THE SELECTMEN

TOWN OF EPSOM,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY, 1861.

CONCORD:

WILLIAM BUTTERFIELD, PRINTER. 1861.

SELECTMENS' ACCOUNTS.

RECEIPTS.

Feb. 25, 1860. Remaining in Town Treasurer's				
hands,	\$45 55			
Remaining in Joseph Chapman's hands on his collec				
tion for 1858,	73 30			
Remaining in Gorham P. Rand's hands on his collec				
tion for 1859,	170 00			
To cash for supplies furnished Joseph Marden,	14 35			
Committed to Jonathan C. Sanders for collection,				
	730 16			
School-house tax in Dist. No. 6,	10 38			
To amount of literary fund,	101 70			
To amount from County Treasurer for the support of				
county paupers for the year ending Feb. 5, 1861,	272 65			
Received of E. H. Goodhue for the use of town	4.00			
house,	1 00			
Received of Thomas Cottrell for iron,				
EXPENDITURES.				
March 28, 1860.				
Paid non-resident highway tax bills,	\$3 84			
G. Parker Lyon for blank books and paper,	3 87			
City of Concord for supplies for J. Barton,	10 12			
funeral expenses of J. Barton,	13 50			
J. A. Tebbetts for supplies for J. D. Howe,	2 53			
Dr. D. W. Buck & Crosby for amputating Jo-				
siah D. Howe's feet,	53 00			
Ozra N. Nourse for boarding and nursing Josiah				
D. Howe,	127 13			

	53 18 11 06
	52 02
	59 00
	49 56
	26 16
	75 49
Herbert Lovejoy " " 8, 1	3 35
Simeon L. Sanders " " 9, 7	77 33
	0 52
	1 69
Morrill & Silsby for check-lists and paper,	90
	20 00
Joseph Philbrick. iron for Short falls bridge,	1 26
William Yeaton, fourteen days work on turnpike	
road,	14 00
for powder and fuse,	1 15
witness fees in the suit with C. Moulton at the	11.60
August term of court,	14 68
Mrs. J. Cealey for washing for J. Marden,	50
to half bushel of corn for Joseph Marden,	50
Amos P. Blaisdell for support of R. Dickey's	7 .00
family,	5 00
Daniel Goss, two days work on turnpike and use	2.12
of drills,	2 12 10 00
G. W. Emerson for ten guide boards,	2 31
Jeremiah Berry for breaking-out northeast road,	2 50
J. P. Lancaster's non-resident highway tax bill, August Lord for 1658 feet of bridge plank,	2 30 15 65
William P. Babb, one day's work on turnpike,	100
school-house tax in district No. 6, .	10 38
G. W. Swain, supplies for Thomas Beales,	4 02
Joseph Morse, supplies for Thomas Beales,	2 00
Joseph Morse, supplies for widow Levi Brown,	3 00
Joseph Morse, supplies, for Reuben Evans,	4 54
Joseph Morse, supplies for Reuben White,	10 50
Joseph Morse, supplies for Joseph Marden,	9 86
Joseph Morse, one memorandum book,	12
Rixford & Bunker for sash for J. Marden's	
house,	2 52
Moore & Cilley for glass and putty for J. Mar-	
den's house,	2 79
II. Merrill for the support of teacher's institute,	12 36
B. B. Yeaton, two days work on turnpike road,	3 00

Paid Warren Yeaton, three days and three hour	s work
on turnpike,	3 30
John Griffin, two days and eight hours work on	
turnpike,	2 80
E. H. Goodhue for iron work for Smith's bridge,	1 22
Charles C. Smith, 560 feet of lumber for bridge,	5 80
1.1	M.
Bean,	17 00
Daniel Batchelder for supplies for J. H. Nute,	11 50
Daniel Batchelder for supplies for Lucy Thurs-	
tin,	250
Daniel Batchelder for supplies for Mrs. J. M.	• 00
Bean,	2 00
Daniel Batchelder for supplies for Robert Dickey,	674
Daniel Batchelder for supplies for Martha Lib-	2.00
bey,	2 00
E. H. Goodhue for taking care of town house,	2 00
E. H. Goodhue for repairs on desk,	1 55
the town of Canterbury for expenses marrying Olive Danforth to Sewil Bailey,	12.50
B. H. Phillips, attendance of John Colby,	13 50 3 00
L. W. Peabody, attendance of Joseph Marden's	3 00
family,	15 00
L. W. Peabody, attendance on widow Levi	15 00
Brown,	3 00
L. W. Peabody, attendance on Josiah D. Howe,	8 80
L. W. Peabody, attendance on Mrs. Jeremy H.	0 00
Nute,	3 00
L. W. Peabody, attendance on Mrs. Daniel	
Davis and family,	16 20
Jane Moses for being over-taxed in 1860,	2 04
D. P. Locke for being over-taxed in 1860,	1 00
D. P. Locke for 2 ¹ / ₄ days work on turnpike,	2 25
H. M. Moore for house rent for Mrs. Barton,	1 82
non-resident highway tax bills for the year 1860,	25 64
county treasurer for county tax,	603 23
State treasurer for State tax,	216 80
Seth Eastman for insuring town house,	8 00
C. E. Prescott, five hours work on turnpike,	50
Joseph Marden, one day's work on turnpike,	1 00
Jonathan S. Chesley for timber for bridge near	
G. W. Batchelder's,	3 50
J. B. Swain, one day's work and use of drills,	1 25
Asa Prescott, two days work on turnpike,	2 00

