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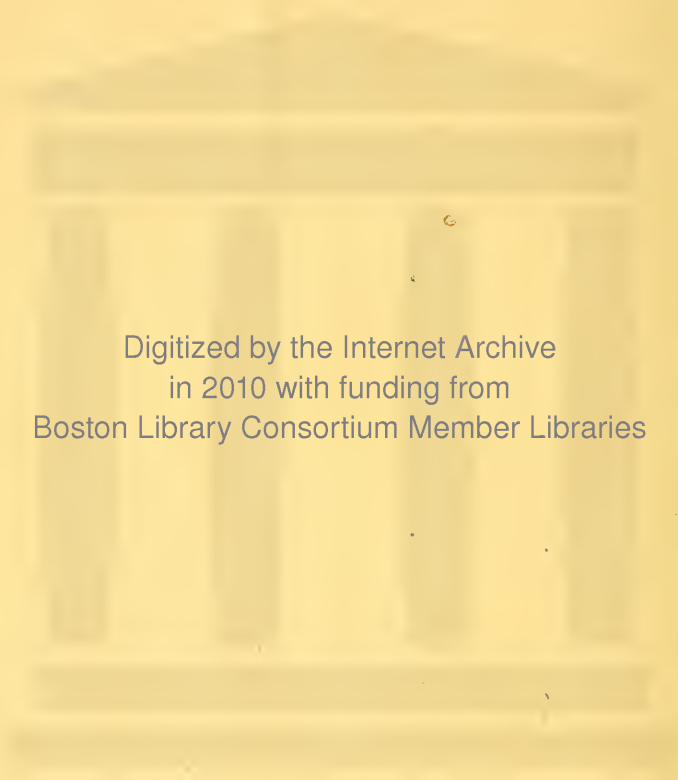
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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Remaining in hands of treasurer for 1882,	\$1,225.75
" " William Fowler, collector for 1882,	477.44
Amount committed to William Fowler for collection :	
Resident assessment,	7,072.95
Non-resident assessment,	762.84
Dog tax,	64.00
School house tax in District No. 2, -	151.76
Received of state treasurer, insurance tax,	9.00
Railroad tax,	178.25
Savings bank tax,	837.93
Literary fund,	108.83
	1,133.81
Received of County Commissioners :	
Supplies for Eliza A. Cotton,	\$68.00
Osum Dawst,	75.65
J. D. Howe,	56.00
W. C. Bennett,	142.04
S. Batchelder,	277.51
Sarah Mason,	87.57
Minnie Foss,	52.00
Abby R. Dow,	12.50
	771.27
Received of Free Baptist Society, by note,	811.00
W. P. Babb, overpaid on highway, District No. 9,	11.12
James O. Fisk, for old bridge plank, 82262,	.50
William Fowler, interest on taxes, 1882,	15.35
" " " " 1883,	15.17
Heirs of Joseph Emerson, tax of 1882,	2.39
Warren Tripp, on account of Betsey C. Goss,	177.50
	\$12,692.85

EXPENDITURES.

1883.		
March 28.	Paid Free Baptist Society, interest on note,	\$23.14
	W. F. Sanders for breaking roads in District No. 21,	12.90
	H. O. Cass, for board of John S. Cass at the N. H. Asylum,	29.49
	Joseph Lawrence, work on road in District No. 1,	6.00
	James Yeaton, breaking road in District No. 6,	8.00
	D. M. Philbrick, breaking road in District No. 8,	24.75
	Mary A. Evans, endorsement on note,	150.00
	J. H. Dolbeer, for insuring town house,	12.50
	Rosilla W. Heath, endorsement on note,	100.00
	James L. Bartlett, breaking road in District No. 13,	3.54
	John Chesley, 9 dinners for supervisors,	2.25
	D. G. Chesley, supervisor for 1882 and 1883,	8.75
	D. G. Chesley, for services as S. S. Com- mittee,	32.00
	Henry O. Cass, for John S. Cass,	33.96
	Daniel Yeaton, for breaking roads,	11.00
	J. Y. Mugridge, legal services,	96.00
	Evans, Sleeper & Woodbury, printing reports,	22.00
	Langdon Lear, work on roads in District No. 18,	18.89
	James Yeaton, breaking roads in District No. 7,	7.57
	James Yeaton, breaking roads in District No. 24,	6.55
	Cyrus Marden, work on road in District No. 4,	38.75
	H. O. Cass, for John S. Cass at asylum, Daniel Yeaton, school house tax for District No. 2,	36.69 125.00

