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TOWN OFFICERS.

Selectmen:

G. F. HAMMOND.

G. H. BRIGGS.

W. E. CUSHMAN.

Clerk:

GEO. A. WILSON.

Treasurer:

N. DAYTON BOLSTER.

Collector:

JOHN BLACK.

Superintending School Committee:

J. S. WRIGHT,

SETH BENSON,

F. T. CROMMETT

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

VALUATION.

Whole number of Polls 700.	
Amount of Resident Real Estate,	\$691,863 00
Amount of Resident Personal Estate,	240,850 00
Amount of Non-Resident Real Estate,	47,550 00
Amount of Non-Resident Personal Estate,	4,452 00
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Total valuation.	\$984,715 00

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED.

State Tax.	\$2,940 07
County Tax,	1,222 47
Town debt and Interest,	2,500 00
Town Charges,	2,000 00
For support of Schools,	2,212 00
Fractional overlay,	263 70
Delinquent Highway,	231 39
Total committed for collection,	<hr/> \$11,369 63
Poll Tax, \$3.00.	
Rate per cent., 9.2 mills on the dollar.	

SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Amount raised by vote of Town,	\$2,212 00
Interest of School Fund,	200 00
Mill Tax,	955 89
Bank Tax,	672 50
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Total,	\$4,040 39
Rate per scholar \$4.00.	

The money was appropriated among the several districts as follows :

No.	Number of District.	Number of Scholars.	Amount Appropriated.	Amount Added.	Total.
1.	Bolster,	43	\$172 00		\$172 00
2.	South Paris,	251	1004 00		1004 00
3.	Webber,	34	136 00	\$5 00	141 00
4.	Biscoc,	29	116 00	10 00	126 00
5.	Porter,	32	128 00	10 00	138 00
6.	West Paris,	82	328 00		328 00
7.	Hall,	19	76 00	15 00	91 00
8.	King,	29	116 00	10 00	126 00
9.	Paris Hill,	110	440 00		440 00
10.	Partridge,	36	144 00		144 00
11.	Stearns,	20	80 00	20 00	100 00
12.	Harbor,	60	240 00		240 00
13.	Tubbs,	11	44 00	20 00	64 00
14.	Mountain,	11	44 00	20 00	64 00
15.	Whittemore,	44	176 00		176 00
16.	Tuell,	45	180 00		180 00
17.	Forbes,	26	104 00	12 00	116 00
18.	Hollow,	25	100 00	13 00	113 00
19.	Trap corner,	44	176 00		176 00
20.	Snows Falls,	12	48 00	19 92	67 92

Whole number of scholars, 963.

TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

Names and ages of present inmates :

Samuel Richards,	73	Eliza A. Lewis.	37
Hartwell Stevens,	58	Mary E. Jackson,	32
Samuel Perry,	80	Emeline Walcott,	67
William McAllister,	9	Sarah McAllister,	11

Levi McAllister, 7.

Average number supported on farm during the year, 8.

Schedule of stock, provisions, &c., on farm, Feb. 12, 1878.

1 Horse,	1½ bushels Peas.
2 Oxen,	1½ barrels Flour,
10 Cows,	¾ barrel Soap,
2 Sheep,	¾ barrel Beef,
2 Shoats,	1½ barrel Pork,
35 Fowls,	120 pounds Ham,
17 tons Hay,	50 pounds Butter,
30 bushels Oats,	40 pounds Lard,
100 bushels Potatoes,	10 pounds Tallow,
4 bushels Beans.	Good supply of garden sauce.