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Paid Samuel Brown, two days work on turnpike,	2 00
Philip Babb, 2 ½ days work on turnpike,	2 50
William Yeaton as witness fees paid out in suit	
Caleb Moulton vs. the town of Epsom,	28 56
William McMurphy for services as town clerk,	10 00
William McMurphy for stationery and postage,	1 51
William McMurphy for recording marriages,	
births and deaths.	3 78
James Wiggin for services as selectman in 1859	
Charles C. Doe for services as selectman in	, 112
1860.	1 25
G. W. Piper for 1 3/4 days work on highway in	1 23
district No. 13, 12 64	
W. S. Morrill for services as constable,	2 59
William Robinson for being over taxed from	239
1848 to 1859.	8 00
non-resident highway tax bills,	1 68
Abated David Locke, loss of horse,	
	27
Abatements for the year 1860,	1.77
Bethsheba Alien, 1.02, Louisa Fogg, .75,	1 77
Josiah D. Howe, 1.63, Lemuel Hall, 2.17,	3 80
Monroe Jackman, 1.63, Joseph Marden, 1.63,	3 26
Heirs of Wm. Marden, .75, Mary Sherburn 1.29	9, 2 04
J. J. Moses as guardian, for the heirs of J.	
Sherburn,	1 06
Charles Ames, loss of stock,	44
Abated Charles P. Hayes, loss of stock,	74
Paid Martin & Cochran, 714 feet of bridge plank,	8 59
B. G Howe, services as school committee and	
making report to print,	30 00
non-resident highway tax bill for 1859,	7 34
Gorham P. Rand for collecting taxes for the	
year, 1859,	25 00
B. L. Locke, 2 ½ days.work on turnpike road,	2 50
B. L. Locke, ¼ day repairing pound,	25
B. L. Locke, 75 feet of lumber for bridge,	62
David Philbrick, one cord of wood for widow	
Mary Sherburn,	2 00
Ephraim Locke, 7-l days work on turnpike,	7 50
John Wallace for public watering trough,	3 00
B. L. Locke, taking Thomas & Beals' affidavit,	75
B. L. Locke, taking affidavit of Joseph Hoit,	67
J. Morse for supplies for J. Marden,	6 26
J. Morse for supplies for widow Levi Brown,	1 00
	1 00

Paid William Yeaton for supplies for J. Marden, Augustus Lord for supplies for Joseph Hoit,	88			
	9 82			
Joseph Morse for supplies for Joseph Hoit,	86			
C. E. Prescott for supplies for Joseph Hoit,	2 30			
William Yeaton for supplies for Joseph Hoit,	4 84			
town of Pembroke for supplies for A. S. Lear,	10 75			
Wm. Yeaton, 2 ½ days work on Smith's bridge,	2 00			
Wm. Yeaton, 50 feet chestnut joist,	60			
Wm. Yeaton, cash paid Joseph Morse 6 lbs. nails,	25			
Wm. Yeaton paid E. H. Goodhue for nails,	20			
Wm. Yeaton, 21 hours work on pound,	25			
Wm. Yeaton, timber for gate,	34			
David Brown, 2 ½ hours work on pound,	25			
Abatements for the year 1859.				
David Brown, .73, Benjamin Freeze, 1.75,	2 48			
Freewill Baptist Society, .83, B. Hall, ,71,	1 54			
Benjamin C. Heath, 1.23, Joseph Hoit, 1.23,	2 46			
George M. Johnson, 1.23, J. L. Lear, 1.23,	2 46			
Alfred Lake, 1.23, Ederson C. Marsh, 1.23,	2 46			
Paid in Boston,	2 40			
Aaron Mash, 1.40, Sarah McMurphy, .93,	2 33			
David T. Prescott, 1.23, David Robinson, 2.83,	4 06			
C. W. Band, 1.23, Austin E. Sanborn, 1.23,	2 46			
John A. Yeaton, 1.23, Isah Lane, over-tax, .41,	1 64			
Paid Samuel Fowler for 90 perch and 18 feet of stone				
for abutment for Short falls bridge, and lay	070.16			
ing the same at 3.00 per perch,	272 16			
Samuel Fowler for lumber and work at Short				
falls bridge,	7 75			
Samuel Yeaton, work on Short falls bridge,	7 00			
Jeremiah Tripp, work on Short falls bridge,	10 00			
Samuel M. Green, work on Short falls bridge,	9 00			
Thomas Cotterell for iron work on Short falls				
bridge,	98			
A. J. Burnham, work at Short falls-bridge,	8 00			
James Yeaton, " " "	2 00			
Benjamin Fowler, " " "	6 00			
William Fowler, " " "	6 00			
James Tripp, " " "	1 50			
Jefferson A. Edmunds, " " "	8 25			
Herbert Lovejoy, " " "	325			
Samuel Martin, " " "	7 50			
Samuel Fowler, services as selectman in 1859,	1 75			

Paid Franklin Robinson, services as selectman for the year 1860.	
April 1. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7. Six days taking inventory, 10, 11,12,13 & 14. Five days carrying out in	6 00
ventory and making taxes,	3 75
To two journeys to Allenstown on pauper	
business,	1 25
Attending jury meeting,	38
Oct. 19 One-half day correcting check-list,	50
One day making check-list and warrant,	1 00
Postage and paper, .18, Jan. attending jury	
meeting, .38,	56
Feb. four days settling town accounts,	3 00
Paid Samuel Martin for services as selectman and treasurer.	
Feb. 25 To one day with auditors,	75
Three days making town reports,	2 25
Carrying town reports to Concord to print,	1 00
Mar. 10 One-half day correcting check-list, 37	
April 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. Six days taking inventory,	6 00
10, 11,12, 13, 14. Five days making taxes	
and preparing highway surveyors' lists,	3 75
18 Two journeys to Manchester for Josiah D.	
Howe,	4 00
May 5 To filling out collector's book,	1 00
14 Making return of inventory to Secretary of	
State and carrying the same to Concord,	2 00
29 Journey to Manchester to get Josiah D.	
Howe and expenses the same time,	2 50
June 2 To one day to Pittsfield making school-	
house tax in district and expenses the	
same time,	1 50
July Dividing school money,	1 00
Attending juror meeting,	25
Time spent at Short falls bridge to let out	1.50
same,	1 50
Oct. 19 Making check-list and warrant,	1 00
29 Three-fourths day at Concord about F. L.	1.50
Tandy,	1 50
Nov. 3 One-half day correcting check-list, Dec. 3 Revising juror box,	87 37
1861.	31
Jan. 19 Attending juror meeting,	25

