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Annual Report of the
ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OF PARIS.

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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN

AND
Superintending School Committee,

OF THE
TOWN OF PARIS,

For the Year Ending February 17,

1883.

PARIS, MAINE:
PRINTED AT THE OXFORD DEMOCRAT OFFICE.
1883.

TOWN OFFICERS:

SELECTMEN:

W. E. CUSHMAN.

W. E. CURTIS.

S. P. STEARNS.

TOWN CLERK,

GEO. A. WILSON.

TREASURER,

N. DAYTON BOLSTER.

COLLECTOR,

JOHN BLACK.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

H. A. FULLER.

S. B. MORSE.

A. J. CURTIS.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

VALUATION.

Whole number of Polls, 733.	
Amount of Resident Real Estate,	\$700,236 00
Resident Personal Estate,	223,537 00
Non-resident Real Estate,	55,835 00
Non-resident Personal Estate,	2,065 00
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Total valuation,	\$981,673 00

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED.

State Tax,	\$4,441 52
County tax,	985 27
Town charges,	1,500 00
Highways and Bridges, (cash,)	500 00
For support of Schools,	2,344 00
Fractional overlay,	307 76
Delinquent highway,	138 98
Supplementary tax,	82 90
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Total committed for collection,	\$10,300 45
Poll tax, \$2.50.	
Rate per cent, 8 4-10 mills on the dollar.	

SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Amount raised by vote of town,	\$2,344 00
Interest on school fund,	218 85
School fund and mill tax from State,	1,373 86
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Total,	\$3,936 71

The money was apportioned as follows :

Number of School Dist.	Number of Scholars.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Added.	Total.
No. 1.—Bolster,	32	\$134 40	\$ 8 00	\$142 40
2.—South Paris,	242	1016 40		1016 40
3.—Webber,	33	138 60	5 00	143 60
4.—Biscoe,	14	58 80	25 00	83 80
5.—Porter,	43	180 60		180 60
6.—West Paris,	66	277 20		277 20
7.—Hall,	15	63 60	22 51	85 51
8.—King,	26	84 00	20 40	104 00
9.—Paris Hill,	129	541 80		541 80
10.—Partridge,	47	197 40	25 00	222 40
11.—Stearns,	16	67 20	20 00	87 20
12.—Harbor,	51	214 20		214 20
13.—Tubbs,	9	37 80	28 40	65 80
14.—Mountain,	10	42 00	25 00	67 00
15.—Whittemore,	26	109 20	9 40	118 20
16.—Tuell,	41	172 20		172 20
17.—Forbes,	14	58 80	30 00	88 80
18.—Hollow,	20	84 00	10 00	94 00
19.—Trap Corner,	38	159 60		159 60
20.—Snow's Falls,	10	42 00	30 00	72 00
	876	\$3679.20	\$237.51	\$3936 71

Rate per scholar \$4.20.

TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

Names and ages of present inmates :

Hartwell Stevens,	63	Eliza A. Lewis,	42
Winthrop McKeen,	79	Emeline H. Walcott,	72
Nellie Damon,	16		
David Lurvey,	63	—Left Oct. 11, 1882.	

Average number supported on farm during the year, five 5 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Schedule of Stock, Provisions, &c., on the farm, Feb. 10th, 1883 :

1 Horse	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ bushels Beans
2 Oxen	60 bushels Potatoes
8 Cows	1 barrel Flour
1 Sheep	1 barrel Soap
2 Shoats	40 pounds Dried Apple
18 Fowls	65 " Lard
12 tons Hay	300 " Pork
20 bushels Oats	100 " Ham
	40 " Butter

A good supply of Vegetables.

EXPENDITURES ON FARM.

Overseer's salary,	\$350 00
Stock bought,	110 00
3 Pigs bought,	9 00
Groceries,	33 18
Clothing and Bedding,	40 15
Flour,	42 25
Corn and Meal,	58 75
Salt Fish and Meat,	18 65
Tinware,	4 00
Boots and Shoes,	17 50
Hayseed,	6 50
Tax on Oxford land	2 96
Repairs on Machine,	7 35
Tobacco,	9 00
Medical attendance,	2 00
Superphosphate,	11 50
Paid McAllister Boy,	17 50
Blacksmith bills,	9 35
Oxford Democrat,	1 50

Total expenditures,

\$751 14

RECEIPTS.

