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ASSESSMENT OF TAXES.

Valuation of Real Estate,	\$563,380
" " Personal Estate,	596,616
Total valuation,	<u>\$1,159,996</u>

Rate of taxation .145, or one dollar and forty-five cents per hundred dollars.

Number of polls, 414. Poll tax, \$2.	
Town tax,	\$9,047 53
State tax,	6,700 00
County tax,	1,472 98
Overlayings,	<u>429 14</u>

Remitted for School District property,	\$17,649 65
	<u>3,047 53</u>

Unpaid School Books,	\$14,602 12
	<u>158 85</u>

Total for collection,	<u>\$14,760 97</u>
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Number of Dwelling Houses taxed,	317
" " Barns, "	213
" " Other buildings "	166
" " Acres of Land "	<u>10,194</u>

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Number of Horses	taxed,	165
" " Oxen	"	32
" " Steers	"	20
" " Cows	"	202
" " Heifers	"	59
" " Sheep	"	55
" " Tons of Shipping	"	536
" " Shares of Stocks	"	2,267

Valuation of Real Estate of Non-Residents, \$41,310.

Of the amount of the following tax list, there was remitted to the tax-payers of the former school districts, in accordance with a vote of the town, the sum of \$3,047.53, being one half the appraised value of school district property taken possession of by the town. The percentage of remittance in the respective districts was as follows. Dist. No. 1, .1555; No. 2, .12125; No. 3, .299; No. 4, .3535; No. 5, .3954; No. 6, .151.

TAXES FOR 1867.

Adams, Abigail H.	\$325 14	Adams, Henry L.	\$21 21
Adams, Charles,	35 38	Adams, Horatio,	2 00
Adams, Eleanor,	29 00	Adams, Susan C.	26 06
Adams, Frederic C.	54 57	Adams, William S.	925 79
Adams, George T.	66 16	Alexander, Joseph,	2 00
Adams, G. T. & F. C.	235 70	Ames, Benjamin F.	3 45
Adams, George,	108 00	Andrews, Samuel M.	16 86
Bagnell, Frederic,	8 16	Bailey, Nahum, Jr.	20 13
Bagnell, John C.	2 00	Bailey, Burges &,	190 68
Bailey, Caleb E.	7 26	Bailey, Thomas,	35 35
Bailey, Justus A.	2 00	Bailey, Willard R.	2 00
Bailey, Nahum,	40 93	Baker, Leonard C.	11 43

Baker, Levi,	\$2 00	Bradford, Clarissa, guard.	\$5 07
Baker, Otis, Jr.	100 97	Bradford, George A.	2 00
Bartlett, Cornelius A.	38 98	Bradford, George B.	2 00
Bartlett, Lysander,	53 55	Bradford, Horace S.	9 62
Bartlett, Uriah,	10 70	Bradford, Jason,	8 53
Bartlett, Walter S.	24 11	Bradford, Lydia,	25 09
Bates, Caleb,	115 39	Bradford, Lydia F.	5 80
Bates, Dorothea D.	13 49	Bradford, Orrin W.	2 00
Beal, Betsey S.	393 89	Bradford, Stephen, heirs of	69 97
Beal, Joseph S.	428 72	Bradford, Peleg,	38 61
Beal, Joseph S. & others,	21 75	Bradford, William,	20 49
Beal, Joseph S., trustee,	218 02	Brooks, Nathan,	13 53
Beal, Thomas,	2 00	Bryant, Charles E.	8 17
Bearce, Ichabod,	5 27	Bryant, George B.	2 00
Bearce, John,	13 39	Bryant, James H.	13 24
Berry, Roscoe G.	2 00	Bryant, Nathaniel,	32 63
Beytis, Antonio,	2 00	Bryant, Peleg,	32 96
Beytis, Antonio M.	7 25	Bryant, Sylvanus, Jr.	45 65
Bicknell, Thomas,	42 33	Bryant, Prince &,	30 45
Bicknell, Thomas, guard.	10 51	Bryant, William B.	2 00
Bisbee, Daniel,	26 77	Brewster, Clement D., hrs of	30 81
Bisbee, Daniel, Jr.	2 57	Brewster, George, heirs of	14 14
Bonney, John,	8 16	Brewster, Spence,	38 25
Bonney, Wallace,	2 00	Burns, Ebenezer E.	11 79
Bowker, Davis W.	2 00	Burgess, Charles, heirs of,	8 34
Bradford, Albion,	2 00	Burges, William H.	2 00
Bradford, Alden S.	27 15	Bunker, Edward,	11 06
Bradford, Amos P.	2 00	Buerkel, Michael,	2 00
Carey, Dennis,	2 00	Childs, Abner P.	2 00
Chandler, Abigail,	6 53	Churchill, Ebenezer,	9 26
Chandler, Algernon S.	38 03	Churchill, George L.	4 90
Chandler, David,	46 95	Churchill, Henry,	3 02
Chandler, Edward D.	30 49	Churchill, Henry, heirs of	7 61
Chandler, Ira,	31 51	Churchill, Henry, 2d, hrs of	3 26
Chandler, Ira, Jr.	46 16	Churchill, James T.	11 50
Chandler, John A.	14 18	Churchill, Otis,	7 08
Chandler, John S.	10 55	Churchill, Prince,	3 81
Chandler, Nathan,	22 67	Cobb, Benjamin,	130 81

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Cobb & Drew,	\$136 30	Corey, Gustavus,	\$17 59
Cobb, Henry,	25 93	Cunningham, Theodore B.	50 83
Cobb, John W.	16 50	Cushing, Samuel W.	190 55
Cobb, Lucy,	5 08	Cushman, Asa,	13 60
Cobb, Martin,	29 55	Cushman, Daniel,	9 26
Cobb, Nathaniel,	7 44	Cushman, Edwin,	20 28
Cobb, Philander,	98 79	Cushman, Frank D.	2 00
Cobb, Seth,	9 61	Cushman, George,	30 86
Cole, James,	17 59	Cushman, George S.	2 00
Cole, Leander S.	2 00	Cushman, George 2d,	18 89
Cole, Samuel P.	3 23	Cushman, George H.	2 00
Cole, Thomas E.	11 43	Cushman, James H.	13 89
Cook, Asa,	29 48	Cushman, John,	10 31
Cook, Benjamin,	53 12	Cushman, Joseph,	11 21
Cook, Edwin,	9 98	Cushman, Joseph T.	12 88
Cook, Henry T.	21 28	Cushman, Josiah,	73 77
Cook, Josiah T.	35 28	Cushman, Nathaniel,	5 80
Cook, Lucy,	23 20	Cushman, Samuel E.	47 32
Cook, Martin,	30 28	Cushman, Caroline,	61 63
Cook, Martin, heirs of,	13 41	Cushman, Sylvia, heirs of,	13 05
Cook, Mary W.	9 43	Cushman, William,	3 45

Davie, Solomon,	13 60	Doten, Edward L.	3 08
Davis, Timothy, heirs of,	48 37	Doten, Isaac,	2 00
Davidson, William B.	2 00	Drake, Marden,	2 73
Dawes, James H.	133 52	Drew, Cornelius,	11 60
Delano, Benjamin,	136 49	Drew, Cornelius, Jr.	6 35
Delano, Benjamin & Son,	566 86	Drew, Christopher P.	36 29
Delano, Joshua,	79 65	Drew, Eli C.	53 91
Delano, Joshua, trustee,	6 16	Drew, Job W.	51 45
Delano, Joshua, trustee,	16 68	Drew, Job W., guardian,	16 19
Delano, David,	14 32	Drew, Job W., trustee,	15 52
Delano, Lewis S.	19 04	Drew, John,	37 53
Denham, Benjamin,	15 05	Drew, John N.	2 73
Donley, John,	2 73	Drew, Mary,	49 67
Donley, James S.	2 00	Drew, Nathaniel D.	13 24
Dorcey, Patrick,	2 00	Drew, Seth,	37 16

