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TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1885.

TOWN CLERK,
WALTER J. DOWNS.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

A. H. ROBERTS,
N. W. CARPENTER,
NATHAN CLOUGH.

TREASURER,
JERE B. SCRIBNER.

TOWN AGENT.
EDWIN B. HANSON.

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,
GEORGE P. CHASE.

AUDITOR,
WARREN C. DOWNS.

COLLECTOR AND CONSTABLE,
JOSEPH C. ROBERTS.

AGENT ON TOWN FARM,
DARLIN P. KNIGHT.

ANNUAL REPORT
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OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

We, the undersigned, Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, herewith submit our annual report for the municipal year beginning March 1st, 1885, and ending Feb. 28th, 1886.

VALUATION OF THE TOWN FOR THE YEAR 1885:

Resident Estate,	\$167,654 00	
Non-resident Real Estate,	42,036 00	
Total Estates,		\$209 690 00
No. of Polls, 334; at \$2 00, \$688 00		
Tax cast at 36 Mills on the Dollar.		

APPROPRIATIONS.

State Tax,	\$1,404 96	
County Tax,	409 84	
Town Schools,	1,185 60	
Support of Poor,	600 00	
Incidental Expenses,	600 00	
Grand Army Decorations,	50 00	
Anniversary Celebration,	300 00	
Ruel W. Ricker, Town Order,	240 00	
Portland Bridge,	160 00	
Town Bonds,	2,000 00	
Interest on Town Bonds,	1,020 00	
Overlay,	266 44	
Total appropriations,		\$8,236 84
Highway Tax returned,	\$150 91	

For Town Clerk,

CLARENCE H. KNIGHTS.

For Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers
of the Poor,

RUEL W. RICKER,

JOHN H. CHASE,

GEORGE W. ROBERTS.

For Treasurer,

FRANK W. BLAISDELL.

For Supervisor of Schools,

FRANK H. HOBBS.

For Town Agent,

ELBRIDGE SAWYER.

For Auditor,

JOHN HARPER.

*Madagascar
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*Resubscribed
March 21st 1885*

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DISBURSEMENTS.

Whole number of Orders drawn, 12; amounting to	\$6,574 52
ORDER No. 1. Appropriation to decorate Soldiers' Graves, May 30, 1885, William A. Follette,	\$50 00
ORDER No. 2. Abatement of taxes to J. M. Harper, Collector for 1884:	
Wilbur J. Butland,	\$2 00
Russell E. Briant,	2 00
Charity Clark,	6 60
John Chick,	2 00
John F. Carpenter,	2 00
Charles Durgin,	2 00
Thatcher Emery,	2 00
Levi Jellerson,	2 00
Lorenzo Jellerson,	2 00
Charles G. McKenney,	3 15
Charles H. Nason, 1883-4,	3 99
Seth T. Scribner,	2 00
Lydia Sewall,	2 00
Anthony K. Smith,	3 87
William Taylor,	1 65
Moses Garey, 1883,	1 05
Alphonzo Henderson, 1883-4,	3 40
B. F. Gowen, 1882,	3 99
Frank Temple, 1883,	1 50
Frank McKenney,	1 25
Isaac S. Pitts.	1 25
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	\$51 70

ORDER No. 3.—ABATEMENTS TO JERE B. SCRIBNER,
TREASURER, ON TAXES FOR 1882-3-4:

Thomas Ricker, tax of 1882,	\$1 26
Joseph Durgin, Tax of 1882,	2 32
Benjamin F. Durgin, tax of 1882,	3 60
Julia A. Dillows, tax of 1883-4,	10 20
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Amount carried forward,	\$17 38

Amount brought forward,	\$17 38
Cyrus E. Brown, tax of 1884,	86
Living Lane, tax of 1884,	8 25
Bradford Pitts, tax of 1884,	1 54
Littlefield & Thing, tax of 1884,	6 71
John T. Littlefield, tax of 1884,	90
Wm. G. Brown, tax of 1884,	86
Andrews & Co., tax of 1884,	99
Aaron Cotton, tax of 1884,	4 36
	<u>41 85</u>
	\$41 85

ORDER NO. 4. TOWN BONDS AND INTEREST,

JUNE 1, 1885.

