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Municipal Officers of Paris Maine

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND

Superintending School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF PARIS,

For the Year ending February 12,

1875.

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## *TOWN OFFICERS.*

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### **SELECTMEN.**

WM. A. FROTHINGHAM.      GEO. F. HAMMOND.      ETHAN WILLIS.

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**CLERK.**  
GEO. A. WILSON.

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**TREASURER.**  
ALVA SHURTLEFF.

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**AGENT.**  
PETER C. FICKETT.

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**COLLECTOR.**  
JOHN BLACK.

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### **S. S. COMMITTEE.**

GEO. B. CROCKETT.      Rev. ALEXANDER HILL.      Dr. ISAAC ROUNDS.

## REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

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### VALUATION.

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| Whole number of Polls, 659.             |                |
| Amount of Resident Real Estate          | \$679,750 00   |
| Amount of Non Resident Real Estate,     | 46,425 00      |
| Amount of Resident Personal Estate,     | 282,120 00     |
| Amount of Non Resident Personal Estate, | 4,375 00       |
| <hr/>                                   |                |
| Total Valuation,                        | \$1,012,670 00 |

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### APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED.

|                                 |             |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| State Tax                       | \$4,896 02  |
| County Tax,                     | 1,095 33    |
| Town Debt and Interest,         | 3,000 00    |
| Town Charges,                   | 2,000 00    |
| Support of Schools,             | 2,760 00    |
| Fractional Overlay,             | 377 69      |
| Delinquent Highway,             | 461 37      |
| <hr/>                           |             |
| Total committed for collection. | \$14,590 41 |

Poll Tax, \$3.

Rate per cent. 12 mills on a dollar.

Amount of highway tax to be expended in labor, \$5,000 00.

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## SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

|                                       |            |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Amount raised by vote of town,        | \$2,760 00 |            |
| Interest on School Fund,              | 216 00     |            |
| Mill Tax,                             | 1,042 20   |            |
| Bank Tax,                             | 746 30     |            |
|                                       | <hr/>      |            |
| Total,                                |            | \$4,764 50 |
| Amount divided among School Districts | \$4,663 74 |            |
| Amount over-appropriated last year,   | 35 56      |            |
| Amount unappropriated,                | 65 20      |            |
|                                       | <hr/>      | \$4,764 50 |

Rate per Scholar, \$4 50.

The money was appropriated among the several Districts as follows :

| District.         | No. of Scholars. | Amt. Appropri'd. | Amt. Added. | Total.   |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|----------|
| No. 1—Bolster,    | 31               | \$153.00         | 15.24       | 168.24   |
| " 2—S. Paris,     | 264              | 1,188.00         |             | 1,188.00 |
| " 3—Webber,       | 32               | 144.00           | 17.00       | 161.00   |
| " 4—Biscoe,       | 27               | 121.50           | 20.00       | 141.50   |
| " 5—Porter,       | 37               | 166.50           | 5.00        | 171.50   |
| " 6—W. Paris,     | 59               | 265.50           |             | 265.50   |
| " 7—Hall,         | 27               | 99.00            | 25.00       | 124.00   |
| " 8—King,         | 34               | 153.00           | 15.00       | 168.00   |
| " 9—P. Hill,      | 121              | 544.50           |             | 544.50   |
| " 10—Partridge,   | 35               | 157.50           | 15.00       | 172.50   |
| " 11—Stearns,     | 30               | 135.00           | 20.00       | 155.00   |
| " 12—Harbor,      | 54               | 243.00           |             | 243.00   |
| " 13—Tubbs,       | 11               | 49.50            | 40.00       | 89.50    |
| " 14—Mountain,    | 12               | 54.00            | 40.00       | 94.00    |
| " 15—Whittemore,  | 48               | 216.00           |             | 216.00   |
| " 16—Tuell,       | 38               | 171.00           | 15.00       | 186.00   |
| " 17—Forbes,      | 28               | 126.00           | 25.00       | 151.00   |
| " 18—Hollow,      | 34               | 153.00           | 15.00       | 168.00   |
| " 19—Trap Corner, | 57               | 256.50           |             | 256.50   |

Number of Scholars, 977.

## TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

Names of present Inmates :

| Names.           | Age. | Names.            | Age. |
|------------------|------|-------------------|------|
| Oliver W. Clark, | 85   | Hartwell Stevens, | 55   |
| Mary E. Jackson, | 29   | Eliza A. Lewis,   | 34   |
| Orin Daniels,    | 60   | Ellis Richards,   | 12   |

Average number supported on the farm during the year, 7.

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*Schedule of Stock, Provisions, &c., on the Farm, Feb. 13, 1875.*

|                 |                                |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 Horse,        | 2 bush. Peas,                  |
| 2 Oxen,         | 4 bbls, Flour,                 |
| 10 Cows,        | 450 lbs. Pork,                 |
| 6 Sheep,        | 60 " Butter,                   |
| 2 Shoats,       | 40 " Lard,                     |
| 21 Hens,        | 100 " Dried Apples,            |
| 40 bush. Oats,  | 3 bbls. Apples,                |
| 8 " Barley,     | $\frac{1}{2}$ " Soap,          |
| 100 " Potatoes, | 14 tons Hay,                   |
| 3 " Beans,      | A good supply of Garden Sauce. |

## EXPENDITURES.

Overseer's Salary,  
Extra Labor,  
Groceries,  
Clothing and Bedding,  
Repairs of Farming Tools,  
Blacksmith Bills,  
Flour,  
Corn and Rye,  
Kitchen Furniture,  
Beef,  
Medical Attendance,  
Hay-seed,  
Salt and Fish,  
Stock,  
Use of Bull,  
Barley,  
Sole Leather,  
Express Wagon,  
Paid on Mowing Machine,

\$400.00 Butter  
29.57 Milk  
43.52 Apples  
41.29 Stock  
5.01 Pigs  
11.23 Corn  
66.25 Eggs  
26.60 Potatoes  
21.14 Oats  
10.01 Poultry  
9.30 Peas  
12.25 Beans  
7.40 Onions  
161.00 Lambs  
4.50 Labor off farm  
3.60 O. W. Clark's board  
3.05  
68.00  
50.00

\$973.72

## RECEIPTS.

Sold. \$42.86  
250.88  
67.07  
255.16  
23.00  
16.84  
9.15  
15.81  
27.79  
8.37  
4.09  
15.42  
6.78  
16.00  
23.00  
25.00  
\$868.22  
\$105.50

Balance against town.

\$973.72

## *Expenses of Poor off Farm.*

|                                    |         |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| Supplies furnished Levi B. Rawson, | \$ 9 32 |
| " " Phoebe Decker,                 | 94      |
| " " Transient Paupers,             | 33 70   |

Total

\$43 96

We have reason to congratulate the town on its exemption the past year from any large Pauper Bills. Mr. Stevens has been very successful in the management of the farm, and has nearly made it pay its way ; indeed if we deduct from the expenditures the cost of the wagon and mowing machine furnished for the farm, we shall find a balance in our favor. When we consider the "hard times," we think there are few farms in town that can show a better result. This too, has been accomplished without any reduction in the stock or supplies on the farm, the farm being

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well stocked and a large amount of provision, &c., on hand. We have engaged Mr. Stevens for another year.

The bills off the farm have been only \$43,96, against \$373.92 last year, and we know of no pauper bills against the town at the present time,

## LIQUOR AGENCY.

D. B. SAWYER, in account with the town of Paris.

Dr.

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| To Cash on hand last Report,              | \$153 35          |
| "    received from sales during the year, | 1,609 82          |
| Total,                                    | <u>\$1,763 17</u> |

Cr.

|                              |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| To Cash paid State Agent,    | \$1,387 40      |
| By Cash paid Town Treasurer, | 153 35          |
| "    "    Agent's Salary,    | 120 00          |
| "    "    Freight,           | 12 56           |
| Total,                       | <u>1,673 31</u> |

Amount due from Agent, \$89 86

*Statement showing the profit on Liquors.*

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| Amount received from sales during the year, | \$1,609 82        |
| "    Liquors on hand Feb. 17, 1875,         | 375 00            |
| Total,                                      | <u>\$1,984 82</u> |
| Amount of Liquors on hand, Feb. 17, 1874,   | \$234 13          |
| "    purchased of State Agent,              | 1,387 40          |
| Total,                                      | <u>1,621 53</u>   |
| Profit,                                     | \$363 29          |
| Paid Agent's Salary,                        | \$120 00          |
| "    Freight,                               | 12 56             |
| Total,                                      | <u>132 56</u>     |
| Net Profit,                                 | <u>\$230 73</u>   |



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## TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

ALVA SHURTLEFF, Treasurer, in account with the town of *Paris*,  
from Feb. 17, 1874, to Feb. 17, 1875.

