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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER AND S. S. COMMITTEE

OF THE

Town of Scarborough,

FOR THE

Year ending March 8, 1875.

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REPORT.

Outstanding Town Notes.

Nos.	Amount.	Nos.	Amount.	Nos.	Amount.	Nos.	Amount.
16	\$219 10	206	216 16	305	165 00	329	1,600 00
17	248 30	208	152 59	306	400 00	331	100 00
31	200 00	219	300 00	310	100 00	332	223 55
32	300 00	223	600 00	313	1,400 00	333	1,048 68
58	96 92	226	500 00	318	500 00	334	100 78
70	400 00	230	100 00	319	676 00	335	500 00
89	1,667 00	231	400 00	320	114 33	337	102 00
106	300 00	239	1,000 00	321	114 33	338	110 80
160	214 85	240	450 00	322	350 00	340	85 20
164	400 00	246	90 00	324	958 00	341	200 00
169	600 00	263	112 00	325	1,968 00	342	900 00
170	500 00	273	100 00	326	5,000 00		
183	600 00	285	175 00	327	1,100 00		\$29,261 59
202	153 00	286	1,250 00	328	100 00		

Bills Paid the Present Year, contracted prior to Mar.

9, 1874.

J. L. Larrabee, for lumber in District No. 29,	\$ 3 54
Charles McKenney, bridge plank,	19 87
F. S. Frost, establishing limits of School District No. 7,	3 00
Sewell Milliken, error in tax for 1873,	1 93
Charles Rounds, taking care of Town House,	3 00
Woodbury S. Libby, services in full as overseer for 1873.	250 00
Robert McLawlin, " " S. S. Committee,	30 00
Town of Pownal, for medical aid for Elizabeth Dodd,	12 25
Mark Libby, abatement on tax, 1871,	5 00
James F. Small, services as S. S. Committee,	9 00
Eustis & Castell, printing town report for 1873,	20 00
Samuel F. Teague, for use of pile driver and labor on Turnpike and Warren bridges,	18 50
Augustus F. Moulton, services as S. S. Committee,	20 00
George W. Carter, labor on road, District No. 12,	5 00
Seth L. Plummer, abatement on tax, 1873,	4 00
	\$405 09

Orders drawn for Expenses of Poor at Farm.

Thomas C. Carter, seed barley,	\$5 00
J. M. Thurstin, sawing lumber,	3 50
M. F. Moody, blacksmith work,	11 60
S. L. Waterhouse, insurance on farm buildings,	23 50
Lemuel Milliken, supplies for farm,	47 67
Freedom Milliken, " " "	133 87
Samuel Chase, Saco, " " "	105 85
O.F. Carpenter & Co, " " "	31 86
Woodbury S. Libby, " " "	164 88
Woodbury S. Libby, salary in part as overseer, 1874,	195 00
" " " due in full,	45 00
Granville McKenney, ox sled,	10 00
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	\$777 73

Of the above bills for supplies, \$34 53 was due Mar. 9, 1874.

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By 1 Pair Oxen,	177 50
" 1 Cow,	30 00
" 2 Calves,	12 00
" 6 Lambs,	20 85
" Poultry,	9 70
" Butter, eggs and beans,	79 61
" Joseph Hobson, for lumber,	29 65
" Labor on roads and drawing lumber,	177 00
" Town of Gorham, for support of Charles Cook,	7 00
" 39 7-8 lbs. wool,	12 75
" Sweet Corn,	52 83
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	\$608 89

Cost of Poor at farm, above income,	\$168 84
Paid Ansel Dunphe, taking care of A. Coolbroth in his last sickness,	45 00
D. F. Littlefield, goods furnished Samuel Chute, Saco,	9 45
Charles F. Tibbetts, " " Abigail Walker,	3 00
N. Shannon, medical attendance of A. Coolbroth,	13 15
William Deering, boarding and tending children of J. Morse,	38 00
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Total cost of Poor, \$277 44

Five hundred and sixty meals have been furnished to more than 200
traups, with lodgings.

