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REPORT OF THE
SELECTMEN, TREASURER
AND
SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS
OF THE
Town of Orrington
FOR THE YEAR 1903-04

BANGOR:
O. F. KNOWLES & Co., PRINTERS.
1904.

Thirteenth—To see if the town will compensate the Treasurer for extra labor and expense caused by the Porcupine law.

Fourteenth—To see if the town will discount five per cent. on all taxes paid to the Collector on or before the first day of July.

Fifteenth—To see if the town will vote to construct a snow roller and raise money for the same.

Sixteenth—By petition, to see if the town will grant and raise the sum of \$150 for building a receiving tomb near the entrance to cemetery at South Orrington, the balance of sum required to be paid by individuals at South Orrington.

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

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

Nineteenth—To see if the town will build a more suitable fence around Dean Hill Cemetery and raise money for that purpose.

Twentieth—To see if the town will instruct its Road Commissioner to lay out \$200 of the road fund in carting gravel on the road leading from East Orrington to South Brewer, the gravel to be given by C. A. Wood.

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 twenty-seventh day of February, A. D. 1904.

N. A. NICKERSON,	} Selectmen of Orrington.
A. M. HARRIMAN,	
F. E. KING,	

ANNUAL REPORT

ALBERT G. DOLE,

In account with the TOWN OF ORRINGTON.

Dr.

February 28, 1903.

To uncollected taxes.....	\$ 742 21	
Cash in Treasury.....	612 69	
		\$1,336 90

AMOUNT RAISED BY THE TOWN MARCH 16, 1903.

For Schools.....	\$ 1,300 00	
School books, charts, supplies.....	225 00	
Repairs of school property.....	175 00	
Support of poor.....	700 00	
Roads and bridges.....	1,200 00	
Miscellaneous expenses.....	300 00	
Sidewalk at South Orrington.....	175 00	
State road.....	200 00	
Pay of town officers.....	600 00	
		\$4,875 00
For State tax for 1903.....	\$ 1,145 62	
County tax for 1903.....	531 72	
Overlayings in assessments.....	224 21	
Supplemental tax.....	9 75	
		\$1,911 30
Received for rent of town hall.....	\$ 25 75	
" old stone sold.....	50	
from the State for state road.....	101 40	
" S. Eastman for support Prince Higgins	50 00	
Money drawn to pay for charts and returned.....	72 00	
From the State for sheep killed by dogs.....	38 50	
" " R. R. and telegraph tax.....	32 40	
State school fund and mill tax.....	983 31	
From the State for dog licenses refunded.....	36 77	
" " " " burial of a soldier.....	35 00	
For old school house windows.....	2 25	
For grass on the Freeman place.....	11 00	
From school dist. fund.....	4 02	
For use of hearse.....	18 00	
For aid rendered in 1902 to an honorably discharged sailor.....	19 75	

Received from City of Bangor for support of Fred Leach in 1902.....	\$ 14 57	
Received from oil sold.....	1 83	
		<hr/> \$1,447 05
Total.....		<hr/> \$9,570 25

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By 282 orders paid.....	\$ 8,415 89	
Non-resident taxes of 1903.....	540 00	
Resident taxes of 1903.....	98 48	
Cash in treasury.....	515 88	
		<hr/> \$9,570 25

N. A. NICKERSON, } Selectmen
A. M. HARRIMAN, } of
F. E. KING, } Orrington

A. G. DOLE, Treasurer.

Orrington, Feb. 26, 1904.

PAY OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Mrs. Blanche K. Blake, Supt. of Schools for 1903-4.....	\$158 00	
N. A. Nickerson, Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of Poor,..	97 70	
A. M. Harriman, " " " "	79 00	
F. E. King, " " " "	55 12	
John E. Bowden, Collector of Taxes.....	125 00	
A. G. Dole, Treasurer.....	60 00	
H. J. Nickerson, Town Clerk, for recording births and deaths in 1902-03.....	16 95	
J. D. Hines, Constable, for warming town meeting and serving dog warrant.....	5 00	
G. B. Tibbets, Secretary Board of Health.....	10 00	
		<hr/> \$606 77

