

# ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

SEVERAL TOWN OFFICERS,

—OF THE—

TOWN OF WATERBOROUGH,

—FOR THE—

*MUNICIPAL YEAR 1887-8,*

Closing February 29, 1888.

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TOWN OFFICERS

—1887.—

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MODERATOR,  
BUTLER LIBBY.

TOWN CLERK,  
CLARENCE H. KNIGHTS.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,  
FRANK W. BLAISDELL, JOHN H. CHASE,  
GEORGE W. ROBERTS.

TREASURER,  
RUEL W. RICKER.

TOWN AGENT,  
CHARLES KNIGHTS.

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS, AUDITOR,  
FRANK H. HOBBS, JOHN HARPER.

COLLECTOR AND CONSTABLE,  
JOSEPH C. ROBERTS.

AGENT ON TOWN FARM,  
DARLIN P. KNIGHTS.

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**ANNUAL REPORT**  
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 —AND—  
**OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.**

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We, the undersigned Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, herewith submit our annual report for the municipal year beginning March 1st, 1887, and ending February 29th, 1888.

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Valuation of the Town for the year 1887,	\$ 205,157. <sup>82</sup>
Number of polls, 333; at \$ 2.00, \$ 666.00.	
Money tax cast at 3 1-5 cts. on the dollar.	
Highway tax cast at 11 mills.	

**APPROPRIATIONS.**

State tax,	\$ 1031.38
County tax,	455.34
Incidental expenses,	600.00
Bridges,	200.00
Town schools,	1185.60
Support of poor,	600.00
J. W. Brown Post, G. A. R.,	50.00
Town bonds,	2000.00

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Interest on bonds,	\$ 840.00
Highway tax,	2500.00
Overlay on money tax,	268.73
"    "    Highway tax,	89.73
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Total,	\$ 9820.78

DISBURSEMENTS.

Whole number of orders drawn 23; amounting to	\$ 8458.50
Order No. 1— Abatement of taxes to Joseph M. Harper, Collector 1884.	
Charles Thing, Error,	\$ .90
J. C. Batchelder, Highway 1883,	.70
John E. Gerry, " " "	1.25
Ivory L. Walker, " 1882-83,	6.60
Stillman Maddox, " " "	4.00
Daniel W. Hubbard, Poll,	2.00
Will Berry, " "	2.00
Isaac Pitts, " "	2.00
Charles Berry, " "	2.00
Phillip Brown, " "	2.00
Benj. F. Durgin, " 1883-84,	4.00
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	\$ 27.45
Order No. 2— Abatement of taxes to Joseph C. Roberts, Collect- or 1885.	
J. C. Batchelder, Personal,	\$ 4.14
David M. Brock, Highway, Error,	2 33

Charles L. Chase, Personal,	.45
Joseph B. Durgin, Highway and Poll,	\$ 4.12
Benj. F Durgin, Poll,	2.00
Will C. Dorr, “	2.00
Seth T. Scribner, “	2.00
Lawson Smith, “	2.00
Charles C. Hamilton, “	2.00
Horace Smith, “	2.00
Alvin H. Jellison, Highway,	1.50
Benj. H. Smith, “	.75
B. F. Chadbourne, “	3.47
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	\$ 28.76.

Order No. 3— Abatement of Non-resident and owners  
unknown taxes to Ruel W. Ricker, Treasurer.

C. W. McKenney, Highway 1884.	\$ 2.73
“ “ “ 1885.	2.36
“ “ Palmer lot, Error.	1.33
Abraham Jellison, Error, 1885,	5.04
Edmund Warren, Highway, 1885.	2.90
Oliver Hamilton, “ “	1.50
B. F. Durgin, “ 1886,	5.33
Charles Berry, “ “	2.30
Expense on two tax deeds 1883,	3.16
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	\$ 26.65

