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REPORT OF THE
SELECTMEN, TREASURER
AND
SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS
OF THE
Town of Orrington
FOR THE YEAR 1900-'01

BANGOR
CHAS. H. GLASS & CO., PRINTERS
1901

WARRANT.

TO JOSIAH D. HINDS, A CONSTABLE OF 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 eighteenth day of March inst., at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

First. To choose a Moderator to preside.

Second. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

Third. To act on the report of the Selectmen.

Fourth. To act on the report of the Superintendent of Schools.

Fifth. To act on the report of the Board of Health.

Sixth. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year, including one or more Road Commissioners and Superintendent of Schools.

Seventh. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to pay the snow bills that have accrued the past winter, from any money that may be in the treasury.

Eighth. To grant and raise money for the support of schools, the poor, the repair of roads and bridges and repair of school houses, and to defray all other town charges.

Ninth. Will the town instruct and require its Superintending School Committee to formulate a course of study for its common schools; and a separate course of study for its Free High School and report the same for the action of the town at its next annual meeting? Will the town establish a permanent Free High School, with a regular course of study,

and raise money for that purpose? Will the town provide a permanent room for its Free High School, and raise money for that purpose?

Tenth. To see if the town will fence the school house lot in the Corner District and raise money for the same.

Eleventh. To see if the town will re-establish a school in District No. 10, and also to put the school house in said district in suitable repair and raise money for the same.

Twelfth. To see if the town will fence the old cemetery at South Orrington and raise money for the same.

Thirteenth. To see if the town will purchase a piece of land to enlarge Oak Hill cemetery and raise money for the same.

Fourteenth. To see if the town will re-shingle and paint their Town House and raise money for the same.

Fifteenth. To see if the town will buy a hearse and raise money for the same.

Sixteenth. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen regarding the letting and care of Town House.

Seventeenth. To see if the town will give the Selectmen any instruction in regard to buying the Doane Freeman place and act thereon.

Eighteenth. To see if the town will buy a new road machine, and raise money for the same.

Nineteenth. To fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes.

Twentieth. To see if the town will accept the list of Jurors as revised by the Municipal Officers.

The Selectmen will be in session for the purpose of revising the list of voters at nine o'clock in the forenoon on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Orrington, this sixth day of March, A.D. 1901.

N. A. NICKERSON,	} Selectmen of Orrington.
A. M. HARRIMAN,	
P. A. FOWLER,	

ANNUAL REPORT.

ALBERT G. DOLE,

In account with the TOWN OF ORRINGTON.

DR.

February 26, 1900.

To uncollected taxes of 1899	\$516 05	
Cash in treasury	1,476 40	
		<u>\$1,992 45</u>

AMOUNT RAISED BY THE TOWN, MARCH 12, 1900.

For schools	\$1,300 00	
Support of poor	500 00	
Repair of roads and bridges	1,500 00	
Repair of school houses	160 00	
School books	125 00	
Pay of town officers	600 00	
Miscellaneous expenses	300 00	
Free High School	100 00	
Seats in school house in Dist. No. 6	125 00	
		<u>\$4,710 00</u>
For State tax for 1900	\$1,137 69	
County tax for 1900	515 52	
Overlayings in assessments	259 32	
Supplemental tax	25 65	
		<u>1,938 18</u>
Cash from the town of Bucksport	25 50	
From the State for the burial of a soldier	35 00	
“ “ “ “ Free High school	84 50	
“ “ “ “ R. R. and telegraph tax	18 39	
“ “ “ “ dog licenses refunded	46 05	
State school fund and mill tax	935 72	
Received from sale of stove	50	
“ for rent of town house	32 00	
Two years' rent for the J. L. Brown pasture	8 00	
For sale of one-half burial lot in So. Orrington cemetery	2 00	
		<u>1,187 66</u>
Total		<u>\$9,828 29</u>

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By amount of orders paid	\$7,229 03	
Uncollected taxes	584 57	
Cash in treasury	2,014 69	
Total		\$9,828 29

N. A. NICKERSON, } Selectmen
 A. M. HARRIMAN, } of
 P. A. FOWLER, } Orrington.

A. G. DOLE, Treasurer.

ORRINGTON, March 4, 1901.