Saco National Bank for town bonds,	\$2,000 00
Interest to June 1st, 1885,	540 00
Interest to Dec. 1st, 1885.	480 00
	<u>3,020 00</u>
	\$3,020 00

ORDER NO. 5.—EXPENSE OF POOR OFF TOWN FARM.

BILLS PRIOR TO MARCH 1st, 1885.

J. H. Chase, supplies for S. Treadwell,	\$8 20
Dr. Martin Coffin, medical attendance on Thomas Hanscom,	8 00
Dr. Merriman, extracting teeth from Mrs. Smith,	1 00
	<u>17 20</u>
	\$17 20

ORDER NO. 6.—EXPENSE OF POOR OFF TOWN

FARM, 1885,

N. W. Carpenter, cash paid in Portland in examination of Records in Amanda E. Williams' case,	\$1 00
S. M. Came, advice in Amanda E. Williams's case,	1 50
Dr. M. V. B. Coffin, medical attendance on Amanda E. Williams,	34 00
	<u>36 50</u>
Amount carried forward,	\$36 50

Amount brought forward,	\$36 50
Rev. J. F. Lord, religious services at burial of Amanda E. Williams,	2 00
A. K. P. Davis, coffin for Amanda E. Williams,	11 00
Roberts Brothers, going after coffin for Amanda E. Williams,	2 50
	<hr/> \$52 00

ORDER No. 7.—EXPENSES OF POOR ON TOWN FARM.
BILLS PRIOR TO MARCH 1st, 1885.

D. W. Chick, lumber and sawing for barn shed,	\$8 08
Luther Chase, rep. shoes,	85
A. W. Tucker, hay,	19 00
Nathan Graffam, smith work,	5 80
J. M. Mason, hay,	15 97
Elbridge Sawyer, service of bull, 1884,	1 00
J. H. Chase, goods from Oct. 1st, '84, to April 1st '85,	121 36
D. P. Knights, services as Agent from Oct. 1st, 1884, to April 1st, 1885,	100 00
J. H. Batchelder, for wares in 1882-4,	5 82
	<hr/> \$277 88

ORDER No. 8.—EXPENSE OF POOR ON TOWN FARM
FOR 1885.

D. P. Knights, services as Agent from April 1st. to Oct. 1st,	\$100 00
Ivory Earle, for two pigs,	5 00
Charles H. Thing, filing saw,	20
Warren Goodwin, mason work,	25
H. H. Chadbourne, making cider,	93
E. A. Sadler, for stove back,	75
Frank Williams, repairing shoes,	20
Eldridge Sawyer, service of bull,	2 00
Gilbert Hasty, insurance on Farm Buildings,	21 00
J. H. Batchelder, stove, boiler, and tin,	6 60
	<hr/> \$136 93

ORDER No. 9.—ROADS AND BRIDGES FOR 1885.

Anthony Garey, labor on road, 1884,	\$6 00
H. P. Thing, plank and labor, 1884.	18 00
Philip Gilpatric, labor on Portland bridge, 1884,	2 00
Henry F. Hanson, labor on road, 1884,	2 00
J. B. Scribner, material and labor on bridge,	6 00
Orville Knight, labor on road,	3 00
J. C. Batchelder, labor on road, 1884,	7 75
E. Sawyer, on D. Johnson bridge,	5 00
C. Carpenter, labor and material on bridge,	9 75
John T. Scribner, labor on highway, 1884,	10 00
J. C. Batchelder, labor on highway, 1884,	4 90
C. H. Gowen, labor on highway, 1884,	2 42
F. S. Libby, labor on highway, 1884,	20 92
Horace Gowen, labor on highway,	10 50
E. A. Sadler, irons for Portland bridge,	6 50
J. H. Chase, lumber for bridge,	1 02
I. N. Deering, material and labor in building Portland bridge,	142 00
I. N. Deering, labor on highway,	1 36
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	\$259 12

ORDER No. 10.—SCHOOL BILLS PAID, 1885,

AS PER TREASURER'S RECORD.