Mrs. Julia Graffam was carried to the farm early in the season, in a delicate state of health. She continued to decline, and, after a few months, died. Her infant child was bound out to Benjamin Richards soon after her death, but survived but a few weeks. There are now only five permanent inmates on the farm.

Roads and Bridges.

Horace Wright, labor on road in District No. 6,	\$17 50
Josiah Graffam, labor on bridge near I. Milliken,	12 00
William W. Jose, gravel for road in District No. 10,	10 00
Charles Libby, labor on road in District No. 6,	2 00
W. F. Remick, labor on road in District No. 20,	32 42
Elisha Collins, gravel furnished District No. 11,	2 00
Harvey Collins, labor in District No. 11,	6 50
Charles W. McKenney, bridge plank,	71 60
Howard Scamman, labor on bridge near I. Milliken,	11 40
Eben S. Libby, grading new road across B. M. R. Road,	12 00
Ira Milliken, labor and lumber for bridge near I. Milliken,	45 00
Richard Leavitt, labor in District No. 22,	4 00
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	\$226 42

2500 feet of plank are on hand.

Amount Paid for Contingent Expenses.

Peter Bradley, loss of horse by defect in road near William Warren's,	\$85 00
Robert M. Skillins, loss of horse by defect in road near Dennis Green's,	100 00
A. M. Quimby, damage to horse by defect in road near John Trickey's,	75 00
John A. Milliken, services as clerk,	25 00
William Moulton, perambulating town line between Saco and Scarboro and setting monuments,	7 00
Hoyt & Fogg, stationery,	12 65
George W. Pillsbury, damage to horse, sleigh and harness near Charles Milliken's,	17 50
Insane Hospital, bill of Hannah E. Dyer,	61 00
John Libby, 4th, discount on taxes paid Jan. 15, 1875,	890 49
Ebenezer Libby, services as treasurer,	50 00
Johnson Libby Leavitt, services as selectman, assessor and overseer,	91 50
Seth Scamman, services as selectman, assessor, overseer of poor and town agent,	83 00

Benjamin F. Carter, services as selectman, assessor and overseer of poor,	80 50
Granville McKenney, services as S. S. Committee,	20 00
" " " " auditor for 1873-4,	12 75
" " " " deputy clerk,	4 21
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	\$1,615 60

New Road.

Samuel Teague, for building bridge across New River,	\$100 00
Ephraim Harmon, post to rail, new road,	45 50
Emery & Waterhouse, for nails, new road,	8 75
Richard Leavitt, gravelling road at Blue Point,	150 00
B. F. Carter, posts to rail, new road,	9 24
John A. Milliken, labor on road at Dunston,	10 00
Joseph Milliken, railing new road " "	43 94
B. F. Carter, drawing lumber,	5 00
Charles W. McKenney, rails,	31 73
Seth Scamman, ox labor,	6 00
Richard Leavitt, railing new road, Blue Point,	31 20
" " grading new road, Dunston Landing,	33 50
Joseph Snow, labor on " " "	3 00
L. Pillsbury, " " " "	6 00
W. S. Dennett, surveying excavation, Blue Point,	6 00
Richard Leavitt, grading new road from Blue Point to Pine Point.	304 14
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	\$794 00

Dresser Road, Laid out by County Commissioners.