PAY OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Mrs. Blanche K. Blake, Supt. of Schools for 1900-1	\$148 00
N. A. Nickerson, Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of Poor	102 50
A. M. Harriman, same	69 50
P. A. Fowler, same	53 30
John E. Bowden, Collector of Taxes	125 00
Albert G. Dole, Treasurer	60 00
J. D. Hines, Constable, serving dog warrant, 1899	1 50
J. D. Hines, Constable, for warning March meeting	2 00
J. D. Hines, Constable, for warning Sept. and Nov. election	5 00
Chas. A. Wood, Constable, serving dog warrant, 1900	3 00
H. J. Nickerson, Town Clerk, recording births and deaths	9 30
J. D. Hodgdon, serving as Ballot Clerk	4 00
Wilson Puffer, same	4 00
Chas. A. Wood, serving as Election Clerk	4 00
H. W. Wiswell, same	4 00
A. M. Harriman, S. S. Committee	7 00
A. G. Dole, same	3 00
Dr. G. B. Tibbetts, Sec'y of the Board of Health	10 00

\$615 10

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Alver B. Miles, support and care of Mrs. Paine	\$ 60 00
Mrs. R. E. Gould, same	92 50
E. P. Richardson, support and care of E. Appleton	143 00
Mrs. Geo. Goodbin, support and care of Mrs. Baker	81 30
S. S. Harriman, support and care of K. Stubbs	7 00
Dr. G. B. Tibbetts, medical services for poor in 1899	27 50
W. M. Baker, supplies furnished J. D. Freeman	5 00

416 30

For an honorably discharged soldier \$35 00

SNOW BILLS FOR 1899-1900.

W. O. Smith and others	\$25 58
H. M. Rogers, same	34 58
H. E. Thayer, same	34 52
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	\$94 68

REPAIR OF ROADS AND BRIDGES UNDER COMMISSIONERS.

UNDER W. O. SMITH, COMMISSIONER.

Edwin Rideout, labor	\$5 70
Fred I. Harriman, same	20 85
Horace Marston, same	5 48
Chas. A. Wiswell, same	14 00
Fred Badershall, same	10 05
Joseph E. Rideout, same	4 95
James G. Kent, same	11 93
Lyman H. Smith, same	13 32
Arthur W. Smith, same	5 47
Chas. W. George, same	13 30
Frank Collins, same	7 50
Robert Sisman, same	15 90
L. G. Severance, same	20 90
N. P. Smith, same	7 65
Vincent P. Hincks, same	6 90
Harry B. Hincks, same	15 00
Albert Wheeler, same	5 33
Joseph W. Foster, same	7 77
A. G. Dole, same	17 50
J. Wyman Phillips, same	11 55
Albert Smith, same	75
James T. Wiswell, same	8 40
Arthur Cook, same	15 15
Philander Kent, same	18 30
Wm. F. Eldridge, same	7 80
A. N. Lufkin, same	4 20
Frank Higgins, same	7 95
Reuben Dickey, same	1 82
W. O. Smith, same	94 43
Lyman H. Smith, same	2 10
James T. Wiswell, same	14 00
A. M. Harriman, same	7 00
Fred I. Harriman, same	5 66
Wm. F. Eldridge, same	2 43
Mrs. Essegg for gravel	1 05

Chas. A. Wiswell	\$4 03
Philander Kent	8 85
John Gray for gravel	1 00
James T. Wiswell for labor and stone	12 33
W. O. Smith	15 05

\$453 35

UNDER H. M. ROGERS, COMMISSIONER.

H. M. Rogers, labor	\$86 39
G. G. Hodgdon, same	13 10
Chester Baker, same	25 47
Walter H. Bowden, same	15 90
Arthur W. Bowden, same	34 87
Josiah Quimby, same	47 70
John H. Quimby, same	7 50
Fred S. Snow, same	10 50
F. C. McIntire, same	3 37
Clarence Richardson, same	1 50
Jacob Harding, same	3 60
John Quimby, same	4 95
Wm. Woodman, same	11 50
Preston A. Bowden, same	8 47
Wm. S. Littlefield, same	14 05
Arthur W. King, same	4 27
F. Elmer King, same	16 12
Fred T. Bowden, same	4 65
H. M. Rogers and others, labor and material	44 50
Oliver Hymes, snow bill in 1898	1 05

\$359 46

UNDER H. E. THAYER, COMMISSIONER.