District No. 1.	Frank Blaisdell, Agent,	\$330 07
" 3.	Sherman Young, "	92 50
" 4.	C. N. H. Cook, "	98 17
" 5.	William E. Fox, "	125 72
" 6.	Frank Hobbs, "	112 40
" 7.	J. F. Chadbourne, "	275 25
" 8.	J. M. Harper, "	25 00
" 9.	J. F. Jellerson, "	192 27
" 10.	Ansell T. Small, "	186 75
" 12.	Joseph C. Roberts, "	175 98
" 14.	D. P. Knights, "	94 30
" 15.	Ivory Earle, "	80 02
" 16.	Elbridge Sawyer, "	153 35
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		\$1,941 78

ORDER No. 11,— ABATEMENTS.

To Geo. O. Cluff, tax of 1884, on account of fire,	\$5 00
Joseph A. Hobbs, on taxes of 1882-3,	3 70
Mrs. Ann E. Day, on tax of 1885,	2 70
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	\$11 40

ORDER No. 12.—INCIDENTAL EXPENSES FOR 1885,

Interest paid on money hired to pay bonds,	\$63 15
Express on money to Saco to pay Bonds,	1 00
John Hanscom, blanks,	1 00
Jere B. Scribner, tax deeds.	5 36
Charles Abbott, injuries to horse.	15 00
Geo. P. Chase, services as auctioneer,	1 50
John Hanscom, advertising,	12 50
Alvah Bagley, material to seal measures,	3 55
Express on money sent to Limerick,	40
J. B. Scribner, postage and stationery,	4 00
Levi Hobbs, guardian for Will Cluff's boy,	60 00
Sanborn Bros., auction bills.	75
J. H. Chase, check list and Town Report paper,	50
N. W. Carpenter, postage and stationery,	1 50
“ “ “ enrolling Militia in part and copying list of enrollment,	4 50
Jere B. Scribner, going to Saco for measures.	2 50
Gilbert Hasty, insuring Town House,	10 00
N. W. Carpenter, for four days work and postage from Feb. 20 to Mch. 1st, 1885,	6 26
Jere B. Scribner, going to get measures sealed,	2 50
R. S. Stanley, for sealing measures,	2 00
Samuel M. Came, to balance account,	7 00
John Hanscom, printing reports and express, 1884,	20 50
W. G. Brown, repairing Town House, 1884,	5 50
McLellan, Mosher & Co., valuation book and express,	8 50
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Amount carried forward,	\$239 47

Amount brought forward,	\$239 47
McLellan, Mosher & Co., surveyors', collectors', and pocket valuation book,	8 65
Seth Warren, for town weights,	13 59
R. S. Stanley, for sealing weights,	1 00
Joseph A. Hobbs, copying Militia, 1883,	1 50
" " " services as truant officer,	6 00
Levi Hobbs, school books furnished poor, 1882-3,	14 15
J. M. Harper, services as collector, 1884,	142 00
J. M. Harper, posting warrant,	1 50
N. W. Carpenter, expense to Portland to get valuation book made and to get other books,	2 05
Jere B. Scribner, collecting non-resident taxes 1884,	20 00
Jere B. Scribner, services as Treasurer, 1885,	40 00
Nathan Clough, services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, 1885, to Feb. 23,	52 75
Nathan Clough, enrolling Militia in part, 1885,	4 50
Nathan Clough, services from Feb. 20 to Mch. 1st, '85,	3 00
A. H. Roberts, services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor 1885, to Feb. 23,	43 00
A. H. Roberts, enrolling Militia in part, 1885,	4 50
N. W. Carpenter, services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, 1885-6 to Feb. 20,	65 00
George P. Chase, services as Supervisor, 1885,	50 00
George P. Chase, services as Auditor, 1884,	2 00
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	\$714 66

RECAPITULATION.