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Mrs. J. A. True, support and care of Mrs. Baker.....	\$14 00	
Mrs. Rosana Felch, " " " "	83 50	
Mrs. Jennie Hewey, " " " "	54 00	
Willis M. Reed, " " Mrs. Jane Paine.....	65 50	
Mrs. James Murrey, " " " "	120 00	
Mrs. Florence Erskine " " " "	100 00	
E. P. Richardson, " " E. Appleton.....	169 00	
W. D. Betts, " " Prince Higgins.....	91 78	
E. W. Myers, " " K. Stubbs in 1902.....	25 00	
" " " " " part 1903 ..	31 12	

F. E. King, clothing for K. Stubbs in 1902.....	\$6 00
“ “ “ “ in 1903.....	13 80
Estate of W.M. Baker supplies furnished Jos. Freeman 1902	7 38
Kim, Means, supplies furnished Joseph Freeman.....	7 79
A. E. Freeman, supplies to J. Freeman.....	14 57
E. W. Rogers, clothing for the poor.....	11 21
G. B. Tibbetts, medical service to Joseph Hamm in 1901...	8 50
“ medical service for poor in 1903	36 50
Nickerson & Brastow, for goods furnished Wm. F. Knox, 1902	2 97
	<hr/> \$862 62

Paid for the support of honorably discharged soldier.....	\$9 43
“ “ burial “ “ “ “	35 00

REPAIR OF ROADS AND BRIDGES.

W. O. Smith for others snow bills.....	\$ 86 86
M. Hobin, labor on the road.....	12 64
Wilson Puffer, same.....	12 75
Amasa Smith, same.....	7 50
James T. Wiswell, same.....	19 25
Frank Wheeler, same.....	17 70
Vincent P. Hincks, same.....	42 82
Fred Prepple, same.....	16 25
Chester Smith, same.....	17 50
S. H. Richardson, same.....	41 62
Fred Brastow, same.....	24 75
Joseph E. Rideout, same.....	22 35
Leroy Rideout, same.....	11 32
L. G. Severance, same.....	11 00
George McKay, same.....	18 00
Bartlett Seavey, same.....	6 00
Albert Wheeler, same.....	14 25
Hartley Brown, same.....	13 00
H. W. Hodgdon, same.....	6 00
J. F. Smith, same.....	9 00
W. F. Little, same.....	3 75
Arthur E. Stousland, same.....	4 65
F. E. King, same.....	8 37
A. W. King, same.....	4 50
Sumner Bowden, same.....	6 75
M. G. Harriman, same.....	37 05
L. G. Severance, same.....	4 00
A. E. Sugden, same.....	2 25
E. P. Richardson, same.....	3 00
M. Hoben, same.....	11 70
F. W. Higgins, same.....	42 65
Roland Dodge, for gravel.....	9 45

George Jameson, same.....	\$8 00
James G. Kent, labor on the road.....	6 75
Warren Harriman, same.....	8 03
H. M. Rogers, same.....	6 00
Jacob Harding, same.....	4 80
W. O. Smith, for others.....	13 64
D. Sargent's Sons, plank for bridge.....	5 64
L. B. Eldridge, labor on the road.....	6 30
Wm. Ryder, same.....	4 50
Charles Atwood, same.....	3 00
M. Hoben, same.....	9 65
G. G. Hodgdon, same.....	5 30
John C. Howard, same.....	15 00
Joseph H. Atwood, same.....	5 25
L. B. Eldridge, same.....	6 50
J. E. Witham, same.....	24 50
H. N. Brooks, same.....	34 30
Wm. F. Eldridge, same.....	7 90
W. S. Moore, same.....	52 50
C. H. Atwood, 2nd, same.....	32 45
E. L. Bowden, same.....	10 50
Wm. E. Woodman, same.....	10 30
J. E. Bowden, same.....	4 50
Josiah Quimby, same.....	20 55
Walter Bowdoin, same.....	6 00
J. D. Hodgdon, same.....	38 60
G. G. Hodgdon, same.....	44 30
Wm. R. Gifford, same.....	8 25
A. M. Harriman, same.....	9 20
Arthur Cook, same.....	11 43
Chester Baker, same.....	5 10
Ellerd Leathers, same.....	10 35
H. M. Rogers, same.....	17 05
Wilson Puffer, same.....	6 00
Frank Higgins, same.....	15 00
D. Sargent's Sons, material for bridge.....	39 55
G. C. Rogers, same.....	18 15
W. O. Smith, labor as Commissioner.....	231 40
M. G. Harriman, labor on the road.....	8 33
W. W. Blanchard, same.....	8 85
W. O. Smith, for others.....	13 16
	<hr/> \$1,345 26