Land damage,	\$480 00
Commissioners' bill,	64 83
Cost of building road,	412 00
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Whole cost of road,	\$956 83
There has been paid to George W. Carter for building road,	\$370 00
Charles L. Milliken, for building road,	22 00
Wilber F. Dresser, for land damage,	174 00
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	\$566 00
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Now due,	\$390 83

Account with the Several School Districts, 1874.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Dr.			Cr.
To James F. Small,	\$ 8 50	By balance, 1874,	\$ 25 78
S. A. Larrabee,	56 00	Appropriation,	129 70
S. A. Larrabee,	90 00	Overdrawn,	11 02
Charles L. Robinson,	12 00		
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	\$166 50		\$166 50

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Dr.			Cr.
To Phineas Foss,	\$ 15 75	By balance,	\$ 85 56
Sarah O. Bean,	60 00	Appropriation,	284 51
James F. Coolbroth,	15 00		
George P. Libby,	27 00		
George W. Libby,	4 70		
Oakes Perry,	49 50		
O. F. Perry,	126 50		
By balance,	71 62		
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	\$370 07		\$370 07

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Dr.			Cr.
To George W. Johnson,	\$140 00	By balance,	\$176 30
Nicholas Hanson,	2 25	Appropriation,	230 12
John S. Libby,	14 00		
Eveline Libby,	25 00		
Lizzie E. Johnson,	50 00		
S. L. Waterhouse,	9 00		
By balance,	166 17		
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	\$406 42		\$406 42

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Dr.			Cr.
To George H. Boothby,	\$125 00	By balance,	\$170 90
Isaac B. Lewis,	26 00	Appropriation,	217 57
C. F. Moulton,	15 00		
M. E. Leavitt,	70 00		
Stephen Haines,	105 00		
James M. Leavitt,	17 00		
By balance,	30 47		
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	\$388 47		\$388 47

DISTRICT No. 5.

Dr.			Cr.
To Electra Files,	\$ 62 50	By balance,	\$ 27 81
S. H. Hatch,	150 00	Appropriation,	267 78
S. W. Wilson,	76 35		
By balance,	6 74		
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	\$295 59		\$295 59

DISTRICT No. 6.

Dr.			Cr.
To Olive F. Perry,	\$ 60 00	By balance,	\$ 8 07
Hugh Milliken,	30 00	Appropriation,	259 41
Ira W. Milliken,	112 50		
Benjamin W. Leavitt,	16 50		
Hugh Milliken,	4 00		
By balance,	44 48		
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	\$267 48		\$267 48

DISTRICT No. 7.

Dr.			Cr.
To Robert McLaughlin,	\$104 00	By balance,	\$138 39
John Libby, 4th,	27 00	Appropriation,	192 47
George W. Pillsbury,	13 00		
Florence A. Fogg,	66 00		
C. F. Andrews,	100 00		
By balance,	20 86		
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	\$330 86		\$330 86

DISTRICT No. 10.

Dr.			Cr.
To William Moulton,	\$ 38 50	By balance,	\$ 53 63
A. S. Stewart,	42 00	Appropriation,	188 28
Benjamin F. Carter,	15 00		
William Moulton,	120 00		
By balance,	26 41		
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	\$241 91		\$241 91

DISTRICT No. 11.

Dr.		Cr.	
To M. P. Hunnewell,	\$ 5 25	By balance,	\$ 84 02
T. A. Libby,	9 75	Appropriation,	313 80
Lizzie E. Johnson,	70 00		
Jennie C. Libby,	52 00		
Freedom Libby,	5 85		
Neal Devine,	22 00		
John Hearn,	157 50		
By balance,	75 47		
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	\$397 82		\$397 82

DISTRICT No. 13.

Dr.			Cr.
To S. H. Hatch,	\$127 50	By balance,	\$148 98
J. B. Sherman,	7 88	Appropriation,	221 76
W. D. Libby,	8 00		
Carrie E. Pennell,	48 00		
John S. Larrabee,	27 00		
C. W. Rogers,	118 00		
By balance,	34 36		
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	\$370 74		\$370 74

UNION DISTRICT.

Dr.			Cr.
To William W. Jose,	\$37 00	By balance,	\$ 37
John H. Harmon,	97 00	Appropriation,	133 89
By balance,	26		
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	\$134 26		\$134 26

We have settled with Treasurer, Ebenezer Libby, and report as follows.