Incidental,	\$714 66
Decoration,	50 00
Support of Poor,	484 01
Roads and Bridges,	259 12
Support of Schools,	1,941 78
Town Bonds and Interest,	3,020 00
Abatements,	104 95
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	\$6,574 52

TOWN FARM, MARCH 1st, 1886.

Twenty bushels potatoes, 200 lbs. pork, 20 lbs. lard, 35 gallons vinegar, 25 bushels corn on the cob, 10 lbs. dried apples, 20 bushels oats, 7 bushels beans, 4 tons hay, 2 hogs, 27 hens, 1 turkey, 1 pr. oxen, 6 feet and 4 inches, 3 cows, 1 two years old heifer, 1 year old heifer.

Number of inmates, 5, viz: Thomas Webster, Noah Deshon, John G. Taylor, Mary Hoyt, Mrs. Silas Brown.

Produce sold off the Town Farm in exchange for goods. to February 18, 1886, \$136 90. Grain used on Town Farm, to February 18, 1886, included in J. H. Chase's store acct., \$91 11.

A. H. ROBERTS,	} SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF POOR TOWN OF WATERBORO'.
N. W. CARPENTER,	
NATHAN CLUFF,	

WATERBOROUGH, Feb. 18, 1886.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Resources in Treasury, Mar. 1, 1885,	\$5,261 65	
Total receipts for the year ending Feb. 28, 1886,	6,688 71	
	—————	\$11,950 36

DISBURSEMENTS.

Total amount of Orders paid,	\$6,574 52	
Resources in Treasury, Mar. 1, 1886,	5,375 84	
	—————	\$11,950 36

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To resources in Treasury, Mar. 1, 1885,	\$5,261 65	
Received commitment of Taxes to J. C. Roberts, Collector for 1885,	6,572 95	
Reimbursed by State for Pension, Levi Hobbs, guardian Cluff boy,	60 00	
Rec'd of N. W. Carpenter, for cow sold,	27 00	
" " " for road tools,	27 20	
" " " for clapboards,	38	
Rec'd from State Treas., Tel. & R. R. Tax,	1 18	
	—————	\$11,950 36

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By paid Orders of 1885,	\$6,574 52	
Resources in Treasury, Mar. 1, 86:		
By due from J. C. Roberts, Collector,	4,104 33	
I. N. Deering, Collector School District No. 3, 1879,	15 44	
	—————	\$10,694 29
Amount carried forward,		

Winter Term—EDGAR W. CHURCHILL, of Shapleigh, Teacher. Whole number attending school, 28; average number attending school, 25; length of term in weeks, 11; wages of teacher per month, \$24.36; price of board per week, \$3.00.

Mr. Churchill is a thorough scholar, and has had experience in teaching, this being his sixth term. At my first visit this school gave evidence of success; a good interest was manifested and good order was maintained, but for some cause, (which is better known by those living in the district) some dissension arose; however, Mr. Churchill was drawn on the jury and the term finished by his brother, Rev. R. W. Churchill. At the close this school gave good satisfaction and, as a whole, quite good work was done.

DISTRICT No. 3. SHERMAN YOUNG, AGENT.

Whole number of scholars in the district, 24.

Spring Term—LOTTIE P. BRADFORD, of Shapleigh, Teacher. Whole number attending school, 14; average number attending school, 11; length of term in weeks, 8; wages of teacher per week, \$3.00; price of board per week, \$1.50.

FALL TERM—SAME TEACHER.

Whole number attending school, 9; average number attending school, 8; length of term in weeks, 10; wages of teacher per week, \$5.25; price of board per week, \$1.50.

This was Miss Bradford's first attempt at teaching, yet what she lacked in experience was fully made up by her quiet way of maintaining order and her ability to impart knowledge to others. The first term was so much of a success that her services were again secured for the Fall term, which was equally as profitable.

DISTRICT No. 4 CHARLES COOK, AGENT.

Whole number of scholars in the district, 15.