### Dr.

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| To Cash in Treasury, Feb. 17, 1874,                                   | \$2,004 89 |
| “ from So. Paris, Savings Bank (tem-<br>porary loan)                  | 1,600 00   |
| “ borrowed, and town notes issued,                                    | 500 00     |
| “ from John Black, Col., (of 1873)                                    | 3,957 68   |
| “ “ “ (of 1874)   | 4,520 81   |
| “ Non-resident tax of 1873,   | 133 40     |
| “ Highway tax of 1874, paid into treas.,                              | 540 02     |
| “ Mill Tax, from State,   | 1,042 20   |
| “ Bank Tax, do.,  | 746 30     |
| “ Principal of School Fund,   | 100 00     |
| “ Interest, do.,  | 18 00      |
| “ from Town Farm,   | 311 69     |
| “ Pensions from State,  | 90 00      |
| “ Collector's and Treasurer's Deeds,                                  | 1 67       |
| “ on David Bonney's note  | 100 00     |
| “ D. B. Sawyer, Liquor Agent, 1873,                                   | 153 35     |
| “ Town of Buckfield, for medical attend-<br>ance on Mrs. Hiram Young, | 25 00      |
| “ from Paris Flouring Co.,  | 10 64      |

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\$15,855 65

### Cr.

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Paid Town Bonds,                         | \$2,000 00 |
| “ Coupons,                               | 600 00     |
| “ So. Paris Savings Bank, (tem. loan)    | 1,600 00   |
| “ Principal, Town Notes,                 | 2,100 00   |
| “ Interest on do.,                       | 377 84     |
| “ School Districts,                      | 4,669 92   |
| “ Labor and Materials on Highway,        | 975 96     |
| “ Building new road near W. S. Starbird, | 69 70      |
| “ For Lumber for bridge, use 1873,       | 74 55      |
| “ Oxen for Town Farm,                    | 125 00     |
| “ Balance on Mowing Machine,             | 50 00      |

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|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Paid Express Wagon for Town Farm,            | 68 00       |
| " Balance of Overseer's Salary for 1873,     | 275 00      |
| " " " " 1874,                                | 200 00      |
| " Abatement of taxes for 1873,               | 52 50       |
| " " " " 1874,                                | 89 30       |
| " Town Officers' Bills, 1873,                | 338 22      |
| " " " " 1874,                                | 347 55      |
| " Pensions,                                  | 97 00       |
| " Transient Paupers,                         | 33 70       |
| " Supplies for L. B. Rawson,                 | 9 32        |
| " " Phebe Decker,                            | 94          |
| " Medical attendance on Mrs. Hiram<br>Young, | 25 00       |
| " Damage to E. G. Doble's horse,             | 50 00       |
| " Witness fees, Witham vs. Paris,            | 13 80       |
| " " Investigating Committee,                 | 15 00       |
| " Town Printing,                             | 61 03       |
| " Blank Book,                                | 17 75       |
| " Constable's Fees,                          | 4 75        |
| " Wood for Town House,                       | 1 37        |
| " B. Walton, care of Town House,             | 1 70        |
| " Three Collector's Deeds,                   | 1 50        |
| " Four Treasurer's "                         | 2 68        |
| " Expense of Treasurer.                      | 1 50        |
| " Non-resident tax returned,                 | 190 92      |
|  | <hr/>       |
|  | \$14,541 50 |
| Cash in Treasury,                            | 1,314 10    |
|  | <hr/>       |
|  | \$15,855 65 |

We have this day audited the books, and accounts of A. Shurt-  
left, Treasurer, and find the same correct, and the balance on hand  
as above stated.

|                     |                            |
|---------------------|----------------------------|
| WM. A. FROTHINGHAM, | } <i>Selectmen &amp;c.</i> |
| GEO. F. HAMMOND,    |                            |
| ETHAN WILLIS,       |                            |
|                     | <i>of</i>                  |
|                     | <i>Paris.</i>              |

Paris, Feb. 16, 1875.