STATE ROADS.

W. O. Smith, labor.....	\$ 42 60
J. E. Rideout, labor.....	6 30
Fred J. Badershall, labor.....	19 95

Wm. U. Phillips, labor.....	\$7 00
James T. Wiswell, labor.....	25 02
Frank Higgins, labor.....	32 25
Howard Richardson, labor.....	21 00
Arthur Cook, labor.....	8 55
Fred Brastow, labor.....	10 12
G. G. Hodgdon, labor.....	5 77
Webster Hodgdon, labor.....	4 80
Roy Rideout, labor.....	6 00
Wilson Puffer, labor.....	9 75
Mrs. Mary Essegg, gravel.....	3 68
	————— \$202 79

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

J. D. Hines, for care of tramps.....	\$2 50
A. M. Harriman, labor in Dean Hill Cemetery.....	5 10
Elton Mann, for abating public nuisance by order of Board of Health.....	1 00
R. B. Dunning, for road plow.....	17 00
C. M. Conant Co., cutter for road machine and bolts.....	8 80
H. J. Nickerson, for books and postage.....	1 62
G. B. Tibbetts, expenses of Board of Health.....	5 00
“ “ to Augusta.....	4 65
Wm. F. Eldridge, for sheep killed by dogs.....	7 00
C. H. Glass & Co., printing town reports.....	40 25
Philander Kent, labor in Marston Cemetery.....	5 00
S. L. Rogers, “ Oak Hill “.....	4 00
A. E. Freeman, “ So. Orrington “.....	4 50
A. E. Sugden, repairing town pump.....	1 15
Frank Gray, for sheep killed by dogs.....	21 00
Harry Simpson, “ “ “.....	10 50
G. B. Tibbetts, vaccinating 425 people.....	181 00
G. G. Hodgdon, plowing in Dean Hill Cemetery.....	2 00
City of Brewer, services of Fire Dept. at E. Orrington fire.....	27 00
E. F. Dillingham, books and stationery.....	4 95
C. H. Chapman, use of watering tub, 3 years.....	6 30
P. A. Fowler, services on School Committee, 2 years.....	5 00
“ “ “ Board of Health.....	1 50
A. G. Dole, services as Moderator 2 years, and postage.....	5 00
N. A. Nickerson, postage, express and car fare.....	5 60
T. H. Crowell, repairs and care of Town House.....	6 50
A. G. Dole, interest paid.....	19 00
“ “ “ bounty paid on Porcupines.....	45 00
“ “ “ deficiency in Dog License.....	3 00
Wilber G. Freeman care of Hearse 2 years.....	10 00
Blanche K. Blake, stationary, express and stamps.....	10 34

G. B. Tibbetts, for investigating contagious disease.....	\$ 6 00
“ “ “ for returning births and deaths.....	6 50
	<hr/> \$483.76

Abatement of tax on property destroyed by fire at East Orrington.....	\$ 26 25
Other abatements.....	37 72

EXPENDED FOR PEST HOUSE.

Joseph H. Atwood, for deed of pest house and lot.....	\$ 50 00
Edger Wentworth, labor on pest house.....	7 05
Olin Smith, same.....	6 50
Arthur Wentworth, same.....	11 50
Charles W. Leighton, same.....	14 00
H. A. Ryder, same.....	2 50
Frank E. Baker, material for repairs on pest house.....	13 11
Johnson Brothers, shingles for same.....	5 40
Wm. R. Gifford, lumber for same.....	10 45
Kim. Means, material for same.....	6 14
W. S. Perkins, same.....	1 00
Lewis B. Eldridge, sand for same.....	50
Josiah D. Hinds, stone and windows for same.....	6 75
	<hr/> \$134 90

SIDEWALK AT SOUTH ORRINGTON.