H. E. Thayer, labor	\$54 60
Warren Harriman, same	38 20
Geo. Byard, same	17 40
G. G. Hodgdon, same	35 35
J. D. Hodgdon, same	37 95
E. P. Dunham, same	23 40
A. M. Fulsom, same	4 80
E. G. Nickerson for gravel	6 30
S. L. Rogers, labor	24 35
Herbert Thayer and others	68 02
Charles W. Atwood, 2nd	16 00
J. E. Witham, labor	13 65
G. G. Hodgdon, same	7 10
L. B. Blake, same	17 10

H. W. Hodgdon, same	\$1 35
Winnie Smith	7 50
Chas. Bayard, gravel in 1899	3 55

\$376 62

John W. Harris, repairs on machine and iron work	15 35
H. N. Brooks, for tile furnished in 1899	8 00
Geo. A. Lambert, repairs on road machine	2 10
Hastings & Strickland, plank for bridges	10 71
D. Sargent's Sons, same	23 32
R. B. Dunning & Co., cutters and bolts	16 30
C. N. Conant & Co., repairs on road machine	1 35

EXPENSE OF UNDERDRAINING A PIECE OF ROAD.

A. M. Harriman	12 50
David H. Brown	8 70
J. D. Hodgdon	8 67
G. G. Hodgdon	6 32
F. A. Chick	6 60
A. H. Brown	6 22
H. N. Brooks for tile	6 88
Frank E. Baker, dynamite, fuse, caps and express	3 00
Wm. and F. A. Dillingham, three lanterns, oil, etc	2 88

\$138 90

Total amount expended for roads \$1,423 01

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Dr. G. B. Tibbetts, reporting births and deaths, '99	\$9 50
Dr. G. B. Tibbetts, damage to horse in the spring of 1898	50 00
S. W. Nichols, for memorial expenses	5 00
S. L. Rogers, labor in cemetery	3 00
A. E. Freeman, same	4 50
Wilber G. Freeman, same	4 20
Blanche K. Blake, record book, stamps and stationery	11 55
E. F. Dillingham, books, stationery, etc.	7 10
N. A. Nickerson, postage, stationery, express, etc.	2 75
A. G. Dole, bounty on wild cat and seal	3 00
T. H. Crowell, care of town house and repairs	5 50
T. H. Crowell, for use of pump	1 50
H. E. Severance, for use of watering tub	2 10
C. H. Chapman, for use of watering tub four years	8 40
Charles H. Glass & Co., for printing town reports	33 00
C. F. Woodard, counsel for three years	15 00
J. E. Bowden, Collector, abatement of taxes for 1899	39 87

\$205 97

REPAIRS ON TOWN HOUSE, STABLE AND BUILDING FENCE.

A. M. Harriman, labor and material	\$59 57
Fred I. Harriman, labor	14 80
W. G. Freeman, same	17 70
Charles A. Wood, lumber	5 75
Wm. and F. A. Dillingham, lead and oil	2 68
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	\$100 50
A. G. Dole, State tax for 1900	\$1,137 69
A. G. Dole, County tax for 1900	515 52
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	\$1,653 21

SCHOOLS.

One term of Free High school	\$169 00
Repairs on school property and new seats in No. 6	283 20
For school books	135 00

SCHOOL FUND FOR 1900.

Balance due the schools March 1, 1900	\$ 206 68
Raised by the town March 12, 1900	1,300 00
State school fund and mill tax	935 72
Interest on town school fund	69 42
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	\$2,511 82
Amount expended for schools	2,192 74
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Balance due the schools March 4, 1901	\$319 08

AMOUNT RAISED BY THE TOWN MARCH 12, 1900.

For support of schools	\$1,300 00
" " Poor	500 00
Repair of roads and bridges	1,500 00
Repair of school property	160 00
School books	125 00
Pay of town officers	600 00
Miscellaneous expenses	300 00
High school	100 00
New seats in school house No. 6	125 00
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	\$4,710 00
State tax for 1900	\$1,137 69
County tax for 1900	515 52
Overlayings in assessments	259 32
Supplemental tax	25 65
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	\$1,938 18
Total assessments for 1900	\$6,648 18

VALUATION FOR 1900.

