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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE SELECTMEN OF

THE TOWN OF ORRINGTON,

FOR THE YEAR 1863---'64.

Pay of Town Officers for 1863---'64.

Solomon Bolton, Superintending School Com.	\$36,25
J. W. Phillips, " " "	23,75
Geo. E. Chapin, " " "	15,68
Jos. Doane, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer,	55,85
Jos. Doane, Treasurer and services paying bounties,	50,00
Jos. Doane, services paying State aid,	15,00
Lincoln Wheelden, Selectmen, Assessor, and Overseer,	41,29
Jos. Rogers, " " "	28,45
Nathaniel Marston, Collector of Taxes,	58,50
Jesse H. Nickerson, Town Agent,	10,00
Interest on school for warning Town Meetings,	9,25
Elphaleet Nickerson, recording births and deaths,	15,48
	<hr/> \$359,50

Support of the Poor for 1863--'64.

Expenses of Benoni Baker's Girls,	\$35,17
Sarah Phipps, Boarding Benoni Baker's wife,	37,50
Town of Orneville, for supplies to J. Powers,	12,00
Robert Stubbs and others, aid to Dorinda Mansel,	188,04
Henry Rogers, for keeping Mrs. Billington,	128,08
Overseers of Brewer, keeping Mrs. Billington,	15,44
W. M. Baker and others, aid to Mrs. Billington,	16,00
Sewall N. Ryder, keeping Richard Ryder,	105,00
E. & L. Wheelden, for clothing to Mrs. Billington,	5,77
E. & L. Wheelden, for supplies to Richard Ryder,	40,83
Mrs. Blaisdell and Mrs. Marston, boarding Mrs. Fling,	9,32
N. H. Phillips and others, for supplies to Benoni Baker,	19,03
Barbara Swett, for keeping Almeda Harding,	4,00
Joseph Rogers, supplies to Mrs. Billington,	2,90

\$619,08

Roads and Bridges.

R. R. Smith, land for road,	\$99,00
Wm. R. George, do.	94,00
R. R. Loud, do.	30,00
J. E. Bowden and D. Appleton, building two sections new road,	493,05
Micajah Currier, building last section new road,	105,75
Albert Bowden, " third section "	299,00
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	\$1120,80

Miscellaneous Expenses.

D. Bugbee & Co., collector's book and stationery,	\$5,65
Warren Nickerson, taking care Town House,	3,00
J. D. Baker, expenses to Augusta,	7,68
Joseph Doane, do.	8,45
Nathan Nickerson, writing deed and stamp,	75
George Hathaway, for counsel in Blaisdell case and new road,	35,00
J. E. Godfrey, case on new road,	31,00
John A. Peters, counsel,	79,00
J. Freeman, plan, book and records of Oak Hill Cemetery,	5,00
Nathan Marston, abatement of taxes,	58. 12 21
Joseph Doane, stamps and postage,	221 354 00
Treasurer of school fund interest,	69,42
L. A. Chapin, repairing graveyard fence,	50
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	\$295,96

The Treasurer in account with the Town of Orrington. Dr.

To balance in the Treasury Feb. 25, 1864,	\$456,66
Money raised for the support of the poor,	600,00
" " " town charges,	400,00
" " " to pay interest on loans,	1000,00
Overlayings in assessments,	290,57
Highway deficiency,	35,94
Cash of W. S. Shaw, in part pay for poor house,	100,00
" " Town of Charleston, for expenses of Dorinda Mansel,	188,04
" " Joseph Doane, for sundry town tools,	1,50
W. S. Shaw's notes,	325,00
Abatement of J. Stubb's tax,	4,57
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	\$3402,28

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By Pay of town officers for 1863 and 1864,	\$359,50
Support of poor, 1863 and 1864,	619,08
Miscellaneous expenses,	295,96
Payment of loans,	531,74
W. S. Shaw's notes,	325,00
Paid on roads and bridges,	1120,80
Uncollected and non-resident taxes,	54,49
James Stubbs, tax abated,	4,57
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	91,14
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	\$3402,28

Statement of the Finances of the Town.

Uncollected non-resident taxes,	\$54,49
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	91,14
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	\$145,63

SCHOOL FUND.