March 28.	Paid Langdon Lear, breaking roads in District			
	No. 18,			\$5.18
	Robert C. Brown, note in full,			544.87
	Amos P. Barton, work on turnpike,			15.00
	Z. Leighton for two sheep killed by dogs,			8.00
	“ work on turnpike bridge,			5.00
	H. G. Leighton, “			3.00
	G. W. Marden, “			3.00
	B. B. Yeaton, “			1.50
	J. T. Cotterell, for work on road, District			
	No. 3,			40.71
	W. F. Pickard, for work on road, District			
	No. 13,			39.87
	George C. Towle, for work on road in			
	District No. 5,			9.50
	W. T. Sanders, for work on road, District			
	No. 21,			11.50
	James O. Fisk, for work on turnpike road,			6.00
24.	Robert C. Brown, “ “ “			24.00
	D. M. Philbrick, “ “ “			17.25
	J. P. Locke, “ “ “			7.50
	Henry Bickford, “ “ “			7.50
Nov. 24.	A. F. Yeaton, “ “ “			76.45
	T. F. Kelley, “ “ “			19.00
	Alvah F. Yeaton, work on road in District			
	No. 9,			11.12
	C. W. Tarlton, work on road in District			
	No. 12,			24.27
	James Yeaton, work on road in District			
	No. 24,			17.75
	James Yeaton, work on road in District			
	No. 6,			12.83
	J. B. Sanborn, for stationery,			4.52
	B. B. Yeaton, breaking road in District			
	No. 10,			8.25
	Samuel Whittier, work on road in District			
	No. 17,			3.32
	Samuel Bickford, for work on road in			
	District No. 22,			76.70

Nov. 24.	Paid W. P. Babb, work on turnpike,	\$2.65
	“ “ roads in District	
	No. 9,	58.16
	W. P. Babb, work on road in District	
	No. 10,	39.90
	W. P. Babb, work on road to his house,	6.00
	David M. Philbrick, work on road in	
	District No. 8,	17.00
	William Goss, 1 cord of wood for S.	
	Batchelder,	4.00
	William Goss, for cutting snow drift,	.75
	“ “ 2 stringers for turnpike	
	bridge,	20.00
	William Goss, for 50 quarts milk for	
	S. Batchelder,	2.50
	William Goss, for 41 quarts milk for Mrs.	
	Robinson,	2.05
	Alonzo Wallace, for work on road in	
	District No. 1,	53.75
	John Spurlin, for work on road in District	
	No. 17,	21.75
	Geo. W. Batchelder, for work on road in	
	District No. 2,	57.00
	J. F. Robinson, wood for Martha F.	
	Robinson,	4.55
	John T. Cotterell, for work on road in	
	District No. 3,	10.96
	Joseph Lawrence, for work on road in	
	District No. 1,	3.12
	Joseph Lawrence, abatement for loss of	
	horse,	2.38
	Daniel Watson, breaking out North-east	
	road,	5.25
	A. H. French, medical services for Josiah	
	D. Howe,	2.80
	A. H. French, medical services for Osum	
	Dawst,	6.90
	A. H. French, medical services for William	
	C. Bennett,	12.90

Nov. 24.	Paid A. H. French, medical services for Samuel Batchelder,	\$13.15
	A. H. French, medical services for Betsey C. Goss,	8.75
	A. H. French, for returning births and deaths,	3.75
	Benjamin Bickford, work on road in District No. 16,	22.00
	Benjamin Bickford, for lumber,	2.00
	Henry A. Marden, two days work on turn-pike bridge,	3.00
	Henry Knox, for damage on New Rye road,	125.00
	T. F. Kelley, breaking road in District No. 9,	2.40
	Abby J. Haynes, for board of Eliza A. Cotton,	68.00
	John C. Hall & Son, supplies for Osum Dawst,	53.10
	Silver & Hall, supplies for Sarah Mason,	81.72
	“ “ “ Josiah D. Howe,	52.00
	“ “ “ W. C. Bennett,	93.24
	“ “ “ Samuel Batchelder,	205.87
1884.		
Feb. 1.	Paid Silver & Hall, for supplies for Joseph Morrill,	19.00
	Silver & Hall, for 15 pounds spikes,	.60
	Sarah Sanborn, for board of Minnie Foss,	52.00
	Joseph Morse, supplies for Abby R. Dow,	12.50
	William Goss, “ Martha F. Robinson,	8.95
	G. C. Knowles, meat for S. Batchelder,	9.88
	D. L. Locke, medical services for S. Batchelder,	16.75
	M. F. Smith, medical services for S. Batchelder,	25.35
	M. F. Smith, medical services for Osum Dawst,	15.65