Spring Term—KATIE M. STORER, Teacher. Whole number attending school, 11; average number attending school, 9; length of term in weeks, 8; wages of teacher per week, \$3.50; price of board per week, \$1.49.

Miss Storer, by her uniform kindness, won the love and respect of her pupils, the real secret of success, without which the highest culture fails to accomplish desirable results.

Fall Term—GERTIE GRAFFAM, of Saco, Teacher. Whole number attending school, 8; average number attending school, 7; length of term in weeks, 6; wages of teacher per week, \$5.00; price of board per week, \$2.00.

This was Miss Graffam's first school and she possesses the necessary qualifications, being a graduate of Saco High School, yet for the lack of co operation between parents, teachers and scholars, the school did not come up to that high standard that it should. If parents, instead of being strangers in the schoolroom and listening with jealous criticism to the whims and conversation of the children out of school, mould make their influence felt by frequent visits and cordial approbation of the good qualities of the teacher and the improvements of the school, a great benefit would be the result.

Winter Term—JERE B. SCRIBNER, Teacher. Whole number attending school, 10; average number attending school, 9; length of term in weeks, 4; wages of teacher per week, \$5.00; price of board per week, \$1.50.

I find this school in a very prosperous condition, the only fault being the term is short. Mr. Scribner is an experienced teacher, and is truly the right man in the right place.

DISTRICT No. 5. WM. FOX, AGENT.

Whole number of scholars in district, 16.

Spring Term, LIZZIE M. SAWYER, of Limerick, Teacher. Whole number attending school, 8; average number attending school, 8; length of term in weeks, 6; wages of teacher per week, \$3.00; price of board per week, \$1.00.

FALL TERM—SAME TEACHER.

Whole number attending school, 12; average number attending school, 11; length of term in weeks, 12; wages of teacher per week, \$3.00; price of board per week, \$1.00.

Miss Sawyer gave such good satisfaction in her former term that she was engaged to teach the Fall term, which was very successful. There was a good interest manifested. The instruction given to the small scholars in oral history is also worthy of special mention. The earnest and continuous efforts of Miss Sawyer in the school-room will never fail to make her school a success.

DISTRICT No. 6. FRANK HOBBS. Agent.

Whole number of scholars in district. 18 :

Spring Term, MAUD L. JOHNSON, Teacher. Whole number attending school, 10; average number attending school, 9 13-20. Length of term, in weeks. 6. Wages of teacher per week, \$3 00. Price of board per week, \$1 85.

FALL TERM—SAME TEACHER.

Whole number attending school. 10; average number attending school, 9. Length of term, in weeks 10. Wages of teacher per week, \$4 00. Price of board per week, \$2 00.

Spring and Fall terms taught by MISS JOHNSON, whose highest aim was to have one of the best schools in town, and she met with good success in her efforts. A good degree of improvement was evident. All the exercises were orderly and each class prompt in their recitations. The deportment of the scholars indicated a readiness to obey, as a duty to themselves and teacher.

DISTRICT No. 7. J. FRANK CHADBOURNE, AGENT.

Whole number of scholars in the district. 34.

Spring Term, HATTIE C. MOULTON, of Limington, Teacher. Whole number attending school, 19; average number attending school, 18; length of term in weeks, 9; wages of teacher per week, \$3.50; price of board per week, \$1.50.

I visited this school but once, as it closed one week earlier than I was notified, on account of sickness. At my first visit I found the school well organized and a good interest was shown. I think the scholars in this school were instructed as near to pure English as any in town, and I learn that the school gave good satisfaction.

Winter Term, NATHAN CLUFF. Teacher. Whole number attending school, 21 ; average number attending school, 20 ; length of term in weeks, 12 ; wages of teacher per week, \$6.25 ; price of board per week, \$2.50.

Mr. Cluff is an able and experienced teacher. The advancement made in this school is second to none.

There are 8 scholars that were not absent one half day, showing a good interest.

This is a very interesting school, so much so that the parents of some of the scholars thought it a half day well spent in visiting the school, and by the united efforts of all the very best results were obtained.