Milk sold,	\$202 43
Butter sold,	140 45
Stock,	117 00
Boot between Oxen,	80 00
Corn sold,	41 37
Eggs sold,	14 50
Potatoes sold,	10 45
Beans sold,	113 42
Labor off of farm,	14 50
Wood sold,	9 00
Apples sold,	7 50

\$750 62

Balance against farm,

\$ 52

We much regret to part with Mr. and Mrs. Mason from our Town Farm, but are obliged to, as we could not secure their services for another year. Mr. Mason has done well the past year, as will be seen by the farm account. He understands well how to care for the farm and stock. He cuts his hay early and gets it in good condition, which is the key to success with his stock, which are all in good condition. Mrs. Mason also understands well how to manage the household affairs, she cares well for the comfort of the inmates and everything in the house is in perfect order and neatness.

We have secured the services of Mr. and Mrs. Kimball, for \$250.00 for one year. We had 100 *native* apple trees set on the farm last spring, which are doing well, and recommend that more be set, and also that a nursery be sown, as it is excellent orchard land, and they will pay better than any other investment that can be made on the farm.

Expenses of poor off the farm who have legal settlement in the town of Paris :

Merial Carver,	\$20 00
Ida F. Thurlow,	8 30
G. P. Hooper,	133 00
S. R. Starbird,	56 89
C. N. Pratt,	24 25
N. Brett, to Augusta,	35 12
Whittemore children,	24 00
Otis Bryant, (in 1881)	64 75
" " (in 1882),	5 00
Thos. Casey,	3 00
Isabell Warren,	14 00
Nellie Damon,	38 80
Edwin Pratt, board and medical attendance,	82 37

Total,	\$509 48
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Expenses of poor who have legal settlement in other towns :

T. E. Young, Bethel,	\$25 65
Daniel Mason, Buckfield,	7 78
Chester Stevens, Windham,	18 00

\$51 43

Total,

\$560 91

LIQUOR AGENCY.

Leonard Whitman, in account with town of Paris :

DR.

To cash on hand Feb. 13, 1882,	\$26 06
received from sales of liquor,	620 13
received from sale of barrels,	4 50

\$650 69

CR.

By cash paid State agent,	\$505 08
paid freight and trucking,	10 50
paid agent's salary,	120 00
on hand Feb. 13, 1883,	15 11

\$650 69

Liquor agency in account with the town of Paris :

DR.

To cash on hand Feb. 13, 1882,	\$26 06
" liquors " " "	219 62

\$245 68

Less amount due State agent,

\$43 80

\$201 88

CR.

By cash on hand, Feb. 13, 1883,	\$15 11
" liquors " " "	249 40

\$264 51

Less amount due State agent,

43 65

\$220 86

Net profit to town,

\$18 98

TREASURER'S REPORT.

N. D. BOLSTER, Treasurer, in account with Town of Paris, for
the financial year ending Feb'y 17, 1883 :

DR.

To Cash from last report,	\$353 98
Milk from Farm, 1882,	119 36
John Black, Collector, 1880,	305 21
“ “ “ 1881,	2,952 11
“ “ “ 1882,	1,319 90
From Highway taxes,	301 07
“ Non-resident taxes,	123 86
“ Interest on school fund,	
Davis note,	13 80
“ Principal on school fund,	
Davis note,	30 00
“ Maine Insane Hospital ac-	
count, A. Swift,	1 20
“ Town Farm, cows sold,	110 00
“ Show License,	1 85
“ I. P. Brett, account of	
Newel Brett,	5 00
“ State Treasurer, school	
funds,	1,380 57
“ State Treasurer, Pens-	
ions,	24 00
“ State Treasurer, R. R.	
tax, 1882,	6 11

\$7,048 02

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By cash paid H. C. Davis, atty. fee,	
road case,	3 00
Examination J. H. Dun-	
ham, cattle,	1 25
Examination D.C. Church-	
ill, cow,	4 50
Printing, books, stamps,	
etc.,	65 82
J. K. Hammond, Auditor,	5 75
W. K. Greene, account E.	
Damon,	2 75
Cows for Farm.	110 00
Record deed, E. Damon,	50
Fruit trees for Farm,	11 96
Damage, Dr. Tilton's	
wagon,	10 55
Dr. Tilton, examination,	
Mrs. A. L. Holmes,	3 00
Officers' salary, 1881,	62 00
" " 1882,	488 00
John Black, Constable,	9 00
" " Collector, 1881,	71 94
" " " 1882,	90 00
Pauper acct., Tramps,	9 40
" " Tom Casey,	3 00
" " Otis Bryant,	63 25
" " A. Carver,	20 00
" " Moses Twitch-	
ell,	2 00
" " George P.	
Hooper,	115 00
" " Ida F. Thur-	
low,	8 30,
" " Jas. A. Deer-	
ing, boy,	7 89
" " S. R. Starbird,	
wife,	30 64