Feb. 1.	Paid M. F. Smith, medical services for J. D. Howe,	\$1.20
	M. F. Smith, medical services for Sarah Mason,	5.85
	M. F. Smith, medical services for William C. Bennett,	17.60
	M. F. Smith, medical services for Sarah Bennett,	13.80
	M. F. Smith, medical services for Martha F. Robinson,	29.90
	M. F. Smith, for returning births and deaths,	4.25
	James Yeaton, services as selectman, March, 1883,	1.75
	James Yeaton, work on road in District No. 7,	4.25
	William P. Babb, work on road in District No. 9,	6.80
	Walter Cofran, 441 feet bridge plank at 12c.,	5.29
	Benjamin Towle, work on road in District No. 23,	9.00
	Benjamin Towle, services as justice,	2.50
	Cyrus Marden, work on road in District No. 4,	20.25
	R. C. Brown, breaking road in District No. 9,	11.00
	George Sanders, for breaking road in District No. 15,	5.00
	Horace Fowler, work on road in District No. 19,	12.50
	Horace Fowler, snowing Short Falls bridge,	4.50
	“ “ as supervisor in 1883,	3.75
	“ “ for cash paid for check-lists	.40
	Edwin M. Sherburne, note in full,	559.04
	Cynthia J. Swain, note in full,	939.65
	S. Whittier, work on roads in District No. 19,	9.61
	John C. Burnham, breaking roads in District No. 22,	8.13

Feb. 1.	Paid A. F. Yeaton, breaking roads in District		
	No. 10,		\$4.00
	C. S. Hall, school money for District No. 1,	240.88	
	Jacob F. Robinson, " "	2,	147.26
	John F. Brackett, " "	3,	90.92
	James Baker, " "	4,	211.40
	H. C. Ames, " "	5,	65.00
	Daniel P. Locke, Union, " "	6,	59.19
	William P. Babb, " "	7,	113.33
	Benjamin Fowler, " "	8,	69.32
	John H. Dolbeer, " "	9,	118.97
	William Tripp, " "	10,	78.36
	Miss M. R. Brigham, Union, " "	11,	50.36
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			\$1,244.99
	Due District No. 5,	\$6.93	
	" " 9,	.21	

	Paid H. O. Wells, work on road in District		
	No. 18,		52.59
	C. H. Hall, breaking road in District		
	No. 11,		1.00
	Benjamin Fowler, breaking road in District		
	No. 20,		6.00
	G. R. Worth, services as supervisor for		
	1883,		3.75
	Freeman Marden, 1 cord wood for J. W.		
	Morrill,		4.00
	D. L. Locke, returning births and deaths,		.50
	Anson B. Cass, work on road in District		
	No. 12,		8.50
	George H. Rand, work on road in District		
	No. 5,		39.00
	Warren Tripp, services and expenses in		
	procuring pension for Mrs. Betsey C.		
	Goss,		14.75
	William H. Straw, work on road in District		
	No. 14,		30.25
	Stephen F. Brown, for watering place,		3.00

Feb. 1.	Paid William L. Foster, for legal services, Knox v. Epsom,	\$42.00
	William L. Foster, cash paid out in Huntress case,	12.00
	J. C. Philbrick, breaking out road, work on turnpike road and bridge,	10.00
	J. C. Philbrick, 9 days work shingling town house,	18.00
	J. C. Philbrick, for nails, brick, lime, and work on chimney,	21.30
	J. C. Philbrick, lumber and work on book case,	7.99
	Daniel G. Chesley, cash paid for checklists,	.67
	“ “ for work on road in District No. 11,	15.55
	Daniel G. Chesley, for 2938 feet bridge plank at 12c.,	35.25
	Horace Bickford, 13,250 shingles for town house,	31.12
	Free Baptist Society, notes in full,	846.35
	George E. Warren, for services as town- clerk,	15.00
	George E. Warren, for stationery and postage,	1.26
	George E. Warren, for recording 18 deaths,	4.50
	“ “ “ 5 “	.75
	“ “ “ 8 births,	2.00
	“ “ “ 4 “	.60
	“ “ “ 1 “	.50
	County tax,	1,084.45
	Henry S. Knowles, dinners for the select- men and auditors, with horses, to March 1, 1884,	34.75
	Henry S. Knowles, for powder fuse and nails,	2.89
	S. Martin, for cash paid bounty for 19 crows,	1.90
	State tax,	964.00