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## TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

*Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.*

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Wm. A. Frothingham, | \$120 00 |
| Geo. F. Hammond,    | 108 00   |
| Ethan Willis,       | 89 20    |

*Town Agent.*

Peter C. Fickett,

*Town Clerk.*

Geo. A. Wilson,

*Treasurer.*

Alva Shurtleff,

*Collector.*

John Black,

*Superintending School Committee.*

Geo. B. Crockett,

(estimated)

Rev. Alexander Hill,

Dr. Isaac Rounds,

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## STANDING OF TOWN.

### LIABILITIES.

|                                      |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Town Bonds,                          | 8,000 00 |
| " Notes,                             | 2,000 00 |
| Indebtedness of Town to School Fund, | 2,565 00 |
| " " School Districts,                | 2,122 23 |
| Due Town Officers,                   | 421 00   |
| Bills due on Town Farm,              | 235 00   |

\$15,343 23

### RESOURCES.

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Cash in Treasury,   | \$1,314 15 |
| Due on Collector's bills for 1874,                        | 4,078 25   |
| " David Bonney's note,                                    | 1,000 00   |
| " S. P. Maxim's note,                                     | 65 00      |
| Due from D. N. True, for town farm produce,               | 70 68      |
| " D. B. Sawyer, Liquor Agent,                             | 80 86      |
| " School Fund, for In'st advanced,                        | 120 00     |
| " Town of Sumner, for supplies<br>furnished Phebe Decker, | 94         |

6,738 88

Balance against the Town,

\$8,604 35

\$15,343 23

An examination of the above report will show a decrease of the town's indebtedness to the amount of \$2,688.66 since last year. We have expended \$975.96 for repairs of roads and bridges. Of this amount there has been paid into Treasury in money at 75 on the dollar, \$540.02 as highway tax. We think it well for the town to receive .75 cash on the dollar on the highway tax, as it enables the selectmen to make needed repairs on roads and bridges without using so much money that is directly voted as money tax, and this highway tax is all or very nearly all paid by the village districts.

The paupers bills off the farm have been very small for the past year amounting to only \$43.96—of this amount \$33.70 were for strolling persons who fasten upon the overseers for a night's keeping Two thousand dollars of the bonds becomes due this year; and we recommend:—

|                             |            |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| For town debt and interest, | \$2,500 00 |
| “ Support of Schools,       | 2,500 00   |
| “ “ Poor and other Charges, | 2,000 00   |
|                             | <hr/>      |
| Total,                      | \$7,000 00 |
| “ Highway Tax,              | 6,000 00   |

Respectfully Submitted,

|                     |             |
|---------------------|-------------|
| WM. A. FROTHINGHAM, | } Selectmen |
| GEO. F. HAMMOND,    |             |
| ETHAN WILLIS,       |             |
|                     | } of        |
|                     | } Paris.    |

Paris, Feb. 18, 1875.

REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee.

## REPORT OF S. S. COMMITTEE.

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### DISTRICT NO. I.

STEPHEN R. PARSONS, Agent.

Summer term taught by Miss Ella F. Twitchell: length of term, 66 days. Number of pupils in attendance, 27; average attendance, 19. Wages of teacher four dollars per week. Miss Twitchell is a teacher of some experience, and has given good satisfaction heretofore; is energetic and faithful, and her reputation suffered nothing in this school.

~ Winter term taught by A. C. Whitman: length of term, 47 days. Number of pupils in attendance, 30; average attendance, 25. Wages of teacher, thirty-eight dollars and fifty cents per month. The school at its opening appeared well, and considerable enthusiasm was manifested by teacher and pupils. For some reason the school closed prematurely, and as no notice was given but one visit was made.

### DISTRICT NO. II.

WM. J. WHEELER, Agent.

Summer term of Grammar School taught by F. T. Crommett: length of term, 50 days. Number of pupils in attendance, 45; average attendance, 34. Wages of Teacher, ———

Summer term of Intermediate School taught by Miss Mary E. Harmon: length of term, 50 days. Number of pupils in attendance, 32; average attendance, 28. Wages of teacher, six dollars and fifty cents per week.

Summer term of Primary School taught by Miss Anna B. Crommett : length of term, 50 days. Number of pupils in attendance, 34 ; average attendance, 29. Wages of teacher, six dollars and fifty cents per week. At the closing examination, these schools gave evidence of careful instruction. Miss Harmon and Miss Crommett were justly popular with their scholars.