Balance of school money due the several school districts, in the hands of the Treasurer, February 22d, 1865,	\$292,12
Amount raised,	1200,00
Bank tax received from the State,	159,77
Interest on school fund,	69,42
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	\$1721,31

APPORTIONED AS FOLLOWS:

No. of District.	No. of Scholars.	Apportionment.	Balance due in 1863.	Paid.	Now Due.
No. 1	49	\$102 90	\$77 58	\$177 91	\$2 57
No. 2	73	153 30	02	153 32	
No. 3	52	109 20	40 92	115 95	34 17
No. 4	67	140 70	1 65	105 80	36 55
No. 5	24	54 15		54 15	
No. 6	63	132 30	101 10	230 50	2 90
No. 7	123	258 30	5 65	263 95	
No. 8	34	71 40		38 25	33 15
No. 9	40	84 00	8 69	92 69	
No. 10	25	56 24	6 27	60 95	1 56
Cor. Dist ^{ct}	56	117 60	77	58 25	60 12
South "	71	149 10	124 87	152 87	121 10
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	677	\$1796 71	\$367 52	\$1504 59	\$292 12

Whole amount of money raised by town,	\$3200,00
State tax,	2847,94
County tax,	464,95
Overlaying in assessments,	290,57
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	\$6803,46

Town Valuation for 1864.

Real estate of residents,	\$217,691.00
Personal estate of residents,	99,605.00
Estates of non-residents,	16,200.00

Tax on \$100 is \$1.80.

No. of Polls, 396.

The foregoing report shows that the Town has in the Treasury \$91,14; also, there is due the town as follows:

Uncollected taxes,	\$54,49
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The expense for the poor for the ensuing year is estimated at \$500. Other town charges, \$400.

JOSEPH DOANE,	}	<i>Selectmen of Orrington.</i>
LINCOLN WHEELAN,		
JOSEPH ROGERS,		

Report of the Treasurer on Outstanding Notes and Payment of Bounties to Soldiers.

Outstanding notes on State aid,	\$815.00
" " of 1862,	2245.33
" " of 1863,	4186.00
" " of 1864,	10,963.27
Liabilities on new road,	2350.60
" on volunteers in September, 1864,	2500.00

Which shows the Town's indebtedness to be,	\$23,060.20
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The Treasurer has hired,	\$4747.29
Received from State,	600.00
Of J. Freeman,	305.98
On State aid,	892.23
Balance in Treasury in 1863,	10.80
	\$6556.30

PAID OUT BY THE TREASURER AS FOLLOWS:

On loans,	\$2415.22
To conscripts,	1600.00
To volunteers,	657.66
To soldiers' families, up to Dec. 31, 1864, to be re- funded by the State,	1786.90
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	96.52
	\$6556.30

JOSEPH DOANE, *Town Treasurer.*

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SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

FOR THE YEAR 1884.

Your Committee, in compliance with law, submit the following report:
The money raised for the support of Schools, is

From Town Assessments,	\$1200.00
“ State Funds,	159.77
“ School Fund,	69.42
Total,	\$1429.19
Number of Scholars in Town,	677
“ Attending Summer Schools,	413
Average number attending Summer Schools,	332
“ “ “ Winter Schools,	519
“ “ “ “ “ “	436
Per cent. of average attendance for year,	57
Average wages of Male Teachers, per month,	\$32.20
“ “ of Female “ per week,	2.52
“ length of Summer Schools, in weeks,	9
“ “ of Winter “	8.6
“ “ of Schools for year,	17.6
“ “ “ “ each term,	8.8

SUMMER SCHOOLS.

District No. 1. MISS FAUSTINA D. SNOW, TEACHER.

The school was not large. Good order prevailed, and a more than fair proficiency was obtained. A successful effort.

No. 2. MISS LOUISE I. DUNN.

Miss D. had her School well classed; a desideratum not always easily obtained. At the closing examination a class in Geography deserve *special* notice for their thoroughness; the written Arithmetic does not. The teacher is an efficient laborer, and manages her pupils with ease, because an undisturbed resolution never leaves her. A profitable school.

No. 3. MISS ANNIE E. PATTEN.

The interest in this school was indicated by a full attendance at the examination. The schoolroom was tastefully trimmed. The teacher labored with gratifying results.

No. 4. MISS CORDELIA E. RIDER.

The school diminished somewhat before its close, but without fault of the teacher, whose ambition was her pupils' interest. Experience equalizes discipline with an even hand.

No. 5. MISS MARTHA O. KING.

A very small and a very short school; but the teacher profited the time to the advancement of those under her charge.

No. 6. MISS AMANDA E. CHAPIN.

Whispering was ignored. Order and attainment good. Thoroughness is desirable, but it does not necessitate the too frequent practice of classes *always beginning*.

No. 7. MISS CHARLOTTE A. PHILLIPS. PRIMARY.

Near the close the school was decimated by the measles. Those present at the closing examination acquitted themselves well, especially in Reading and Spelling; showing a kindly and careful instruction.

No. 7. MISS SUSIE J. WHEELER. GRAMMAR.

The examination was interesting and thorough. The classes had carefully reviewed all the studies pursued with little advancement beyond former limits. A class in the Child's History was a capital innovation. Evergreens and bouquets lent a fragrance to the occasion.

No. 8. MISS GEORGIE A. BARSTOW.