Feb. 1.	Paid Vienna Batchelder, end. on note,	\$25.00
	S. Martin, for work on road in District No. 20,	12.00
	J. B. Tennant, goods for Martha F. Robinson,	19.21
Feb. 28.	Paid abatements on William Fowler's list for the year 1883,	\$56.16
	William Fowler, end. on note belonging to school District No. 8,	10.00
March 1.	Vienna Batchelder, note in full,	48.08
	Rosilla W. Heath, " " "	394.20
	William Brown, " " "	107.46
	Susan A. Philbrick, end. on note,	82.32
	Mary A. Evans, " " "	150.00
	William Fowler for collecting taxes, 1882,	90.00
	S. Quimby, 1 cord of wood for M. F. Robinson,	3.00
	" " for 3052 feet bridge plank, a 12,	36.62
	" " 3½ days' work on turnpike bridge,	5.20
	" " 2 days' work oxen,	2.50
	" " M. C. Chesley, 2½ weeks at W. C. Bennett's,	7.50
	Warren Tripp for services as town treasurer, for 1883,	30.00
	Samuel Quimby, services as selectman, 1883,	54.48
	James H. Tripp, " " " "	40.00
	" " " 4 days' work on turn- pike bridge,	6.00
	Samuel Martin for services as selectman,	73.75
	Abatements on William Fowler's list, for the year 1882,	31.24
	Joseph Lawrence, end. on note,	75.00
	Alonzo Wallace, " " "	200.00
	J. H. Dolbeer, and S. Martin as auditors for 1883,	3.00
	Total expenditures,	<u>\$10,847.48</u>

Total expenditures brought forward,	\$10,847.48
Total receipts,	12,692.85
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Amount of receipts above expenditures,	\$1,845.37
Remaining in hands of collector for 1882,	\$6.25
“ “ “ “ “ 1883,	670.50
“ “ “ of treasurer,	1,168.62
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	\$1,845.37

SAMUEL MARTIN, } *Selectmen*
 SAMUEL QUIMBY, } *of*
 JAMES H. TRIPP, } *Epsom.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received of J. C. Philbrick, treasurer, for 1882,	\$1,225.75
County for support of paupers,	771.27
State treasurer, insurance tax,	9.00
" " Railroad tax,	178.25
" " Savings bank tax,	837.93
Literary fund,	108.63
U. S. treasurer, pension for Betsey C. Goss,	177.50
Selectmen, money hired,	811.00
William P. Babb,	11.12
James O. Fisk, old plank,	.50
Joseph Emerson, tax for 1882,	2.39
William Fowler, collector for 1882-3,	7,795.37
Total receipts,	<u>\$11,928.71</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Paid 166 orders of the selectmen on treasurer,	\$10,760.09
Remaining in the treasury,	1,168.62
	<u>\$11,928.71</u>

WARREN TRIPP,
Town Treasurer.

March 1, 1884.

AUDITOR'S REPORT,

March 1, 1884.

Amount of receipts reported by the treasurer,		\$11,928.71
Amount of expenditures,		10,760.09
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		\$1,168.62
Indebtedness of town by note March 1, 1884,		\$14,676.91
Due William Fowler for collecting taxes,		80.00
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Liability of town March 1, 1884,		\$14,756.91
Remaining on Wm. Fowler's list of taxes for 1882,	\$6.25	
Remaining on Wm. Fowler's list of taxes for 1883,	670.50	
Remaining in the treasury,	1,168.62	
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Amount of assets,		\$1,845.37
Actual indebtedness,		\$12,911.54
Reduction of debt,		\$2,898.31

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer of the town of Epsom for the year ending March 1, 1884, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOHN H. DOLBEER, }
DANIEL G. CHESLEY, } *Auditors.*

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The following report relating to the public schools of the town of Epsom, is respectfully submitted by the Superintending School Committee, in compliance with the law :—

GENERAL STATEMENTS.

1. *The Number and Length of Schools.*—The number of terms kept during the year, including the schools kept in the Union districts, is 25 ; the whole length of schools for the year, 228.8 weeks ; the average length of school to each district, 20.8 weeks.