Eager, Robert,	\$11 43	Everson, Luis,	\$12 33
Eldridge, David G.	12 15	Everson, Nauey,	8 34
Ellis, Wylie R.	52 03	Everson, Oliver, heirs of,	9 43
Evans, Green,	29 81	Everson, Susan,	10 88
Everson, Charles,	2 00	Everson, Warren N.	4 90
Everson, James O.	2 00		

Farrington, Martin,	2 00	Foster, Alexander B.	35 50
Faunce, Albert,	19 33	Foster, Asenath,	22 81
Faunce, Charles C.	113 51	Foster, Calvin T.	2 00
Faunce, Charles T.	18 31	Foster, James,	43 47
Faunce, Cornelius A.	2 00	Fuller, Alexander,	18 46
Faunce, Elizabeth,	45 89	Fuller, Chester H.	2 00
Faunce, Eliezer,	9 40	Fuller, Ephraim,	20 49
Faunce, Elmer,	2 00	Fuller, Ezra,	45 50
Faunce, George,	23 17	Fuller, Frank,	37 89
Faunce, John,	26 76	Fuller, James,	41 51
Faunce, Kilborn, heirs of,	41 54	Fuller, John,	41 05
Faunce, Martin,	14 81	Fuller, John A.	34 05
Faunce, N. Arthur,	2 00	Fuller, Josiah,	11 06
Faunce, Seth W.	13 97	Fuller, Samuel,	2 00
Faunce, Walter H.	42 10	Fuller, Sophia,	12 19
Fearo, John, heirs of,	5 41	Fuller, Truman H.	4 18
Fitzgerald, David,	2 00	Fuller, Waldo A.	15 05
Fitzpatrick, Michael,	13 17	French, Timothy,	31 22

Gray, Benjamin F.	2 00	Gelette, William,	2 00
Gray, Edward,	38 25	Glass, Daniel F.	2 00
Gray, John, heirs of,	33 35	Griffith, Hezekiah C.	3 81
Gray, Judith,	33 07	Griffin, Job,	6 35
Gray, Samuel W.	8 16	Grozenger, George,	11 06

Haggerty, Margaret,	3 63	Hamilton, Horace M.	2 00
Haggerty, William,	2 00	Hammond, Asa C.	8 74
Hall, Christiana,	16 33	Hammond, Judith,	4 35
Hall, John, heirs of,	39 51	Haney, Dennis,	10 88
Hall, John F.	22 88	Harlow, James M.	4 00
Hall, George S.	2 00	Harten, John F.	2 00
Hall, Brothers & Co.	21 75	Hayward, Lucius,	8 82

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Hearne, John,	89 98	Holmes, George,	82 77
Hennesy John,	7 80	Holmes, Ira,	15 42
Hollis, Joshua,	2 00	Holmes, James W.	46 08
Holmes, Alexander,	1335 23	Holmes, John F.	31 77
Holmes, Alex. & others,		Holmes, Joseph,	24 84
trustees,	85 78	Holmes, Joseph A.	8 74
Holmes, Alex. & others,		Holmes, Lothrop T.	13 60
trustees,	147 18	Holmes, Mary W.	57 42
Holmes, Alex. & others,		Holmes, Richard E.	33 54
trustees,	193 72	Holmes, Robert W.	8 70
Holmes, Allyn,	13 42	Holmes, Samuel,	26 00
Holmes, Cornelius,	156 20	Holmes, Stephen, heirs of,	9 06
Holmes, Edward,	1154 18	Holmes, Stephen,	15 05
Holmes, Edward K.	12 51	Howe, Alfred F.	16 50
Holmes, Elvathan,	2 00	Howland, Daniel F.	15 77
Holmes, Ephraim,	5 63	Hunt, Henry,	9533
Holmes, Frank H.	98 79	Hunt & Sampson,	39 51
Holmes, Gaius,	12 81	Hughes, Michael,	2 00
Holmes, Gaius, Jr.	2 00	Hurley, Michael,	2 00
Ivery, John,	2 00		
Jameson, Francis,	2 00	Jones, Henry N.	47 02
Johnson, John,	65 36	Jones, Leander L.	4 90
Johnson, Judith,	4 35	Joyce, Eli,	2 00
Johnson, Thomas J. heirs of,	48 94	Joyce, John A.	2 00
Keene, James,	2 00	Kennedy, James,	17 00
Keith, Henry K.	149 90	Kennedy, James, Jr.	2 00
Kennedy, Frank M.	2 00		
Lauman, Deborah,	23 56	Leonard, Henry,	4 90
Lauman, Thomas,	15 78	Leonard, Patrick,	2 00
Leach, Erastus,	4 00	Lucas, Henry T.	16 21
Mahoney, John,	2 00	McGrath, Robert,	2 00
Malone, Patrick,	2 00	McGrath, William,	7 60
McDougal, Duncan,	2 00	McGuire, William,	2 00
McGrath, Michael,	13 60	McLauthlen, Elisha,	41 57

McLauthlen, George W.	252 93	Mitchell, John,	813 24
McLauthlen, Peter W.	16 50	Mitchell, Ransom,	11 79
McLauthlen, Philemon,	7 08	Morse, Francis,	3 45
McLauthlen, Robert B.	16 07	Morse, George,	16 14
McLauthlen, Simeon W.	53 88	Morton, George H.	2 00
McManus, Michael,	13 60	Morton, Jacob,	2 00
Merriman, Titus M.	2 00	Murray, John,	6 99
Mitchell, Ezra,	11 79	Myrick, William H.	21 84
Mitchell, Harvey,	18 32		
Naughten, Andrew,	8 17	Newcomb, Thomas, & Co.	259 55
Newcomb, Guilford S.	3 09	Nichols, Paul L.	140 00
Newcomb, Thomas,	232 88	Nutter, Samuel J.	11 07
O'Brien, William,	2 00	Oldham, Adoniram J.	2 00
O'Brien, Patrick,	2 00	Oldham, John,	15 64
O'Brien, Patrick, 2d,	2 00	Owens, George E.	2 00
Paine, Reuben C.	19 33	Pierce, Moses,	2 00
Peckham, Joseph,	7 80	Pierce, James B.	2 00
Perkins, Ezra,	22 66	Pierce, Tilden,	2 00
Perkins, Henry F.	10 70	Powers, Edwin,	7 08
Peterson, Essias,	11 98	Powers, Betsey R.	18 85
Peterson, Ichabod,	13 60	Prince, Noah,	41 66
Peterson, William,	52 03	Prince, Thomas,	2 00
Pezzy, Thomas,	15 41	Pratt, Albert D.	2 00
Phillips, George L.	2 00	Pratt, Alphonso,	6 35
Phipps, Joseph H.	4 18	Pratt, Lemuel,	2 00
Quinn, Thomas,	5 99	Quinlan, Patrick,	2 00
Ransom, Harvey,	18 68	Reed, Joseph E., heirs of,	23 21
Ransom, Edward A.	3 45	Reed, Porter C.	13 24
Ransom, Winslow H.	2 00	Richardson, Ebenezer P.	7 80
Reed, Alphonso,	4 90	Richardson, Edwin H.	2 00
Reed, Edwin,	60 73	Ring, Daniel W.	56 15
Reed, Jones & Co.	14 50	Ring, Daniel W., Jr.	2 00
Reed, Edmund,	2 00	Ring, Samuel,	47 31
Reed, Franklin,	3 81	Reinbart, Henry,	11 06