Wm. Jordan, labor on sidewalk.....	\$ 6 67
J. D. Hodgdon, same.....	12 50
Wm. R. Gifford, plank.....	47 02
Charles Leighton, labor.....	9 30
E. L. Bowden, labor.....	24 70
Richard C. Nye, material.....	13 00
Rice & Miller, nails.....	2 55
	<hr/> \$115 74

A. G. Dole, state tax for 1903.....	\$1,145 62
“ county “ “	531 72
	<hr/> \$1,677 34

SCHOOL FUND FOR 1903.

Balance due the schools Feb. 28, 1903.....	\$ 70 22
Raised by the town March 16, 1903.....	1,300 00
State school fund and mill tax.....	983 31
Interest on town school fund.....	69 42
	<hr/> \$2,422 95

Expended for teachers' wages.....	\$2,170 00
Paid janitors.....	89 40
Paid for wood.....	146 34
Tuition to the Town of Holden.....	6 50
	———— \$2,412 24

Balance due the schools Feb. 29, 1904..... \$10 71

REPAIRS OF SCHOOL PROPERTY.

Balance due from last year.....	\$ 18 27
Raised by the town.....	175 00
	———— \$193 27
Expended.....	192 56

Balance due..... \$ 71

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Balance due from last year.....	\$ 7 18
Raised by the town.....	225 00
	———— \$232 18
Expended.....	231 76

Balance due..... \$ 42

Tuition to the Treasurer of M. E. C. Seminary..... \$ 41 75

AMOUNT RAISED BY THE TOWN MARCH 16, 1903.

For support of schools.....	\$1,300 00
support of poor.....	700 00
roads and bridges.....	1,200 00
state road.....	200 00
repairs on school property.....	175 00
school books, charts, etc.....	225 00
sidewalk at South Orrington....	175 00
pay of town officers.....	600 00
miscellaneous expenses.....	300 00
	———— \$4,875 00

State tax, 1903.....	\$1,145 62
County tax, 1903.....	531 72
Overlaying in assessments....	224 21
Supplemental tax.....	9 75
	———— \$1,911 30

Total assessments for 1903..... \$6,786 30

VALUATION FOR 1903.

Real estate of residents taxed.....	\$272,530	
Personal estate of residents taxed.....	62,950	
		\$335,480
Real estate of non-residents taxed.....	\$ 52,730	
Personal estate of non-residents taxed.....	665	
		\$53,395
Total estates taxed.....		\$388,875

Number of polls, 315. Poll tax, \$3.00. Percentage, \$1.50 on \$100.

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

Uncollected non-resident taxes.....	\$ 540 00	
Uncollected resident taxes.....	98 48	
Money in treasury.....	515 88	
		\$1,154 36

N. A. NICKERSON, } Selectmen
A. M. HARRIMAN, } of
F. E. KING, } Orrington.

Orrington, February 26, 1904.

Report of Superintendent of Schools.

STATISTICS.

SPRING SCHOOLS.					FALL SCHOOLS.				
No. of School.	Length in Weeks.	No. Registered.	Average Attendance.	Wages per Week.	No. of School.	Length in Weeks.	No. Registered.	Average Attendance.	Wages per Week.
1	9	24	22	\$7 50	1	9	26	21	\$7 50
2	9	23	22	7 50	2	9	24	22	7 50
3	9	13	13	6 50	3	9	13	13	6 50
4	9	28	25	8 50	4	9	27	24	8 50
5	9	13	11	6 50	5	9	11	10	6 50
6	9	6	6	5 50	6	9	7	6	5 00
7	9	18	15	8 00	7	9	17	15	8 00
8	9	13	12	6 50	8	9	13	11	6 50
9	9	8	8	6 00	9	9	8	8	6 25
10	8	11	10	6 50	10	10	12	11	6 50
Corner	9	27	24	7 50	Corner	9	27	24	7 25

WINTER SCHOOLS.