2. *Different Scholars and Number of Each Sex.*—The whole number of different scholars attending school during the year is 221 ; number of boys, 124 ; number of girls, 97.

3. *Money Expended.*—The amount of money raised by the town for school purposes was \$1,143.50 ; amount of literary fund, \$108.63 ; an average of \$5.67 for each scholar.

4. *Branches Studied.*—During the fall and winter, or closing terms of the year, 176 scholars studied reading ; 192, spelling ; 132 penmanship ; 164, arithmetic ; 130, geography ; 71, grammar ; 25 history ; 3, composition ; 8, physiology ; 4, book-keeping ; 12, algebra ; 2, astronomy ; and 3, philosophy.

5. *Number of Children.*—The number children in town, of each sex, by selectmen's enumeration in April, 1883, is : boys, 76 ; girls, 69.

PARTICULAR REMARKS.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Amount of school money, \$240.88. C. Sumner Hall, prudential committee. Miss Ida M. Scott, of Deerfield, taught the summer and fall terms, and D. G. Chesley taught the winter. Wages per month, including board, summer and fall terms, \$26; winter term, \$35. Length of school, summer term, 9 weeks; fall term, 6 weeks; winter term, 12 weeks. Number of scholars, summer, 33; fall, 32; winter, 34. Average attendance, summer, 29; fall, 27; winter, 29.

It was the aim of both teachers to awaken thought, to have each pupil think and reason for himself, to feel that he had a mind capable of comparing, reflecting and choosing. Whatever was done, they tried to have done well, knowing that a little well learned is better than much poorly learned. Each term was favored with a goodly number of visits by citizens and friends, but it is a remarkable fact that none of the parents visited the school during the year, although all are interested in having good schools. It is hoped that the next year will witness a decided change in this respect, and that all parents will feel it to be a pleasure, as well as a duty, to visit the school often.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Amount of school money, \$147.26. J. Freese Robinson, prudential committee. Miss Cora A. Emerson, of Pittsfield, taught both terms. Wages per month, summer, \$26; fall, \$30. Length of school, summer, 8 weeks; winter, 10.8 weeks. Number of scholars, summer, 23; winter, 31. Average attendance, summer, 20.5; winter, 24.

The time usually lost by changing teachers was here saved by employing Miss Emerson to keep both terms. She is a painstaking, conscientious teacher, and her success here was good. The declamations and dialogues, etc., and the exercises on the complete school chart, recently furnished this school, were very interesting to the visitors present at the closing examination. The comfort of the scholars was greatly augmented by the substitution of new seats and desks for the old ones, and by other improvements made to the school-room previous to the commencement of the fall term.

The teacher reported one scholar as not being cheerfully obedient at all times.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Amount of school money, \$90.92. John L. Brackett, prudential committee. Summer term, Miss Charlotte E. Stewart, of Concord, teacher. Wages per month, \$18; length of school, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 15; average attendance, 13.

Miss Stewart is a graduate of Wellesley College, is an excellent scholar, and her instruction was clear, concise, and correct, such as might be most easily comprehended by the pupils, and yet express all that was intended. And had it not been for the misconduct of two or three boys, this school would have been a *first-class* one in every particular. It is hoped that they have seen the folly of such a course, and that they will not again stand in the way of a favorable report.

Miss Alice B. Sherburne, of Northwood, taught the winter term. Wages per month, \$19; length of school, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 19; average attendance, 14.95.

I found this school to be a very quiet, orderly and industrious one at both visits. But nearly one half of the scholars were very inconstant in attendance at school, and consequently did not make such progress in their studies as I could wish. The school register for this term was imperfect.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Amount of school money, \$211.40. James Baker, prudential committee. Miss Olive E. Freese, of Deerfield, taught the summer term. Wages per month, \$28; length of school, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 26; average attendance, 24.

Miss Freese has a rare faculty for imparting accurate knowledge and securing the best of order with little effort. She took special pains to classify the school properly, by which valuable time was saved. Scholars were quite constant in attendance, and manifested more than usual interest in the exercises of school, which resulted in a very commendable improvement in all the branches studied. The class in the primary arithmetic deserves special mention. The rhetorical exercises at the closing examination were entertaining to the many visitors, as well as profitable to the scholars. The teacher gave all her scholars a high rank in moral deportment.