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Jan.	26	Journey to Deerfield about residence of J.	
		H. Nute,	2 00
	30	Journey to Manchester to get evidence in	• 00
E.1.	2	relation to residence of Jeremy H. Nute,	2 00
Feb.	2	One-half day to take affidavits of Thomas and Anna Beales,	50
	4	One-fourth day at Allenstown taking affi	30
	7	davit of J. H. Nute and settling pauper	
		bills.	1 50
	5	One day at Concord on county pauper bus	
		iness,	2 00
	11	One day at Concord to get county pauper	
		bills allowed,	2 00
	19, 2	3, 25, 26, 27. Five days making check	
		list and warrant, and settling town ac	
		counts,	3 75
		To services as treasurer,	5 00
D	oid W	To recording inventory, Villiam Yeaton for services as selectman.	2 00
Feb.	25	To one day with auditors,	75
i co.	23	To three days making town reports,	2 25
Mar.	10	One-half day correcting check,	2 23
April		3, 4, 5, 6, 7. Six days taking inventory,	
	ĺ	marriages, births and deaths,	6 00
	10,	11, 12, 13, 1.4. Five days making taxes,	
		carrying out inventory, &c.,	3 75
	16	Revising military roll,	1 00
		Journey to Concord on pauper business,	2 00
		One-half day at Short falls bridge,	50
		Journey to Allenstown to see to R. Dick	1.00
May		ey's family, One-half day at Short falls to let out bridge,	1 00 50
iviay	9	One-half day at Short falls to let out abut	50
	,	ment,	50
	12	To copying inventory to send to Secretary	30
		of State,	1 00
	19	Journey to Allenstown to see to R. Dickey's	
		family,	1 00
	24	One-half day making collector's warrant,	
_	-	&c.,	50
June	2	One day at Pittsfield making school-house	
		tax in district No. 6 and expenses same	1.05
		time,	1 25

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July Attending juror meeting,	25	
Sept. 4 One day at London on Moulton case,	2 00	
One-half day at Short falls bridge,	50	
One half day at Concord on Moulton case,	1 00	
Oct. 19 One day at town farm making warrant and	100	
check-list,	1 00	
One day at Concord on F. L. Tandy's case,	2 00	
Nov. 3 One-half day correcting check-list,	37	
	31	
Dec. 22 To journey to London in relation to Bean	1 75	
boy,	175	
Revising juror box,	37	
1861.		
Jan. 12 One-half day myself and horse on pauper		
case,	1 00	
19 Attending juror meeting,	25	
21, 22 Two days at Deerfield searching records		
in regard to J. M. Bean and family and		
expenses,	2 75	
24, 25 Two days at Durham and Exeter on		
pauper business and searching county		
records,	2 00	
Horse two days,	2 00	
Expenses the same time,	2 25	
One-half day on pauper business,	75	
One day searching records and attending		
to pauper business, myself and horse,	1 50	
Journey to Pittsfield in relation to Mrs,		
Davis,	1 25	
Feb. 4 One day at Allenstown on pauper case and		
searching records in relation to A. S.		
Lear,	1 50	
5 To one day at Concord attending to county	1 30	
	2 00	
paupers, 11 One day at Concord to get county pauper	200	
7 T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T	2.00	
bills allowed,	2 00	
Journey to Loudon and Canterbury to got	2.25	
evidence in C. Moulton case,	2 25	
19,23,25,26,27 Five days making check-list		
and warrant, settling town accounts and	2.00	
making town reports,	3 00	
Paid J. P. Lancaster being over-taxed in 1859,	4 36	
Remaining in hands of Joseph Chapman on his col-		
lection for the year 1858,		

Remaining in hands of Jonathan C. Sanders on his		
collection for the year 1860,		
Paid J. M. Burnham note and interest for balance of		
salary as agent on town farm for the year		
1859,	52 68	
for town farm expenditures over receipts,	81 08	
auditors for the year 1860,	2 00	
James M. Burnham towards his salary for 1860,	100 00	
Samuel Martin for money paid for affidavits and		
certificates for county paupers,	3 68	
John Chesley, three days work on turnpike,	3 00	
abated Samuel Worth, poll tax,	1 63	
Benvolia Sanborn one-half day's work on Cass'		
bridge,	50	
Benvolia Sanborn 21 days work on Smith's		
bridge,	2 43	
W. Yeaton for summoning witnesses in the		
Caleb Moulton suit,	4 65	
W. Yeaton, paid for copy of deed,	34	
W. Yeaton, postage, .83, stationery, &c., .75,	<u>1 68</u>	
In hands of town treasurer,	\$42 91	
	\$3419 27	
Amount of receipts brought to expenditures,	\$3419 27	
EXPENDITURES OF TOWN FARM FOR THE	YEAR	
COMMENCING FEB. 27, 1860. Paid March 1 Joseph Morse for 3 lbs. sugar,	30	
1	30	
G. P. Haynes, 2 gallons molasses,	70	
.68, one ball wicking,	72 60	
G. P. Haynes, two lbs. tobacco,		
5 Thomas Cotterell for work,	36	
6 J. W. Burnham mending boots and	75	
shoes,	75 2.22	
9 G. P. Haynes, 4 yards kersey,	3 32	
" wadding, .20, canvas		
.10, buttons, .06	36	
G. P. Haynes, 2 yards linsey, .40,	52	
thread, .13, .	53	
G. P. Haynes, 1 barrel flour, 6.75,	6.02	
silesia, .18,	6 93	
10 J. W. Burnham, mending harness,	10	

Paid M	farch 10 Mrs. Green, cutting one coat,	20
	Mrs. Tripp, making one coat for	R.
	McDaniels	1 25
	16 C. C. Smith, one-half bush, rye,	45
	One pair lug straps,	32
	John Yeaton, 2 galls, apple sauce,	60
	17 G. P. Haynes, 9 yds. kersey, 3.60,	
	buttons and thread, .14,	3 74
	G. P. Haynes, 5 ½ yds. cotton cl	oth, 53
	22 E. H. Goodhue, shoeing oxen and	
	mending chain,	60
	26 J. Morse, 1 lb. coffee, .17, 1 cord,	
	.37, 1 bean pot, .12,	66
	J. Morse, 1 dish, .30, ½ lb. tea, .15,	
	½ yard print, .05,	50
3	0 E. H. Goodhue, mending chair and	
	whiffle tree,	16
3	1 G. P. Haynes, 9 yds. kersey, 3.60,	
	3 yds. drilling, .50,	4 10
	G. P. Haynes, 2 handkerchiefs, .24,	
	2 bush, salt, .95,	1 19
	G. P. Haynes, 21 3/4 lbs. fish,	65
April	•	
6	E. Sanders, 1 pair shoe uppers,	40
	Wm. Burnham, 1 whip,	31
	J. M. Blake, 2 lbs. saleratus, 1 lb.	
	coffee, .17,	30
7	G. P. Haynes, 40 yds. cotton cloth,	
	2 lbs. tea, .80, 6 lbs. sugar, .58, 1	
	lb. tobacco, .25,	3 60
	1 pair gloves, .06, 4 lbs. soda, .25,	
	1 pint oil11,	52
	4 gallons molasses,	1 28
9	H. F. Sanborn, ½ bush, seed corn,	60
	J. Morse, 1 dish, .25, 21 yards	
	crash, .25, 50	
	¹ / ₂ lb. pepper, .08, 1 sett ox balls, .17,	25
12	Benjamin Towle, 2 bushels rye,	2 00
	J. M. Blake, ½ bush, grass seed, 1.87,	
	15 lbs. clover seed, 1.65,	3 52
	Moore & Cilley, one fork,	1 00
14	Morrill Hoyt, 161 pounds of veal,	1 12
17	G. P. Haynes, 2 lbs. tobacco,	76
18	I. G. Russ, 2 barrels plaster, 3.00,	
	1 hat, 1.38,	4 38

