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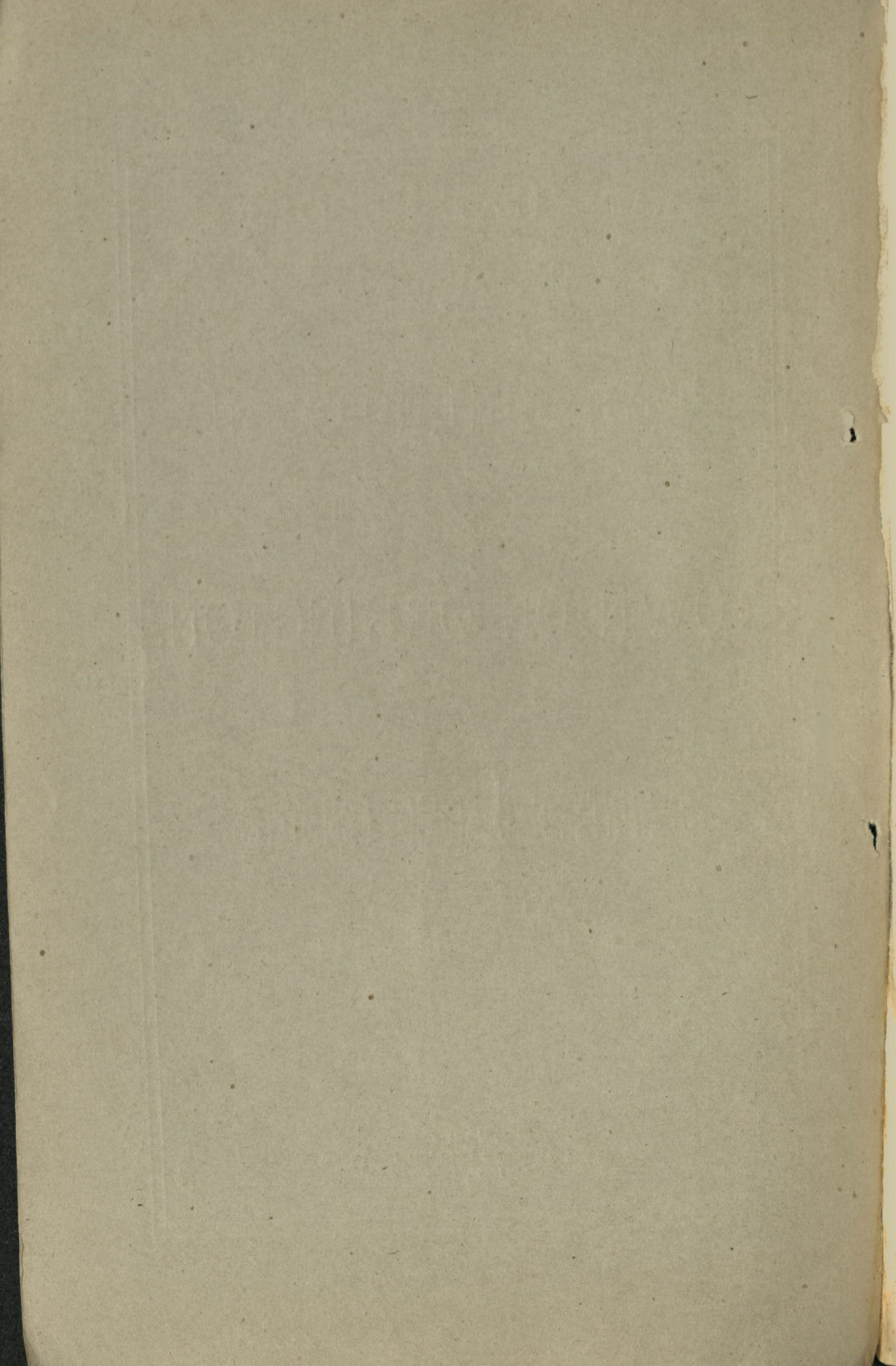
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WARRANT.

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 ninth day of March, inst., at ten 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 accept the action of the Selectmen in laying out a Town way from the "Arctic Road" to the land of the Orrington Ice Company, and raise money for the same.

Twelfth. To see if the Town will build a road from the County road, near the stream, to the land of Joseph H. Maker.

Thirteenth. To see if the Town will grant the prayer of certain petitioners to discontinue the road leading over Bald Hill, from Wallace T. Little's south line to Peter C. Smith's shop. Said petitioners agree to make and maintain a private way on the south line of Wallace T. Little's land without expense to the Town.

Fourteenth. To see if the Town will choose a Road Commissioner, (one or more) to direct in the use of the road machine or take such action as they deem necessary.