"	"	C. N. Pratt,	24 25	
"	"	Lovina Star-		
		bird,	26 00	
"	"	Newel Brett,	58 47	
"	"	Isabelle War-		
		ren,	38 00	
"	"	F. E. Young,	25 65	
"	"	Jas. L. Whit-		
		temore,	24 00	
"	"	Nellie Damon,	33 95	
"	"	Edwin Pratt,	82 37	
"	"	Daniel Mason,	7 78	
		School districts,	3,179 73	
		Highways,	948 73	
		State Pensions,	24 00	
		Interest account,	180 00	
		Abatements, 1880,	99 14	
	"	1881,	27 51	
	"	1882,	5 87	
			<hr/>	\$5,984 95
		Cash to balance,		1,063 07
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				\$7,048 02

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

W. E. CUSHMAN,	} Selectmen
W. E. CURTIS,	
S. P. STEARNS,	
	} of
	} Paris.

Paris, Feb. 19, 1883.

John Black, Collector for 1881, has returned non-resident taxes to the amount of \$160.17.

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

(For year A. D. 1882.)

SELECTMEN.	
W. E. Cushman,	\$120 00
W. E. Curtis,	105 00
S. P. Stearns,	105 00
CLERK.	
Geo. A. Wilson,	9 00
TREASURER.	
N. D. Bolster,	50 00
COLLECTOR.	
John Black,	154 50
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.	
H. A. Fuller,	35 00
S. B. Morse,	40 00
A. J. Curtis,	25 00

STANDING OF THE TOWN.

LIABILITIES.	
Town notes, outstanding,	\$2,000 00
Indebtedness to school fund,	3,427 50
Indebtedness to school districts,	1,426 97
G. A. Wilson's salary, 1882,	9 00
Due J. Black, salary,	64 50
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	\$6,927 97

RESOURCES.	
Cash in Treasury,	\$1,063 06
Due on Collectors of 1880,	8 99
“ “ 1881,	432 59
“ “ 1882,	3,553 74
“ Bonney note and interest,	380 32
“ O. P. Cummings note,	155 90
“ S. P. Maxim note,	84 27
In liquor agent hands,	220 86
Due on Damon note,	152 80
Pauper bills out of town:	
Due from Bethel,	26 40
“ Windham,	18 00
“ Buckfield,	7 78
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	\$6,104 71
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Net debt,	\$823 26

Outstanding bills, estimated, \$100.00.

We have paid the past year, \$250.00 for bridge plank and material, also the snow bills of 1880-1881, which account in part for our large highway bills the present year.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We recommend that the town raise the present year :

For support of Schools,	\$2,344 00
Support of Poor and other town charges,	1,500 00
Highways and Bridges (labor,)	5,000 00
Highways and bridges, (money,)	500 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. E. CUSHMAN,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
W. E. CURTIS,	
S. P. STEARNS,	

of
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 fifth day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz :

ART. 1st.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2d.—To choose all other necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 3d.—To see if the town will accept the report of the Selectmen and Superintending School Committee.

ART. 4th.—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 necessary town charges for the ensuing year.

ART. 5th.—To see what method the town will take to open the road near John S. Mason's, as laid out by the Selectmen.

ART. 6.—To see if the town will vote to accept a road as laid out by the Selectmen, from Hiram Chase's to the town road near Joseph Penley.

ART. 7.—To see if the town will vote to accept a road as laid out by the Selectmen, from John S. Whitney farm to Hebron road.

ART. 8.—To see if the town will vote to accept a road as laid out by the Selectmen, from Gothic Street to east corner of Wm. M. Shaw's house, So. Paris.

ART. 9th.—To see if the town will vote to discontinue the road leading from the Joseph Penley buildings to the northeast corner of John S. Whitney farm, So. Paris.