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Paic	l April 2	21 E. H. Goodhue, shoeing horse, .48,	
	_	1 fire shovel, .10,	58
		sharpening iron bar,	4
		J. Morse, two doz. buttons,	6
		J. M. Brown, 3 bushels of oats,	1 50
	May 1	William Goss, blacksmith work,	2 50
	,	William Goss, sharpening 15 harrow	
		teeth,	15
		William Goss, mending whiffle tree	
		iron,	20
		J. Morse, 2 pair shoes, 3.00, 1/4 lb. of	
		tea, .15, thread, .05,	3 20
	5	G. P. Haynes, 50 Ibs. fish, 1.50, 20	
		lbs. tongues and sounds, 1.00,	2 50
		G. P. Haynes, 1 bbl. flour, 7.00, 1	
		firkin, .20,	7 20
		G. P. Haynes, ½ bar soap, .10, ¼ Ib.	
		ginger, .03,	13
		G. P. Haynes, ¼ lb. starch, .03,1 oz.	
		nutmeg, .08,	11
		G. P. Haynes, 12 yds. denim, 1.80.	
		11 yds. print, 1.33,	3 18
		G. P. Haynes, ¼ lb. cassia,	10
		E. Sanders, upper leather for shoes,	50
	7	Morrill Hoyt, 9 Ibs. beef,	58
	8	I. G. Russ, 1 barrel plaster, 1.50,	
		1 bag of salt, 1.50,	3 50
		I. G. Russ, 1 clothes line, .15, 3 doz.	
		clothes pins, .15,	30
		I. G. Russ, 1 knife,	25
		James Tripp, 1/2 bush, seed corn,	60
	10	S. M. Green, 1000 lbs. hay,	7 00
		H. F. Sanborn, ¼ bush, seed corn,	30
		Mrs. Bickford for washing,	33
	16	Nathan Marden, mending slices,	65
		I. G. Russ, 1 hat, .75, ribbon for bon	
		net, .35.	1 10
		I. G. Russ, 1 pair shoes, 1.50, 1 Ib.	
		tobacco, .28,	1 78
		I. G. Russ, 2 balls twine, .12, 5 yds.	
		print60,	72
May	7 22	G. P. Haynes, 1 box caps, .08, ½ lb.	
		powder, .12,	20

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Paid May 22	G. P. Haynes, 1 lb. shot, .10,1 pair	
	shoes, .40,	50
	G. P. Haynes, crackers, .23, 5 lbs.	
	tobacco, 1.75,	1 98
	Joseph Morse, 2 cakes, .22, pens, .05,	
	1 doz. buttons, .12,	39
23		22
25	J. Morse, 2 papers onion seed,	10
	Simeon Towle, 18 ½ lbs. veal,	91
28	E. H. Goodhue, shoeing oxen,	50
	E. E. Baker, repairing clock,	75
31	G. P. Haynes, 4 gallons molasses,	1 40
	G. P. Haynes, 6 lbs. rice, .36, 1 lb.	
	tea, .30, 2 Ibs. soda, .13,	79
	G. P. Haynes, crackers, .25, 2 bags	
	salt, .46, 2 rolls batting, .24,	95
	G. P. Haynes, 3 yds. crash, .24, 1	
	yard cloth, .12,	36
	G. P. Haynes, 3 bowls,	20
June 1	J. Morse, 1 ½ yds. print, .15, 1 comb,	
_	.06, 1 lb. coffee, .17,	38
8	R. M. Davis, tin ware,	1 40
11	I. G. Russ, 12 Ibs. tongues & sounds,	72
	I. G. Russ,l pair shoes, 1.40, 6yds.	• 00
	print, .60,	2 00
	I. G. Russ, 12 doz. shirt buttons, .16,	
4.5	6 yds. denim, 1.00,	1 16
15	William Ham, 12 lbs. veal,	60
18	G. P. Haynes, 3 yds. satinet,	1 50
	G. P. Haynes, 12 yds. denim, 2.00,	0.00
2.7	1 bbl. flour, 7.00,	9 00
25	J. H. Pearsons & Co., 1 bbl. pork,	21 50
	Ward & Humphrey, 3 rakes, .60, 2	00
	fork handles, .20,	80
20	iron and screws,	8
28	G. W. Swain, thread,	11
	James Tripp, 2 bushels rye,	2 00
20	J. Morse, 11 ½ lb. fish,	38
29	Benjamin Towle, 1 pig,	1 50
July 3	E. H. Goodhue, shoeing horse,	40
	J. Morse, 1/2 lb. tea, .22, 2 handker	40
	chiefs, .18,	40
	J. Morse, 2 lbs. black tea,	80