1	10	24	20	\$8 50	6	10	7	5	\$5 50
2	10	26	22	8 00	7	10	16	13	9 00
3	10	13	12	6 50	8	10	10	8	6 50
4	10	26	23	9 00	9	10	8	7	6 00
5	10	9	9	6 50	10	10	12	9	6 50
					Corner	10	22	19	7 75

Number of scholars in town.....	352
Registered in spring schools.....	184
Average in spring schools.....	167
Registered in fall schools.....	185
Average in fall schools.....	165
Registered in winter schools.....	173
Average in winter schools.....	142
Average in No. 1 for year.....	21
“ “ 2 “.....	22
“ “ 3 “.....	13
“ “ 4 “.....	24
“ “ 5 “.....	10
“ “ 6 “.....	6
“ “ 7 “.....	14
“ “ 8 “.....	10
“ “ 9 “.....	8
“ “ 10 “.....	10
“ “ Corner “.....	22

Number of terms.....	3
Average length of term in weeks.....	9½
Average wages of females, including board.....	\$6 59
Average wages of males, including board.....	8 75

FINANCES.

Paid Teachers—Spring Term.

Mabel R. Fogg,	9 weeks at No. 1, @ \$7 50.....	\$67 50
Nancy M. Gleason,	9 " " 2, 7 50.....	67 50
Clara D. Nickerson,	9 " " 3, 6 50.....	58 50
Ella M. Whitcombe,	9 " " 4, 8 50.....	76 50
Alice R. Blake,	9 " " 5, 6 50.....	58 50
Alice M. Dodge,	9 " " 6, 5 50.....	49 50
Nellie E. Bowden,	9 " " 7, 8 00.....	72 00
Della T. Nelligan,	9 " " 8, 6 50.....	58 50
Lottie E. Mossler,	9 " " 9, 6 00.....	54 00
Flora Ryder,	3 " " 10, 6 50.....	19 50
Muriel O. Young,	5 " " 10, 6 50.....	32 50
Jessie L. Reed,	9 " " Corner, 7 50.....	67 50

\$682 00

Janitor service for spring schools.....	26 70
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Total cost of spring schools.....	\$708 70
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Paid teachers for fall schools.

Mabel R. Fogg,	9 weeks at No. 1, @ \$7 50.....	\$67 50
Nancy M. Gleason,	9 " " 2, 7 50.....	67 50
Lula C. Nickerson,	9 " " 3, 6 50.....	58 50
Jessie L. Reed,	9 " " 4, 8 50.....	76 50
Kathleen Young,	9 " " 5, 6 50.....	58 50
Grace I. Thayer,	9 " " 6, 5 00.....	45 00
Nellie E. Bowden,	9 " " 7, 8 00.....	72 00
Della T. Nelligan,	9 " " 8, 6 50.....	58 50
Alice M. Dodge,	9 " " 9, 6 25.....	56 25
Muriel O. Young,	10 " " 10, 6 50.....	65 00
Lottie E. Mossler,	9 " " Corner, 7 25.....	65 25

\$690 50

Janitor service for fall schools.....	27 20
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Total cost of fall schools.....	\$717 70
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Paid Teachers—Winter Term.

Charles Phillips,	10 weeks at No. 1, @ \$8 50	\$85 00
Nancy M. Gleason,	10 " " 2, 8 00	80 00
Lula C. Nickerson,	10 " " 3, 6 50	65 00
Ralph L. Kendall,	10 " " 4, 9 00	90 00
Kathleen Young,	10 " " 5, 6 50	65 00
Alice M. Dodge,	10 " " 6, 5 50	55 00
Nellie E. Bowden,	10 " " 7, 9 00	90 00
Della T. Nelligan,	10 " " 8, 6 50	65 00
Issie M. Bowden,	10 " " 9, 6 00	60 00
Grace I. Thayer,	10 " " 10 6 50	65 00
Lottie E. Mossler,	10 " " Corner, 7 75	77 50

\$797 50

Janitor service for winter schools..... 35 50

Total cost of winter schools.....\$833 00

Tuition Town of Holden for Bessie O. Smart, 26 weeks, at 25c. 1903, \$6 50

WOOD ACCOUNT.