Winter term, F. T. Crommett teacher : length of term, 50 days. Number of pupils in attendance, 55 ; average attendance, 44. Wages——.

Winter term of Intermediate School taught by Miss Ida W. Fisk : length of term, 50 days. Number attending, 53 ; average attendance, 42. Wages of teacher, five dollars per week.

Winter term of Primary school taught by Ella J. Winslow : length of term, 50 days. Number of scholars attending, 44 ; average, 38. Wages of teacher, eight dollars per week, including board.

Mr Crommett is a thorough instructor ; his method is practical, and the school shows marked improvement under his administration.

The examination of Miss Fisk's school, showed hat thoroughness was a prominent feature of her instruction.

Miss Winslow endeared herself to her pupils, and a good interest was maintained throughout the term. This school suffers very much from the lack of being properly graded.

#### DISTRICT NO. III.

HENRY F. SWIFT, Agent.

Summer term taught by Miss Anna F. Favor : length of term, 44 days. Whole number of scholars, 19 ; average attendance, 15. Wages of teacher, three dollars and fifty cents per week. Miss Favor is a thorough scholar, and her method of instruction was both thorough and systematic, and she succeeded in giving very good satisfaction.

Winter term taught by Herman A. Fuller : length of term, 55. Whole number of scholars 25 ; average attendance, 23. Wages of teacher forty-one dollars per month. This was Mr. Fuller's second term in this district. He is one of our best teachers, and this is one of our best schools, and the result of such a union was all that might be expected.

## DISTRICT NO. IV.

C. R. PENLEY, Agent.

Summer term taught by Miss Emma King : as no register has been returned, we are unable to give details. The pupils under Miss King's charge showed fair improvement.

Winter term taught by N. S. Palmeter : length of term, 40 days. Whole number of scholars, 18 ; average attendance, 16. Wages of teacher, thirty-six dollars per month. Mr. Palmeter is a thorough scholar and competent teacher ; this district was very fortunate in securing his services.

## DISTRICT NO. V.

Summer term taught by Miss Hattie Porter : length of term, 55 days. Whole number of scholars, 22 ; average attendance, 13. Wages of teacher, four dollars and twenty-five cents per week. Miss Porter was diligent and faithful in the discharge of duties, and the scholars made good improvement under her instruction.

Winter term taught by Seth Benson : length of term, 55 days. Whole number of scholars, 29 ; average attendance, 25. Wages of teacher, fifty dollars per month. Mr. Benson raised the interest of his scholars to a degree seldom equalled ; every scholar received a due amount of attention, and the result was a very good school.

## DISTRICT NO. VI.

Summer term taught by Miss Belle M. Elliott : length of term, 49 days ; whole number of scholars, 40 ; average attendance, 35. Wages of teacher, four dollars and fifty cents per week. Miss Elliott was a faithful and competent teacher, and her efforts in this school were very successful.

Winter term taught by E. W. Bartlett : length of term, 66 days ; whole number of scholars, 33 ; average attendance, 28. Wages of teacher, thirty-eight dollars per month. Mr. Bartlett came to us well recommended, and has well sustained his reputation in this school. The term has been a profitable one.

## DISTRICT NO. VII.

BENJAMIN F. PRATT, Agent.

Summer term taught by Miss Nellie F. Whitman : length of school, 45 days. Whole number of scholars, 10 ; average attendance, 8. Wages of teacher, six dollars per week.



Winter term taught by same, but as no returns have been made, details cannot be given.

The summer term of this school seemed to lack system and thoroughness; but, at the opening visit of the winter term, a great improvement was noticed in these particulars.

#### DISTRICT NO. VIII.

EDMUND LANDERS, Agent.

Summer term taught by Miss Jennie L. King: length of term, 55, days. Whole number of scholars, 10; average attendance, 7. Wages of teacher, five dollars and fifty cents per week. Miss King is a teacher of experience and ability, and the school showed a good degree of improvement.

Winter term taught by Nellie M. King: this school is still in session. Miss King is an experienced teacher, thorough and systematic in her method of instruction. Though this school has been interrupted by several weeks of sickness of teacher, we predict for it a profitable session. Much credit is due the citizens of this district for their enterprise in erecting so tasty and convenient a school-house.