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Paid July	7	G. P. Haynes, 2 scythes, 1.84, 3	2.00
		scythe stones, .24,	2 08
		G. P. Haynes, 2 rifles, .16, 4 lbs.	
		tea, 1.84, 4 lbs. soda, .25,	2 25
		G. P. Haynes, roll paper, .06, hank	
		thread, .04,	10
		E. H. Goodhue, handling 2 forks,	20
		J. M. Burnham, 1 horse collar, 1.75,	
		1 pail, .25,	2 00
		Mrs. Towle, making 4 pair pants,	1 00
		Morrill Hoyt, 6 lbs. halibut,	42
	11	G. P. Haynes, 20 lbs. tongues and	
		sounds,	1 20
		G. P. Haynes, 1 scythe snath, .62,	
		1 scythe, .83,	1 45
		Moody Wilson, 16 1/2 lbs. beef,	96
	23	G. P. Haynes, 5 lbs. tobacco, 1.75,	
		4 galls, molasses, 1.33,	3 08
		G. P. Haynes, 30 yds. cotton cloth,	
		2.77, 2 ½ lbs. fish, .65,	3 42
		G. P. Haynes, ¼ lb. ginger, .03, ½ lb)
		pepper, .08, crackers, .25,	36
		G. P. Haynes, 1 doz. buttons, .12,	
		$1 \frac{1}{2}$ yd. cloth, .18,	30
	31	Mrs. Bickford, washing,	75
		Jeremiah Burnham, 2 days haying,	2 50
		C. R. Burnham, 2 days haying,	1 20
Aug.	1	G. P. Haynes, 1 bbl. flour, 7.00, 3	
		lbs. sugar, .27,	7 27
	10	E. H. Goodhue, shoeing oxen,	1 00
		mending 2 chains,	20
		J. Morse, 8 3/4 lbs. fish,	31
		T. Cotterel for work,	45
	15	Samuel Fowler, 160 lbs. beef,	7 70
		G. P. Haynes, 2 bush, salt, 1.00, 4	
		galls, molasses, 1.33,	2 33
		G. P. Haynes, 1 bag fine salt, .23,	
		50 lbs. fish, 1.50,	1 73
		G. P. Haynes, 1 lb. sugar,	11
		I. G. Russ, 1 hat,	20
		G. P. Haynes, 4 lbs. soda, .25, 1/4 lb.	
		starch, .03,	28
		G. P. Hayues, 1 lb. coffee, .16,	
		thread, .09, 1 paper needles, .05,	30

	16	
Paid Aug. 15	G. P. Haynes, 3 1/3 yds. denim, .56,	
	$4\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. mackerel, .34,	90
	J. Cram, 1 comb,	12
Sept. 7	C. C. Smith, 1 bushel meal,	80
1	Walsh & Howarth, for spinning yarn,	1 42
	" making 10 1-2 yards flannel,	3 21
	Mrs Towle, making one vest,	25
Sept. 11	Morrill Hoyt, 8 1-2 lbs. beef	58
Sept 12	J. B. & J. M. Burnham, for thrashing	7 58
" 15	G. P. Haynes, 1 bbl. flour,	7 00
"	3 lbs. sugar,	30
"	" 1-4 lb. tea, 15 cts., nutmegs 8,	23
"	" 2 yds. Denim, 30, thread 28,	58
"	" 1 yd. 14, 1 lb sugar, 11,	25
" 20	C. C. Smith, 2 bush.	170
"	G. W. Swain, 1 paring machine,	85
"	E. H. Goodhue, 1 shoe on horse,	25
"	G. P. Haynes, 5 Ibs tobacco, 1 65, nails 9	1 74
"	" 1 1-2 pt. oil, 19, 2 doz. buttons 20	39
"	4 galls, molasses, 1 33, 1 ball wicking, 5,	1 38
Oct. 1,	T. Cotterell, shoeing horse,	50
"	" mending stove,	30
" 2,	Moody Willson, 23 1-2 lbs. of beef,	1 20
" 4,	I. G. Russ, 2 qts oil,	50
" 15,	C. C. Smith, one bag meal,	1 70
	G. P. Haynes, 4 lbs. soda,	25
	" 3 yds cotton cloth,	29
	" 1 spool thread, 5, 2 plates, 30,	35
	" 2 vessels,	50
	" 8 yards de laine,	1 33
	" 1 yard selicia	12
	" 1 yard cambrick 8, 1 thread, 5,	13
	" Selicia, 25, 5 sheets wadding, 25	50
	5 yards linsey,	1 00
	1 doz. buttons, 17. 1 do 12	29
	" 2 yards tweed,	80
	1 1-2 yards kersey,	1 45
	" 4 yards kersey,	3 50
0 . 16	" 14 lbs. fish, 42, whiplash, 15	57
Oct. 16	Evans & Hill, 1 bush, herds grass seed,	4 00
18	Ward, 1 bed cord,	42
24	John Yeaton, 1 barrel cider,	1 00
24	Simeon Sanders, one yoke of steers,	74 00
	E. H. Goodhue shoeing oxen,	60

17	
Paid Oct. 24. E. H. Goodhue, shoeing horse, 45, mendi	ng, 75
Dec. 30. J. Morse, 2 quarts oil,	50
Mrs. Bickford, washing,	50
William Goss, 152 lbs. beef,	6 84
E. H. Goodhue, shoeing oxen,	1 00
Nov. 5. William Burnham, holding plow,	75
10. J. Morse, 2 gallons molasses,	96
1 yard,	14
12. Mrs. Towle, making 1 coat,	1 00
" making jacket and pants,	50
16. I. G. Russ, 1 bbl. flour,	7 25
" 1-2 Ib. tea,	30
" 1 set cup and saucers,	25
" 8 yards print,	1 00
" buttons and thread,	15
" 3 lbs. tobacco,	75
5 yards couon cioin,	47
17. John Yeaton, use of plow,	75
Benjamin Bickford, use of plow,	60
Benjamin Towle, use of plow,	1 25
William Burnham, building wall ½ day,	36 75
" 1 day's work on bridge, J. M. Blake, 3 lbs. tobacco	75 75
Nov. 17. G. P. Haynes, one book,	15
" 1-4 ginger 3, 1 lb. sugar 11,	14
" crackers, 12, 2 lbs. rasins 20	32
" 1 spool thread, 5,1 qt. oil, 25	30
" 1 pair boots,	1 83
Moody Willson, 36 lbs. beef,	1 85
20, J. Morse, 2 qts. oil, 50, 6 lbs. nails 25	75
" 1-4 pepper,	4
Benjamin Towle, 240 lbs. beef,	12 00
26. Charles C. Doe, 1 Cow,	18 00
" 3 bush, apples,	40
J. Morse, for glass 16, 1 bottle oil 10,	26
Dec. 6. E. Sanders, for leather,	9
G. P. Haynes, 1-4 Ib. cinnamon,	10
" 1-4 cloves 8,1 oz. nutmegs 8,	16
" 11-4 yards print,	13
" 4 gallons molasses,	1 33
" 1 1-2 yards ticking,	25
" 7 yards sheeting,	67
" 1 doz. clothes pins,	6
" 3 spoons 8, 2 balls wicking 8,	16