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Reckenbeil, Henry,	82 00	Robbins, Charles,	847 68
Reckenbeil, Valentine,	2 00	Robbins, Charles T.	15 05
Ripley, Cyrus W.	18 68	Robbins, Joseph S.	23 03
Ripley, Joseph T., heirs of,	3 99	Robbins, William A.	32 46
Ripley, Lewis,	33 61	Russell, Amelia,	68 15
Ripley, Obed,	3 09	Russell, Sarah A., guardian	79 39
Ripley, Samuel E.	37 16	Ryan, John,	7 60
Ripley, Thomas,	2 00		

Sampson, Azel,	30 57	Simmons, Henry,	2 00
Sampson, Azel H.	33 90	Simmons, Henry, Jr.	2 00
Sampson, Benjamin,	32 28	Simmons, Nahum,	25 56
Sampson, Clement H.	18 24	Simmons, Peleg,	2 00
Sampson, Columbus,	2 00	Smith, John,	15 62
Sampson, Constant,	9 25	Smith, Patrick,	4 90
Sampson, Elbridge,	2 00	Soule, Henry,	62 25
Sampson, George,	4 18	Soule, Henry, Jr.	2 00
Sampson, George H.	2 00	Soule, James C.	2 00
Sampson, Hiram,	8 16	Soule, William F.	5 99
Sampson, Huldah,	46 73	Southworth, Thomas,	2 00
Sampson, Oliver,	23 39	Spry, Samuel,	2 00
Sampson, Walter,	2 00	Stetson, Charles,	81 75
Sampson, William A.	9 26	Stetson, Elisha,	23 75
Schiel, Peter,	2 00	Stetson, George,	9 79
Sever, Anna D. heirs of,	24 65	Stetson, Henry T.	2 00
Sever, James N.	154 67	Stetson, James H.	5 63
Sever, Jane R.	283 24	Stetson, Joseph,	69 22
Sedgely, Dexter E.	2 00	Stetson, Kimbal W.	15 05
Shaw, Sullivan B.	2 00	Stetson, Wiswal S.	12 69
Sheehan, Thomas,	4 90	Stewart, David,	2 00
Shurtell, William,	2 00	Sturtevant, Henry,	33 68
Simmons, Augustus,	12 88	Stranger, Andrew R.	2 00
Simmons, Charles, heirs of,	2 90	Stranger, William A.	2 00
Simmons, Edmund F.	2 00	Stranger, Joseph A.	23 02
Simmons, Francis O.	18 24	Sytnates, William,	82 67

Thomas, Augustus,	64 02	Thompson, James S.	20 71
Thomas, William A.	66 89	Tilson, Albion K.	2 00
Thomas, William R.	6 55	Trebrandt, Frederic,	2 00

Tribble, William T.	82 00	Treasurer 1st Cong. Soc.	8116 45
Topper, Seth,	9 98	Treasurer Baptist Society,	18 13
Topper, Seth, heirs of,	4 35		

Wadsworth, George,	2 00	Waterman, Austin B.	2 00
Wadsworth, William A.	2 00	Waterman, Eleazer E.	14 88
Walker, Alpheus,	4 90	Waterman, Nathaniel,	25 92
Ware, Joseph,	2 00	Waterman, Thomas E.	2 00
Washburn, Alexander H.	2 00	Watson, Nathan H.	2 00
Washburn, Azel W.	2 00	Weston, Timothy,	9 55
Washburn, Caleb F.	3 09	White, Alden,	63 81
Washburn, Cephas Jr.	17 01	Willis, Bethiah H.	32 29
Washburn, Charles,	2 00	Willis, Edward,	89 94
Washburn, Charles F.	2 00	Willis, Foster,	13 61
Washburn, Charles H.	2 00	Willis, George F.	52 75
Washburn, Francis,	31 63	Willis, Jonah,	73 31
Washburn, George,	4 00	Willis, Jonah, Jr.	5 12
Washburn, George L.	3 16	Willis, Nathaniel T.	29 04
Washburn, Henry,	2 00	Willis, Sarah T.	30 78
Washburn, John,	2 00	Willis, William H.	19 59
Washburn, Martin P.	2 00	Wilson, Eli,	11 43
Washburn, Nath'l, heirs of,	19 07	Winsor, Elbridge G.	42 96
Washburn, Philip,	2 73	Winsor, William D.	35 72
Washburn, William D.	16 50	Witherell, Elijah C.	2 00
Waterman, Amanda F.	77 97	Wright, John L.	8 16

NON-RESIDENTS.

Adams, Nathaniel,	19 29	Aldritch, Joseph, heirs of,	1 45
Adams, Thomas, guardian,	2 54		
Bates, Moses, trustee,	8 70	Bradford, William H.	2 90
Barker, Ebenezer,	5 05	Brewster, Isaac,	7 25
Barrett, Benjamin,	36	Brewster, Pelham,	10 88
Bonney, George H.	19 21	Briggs, Seneca,	2 18
Bonney, Susan,	17 40	Brown, Robert,	1 09
Bradford, Gershom,	5 03	Brown, David,	1 45
Bradford, Henry A.	2 18	Bryant, Lemuel,	2 90

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Carl, Hannah,	\$1 45	Clark, George H.	\$2 18
Case, Albert,	73	Clark, Stephen, heirs of,	73
Case, E. J.	4 35	Clark, Zoath C.	2 18
Chase, Sylvanus,	51	Cobb, Charles,	28 64
Churchill, Anselm,	29 00	Cobb, Franklin B.	7 61
Churchill, Charles O.	1 96	Crocker, Walter,	1 09
Diman, Ezra S.	73	Dunbar, William H.	3 26
Faunce, Ichabod W.	2 18	Ford, Baker,	73
Faunce, Quincy A.	1 45	Fuller, Josiah, heirs of,	2 18
Faunce, Zenas, heirs of,	4 36		
Glass, Daniel P.	1 81	Gray, Barnabas H.	5 08
Gordon, Timothy,	5 80	Gray, Lewis T.	4 35
Gray, Frances A.	1 45	Gray, William,	3 99
Hall, George R.	2 90	Holmes, Peter,	34 09
Hall, James and William,	9 79	Holmes, Richard,	14 50
Hewitt, Asa W.	3 63	Holmes, Sarah D.	5 44
Holmes, Nathaniel,	2 90		
Jackson, Thomas,	2 18		
Lanman, Henry T.	2 54	Loring, Harrison,	1 45
Lanman, Isaac,	5 08	Loring Samuel,	2 90
Lawton, Andrew,	4 35	Lynch, Catharine,	5 44
Maglathlen, Henry B.	1 45	McLauthlen, Samuel,	1 45
Nelson, Charles and others,	73		
Otis, Lucia A.	4 35	Otis, Hannah T.	4 35
Perkins, Jacob, heirs of,	5 08	Pratt, Lucius,	9 06
Plymouth, Town of,	2 90	Pratt, William B.	3 63
Reed, George W.	31 90	Ripley, William, heirs of,	7 25
Rickard, Isaac,	73		

Sampson, Ahira, heirs of,	\$4 35	Simmons, Melvin,	\$3 63
Sever, Elizabeth P.	30 45	Simmons, William,	8 34
Sever, James W., guardian,	58 55	Snell, Benjamin,	2 51
Sherman, Earl,	2 18	Soule, Francis R.	5 80
Sherman, Eleazer C.	2 90	Sprague, Phineas, heirs of,	2 90
Sherman, Henry,	5 80	Stetson, William,	1 45
Shurtleff, George,	2 54	Sturtevant, Thomas,	1 81
Simmons, George S.	73		
Thomas Gamaliel,	1 09	Thompson, Zadoc,	51
Thomas, John, heirs of,	26 32	Thompson, Reuben,	14 50
Thomas, William,	13 05	Tribble, Hiram,	14 50
Thompson, Albert,	87		
Vaughn, Thomas,	1 45		
Wadsworth, Wait,	38 79	White, Daniel,	1 09
Whiting, Benjamin,	2 18	Witherell, Alden,	7 98
White, Otis,	1 09	Wright, Winslow,	2 54

EXPENDITURE OF SPECIFIC APPROPRIATIONS.