#### DISTRICT NO. IX.

B. F. TWITCHELL, Agent.

Summer term taught by Miss A. F. Hammond: length of term, 55 days. Whole number of scholars, 28; average attendance, 20. Wages of teacher, four dollars per week. Miss Hammond is one of our best teachers; but, for some reason, failed to arouse so great an interest as she usually does in her schools. We think if the parents of the district had united their efforts with the teacher, in securing a better average attendance, the school would have been much more profitable.

Primary department taught by Miss Lottie M. Hammond: length of term, 55 days. Whole number of scholars, 28; average attendance, 25. Wages of teacher, three dollars and fifty cents per week. This was Miss Hammond's second term in this school. Her scholars made good improvement, and she succeeded in giving good satisfaction.

Winter term taught by A. T. Salley: length of term, 66 days. Whole number of scholars, 31; average attendance, 25. Wages of teacher, forty-five dollars per month. Mr. Salley has gained

for himself a very good reputation as a teacher in neighboring towns. It is enough for us to say that he fully sustained that reputation in his management of this school.

Primary department taught by Miss Ella F. Twitchell : length of term, 66 days. Whole number of scholars, 31 ; average attendance, 26. Wages of teacher, five dollars per week. We take pleasure in saying that this was one of the best schools in town. Miss Twitchell labored very hard in the school-room, and succeeded in awakening an interest and enthusiasm, such as we have seldom seen among pupils of this grade. Her scholars made rapid progress, and we hope this district may again secure her services as teacher.

#### DISTRICT NO. X.

HARRISON FARRAR, Agent.

Summer term taught by Miss Helen M. Harlow : length of term, 66 days. Whole number of scholars, 17 ; average attendance, 14. Wages of teacher, three dollars per week. Miss Harlow has had some experience in teaching, and possesses many of the elements of a good teacher. We think this school made very good progress. Order, good.

Winter term taught by James M. Allen : length of term, 55 days. Whole number of scholars, 17 ; average attendance, 14. Wages of teacher, thirty-five dollars per month. Mr. Allen had very good order in this school, but we think he lacks somewhat in ability to impart his knowledge to others. He tried hard to merit success, and his efforts were rewarded by fair improvement on the part of his pupils. This district will find it necessary to expend a considerable sum on their school-house to make it comfortable for another winter.

#### DISTRICT NO. XI.

No summer term.

Winter term taught by Adna Swift : length of term, 88 days. Whole number of scholars, 24 ; average attendance, 20. Wages of teacher, thirty-six dollars per month. This school is still in progress, doing well. Order and method of instruction, good.

## DISTRICT NO. XII.

Summer term taught by Miss Emma Churchill : length of term, 55 days. Whole number of scholars, 24 ; average attendance, 20. Wages of teacher, four dollars per week. Miss Churchill is well known as a competent and successful teacher. She attained her usual good success in this school.

Winter term taught by Charles B. Benson : length of term, 55 days. Whole number of scholars, 45 ; average attendance, 33. Wages of teacher, fifty dollars per month. This was a good term of school. Mr. Benson is thorough and systematic in his instruction ; also, "complete master of the situation."

## DISTRICT NO. XIII.

JOEL HASKELL, Agent.

This district has this year but one term of school, which is still in session ; taught by Miss Emma E. Shurtleff. The opening visit showed Miss Shurtleff to be a quiet earnest worker in the school-room, possessing the faculty of interesting her pupils. Her recitations were well conducted ; she seems to be giving general satisfaction. This district needs a new school-house very much.

## DISTRICT NO. XIV.

MARION A. BESSEY, Agent.

Summer term taught by Miss Nellie M. Rawson : length of term, 33 days. Whole number of scholars, 5 ; average attendance, —. Wages of teacher, two dollars and twenty-five cents per week. This was Miss Rawson's first effort. Only one visit was made during term ; her school appeared well.

Winter term taught by Dana B. Harlow : register not returned. Mr. Harlow seemed to have the interest of his scholars at heart, but lacked energy, system and ability to make his instructions practical. These small districts would receive greater profit from employing female teachers the entire year.

## DISTRICT NO. XV.

ALEXANDER S. THAYER, Agent.

Summer term taught by Miss Jennie R. Morse : length of term, 60 days. Whole number of scholars, 25 ; average attendance, 19. Wages of teacher, four dollars per week. Miss Morse sustained her reputation as a good and efficient teacher. Her scholars made commendable progress in their studies.

