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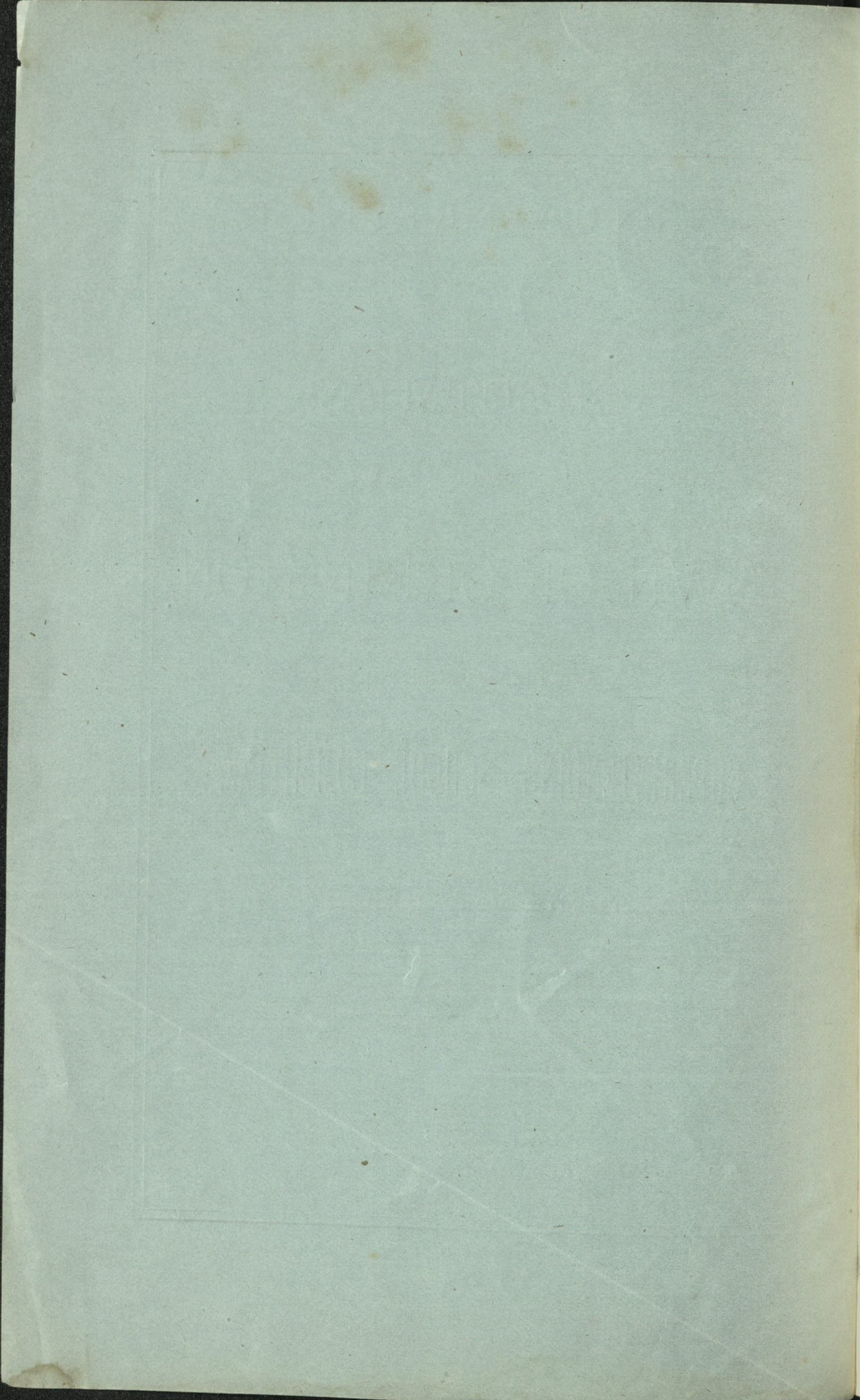
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WARRANT.

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 seventh day of March, next, 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 Supervisor of Schools 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 the repair of roads and bridges, and to defray all other Town charges for the year ensuing.