EXPENDITURES.		RECEIPTS.	
Overseer's salary,	\$350 00	Butter sold,	(524 lbs.) \$131 06
Extra labor,	12 25	Milk sold,	200 00
Groceries,	31 97	Stock sold,	255 50
Bedding and clothing,	34 87	Pigs sold,	38 50
Blacksmith's bill,	9 61	Eggs sold,	12 42
Flour,	43 40	Oats sold,	10 00
Corn and meal,	30 33	Peas sold,	10 59
Kitchen furniture,	3 37	Beans sold,	28 45
Medical attendance,	2 75	Labor off farm,	10 00
Salt and fish,	8 02	Pensions,	14 50
Meat,	8 65	Sweet corn,	39 41
Boots and shoes,	10 82	Potatoes,	28 00
Stock bought,	242 50	Pumpkins,	5 00
Cash paid Smith,	5 00	Lumber sold,	14 35
Seed potatoes,	8 35		
Use of bull,	2 80		\$708 38
Hay-seed and Phosphate,	10 34	Balance against farm,	17 75
	<u>\$816 13</u>		<u>\$816 13</u>

In the Treasurer's account, will be seen an item of \$115.00, taken out to pay for stock for farm. In the resources of the town \$97.25 in the Overseer's hands, toward paying it, leaving the acct. as above. It will be seen that the farm has been nearly selfsustaining. It is more, when the stock is taken into account, for the quality is better and the family has increased. It is hardly necessary to say that we are entirely satisfied with Mr. and Mrs. Mason's excellent management after the above showing. We are fortunate we think in securing them for another year at the same salary as last.

EXPENSES OF POOR OFF THE FARM.

Addie J. Young, sickness and funeral,	\$38 30
W. F. Warren,	2 25
Emeline Walcott,	11 10
Tramps,	108 60
Sarah J. Craig, paid Lincoln,	12 10
Charles E. Craig, paid Chester.	24 50
Mrs. J. E. Pike, paid Poland,	108 16
Lovina Starbird,	41 37
J. T. Peirce,	5 00
Expenses to Chester, pauper case,	17 83
Cyrus Twitchell family,	146 04
Samuel Mathews,	10 00
John L. Noyes,	45 70
William Twitchell, sickness,	17 50

Eveline Packard,	15 50	
Ariel Carver's family,	21 98	
James McAllister's children,	71 54	
W. C. Libby,	17 70	
J. E. D. Melvin, sickness,	74 90	
Harriet E. Smith, Insane Hospital, cash advanced, secured by note,	54 61	
Oliver G. Swan, paid Albany,	70 55	
O. P. Cummings, cash advanced, secured by note,	58 62	
Louisa Noyes,	6 00	
Mrs. Charles Hall,	4 25	
Cyrus N. Pratt,	12 00	
Ezekiel Dammon,	22 39	
Dennett Cotton,	8 94	
Anna Lovejoy,	10 00	
Lydia Libby,	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,065 43
Due on the above account,	\$272 95	
Paid Poland bill of 1876,	108 06	
	<hr/>	381 01
Expenses for the year,		<hr/> <hr/> \$684 42

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

N. D. BOLSTER, Treasurer, in account with the town of Paris,
for the financial year ending Feb. 16, 1878.

Dr.

To cash on hand last report,	\$127 56
From town of Woodstock, account A.	
Carver,	10 05
D. N. True, bal. due for produce,	54 18
Railroad tax, 1875,	5 67
So. Paris Savings Bank, temp. loan,	2,000 00
Non-resident tax deed	67
Interest on school fund,	52 70
Geo. B. Shaw, note. school fund	312 50

A. Shurtleff, rubber gloves sold,	40
Town of Buckfield, acct. Addie J. Young,	56 30
So. Paris Dairying Assoc'n for milk,	162 89
Show License,	4 00
State Pension,	108 00
Mill tax, from State,	983 35
School fund from State.	615 57
Highway taxes,	165 37
Non-resident taxes,	157 37
John Black, collector, 1875,	98 59
do., 1876,	4,243 64
do., 1877,	3,058 13
W. A. Frothingham, Liquor Agent,	221 77
Dog Tax,	116 00
School District No. 12,	36 82
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	\$12,591 53

Cr.