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation,	\$900 00
Expended,	948 24
Overdrawn,	\$48 24

DISTRICT No. 1.

Joshua Delano, Surveyor.

Henry Cobb, labor,	\$3 25	Benjamin Cobb, labor,	\$17 99
Benjamin Denham, "	2 00	Charles Powers, "	2 51
Alexander Fuller, "	25 17	Edwin Powers, "	6 68
Frederic Bagnell, "	6 68	James Fuller, "	12 53

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Samuel W. Gray, labor,	\$8 35	Henry Cobb, gravel,	\$10 36
William A. Robbins, "	3 34	Charles Robbins, "	15 36
Benjamin Delano, "	21 98		
Joshua Delano, "	10 02		194 49
Joshua Delano, Jr., "	10 77	Assignment,	140 00
Philander Cobb, "	23 32		
Charles T. Robbins, "	7 52	Overdrawn,	54 49
Alexander Holmes, "	6 66		

DISTRICT No. 2.

Simon W. McLauthlen, Surveyor.

Newland Wright, labor,	\$3 33	John T. Holmes, labor,	\$1 75
Timothy French, "	25 99	Josiah Cushman, "	1 67
Henry Cobb, "	1 67	William McGrath, "	4 50
Benjamin Denham, "	6 68	Henry L. Adams, "	5 83
Edward Holmes, "	11 66	Henry Cobb, gravel,	2 00
Frederic Bagnell, "	3 33	Jane R. Sever, "	9 00
Josiah T. Cook, "	1 67	William D. Washburn, labor,	1 67
Edward Willis, "	4 83		
Oliver Sampson, "	3 33		149 24
Jonah Willis, Jr., "	1 67	Assignment,	135 00
S. W. McLauthlen, "	50 33		
Robert A. Drew, "	3 33	Overdrawn,	14 24
Patrick Sullivan, "	5 00		

DISTRICT No. 3.

Nathan Chandler, Surveyor.

Patrick Sullivan, labor,	\$5 67	Caleb Bates, gravel,	\$2 64
Daniel McLauthlen, "	12 50	James Foster, labor and	
Nathan Chandler, "	38 67	clay,	8 17
Robert A. Drew, "	12 67		
Constant Sampson, "	7 50		105 62
Eli C. Drew, "	3 33	Assignment,	145 00
Thomas Bicknell, "	3 33		
Josiah Cushman, "	7 50	Unexpended,	39 38
Nath'l T. Willis, labor and			
gravel,	3 64		

DISTRICT No. 4.

Robert B. McLauthlen, Surveyor.

Rob't B. McLauthlen, labor,	\$24 87	Elisha McLauthlen, labor,	\$12 25
Ebenezer Churchill, "	5 42	John F. Hall, "	9 50
Nahum Simmons, "	1 00	David Chandler, "	3 50
Ezra Mitchell, "	3 00	Ira Holmes, "	3 50
Harvey Mitchell, "	9 00	Calvin T. Foster, "	1 00
David Stewart, "	3 00	Allyn Holmes, "	2 00
Oliver Sampson, "	6 00	Nath'l T. Willis, "	1 68
Charles Washburn, "	1 50	Eben. Churchill, gravel,	1 68
John Mitchell, "	2 25		
Edward D. Chandler, "	8 33		116 73
Ephraim Holmes, "	5 25	Assignment,	100 00
James S. Thompson, "	3 25		
Algernon S. Chandler, "	6 00	Overdrawn,	16 73
Esias Peterson, "	3 75		

DISTRICT No. 5.

Francis O. Simmons, Surveyor.

Elijah Witherell, labor,	\$4 17	Geo. B. Bryant, labor,	\$3 67
Michael Fitzpatrick, "	3 00	Wm. B. Bryant, "	3 00
Franklin Reed, "	2 25	Marden Drake, "	3 00
James C. Soule, "	3 00	John Bearce, "	6 50
Samuel Holmes, "	6 67	Frank H. Holmes, cinder,	10 00
James W. Holmes, "	3 00		
John Johnson, "	6 50		78 26
Francis O. Simmons, "	10 00	Assignment,	85 00
Peter W. McLauthlen, labor,	7 00		
Peleg Bryant, "	6 50	Unexpended,	6 74

DISTRICT No. 6.

Frank H. Holmes, Surveyor.

Austin B. Waterman, labor,	\$1 67	Seth Waterman, labor,	\$1 67
Alexander Holmes, "	10 00	Josiah T. Cook, "	12 34
James C. Soule, "	1 67	Alexander Holmes, cinder,	10 00
Caleb F. Washburn, "	3 33		
Frank H. Holmes, "	37 65		\$80 00
Walter H. Faunce, "	1 67	Assignment,	80 00

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DISTRICT NO. 7.

George Cushman, Surveyor.

John F. Holmes, labor,	\$1 25	Edward L. Doten, labor,	\$1 75
Zach. B. Cushman, "	6 75	Elisha Stetson, "	2 62
Arthur Wadsworth, "	7 68	Eliezer Faunce, "	10 50
Martin Faunce, "	3 50	Sylvanus Bryant, Jr. "	2 00
Samuel J. Nutter, "	7 33		
Asa Cook, "	8 00		\$103 74
James H. Bryant, "	7 68	Assignment,	100 00
James H. Cushman, "	12 50		
George Cushman, "	21 50	Overdrawn,	\$3 74
Joseph Cushman, "	7 68		

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Henry Sturtevant, Surveyor.

Thomas Lanman, labor,	\$1 67	Henry Sturtevant, labor,	\$31 00
James O. Everson, "	9 45	Timothy Weston, "	3 00
Martin Cook, "	11 00	John L. Wright, "	1 05
George Morse, "	3 00	Ezra Fuller, "	5 25
Francis Morse, "	3 00		
Edwin Cook, "	8 08		\$90 00
Ransom Mitchell, "	4 50	Assignment,	90 00
Truman H. Fuller, "	3 00		

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Henry T. Cook, Surveyor.

John F. Holmes, labor,	\$5 00	Elisha Stetson, labor,	\$1 67
Samuel J. Nutter, "	1 67		
Martin Faunce, "	3 33		\$30 16
Henry T. Cook, "	8 50	Assignment,	25 00
Arthur Wadsworth, "	3 33		
Zach. B. Cushman, "	3 33	Overdrawn,	\$5 16
Joseph Cushman, "	3 33		

*Special appropriation for Highway, District No. 2.**Frank H. Holmes, Surveyor.*

Frank H. Holmes, labor,	\$19 45	Timothy French, labor,	\$10 00
Simeon McLauthlen, "	6 25	Oliver Sampson, "	6 25
Caleb F. Washburn, "	2 50	Green Evans, "	2 50
Edward D. Chandler, "	3 33	Walter H. Faunce, "	2 50
John Murray, "	3 33	Wylie R. Ellis, "	2 50
Clement H. Sampson, "	83	George E. Owens, "	1 67
Josiah T. Cook, "	5 00	William Washburn, "	83
Edward Holmes, "	11 50	George Adams, gravel,	5 64
Edward Willis, "	1 25		
Alex. Holmes, "	11 67	Carried down,	\$100 00

Simeon W. McLauthlen, Surveyor.