Order No. 4— State pension to Levi Hobbs, guardian for Will Clough's boy,	\$ 60.00
Order No. 5— John W. Brown Post G. A. R., to John F. Lord, Quartermaster,	50.00
Order No. 6— Town bonds and interest.	
Town bonds June 1, 1887,	2000.00
Interest to June 1, 1887,	420.00
“ “ December 1, 1887,	360.00
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	\$ 2780.00
Order No. 7— Discount on taxes to Joseph C. Roberts, Collector, 1887,	
On taxes paid before Nov. 1st, 1887,	\$ 156.86
Joseph C. Roberts, Collector, 1886, error in discount,	14.88
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	\$ 171.74
Order No. 8— J. H. Chase, on account of John D. Newcomb of Harrison, to cash paid M. F. Coffin for supplies,	\$ 11.89
To cash paid Dr. Plaisted for medical attendance,	15 00
“ “ “ William A. Nutter for house rent,	1.50
“ “ “ Dr. F. G. Warren for elastic stocking,	3.00
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	\$ 31.39

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Order No. 9— Expense of Poor off Town farm.

Bills prior to March 1, 1887.

George L. Smith, wood to Geo. Jellison,	\$ 9.00.
F. A. Southwick, medical attendance to Thomas Hanscomb,	3.00
Curtis S. Carll, goods furnished John Avery from Oct. 26, 1886 to March 24, 1887.	22.95
John Saywards, wood to John Avery,	2.00
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	\$ 36.95

Order No. 10— Expense of Poor off Town farm.

Bills of 1887.

Levi Thing, wood to Betsey Chick and Lydia Williams,	\$ 2.00
J. H. Chase, goods furnished to Betsey Chick and Lydia Williams, from Jan. 25, 1887, to Mar. 29, 1887,	11.04
Town of Westbrook, caring for Mrs. Hoyt,	3.50
W. C. Downs, supplies furnished to George Jellison from Feb. 19, to Apr. 2, 1887.	9.76
C. S. Carll, goods to George Jellison from Apr. 5, to Oct. 1, 1887.	30.54
C. S. Carll, wood to George Jellison's family,	3.50
J. H. Chase, Supplies to Samuel Treadwell to Feb. 29, 1887,	16.69
J. H. Chase, goods to Jacob Way's family to Feb. 29, 1887,	7.00
C. S. Carll, goods furnished to George Jellison's family from Oct. 5, 1887 to Feb. 1, 1888,	20.23
Roberts Brothers, supplies to B. F. Durgin's family,	15.52

F. W. Blaisdell, supplies to Mrs. Emma Brown,	2.70
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	\$ 122.48
Order No. 11— Expense of Poor on Town farm.	
Bills prior to March 1, 1887.	
J. H. Chase, goods furnished Town farm from Oct. 1, 1886.	
to March 1, 1887,	\$ 136.90
J. M. Chadbourne, lumber and sawing,	5.88
Lewis A. Wentworth, blacksmith work,	3.85
E. Sawyer, use of bull,	2.00
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	\$ 148.63
Order No. 12— Expense of Poor on Town farm.	
Bills of 1887.	
J. H. Chase, supplies furnished Town farm from March	
1, to Oct. 1, 1887,	\$ 153.84
Darlin P. Knights, Agent on Farm from Apr. 1, 1886	
to Apr. 1, 1887,	200.00
E. Sawyer, 200 lbs. phosphate,	4.00
E. A. Sadler, plow points, stove grates and tin ware.	5.50
J. H. Chase, Yankee horse rake,	24.00
George O. Cluff, 2 pigs,	6.00
Levi Thing, making axle and tongue,	1.25
Frank Williams, shoemaking,	1.10
E. Sawyer, use of bull,	2.00
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	\$ 397.69

## Order No. 13— Board of Health.

George H. Bailey, D. V. S., Examination of Charles L. Hamilton's cattle,	\$ 10.00
N. W. Carpenter, making and lettering 9 sign boards for use of Board of Health,	4.50
A. H. Ricker, services at C. L. Hamilton's by order of Board of Health,	1.00
Frank J. Roberts, services as Health officer to Oct. 3, 1887,	5.00
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	\$ 20.50