A. M. Harriman, wood delivered to Nos. 1, 2 3, and Corner	\$43 00
E. L. Bowden, same to Nos. 4, 5 and 10	34 81
Frank A. Bowden, same to Nos. 6, 7 and 8	35 00
A. W. King, same to No. 9	7 00
H. W. Hodgton, sawing and housing wood, Nos. 1, 2, 7, Cor	9 00
Leroy Rideout, same, No. 1	1 00
Thomas Baker, same, No. 4	3 28
Gordon Betts, same, No. 5	2 25
Frank H. Betts, same, No. 10	2 25
Asa W. Blanchard, same, No. 6	2 25
Arthur W. Hodgton, same, No. 3	2 25
Sherman Quimby, same, No. 8	1 50
Ernest Bowden, same, No. 9	1 50
W. W. Blanchard, moving wood	1 25

\$146 34

REPAIRS.

No. 1—Cleaning	\$ 2 50
No. 2— " and C. H. Hoyt's bill for material	3 38
No. 3— " materials for repairs	3 28
No. 4— " and painting outside	48 00
No. 5— " curtains, removing brush	5 70
No. 6— " dipper, fixing fence	4 05
No. 7— " and banking for 1902	7 00
No. 8— " banking, removing brush, painting interior	18 12

No. 9—Cleaning, minor repairs.....	\$2 50	
No. 10—“ banking, removing brush.....	4 25	
Corner—“ new windows, painting, papering, curtains 93 78		
		<hr/> \$192 56

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

School Charts.....	\$78 00	
American Book Co., Winslow's Arithmetic.....	19 77	
Smith & Sale, School Registers.....	2 25	
University Publishing Co., Copy Books and Geog.....	14 25	
J. L. Hammett, School Supplies.....	4 65	
Edward E. Babb & Co., Child Life 1st and 2nd Readers....	8 90	
D. H. Knowlton & Co., Spelling Blanks, Report Cards....	11 11	
Geo F. King & Co., Ink, Pens.....	4 65	
Silver, Burdett & Co., Sup. Readers.....	14 32	
W. Perkins & Son, Supplies.....	90	
K. Means, Supplies.....	96	
		<hr/> \$159 76

PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDS.

Balance last year.....	\$ 70 22	
Appropriated by town March, 1903.....	1,300 00	
Interest on town school fund.....	69 42	
State fund and mill tax.....	983 31	
		<hr/> \$2,422 95
Paid teachers.....	\$2,170 00	
Janitors.....	89 40	
Tuition to Town of Holden.....	6 50	
Wood.....	146 34	
		<hr/> \$2,412 24
Balance.....		<hr/> \$ 10 71

REPAIRS.

Balance last year.....	\$ 18 27	
Appropriated.....	175 00	
		<hr/> \$193 27
Paid out.....		192 56
		<hr/> \$ 71

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Balance last year.....	\$ 7 18	
Appropriated.....	225 00	
		<hr/> \$232 18
Paid out.....		159 76
		<hr/> \$ 72 42

Names of scholars who have applied for the town to pay their tuition under the Statute, "For the better education of youth," Chap. 68, P. L. 1903, are as follows: From Bucksport Seminary. Lillian Grey, Muriel Young, Onata Chapman, Flora Ryder. From Brewer High School. Sherman Quimby, Willis Nickerson, Prudence Lord, Ethel George.

NO. 1.

SPRING AND FALL TERMS—Mabel R. Fogg.

WINTER TERM—Charles C. Phillips.

This school is well graded. The classes are large and interesting and much good work has been done here during this year. The scholars welcomed Mrs. Fogg in the spring and regretted her resignation in the fall, but readily took up the work under Mr. Phillips, who proved himself an interested, able instructor. Quite a large class is about ready to enter a High School, and several are planning to try the examinations for the same this fall.

NO. 2.