Paid Town Debt and Interest,	\$2,711 18
Printing, books &c.,	90 60
Oxford Co., cost road case,	24 78
A. Black, Esq., cost Perry vs. Town,	30 00
do., cost Ferris vs. Town.	12 00
Settlement suit, Ferris vs. Town,	100 00
A. M. Shaw, land damage,	185 10
Collector's deed, H. F. Swift and S. G. Dudley,	10 26
Use Boar for farm,	2 00
5 Collector's deeds.	2 50
Cows for farm,	115 00
Perry Thomas & Co., damage, by S. Richards,	15 00
County seat question,	100 00
Recording 6 Non-resident tax deeds,	3 00
Town officers' bills, 1876.	269 22
do., 1877,	224 75
Balance Overseer's salary, 1876,	266 45
do., 1877.	162 50

Caleb Swift, dog order,	26 00
C. R. Merrick, damage on highway.	4 00
J. C. Cummings, do.,	5 00
State Pensions,	108 00
John Black, salary as col. 1876,	106 26
do., 1877.	75 00
So. Paris mill bridge,	35 00
Trap Corner bridge.	129 00
Snow's Falls bridge,	269 29
Highways,	1,804 62
School Districts,	3,967 73
John Black, Constable,	9 00
Abatements, 1875,-6-7,	116 82
Pauper acct. Addie J. Young,	38 30
W. F. Warren,	2 25
John L. Noyes,	67 70
Emeline Walcott,	11 10
Tramps,	108 60
Town of Lincoln acct. Sarah F. Craige,	12 10
Town of Chester, acct. Chas. E. Craige,	24 50
do., Poland, acct. E. Pike and wife,	108 16
Lovina Starbird,	41 37
J. G. Price,	5 00
Expense, trip to Chester,	17 83
Cyrus Twitchell,	146 04
Samuel Mathews,	10 00
Wm. Twitchell,	17 50
Miss L. E. Packard,	15 50
A. Carver,	21 98
McAllister family,	71 54
W. C. Libby,	18 00
J. E. D. Melvin,	74 90
Harriet E. Smith, cash advanced,	54 61
Town of Albany for Moses Swan family,	70 55
O. P. Cummings, cash advanced,	58 62
Louisa Noyes,	6 00
Mrs. Charles Hall,	4 25

Cyrus N. Pratt,	12 00	
Damon,	22 39	
D. Cotton,	8 94	
Annie Lovejoy,	10 00	
Lydia Libby,	5 70	
	<hr/>	\$12,045 49
Cash on hand,		546 04
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		\$12,591 53

Town of Paris, in account with Dog Tax.

	Dr.	
Cash received for license of 106 male		
Dogs at \$1.00,	106 00	
5 female dogs at \$2.00,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$116 00

	Cr.	
By orders allowed, Caleb Swift,	26 00	
Estate Orris Goding,	4 00	
Balance,	86 00	
	<hr/>	\$116 00

N. D. BOLSTER, Treas.

We have this day audited the books and accounts of N. D. Bolster, Treasurer, and find the above account correct.

G. F. HAMMOND,) Selectmen
G. H. BRIGGS,) of
W. E. CUSHMAN,) Paris.

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

SELECTMEN, ETC.

G. F. Hammond,	\$130 50
G. H. Briggs,	100 00
W. E. Cushman,	120 00

CLERK.

Geo. A. Wilson,	9 00
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TREASURER.

N. D. Bolster,	54 49
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COLLECTOR.

John Black,	170 53
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SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

J. S. Wright,	43 00
Seth Benson,	47 00
F. T. Crommett,	45 00

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STANDING OF TOWN.

LIABILITIES.

Town Bonds,	2,000 00	
Town Notes,	2,800 00	
Temporary Loan, unpaid,	2,000 00	
Indebtedness to school fund,	3,177 50	
Indebtedness, to school districts,	72 66	
Due on town officers' bills,	303 98	
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RESOURCES.