## Order No. 14— Highway. Bills prior to March 1, 1887.

Sherman Young, labor in district No. 59,	\$ 2.00
Charles H. Cook, " " " " 46,	4.00
I. C. Smith, labor on new road and guide board,	7.00
P. H. Ricker, labor in district No. 17 1885-6,	2.92
Edwin G. Durgin, labor in district No. 1, 1884,	1.00
W. P. Chadbourn, labor on new road from Chadbourn's mills to Old Tavern,	10.00
W. W. Libby, labor, 1885,	3.50
Levi Thing, " 1886,	1.50
Charles S. Day, labor in distict No. 1, 1886,	17.25
Benj. H. Swett, " 1884-5-6,	15.00
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	\$ 64.17

## Order No. 15— Highway. Bills of 1887.

George F. Pitts, labor in district No. 1,	\$ 8.75
R. B. Carpenter, " " " " "	5.00

Sherman Young, repairing wash-outs and bridges,	\$ 25.50
Frank Smith, labor in district No. 1,	22.50
Bion Roberts, " " " "	5.50
Charles B. Carpenter, " " " "	6.75
Howard A. Small, " " " "	2.25
George H. Smith, " on new road,	1.20
John S. Sanborn, " " " "	1.20
Ivory C. Smith, " " " "	8.75
Edward E. Libby, " " " "	3.00
James A. Rhodes, " " " "	4.50
Henry S. Carpenter, " in district No. 25,	2.29
C. C. Andrews, " " " " 27,	33.85
Abraham Jellison, " " " " 45,	5.00
Frank R. Stone, " " " " 34-5,	5.00
<i>George P. Chase,</i> " " " " 14,	5.00
Frank W. Blaisdell " " " " 43,	7.45
Elbridge Sawyer, " " " " 33,	5.00
C. W. Smith, " " " " 1,	21.00
George W. Roberts, " " " " 1,	12.00

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\$ 191.49

Order No. 16— Expense with Road Machine.

George W. Tibbetts, use of Road Machine 11 days	\$ 5.00
per day,	55.00
I. N. Deering, with oxen and man.	56.25
B. H. Swett, labor with oxen,	6.00
Elbridge Sawyer, " " "	5.00

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Herbert E. Carpenter,	labor with oxen,	7.00
Isaiah McLucas,	“ “ “	5.00
Onville Knights,	“ “ “	4.50
Fred E. York,	“ “ “	9.00
Charles H. Pitts,	“ “ “	9.00
John C. Chick,	labor.	3.00
George W. Roberts,	“	2.25
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		\$ 162.00

## Order No. 17— Bridges.

C. W. Smith, plank, 1886,	\$ 63.26
“ “ plank and lumber, 1887,	43.37
J. H. Chase, plank and labor, “	27.92
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	\$ 134.55

## Order No. 18— School bills paid 1887, as per Treasurer's record:

District No. 1, Seth S. Carll,	Agent,	\$ 212.00
“ “ 3, Ira H. Pike,	“	108.75
“ “ 4, Richard B. Carpenter,	“	89.35
“ “ 5, Levi Thing,	“	90.00
“ “ 6, Eugene Walker,	“	106.80
“ “ 7, J. L. Chadbourn,	“	118.50
“ “ 8, J. M. Harper,	“	132.78
“ “ 9, A. H. Chadbourn,	“	229.05
“ “ 10, C. L. Hamilton,	“	254.57

District No. 12, B. F. Saywards, Agent,	\$ 130.75
“ “ 14, John C. Dudley, “	107.50
“ “ 15, Charles H. Cook, “	71.88
“ “ 16, Orlando Bagley, “	188.67
Bradford Scribner paid to Treasurer of Hollis,	8.00

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\$ 1848.60

Order No. 19— Incidental expenses.

Joseph C. Roberts, collecting taxes 1885,	\$ 150.00
“ “ tax receipts 1885,	6.00
“ “ in part for collecting tax of 1886,	100.00
“ “ stationery and receipts 1886,	6.00
“ “ services as Constable 1887,	10.00
Sanborn Brothers, printing Town reports of 1886,	24.00
Charles Knights, care of Town house from March 13, 1886, to March 13, 1887,	4.00
Joseph A. Hobbs, damage to horse, 1886,	15.00
David Roberts, damages to himself and horse, 1887,	16.00
Sanborn Brothers, printing, 1887,	3.15
Andrew J. Small, advertising Non-resident taxes, 1886,	11.00
McLellan Mosher & Co., Books,	6.05
W. H. Stevens, Tax Record, for 1887,	4.00
R. W. Ricker, interest and express on Town bonds,	7.67
I. N. Deering, in settlement of account,	15.00
A. H. Ricker, services as Constable 1887,	3.50
F. H. Hobbs, services as Supervisor,	50.00