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

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

Ninth. To see if the Town will tax dogs.

Tenth. (By request) To see if the Town will permit dancing in the Town Hall.

Eleventh. (By petition) To see if the Town will let the Town Hall free to Penobscot Counsel, for their regular meetings, from April first, 1886, until further action may be taken by the Town.

Twelfth. To see if the Town will locate and dig and stone a well at Orrington Corner, for the use of the Town, and supply the same with pump, and raise money for same.

Thirteenth. To see if the Town will grant and raise; or appropriate, a sum of money to fence the Deane Hill and South Orrington Cemeteries.

Fourteenth. (By request) To see if the Town will have one or more Free High Schools the present year, raise money for the same, and take all necessary actions to carry the same into effect.

The Selectmen give notice that they shall be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters, at nine o'clock in the forenoon on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Orrington, this twenty-fourth day of February, A. D. 1887.

J. D. BAKER,
N. A. NICKERSON,
W. M. BAKER,

} Selectmen
of
Orrington.

ANNUAL REPORT.

ALBERT G. DOLE, Treasurer,

In account with the Town of Orrington.

DR.

Feb. 25th, 1887.

To uncollected non-resident taxes.....	\$352 54	
uncollected resident taxes.....	450 00	
	<hr/>	\$802 54

AMOUNT RAISED BY THE TOWN MARCH 8th, 1886.

For the support of the poor.....	\$700 00	
defraying Town charges.....	400 00	
repairs of road and bridges.....	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,600 00
highway deficiency for 1885.....	\$20 03	
tax on dogs.....	73 00	
overlaying in assessments.....	224 76	
	<hr/>	\$317 79
To money for cedar sold in district No. 1.....	50	
gravel sold at S. Orrington.....	1 00	
rent of Town House.....	20 40	
from A. G. Kent for road tax.....	6 68	
R. Road & Telegraph tax.....	4 00	
	<hr/>	32 58
		<hr/>
		\$2,752 91

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Otis G. Washburn, for clothing Geo. Harvey, 1885.....	\$16 70
Maine Insane Hospital, for support of Mrs. David Godfrey.....	123 06
Supplies furnished Franco Rebaro's family....	53 24
Dr. L. H. Wheeler, for medical attendance on Clara Smith.....	6 25
Thomas F. Filondon, boarding Timothy Stubbs and wife.....	130 25
Silvie Everett, boarding Timothy Stubbs and wife.....	31 50
Gerge W. Brown 2d, for board and clothing Charles A. Ayer.....	45 50
Mrs. D. Appleton, for support of Emma Apple- ton.....	30 00
Town of Abbot for support of Samuel B. Lowell	12 55
Lucy W. Goodbin, for support of Lucretia Kenney	32 50

Thomas Bowden, for wood furnished Mr. O. H. Hymes.....	\$12 00	
Otis G. Washburn, for clothing George Harvey to April 20th, 1887.....	12 00	
A. S. Conant, for boarding G. W. Gould.....	19 00	
H. M. Kempton, for moving Mrs. Kenney and her goods.....	2 25	
		<hr/> \$526 80