Real estate of residents taxed	\$262,490 00	
Personal estate of residents taxed	61,100 00	323,590 00
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Real estate of non-residents taxed	58,880 00	
Personal estate of non-residents taxed	3,225 00	62,105 00
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Total estates taxed		\$385,695 00

Number of polls, 343. Poll tax, \$3.00. Percentage, \$1.45 on \$100.

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

Uncollected taxes	\$584 57
Money in treasury	2,014 69
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	\$2,599 26

N. A. NICKERSON,	} Selectmen of Orrington.
A. M. HARRIMAN,	
P. A. FOWLER,	

ORRINGTON, March 4, 1901.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH.

The Board has had more than the usual amount of work to do for the year past on account of infectious and contagious diseases.

Measles were quite prevalent during the first of the year and scarlet fever has shown itself in sporadic cases. During the year there have been about a dozen cases of the latter disease infecting eight houses, but in no case has the disease spread from the house where it originated. This was due to isolation of patients and thorough disinfection of premises by use of formaldehyde used in a generator as advised by the State Board.

A generator was purchased by the Board and used in every house after a case of scarlet fever had been present. The wisdom of this course is well shown by the limitation of the disease to the house infected in every case. The cost of disinfecting is small, the family being charged for the disinfectant used only, and the cost of generator and using same being charged to the town.

Another factor in the prevention of the spread of disease is the increased knowledge on the part of the public in regard to the necessity for quarantine in these cases and the cheerful co-operation of families with the Board in such prevention, they being willing to submit to the trouble, inconvenience and expense of quarantine for the general good of the public, and the Board has had to exercise no arbitrary powers to accomplish these results.

Typhoid fever has been almost absent during the year, only four cases showing up and those imported from other towns.

So far as we know, no death has occurred in town from any contagious disease during the year.

G. B. TIBBETTS,
Secretary.

March 4, 1901.

Report of Superintendent of Schools.

STATISTICS.

SUMMER SCHOOLS.					FALL SCHOOLS.				
No. of Dist.	Length in Weeks.	No. Registered.	Average Attendance.	Wages per Week.	No. of Dist.	Length in Weeks.	No. Registered.	Average Attendance.	Wages per Week.
1	9	29	20	\$7 00	1	9	27	25	\$7 00
2	9	29	19	7 00	2	9	33	27	7 00
3	9	17	16	6 50	3	9	15	14	6 50
4	9	33	30	9 00	4	9	33	27	9 00
5	9	16	14	7 00	5	9	25	22	7 00
6	9	17	13	7 00	6	Scholars conveyed to 5.			
7	9	25	21	8 00	7	9	23	22	7 00
8	9	12	11	6 50	8	7	10	9	6 00
9	9	8	7	5 50	9	9	8	7	5 50
Corner	9	21	15	7 00	Corner	9	21	18	7 00

WINTER SCHOOLS.									
1	10	25	18	\$8 00	6	10	14	11	\$8 00
2	10	28	20	8 00	7	8	18	16	9 00
3	10	16	13	7 00	8	10	11	10	7 00
4	10	32	22	10 00	9	10	8	7	6 00
5	10	14	11	7 00	Corner	10	22	18	8 00

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

No Spring Term.	Fall Term	13	19	13	\$13 00
Number of scholars in town					370
Registered in Summer schools					207
Average in Summer schools					166
Registered in fall schools					214
Average in fall schools					184
Registered in winter schools					188
Average in winter schools					146
Number of terms					29
Average length of terms in weeks					9
Average wages of females, including board					\$6.94
Average wages of males, including board					7.50
Per cent. of attendance in summer560

Per cent. of average attendance in summer449
Per cent. of attendance in fall578
Per cent. of average attendance in fall498
Per cent. of attendance in winter508
Per cent. of average attendance in winter395
Per cent. of average attendance for the year814
Per cent. of average attendance to number of scholars in town . .	.552

FINANCES.