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 twenty-sixth day of February, A. D. 1885.

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

ANAUAL REPORT.

ALBERT G. DOLE, Treasurer.

In account with the Town of Orrington.

DR.

Feb. 26, 1885.		
To uncollected resident tax for 1883.....	\$500 00	
Uncollected non-resident tax for 1883.....	249 67	
Due from the Town of Holden.....	31 50	
Mellen Atkins' note.....	75 00	
Cash in the Treasury.....	333 45	
		\$1189 62

AMOUNT RAISED BY THE TOWN MARCH 17, 1884.

For the support of poor.....	\$700 00	
To defray Town charges.....	400 00	
Repairs of roads and bridges.....	300 00	
Highway deficiency for 1883.....	54 00	
Tax on dogs.....	68 00	
Overlaying in assessments.....	226 98	
		\$1748 98
To cash from Bucksport, one-half of C. W. Freeman's bill.....	\$3 00	
F. E. Rogers, fish privileges.....	1 00	
Mellen Atkins, interest on note....	2 22	
Gravel sold.....	87	
Paid on tax abated to collector.....	6 60	
For railroad and telegraph tax.....	3 75	
Use of Town House for 1884.....	62 60	
From Orrington Ice Co., highway tax...	11 34	
From Mrs. Edward Smith, highway tax	1 08	\$92 46
		\$3031 06

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By paid for support of poor.....	\$503 79	
Pay of Town Officers.....	431 73	
Paid for repairs of roads and bridges.....	312 95	
Paid for repairs of roads with machine.....	372 55	
Paid miscellaneous expenses.....	156 60	
Paid interest on school fund.....	69 42	
Paid for road machine.....	261 13	
		\$2108 17
Uncollected non-resident tax.....	263 51	
Uncollected resident tax.....	533 65	
Mellen Atkins' note.....	37 50	
Cash in the Treasury.....	88 22	\$922 88
		\$3031 05

PAY OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Asa G. Kent, Collector.....	\$100 00	
Albert G. Dole, Treasurer.....	40 00	
J.D.Baker, Selectman, Assessor & Overseer of Poor	80 00	
N. A. Nickerson, " " " "	49 25	
C. A. Severance, " " " "	51 00	
A. H. Smith, Constable.....	5 00	
J. D. Hinds, " " " "	1 00	
J. Wyman Phillips, Supt. School Committee.....	20 68	
A. N. Lufkin, " " " "	43 75	
Solomon Bolton " " " "	39 45	
Town Clerk, recording Births and deaths.....	1 60	
	<hr/>	\$431 73
By paid interest on Town school fund.....	\$69 42	
Paid W. H. Dole's note and interest, to pay for road machine.....	261 13	
	<hr/>	\$330 55

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Chas W. Freeman, surveying road line.....	\$1 00	
B. A. Burr, printing Town Reports.....	20 00	
Freight on the road machine.....	11 20	
J. D. Baker, cash paid for chain and can for machine.....	1 97	
H. M. Smith, for plough broken in Dist. No. 7, E.	3 23	
J. Wyman Phillips, for books furnished the S. S. Committee.....	44 73	
Coleman Lee, for abatement of road tax.....	2 37	
M. F. Eldridge, for repairs on road machine.....	1 35	
John E. Bowden, Com. on buying road machine..	1 75	
David Bugbee, for books and stationery.....	18 28	
J. D. Baker, stamps, stationery and express bill,	2 37	
C. W. Freeman, surveying road line.....	1 00	
T. H. Crowell, for care of Town House 1884.....	5 00	
Thomas Sheehan, for counsel and stamps for deed	1 00	
Asa G. Kent, Collector, abatement of tax 1884....	39 65	
J. A. Fullum, repairs on road machine.....	1 70	
	<hr/>	\$156 60

SUPPORT OF POOR.

S. G. Nye, board and clothing Chas. A. Ayer's child.....	\$72 00	
Mrs. Abbie D. Godfrey, expenses at Insane hospital.....	131 00	
George W. Brown, 2d, board and clothing C. A. Ayer, Jr.....	87 88	
Enoch P. Richardson, board and clothing Clara Smith.....	42 00	
Emory E. Atkins, board, care and clothing Clara Smith.....	102 00	
Alfred Richardson, board and clothing George Harvey.....	16 66	
Thos. Bowden, board and clothing George Harvey	12 50	
Support of John Rider, a pauper.....	5 00	
John S. Berry, wood furnished Mrs. Hymes.....	9 75	
Daniel Appleton, board and care of E. S. Appleton,	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$503 79