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Charles A. Wiswell, labor on road and moving road machine, Dist. No. 1.....	\$7 32	
J. D. Baker, labor on the road in Dist's No. 4 and 5 in 1884 and 5.....	8 93	
Daniel C. Woodman, labor on the road in Dist. No. 5.....	4 23	
Isaac Barstow, labor on the road in Dist. No. 1.	6 48	
D. T. Hodgdon, labor on the road in Dist. No. 6, west.....	5 05	
R. H. Dickey, labor on the road in Dist. No. 7, E.	11 06	
Charles Bowden, labor on the road in Dist. No. 9	7 61	
J. D. Freeman, labor on the road in Dist. No. 6, west.....	4 79	
N. B. Curran, labor on the road in Dist. No. 7, East.....	5 20	
Henry Irish, labor on the road in Dist. No. 6, west.....	3 78	
H. E. Thayer, labor on the road in Dist. No. 10.	10 25	
L. M. Steel, labor on the road in Dist. No. 6, west.....	10 15	
H. M. Rogers, labor on the road in Dist. No. 8, west.....	5 95	
A. B. Rogers, labor on the road in Dist. No. 8, west.....	10 08	
G. F. Pierce, labor on the road in Corner Dist.	3 29	
J. B. Ryder, labor on the road in Dist. No. 5...	2 36	
C. E. Stickney, labor on the road in Dist. No. 1.	6 52	
S. S. Harriman, labor on the road in Dist. No. 9,	5 46	
A. E. Freeman, labor on the road Dist. No. 4...	10 13	
		<hr/> \$128 64
F. C. McIntire, labor on the road in Dist. No. 6 west.....	4 18	
Ezekiel Glass, labor on the road in Dist. No. 5,	14 97	
J. E. Bowden, labor on the road with machine.	19 00	
W. F. Eldridge, labor on the road in Dist. No. 7 east and west.....	7 56	
M. F. Eldridge, labor on the road in Dist. No. 7 west.....	4 12	
Thomas Bowden, labor on the road in Dist. No. 8 east.....	17 18	
D. L. Dodge, labor on the road in Dist. No. 6 east.....	6 18	
E. B. Johnson, labor on the road in Dist. No. 6 west.....	2 96	

S. G. Nye, labor on the road in Dist. No. 5,	\$6 51
Josiah Quimby, labor on the road in Dist. No. 8	
west.....	30 99
W. A. Marston, labor on the road in Dist. No. 1,	9 10
T. B. George, labor on the road in Dist. No. 7..	3 50
S. S. Harriman, building bridge at E. Orrington,	25 00
W. M. Baker, shoveling snow on Dow road in	
Dist. No. 1.....	14 75
Christopher Holmes, labor on road in Dist. No. 5,	3 46
P. A. Fowler, labor on road in Dist. No. 8, west,	6 06
Philander Kent, labor on the road in Dist. No. 1,	17 50
William Seavey, labor on the road in Dist. No. 5,	3 36
G. W. Jordan, labor on the road in Dist. No. 5,	2 42
H. E. Thayer, labor on the road in Dist. No. 5,	5 25
W. E. Chapin, labor on the road in Dist. No. 6,	4 41
C. W. Atwood, labor on the road in Dist. No. 6,	14 71
D. B. Doane, labor on the road in Dist. No. 1,	12 76
M. E. Hatch, labor on the road in Dist. No. 8,	
east.....	6 82
C. W. Freeman, labor on the road in Dist. No.	
6, east.....	3 00
G. W. Littlefield, labor on the road in Dist. 7,	
west.....	37
W. W. Ryder, labor on the road in Dist. No. 6,	
west.....	1 23
G. G. Hodgdon, labor on the road in Dist. No. 3,	19 18
W. T. Little, labor on the bridge and road in	
Dist. No. 3.....	9 00
G. C. Rogers, labor on the road in Dist. No. 4,	
north.....	3 93
L. A. Chapin, labor on the road in Dist. No. 6,	
east.....	7 99
D. Sargent's Sons, lumber for red bridge and	
culverts.....	46 17
R. F. Rowell, labor on the road in Dist. No. 6,	
east.....	9 23
A. Rogers & Son, lumber for Dists. No. 3-4-5-6,	27 07
W. E. Bowden, labor on the road in Dist. No. 5,	4 78
J. W. Bowden, labor on the road in Dist. No. 9,	5 78
J. E. Witham, labor on the road in Dist. No. 3,	2 00
David Scott, labor on the road in Dist. No. 6,	
west.....	5 25

\$144 98

PAY OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Frank B. Pendleton, Supt. S. Committee,.....	\$ 18 00
A. N. Lufkin, same.....	38 25
Solomon Bolton, same.....	42 25
J. D. Baker, Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of	
the Poor, etc.....	71 60
N. A. Nickerson, same.....	53 45
W. M. Baker, same.....	39 50
A. G. Dole, Treasurer.....	40 00
A. G. Kent, Collector.....	100 00
J. D. Hinds, Constable.....	6 00
Warren Nickerson, Moderator.....	2 50
Town Clerk, for Recording Births and Deaths..	2 88