Paid Teachers—Summer Term :

No. 1—Alice M. Dodge	\$63 00
No. 2—Nellie B. Neal	63 00
No. 3—Persis L. Fowler	58 50
No. 4—Nellie E. Bowden and assistant	81 00
No. 5—Ethel B. Quinn	63 00
No. 6—Charles C. Phillips	63 00
No. 7—John H. Quimby	72 00
No. 8—Jessie L. Reed	58 50
No. 9—Stella Simpson	49 50
Corner—Lois P. Hatch	63 00

 634 50

Janitor service for summer schools	22 60
Conveying scholars from No. 10 to No. 5	22 50

 Total cost of summer schools \$679 60

Paid Teachers—Fall Term :

No. 1—Josephine M. King	\$63 00
No. 2—Mildred F. Eldridge	63 00
No. 3—Persis L. Fowler	58 50
No. 4—Nellie E. Bowden and assistant	81 00
No. 5—Ethel B. Quinn	63 00
No. 7—Beulah C. Bates	63 00
No. 8—Jessie L. Reed	42 00
No. 9—Stella Simpson	49 50
Corner—Lois P. Hatch	63 00

 546 00

Janitor service for fall schools	20 50
Conveying scholars from No. 10 to No. 5	22 50
Conveying scholars from No. 6 to No. 5	23 00

 Total cost of fall schools 612 00

Paid Teachers—Winter Term:

No. 1—Josephine M. King	80 00
No. 2—Mildred F. Eldridge	80 00
No. 3—Ralph L. Kendall	70 00
No. 4—Nellie E. Bowden	100 00
No. 5—Nellie B. Neal	70 00
No. 6—Ella M. Whitcomb	80 00
No. 7—Alec G. Taylor	70 00
No. 8—Lois P. Hatch	70 00
No. 9—Stella Simpson	60 00
Corner—Lillian B. Woodman	80 00
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	\$762 00
Janitor service for winter schools	27 50
Conveying scholars from No. 10 to No. 5	25 00
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Total cost of winter schools	\$814 50
Tuition, Town of Holden, 1900:	
Twenty-five weeks at 15c.	\$3 75

WOOD ACCOUNT.

A. W. King, wood for 1900	\$33 70
Horace W. Hodgton, sawing and housing	8 12
John W. Byard, wood for 1900	17 19
E. L. Bowden, same	30 48
E. H. Eldridge, sawing and housing	2 25
Ernest Bowden, same	2 25
John W. Byard, same	2 25
E. L. Bowden, wood for 1901	40 90
Johnson & Witham, kindling wood	50
A. W. Leathers, sawing and housing	2 25
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	\$139 89

REPAIRS.

1900	
June 18. J. E. Rideout, banking No. 1	\$1 50
F. T. Bowden, setting glass, No. 9	10
J. Quimby, banking No. 8	1 00
Wm. D. Betts, repairs—No. 5	1 00
L. B. Blake, banking—No. 5	1 50
J. D. Hodgdon, repairs—No. 3	2 25
F. T. Bowden, banking—No. 9	1 50
Edwin Crowell, repairs—Corner	65
O. H. Nickerson, repairs—No. 2	1 75
Roy Harriman, repairs—No. 6	30

Ralph Reed, glass—No. 3	\$ 55
Earl Nichols, repairs—No. 2	2 10
L. B. Blake, same—Nos. 4 and 5	50
Horace W. Hodgton, same—No. 7	80
E. A. Hopkins, lock and express	1 00
C. C. Phillips, materials for No. 6	55
John H. Quimby, glass and shelves—No. 7	90
Sherman Quimby, repairs—No. 8	50
A. M. Harriman, same No. 7	1 75
D. L. Dodge, lumber—No. 7	1 41
Sewall C. Nye, painting—No. 2	2 16
K. Means, zinc and tacks—No. 6	1 10
Geo. G. Williams, painting—No. 4	10 00
Atwood & Perkins, paint—No. 4	6 67
E. W. Rogers, curtains—No. 6	2 88
F. I. Harriman, materials and labor—Nos. 1 and 6	86 00
A. M. Harriman, materials and labor—Nos. 2, 3, 6, and 7	10 68
Same, freight on school-seats	11 93
Same, school-seats—No. 6	79 20
W. G. Freeman, materials and repairs—Cor. and No. 1	2 68
C. W. George, repairs—No. 7	1 00
F. E. Baker, materials for repairs—Nos. 1, 6 and 7	5 00
E. Jameson, banking—No. 7	2 50
E. H. Hopkins, stove—No. 5	10 25
Henry Wheeler, repairs—No. 7	25
E. L. Bowden, same—No. 5	1 50
C. H. Wood, lumber—No. 7	4 00
Cleaning—No. 1	2 00
Same—No. 2	2 50
Same—No. 3	2 40
Same—No. 4	2 50
Same—No. 5	2 50
Same—No. 6	1 50
Same—No. 7	3 00
Same—No. 8	2 50
Same—No. 9	2 25
Same—Corner	2 50
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\$283 06	

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

D. H. Knowlton & Co.	\$3 00
Edward E. Babb	40 22
L. Barton	85
D. C. Heath	2 00

Werner School Book Co.	\$111 40
E. W. Rogers	5 96
K. Means	4 08
American Express	5 55
Local Express	3 75
P. O. orders	87
C. H. Hoyt	1 25
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	\$178 93

PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDS, 1900.