Balance in the Treasury, March 9, 1874,.....	\$3,783 49
Received of C. F. Moulton, on tax bills of 1872,.....	100 00
Interest on bills of 1872,.....	15 85
Received of Freedom Milliken on bills of 1873,.....	3,381 11
of John Libby, 4th on bills of 1874,.....	6,605 62
from State School Fund,.....	1,027 45
from income from town farm,.....	243 08
of Charles and Jordan Moulton, taxes 1871,.....	7 17
of Moses Chapman, taxes 1871,.....	4 97
Registered taxes, 1871,.....	21 00
L. Parrott, taxes 1871,.....	3 62
Notes issued by Treasurer,.....	2,296 00
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	\$17,489 36
Amount paid out as per voucher,.....	15,551 84
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Leaving a balance in the Treasury,.....	\$1,937 52
We find in the hands of Freedom Milliken, cash,.....	\$926 56

Liabilities.

Outstanding Notes,.....	\$29,361 59
" Orders,.....	683 02
Estimated interest now due,.....	700 00
Balance due School Districts,.....	476 84
Estimated outstanding demands,.....	550 00
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	\$31,771 45

Availabilities.

Due on tax bills of Freedom Milliken, for 1873,.....	\$3,833 13
" " " " John Libby, 4th, 1874,.....	5,627 01
Tax Deeds for 1871 and 1872, including costs and interest,...	60 35
Cash balance in Treasury,.....	1,937 52
Due on the Newcomb property about,.....	85 00
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	\$11,542 01
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Town Debt,.....	\$20,223 44
Town Debt in 1874, was,.....	\$24,764 04
Town Debt reduced in 1875,.....	\$4,540 60

Expenditures.

For new road,.....	\$ 794 00
Dresser road,.....	566 00
Support of Poor,.....	277 44

Support of Road and Bridges,.....	226 42
Contingent expenses,.....	1,615 60
Bills paid the present year, contracted prior,.....	405 09
Schools,.....	2,870 44
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	\$6,754 99

Inventory.

Town Farm,.....	\$ 2,800 00
Clay Pitts,.....	100 00
1 Yoke of Oxen,.....	150 00
3 Cows, \$120 00 ; 7 Sheep, \$50 00 ; 1 Shoat, \$12 00 ; Fowls, \$10 00,.....	192 00
10 Tons English Hay, \$150 00 ; Mowing Machine, \$80 00..	230 00
Horse Rake, \$10 00 ; Ox Yokes, Bows, Rings and Staples \$10 00,.....	20 00
Harrow \$5 00 ; Cultivator, \$3 00 ; Rakes and Forks, \$2 00,	10 00
1 pr. Ox Wheels, Cart, Racks, \$40 00 ; 2 Ploughs, \$10 00..	50 00
Shovels, Hoes, Axes and Saws, \$6 00 ; Tackle and Fall, \$4 50,	10 50
Pung, \$2 00 ; Grindstone, \$4 00 ; Set of Sleds, \$25 00 ; Wood Sled, \$10 00,.....	41 00
1-2 Bbl. of Pork, \$15 00 ; 3 Bushels Beans, \$10 00 ; Lot of Potatoes, \$35 00,.....	60 00
Flour and Groceries,.....	20 00
Household Furniture, Beds, Bedding, Crockery, Tin and Wooden Ware,.....	120 00
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	\$3,803 50

Money raised by Town in 1874.

For roads and bridges,.....	\$ 700 00
Poor and contingent,.....	2,000 00
Town debt and interest,.....	8,000 00
Schools,.....	1,400 00
Overlay,.....	132 63
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Total amount raised for Town purposes,.....	\$12,232 63
State Tax,.....	3,532 74
County Tax,.....	927 91

Total amount raised by the Town,.....\$16,693 28

Eleven thousand, and sixty-six dollars and twenty-seven cents was paid to the Collector on discount, enabling him to pay the State and County taxes in full, and \$6,605 62 cents to the Treasurer,

which, with other resources he has decreased the liabilities of the town, \$4,540 60, a conclusive argument in favor of continuing to collect our taxes by discount. No one can fail to see that the financial prosperity of the town depends *very much* upon the *prompt* payment of the taxes assessed *within the year*, and appropriated at once to the purpose designed.