\$414 43

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Cyrus A. Rogers, abatement of taxes for 1885..	\$ 3 60	
J. D. Baker, for Order book and express bill on Town Books.....	3 90	
A. N. Luffin, for abatement on Cheese Factory Road Tax.....	1 44	
B. A. Burr, for printing Town Reports for '85-6	20 00	
Dr. W. G. Wild, for examination of E. A. Hincks cattle.....	5 00	
Judge Appleton, for counsel in pauper case....	2 00	
Benjm. Ryder, Jr., for labor in Cemetery at South Orrington.....	8 25	
David Bugbee, for books and stationery for the Town.....	5 40	
J. D. Baker, for stamps and stationery for the Town.....	2 12	
N. A. Nickerson, for expenses to Oakland on pauper case.....	5 90	
Town Treasurer, for interest on Town school fund.....	69 42	
Thomas H. Crowell, for care of Town House for 1886.....	5 00	
Town Treasurer for money paid, (borrowed from school fund.....	67 50	
A. G. Kent, Col. for abatements of taxes for '85	35 49	
A. G. Kent, Col. for abatement of taxes for '86	54 48	
		\$289 50

AMOUNT RAISED BY THE TOWN MARCH 8th, 1886.

For schools.....	\$1,250 00.	
support of poor.....	700 00	
repair of roads and bridges.....	500 00	
Town charges.....	400 00	
		\$2,850 00
highway deficiency for 1885.....	\$20 03	
tax on dogs.....	73 00	
overlayings in assessments.....	224 76	
		\$317 79
State tax for 1886.....	\$1,526 61	
County tax.....	675 70	\$2,202 31
Total assessments for 1886.....	\$5,370 10	

VALUATION FOR 1886.

Real estate of residents taxed.....	\$252,365 00	
Personal estate of residents taxed.....	77,745 00	
		\$330,110 00
Real Estate of non-residents taxed.....	\$29,695 00	
Personal estate of non-residents taxed.....	425 00	30,120 00
Total estates taxed.....		\$360,230 00
Number of Polls, 390. Poll tax \$300. Percentage, \$1.14 on \$100.00.		

ASSETTS OF THE TOWN.

Uncollected non-resident taxes.....	\$352 79	
“ resident taxes.....	272 32	
Money in the treasury.....	380 70	
Due the Town from D. Godfrey's Estate.....	435 64	
		\$1,441 54
Road Machine.....	\$150 00	

APPORTIONMENT.

No. of Dis- trict.	No. of Schol- ars.	Apportioned.	Due from 1885.	Paid.	Now Due.
1	33	\$157 90	\$ 2 99	\$160 89	
2	43	184 90	53 84	230 31	\$ 8 43
3	28	147 40	1 64	135 35	13 69
4	89	382 70	10 58	393 28	
5	20	124 00	47	124 47	
6	26	143 80	56	141 50	2 86
7	71	305 30	28 89	179 23	154 96
8	18	123 40	4 16	120 00	7 56
9	25	138 31	2 27	139 16	1 62
10	9	38 70	19 60	36 60	21 70
Corner.	65	279 50		248 03	31 47
	427	\$2025 91	\$125 20	\$1908 82	\$242 29

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Orrington, Feb. 22, A. D. 1887.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Summer and Fall Terms.—Miss Annie C. Hamlin, Teacher. The careful examinations were supported by pleasing recitations by the older pupils. The schools appeared to have been under prudent discipline and thorough instruction, resulting in profit to all attending.

Winter term.—Miss Blanche K. Bolton, Teacher. All that could be expected was done in this short term of four weeks. The term was supplemented by a private school of five weeks under the same teacher, which commends her as an efficient worker.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Summer Term.—Miss Jennie C. Snow, Teacher. The closing visit was one week before the end of the term, and when the larger scholars were at the State Muster, so that the progress of the school was not seen; but those present did fairly well, and the general report is that it was profitable.