Frank W. Blaisdell, services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor,	\$ 55.00
Frank W. Blaisdell, Stamp for Sealer of weights and measures,	.60
J. H. Chase, services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor,	60.00
J. H. Chase, stationery, express and postage,	3.50
“ “ stationery and postage furnished Centennial Committee,	2 50
J. H. Chase, books and labor enrolling Militia,	3.50
George W. Roberts, services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor,	45.00
Ruel W. Ricker, services as Treasurer,	40.00
“ “ collecting non-resident taxes,	10.00
“ “ postage and stationery,	3.00
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	\$ 654.47
Order No. 20— Highway Surveyor bills of 1886,	\$ 1023.68
Order No. 21— Highway Surveyor bills of 1887,	\$ 357.46
Order No. 22— Special tax, for repairs on school house in district No. 12.	
Charles Rhodes, for labor,	\$ 5.00
B. H. Swett, “ “	6.00
C. W. Smith, for lumber,	24.45
C. S. Carll, for nails,	2.76
J. B. Hanson, for painting,	10.50

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B. F. Durgin, abated,	\$ .30
Mary Ricker, “	.45
I. L. Walker, “	.57
Samuel H. Carll, “	1.26
J. C. Roberts, in part for collecting,	1.03
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	\$ 52.32
Order No. 23— Special tax for repairs on school house in district No. 9.	
David Russell, lum̄ber,	\$ 20.50
David Jellison, labor,	11.50
“ “ repairs,	8.00
Charles F. Lock, mason work,	5.50
Lorenzo Hooper, cleaning school house,	3.00
Roberts Brothers, nails, glass etc.,	3.33
A. H. Chadbourn, board, labor etc.,	7.63
Thomas Hanscom, labor,	1.87
Enoch Roberts, “	4.38
E. W. Day, abated,	.40
J. C. Roberts, Collector, part payment,	1.41
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	\$ 67.52

TOWN FARM, MARCH 1st, 1888.

4 cows, 1 pair oxen, 1 two year old heifer, 1 year old heifer,  
5 tons hay, 10 bushels corn on cob, 4 bushels beans, 200 lbs. of  
pork, 10 bushels potatoes, 15 lbs. lard.

NUMBER OF INMATES 5 VIZ:

Thomas Webster, Noah Deshon, Mary Hoyt, John Taylor, Mrs.  
Silas Brown.

F. W. BLAISDELL, }  
J. H. CHASE, } Selectmen, Assessors  
G. W. ROBERTS, } and Overseers of Poor.

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

## RECEIPTS.

Resources in Treasury March 1, 1887,	\$ 7131.24
Total receipts for the year ending Mar. 1, 1888,	9315.36
	\$ 16446.60

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Total amount of Town orders paid,	\$ 8458.50
Resources of Town March 1, 1888,	7988.10
	\$ 16446.60

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To balance in Treasury March 1, 1887,	\$ 7131.24
To received of M. G. Haley, rent for S. Brown place,	2 00
To received of town of Harrison on account of J. D. Newcomb,	31.39
To received of State Soldiers' Pension on account of Cluff boy,	60.00
To received of State School fund 1887,	686.91
To received commitment of taxes to J. C. Roberts, Collector 1887,	8360.22
To received commitment of taxes to J. C. Roberts, school district No. 9,	67.52
To received commitment of taxes to J. C. Roberts, school district No. 12,	52.32

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To received of J. H. Chase for Silas Brown place,	50.00
To received of J. H. Chase on account of road machine,	5.00
	———— \$16,446.60

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By paid Town orders of 1887,	\$ 8458.50
Resources of Town March 1, 1888.	