- ART. 10th.—To see if the town will vote to have their highway and money all put into one assessment.
- ART. 11th.—To see what action the town will take in paying B. F. Pratt's bill for supplies and medicine furnished the family of C. N. Pratt in 1880 and 1881.
- ART. 12th.—To see if the town will vote to charge interest on on all unpaid taxes after Oct. 1st, 1883.
- ART. 13th.—To see if the town will vote to pay bill of George A. Wilson as presented to Selectmen.
- ART. 14th.—To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as presented by municipal officers.
- ART. 15th.—To see what sum of money the town will raise towards paying the town debt.
- ART. 16th.—To see if the town will allow Cyrus Twitchell to draw his school money from district No. 2, and expend the same in district No. 3.
- ART. 17.—To see if the town will allow David Sanborn, J. A. Deering and A. M. Babb to draw from district No. 2 in Paris, the amount of school money each scholar attending school in Oxford is entitled to, and expend the same in the town of Oxford.
- ART. 18th.—To see if the town will allow Aibert Lawrence to draw his school money from district No. 15, and expend the same in the town of Buckfield.
- ART. 19th.—To see if the town will allow W. H. Pratt to draw his school money from district No. 5, and expend the same in district No. 20.

The Selectmen will be in session at nine o'clock on the morning of said meeting, at their office in the town house, to revise the list of voters.

Given under our hands at Paris, this twentieth day of February, A. D., 1883.

W. F. CUSHMAN,	} Selectmen
W. E. CURTIS,	
S. P. STEARNS,	
	} of
	} Paris.

SCHOOL REPORT.

DISTRICT NO. 1,—L. B. SWETT, AGENT.

Summer term taught by Miss Annie B. Fobes. Length of school, 8 weeks; number of pupils in attendance, 11; average attendance, 9; wages of teacher, \$2 per week.

This school was small, and the teacher had less opportunity to arouse an enthusiasm for study than in a larger one, but she worked faithfully and the scholars made good progress.

Winter term taught by H. A. Fuller. Length of term, 12 weeks; number of pupils in attendance, 21; average attendance, 19; wages of teacher, \$28 per month.

Mr. Fuller has a well established reputation as an energetic and efficient teacher. This school was visited but once by me (Morse); at that time the teacher appeared to have the hearty co-operation of every scholar in the school.

DISTRICT NO. 2,—GEORGE A. WILSON, AGENT.

There has been the usual number of schools in this district the past year.

High School:—Whole number of pupils in attendance—summer, 35, average attendance, 30; fall, whole number, 33, average number, 30; winter, whole number, 40, average number, 36.

Mr. Everett is too well known as a successful teacher to need comments and compliments from any source. He carries into his school sterling integrity, and firmly impresses by example as well as precept, those principles which he regards of vital importance to his pupils.

Intermediate School:—Whole number of pupils in attendance—summer, 49, average, 44; fall, whole number, 48, average number, 43; winter, whole number, 45, average number, 42.

The summer term was taught by Miss Abbie Morse, a teacher of long experience in the school room, and her schools show thoroughness in every branch.

Fall term was commenced by Miss C. S. Clapp, who resigned on account of sickness.

Miss Ada M. Morton was employed to finish the term, and to teach the winter term.

Miss Morton has earned an enviable reputation in this town as a teacher, and though she took charge of the school under somewhat unfavorable circumstances, her labors were very satisfactory to the district.

Primary School:—Taught by Emma E. Shurtleff. Whole number of pupils attending—in summer, 45, average, 42; fall—whole number, 48, average, 43; winter—whole number, 44, average, 39.

Miss Shurtleff is universally liked by the parents, and her scholars become strongly attached to her, which lightens somewhat the vast amount of work devolving upon the teacher in this school.

The scholars of this department deserve better accommodations and we hope ere long to see the old room vacated and suitable provisions made elsewhere.

DISTRICT NO. 3,—FREELAND SWAN, AGENT.

Summer term taught by Miss Marietta E. Merrill. Whole number of pupils in attendance, 11; average attendance, 10; wages of teacher, \$3 per week; length of school, 8 weeks.

Miss Merrill is an old teacher and was quite successful in her school; teachers should bear in mind that education is progressive, and they are expected to keep up with the times.