Fall term, Miss Fannie F. Carswell, of North Hampton, teacher. Wages per month, \$28 ; length of school, 8 weeks ; number of scholars, 22 ; average attendance, 17.

There can be no doubt but that this teacher labored diligently and earnestly for the prosperity and advancement of the school, and your committee feels justified in asserting that a good degree of improvement was thereby effected. But there seemed to be a lack of interest and enthusiasm among the pupils, which made the duties of the teacher the more difficult, and retarded the progress which her constant efforts would otherwise have produced.

The winter term was taught by Miss Sabrina B. Green, of Concord. Wages per month, \$28 ; length of school, 11 weeks ; number of scholars, 24 ; average attendance, 20.

The teacher's supremacy was well asserted ; the school was orderly, cheerful, systematic, and made good progress.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Amount of school money, \$71.93. Henry C. Ames, prudential committee. Miss Sarah N. Wallace taught both terms. Wages per month, \$20.00 each term. Length of school, summer, six weeks ; fall, seven weeks. Number of scholars, summer, 10 ; fall, 9. Average attendance, 9 each term.

The teacher was well-known to the people of the district. It is thought that her best efforts were put forth in the discharge of her duties, and that she met with success and appreciation. The per cent. of average attendance in this school is the highest in town, it being 95 per cent. for the year. Such constancy in attendance is praiseworthy in parents, pupils, and teacher.

If the parents in the district would visit the school in any of the adjoining districts, and see the comfort that scholars take sitting in their new seats, and then visit their own school, they would not be long in deciding that they should vote to raise money to build a school house more in keeping with the advanced ideas on education which prevail at the present time.

DISTRICT No. 6.—UNION.

Amount of school money, assigned it by town of Epsom, \$59.19. Daniel P. Locke, prudential committee. Miss S. B. Bishop taught

the summer term, and Frank H. Sargent the winter term. Wages per month, summer, \$26 ; winter, \$36. Length of school, summer, 8 weeks ; winter, 11 weeks. Number of Epsom scholars, 11. For further particulars, see Pittsfield report.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Amount of school money, \$113.33. William P. Babb, prudential committee. Summer term, Miss Lucia E. Ambrose, of Deerfield, teacher. Wages per month, \$20. Length of school, 7 weeks. Number of scholars, 13. Average attendance, 12.56.

Miss Ambrose is a good scholar, and with a more decided tone, a greater emphasis in enacting obedience to rules, and dash in her movements in the school-room, nothing would be required to make her a most acceptable teacher. This was her first experience in teaching.

Miss Grace E. Drew, of Pembroke, taught the fall term. Wages per month, \$22. Length of school, 14 weeks. Number of scholars, 23. Average attendance, 19. Miss Drew ranks among our best teachers, and the district was fortunate in securing her services for this her second term here. Her manner in the school-room is quiet, and yet there is that in her eye and tone which enforces obedience to the requirements of the teacher. The course of the school was in every respect upward and onward, so that I can safely commend the progress made and entertain high expectations of it for the future.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Amount of school money, \$69.32. Benjamin Fowler, prudential committee. Miss Vesta G. Fowler, teacher. Wages per month, summer, \$12 ; fall, \$12 ; winter, \$14. Length of school, 8 weeks each term. Number of scholars, summer, 8 ; fall, 7 ; winter, 7. Average attendance, summer, 7 ; fall, 6 ; winter, 7. Miss Fowler is a graduate of Pembroke Academy, is a thorough scholar and a first-class teacher.

All of the scholars made more than usual progress in their studies. The depth of knowledge exhibited by classes in general exercises, shows that neither teacher nor scholars found time to be idle.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Amount of school money, \$119.18. John H. Dolbeer, prudential committee. Miss Ella F. Chesley taught the summer term, and Miss Hattie A. Marden, of Suncook, the winter term. Wages per month, summer, \$22; winter, \$22. Length of school, summer, 9 weeks; winter, 11 weeks. Number of scholars, summer, 14; winter, 18. Average attendance, summer, 13; winter, 16.

The teachers were very much interested in their work—that their duties should be well performed. Mutual good will and kindness appeared to exist between the teachers and scholars, and there was great interest on the part of the pupils in their work. Notice of the close of the winter term was received too late for me to be present at the close; but from the appearance of the school at the commencement of the term, I shall venture to report good improvement.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Amount of school money, \$78.36. William Tripp, prudential committee. Mrs. Lizzie M. Warren taught both terms. Wages per month, summer, \$16; fall, \$20. Length of school, summer, 6 weeks; winter, 11 weeks. Number of scholars, summer, 14; winter, 17. Average attendance, summer, 13; winter, 15.