Edward Holmes, labor,	\$15 00	Win. D. Washburn, labor,	\$1 67
Nathan Chandler, "	10 00	Frederic Bagnell, gravel,	3 01
Algernon Chandler, "	5 00	George Adams, "	2 40
Timothy French, "	10 00		
Oliver Sampson, "	5 00		\$75 85
Edward D. Chandler, "	3 33	Brought down,	100 00
Waldo A. Fuller, "	3 33		
Constant Sampson, "	3 33		\$175 85
S. W. McLauthlen, "	7 03	Appropriation,	200 00
Robert A. Drew, "	3 33		
Patrick Sullivan, "	2 50	Unexpended,	\$31 15
George H. Sampson, "	83		

GENERAL HIGHWAY ACCOUNT.

District No. 1.

Richard E. Holmes, repairing bridge at First brook,	\$3 50
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District No. 2.

Simeon W. McLauthlen, labor on bridge and drain,	6 50
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District No. 3.

Nathan Chandler, labor and posts,	\$7 00	
Robert A. Drew, "	3 33	
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District No. 4.

Robert B. McLauthlen, labor after Sept. 1,	5 99	
Ezra Mitchell, " "	1 50	
David Stewart, " "	2 67	
Calvin T. Foster, " "	2 00	
Robert B. McLauthlen, repair of Hall's bridge,	1 50	
Robert B. McLauthlen, labor on new townway,	8 08	
Ira Holmes, " "	3 50	
John F. Hall, " "	3 00	
Esaias Peterson, " "	5 25	
John Bouney, " "	4 50	
John A. Chandler, " "	1 50	
Harvey Mitchell, " "	3 00	
John F. Hall, posts and rails, " "	4 13	
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District No. 5.

Francis O. Simmons, labor on Fitzpatrick's bridge,	10 00	
Peter W. McLauthlen, " "	8 50	
Esaias Peterson, " "	2 25	
Michael Fitzpatrick, " "	6 83	
John Bearce, " "	2 33	
George Chandler, " "	3 50	
Alden Witherell, gravel, " "	1 75	
Francis O. Simmons, labor on Forge bridge,	11 00	
Ira Holmes, " "	7 50	
James S. Thompson, " "	2 50	
James C. Soule, " "	5 00	
Samuel Holmes, " "	2 75	
Frank H. Holmes, labor, spikes, and cinder,	10 50	
Martin Hayward, plank for Forge bridge,	72 35	
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		\$213 71

No appropriation.

REMOVING SNOW.

District No. 1.*

Gustavus Corey,	\$1 35	Samuel E. Ripley,	\$1 15
William A. Robbins,	1 45	Edwin Cushman,	80
William R. Thomas,	1 10	David Shurtleff,	58
Samuel W. Gray,	1 00	Daniel Shurtleff,	50
Charles T. Robbins,	1 00	William McGrath,	51
Thomas E. Cole,	1 00	Henry T. Lucas,	65
James Fuller,	1 15	Cornelius Callahan,	71
Alexander Fuller,	1 15	Michael McGrath,	51
Charles H. Washburn,	90	Joshua Delano, Jr.,	50
George Harlow,	80		
Obed Ripley,	1 15		\$18 32

District No. 2.

Henry Ripley,	\$ 60	Michael McGrath,	\$ 30
Amos P. Bradford,	1 10	William McGrath,	30
Roscoe G. Berry,	25	Charles C. Fauce,	1 00
Joseph S. Robbins,	3 18	Green Evans,	2 55
Henry Simmons,	2 17	Edward P. Washburn,	70
C. F. Washburn,	40	Cornelius Callahan,	65
Edward Haney,	50	John Murray,	1 25
Nelson Holmes,	70	David Delano,	1 50
John Hearn,	1 50	Lewis Ripley,	2 25
Patrick Smith,	40	Cornelius A. Bartlett,	1 00
Dennis Carey,	40	Andrew R. Stranger,	67
Benjamin Denham,	70	Simeon W. McLauthlen,	4 46
Peter Haney,	1 20		
Newland Wright,	1 25		\$30 98

District No. 3.

Harvey Ransom,	\$1 80	Horace J. Chandler,	\$ 60
Eli C. Drew,	5 07	Nathan Chandler,	9 50
Robert A. Drew,	7 07	Edward A. Ransom,	2 00
Henry S. Everson,	1 60	Cornelius Callahan,	1 00

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Michael McManus,	\$2 17	Thomas Bicknell,	\$0 50
Martin P. Washburn,	4 50	Frank Fuller,	50
Ira Chandler Jr.,	5 41	D. G. Eldridge,	41
Wm. A. Sampson,	2 33	Seth Faunce,	50
John A. Chandler,	3 25	Charles McCarty,	2 17
Wendel A. Sampson,	3 41		
John F. Harten,	2 33		\$56 62
Luther Clifford,	50		

DISTRICT No. 4.

Allyn Holmes,	\$1 75	Daniel F. Howland,	\$0 67
Edward D. Chandler,	5 41	John F. Hall,	7 25
Calvin T. Foster,	2 50	James S. Thompson,	3 00
Charles Washburn,	1 36	Oliver Sampson,	3 00
Benjamin F. Gray,	4 08	Algernon S. Chandler,	4 58
John Mitchell,	2 58	Ephraim Holmes,	1 08
Elbridge G. Sampson,	62	David Stewart,	2 67
Elisha McLaughlen,	3 58	Ebenezer Churchill,	1 25
Ezra Mitchell,	1 17	Lewis Gould,	2 00
Nahum Simmons,	1 91	John A. Bonney,	3 00
Augustus Simmons,	2 83	Briggs Keene,	3 25
Harvey Mitchell,	1 91	John A. Chandler,	67
John Bonney,	8 00	Robert B. McLaughlen,	5 50
Alphonso Reed,	83		
Esaías Peterson,	11 16		\$87 61

DISTRICT No. 5.

Francis O. Simmons,	\$12 83	Nathaniel Waterman,	\$5 00
George B. Bryant,	9 17	William H. Churchill,	4 83
William B. Bryant,	9 00	Onslow McLaughlen,	4 83
James W. Holmes,	3 50	Edmund F. Simmons,	6 00
Michael Fitzpatrick,	8 25	Elijah C. Witherell,	5 00
Samuel Holmes,	2 50	Frank H. Holmes,	3 67
Morden Drake,	6 83	James C. Soule,	1 17
Philemon McLaughlen,	8 50	Joseph Weir,	3 33
Peter W. McLaughlen,	11 25	John F. Hall,	50
George Sampson,	2 00		
Prince Churchill,	5 33		\$117 99
Hiram Waterman,	4 50		

DISTRICT No. 6.

Walter H. Faunce,	\$3 45	George E. Owens,	\$1 58
Josiah T. Cook,	1 20	Gaius Holmes,	2 00
Charles C. Faunce,	5 31	Andrew Naughten,	4 83
Lucius Hayward,	7 00	Caleb F. Washburn,	2 92
Austin B. Waterman,	60	Waldo Washburn,	2 92
Albert D. Pratt,	2 42	Eleazer E. Waterman,	67
James C. Soule,	2 50	John Hearn,	3 08
Herbert Wilson,	1 20	Frank H. Holmes,	12 60
George W. McLaughlen,	2 33		
Patrick O'Brien,	2 25		\$66 61
Patrick Malone,	4 75		

DISTRICT No. 7.