Winter term taught by Ulysses G. Wheeler. Whole number of pupils attending school, 25; average attendance, 22; wages of teacher, \$24 per month; length of term, 10 weeks.

The scholars in this district took pride in their school; the best of feeling existed between them and the teacher, and the term was what might be expected—an excellent one. We think Mr. Wheeler can be justly proud of his success in this school.

DISTRICT NO. 4,—JOSEPH WHEELER, AGENT.

Summer term taught by Miss Annie L. Libby. Whole number of pupils in attendance, 6; average attendance, $5\frac{1}{2}$; wages of teacher, \$2 per week; length of school, 8 weeks.

Miss Libby is a young but energetic teacher. She seemed to impart liveliness and animation to her scholars, and the result was rapid progress.

Winter term taught by Miss Hattie C. Swan. Whole number in attendance, 11; average number, 9; wages of teacher, \$3 per week; length of term, 10 weeks.

Miss Swan succeeded well in this school. She was diligent and faithful in the discharge of her duties and was rewarded by good improvement of her scholars.

DISTRICT NO. 5,—AMOS A. BIRD, AGENT.

Summer term taught by Miss Hattie C. Swan. Whole number of pupils in attendance, 16; average number, 12; wages of teacher, \$2 per week; length of school, 10 weeks.

Miss Swan does not aim to make a display in her school, but she keeps her scholars busily engaged in their studies, believing that earnest labor brings success. This was a good school.

Fall and winter terms taught by H. C. Bacon. Length of fall term, 9 weeks; winter, 12 weeks. Whole number of pupils in attendance in fall, 18; average, 16;—whole number in winter, 24; average attendance, 20.

Mr. Bacon's experience and observation have taught him the requirements of the school-room; he knows what to do, and goes to work and does it; no branch of study is neglected in his school.

DISTRICT NO. 6,—F. A. YOUNG, AGENT.

Summer term taught by Miss Lizzie P. Hammond. Whole number of pupils attending, 41; average attendance, 37; wages of teacher, \$4.50 per week; length of term, 8 weeks.

Fall term taught by same teacher. Whole number of pupils attending, 44; average attendance, 38; wages of teacher, \$4.50 per week; length of term, 10 weeks.

This is a hard school. A good teacher and assistant would

find work enough to do in this school. Miss Hammond labored hard for the success of the school, and succeeded in maintaining a good degree of interest throughout both terms. The scholars made good improvement for so large a school.

Winter term taught by Henry K. Stearns. Whole number of pupils attending, 31; average attendance, 27; wages of teacher, \$30 per month; length of term, 10 weeks.

Mr. Stearns possesses ability, and with more experience will make a very good teacher. His success in this school was fair. Order, very good.

DISTRICT NO. 7,—HERBERT D. FIELD, AGENT.

The schools for the past year have been taught by Miss Alma M. Foster.

Whole number of pupils in attendance in summer, 9, average attendance, 7; winter, whole number, 11, average, 8; wages of teacher, \$2.25 per week. Length of summer term, 8 weeks; winter term, 14 weeks.

Miss Foster is a resident of this district, and this was her first experience as a teacher; the result shows that she is well fitted for the school-room. The terms were profitable to the district.

DISTRICT NO. 8,—W. S. STARBIRD, AGENT.

Summer term taught by Miss Hattie E. Clifford. Length of term, 8 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 9; average number, 7.5; wages of teacher, \$2 per week.

There are some very good scholars in this district; they seemed to be interested in their studies. Miss Clifford is an interesting teacher.

Winter term taught by Miss Josie F. King. Length of term, 15 weeks; whole number of scholars, 14; average number, 12; wages of teacher, \$3.25 per week.

Miss King is known as a thorough scholar, and a skillful instructor. The interest manifested by both teacher and scholars was very good, for so long a term.

DISTRICT NO. 9,—J. F. STANLEY, AGENT.

Grammar School:—Summer term commenced by Mrs. Ada Pulsifer,—finished by Miss Ada Morton. Length of term, 11 weeks; whole number of scholars, 24; average number, 22; wages of teachers, \$5 per week.

Mrs. Pulsifer has taught seventeen schools. She is thorough in explanation,—systematic in conducting recitations. On account of sickness, she closed at the end of five weeks.

Miss Morton is also an old teacher. She finished the term, giving satisfaction to all concerned.

Fall term of *High School* taught by G. L. Dunham. Length of term, 11 weeks; whole number of scholars, 35; average number, 32.