DISTRICT No. 9. JOHN JELLESON, AGENT.

Whole number of scholars in the district, 41.

Spring Term—EMMA J. GRANT of Lyman, Teacher. Whole number attending school. 30 ; average number attending school, 29 ; length of term in weeks. 8 ; wages of Teacher per week, \$4.00 ; price of board per week, \$2.00.

FALL TERM—SAME TEACHER.

Whole number attending school, 30 ; average number attending school, 28 ; length of term in weeks, 8 ; wages of teacher per week. \$4.50 ; price of board per week, \$2.00.

Miss Grant is a thorough and experienced teacher, having taught thirty-five schools. Both terms were very successful. Marked progress was made in the advance class in Arithmetic, Grammar, Physiology, and Geography. Writing, a branch much neglected in many schools, was well attended to. Some very neatly executed specimens of map drawing were shown at examination.

Winter Term—GEO. H. DAY of Lyman, Teacher. Register not returned. This school was visited at commencement and at close ; a good interest was maintained throughout the term. Mr. Day is an experienced teacher and is at home in the school room. I need not speak of any branch in particular, as the pace was onward in each branch.

DISTRICT No. 10. ANSEL T. SMALL, AGENT.

Whole number of scholars in district, 89.

Spring Term—LILLIAN M LIBBY, Teacher. Whole number attending school, 55; average number attending school, 46; length of term, in weeks, 8; wages of teacher per week, \$5.00; price of board per week, \$2.00.

FALL TERM—SAME TEACHER.

Whole number attending school, 57; average number attending school, 41; length of term, in weeks, 10; wages of teacher per week, \$5.00. Price of board per week, \$2.00.

Miss Libby labored faithfully in both terms. As there is a large number of small scholars much of her time was taken up by them. Quite a good interest was sustained throughout both terms, and I think gave good satisfaction. This school is a little crowded, and the time is not far distant, if not already, that to grade the school would be profitable.

Winter Term—FRANK HOBBS, teacher. This school now in session bids fair to be a good success. Mr. Hobbs is one of our best teachers, who possesses not only knowledge but the ability to impart it to others. It is impossible for one teacher to do justice in a school where so many small scholars attend. Let this matter be taken under consideration.

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DISTRICT No. 12. JOSEPH C. ROBERTS, AGENT.

Whole number of scholars in the district, 38.

Spring Term—SUSIE F. HAYES, of Limerick, Teacher. Whole number attending school, 23; average number attending school, 21; length of term in weeks, 10; wages of teacher per week, \$4.50; price of board per week, \$1.70.

Miss Hayes is one of our best teachers. This is her forty-seventh term; by her ability and experience combined the very best results were obtained. At the examination the recitations were prompt and good advancement made in each branch. Writing was well attended to. The oral exercises were especially interesting. The deportment was good.

Fall Term—EDGAR M. CHICK, of Limington, Teacher. Whole number attending school, 28; average number attending school, 22; length of term in weeks, 10; wages of teacher per week, \$6.50; price of board per week, \$2.50.

Mr. Chick labored faithfully and profitably during the term. The pupils made great proficiency in reading. The spelling was excellent. The Arithmetic classes recited finely. Geography classes appeared well. Due attention was given to writing, and the class in oral physiology was especially interesting. Many new and original ideas were brought forward by Mr. Chick, which made the school particularly interesting and instructive.

DISTRICT No. 14. DARLING P. KNIGHTS, AGENT.

Whole number of scholars in the district, 14.

Spring Term—LILLIAN SAWYER, Teacher. Whole number attending school, 9; average number attending school, 8; length of term in weeks, 8; wages of teacher per week, \$2.50; price of board per week, \$1.50.

FALL TERM—SAME TEACHER.

Whole number attending school, 12; average number attending school, 9; length of term in weeks, 11; wages of teacher per week, \$2.80; price of board per week, \$1.50.

These were Miss Sawyer's first schools. She succeeded very nicely. There was quite a good interest and a marked improvement made in reading, arithmetic and writing. The schools gave general good satisfaction. Some of the scholars are small, yet by the efforts on the part of the teacher the average number was good.