Balance due April 1st	\$98 44	
Amount appropriated by the town	1,300 00	
Interest on town school fund	69 42	
State fund and mill tax	935 72	
	<hr/>	\$2,403 58
Paid teachers	1,942 50	
Janitors	70 60	
Conveyance	93 00	
Wood	139 89	
Tuition to town of Holden	3 75	
	<hr/>	2,249 74
Balance		<hr/> \$153 84

REPAIRS.

Balance last year	\$ 1 64	
Appropriated	285 00	
	<hr/>	\$286 64
Expended		283 06
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Balance		\$3 58

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Balance last year	\$25 53	
Appropriated	125 00	
Rec'd for old books	35 34	
	<hr/>	\$185 87
Expended		178 93
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		\$6 94

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

C. H. Higgins, janitor	\$ 3 00	
Mark J. Bartlett, teacher	169 00	
	<hr/>	\$172 00
Appropriated	100 00	
From State	84 50	
	<hr/>	184 50
Balance		<hr/> \$12 50

DISTRICT No. 1.

SPRING TERM—Alice M. Dodge.

FALL AND WINTER TERMS—Josephine M. King.

This school has been disturbed by irregular attendance on the part of some scholars. The teachers have put forth good efforts but a little misunderstanding between teachers and scholars has been detrimental to the *best* results.

DISTRICT No. 2.

SPRING TERM—Nellie B. Neal.

FALL AND WINTER TERMS—Mildred F. Eldridge.

During the Spring session the school was almost depopulated by measles, making it impossible for much advancement to be made on the part of any scholar. Classes were broken up and the school lost interest. Those who were able to attend most regularly were orderly and studious.

Miss Eldridge came to this school in the fall with her usual enthusiasm and zeal in the work and she taught two successful terms.

DISTRICT No. 3.

SPRING AND FALL TERMS—Persis L. Fowler.

WINTER TERM—Ralph L. Kendall.

Miss Fowler was faithful and interested in all committed to her care. She gained the love and confidence of her scholars who were profited by her instructions, although this was her first effort in this line.

In the winter Mr. Kendall taught a good school. The restlessness of some of the younger scholars, noticeable at first, disappeared and the school presented a studious attitude very pleasing to observe. Self reliance on part of several of the older ones in recitation was also cultivated.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Mrs. Nellie E. Bowden has had charge of this school and a satisfactory year's work has been accomplished. Scholars have steadily advanced, showing how much better work can be done in a school where one teacher is retained for the school year. In the spring Mary K. Wood assisted with the younger pupils and in the fall her place was filled by Lula G. Nickerson. The winter school being somewhat smaller, Mrs. Bowden was able to attend to all the needs of the school personally.

DISTRICT No. 5.

SPRING AND FALL TERMS—Ethel B. Quinn.

WINTER TERM—Nellie B. Neal.

Miss Quinn completed her fourth term's work in this school satisfactorily. All branches were carefully taught and the progress was marked. Miss Neal is a fine disciplinarian and a school in her charge soon gets into working order. In a quiet room scholars must study and consequently improve.

DISTRICT No. 6.

SPRING TERM—Charles C. Phillips.

FALL TERM—Young scholars conveyed to No. 5.

WINTER TERM—Ella M. Whitcomb.

This school has had the advantage of excellent instruction throughout the year. The only drawback to highest success is irregular attendance which has been remedied during this year to a great extent. Until the parents realize the importance of daily attendance on the part of their children our schools cannot take the rank they ought.

DISTRICT No. 7.

SPRING TERM—John H. Quimby.

FALL TERM—Bénulah C. Bates.

WINTER TERM—Alec G. Taylor.