By due from I. N. Deering, Collector, S. district No. 3, 1879,	\$ 15.44
By due from J. C. Roberts, Collector 1885,	32.40
“ “ “ “ “ “ 1886,	370.79
“ “ “ “ “ “ 1887,	3561.64
“ “ State school fund, 1887,	686.91
“ “ Tax deeds and taxes on same, prior to 1885,	394.32
“ “ Non-resident taxes prior to 1885,	274.34
“ “ Tax deeds for taxes of 1885-6,	109.75
“ “ Non-resident taxes of 1886,	35.10
“ “ To balance,	2507.41
	<u>\$7988.10</u>
	\$16,446.60

Amount of bonded debt of town after paying appropriations of 1887,	\$10,000.00
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R. W. RICKER, Treasurer. .

Waterborough March 2, 1888.

Examined and found correct. March 5, 1888.

JOHN HARPER, Auditor.

ACCT. WITH THE SEVERAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

For the year ending March 1, 1888.

No. Dist.	Amt. due Dist. March 1 1887	Amt. Approp'd Dist. for 1887.	Amt. paid	Amt. due Dist. March 1, 1888.
1	\$109.30	\$210.00	\$212.00	\$107.30
3	65.81	120.00	108.75	77.06
4	15.98	105.00	89.35	31.63
5	20.42	100.00	90.00	30.42
6	33.57	105.00	106.80	31.77
7	127.57	155.69	118.50	164.76
8	191.02	50.00	132.78	108.24
9	58.36	170.69	229.05	
10	68.54	349.00	254.57	162.97
12	Overd'n 5.22	165.69	130.75	34.94
14	21.53	100.00	107.50	14.03
15	73.48	75.00	71.88	76.60
16	30.02	158.44	188.67	Overd'n 21cts.
B. Scribner		8.00	8.00	
	<u>\$810.38</u>	<u>\$1872.51</u>	<u>\$1848.60</u>	<u>\$839.72</u>

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# REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.

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DISTRICT No. 1.— SETH S. CARLL, AGENT.

Summer term was taught by Miss Lucy V. C. Gookin of Portland. Miss Gookin is no novice at the business, and being an elocutionist of note, the school especially in this branch made excellent progress.

Fall term was taught by Lizzie R. Hobbs of this town. Miss Hobbs is too well known as a teacher to need commendation from me. It is sufficient to say she met with her usual success.

The Winter term of this school was taught by Frank H. Hobbs the Supervisor, and by his request I assumed the Supervisor's place. I visited the school four times during the term. One thing that particularly attracted my attention was the quiet order of the school, and the diligent attention of the scholars to their studies.

As a consequence the scholars made good advancement in all their studies. The class in fractions was prompt and correct in their answers, showing that they understood the principles of the complicated method of working fractions. The class in Analysis was as good as any I have seen in a common school.

The small class in reading appeared remarkably well. On the whole the school was a success.

J. L. SANBORN.

## DISTRICT No. 3.— IRA H. PIKE, AGENT.

Summer term was taught by Miss Ida B. Mann of Shapleigh. Miss Mann is a teacher of considerable experience, and the school did good work under her instruction.

Fall term was taught by Miss Francis M. Hamilton of this town. This was Miss Hamilton's first attempt at teaching. One thing very noticeable was the improvement in writing. Although the school is composed of small scholars, yet their skill in penmanship might well be envied by older ones.

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## DISTRICT No. 4.— RICHARD CARPENTER, AGENT.

Summer term was taught by Miss Maud Smith of this town. From the success of this her first school, we predict a bright future for her as a teacher.

Winter term was taught by John Mann of Shapleigh. At the commencement of the term the school did not bid fair to be a success, yet we are pleased to report that Mr. Mann changed the features of his school, showing that he possesses those qualities necessary to make a school successful.

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## DISTRICT No. 5.— LEVI THING, AGENT.

Summer and Fall terms were both taught by Miss Lillian Sawyer of this town. The scholars under her care were prompt in their recitations, showing that they had learned to remember, which should be the aim of all scholars.

DISTRICT No. 6.— EUGENE WALKER, AGENT.

Summer term was taught by Miss Allie Libby of Limerick. Miss Libby is one of those teachers, who instead of reciting the lessons for her pupils, requires them to recite for themselves, consequently the school passed an excellent examination at the close.