Cash in Treasury,	\$546 04	
Due on collector's bills of 1876,	226 77	
Due on collector's bills of 1877,	4,144 96	
Bonney note,	564 85	
Maxim Note,	77 66	
Due town farm for milk,	200 00	
Cash in hands of overseer.	97 25	
Liquors on hand,	150 00	
O. P. Cummings' notes	115 72	
H. Smith,	54 61	
Due from Woodstock, pauper account,	36 92	
Due from Sumner, pauper account,	40 70	
Due from Oxford, pauper account,	5 00	
Due from Norway, pauper account,	10 00	
Due from Auburn, pauper account,	10 00	
Lumber on hand,	40 00	
Cash due from W. A. Frothingham,	176 59	
	<hr/>	\$6,497 07
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		\$3,857 07

The above shows the standing of the town at this date. The indebtedness has been decreased \$1,728 56. In consequence of the November storm, the expenses were about \$800.00, which is the reason that the expenditures for highways is so large. Two thousand dollars of the bonds become due this year, but owing to the hardness of the times, the good financial standing of the town

and the fact that a portion of the bonds can lay back for a year, we recommend that only one thousand be paid this year.

We therefore recommend for debt and interest, \$1,500 00

For support of schools, 80 cents per inhabitant,

Poor, and other charges, 2,000 00

Highways and bridges, 5,000 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. F. HAMMOND, } Selectmen
 G. H. BRIGGS, } of
 W. E. CUSHMAN. } Paris.

Warrant for Town Meeting.

*To John Black, Constable of the town of Paris, in the
County of Oxford, Greeting:*

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Paris, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the town house in said town, on Monday, the fourth day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles. viz:

- ART. 1.—To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.
- ART. 2.—To choose all other necessary town officers for the ensuing year.
- ART. 3.—To see if the town will accept the report of the Selectmen and Superintending School Committee.
- ART. 4.—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 necessary town charges for the year ensuing.
- ART. 5.—To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise towards paying the town debt.
- ART. 6.—To see if the town will vote to discontinue so much of the Inman road, so called, as lies between the Hebron road and the road from Ichabod Thomas's to Newell Thomas's.
- ART. 7.—To see if the town will vote to have a liquor agent.
- ART. 8.—To see if the town will vote to abate any portion of the tax on the Snow's Falls Factory company.
- ART. 9.—To see if the town will vote a discount on all taxes paid before the first of October.

ART. 10.—To see if the town will vote to allow J. A. Deering and David Sanborn to draw their proportion of School money from District No. 2 in Paris, and expend the same in Oxford.

ART. 11.—To see if the town will vote to allow John Whitney to draw his proportion of school money from District No. 1 in Paris, and expend the same in Oxford.

ART. 12.—To see if the town will vote to allow B. R. Dow to draw his proportion of school money from District No. 16 in Paris, and expend the same in Woodstock.

ART. 13.—To see what action the town will take in relation to Francis Muzzy's claim for damages.

ART. 14.—To see if the town will vote to tax dogs.

Given under our hands at Paris, this 20th day of February,
A. D. 1878.

G. F. HAMMOND, } Selectmen
G. H. BRIGGS, } of
W. E. CUSHMAN, } Paris.

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REPORT OF S. S. COMMITTEE.

DISTRICT NO. I.

JOHN P. PENLEY, Agent.—Summer term taught by Corinna O. Davis. Whole number of scholars in attendance, 24; average attendance, 19; wages of teacher, \$3.75 per week; length of term 11 weeks. The aim of Miss Davis was that of a true teacher—her order was good and her methods of instruction thorough.

Winter term taught by same teacher. Wages, \$5.00 per week; length of school, 8 weeks; whole No. of scholars, 25; average No. 18. The efforts of the teacher were none the less zealous, but not so well directed as in the previous term.