The spring term under instruction of Mr. Quimby was successful. At its close he resigned his position to enter college and Miss Bates taught a very pleasant school here in the fall.

In the winter Mr. Taylor, a U. of M. man, took the position and proved himself to be the one for the place. A profitable term was enjoyed for eight weeks when the school was closed on account of illness on the part of the teacher.

DISTRICT No. 8.

SPRING AND FALL TERMS—Jessie L. Reed.

WINTER TERM—Lois P. Hatch.

The scholars here, realizing the interest Miss Reed had in each and all, responded to her teaching and fine work was done. At the close of the seventh week of the fall term Miss Reed, on account of illness, was compelled to close her school and seek medical aid. The scholars took up their

work in the winter term under the leadership of their former teacher, Miss Hatch, who carried on very successfully the work so well begun. This school was very satisfactory for the entire year.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Miss Stella Simpson had this little family of eight in charge for the year and reports an average attendance unequalled in any other school. Good work was accomplished in a very pleasant manner. Surely to these pupils, paths of knowledge are paths of pleasantness.

CORNER DISTRICT.

SPRING AND FALL TERMS—Lois P. Hatch.

WINTER TERM—Lillian B. Woodman.

Earnest work on the part of the teachers and interest on the part of the pupils was the secret of success in this school. Good work was done in Nature Study and the small classes in reading and mental arithmetic were greatly improved. Miss Woodman carried out Miss Hatch's work very well in the closing term of the year, and we should be much gratified with the gain in this school.

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

MARK J. BARTLETT.

Mr. Bartlett came to this school from college and well qualified for all his duties. As the school was very small this hindered its interest and usefulness. The scholars had no impetus to excel or class rivalry to arouse mental alertness. Mr. Bartlett was an excellent instructor and his cool, dignified manner compelled respect and obedience, while his explanations were graphic and concise. All who attended were profited.

In casting a retrospective eye on the year's work, I find many disappointments and happy surprises, but I can truly say it has been a year of earnest endeavor and hard work on the part of the teachers. New demands have been placed on their time and strength, yet they have cheerfully taken up their burdens, always responding to my call for their presence, when it was necessary to discuss some new topic.

Many have joined a class in Nature Study, receiving pamphlets issued by the College of Agriculture, Cornell University. I feel that this work, although in its infancy in our schools, is productive of great good. The interested, eager faces I find in the different rooms during the half hour devoted to this branch are sufficient evidence to me of its usefulness. Probably all the parents in town have had the subject brought home to them in fragments accompanied with questions wonderfully wise. The ranking system adopted this year has been more just. The written tests admit of no favoritism, and I have been pleased with results obtained. The average attendance has not been what I would wish it to be. Contagious diseases are largely responsible; measles, chicken pox, scarlet fever, bronchitis, in turn have visited our schools but with no fatal results. The severe winter also has made it impossible for scholars living at a distance to be present regularly.

The condition of our school property has been improved in some localities. The school room in District No. 6 has been re-seated, painted and put in good repair. The room is greatly improved and is fully appreciated by the scholars. I find no indications of abuse of this property. A new stove has been purchased for the Pond school room, the old one being very unsafe. In District No. 1 we have a new ceiling and other repairs. New curtains were contributed by the "Improvement League" connected with this school, and other minor repairs have been necessary in other parts of the town.

Money must be raised to provide a protection for the school room basement in District No. 7. The appropriation for school books is inadequate to the needs. Several books have been in the schools many years and are in very poor condition. The histories, physiologies and advanced geographies are among the number. These are expensive books, and although they have been supplied as much as possible, I have frequently gone into a room to find a scholar going from desk to desk vainly trying to find a book containing his lesson. This should not be. I request a larger allowance for next year. All supplies for school rooms, crayon, brooms, dippers, pails, etc., must come from the same fund. I regret exceedingly the small attendance at the Free High School at Orrington Center. We will hope that we may, in the near future, have a regularly established High School to which scholars can pass from district schools when fitted to do so,

and then not be allowed to re-enter common schools, for I find a spirit of dissatisfaction is apt to ensue on the part of the boy coming back to his home nest after having once left it, a feeling that he is not in his proper sphere.

Trusting that time will regulate all of these matters and enable *our* schools to take good rank among others in our State, I am,

Yours respectfully,

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Superintendent.