Miss B. has a quiet and pleasant manner in the schoolroom. Order good. Improvement commendable. No whispering but the twining Oak leaves.

No. 9. MISS HATTIE S. WARDWELL.

The first visit was satisfactory. Notice of the close was not received by the Committee in season for a second investigation. Our impression is that it was a profitable term.

No. 10. MISS HATTIE Y. WENTWORTH,

Had a quiet and industrious school; therefore it made good attainment.

Corner. MISS ROSA A. BROOKS.

A successful experience gave the teacher prestige among her pupils, which increased as the term advanced; and the result of persistent efforts places Miss Brooks among our first Grammar school teachers. Good discipline. Decorations and music lent their relieving charms to the lengthy examination. The Third Reader class compares favorably with any in town.

South. MISS FANNIE G. HOXIE.

The large proportion of small scholars may excuse some confusion, as whispering and restlessness; but the teacher's urbanity and interest inspired emulation among her pupils and gave success to her efforts. It was a profitable school.

It affords your Committee pleasure to call attention to the unusual success of our Summer Schools. Although seven novitiates passed in review before a criticising and sometimes unmerciful public, they deported themselves as valiants. The reasons are obvious. First, they were intellectually qualified. Second, they were our kith and kin, indigenous to our soil. Third, they were disciplined in our Common Schools and knew the government required. Fourth, they received the general co-operation of parents. Under these circumstances they were stimulated to earnest endeavors, and were sensitive even at the shadow of a failure.

WINTER SCHOOLS.

District No. 1. MISS ANNETTE S. WARE, TEACHER.

This was a profitable term. The examination proved the mode of instruction thorough, and advancement good. Had some of the larger boys more dignity, the school would have come nearer the standard so desirable for all our schools.

No. 2. MR. A. W. CURTIS.

At the commencement this school was orderly, but at the close disorder prevailed more extensively than in any other school in town. Mr. C. is not a real worker, but takes things too much at his ease. Improvement fair.

No. 3. MISS SARAH A. SMITH.

This school progressed well for a few weeks, but that wholesome discipline *so much* needed in this District was laid aside, the teacher partially losing control over a few scholars. By vigorous effort the reins of government were more closely gathered, and the close showed more advancement than was expected. Miss Smith is a hard worker, and has the interest of her pupils at heart, and had all attended school with a thirst for knowledge, they might have drank deeper at the fountain.

No. 4. MR. GEO. E. CHAPIN.

This was a large school of small scholars. Out of forty-nine, only seven were over thirteen; thus the work of teaching did not draw so much upon the teacher's mental powers as upon his patience in keeping the little ones quiet; but, having the good will of all his pupils, a pleasant and profitable term was passed. There is some "good timber" in this school, and, if the right framers are employed, a first class school may be the result.

No. 5. MISS LAURA E. BURNS.

For particular reasons the Committee gave this school a thorough examination. The questions assigned from the Arithmetic and Algebra, were performed promptly, accurately and neatly; the other recitations were not a whit behind. In fact the school passed the most rigid examination, and but two questions were missed. Order poor. A careful example contributes to good order.

No. 6. MISS LOUISE H. SMITH.

This was a good school. Miss S. is a live teacher, at home in the school-room and a good disciplinarian. The examination was satisfactory to the committee and gratifying to the parents present.

No. 7. MR. JAMES F. DUDLEY. GRAMMAR.

Mr. D. sustained his reputation gained in No. 4 the Winter previous. This was emphatically a good school, and the citizens prove their appreciation of his services by patronizing his High School.

No. 7. MISS SUSIE J. WHEELER. PRIMARY.

The little ones appeared finely. All the classes acquitted themselves with credit, but a class in Oral Geography is deserving of special notice. The highest order prevailed.

No. 8. MISS HARRIETT A. MEADER.

Miss M. is a good scholar and a working teacher, but failed to give general satisfaction. Had she been more strict with one of the large scholars, and not overlooked his misdemeanors, more than in the small ones it would have been to her credit. The improvement was fair.

No. 9.

MR. GEO. E. CHAPIN.

This was a short term, but the scholars, especially the older ones, worked with a zeal seldom surpassed in a town school. Some of our first and most critical scholars are to be found in this school. The first class in Geography, eleven scholars, are deserving of much credit for the pains taken in drawing maps upon the board. The average attendance exceeds any school in town.

No. 10.

MISS LAURA E. BURNS.

Miss B. succeeded well in this District. Deportment and improvement good.

Corner.

MISS MARY J. BOLTON.

The school commenced under favorable circumstances and is still in progress with a good prospect of success. Miss Bolton is a good scholar and labors heartily for the interest of her pupils.

South.

MR. CHARLES H. ROGERS,

still marshals the infantry of the South. He has not been outflanked, nor compelled to beat a retreat. His army is kept at a maximum, by fresh recruits from the North, (No. 4.) Let the seven years lease be renewed!