Winter term.—Mr. S. S. Smith, Teacher. Only thirteen scholars of the twenty-eight registered were present at the close. Fair progress was made. For some reason the school was not worked up to its willing capacity. We do not think it advisable for boys and girls to sit together in school hours, but do think it advisable, and a duty, for a teacher to appear before his class fully equipped for the lesson in hand.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Summer Term.—Miss Josie W. Buckley, Teacher. A good work was done here. The larger scholars were fresh and thorough in their studies and the school bore a very creditable examination. The instruction in Reading was unusually good.

Winter Term.—Mr. A. P. Stubbs, Teacher. The school was willing and anxious to advance, but could not overcome the ex-

treme inertness of the teacher. His book knowledge was abundant but not energized. The fair progress made should mainly be credited to the scholars themselves.

DISTRICT No. 4.

The Summer and Fall Terms included the Grammar and Primary schools united, and were under the care of Miss Allie M. Shaw. Well organized and efficient work was done. The larger scholars appeared interested and at the closing examinations reflected great credit upon themselves and the school. It is seldom that a teacher is called upon to put forth more effort than was here demanded, but she fully met the responsibility.

Winter Term.—Grammar. Mr. S. S. DeBeck, Teacher. Only four boys and fourteen girls attended this school when there should have been twice the number. It is a grave mistake for boys to think themselves "too big to go to school."

The review was very carefully conducted by the teacher and showed systematic work in all departments of study, especially in Physiology. The discipline was exacting, and the scholars deserve credit for their attainments.

Primary.—Miss Allie M. Shaw, Teacher. This also was a very successful school. Good order prevailed and all was accomplished that could reasonably be desired by scholars and teacher. This district should feel pleasurably satisfied with its schools for the past year.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Summer and Winter Terms—Miss Minnie L. Richardson has taught in this district the past two years with great profit to her pupils. Her quiet and persistent manner conduces to scholarly deportment and progress. The last term was especially satisfactory to your committee.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Summer and Fall Terms.—Miss Rosa E. Bowden, Teacher. These were small schools but the closing examinations very satisfactory, showing general improvement in all the studies. We think the teacher competent for a large school.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Summer Term.—Miss Nettie J. Stanly, Teacher. No preparation for examination was made by reviews or special assignments. For this reason the scholars were somewhat slow in answering and lacked that assurance of correctness they ought to have had.

The school was well governed and much useful instruction outside of the Text book given. It was a profitable term.

Fall Term.—Miss Perdita L. Chapman, Teacher. Miss Chapman took hold of her work zealously and skillfully, meeting the cordial approbation of her pupils. From report she taught a good school. We regret that want of notice deprived us of the anticipated closing visit.

Winter Term.—Mr. E. Lenfest, Teacher. Mutual satisfaction from the beginning to the close of the term was enjoyed, resulting in large profit to the school. Combined effort, under a tactician, is a powerful factor for good, when directed to that end. As in most of our schools, the girls here take the lead in all branches of study.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Winter Term.—Miss Nellie E. Chapin, Teacher. This was a term of seventeen weeks and the only school for the year. The examinations showed thoroughness and a liberal view of the principles and facts gone over, especially in Reading, Physiology, and Arithmetic. This school shows one of the cleanest Registers of the year.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Summer Term.—Miss Minnie L. Devereaux, Teacher. This was a well organized and instructed school. General, rather than specific advance was made. The oral lessons in Arithmetic and Grammar were profitable, and much enjoyed by the younger pupils.

Winter Term.—Miss Hattie E. Reed, Teacher. The classes in Physiology and Book-keeping were especially proficient, and the Algebra was well digested. The school did well under its firm discipline and aggressive instruction.

DISTRICT No. 10.

The scholars in this district attended school in No. 5.

CORNER DISTRICT.

Summer Term.—Miss Winnie J. Bragdon, Teacher. For reasons, difficult to explain in this Report, a lack of mutual interest and sympathy between scholars and teacher was early manifested in the term, which the latter could not overcome either by persuasion or discipline. After a few weeks it was thought the crisis was past and an improvement shown, but this hope gradually weakened and the term closed to the relief of all concerned.