Winter term was taught by Miss Ida Gray of Limerick. Miss Grey gained the good will of her pupils, and gave good satisfaction to the district.

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DISTRICT No. 7.— J. LAURISTON CHADBOURNE, AGENT.

Summer term was taught by Miss Louise Guilford of Hollis. This was Miss Guilford's first school, and we think her aim and desire was for its advancement. Winter term was commenced by Judson Roberts of Hollis. After teaching six weeks, he—for reasons unknown to your committee—left the school, and the services of Geo. N. Brock of this town were secured to finish the term.

He assumed control six weeks, and closed giving perfect satisfaction.

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DISTRICT No. 9.— A. H. CHADBOURNE, AGENT.

Summer term was taught by Miss Alice L. Brock of this town. Miss Brock labored hard for the advancement of her school, and her endeavors were appreciated by her pupils.

Fall term was taught by Lillie A. Abbott of this town. Mrs

Abbott is an experienced teacher, and the work of the school was performed in a thorough, and satisfactory manner.

Winter term was taught by E. C. Clark of this town. Mr. Clark taught the Winter term of '86-7, and gave such good satisfaction that his services were again secured for this term.

Your committee was not notified of the time of closing the school, consequently am unable to report the advancement made.

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DISTRICT No. 10.— CHARLES L. HAMILTON, AGENT.

The schools in this district for the past year have been under the control of John F. Lord of this town. Mr. Lord has not to build a reputation as a teacher, having taught for many years in this and other towns; but again I would urge the necessity of making some change in the school. If the school could be divided or graded the money would be expended to better advantage, giving the scholars (though not as many weeks of school) more benefit than they can now receive under the present system.

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DISTRICT No. 12.— B. F. SAYWARDS, AGENT.

Summer and Winter terms were taught by Miss Jennie Hamilton of this town. There was some fault found with the school, but both terms were visited at commencement and close, and I failed to see wherein Miss Hamilton was not doing all that could be required of her.

DISTRICT No. 14.— JOHN C. DUDLEY, AGENT.

The Summer and Winter terms were taught by Miss Lizzie Sawyer of Limerick. Miss Sawyer met with her usual success, and we would recommend her to anyone wishing a teacher for small children, as her attachment for, and her ability to teach them is plainly verified by a visit to her school.

DISTRICT No. 16.— ALONZO BAGLEY, AGENT.

Summer term was taught by Miss Ida Gray of Limerick. The school though composed mostly of small scholars made good advancement in their studies.

Winter term was taught by Edgar M. Chick of Limington. Mr. Chick is a teacher of many years experience, and it is sufficient to say the school did good work under his instruction.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The close of another year finds no material difference in the condition of our schools, although we think they will compare favorably with that of any previous year. Our schools have been supplied in nearly every instance, with good teachers. Among the best we are pleased to note the names of teachers of our own town. We also find in the reports of other towns the names of some of our teachers, and we fail to find one instance where they have not met with success. This would suggest to us the advisability of patronizing home

talent as much as practicable. There is one neglect of agents of which I wish to speak, viz:— The failure to notify the Supervisor or committee of the commencement and close of each term.

If agents would be more particular about this, and give the committee opportunity to make the required number of visits, they could then judge of the advancement made by the schools, also of the merits or demerits of the teachers. Then, by a co-operation of agent and committee, our schools would be supplied with teachers best adapted to them; as a teacher may teach an excellent school in one district, and lack some of the requirements necessary in another. I would also call the attention of agents to the condition of school-rooms. The walls and ceiling of nearly every house has become blackened by smoke and dirt, making them very dark. If the walls and ceiling could be whitewashed (which would be but a very small expense) it would not only be much lighter, but far more healthy. I would make a few suggestions regarding districts No. 15 and 8. There has been no school in those districts for the reason that there are but few scholars in either district, and not enough who would attend the school if there was one, to make it profitable to hire a teacher. I would therefore suggest that No. 8 be joined to district 9, and district 15 to No. 7. There should be something done in district No. 10 to give the scholars a better school privilege.