Mr. Dunham is a graduate of Colby University. He succeeded in gaining the good will of the scholars, thereby awakening an interest seldom equalled in this school.

Winter term taught by Frank P. Stearns. Length of term, 12 weeks; whole number of scholars, 34; average number, 26; wages of teacher, \$35 per month.

Mr. Stearns, though kind to those who have obeyed him, has dealt out justice without fear or favor. We were much pleased with the improvement in the appearance of the school between our visits. A great part of the school has been very studious, and made rapid progress in their studies.

Primary School:—Summer and fall terms taught by Miss M. Rose Giles. Length of summer term, 11 weeks; fall, 8 weeks; whole number of scholars—summer term, 46; fall, 39; average—in summer, 40; fall, 35; wages of teacher, \$5 per week.

Miss Giles's superior tact in the school-room is too well known to need any comments from us.

Winter term taught by Miss Flora Ripley. Length of term, 12 weeks; whole number of scholars, —; average number, —; wages of teacher, \$—.

Miss Ripley has had quite an extensive experience teaching in the West. She labors very hard for the advancement of her pupils.

DISTRICT NO. 10,—E. F. MORSE, AGENT.

Summer term taught by Miss Mabel J. Ripley. Length of term, 10 weeks; whole number of scholars attending school, 19; average number, 13, wages of teacher, \$3 per week.

This was Miss Ripley's second school in this district. She manifested much interest in the school, and met with good success. This is one of the schools where a good teacher always receives the hearty co-operation of both parents and scholars.

Winter term taught by Frank Bennett. Length of term, 10 weeks; whole number of scholars attending school, 27; average number, 25; wages of teacher, \$24 per month.

Mr. B. always succeeds in gaining the good will of the entire school.

Both teachers, in this district, have faithfully filled and returned the new "Supplementary School Register," giving a complete history of the advancement and rank of each scholar in all their studies. This Register is required by law, and promises to be of much benefit in furnishing the Committee definite information of the amount and character of the work done. It also affords the succeeding teacher a vast amount of necessary information.

DISTRICT NO. 11,—JAMES KEOUGH, AGENT.

Summer term taught by Miss J. Ella Clapp. Length of school, 7 weeks; whole number of scholars, 7; average number, 5; wages of teacher, \$2.50 per week.

This school appeared well when visited by the Committee. Miss Clapp fully understands the benefit of the blackboard.

Winter term taught by H. L. Swift. Length of term, 10 weeks; whole number of scholars, 11; average number, 10; wages of teacher, \$25 per month.

Mr. Swift fully sustained his former reputation as a successful teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 12,—HIRAM W. DUNHAM, AGENT.

Summer term taught by Miss Abbie J. Churchill. Whole number of pupils attending school, 30; average attendance, 26; wages of teacher, \$3 per week; length of term, 11 weeks.

Miss Churchill is a teacher of considerable experience, and governed this school with her usual good ability and success.

Winter term taught by W. W. Abbott, Jr., of Dixfield, and at the time of this writing, is still in progress.

The success of this term is already assured, and the district was fortunate in securing the services of so good a teacher. Mr. Abbott is popular with his scholars, and secured their good will from the commencement. The result is a profitable term.

DISTRICT No. 13,—A. F. THURLOW, AGENT.

Summer term taught by Miss Anne W. Graves. Length of term, 6 weeks; whole number of scholars attending school, 6; average number, $5\frac{1}{2}$; wages of teacher, \$1.75 per week.

Winter term taught by Miss Eunice Porter. Length of term, 12 weeks; whole number of scholars, 7; average number, 6.9; wages of teacher, \$2 per week.

The attendance in this school, although they are small scholars, has been very good for the past year. Both teachers were new beginners but did very well. We think it would be much better for this district to unite with a neighboring district for a few years and give their scholars the benefit of longer and more interesting schools.

DISTRICT No. 14, J. A. STURTEVANT, AGENT.

Summer term taught by Mary P. Waldron. Length of term, 6 weeks; whole number of scholars, 7; average number 7; wages of teacher, \$2.50 per week.

This was Miss Waldron's first attempt at school teaching. She is a good scholar and managed the school with the tact and ability of an old teacher.

Winter term taught by Miss Annie B. Fobes. Length of term, 10 weeks; whole number of scholars, 8; average number, 7.8; wages of teacher, \$2.25 per week.