Experience is also showing us very conclusively that our present system of repairing roads is defective. In many cases there is great want of interest or feeling of responsibility on the part of Surveyors and others whose interest it should be to have good roads. One-half days work by a man would have saved the town from paying about \$300 00 damages the present year, occasioned by defects in the road through negligence, and it is earnestly hoped the town will adopt some policy looking to a better state of things in the future.

JOHNSON LIBBY,	} Selectmen of Scarboro'.
SETH SCAMMON.	
BENJAMIN F. CARTER.	

Auditor's Certificate.

I hereby certified, that I have examined the several accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer and compared the books and vouchers, and find the items properly vouched and accounts correctly cast.

GRANVILLE MCKENNEY, Auditor

Scarboro, Feb. 27, 1875.

Treasurer's Report, March, 1875.

Dr.	
To paid notes by cash	\$4,632 16
" " " renewal	1,096 00
" for interest on notes outstanding and taken up.....	2,328 82
" town orders and other outstanding bills against the town (amounting to)	7,494 86
Cash in the treasury	1,937 52
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	\$17,489 36

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By cash in the treasury as per last report, February, 1874..	\$3,783 49
New notes issued (amount)	1,200 00
Notes renewed (amount)	1,096 00
Cash received of Freedom Milliken, collector on bills, 1872, since last settlement (February 19, 1874)...	3,381 11
" received of John Libby, 4th, collector on bills of 1874	6,605 62
" received of State Treasurer, for school funds.....	1,027 45
" of Cyrus F. Moulton, balance in full on bills of 1872	100 00
Also additional sum for interest	15 85
Cash received for interest and cost on non-resident taxes.	36 76
" of selectmen, derived from town farm.....	243 08
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	\$17,489 36

March 1, 1875.

EBENEZER LIBBY, Treasurer.

Report of the Superintending School Committee.

DISTRICT No. 1, BEECH HILL.

Summer and Fall terms taught by *Miss Sarah A. Larrabee*. For several years this has been a very small school, and there seems to be no increase, either in numbers or interest. Yet the teacher appeared to be devoted to her work, and the progress of the school was as good as could be expected.

DISTRICT No. 2, BLACK POINT.

Summer term taught by *Miss Sarah O. Bean*. This school was characterized by its strict order, and by the thoroughness manifested in the mode of instruction. It presented, upon the whole, a very satisfactory appearance.

Winter term taught by *Miss Olive Perry*. This school has been fortunate in having a succession of first-class teachers. This term was a long one, being five and one-half months, and during the last month, owing in part to sickness and in part to some cause unknown to us, there was a great falling off in numbers, and at our last visit there were very few scholars present. Those who were present, however, gave evidence that their time had not been spent in vain.

DISTRICT No. 3, LIBBY.

Summer term taught by *Miss Lizzie E. Johnson*, who proved herself an efficient teacher. She took much pains to give her pupils thorough instruction. The closing examination was highly satisfactory.

Winter term, *Mr. George W. Johnson*, teacher. This school is still in progress at the writing of this report.

DISTRICT No. 4, BLUE POINT.

Summer term, *Miss Mary E. Leavitt*, teacher. This school, under the care of Miss Leavitt, was conducted pleasantly and well.

Winter term, *Mr. Stephen Haines*, teacher. The term was quiet and orderly, and a very fair degree of improvement was manifested.

DISTRICT No. 5, DUNSTAN.