Samuel J. Nutter,	\$3 67	Joseph Cushman,	\$1 33
Joseph T. Cushman,	4 17	Edward L. Doten,	1 08
Eliezer Faunce,	4 75	James H. Cushman,	4 33
Richard E. Holmes,	57	Asa C. Hammond,	3 33
George Cushman, 2d.,	3 50	Martin Faunce	1 16
Elisha Stetson,	50	Daniel Bisbee, Jr.,	1 25
George Cushman,	7 58	John N. Drew,	83
Asa Cook,	75		
Henry T. Cook,	4 42		\$48 27
John F. Holmes,	4 75		

DISTRICT No. 8.

Truman H. Fuller,	\$3 83	Alden S. Bradford,	1 17
Ransom Mitchell,	1 00	Martin Cook,	1 83
Daniel W. Ring, Jr.,	1 83	Edwin Cook,	1 83
Henry Sturtevant,	7 00	Ezra Fuller,	1 83
Jason Bradford,	33	James O. Everson,	1 83
Thomas Lanman,	1 33		
Timothy Weston,	2 00		\$29 56
John L. Wright,	3 75		

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SNOW ORDERS OUTSTANDING FEB. 28, 1867.

Charles Adams,	\$1 13	Josiah T. Cook,	\$3 20
Charles C. Fauce,	3 70	James W. Holmes,	2 75
Samuel Holmes,	4 25	Edward Willis,	75
Noah Prince,	2 67	William R. Thomas,	95
Elisha Stetson,	67	Nathaniel Waterman,	2 00
Simeon W. McLauthlen,	38		
Porter C. Reed,	2 17		\$35 45
Franklin Reed,	83		

District No. 1,	\$18 32
" " 2,	30 98
" " 3,	56 62
" " 4,	89 17
" " 5,	117 99
" " 6,	66 61
" " 7,	48 27
" " 8,	29 56
Outstanding orders of last year,	25 45
Snow bills paid,	\$482 97
No appropriation.	

In addition to the bills paid as above, there are outstanding orders in each of the districts, amounting, in the aggregate, to about forty-five dollars, and also the unaudited bills of District No. 1, to Feb. 29, amounting probably to about one hundred dollars, making the whole snow bills for the year about six hundred dollars. Very considerable sums are being expended for the same purpose, March 3d, chargeable to the next financial year.

The auditing of snow bills for the last two years has proved somewhat vexatious. The Town, by vote, directed its surveyors to allow one shilling per hour for labor on the highways. Two of the surveyors for 1866-67 made up their snow bills at that

price. Two of them returned only the number of hours labor performed, leaving blanks for the price. These blanks were filled by us at the same rate. The surveyors in two districts fixed the price at twenty cents, and those in two other districts at twenty-five cents per hour, alleging that only by agreeing to pay this price could they secure the prompt clearing of the roads. Supposing the surveyors to be the best judges of the condition of the roads and of their facilities for obtaining labor, their accounts were allowed, and orders were given accordingly. Considerable complaint, perhaps to some extent reasonable, was made on account of this difference in the compensation for labor on different sides of the mere imaginary lines of highway districts.

The surveyors for 1867-68 have, with one exception, made up their accounts at the price voted by the town, and on these accounts orders have been given. The surveyor for District No. 1, having, in his account allowed twenty cents per hour for digging snow, we have, by agreement with him, withheld orders thereon, that the whole subject may come before the town at the annual meeting; and that, if possible, some definite and satisfactory rule of action may be agreed upon.

If the town insists upon a rate of wages uniform in all the districts, it should be a reasonable one, and surveyors should be relieved of all blame in case they are unable to procure labor at such rate. Whether, at the present value of currency, one shilling per hour is a reasonable compensation for the few hours labor a man can perform in the shortest and most inclement days of the year, may well be questioned.

If, on the other hand, the town prefers to allow surveyors a discretionary power as to compensation for digging snow, a vote should be passed to that effect; and surveyors should be held to answer for the payment of excessive wages on some better grounds than the fact that, in an emergency, another surveyor has been compelled to pay such wages or to allow his roads to remain impassable.

Clearing the roads of snow should be viewed in a different

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light from ordinary labor, the price of which must be regulated by the laws of demand and supply. There are very many who consider it a public duty, which as good citizens they owe to those who may be compelled to travel in consequence of sickness or other necessities, to assist, if able, in making the roads passable, and they are prompt to do so, even at personal inconvenience, without reference to the amount of compensation they may receive. But it would not be creditable to the town to take advantage of this fact to crowd down the rate of wages for such services.

There are others who can only see, in the necessities of surveyors, consequent on a snow blockade, an opening for a smart financial operation in a small way, by making their demands as exorbitant as the circumstances of the case will possibly warrant.

There are, of course, some who will not for any consideration lend their aid in clearing the roads of snow, and there are others who cannot do so. While in one view it might appear to be for their interest to keep prices for such labor at the lowest figures, in another view, it is for their interest, in common with all others, to pay such prices as will serve to make the roads passable with the least possible delay.

We incline to favor a reasonable, uniform rate of compensation for digging snow, say twenty cents per hour. It is believed that this price is not excessive, and that it will be sufficient to keep the roads free from obstruction in any district where the citizens are not wholly wanting in public spirit.

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Received from State School Fund,	\$158 81	
Expended for books and apparatus,	99 70	\$119 11
Appropriation for wages and board of teachers,		\$2,700 00
		\$2,819 11
Expended as below,		2,742 00
Unexpended,		\$77 11
Benjamin Wormell, teaching,	\$900 00	
Catherine D. Russell, "	241 00	
Nancy R. Sever, "	201 50	
Selina J. Harrub, "	149 50	
Betsey P. Burgess, "	247 50	
Marion B. Burgess, "	247 50	
Welthea E. Cobb, "	247 50	
Katalina Whittier, "	136 50	
Helen E. Sturtevant, "	98 00	
Adelaide Reed, "	98 00	
Elisha C. Sprague, "	175 00	
		\$2,742 00

FUEL, AND CARE OF FIRES.

James Foster, wood, and sawing and housing,	\$20 00
John F. Hall, " " "	18 00
John A. Fuller, "	6 00
James H. Bryant, sawing and housing wood,	4 00
Timothy French, wood,	48 00
Guilford S. Newcomb, sawing and housing wood,	
making fires, and cash paid for water,	42 87
Martin Cook, wood and sawing,	20 50
Peleg Simmons, making fires,	3 00
Philander Cobb, wood and sawing, and care of fires,	22 38
	\$184 75
Appropriation,	200 00
Undrawn,	\$15 25

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REPAIRS OF SCHOOLHOUSES.

Martin Cook, labor and materials,	\$179 68
Eleazer E. Waterman, labor and materials,	63 76
W. G. Shattuck, desks, chairs, &c.,	109 73
Amasa S. Soule, lumber,	18 75
Cornelius A. Bartlett, blinds,	3 50
James S. Bonney, lumber,	11 31
Ezra Fuller, lumber,	6 12
Green Evans, lime and hair,	5 80
William H. Myrick, sink, pipe, &c.,	5 78
Burges & Bailey, glass,	4 50
James H. Stetson, labor and materials,	7 70
William H. Myrick, stove and pipe,	23 72
Guilford S. Newcomb, labor and materials,	71 73
Esaias Peterson, labor,	1 50
John A. Fuller, labor and materials,	4 78
Philander Cobb, " " .	23 28
Allyn Holmes, " "	9 35
Burges & Bailey, two clocks,	40 00
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Appropriation,	\$590 98
	500 00
Overdrawn,	<hr/>
	\$90 98

HIGH SCHOOLHOUSE ACCOUNT.

