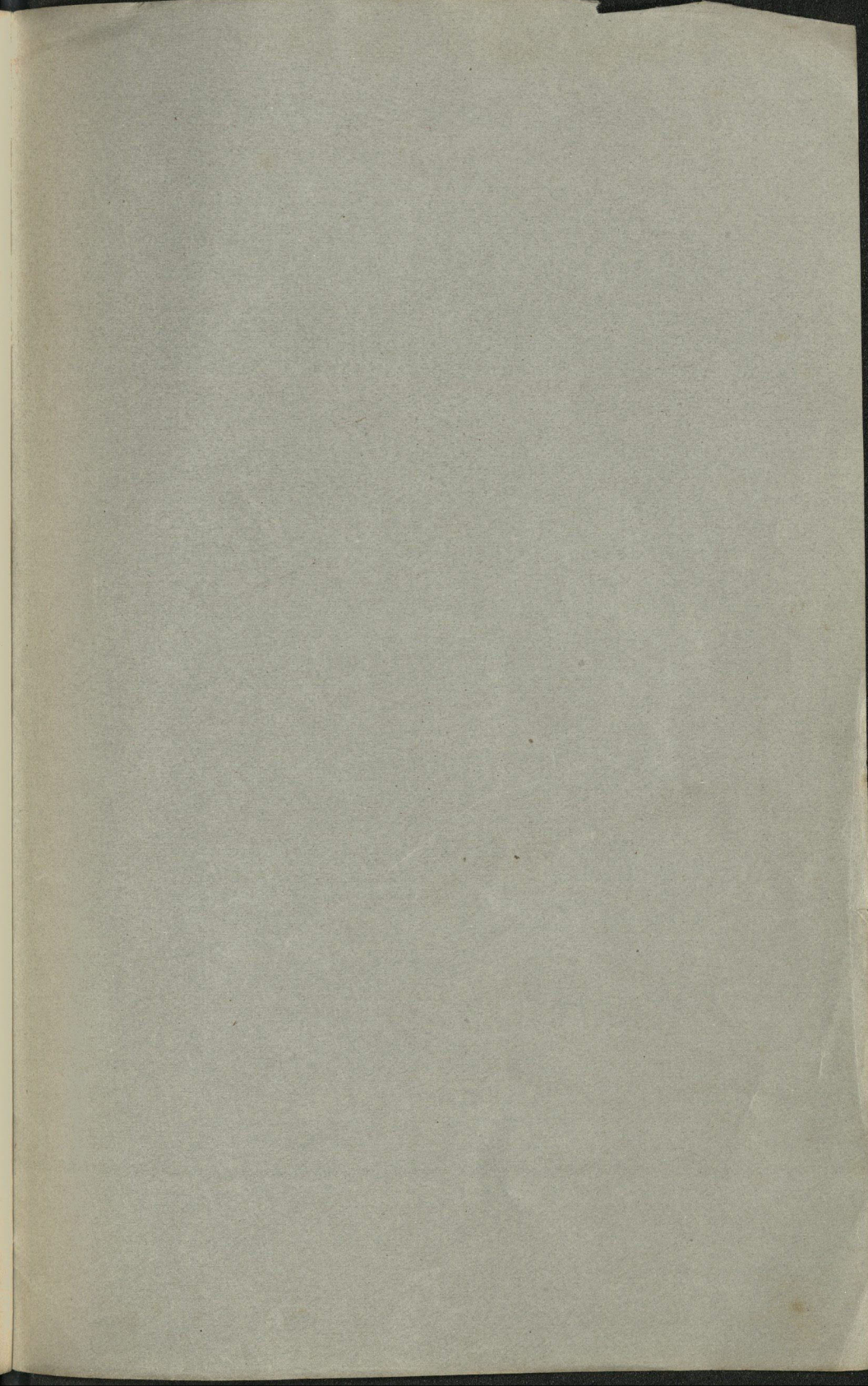
During the year an exchange of Readers has been made; and, as it appears to us, very much to the satisfaction of the scholars, and greatly to their profit.

An exchange of Grammars and Arithmetics has also been arranged for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. POLLARD,	} School
J. WYMAN PHILLIPS,	
G. T. TIBBETTS,	

Orrington March 7, 1881.



Orrington Maine
D. S. Torr