Summer term, *Miss Electra Files*, teacher. Miss Files is a teacher of experience, and is well qualified to give instruction. There was, however, as the teacher herself expressed it, a want of success "in getting hold of the attention of the scholars." As a whole the work of the term may be characterized as moderately successful.

Winter term, *Mr. Sylvanus H. Hatch*, teacher. Mr. Hatch is a quiet, thorough teacher, and did, as he has heretofore done in the same school, good and profitable work. Special attention was given to writing, a branch of learning sadly neglected in most of our schools. Mr. H. does not confine himself to the text of any book, but explains and illustrates a subject in his own way, and with great clearness.

DISTRICT No. 6, SCOTTOW HILL.

Summer term, Miss Olive Perry, teacher. Miss Perry is too well known as a first-class teacher to need any commendation from us. Suffice it to say that during this term she fully sustained her former reputation.

Winter term, *Ira W. Milliken*, teacher. In regard to this school it is difficult to express an opinion. The term was, in fact, of little profit. The school house is an exposed place, difficult of access; the weather was cold and the scholars mostly small. As a consequence, the attendance was extremely irregular. The teacher performed his duties as well as could be expected under the circumstances, and the school made some progress.

DISTRICT No. 7, BEECH RIDGE.

Summer term, taught by Miss Florence S. Fogg. Miss F. is a thorough scholar, earnest, faithful and indefatigable in her work and capable of imparting the knowledge she possesses. With such a teacher it is almost needless to say the term was a profitable one.

Winter term, *Mr. Charles Andrews*, teacher. This teacher, though well qualified to give instruction, seemed wanting in capacity for government. But as we found very few scholars present at each visit, not enough to warrant an opinion of the general character of the school, we will neither censure nor praise the teacher's efforts.

DISTRICT No. 10, BROAD TURN.

Summer term, taught by Miss Abbie S. Stuart. Miss Stuart is a teacher of much experience and of good abilities. The term was one of more than average profit.

Winter term, *Mr. William Moulton*, teacher. This is the third winter Mr. M. has had charge of this school, and the third time, also, that we have had occasion to speak of his work in terms of commendation. Free use was made of black boards, reading charts and wall maps, and the advancement made in Arithmetic, Reading and Geography proves the value of those helps in the hands of a working teacher.

DISTRICT No. 11, OAK HILL.

Summer term, Miss Lizzie E. Johnson, teacher. Both teacher and scholars appeared to be interested in their work, and the mode of instruction was very satisfactory, but the discipline of the school did not come up to our ideas of what it should be. In other respects the school presented a very good appearance.

Fall term, Miss Lizzie Libby, teacher. This was Miss Libby's first attempt at teaching, and judging from the appearance of the school she succeeded tolerably well.

Winter term, Mr. John Hearn, teacher. This school appeared well at the commencement. Mr. Hearn seemed to have secured that which has been the one difficult point in times past, viz: good order. The recitations were very good; there was a full attendance, and the school presented, upon the whole, a very satisfactory appearance. In consequence of its closing before we were aware, we did not visit it the second time, and are therefore unable to report as to its progress.

DISTRICT No. 13, COAL KILN.

Summer term, Miss Carrie E. Pennell, teacher. Miss Pennell, having had but little experience in teaching, we gave such advice at the commencement as was thought to be most needed, as we had fears in regard to her success. Not having been notified of the close of the school, we are unable to report its progress.

Winter term, Mr. Charles Rogers, teacher. Here we found a young teacher, evidently not acquainted with the management of common schools. He maintained good order throughout. During the recitations we saw many things to commend, especially in the reading classes. We will report this an average school. A few dollars expended upon the school-room, in repairs, would have added to the comfort and convenience of the school.

In accordance with the requirements of the law, we herewith offer our report "of the condition of the schools for the past year." The financial exhibit is as follows:

Money raised by Town in 1874.....	\$ 1,400 00
Received from Mill Tax.....	610 59
Received from Savings Bank and School Fund.	428 74
Total,	\$ 2,439 33

Amount of Money per scholar, \$4 18.4. Whole number of scholars in town, 583.