Joseph B. Sturtevant, lumber,	\$57 00
Leavitt T. Robbins, "	10 99
Noah Prince, "	71 15
George W. Reed, posts,	10 00
George W. Shattuck, school furniture,	580 00
Burges & Bailey, hardware and trucking,	60 76
O. G. R. Road, freight,	10 10
Z. C. Fuller, stone posts,	15 00
H. N. Hooper & Co., bell,	10 50
J. F. Hill & Co., arbor vitae,	24 50
Lewis S. Delano, iron work,	6 88

Lewis Ripley, labor and materials,	\$68 33
Green Evans, lime and ashes,	10 00
George Faunce, labor and materials,	861 00
William H. Myrick, stoves and pipe,	83 81
George H. Bonney, painting,	23 65
Luther Briggs, plans,	75 00
F. C. Adams, cash paid for sundries,	6 34
Nathan Chandler, labor and manure,	44 62
F. W. Blanchard, "	5 25
Simeon McLauthlen, "	49 88
Albert D. Pratt, "	17 50
Austin B. Waterman, "	13 12
John T. Holmes, "	4 50
Walter H. Faunce, "	54 00
Charles C. Faunce, "	16 50
Seth W. Faunce, "	43 75
Seth Waterman, "	5 25
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Appropriation,	\$2,239 38
	2,000 00
Overdrawn,	<hr/>
	\$239 38
Expended, 1866-67,	\$7,667 33
" 1867-68,	2,239 38
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Cost of High Schoolhouse completed,	\$9,906 71

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Appropriation,	\$1,300 00
Expended, as below,	1,349 52
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Overdrawn,	\$49 52

ALMSHOUSE EXPENSES.

Lucy D. Waterman, services as housekeeper, in part,	\$104 00
P. L. Nichols, professional services,	5 00

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Lysander Bartlett, supplies,	\$4 83
Nathan Chandler, manure, plowing, carting, &c.,	24 25
Oliver Sampson, pig,	14 64
Burges & Bailey, supplies,	176 92
Benjamin Denham, cutting wood on town land,	15 75
William H. Myrick, stove and repairing pump,	10 25
Charles Raymond, coffin for Sophia Winsor,	9 00
Nathan Chandler, burial of " "	3 25

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EXPENSES OUT OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Insane Hospital, Taunton, support of Sarah Fannee, and Lydia A. Cushing,	\$392 40
Insane Asylum, Brattleboro', support of David Lucas,	139 00
Charles Keen, relief of Benjamin R. Lucas,	13 00
City of Taunton, relief and burial of Ezekiel Bryant,	41 50
Abram Dawes, relief of Welthea Dawes,	14 00
City of Charlestown, relief of James H. Drew and family,	65 00
State Nautical School, support of Nutter boys,	52 00
Town of Plymouth, relief of Joseph Pratt and family,	12 50
City of Boston, relief of William Soule,	52 28
Philander Cobb, supplies for Joseph Pratt and family,	5 00
" " " " Elbridge N. Morse,	2 00
Oliver Sampson, wood for Sylvia Lucas,	17 50
Hunt & Sampson, supplies for Robert A. Drew and family,	67 25
Hunt & Sampson, supplies for Mrs. Joseph O. Brien,	4 10
Charles E. Bryant, support of Elbridge N. Morse, in part,	60 50
Edward Gray, cash expenses to Hospital twice with E. N. Morse,	11 60
Burges & Bailey, clothing for E. N. Morse,	12 75
Nathan Chandler, wood for Mrs. Joseph O. Brien,	3 50
Henry N. Jones, medical attendance, family of Robert A. Drew,	6 00

Henry N. Jones, medical attendance, Cornelius Drew,	\$4 00
Charles Raymond, coffin for " "	9 25
Nathan Chandler, burial of " "	3 25
Josiah Cushman, relief of transient paupers,	2 25
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TREASURER AND COLLECTOR'S FEES.

Appropriation,	\$225 00
Paid Nathan Brooks,	225 00

CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

Appropriation,	\$1,000 00
Expended, as below,	1,000 35
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Overdrawn,	
Burges & Bailey, school books,	\$330 58
Lysander Bartlett, services as Overseer of Poor,	25 00
Wm. F. Soule, ringing bell,	2 00
Joseph Peckham, services as Superintendent of Schools,	150 00
J. E. Farwell, printing town reports,	140 00
Edward Gray, services as Selectman,	65 00
" " cash paid, postage, stationery, and expenses out of town,	6 25
John F. Holmes, services as Selectman,	50 00
Alden S. Bradford, " "	69 75
" " car fare, and expenses out of town,	12 50
Simeon W. McLauthlen, rent of room one year,	12 00
Herbert W. McLauthlen, distributing town reports,	1 50
George F. Andrews, printing town orders, &c.,	8 50
Mechanics' Mutual Ins. Co., Ins. on High schoolhouse,	106 00
Quincy Mutual Ins. Co., " " "	134 00

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George F. Andrews, printing for School Committee,	\$8 00
Eleazer E. Waterman, labor and stock, repair of Town House,	222 63
George H. Bonney, painting Town House and Hearse House,	176 33
James H. Stetson, repairs on Town House,	4 50
Ellen McGrath, cleaning " "	3 00
John F. Holmes, services as Assessor,	82 50
Alden S. Bradford, " "	85 00
Edward Gray, " "	79 50
" " stationery, stamps, &c., for Assessors,	3 90
Jonah Willis, Jr., trimming hedge,	7 50
Michael Fitzpatrick, injury to horse on the highway,	30 00
Nathan Brooks, services and expenses as Town Clerk,	22 85
" " cash paid for record books and printing,	11 05
H. A. Davis, sealing weights and measures,	8 50
Nathan Chandler, land damages on new town way,	4 00
" " labor on the Green and fence,	1 25
" " returns of deaths,	2 10
Remittance of taxes,	23 23
Peleg T. Brooks, express bill for two years,	11 43
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	\$1,000 35

STATE AID ACCOUNT.

Charles Everson and family,	\$84 00
Andrew R. Stranger, "	20 00
Allyn Holmes, "	12 00
Margaret O. Rourke, "	96 00
Patrick O. Brien, "	90 00
John C. Bagnell, "	20 00
Edmund F. Simmons, "	66 00
Eliza B. Sherman, "	96 00
Charles F. Washburn,	12 00

Wallace Bonney,	\$12 00
John Williams,	12 00
Thomas Southworth,	42 00
Priscilla Cushman,	48 00
Katie R. Scudder,	48 00
Nancy Beytis,	8 00
Mary L. Taylor,	48 00
Joseph S. Robbins,	15 00
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Appropriation,	\$729 00
	1,500 00

Unexpended, \$771 00

The considerable falling off in the amount paid for State Aid, as compared with last year, results from a change in the law, which took effect on the first day of May, by which payment to the soldier himself was made to depend upon the fact of his receiving a pension from the United States, the law as applicable to widows and children of deceased soldiers remaining substantially as before.

TOWN DEBT.

Appropriation,	\$4,200 00
Paid William S. Adams, note and interest,	4,260 00
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Overdrawn,	\$60 00

LIQUOR AGENCY.

Nothing has been paid from or received into the town treasury during the year, on account of the Liquor Agency. The total sales amounted to \$787.25, and the result of the year's operations is shown by the following figures:

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Cash on hand, March 1, 1868,	\$145 00
Value of liquors on hand March 1, 1868,	92 08
	— \$237 08
Cash on hand March 1, 1867,	\$63 52
Value of liquors on hand March 1, 1867,	82 30
	— 145 91
Increase during the year,	\$91 17
Deduct agent's salary, 10 months, unpaid,	33 33
Profit,	\$57 84

TOWN TREASURY.

RECEIPTS.