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

John H. Smith, labor on road, Dist. No. 2.....	\$6 56
Harvey M. Smith, labor on road, Dist. No. 7. E..	17 39
Benj. Ryder, Jr., labor on road, Dist. No. 4. S....	3 85
Ezekiel Glass, labor on road, Dist. No. 5.....	16 45
Thos. W. Robinson, labor on road, Dist. No. 7. W.	2 68
Nathaniel Southers, labor on road, Dist. No. 10..	8 57
Perry A. Fowler, labor on road, Dist. No. 8 W....	1 62
Austin B. Rogers, labor on road, Dist. No. 8.....	3 08
C. A. Severance, labor on road, Dist. No. 7, E....	155 67
Thomas Bowden, labor on road, Dist. No. 8. E....	11 03
William A. George, labor on road, Dist. No. 7. W	10 50
John E. Witham, labor on road, Dist. No. 3.....	9 84
Jos. B. Ryder, labor on road, Dist. No. 5.....	3 74
Fred I. Harriman, labor on road, Dist. No. 6. E..	3 32
Herbert M. Rogers, labor on road, Dist. No. 8. W.	5 50
Almon Rogers, lumber for bridges and culverts.	11 66
Jacob Harding, labor on road, Dist. No. 6. W....	3 47
Horace Mann, labor on road, Dist. No. 7, E.....	1 50
D. Sargent & Sons, lumber for scraper, etc., Dist.	
No. 7, W.....	4 75
S. G. Nye, work in Winter 1883 and 1884.....	5 00
Jos. W. Bowden, labor on road, Dist. No. 8 and 9,	23 00
L. A. Chapin, labor on road, Dist. No. 6, E.....	3 77

\$312 95

EXPENSES WITH ROAD MACHINE.

Chas. A. Wiswell, for labor and cash paid E. Luf-	
kin	\$5 75
John E. Bowden, " with horse.....	80 25
Jabez N. Wheelden, " "	111 50
Frank Pond for use of horse.....	12 50
David L. Dodge, for labor and cash paid L. A.	
Chapin	7 00
William F. Eldridge, labor with horses.....	24 50
D. T. Hodgdon, for labor.....	7 05
Franklin McIntire, for labor	2 00
F. H. Smith's boy, "	80
Franco Rebaro, "	2 50
S. G. Nye, "	3 75
Horace P. Marston " with horses.....	26 25
Jos. W. Bowden, " " oxen	18 25
David Scott and Lawrence, labor with horses	18 75
Fred King, labor with oxen.....	16 47
E. L. Bowden, labor with horses.....	3 50
E. E. King, labor with oxen.....	5 00
L. A. Chapin, labor with horse.....	6 00
W. M. Baker, labor with horse.....	9 00
Jas. B. Ryder's boy, labor.....	1 50
George C. Rogers for labor.....	3 00
J. D. Baker, for labor and cash paid.....	4 23
N. A. Nickerson, for labor.....	3 00

\$372 55

P. S. The amount of roads made or repaired by the Champion Road Machine in town the past season, was sixteen miles at a cost for labor of \$372 55.

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

Uncollected non-resident taxes.....	\$262 51	
" resident taxes.....	533 65	
Mellen Atkins' note.....	37 50	
Cash in the Treasury.....	88 22	
		\$922 88
Due the Town for money S. S. Com., for books..	\$44 73	
" " David Godfrey's estate.....	181 83	\$226 56
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Road machine.....	\$250 00	\$1149 44

VALUATION FOR 1884.

Real Estate of residents taxed.....	\$250,030 00	
Personal " " " ".....	90,275 00	
		\$340,305 00
Real Estate of non residents taxed.....	\$24,250 00	
Personal " " " ".....	500 00	
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		24,750 00
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Total Estates taxed.....		\$365,055 00
Number of Polls, 382. Poll tax, \$3.00. Percentage, \$1.05 on \$100.		

AMOUNT RAISED BY THE TOWN MARCH 17, 1884.

For Schools	\$1,250 00	
Support of poor.....	700 00	
Repair of roads and bridges.....	300 00	
Town charges	400 00	
		\$2,650 00
Overlayings in assessments.....	226 98	
Highway deficiency, 1883.....	54 00	
Tax on dogs.....	68 00	
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		\$34898
State tax for 1884.....	\$1,628 09	
County tax.....	474 00	
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		\$2,102 09
Total Assessments.....		\$5,101 07

SCHOOL FUND

Balance due the districts, Feb. 26, 1884.....	\$283 23	
School mill tax not apportioned.....	200 00	
		\$493 23
State school fund for 1884.....	704 36	
Raised by the town, March 17, 1884.....	1250 00	
Interest on Town School Fund.....	69 42	
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		\$2023 78
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Total amount.....		\$2517 01

APPORTIONMENT.