Fall Term.—Miss Jennie C. Snow, Teacher. A fairly good school was obtained. The class in History did well; in Arithmetic and Geography quite well. The examination was conducted under the discouragement of much whispering and moving about the room.

Winter Term.—Miss Snow taught this school also; by a misunderstanding as to the time of its close, but one visit was made, and that at the beginning of the term. From reliable information obtained during the term and since its close, there was a great lack of force and discipline. The teacher was well qualified to instruct, but failed in the direction above indicated.

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

The Corner District maintained a High School taught by Mr. J. Wyman Phillips. It proved a profitable term, and we think it much more economical to educate in this way than to send our scholars abroad. It would seem that the town can well afford to support such a school and that it should do so.

From the foregoing detailed reference to the schools it will be seen that they have been generally very successful. The partial failures have resulted wholly from the want of a just appreciation of the duties which teachers owe to the town and more immediately to their pupils. Scholars have been respectful and obedient, while some teachers have left the impression that the school room is a choice resort for physical rest from a summer's toil. This is a poor way to piece out a subsistence or obtain a reserve.

It may be entirely useless but we cannot omit the fact that our people are very remiss in visiting the schools; especially has this been the case the past year. Rarely have more than two visitors been present at any examination, and generally not one. This ought not to be and we all acknowledge it, but still persist in our indifference. There is no influence more stimulating and elevating to our schools than the frequent presence of parents in the schoolroom.

We are glad to note the comfortable condition of the school houses in No. 4, and suggest that thorough repairs must soon be done in other districts.

STATISTICS.

SUMMER SCHOOLS.						WINTER SCHOOL.					
No. of District.	Length of School in Weeks.	Number of Scholars Registered.	Average Number in Attendance.	Wages per Week.	Board per Week.	No of District.	Length of School in Weeks.	Number of Scholars Registered.	Average Number in Attendance.	Wages per Week.	Board per Week.
1	10	20	19	3 50	2 00	1	4	21	18	3 00	2 00
2	10	26	23	5 50	2 35	2	10	28	17	7 00	2 00
3	9	18	15	3 00	1 75	3	10	21	18	5 50	2 50
4	8	45	37	8 00	2 00	4*	11½	18	15	9 50	3 25
5	9	17	16	3 00	2 00	4†	11½	27	24	6 00	2 00
6	9	15	12	4 00	2 00	5	10	20	18	5 00	2 00
7	8	31	25	6 75	2 25	7	11	35	31	10 75	3 00
8	31	25	6 75	2 25		8	17	19	16	4 50	2 00
9	8	21	19	3 00	1 50	9	14	21	19	4 00	2 00
Corner	9	31	24	5 00	2 50	Corner.	10	35	25	6 00	3 00

FALL SCHOOLS.

1	9	26	23	3 00	2 00	7	8	32	28	6 00	2 00
4	7	45	40	8 00	2 00	Corner.	10	30	27	5 00	2 50
6	10	14	12	6 00	2 00	High.	10	22	19	10 75	3 00

*Grammar.

†Primary.

Number of scholars in town,	429
“ “ attending summer schools,	224
“ “ “ fall “	169
“ “ “ winter “	245
Average number attending summer “	190
“ “ “ fall “	149
“ “ “ winter “	201
“ length of summer schools in weeks,	8.9
“ length of fall schools in weeks,	9.0
“ length of winter schools in weeks,	10.9
“ length of school in weeks for the year,	9.6
“ wages of female teachers per week exclusive of board,	\$4.91

Average wages male teacher per month, exclusive of board,	\$34.80
“ price of board per week,	2.22
Per cent. of average attendance in summer to number of scholars in town,	443
Per cent. of average attendance in winter to number of scholars in town,	468
Average per cent. of attendance for the year,	455

Respectfully submitted,

J. WYMAN PHILLIPS, Supervisor.

Orrington, Feb. 25, 1887.