A spring term is now in session—Annie C. Bent, teacher. Miss Bent possesses the tact necessary for a successful teacher, and is having a very prosperous term.

DISTRICT NO. II.

GEO. A. WILSON, Agent.—This district expends its money in three terms, as follows: a summer term of 10 weeks; a free high school of 11 weeks, in the fall, and a winter term of 12 weeks. The school is divided into three departments, viz: High School, Intermediate or Grammar, and Primary Department. R. J. Everett, A. B., has been Principal of the High School, the past year. He is a thorough disciplinarian; governing his school with ease, and is increasing in popularity with parents and pupils.

The Intermediate school has been taught during the past year by Abbie C. Morse; the Primary school by Anna B. Crommett. Both teachers have not only maintained their previous high rank as instructors, but each term are acquitting themselves with still higher honors.

Wages of High School teacher, —; Intermediate, \$10.00 per week; Primary, \$9. Whole No. in attendance, summer term, 147, average, 117; fall term, 163, average, 141; winter term, 126, average, 111. The school was graded, three years ago, and the District is unanimous in the praise of a graded school.

DISTRICT NO. III.

LEANDER S. SWAN, Agent.—Summer term of seven weeks, taught by Hattie S. Fobes. Whole No. of scholars 19; average No. 17; wages of teacher \$3.00 per week. This was Miss Fobes third term in this district. She is thoroughly alive to the interests of her pupils. Number three is fortunate in securing the services of such a thorough, practical teacher.

Fall term, taught by the same teacher. Whole No. of scholars 21; average 18; wages \$3.50 per week; length of term 7 weeks.

Miss Fobes is now teaching the winter term (her fifth term in this district). She has not only sustained her former reputation, but the District and Committee pronounce this her most successful term.

DISTRICT NO. IV.

JAMES F. PENLEY, Agent.—Summer-term taught by Stella L. Willis. Whole No. of scholars, 11; average No., 9; wages of teacher, \$3.00 per week; length of school, 8 weeks. Miss Willis although comparatively a beginner in teaching, met with such success as to place her among our first teachers.

Winter term taught by Henry D. Hammond. Whole No. of scholars, 20; average No., 14; wages of teacher, \$22 per month; length of school 10 weeks. Mr. Hammond is one of our finest young men. His success in this, his first school, would have done credit to teachers of a larger experience.

DISTRICT NO. V.

J. B. PORTER, Agent.—Summer term taught by Miss Annie Porter. Number of scholars, 15; average attendance, 12; wages \$3.50 per week. Miss Porter is an earnest worker in the school-room, but her efforts were not as well directed as we could have desired. The school appeared well when visited.

Winter term taught by Herman A. Fuller. Number of scholars, 32; average, 27; wages of teacher, \$37.00 per month. This term is still in progress. Mr. Fuller is a popular teacher, and is meeting with his usual success.

DISTRICT NO. VI.

ANDREW J. HILL, Agent.—Summer term taught by Miss Addie I. Hammond. Number attending school, 39; average 33; wages of teacher, \$4 50 per week. This was Miss Hammond's second term in this district. She met with her usual success.

Winter term taught by Herman A. Fuller. Number of scholars in attendance, 54; average, 48; wages of teacher \$44 per month. Mr. Fuller is one who is in love with his work. The fact of Mr. Fuller and Miss Hammond being employed the second year, is a proof that the parents, in this district, appreciate their efforts as practical and efficient teachers.

DISTRICT NO. VII.

JOHN S. BARROWS, Agent.—Summer term taught by Georgia M. Chase. Whole No. of scholars 11; average No. 8; wages of teacher \$2.00 per week; length of term 6 weeks. This was Miss Chase's first effort. Although the school was small, she succeeded in keeping up a good interest to the very close of the term. The last examination showed that the scholars had received a thorough and patient drill.