DISTRICT No. 15. IVORY EARL, AGENT.

Whole number of scholars in the district, 10.

There is but one term of school in this district; now in session. MARY CHASE, Teacher. Whole number attending school, 10; length of term in weeks, 10; wages of teacher per week, \$5.00; price of board per week, \$2.00.

I found this school on my first visit, under Miss Chase's tuition, in a very prosperous condition. Both teacher and scholars were ambitious to make the most of the time. Besides common English, geometry and French are attended to. I anticipate from the prospects presented a very profitable term.

DISTRICT No. 16. ELBRIDGE SAWYER, AGENT.

Whole number of scholars in district, 36.

Summer Term—LIZZIE E. MOULTON, of Limerick, Teacher. Whole number attending school, 12; average number attending school, 8; length of term in weeks, 8; wages of teacher per week, \$3.00; price of board per week, \$1.75

This school, like many others in town, is quite small in Summer. I think in a district of 36 scholars more than 8 ought to avail themselves of the privilege of attending school. However, Miss Moulton done quite good work in the school. I noticed considerable improvement in reading. Writing was not neglected in this school, and as good interest maintained as could be expected with so small scholars.

Winter Term—JERE B. SCRIBNER, Teacher. Whole number attending school, 18; average number attending school, 16; length of term in weeks, 11; wages of teacher per week, \$5.50; price of board per week, \$2 25.

Mr. Scribner is an experienced teacher. At my first visit I found all the scholars deeply interested in their work, and earnestly endeavoring to make the most of their time. The teacher also seemed eager to do his best by those in his charge. There was good work done in the several branches. Arithmetic, Grammar, and Geography were well considered. Book-keeping, Astronomy and History were also studies of interest.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The schools throughout the town have not lost any of the interest manifested in former years. Many of the teachers have been residents of the town, some of them being employed throughout the year. This is an agreeable feature and speaks well for home talent and culture.

In the great work of education the teachers and pupils may be greatly assisted by the co-operative influence of the parents of the scholars. The school room and family circle are closely connected. The influence of one affects to a greater or less extent the other. To reach the highest attainment of the school-room, therefore, the influence without must be in harmony with that within. Parents must co-operate and assist both teacher and scholars, and should contribute their part to maintain proper authority and wholesome discipline. You should imbue the mind of your children to as great an extent as possible with the love of knowledge and the love of right. Visit the school-room, and there by your presence encourage the great work of mental and moral culture.

TEMPERANCE.

Our legislature has not been false to its trust, for an act has been passed making it compulsory for school officers to make provisions for instructing pupils in physiology and hygiene with special reference to the effect of alcoholic drinks, stimulants and narcotics upon the human system. Let the rising generation be educated on these questions, that they may act understandingly, and the result will be to elevate and establish a higher standard of morality.

The act also provides that pupils shall be instructed in regard to the effect of tobacco on the human system. The use of tobacco prevails to such an extent that it is with extreme caution I call your attention to it. My appeal is to the youths, to those who are not habituated to its use. Never allow yourselves to be a slave to any habit nor admit that you have not will power enough to break off from any habit that you have acquired. Dr. Tanner, by his will power fasted forty days; have you not will power enough to form good resolutions and then live up to them?

To meet the requirements of the above act I have adopted for general use in our schools Smith's Physiology for General Use. I have made arrangements with the publishers so that I could fur-

nish scholars with books, many of them in exchange for old ones at one half the publishers' price of new books, thus making quite a saving in expense besides the convenience.

THE TEXT BOOKS IN USE IN THE TOWN ARE :

Franklin Readers, Kellogg's Grammar, Harper's Arithmetics, Swinton's Word Book, Porter & Coot's Writing-books, Monteth's Geographys, Meservey's Book keeping, Smith's Physiology.

With these general remarks I close my report. Being truly grateful to both teachers and scholars and all others that have contributed to advance the cause of education in our town, I am,

Yours truly,

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