	18	
Paid Dec. 6.	G. P. Haynes, shoe strings 2,1 book 15,	17
	" 1 pair boots,	2 83
	" 1 lb. putty,	6
	" 5 lbs. tobacco,	1 67
	" 1 lantern,	42
	" 2 yards strainer,	12
Dec. 7.	E. H. Goodhue, shoeing oxen,	1 50
	" shoeing steers	1 00
9.	Benjamin Towle, 1 set shoes for steers,	50
10.	E. H. Goodhue, shoeing horse,	65
	J. Morse, 1 pair boots,	2 90
	" 1 pair mittens,	65
15.	G. P. Haynes, 2 bushels salt,	1 00
	" 3 lard pots,	36
22.	J. Morse, 1 set ox balls,	17
	" 2 quarts oil 50, 1-4 Ib. tea 15	65
	" 1 1-2 yds. print 15, coffee 13	28
27.	William Goss 1 pair steers,	18 00
	" for blacksmith work,	58
	J. Morse, 2 lbs. soda 14, 1 pot 25,	39
Jan. 3.	Mr. Johnson, 1 pair hame straps	17
7.	J. Morse, 1 lb. black tea,	54
	" 2 lbs. rosin,	6
10.	G. P. Haynes, 1 bush salt 50, pepper 4	54
19.	J. Morse, 6 plates 24, 1 bag of salt 23	47
	" 7 yds. sheeting,	63
	" 3 yds. Denim,	48
	C. C. Smith, sawing 1200 feet lumber,	2 70
	William Goss for work, .	25
25.	r	84
28.	James M. Blake, 1 barrel flour,	6 50
	" 1 1-2 pounds tea,	50
	" 1 1-2 lbs cream tarter,	20
	" 3 lbs. tobacco,	67
	" 3 lbs soda, .	18
	in Concord, for tea-kettle and 1 tea pot,	1 50
Feb. 1.	, <u> </u>	37
	J. Burnham, 1 bottle bitters,	25
	Mrs. Towle, making 1 pair pants,	30
-	" cutting and making pair shirts,	40
7.	3 · E	25
	for R. McDaniels	25
	J. Morse, 2 lbs tea,	80
	T. Cotterell, for work,	25

Paid Feb. 8, J. W. Burnham, making 1 pair shoes,	80
" to half-soleing 2 pair boots,	1 10
Warren Yeaton, 18 1-2 lbs. fish,	56
15. Benjamin Bickford, shaving E. Petten-	
gill one year,	1 50
James M. Burnham, 1 pair boots	1 00
18. G. P. Haynes, 3 yds. cotton cloth 29,	
1 spool thread 5, 1 bottle pepper	
mint 10, 1-4 pepper 5, .	49
Solomon Yeaton, use of barn,	2 00
J. Morse, 1 lb tobacco	30
23. L. W. Peabody, for Moses Locke,	10
" John Locke,	25
J. Morse, 1 bed cord,	30
Amount of Expenditures,	441 36
" Receipts,	<u>360 28</u>
	81 08

RECEIPTS OF TOWN FARM

For the year commencing February 27, 1860.

For the year commencing February 21, 1860.	
Received March 3. of G. P. Haynes, 6 1-2 lbs. butter,	1 17
Benjamin Towle, use of horse,	58
D. Robinson horse to Kensington	3 18
A. W. Perkins, for work,	58
J. Morse 1 1-2 doz. eggs,	22
E. H. Goodhue, for J. Lock's work	1 83
16. John Yeaton 2 journeys to Hooksett	1 45
G. P. Haynes 33 1-2 lbs butter	5 98
" 4 doz. eggs, and 1 pair socks	87
carrying 1 box shoes for T. Ames	30
A. W. Perkins for oxen and myself	3 25
Nathan Marden for work	1 00
" 2 lbs tallow	20
G. W. Doe one calf	4 00
J. Morse 4 doz. eggs	52
Jeremiah Burnham 8 lbs. lard	1 04
Mrs. Wells 3 3-4 lbs. lard	50
A. W. Perkins horse to Concord	1 00
William B. Perkins, 12 qts. milk	48
" use of horse	20
Jere'h Trip for E. McDaniel' s work	25