Mrs. Warren has had large experience in teaching; had taught here before, and was the right teacher in the right place. More of the higher branches were taught in this school than in any other in town. It is suggested to the scholars here, that in their zeal to learn the "higher branches," they do not neglect any of the common branches.

DISTRICT No. 11.—UNION.

Amount of school money assigned it by Epsom, \$50.36. Miss M. R. Brigham, prudential committee. Teachers, Miss Georgia L. B. Powell and Miss Minnie A. Batchelder. Wages per month, summer, \$24.00; winter, \$32.00.

For further particulars see Chichester report.

During the summer an opportunity presented itself of making the Readers used in our schools uniform throughout the town, at an exchange price merely nominal, by completing the exchange begun

by my predecessor some years since. That all may understand that it was desirable to make some regulation to secure uniformity of Readers, I have only to state this fact, that in nearly every school in town there were readers by two or more different authors in use. The slightest intelligence in regard to school-teaching will see at once that confusion and loss of time must result from such a medley. And when the publishers of the Franklin Readers offered us their Readers at a "special rate of exchange," and agreed to *give* to each district in town a set of Readers for the use of the teachers, I decided to *recommend* an exchange for them. They are now uniformly used in all of our schools, and the result is an increased and lively interest in this important branch of education.

In concluding this report allow me to say that our schools will vary in excellence with the extent of interest manifested for them by the citizens. They will be just what we make of them. If we would see them schools from which our youth shall come forth with symmetry and strength of intellectual development, and character worthy of the times in which we live, we must be wise in the selection of teachers, generous in outlays, and give them constant vigilance and care.

D. GILMAN CHESLEY,
Superintending School Committee.



ROLL OF HONOR.

Including the names of all pupils who have been present every half day of a term without being tardy.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

First Term.—Hattie Wells, Alice Sanders, Gracie Quimby, Jennie Desilets, Josie Ginesi, Bryant Langley.

Second Term.—Myrtie Batchelder, Bertha Cotterell, Nellie Langley, Hattie Wells.

Third Term.—Michael M. Steele.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

First Term.—Myra L. Doe, Jennie E. Holmes, Alfred D. Yeaton.

Second Term.—Myra L. Doe, Cora Rand.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

First Term.—Nettie M. Bartlett, Alice A. Cate.

Second Term.—Walter H. Tripp, John L. Libbey, Etta I. Libbey, Alice A. Cate.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

First Term.—Augusta M. Baker, Jennie P. Bickford, Mertie L. Marden, Grace E. Marden, Nettie Stewart, Annie M. Tripp.

Second Term.—Augusta M. Baker, Nettie Stewart, Eddie S. Baker, Bertie Bickford.

Third Term.—Augusta M. Baker, Nettie Stewart, Eddie S. Baker.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

First Term.—Annie B. Bickford, Alice P. Bickford, Frank W. Lewis, Stacy A. Lewis, Herbert S. Stanley, John C. Yeaton.

Second Term.—Viola A. Giles, Elizabeth P. Yeaton, Herbert P. Giles, John C. Yeaton, Stacy A. Lewis.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

First Term.—Alfred M. Brown, Ernest L. Heath, Vannie Brown, Nellie M. Brown.

Second Term.—Edward M. Kelley, John C. Brown, Ernest L. Heath, Elbra M. Babb.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

First Term.—Annie L. Fowler, Georgia A. Fowler, Ida M. Fowler, Alice M. Fowler.

Second Term.—Annie L. Fowler, Georgia A. Fowler, Jennie Lovejoy, Bertie B. Lovejoy.

Third Term.—Annie L. Fowler, Georgia A. Fowler, Alice M. Fowler, Jennie Lovejoy, Bertie B. Lovejoy, George Lovejoy.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Second Term.—Grace L. Woodman, Alice M. Wells, Clara O. Cass, Fred T. Cass, Ethel G. Brown.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

First Term.—Susie A. Bickford, Addie E. Bickford, Flora B. Gordon, Hattie E. Gordon, Hattie L. Tripp, Leon S. Gordon, Forrest Leighton, Guy C. Marden, Johnnie C. Tripp.

Second Term.—Leon S. Gordon.