No. of Dis- trict.	No. of Schol- ars.	Apportioned.	Due from 1883.	Paid.	Now Due.
1	39	\$183 30	\$51 30	\$210 68	\$23 92
2	55	258 50	8 01	123 00	143 51
3	39	183 30		183 19	11
4	109	512 30	53	512 69	14
5	20	128 10		127 03	1 07
6	23	133 10	92	130 45	3 57
7	74	347 80	42 74	223 50	167 04
8	19	114 30	8 01	58 95	63 36
9	21	123 38	3 69	118 15	8 92
*10	3		41 58	3 80	37 78
Corner.	51	239 70	136 45	257 42	118 73
	453	\$2,223 78	\$293 23	\$1,948 86	\$568 15

*United with District No. 5.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. BAKER,

N. A. NICKERSON,

C. A. SEVERANCE,

Selectmen

of

Orrington.

Orrington, Me., Feb. 26, 1885.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Summer Term.—MISS ADDIE HOLYOKE, teacher. The term passed quietly and pleasantly. Systematic instruction was given and profitably received. It was a successful school.

Fall Term.—MISS MAY L. FOWLER, teacher. A lax discipline was the only drawback to the school. The teacher was thoroughly competent to instruct, affable and clear in demonstration; but some few scholars needed a sterner hand. Fair improvement was made.

Winter term.—MISS NETTIE J. STANLEY, teacher. This school was suspended for three weeks on account of measles. After its second opening the bad roads made the attendance quite irregular and the term closed with few present. It was profitable to those who were constant. It could hardly be otherwise under Miss Stanley's efficient management.

DISTRICT No. 2.

MISS MARIA E. SMITH, teacher. Miss Smith is now teaching the third term of the year in this district.

This school also was interrupted for several weeks by sickness during this winter's term; but successful management, careful instruction, and ready obedience have been successful in overcoming in a large measure, this hinderance. This is one of the orderly schools of our town and was fortunate in securing so methodical a teacher.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Summer Term.—MISS BERTIE H. GINN, teacher. This school under the energetic instruction of the teacher, did good work. The teacher insisted upon thoroughness and correct deportment which proved a blessing to those attending.

Winter Term.—MR. EDWARD PERKINS, teacher. Mr. Perkins by his gentle and affable manner, gained the good will and respect of his pupils which made his duties easy and pleasant. The examination exhibited a knowledge of the branches persued, and an orderly school.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Summer Term.—MISS SUSIE AREY, teacher. The mutual dislike of teacher and scholars rendered the term unprofitable. It closed at the end of seven weeks.

Fall Term.—S. BOLTON, teacher. This term passed pleasantly and profitably.

Winter Term.—S. BOLTON, teacher. Twenty-eight scholars were present at the opening, and thirteen at the closing visit. Notwithstanding the irregular attendance, very fair work was done in the common branches; in addition to these studies, there was a good class in United States History, and another in Physiology. The school was organized into one reading class in the Fifth Reader; considering this, the average rank of the class was very good.

PRIMARY.

MRS. GEORGIE WASHBURN, teacher. This school was in charge of Mrs. Washburn, who took her pupils through the three terms successfully.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Summer Term.—MISS LOUISE A. NICKERSON, teacher. This was the teacher's first term, but she succeeded in inciting her small number to diligence. Good order was sustained and very good improvement was made.

Winter Term.—MISS MAY L. FOWLER, teacher. The school was orderly and industrious. Those attending regularly showed marked improvement. The teacher's efforts were appreciated by the district and a profitable school was the result.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Summer Term.—MISS HELEN P. GENN, teacher. This was Miss Genn's first school and was a fairly profitable one.

Fall Term.—MISS NELLIE E. CHAPIN, teacher. For lack of definite and seasonable notice, but one visit was made. All accounts are favorable to a successful school.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Summer and Fall Terms.—MISS JENNIE A. SEWALL, teacher. A general uplifting of the school obtained during these terms. In most of the studies pursued good improvement was made. In some instances there appeared to be, on the part of the scholars, a lack of that self-reliance and perseverance which are essential to thoroughness.