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Received March 16. Wm. Burnham use of horse & wagor	n 80
W. B. Perkins use of wagon	06
Emma C. Wells 2 lbs. lard	26
G. W. Doe 1 calf	4 75
G. P. Rand 1-2 day's work,	45
Wm. Burnham use of horse,	45
" " "	50
E. H. Goodhue for work	33
Benj. Bickford wagon to Hooksett	25
May 5. A. W. Perkins myself and oxen	
1 day	1 65
Benjamin Bickford 1 gal. vinegar	20
A. W. Perkins myself and oxen	
1-2 day	96
" myself and horse 1-2 day 1 29	
22. Moody Willson 1 calf	3 00
Benjamin Towle for carrying 1 calf	20
E. H. Goodhue 1 day's work	75
" horse 1-4 day	1 00
G. P. Haynes 3 doz. eggs	36
Mrs Wells 1 lb. butter	15
June 7. of sundry persons for use of bull	6 80
A. W. Perkins 1 pig	2 00
David Campbell 1 pig	2 00
Soloman Yeaton, 1 pig	2 00
James Martin 2 pigs	4 00
William Goss 20 lbs. of Iron	40
I. G. Russ 12 1-2 lbs. butter	1 75
22. E. M. Wilson 7 lambs	21 00
July 7. J. Morse 7 Ibs. butter	1 00
C. C. Smith 1-2 day's work my	1.05
self and oxen	1 25
Moody Wilson 1 dinner,	13
Aug. 6. S. J. Clark 1-2 day cutting grain	75 21
J. Morse 1 1-2 doz. eggs	21 18 77
G. P. Haynes, 81 lbs. butter	
Sept. 1. A. W. Perkins horse to Concord G. W. Swain 2 bushels oats	1 00
	80 110 00
Oct. 22. J. Towle one yoke of oxen Jeremiah Burnham 1-2 days work	33
Nathan Marden three days work	33
myself and oxen	4 00
A. W. Perkins 1 day myself & oxen	1 45
Wm. Burnham " " "	1 43
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Received Oct. 22. Wm. Burnham use of oxen 3-4 day	75
" use of horse	40
" 2 quarts soap	8
" 6 oz. yarn 33, 1 hen	58
Nov. 3. J. W. Burnham use of horse	40
J. M. Burnham and oxen 1-2 day	1 00
" oxen 1-2 day	40
13. A. W. Perkins oxen and 1 hand	
one day	1 60
Benjamin Bickford 4 hens	1 30
I. G. Russ 11 bushels potatoes	3 67
" 6 lbs butter	1 20
" 6 bushel oats	2 52
Benjamin Towle horse to thrash	
nine days	4 50
Benjamin Towle 4 1-2 days work	
thrashing	3 50
Benjamin Towle pasturing 2 calves	2 00
Benjamin Bickford 6 Ibs. beef	42
E. Sanders one cow hide	3 05
Dec. 27. Wm. Goss one pair steers	55 00
Horace Carpenter balance be	
tween cattle	18 00
Solomon Yeaton pasturing 2 sheep	1 00
A. W. Perkins horse to Concord	1 00
J. W. Burnham 50 feet lumber	50
J. M. Blake 16 bushels oats	7 20
Feb. 8. Charles C. Doe use of horse	75
J. M. Burnham 20 days thrashing	10 00
of Martin & Cochran for 734 feet	
of oak timber	9 54
INDEPTEDNIEGO OF THE TOWN, FED. 20.107	
INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN, FEB. 28,186	
John Yeaton's note, dated Feb. 23d. 1860	212 00
Due School District No. 4	22 07
NO. 8,	67 67
James W. Burmani on salary at the end of his year	100 00
Joseph Chapman for services as confector 1636	25 25
	<u>25</u>
	\$451 74
Remaining in hands of town treasurer 42 91 .	
" on Joseph Chapman's list 73 30	

Remaining on Jonathan C. Sanders list 300 00

\$416 21

Actual indebtedness of the town

35 53

ACCOUNT OF STOCK ON TOWN FARM,

	FEB. 28, 1861.
2 oxen	75 00
4 cows	100 00
2 yearlings	20 00
9 sheep	23 00
1 horse	15 00
2 shoats	<u>25 00</u>
	\$318 00

Produce on Town Farm.

11 tons hay	125 00
17 gallons soap	2 12
145 bushels potatoes	36 25
30 lbs. butter	5 00
5 bushels carrots	1 50
2 barrels beef	24 00
1 barrel Pork	21 00
1 2-3 barrel cider	3 50
1-2 barrel flour	3 50
60 lbs. lard	8 40
37 lbs. tallow	3 70
19 lbs. dried apple	1 33
25 bushels oats	10 30
4 1-2 bushels rye	4 50
2 bushels beans	3 00
64 bushels corn	57 60

\$31060

Interest on cost of farm and stock	175 91
Stock and provisions less than 1860	58 27
Excess of expenditures	81 08
Salary of overseer	200 00

\$515 26

Received of County for paupers boarded at the

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farm for the last year
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196 82

Cost of town paupers on the farm \$318 44 Paupers supported on Town Farm from Feb. 25,1860, to Feb 25,1861

Elijah Pettengill, 52 weeks 52 " David Dickey, 52 " Simon Grant, John Dolloff, 52 " 52 " John Locke, Jonathan Godfrey, 52 " Rose McDaniels, 52 " 52 " Alice Goss, 41 " Nathan Goss, 46 " Moses Locke, 38 " Josiah D. Howe, George Danforth, 12 " <u>7__</u> " Isaac Eastman,

560

SAMUEL MARTIN,) Selectmen WILLIAM YEATON,) of FRANKLIN ROBINSON,) Epsom.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts and find them properly vouched and correctly cast.

EPHRAIM LOCKE,) Auditors of the HENRY F. SANBORN,) town of Epsom.

Epsom, Feb; 28, 1861.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Superintending Committee intend no studied essay upon the success of our schools the past year; but content myself by saying that (in my judgment) they have been as successful as could be expected, considering the limited care, cost and solicitude bestowed upon them. We have intended, during the year which is closing, to make them thorough in the rudiments of the various branch-\ es taught, and also to have the qualifications of the teacher adapted to the wants of the school; if such has not been the case in every school, it has been owing to misapprehension on our part, or causes extraneous to the committee; our aim having been to discharge our duties faithfully, fearlessly and impartially. Though we were accused of showing the grossest and most absurd partiality to some of our teachers last year on account of political tenets, yet for all this, I lay up nothing against any one, but console myself with the cheering thought, that the person, who indulges in such a vague and crude idea, is one who is perfectly harmless and innocent as to mind and body. Politics have arisen to such a state of fermentation that everything, so to speak, has it for its motto. We should be actuated by politics in the choice of our rulers, and it here should end. But alas for their continuance! We find our sacred desks, where none, but they, who have clean hands and pare hearts should stand, we find, I say, even them filled oftentimes with political demagogues. It eaters every school-meeting almost without exception, and so down to the minutest social gathering, thus killing the vitality of meetings of every kind which otherwise would be pleasant. But I leave this side branch of my remarks for others more able than myself. That there are causes operating against the success of our schools is an axiom, and that these causes are in many instances beyond our control, supervision or remedy, is also self-evident, lying as they do deep in the social customs, conceits and predilections of our people; there being little harmony of sentiment upon the subject of education or the sphere of the common schools: some having too crude or antiquated notions upon the subject, others too progressive; some believing the theoretical and rudimental parts should be mostly attended to, others in the practical, and still others in an union of the two, which is my belief; some believing the success of the school all or mostly depends upon the teacher, others upon the scholar, I on both; some believing the memory alone need be educated, others, that all the faculties of the mind should be developed and educated. I in the latter; some believing the Superintending Committee too rigid and severe in their examinations, (which is *seldom* the case, others, that they are too easy, (which is most always so;) some believing the said committee a nullity, others, that they are indispensable: I believe we must have them in some form, not that /want the office; some thinking the standard of qualifications of teachers too high, others too low; I well enough. Hence, with all these diversities of opinions