Miss Nancy M. Gleason, an experienced teacher, from Cherryfield, Me., came to us highly recommended by school officials where she has taught. She has conducted the school for three terms in a pleasant, profitable manner. The classes in reading, especially, improved from day to day. The closing recitals showed advancement. There has been a good attendance here throughout the year, which is gratifying, proving the interest of parents and scholars.

CORNER.

SPRING TERM—Jessie L. Reed.

FALL AND WINTER TERMS—Lottie E. Mossler.

Made up of scholars between the ages of six and thirteen years this is, naturally, a difficult school to keep quiet and studious. This has been accomplished this year and the scholars show a marked proficiency in their studies.

NO. 3.

SPRING TERM—Clara D. Nickerson.

FALL AND WINTER TERMS—Lulu C. Nickerson.

The "Nickerson School," as it is commonly called, taught by the Misses Nickerson, was a profitable one. All were happy and contented at their work and in excellent order.

NO. 4.

SPRING TERM—Ella M. Whitcombe.

FALL TERM—Jessie L. Reed.

WINTER TERM—Ralph L. Kendall.

The work here has been hindered by an unavoidable change of teachers which is always detrimental to the best results. We were able to obtain well qualified and able instructors who did faithful work while they remained in the school. The scholars have been studious and attentive, and have made all advancement we could reasonably expect.

NO. 5

SPRING TERM—Alice R. Blake.

FALL AND WINTER TERMS—Kathleen Young.

The parents in this district are feeling well satisfied with the school work done by their children during the year. The instruction has been enthusiastic and thorough. The gain in scholarship is encouraging.

NO. 6.

We find here the smallest school in town. At many of my visits I have found but four scholars, while the largest number attending at any time during the year is seven. We do not find here the stimulus to study that we find in a larger school. We were fortunate to obtain Miss Alice M. Dodge for the spring and winter terms, while in the fall Miss Grace I. Thayer taught here her first school. Both teachers did good work. We regret the lack of scholars in this district as we have here an excellent room, well furnished and equipped for a large school.

NO. 7.

Mrs. Nellie E. Bowden's work for the year was excellent. The school greatly improved under her systematic teaching. All concerned feel that this has been a progressive year in the E. Orrington school.

NO. 8.

Employing one teacher for the school year proved successful here. The school was finely disciplined and satisfactory results obtained from the work of Miss Della T. Nelligan who taught the school for three terms.

NO. 9.

SPRING TERM—Lottie E. Mossler.

FALL TERM—Alice M. Dodge.

WINTER TERM—Issie M. Bowden.

This school, though small, is a very interesting one. All seem to appreciate the advantages given them, and by punctual, daily attendance and correct deportment are able to accomplish much. All recitals proved thorough work.

NO. 10.

SPRING TERM—Flora Ryder, Muriel Young.

FALL TERM—Muriel Young.

WINTER TERM—Grace I. Thayer.

Miss Ryder commenced the year's work under favorable conditions. All were enjoying the school when she was forced to leave on account of severe illness. Miss Young finished the spring term and continued the work in the fall very profitably. Miss Thayer took the school for the winter and successfully accomplished the task of teaching her home school. The work was hindered some by irregular attendance caused by sickness and the severe winter weather.

In a summary of the work of the year there is not much that is new to tell. The children have enjoyed all the advantages we could give them and have profited thereby.

A wise administration means good teachers first of all. It means thorough supervision, high standard of accomplishments and healthful surroundings. These are the objective points of our work. All teachers to do the best work must be students as well as good observers. Teachers of meagre knowledge do not appreciate the fact that every day they lose golden opportunities to broaden the scope of their instruction. High minded, diligent, progressive teachers, firm and just in their control, sympathetic and refined, exert an unmeasurable influence over their pupils and the results extend through their lives.

Our teachers have been mainly of this class and every day have worked faithfully. Their qualifications have been of a high grade. We have had College, Seminary, Academy, Normal and High School graduates and students.