Miss Fobes is a thorough teacher. The scholars made rapid and thorough progress under her instruction. This was a very successful term of school.

DISTRICT No. 15,—WM. DANIELS, AGENT.

There were two short terms of school during the summer, taught by Rosie Sturtevant. No notification given.

Winter term taught by Austin P. Stearns. Length of term, 8 weeks; whole number of scholars, 17; average number, 12; wages of teacher, \$20.00 per month. The school closed before we knew anything about it, and was unable to visit the second time. It appeared very well when visited.

DISTRICT No. 16,—AMERICA ANDREWS, AGENT.

Summer term taught by Miss Josie F. King. Whole number of pupils attending, 20; average attendance, 18; wages of teacher, \$2.80 per week; length of term, 12 weeks.

Miss King is a teacher possessing tact and ability. We think the term was a success.

Winter term commenced by Eugene H. Andrews.

Mr. Andrews labors under a great disadvantage in the school-room in consequence of a difficulty in speaking distinctly; and some of the citizens of the district were opposed to his teaching the school on that account. We think Mr. Andrews commenced the school under unfavorable circumstances, and his failure to keep the school through, should not be attributed to him alone. Mr. Andrews has taught one school successfully and we think that under more favorable circumstances he would again succeed. After teaching four weeks and not feeling satisfied with his success, Mr. Andrews withdrew from the school. The agent then secured the services of H. R. Dunham, who taught the winter term in this district one year ago, to teach the remainder of the school.

Whole number of pupils attending, 24; average attendance, 22; wages of teacher, \$30 per month: length of term (under Mr. Dunham's teaching,) 7 2-5 weeks.

Mr. Dunham is a member of the freshmen class at Colby University, and is a thorough teacher. The scholars made good progress under his instruction, and manifested a lively interest in their studies, at the close of the term.

A new school house is much needed in this district.

DISTRICT No. 17,—C. W. STEVENS, Agent.

Summer term taught by Miss Minnie T. Hayden. Length of term, 8 weeks; whole number of scholars 8; average number 6; wages of teacher, \$2.00 per week.

Miss Hayden did very well for a young teacher; with experience she will make a fine instructor.

Winter term taught by H. Bennett; Length of term 10 weeks; whole number of scholars 13; average number 9; wages of teacher \$15 per month.

This was Mr. Bennett's first attempt at teaching; he succeeded in keeping good order; but failed to gain the good will of his scholars; we advise them to study, whether they like the teacher or not.

DISTRICT No. 18,—BENTON L. SWIFT, Agent.

Summer term taught by Miss Addie M. Swift. Length of term 7 weeks; whole number of scholars attending school, 17; average number 12; wages of teacher \$2.50 per week.

This was Miss Swift's first attempt at teaching. The school appeared well when visited by the committee; with experience she will make a good teacher.

Fall term taught by Miss. Mary A. Stone. Whole number of pupils in attendance 14; average attendance 12; wages of teacher \$2; length of term 8 weeks.

Miss Stone is pleasant in the school room, and her scholars yield a cheerful obedience; this term was pleasant and satisfactory.

Winter term taught by Miss Lizzie P. Hammond; length of term, 5 weeks; whole number of scholars attending school, 13; average number $12\frac{1}{2}$.

Miss Hammond fully sustained her former reputation as a thorough, and efficient teacher; that she gained the good will of her scholars, and gave general satisfaction, is shown by the average number.

DISTRICT No. 19,—WM. BERRY, Agent.

Summer term taught by Miss C. S. Clapp. No register returned.

Miss Clapp well sustained her reputation as a teacher in this school; order and discipline, good.

Winter term taught by Miss Lizzie Marshall. No register returned.

This term was closed before the time specified by the agent, in order to have a spring term, and was visited but once; Miss Marshall is a practical teacher of established reputation, and we feel safe in saying the term was a success.

The spring term has just commenced, under the instruction of Mr. H. R. Dunham, which is enough to insure its success.

DISTRICT No. 20,—GEO. W. HAMMOND, Agent.

Fall term taught by H. L. Swift. Length of term 10 weeks; whole number of scholars, 15; average number 13; wages of teacher, \$25, per month.

Mr. Swift is a pleasant and agreeable teacher; he manages a school with marked ability; this was a profitable term of school.

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