The average number of scholars registered for the three terms was sixty-eight, and that number of scholars in an ungraded school is more than one teacher can properly govern and instruct. Attention should be given to this matter, for if the district which now

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If agents would be more particular about this, and give the committee opportunity to make the required number of visits, they could then judge of the advancement made by the schools, also of the merits or demerits of the teachers. Then, by a co-operation of agent and committee, our schools would be supplied with teachers best adapted to them; as a teacher may teach an excellent school in one district, and lack some of the requirements necessary in another. I would also call the attention of agents to the condition of school-rooms. The walls and ceiling of nearly every house has become blackened by smoke and dirt, making them very dark. If the walls and ceiling could be whitewashed (which would be but a very small expense) it would not only be much lighter, but far more healthy. I would make a few suggestions regarding districts No. 15 and 8. There has been no school in those districts for the reason that there are but few scholars in either district, and not enough who would attend the school if there was one, to make it profitable to hire a teacher. I would therefore suggest that No. 8 be joined to district 9, and district 15 to No. 7. There should be something done in district No. 10 to give the scholars a better school privilege.

The average number of scholars registered for the three terms was sixty-eight, and that number of scholars in an ungraded school is more than one teacher can properly govern and instruct. Attention should be given to this matter, for if the district which now

numbers ninety-four still continues to increase as it has for the past few years, better privileges must be secured; and if in the near future something must be done, why not do it now? and by so doing receive more benefit from our school money.

In closing I will again appeal to parents who are strangers in the school-room to show by an occasional visit to your school that you are interested in it, and you will find it time pleasantly and profitably spent.

Leaving these remarks with you, and hoping we shall all be more zealous for the advancement of our schools, I will subscribe myself

Your obedient servant,

FRANK H. HOBBS,

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.

SUMMARY TAKEN FROM TEACHERS' REGISTERS

No. of district.	No. of scholars in district.	Names of Agents.	Names of Teachers Summer and Fall Terms.	No. of scholars registered.	Average attendance.	No. of weeks in term.	Wages of teachers per week.	Price of board per week.	Names of Teachers Winter term.	No. of scholars registered.	Average attendance.	No. of weeks in term.	Wages of teachers per week.	Price of board per week.
149	Seth S. Carl.	Lucie V. C. Gookin.	20 17 8	\$4.00	\$2.00	Frank H. Hobbs.	22 16 10	\$7.00	3.00					
326	Ira H. Pike.	Lizzie R. Hobbs. (fall term)	14 13 8	5 00	1.50									
418	Richard Carpenter.	Ida B. Mann.	6 5 9	3 00	1.90	Francis M. Hamilton.	8 6 10	3 50	1.90					
511	Levi Thing.	Maud Smith.	11 10 8	2 75	1.75	John Mann.	1 2 10 10	3 50	2.10					
615	Eugene Walker.	Lillian Sawyer.	10 8 8	3 75	1.25	Lillian Sawyer.	14 12 10	4 00	1.00					
736	J. L. Chadbourne.	Allie Libby.	6 6 6	3 00	1.85	Ida Gray.	8 7 10	3 75	1.90					
		Louise Guilford.	13 10 9	3 50	1.50	Judson Roberts. }								
8 8	J. M. Harper.	No school.				George N. Brock. }	14 13 6	8 00	2.00					
941	A. H. Chadbourne.	Alice L. Brock.	28 26 8	4 85	2.15	No school.								
		Lillie A. Abbott. (fall term)	34 30 6	5 00	2.00	E. C. Clark.	35 28 6	10 00						
1094	Chas. L. Hamilton.	John F. Lord.	68 56 9	5 00	3.00	John F. Lord.	71 53 12	7 00	3.00					
		" (fall term)	66 55 9	6 00	3.00									
1239	B. F. Saywards.	Jennie Hamilton.	23 16 8	3 00	2.00	Jennie Hamilton.	24 20 10	4 45	2.00					
1433	John C. Dudley	Lizzie Sawyer.	8 7 8	3 50	1.50	Lizzie Sawyer.	13 11 10	4 00	1.50					
15 9	C. H. Cook.	No school.												
1632	Alonzo Bagley.	Ida Gray.	14 13 8	3 00	1.75	Edgar M. Chick.	25 18 12	7 50	2.50					