The school-room is above all the *work room* of the child and that should not be lost sight of if he is to secure the best training for the future. Our schools have their weaknesses and their faults, but these can be remedied in large measure when the public ceases to contribute to them. Encouraged absences from school for any trivial reason is a serious obstacle to success. It may be a circus, parade, or some other gathering to which the child wishes to go and the school is depopulated. Add to these the regular holidays and our long vacations, and

is it any wonder that children learn to look upon the school as something else than a preparation for life and of supreme importance? That parents insist upon regular, punctual attendance is very important.

The Charts bought by the S. S. Committee have been used during the year and are excellent for the needs of the schools. Part payment has been made for them as you will note in the preceding pages, and the remaining money appropriated was refunded to the Town Treasurer to meet the next payment in September, 1904.

We have tried to spend the appropriation for repairs wisely. The school-house at S. Orrington was painted at a cost of \$45. We began to repair the room at the Corner and found so much more to be done than we anticipated that we hardly dared proceed. We did, however, and put the room in good condition, also the outbuildings, but had no balance left as the repairs on that room cost nearly \$100. The other expenditures along this line were for cleaning and banking and minor repairs. Most of the school-rooms need a few repairs in the coming year, and I recommend that \$175 be appropriated, the same as last year.

In Nos. 7 and 9 scholars have given good entertainments, the proceeds purchasing needed articles for the school-rooms.

I have paid the painters more for their services than heretofore, and the work has been more thorough in nearly every case. Scholars have received five cents per day in spring and fall and six in winter for the smaller school-houses and seven and ten for the others. Their duties are those of tending fires, sweeping, bringing wood and water and shoveling paths, which has been an important duty this past winter. The question of competent Janitors in an important one for the preservation of our school property.

Each year in the school work convinces me that the consolidation of the smaller schools be the policy of the Board. The classes in the schools are many and so small that a teacher cannot be able to give her best to every class. The pupils suffer from the want of the proper stimuli that large classes and many minds produce. I am sure that if a proper provision was made for reliable, comfortable transportation, that after a fair trial neither pupils nor parents would desire to return to the present conditions.

In conclusion will thank the Committee for its consideration and forbearance, the teachers for their earnest efforts to give the children their best, and the public for their generous, hearty co-operation. This is sincere and deserved by them.

Respectfully submitted,

BALNCHE K. BLAKE,

Superintendent.

Neither absent nor tardy:

SPRING TERM.—(No. 1.) Persis Ware, Alta Baker, Susie Hel-
 lier. (No. 2.) Ruth Dillingham, Everett Smith, Grace Smith. (No. 3.)
 Arthur Hodgton, Gertrude Hodgton. (No. 4.) Victor Atwood, Don-
 ald Gifford, Rex. Gifford, Leola Staples, Julia Rogers. (No. 6.)
 Asa Blanchard, Russell Bowden. (No. 8.) Goodrich Hewey, Mil-
 dred Ryder, Elmer Rogers, Homer Hatch, Leonard Greene, Onata
 Chapman. (Cor.) Willie Harriman, Vernon Smith, Ella Folsom,
 Harold Emery.

FALL TERM —(No. 1.) Forest Green, Percy Green, Persis Ware,
 Alta Baker, Olive Foster. (No. 2) Charles Fisher, Paul Blair.
 (No. 3.) Arthur Hodgton, Stanley Dodge, Hannah Dodge, Albert
 Brown. (No. 4.) Donald Gifford, Lilla Gifford, George Gifford.
 (No. 7.) Clarence Woodman. (No. 8.) Leonard Greene, Lawrence
 Greene, Homer Hatch, Mildred Ryder, Jennie Fowler, Arthur Wood-
 man, Mabel Woodman. (No. 9.) Ernest Bowden, Ethel King,
 Olive King, Inez Bowden, Gladeys King. (Cor.) Daniel Kendall,
 Vernon Smith.

WINTER TERM.—(No. 2.) Everett Smith, Jesse Bates, Martin
 Bates. (No. 7.) Orelle Grey. (Cor.) Willie Harriman, Lizzie
 Harriman.

Received of the Treasurer of the

of the sum of \$100.00 (One Hundred Dollars) for the purchase of the same, and the receipt of the same is hereby acknowledged.

Witness my hand and seal of office this 1st day of January, 1901.