Winter Term.—J. WYMAN PHILLIPS, teacher. For two successive winters this school has prospered under the direction of Mr. Phillips. His systematic and experienced instruction have produced very beneficial results.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Winter Term.—At our first visit, we found this school well organized under the instruction of Mr. I. W. Littlefield, of the Eastern State Normal School, and prospering to the entire satisfaction of its friends. After a few weeks labor, several times interrupted by sickness, Mr. Littlefield was succeeded by Miss Rose E. Bowden, who successfully concluded the work so favorably begun.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Summer Term.—MISS MAY L. FOWLER, teacher. A mild form of discipline prevailed, resulting in fairly good order. The instruction was apt, clear and to the point; and the scholars, themselves, by their regular attendance and their proficiency, demonstrated that this was a profitable school.

Winter Term.—MISS ROSE E. BOWDEN, teacher. This school closed without notice. It was well begun, and well spoken of by its patrons.

Arthur Bowden, Fred Bowden, Walter Bowden, Estelle Bowden and Mabel Collins were not absent during the year. Nellie Appleton, Beatrice Perkins, Mabel Perkins, Lillie Bowden, Josie King, Sumner Bowden, Frank Collins, and Nellie Harriman were not absent during the summer term.

CORNER DISTRICT.

MISS HATTIE W. POLLARD, teacher. Miss Pollard had charge of the three schools of the year, illustrating the wisdom of suitably recognizing the services of a faithful teacher. We were very much pleased to meet so many friends at the examinations, who showed their interest by appreciative looks and words. We commend this school for its work and the way it was done. Ease, grace and dignity characterised every obedient act. The reading was *very* good. Arithmetic and grammar were well sustained, and all the exercises showed care and thoughtful study. All this seemed to be accomplished by a *suaviter in modo* which few teachers possess.

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	10	18	16	4 00	2 00	1	10	21	14	6 00	2 00
1 Fall T.	10	24	18	4 00	2 00	2 Fall T.	6	25	22	6 00	2 35
2	7	25	22	6 00	2 35	2	13	27	19	7 00	2 35
3	10	25	18	4 00	2 50	3	11	25	19	6 25	3 00
4*	7	14	12	6 00	2 00	4† Fall T.	8	39	36	6 00	2 00
4†	8	41	37	6 00	2 00	4*	10	25	17	10 00	3 00
4* Fall T.	8	25	21	7 50	2 50	4†	10	44	39	6 00	2 50
5	9	9	8	2 75	1 87	5	12	18	15	4 00	2 00
6	8	21	17	4 00	2 25	6	9	26	23	6 00	2 25
7	11	37	28	7 00	2 50	7	11	40	35	10 75	3 00
7 Fall T.	10	37	30	7 00	2 50	8	14	17	14	4 75	2 25
9	8	18	17	3 00	2 00	9	11	17	15	4 50	1 50
Corner.	8	35	30	6 00	2 00	Corner.	12	36	30	7 50	2 50
Fall T.	8	33	31	6 00	2 00						

*Grammar. †Primary.

Number of scholars in town.....	453
“ “ “ attending summer schools.....	243
“ “ “ “ fall “	183
“ “ “ “ winter “	296
Average number attending summer schools.....	205
“ “ “ “ fall “	158
“ “ “ “ winter “	240
“ length of summer schools in weeks.....	8.6
“ “ “ fall “ “ “	8.3
“ “ “ winter “ “ “	11.1
“ length of school in weeks for the year.....	9.6
“ wages of female teachers per week, exclusive of board....	\$5 37
“ “ “ male teachers “ “ “ “ “ “	8 62
“ price of board per week	2 25
Per cent of average attendance in summer to number of scholars in town.....	.452
Per cent of average attendance in winter to number of scholars in town529
Average per cent of attendance for the year.....	.49)

A comparison of this report with that of last year, rejecting the few spring and fall terms, shows the following results, viz: With eight less scholars and eight weeks less of school during the year, there has been a larger number of scholars attending school; a larger average attendance, and, of course a *larger percentage* of attendance; the “Average length of Schools,” and the “Average wages paid female teachers” have been increased.

One school was little better than a failure; prompt notice from the School Agent to the Committee would have prevented this. With this exception all the schools moved on very smoothly and with a good degree of prosperity. In those districts where the sympathies and influence of parents supplemented the efforts of the teacher, unexpected success has resulted.

SCHOOL BOOKS.

DR.		
To Chas. Hight's bill.....		\$58 71
CR.		
By town order.....	44 43	
By cash	14 28	
		<hr/>
		\$58 71
DR.		
To town order.....		44 43
CR.		
By commission for selling, 3 per cent.....	1 29	
By books on hand.....	17 21	
By cash to Treasurer.....	25 93	
		<hr/>
		\$44 43

Respectfully submitted,

J. WYMAN PHILLIPS,	} S. S. Committee
A. N. LUFKIN,	
S. BOLTON,	

of
Orrington.

Orrington, Feb. 28, 1884.

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