We have appended to this report a table showing the proportional amount for each District, the wages of teachers, the attendance, &c., believing that these facts of general interest will be found convenient for reference in that form.

We have found the schools in general, prosperous, and the past year compares favorably in school matters with previous years. The school houses in town are in very good condition, with two exceptions. In Districts Nos. 1 and 6, the buildings, though tolerably comfortable, are inferior to the others in convenience and in general appearance.

We have to request the Agents of the various districts to pay more regard to the statute which requires them to give written notice to the S. S. Committee of the commencement and close of their schools; as it is obviously impossible for the members of the Committee to inform themselves with certainty in these particulars. Had the fines to which many Agents in this town have made themselves liable been enforced, they would have amounted to no inconsiderable sum.

Attention is called, also, to the law passed at the last session of our State Legislature, which *requires* all children between the ages of nine and fifteen to attend school, at least twelve weeks in each year.

The Committee recommend to the Districts that they each purchase a set of wall maps for their school rooms. The first cost of these maps is not great, and \$10 00 is the introductory price, and once obtained they will with proper care last many years. These maps will be found valuable helps to the scholars, since it is often easy to learn by seeing that which it is difficult to understand by hearing only. The absence in our school rooms of such helps to learning is to be regretted.

The Committee wish to make a change in reading books, and have asked an appropriation from the town to defray the expense. We believe it better for the town to bear the cost than to allow it to rest upon individuals, as it will frequently weigh most heavily upon those least able to bear it. The books now in use are out of date and of inferior quality. They are uninteresting to such a degree that there is scarcely a district in town where the scholars in the higher classes have not of their own accord introduced some other books, thus unnecessarily increasing the number of reading classes. We acknowledge the objections to a frequent change of books, but believe that this town has not had enough experience in that direction of late years to justify any fault-finding on its part.

Our town has done, and is doing, for its schools, quite as well as the average of towns in this county. But that is not sufficient; we ought to be among the first. Perhaps it would be better to say we ought to bring our schools to the highest possible degree of excellence without regard to others. There is need of great care in the selection of teachers. In educational as in other matters the best is cheapest. The agent should never make the question of wages precedent to that of the teacher's abilities. We cannot be too careful of our schools. In them now are the

men and women of the future, and the character of our town and people hereafter will depend very much upon the present character of our common schools.

Feb. 27, 1875. **GRANVILLE MCKENNEY,** } **S. S. Committee**
JAMES H. SMALL, } **of**
Scarborough.

Statistics of the Schools of Scarborough, for the year ending March, 1875.

	Number of District.	Whole number of Scholars.	AGENT.	TEACHER.	Whole Attendance		Average Attendance.		Length of School in Days.	Amt. of Money for Each District.	Wages of Teacher.
					Summer.	Winter.	Summer.	Winter.			
1	31	Charles Robinson.	Sarah A. Larrabee.	14			12		40	\$129 70	\$28 00
2	68	Geo. W. Libby.	Sarah A. Larrabee.*							284 51	32 00
3	55	Dennis S. Greene.	Sarah O. Bean.*	20	42		15	27	110	230 12	30 00
4	52	James Leavitt.	Olive F. Perry.*		25			18	65	217 57	40 00
5	64	S. W. Wilson.	Lizzie E. Johnson.	36	31		23	22	50	267 78	28 00
6	62	Benj. Leavitt.	Geo. W. Johnson.	33	45		24	37	50	259 41	45 00
7	46	Geo. W. Pillsbury.	Mary E. Leavitt.*	19	22		16	13	60	192 47	30 00
10	45	Benj. F. Carter.	Stephen Haines.	20	26		16	22	50	188 23	40 00
11	75	Freedom Libby.	Electra Files.	39	27		31		50	313 80	26 00
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