upon the subject, often generating a thousand jealousies and bickerings, and always tending to produce division and discord, we ought to thank Him, "who i8 the giver of every good and perfect gift," and good fortune, that there is anything that bears semblance of prosperity among our schools. That we have, shows not only the divine superiority of a little truth over much error, but there is abundant encouragement to the friends of common schools for renewed efforts to raise the standard and character of them. The progress of the age and the welfare of our schools demand our constant and increasing care. Parents manifest little or no interest in our schools, for they seldom visit the room. Then again we crowd too ranch into the schoolroom. I refer to studies. We find Algebra and the dead languages in our largest schools, when in fact they have no business there, and the result is our little ones are mentally starved. We think the law should be more explicit upon this point, either directly allowing or prohibiting the introduction of such branches. Teachers are very careless with regard to filling out their registers, some filling a portion, and very few, all the blanks; thus subjecting the committee to trouble, and themselves to exposure and ridicule. Believing your common schools are making a progress wholly compatible with your efforts and the spirit of the times, we commend them to your further consideration and support.

The foregoing remarks, together with the following tabular statement and detailed report are respectfully submitted.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

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f Only one term.

[See original for above chart. Ed.]

^{*} Union District, t Not reported.

DISTRICT NO. I.

Summer Term. Susan C. Willey, Teacher. The scholars under Miss Willey's care made some progress in the right direction. The classes in mathematics showed a superficialness, a want of practical knowledge. We found the order poor at our first and last visit, and this seems to be one of the characteristic features of No. 1 school. Miss W. is an old teacher, and has imbibed habits and fashions that are somewhat stale; has too many ceremonies, too much formality in the school-room, yet considering the adverse causes operating against this school, she did tolerably well. Winter Term. Edwin Greene, Teacher. The auspices under which Mr. Greene commenced were favorable, but still there was a clandestine conspiracy, already here, and soon it burst, became ripe, and with this development down went the school. There was quite a degree of improvement on the nart of some scholars still; so we see, from much evil a little good may be educed. There never will be a good school here until the parents, all as one, support the teacher. Just the moment the parents say, my children shall not be corrected, just so soon our schools go down throughout the land. Mr. G, is a nice young man, •we conclude—one who is amply qualified to instruct, but one who does not have that commanding appearance which some others have.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Summer Term. Eliza D. Bickford, Teacher. This school prospered under Miss B. She has had some experience in teaching, which is an advantage. Order commendable to scholars and teacher.

Winter Term. Abbie A. Blanchard, Teacher. We were unable to .visit this school at the close, but judging from the appearance of the teacher and scholars at our first examination, and from what we have learned concerning the school since that time, we conclude without hesitancy that this was one of our best schools in town. We felt sorry that Miss B. was obliged to leave before the money was expended; but news came her mother was dangerously ill, and she was under the necessity of going.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Summer Term. Sarah L. Moses, Teacher. This was her first attempt at teaching. Experience is one of the essential requisites to success, but, without this, Miss M. flourished. The reputation of No. 3 is good, and I wish I could say this of all our schools. Miss. M. will do well to go on.

Winter Term. Jennie R. Harvey, Teacher. Miss Harvey bears with her the prestige of success, having a winning way, a faculty of communicating her thoughts to her pupils, a voice that arouses the dead and sleepy mind. This was a profitable term.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Summer Term. Eliza J. Hoyt, Teacher. Clamor and bustle were visible all around the room at our first visit; at our last an improvement met our eye. Miss H. is young in teaching, but energetic. This is the second school in town as to size, and the second as to *noise*—but Miss H. succeeded in overcoming the noise partially, and a good degree of improvement was manifest.

Winter Term. Joseph Plumer, Teacher. Mr. P. commenced with good omens before him, but from a cause, which I consider flimsy, he left after keeping some six weeks. He is a young man of ability and experience in school teaching. We fear there is an influence behind the school here, which, if not checked, will utterly rain it. This term was short, but good, and ranks among the first in town.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Summer and Winter Term in one. Mary J. Perkins, Teacher. No. 5 seems to be a difficult district to suit—though but very few scholars in it, yet they all want a teacher of their own, (I should have said the parents;) but Miss P. is one who does not care for A. B. or C., and manages the school to suit herself. The scholars made good improvement except in Adams' arithmetic; they seemed to show a superficialness in this.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Union. Not visited.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Summer Term. Abbie M. Holmes, Teacher. Miss Holmes labored under the same disadvantage of all beginners. She is young, quite so, yet the scholars made an advance in the path of knowledge. Young persons would do better to wait until their judgment becomes more matured, when they can act like men and women in the school-room. The classes in mathematics showed a want of thoroughness, a lack of understanding. Miss H. is ambitious' and alive in the school, and will make an excellent teacher.

Winter Term. Benjamin Towle, Teacher. We were not notified of the close of this, consequently did not visit it but once, but taking the appearance of the school at our first call, and the former reputation of the teacher, they are a sufficient guaranty to success. And we learn from other sources that it was a profitable term.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Summer and Winter in one Term. C. Jennie Clough, Teacher. Miss C. is an old teacher. She is mild, gentle and moves with ease in the school-room Her scholars reviewed promptly their several studies.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Summer Term. Mary L. Wallace, Teacher. Miss Wallace has an ambition, a *true* grit, which few female teachers, have. This ranks among our finest schools. She ought to make teaching a business; for she bears with her the palm of success

Winter Term. David O. Rand, Teacher. This teacher is one who does not get sleepy in the school-room, and the result is, his scholars do not get in that state. Mr. R. is a lover of order, and his pupils made good proficiency. This is a reputable district.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Summer and Winter Term. A. Frances Perkins, Teacher. No. 10, ranks among the hardest schools in town. Miss P. is a kind, aimable and affectionate

teacher. This school demands the assistance of a ragged, kind and decided male teacher in the Winter season, but *nevertheless* the teacher managed the school with a good deal of prudence, and some of her pupils laid fast hold on instruction. Miss Perkins has the ability, (health sustaining it,) to become one of our very best teachers.

BENJAMIN G. HOWE.

Superintending School Com. of Epsom,

Epsom, March 1, 1861.