You will notice that the Winter schools have been attended with varied success. Some have fully met the expectations of the Committee, while others have merely shadowed in such a direction. It is with much reluctance that we give as one chief reason for partial failures, that several female teachers were installed where male teachers were wont to dictate. Some may say, Does this not meet the recommendation of the Committee and the exigency of the times? True; but ten-pennies will not fasten a ship, neither are tree-nails suitable for parlor finish. Discrimination is wanted, that there be a correspondency of parts to secure the object designed, and surely present emergencies do not necessitate unbridled toleration. Peculiar schools require peculiar teachers: and if we must dispense with the majority of our male instructors, the most rigid care on the part of the District officers is indispensably necessary in selecting those females who will not scruple to correct the larger boys and speedily turn them over to the *merciful hands* of the Committee at the instant of their rebellion. We are earnest upon this point, for it is the crisis of our schools. Teachers must resort to the old custom of "boarding round," that our schools may be lengthened, or such female teachers must be employed whom we *know* will economise a school during the short terms we have, and make no compromise with independent and dictatorial pupils. With more tact and less timidity this may be readily done. And, *providing* these suggestions have their proper influence, we still recommend the engagement of female teachers in many of the winter schools.

By comparing this with the last report, you will find the number of scholars in town diminished ten per centum, and the receipts from the State Fund forty-one per centum. Under the present system of National Banking, for the year ensuing the town will have no recourse to a bank revenue, thus reducing the amount for support of schools two hundred and seventy dollars and seventy-seven cents. (\$270 77) Under ordinary circumstances your Committee would have no hesitancy in recommending a sum for this deficiency; but as long as special assessments and heavy loans are necessary to replete our veteran and victorious armies, they refrain from bringing the subject to your action, further than this: that, as individuals and districts, a liberal manner be entertained towards the support of private instruction, and an increased devotion towards the highest success of our public schools.

We would call to your notice the successful term of High School now in session at East Orrington, under the direction of Mr. Dudley of Bowdoin College.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. WYMAN PHILLIPS, }
 GEORGE E. CHAPIN, } S. S. Committee.
 SOLOMON BOLTON, }

STATISTICS.

SUMMER SCHOOLS.

No. Dist.	By Whom Taught.	Residence.	No. Days.	No. of Schol. Reg'd.	Avg Atten.	Wages
No. 1	Miss Faustina D. Snow,	Orrington,	55	24	16	\$1 50
No. 2	Miss Louisa I. Dunn,	Orrington,	60	46	39	2 50
No. 3	Miss Annie E. Patten,	Hampden,	44	33	26	2 00
No. 4	Miss Cordelia E. Ryder,	Orrington,	50	42	32	2 00
No. 5	Miss Martha O. King,	Orrington,	33	10	9	1 75
No. 6	Miss Amanda E. Chapin,	Orrington,	55	37	30	2 50
No. 7	{ Prim. Miss C. A. Phillips,	Orrington,	55	41	35	2 25
	{ Gram. " S. J. Wheeler,	Orrington,	55	22	18	2 75
No. 8	Miss Georgie A. Barstow,	Orrington,	43	21	18	1 75
No. 9	Miss Hattie S. Wardwell,	Penobscot,	50	30	23	2 17
No. 10	Miss Hattie Y. Wentworth	Bucksport,	44	18	14	1 25
Corner.	Miss Rosa A. Brooks,	Orrington,	55	40	32	2 50
South.	Miss Fannie G. Hoxie,	Orrington.	50	49	40	1 50

WINTER.

No. 1	Miss Annette S. Ware,	Orrington,	55	40	35	\$4 75
No. 2	Mr. A. W. Curtis,	Bucksport,	46	55	45	30 00
No. 3	Miss Sarah A. Smith,	Orrington,	60	41	33	3 00
No. 4	Mr. George E. Chapin,	Orrington,	44	49	44	36 00
No. 5	Miss Laura E. Burns,	Orrington,	38	24	19	2 50
No. 6	Miss Louise H. Smith,	Hampden,	61	41	33	4 50
No. 7	{ Prim. Miss S. J. Wheeler	Orrington,	46	33	30	3 00
	{ Gram. Mr. J. F. Dudley,	Hampden,	47	48	41	38 00
No. 8	Miss Harriett A. Meader,	Atkinson,	33	33	26	3 00
No. 9	Mr. George E. Chapin,	Orrington,	39	33	32	22 00
No. 10	Miss Laura E. Burns,	Orrington,	44	26	21	1 75
Corner.	Miss Mary J. Bolton,	Brewer,	55	46	34	4 00
South.	Mr. Charles H. Rogers,	Orland,	44	50	43	35 00

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