Winter term taught by Geo. M. Elder : this was Mr. Elder's second term in this district. This school is still in progress ; upon our visit at the commencement of the term, everything appeared well. Order was very good, instruction thorough, and we understand that Mr. Elder is giving very good satisfaction in this district.

## DISTRICT NO. XVI.

Summer term taught by Miss Etta Tuell : length of term, 44 days. Whole number of scholars, 22 ; average attendance, 18. Wages of teacher, three dollars per week. This school has prospered well under Miss Tuell's instruction ; we can cheerfully recommend her as a teacher.

Winter term taught by A. S. Curtis : length of term, 88 days. Whole number of scholars, 25 ; average attendance, 20. Wages of teacher, thirty-six dollars per month. This school is not yet closed, when visited it was prospering well.

## DISTRICT NO. XVII.

ELERIDGE GRAY, Agent.

Summer term taught by Miss Fannie I. Rawson : length of term, 60 days. Whole number of scholars, 22 ; average attendance, 17. Wages of teacher, two dollars and twenty-five cents per week. This was Miss Rawson's first term of school ; by faithfulness and diligence she secured the good will of both parents and scholars. The school made good progress.

Winter term taught by Gilbert Tuell : length of term, 44 days. Whole number of scholars, 20 ; average attendance, 15. Wages of teacher, twenty-seven dollars and fifty cents per month. This was Mr. Tuell's first attempt at teaching, and he met with good success in this school.

## DISTRICT NO. XVIII.

S. DUNHAM, Agent.

Summer term, taught by Miss Birdie Ripley : length of term 14 days ; whole number of scholars, 15 ; average attendance, 12. Wages of teacher, three dollars and twenty-five cents per week. Miss Ripley, although laboring under serious difficulties in this school, succeeded in securing very good improvement on the part of her pupils.

There was no winter term in this district.

## DISTRICT NO. XIX.

Summer term taught by Miss Lulie Giles : length of term 66 days. Whole number of scholars, 25 ; average attendance, 20. Wages of teacher, four dollars per week. Miss Giles succeeded well in this school.

Winter term taught by F. L. Wyman : length of term 66 days. Whole number of scholars, 31 ; average attendance, 25. Wages of teacher, thirty-eight dollars and fifty cents per month. Mr. Wyman is an experienced and competent teacher, faithful in the discharge of his duties, consequently the school has been pleasant and profitable.

## REMARKS.

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In feeling obliged to make our report as brief as possible, we have found it very difficult to make so full and explicit a statement of the management and condition of the several schools as we would like to have done ; but have endeavored, with the few words to which we are limited, to express as nearly as possible, the progress of each school, and to give exact justice to both scholars and teachers.

As has been seen, we have felt obliged to severely censure the management of but few of our schools ; we think the agents of nearly all our districts have been tolerably successful in obtaining efficient teachers.

But, while we believe that the educational interests of the town have been advanced the past year, and that our schools will compare favorably with those of neighboring towns, yet there is still chance for a far greater improvement. We believe that our district agents, in whose hands is the power of hiring teachers, should be more careful whom they employ as instructors. That they should choose not only those who are fitted for teachers by education and experience, but those who, by their teaching, shall make their pupils better as well as wiser ; and that the parents in the several districts should manifest more interest in their schools, and should, by their occasional presence in the school-room, and by their advice and counsel, seek to aid and encourage the teacher in his work.

That they should provide their children with the proper text-books, that should be uniform in each school, so that the number of classes should be as few as possible, thus enabling the teacher to give more time to each class.

That they should make their school-rooms more pleasant and attractive; better ventilated, and supplied with all the needful furniture, such as maps, globes and black-boards, of which there is a great lack in all our schools.

We also recommend the hiring of female teachers, exclusively, in our smaller schools, as we are convinced by our own observations and by the oft expressed opinions of eminent scholars, that this class of schools, when under the charge of female teachers, makes better advancement than when conducted by male teachers.

It will be seen by our report, that there has been no winter school in District No. 18. This was made necessary by the school-house being in so dilapidated a condition as to render a profitable term of school quite impossible.

We would earnestly recommend that some action be taken by the town in relation to affairs in this district.

Also, that one dollar per inhabitant be raised for the support of schools during the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

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| GEO. B. CROCKETT, | } S. S. Committee<br>of<br>Paris. |
| ALEXANDER HILL,   |                                   |
| ISAAC ROUNDS,     |                                   |