Winter term taught by Laura L. Gerrish. Length of school 8 weeks; whole No. of scholars 11; average attendance 7; wages \$5.00 per week. This was Miss Gerrish's second term in this district. She possesses energy and tact. The school made good advancement.

DISTRICT NO. VIII.

J. K. CLIFFORD, Agent.—Summer term taught by Miss B. A. Ripley. Length of term 8 weeks; number of pupils in attendance, 16; average attendance 14; wages of teacher, \$3 per week.

Winter term taught by same teacher. Length of term 10 weeks; number of pupils in attendance 19; average attendance 17; wages \$5 per week. These were profitable terms of school. Miss Ripley is one of our best teachers.

DISTRICT NO. IX.

J. K. HAMMOND, Agent.—Summer term taught by Miss S. E. Ripley. Length of term 11 weeks; whole number of scholars 26; average attendance 22; wages of teacher \$6.00 per week. Miss Ripley succeeded in awakening an interest in this school, which made it a very profitable term. She is a teacher of experience, and her good reputation was fully sustained.

Primary department taught by Ada M. Morton. Length of term 11 weeks; whole number of scholars 25; average attendance 21; wages of teacher \$6.00 per week. Miss Morton had the love and confidence of her scholars, and gave entire satisfaction.

There was a fall term of 7 weeks taught by Addie I. Hammond. whole number of scholars 40; average 32; wages \$6 per week. Miss Hammond failed in order, and the term was rendered less profitable on that account.

Winter term taught by W. S. Hoyt. Length of term 11 weeks; whole number of scholars 42; average 38; wages of teacher \$37.50 per month. This was one of the best schools in town. Recitations were conducted without the aid of books, and were thorough and practical. Ability, energy and tact on the part of the teacher, and punctuality on the part of the scholars, made the term interesting and profitable.

Primary department taught by Miss Hattie Hubbard. Length of term 11 weeks, whole number of scholars 21; average 18; wages of teacher \$5.00 per week. Miss Hubbard, has an excellent faculty of instructing small scholars. She has a practical idea of teaching, and one could not fail to be interested in visiting her school. We advise the next agent to secure her services for the summer school.

DISTRICT NO. X.

H. LAPHAM, Agent.—Summer term commenced by Nellie E. Dean, who taught 4 weeks, and on account of sickness among the scholars, the school closed, and was finished in the fall by Clara E. Garland, who taught 6 weeks; number of scholars, 26; average, —. Miss Dean's school, when visited, was progressing

finely. Miss Garland's school was not visited, no notice being given by the agent. We understand she gave general satisfaction.

Winter term taught by V. A. Greenleaf. Length of term, 12 weeks; number of scholars, 24; average, 18; wages of teacher, \$17 per month. This was Mr. Greenleaf's first school. His manner in the school room is easy, and his instruction systematic.—The school made good advancement.

DISTRICT NO. XI.

There was but one term in this district, the past year, and by uniting with District No. 20, the scholars have the benefit of ten weeks' term, under the instruction of C. B. Benson, esq. Mr. Benson is a thorough, practical teacher, and the pupils under his instruction have to understand principles. His principal recitations are conducted without the use of text books. Our teachers are confined too much to their use. The school is still in progress.

DISTRICT NO. XII.

JOSEPH F. CHILD, Agent.—Summer term taught by Mr. H. H. Bryant. Number of scholars registered, 34; average, 29; wages of teacher, \$18 per month.

Winter term taught by same. Number of scholars registered, 37; average, 33; wages, \$40 per month. This district has been highly favored in securing the services of Mr. Bryant the past year. By his enthusiasm he has awakened an interest in this school which has resulted in profitable terms. The scholars acquitted themselves with credit at the examination. Order very good.

DISTRICT NO. XIII.

CLINTON SHAW, Agent.—In this District there has been but one term of school, during the past year—a winter term of 9 weeks, taught by Emma E. Shurtleff. Whole No. of scholars in attendance, 7; average, 6; wages of teacher, \$4.00 per week. Although this is one of the smallest schools in town, it was one of the most successful. Miss Shurtleff is a teacher of experience, and is a good acquisition to our corps of teachers.

DISTRICT NO. XIV.

ADRIAN MAXIM, Agent.—Summer term taught by Mrs. Ida M. Maxim. Length of term, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 7; average attendance, 6; wages, \$2.00 per week. This school appeared well when visited—teacher and scholars seemed interested.

Winter term taught by Miss Princess Record. Length of term, 7½ weeks; number of scholars, 10; average, 10; wages of teacher, \$3.25 per week. The school was not visited, so we are unable to give any further statistics.

DISTRICT NO. XV.

JAMES MERRILL, Agent.—Summer term taught by Annie C. Bent. Length of term 8 weeks; number of scholars in attendance 14; average 12; wages of teacher \$2.75 per week. This was Miss Bent's first school. She possesses the elements of a good teacher viz: ability and tact. The school was profitable.

Winter term taught by W. W. Andrews. Length of term 11 weeks; number of scholars in attendance, 22; average 18; wages of teacher \$33.60 per month. This school made good progress, the scholars and teacher seemed to work together.

DISTRICT NO. XVI.

HORATIO BRADFORD, Agent.—Summer term taught by Miss Mattie Wilson. Length of term, 12 weeks; number of scholars, 18; average, 17; wages of teacher, \$2.75. Miss Wilson is one of our successful teachers. She manifested a good interest in the school, and had a pleasant method of instruction. Progress satisfactory. Order fair.

Winter term taught by Alvah Curtis. Length of term, 15 weeks; number of scholars registered, 26; wages of teacher \$22 per month. This school is still in progress. We have visited it but once, at the first of the term. The school then appeared well. By report the school is doing well, and at the examination we shall expect to find good advancement.

DISTRICT NO. XVII.

No summer term in this district. Fall term taught by Mr. A. E. Dean. No register returned. This was a successful term of school; the teacher and pupils appeared to work together, the result of which was the school passed a very good examination.

Winter term taught by the same. No register returned. Mr. Dean fully sustained himself in this school. Discipline very good, but the school-room was not as tidy as we should have been glad to have found it.

DISTRICT NO. XVIII.

LEVI D. STEARNS, Agent.—Summer term taught by Miss Clapp. This school appeared well when visited. Her style was both practical and systematic. No register having been returned we are unable to give details.

Winter term taught by Benton L. Swift. Length of term 7 weeks; whole number of scholars 14; average 10; wages of teacher \$20 per month. Mr. Swift succeeded well in this school, but is too much confined to routine.

DISTRICT NO. XIX.

J. H. GLEASON, Agent.—Summer term had two teachers. Miss Lulie B. Giles commenced this school, and taught a few weeks, until her health failed, and she was obliged to give it up. She was giving good satisfaction. The rest of the term was taught by Miss Alice K. Hammond. Number of scholars registered, 30, average, 28; wages \$4.50. Miss Hammond had a very pleasant and profitable term.

Winter term taught by Miss Clara G. Bryant. This term is still in session. Miss Bryant came to us highly recommended as a successful teacher; her reputation has lost nothing in this school. She is a thorough teacher, and gives excellent satisfaction; she has the peculiar tact of gaining and retaining the love, and respect of her pupils.

DISTRICT. NO. XX.

GEO. F. HAMMOND, Agent.—Summer term taught by Miss Mary E. Hammond. Number of scholars registered, 13; average 11; wages of teacher, \$5.00 per week. Miss Hammond taught an excellent school. She introduced a variety of exercises, which interested the scholars, and were calculated to develop the mind, and relieve school hours of their dull monotony.

Winter term was consolidated with district No. 11, and under the instruction of C. B. Benson.

JAMES S. WRIGHT,	}	S. S. Committee
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