From balance in the treasury, March 1, 1867,	\$3,010 94
Outstanding taxes of 1866,	17 47
Peddler's licenses,	12 00
Use of Town House, 1866,	42 12
G. T. & F. C. Adams, temporary loan,	800 00
Cornelius A. Bartlett, " "	300 00
G. S. Newcomb, sale of school benches,	7 44
Joseph Peckham, tuition of non-resident scholars,	7 00
State Treasurer, State School Fund,	158 81
" " Corporation tax,	3,725 17
" " State aid,	1,900 00
Assessment of taxes and school books, 1867,	17,808 50
Balance due Treasurer, Feb. 29, 1868,	666 71
	\$28,456 16

EXPENDITURES.

Paid County tax,	\$1,472 98
State tax,	6,700 00
Remittance for schoolhouses,	3,047 58

William S. Adams, note and interest,	\$4,260 00
G. T. & F. C. Adams, " "	811 00
Cornelius A. Bartlett, " "	303 00
Highway district orders,	948 24
Special highway " "	175 85
General highway " "	213 71
Removing snow " "	482 97
School account " "	2,742 00
Books and apparatus for High School,	39 70
Fuel and care of fires,	184 75
Repairs of schoolhouses,	590 98
Almshouse expenses,	367 89
Support of poor out of almshouse,	981 63
Contingencies,	1,900 35
Treasurer and Collector,	225 00
Abatement of worthless taxes, 1866 and 1867,	21 75
Bounty on crows,	18 45
High Schoolhouse,	2,239 38
State Aid,	729 00
	\$28,456 16

In consequence of the decrease of Corporation tax, as compared with that of last year, on which the estimate was based, and of the large sums expended for repairing bridges and for removing snow, for which no appropriations were made, the treasury is left not only without a working balance, but in debt to the Treasurer in the above sum of \$666.71. These deficiencies must be provided for by an immediate loan.

We recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year, those for school purposes being in accordance with the suggestions of the School Committee :—

For Highway Districts,	\$900 00
Wages and board of teachers,	2,700 00
Fuel and care of school rooms,	200 00

Repairs of schoolhouses,	650 00
Poor,	1,350 00
Treasurer and Collector,	\$225 00
State Aid,	700 00
Removing snow,	600 00
General highways,	200 00
Contingencies,	1,400 00
Town debt and interest,	700 00
Working balance,	500 00
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	\$10,125 00

The assets of the town, applicable to the payment of these appropriations, are as follows:—

School Dist. No. 6, Plympton, note and interest, about	\$475 00
Reimbursement of State Aid, overdue,	108 23
“ “ “ payable Dec. 1, 1868,	823 00
Estimated amount of corporation tax, 1868,	3,500 00
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	\$4,906 23
Leaving to be raised by taxation,	5,218 77
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	\$10,125 00

And we accordingly recommend an assessment of \$5,200.

The Selectmen have been endeavoring, for the last three years, to secure a prompt settlement of all matured demands in favor of, and against the town, at the close of each financial year. Through the efficiency of the Treasurer and Collector this result has been reached in one direction, his account, at settlement, showing no entry for outstanding taxes, a fact probably unprecedented in the records of the financial affairs of the town. The time is within the recollection of some of the Selectmen when the Treasurer's books were annually encumbered with such entries, in some cases running back five or six years, and frequently for very considerable amounts.

In respect to demands against the town we have not been equally successful, there being at the present time a number of outstanding orders for small sums, most of which will probably be presented within a few days, but not in season to be entered in the accounts for the year to which they belong. We would urge all persons holding orders on the Treasurer to present them, or to send them in receipted, for payment, on or before the last day of February in each year, believing that the advantages resulting from a complete settlement annually will more than counterbalance the trouble necessary for effecting it.

ALDEN S. BRADFORD,
EDWARD GRAY,
JOHN F. HOLMES,
Selectmen and Assessors.

KINGSTON, March 1, 1868.

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MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN KINGSTON IN 1867.

1867.

- Jan. 10. Samuel P. Cole and Sarah T. Cook, both of Kingston.
- Feb. 3. Newland Holmes Wright, of Plympton, and Almira S. Eldridge, of Kingston.
- March 3. Edward Kent Holmes and Frances Dewers, both of Kingston.
- " 19. Columbus Sampson and Eliza Williamson Washburn, both of Kingston.
- April 24. Solomon Elmer Faunce, of Plymouth, and Roxanna Curtis Winsor, of Kingston.
- May 7. James Allen Leonard, of Middleboro', and Mary Ward Holmes, of Kingston.
- June 13. John Washburn and Mary McLynchley, both of Kingston.
- July 3. John Brown, of Haverhill, and Lucia C. Fuller, of Kingston.
- July 27. George Henry Bagnell and Charlotte E. Johnson, both of North Bridgewater.
- Sept. 3. George Stephens, of Boston, and Lucy F. Bryant, of Kingston.
- Oct. 31. Josiah Churchill, of Plympton, and Mary Helen Willis, of Kingston.
- Nov. 24. William H. Fuller, of Columbia, Cal., and Clarinda H. Burns, of Kingston.
- Dec. 15. George Herbert Clark and Abby Holmes Oldham, both of Kingston.
- " 23. Gains Holmes, Jr., of Kingston, and Sophia Alden Witherell, of Pembroke.
- " 25. David Clifton Freeman, of Duxbury, and Leora Frances Cobb, of Kingston.

Number of Births registered in Kingston in 1867, 34.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN KINGSTON, IN 1867.

Date.	Name.	Age.	Disease, or Cause of Death.	Name of Parents.
1867.		Y. M. F.		
Feb. 4.	Thomas Bates.	85	Chronic Rheumatism.	Thomas and Sarah Bates.
" 6.	Charles Simmons.	63	Stroke, killed on Snow.	Iszekiah and Lydia Simmons.
" 23.	Harold H. Drew.	63	Heart Disease.	Iszekiah and Lydia Simmons.
March 1.	Nedra Watson Drew.	63	Heart Disease.	Edw. C. and Harriet Drew.
" 21.	Harry J. Faunce.	5	Scarcia Infantum.	Elmer and Sarah Faunce.
April 4.	Harriet A. Jameson.	8	Disease of the Brain.	Francis and Rebecca Adams.
" 21.	George Sisson.	70	Pulmonary Disease.	Eliza and Olive Sisson.
May 16.	Ann Maria Hughes.	63	Senile Gangrene.	Michael and Ellen Hughes.
" 31.	Samuel N. Holmes.	29	Old Age.	Edward and Deborah Holmes.
" 14.	Sally Weston.	8	Scarlet Fever.	Alvin and Fainence Peterson.
" 31.	Bellevue A. Simmons.	5	Scarlet Fever.	David and Maria Delano.
July 24.	Charles Adams.	21	Puerperal Convulsions.	Constant and Fainence Sampson.
Aug. 13.	Loren Holmes.	87	Old Age.	Robert and Lydia Adams.
" 23.	Cordeus Drew.	55	Gastric Gangrene.	Robert and Fainence McLanthen.
" 25.	Sejidan Winsor.	73	Old Age.	Samuel and Sully Drew.
Sept. 4.	Fauna E. Drew.	69	Disease of the Heart and Pregnancy.	Nathaniel D. and Nancy Drew.
" 5.	Paula M. Parker.	30	Typical fever.	Seeth and Susan Angoun.
" 17.	Edmund C. Cook.	20	Typhoid fever.	Edith and Mary Delano.
" 24.	Edmund C. Cook.	20	Typhoid fever.	Edith and Mary Delano.
Oct. 26.	Tossey Bagnell.	70	Phagetic disease and Dropsy.	Martha and Emily Brewster.
" 26.	Edmund C. Cook.	80	Cancerous predisposition.	David and Fainence Delano.
Dec. 11.	Olive Chandler.	34	Kidney Disease.	Gains and Nancy Holmes.
" 30.	Samuel C. Fuller.	22	Consumption.	Remond C. and Irene Paine.

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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AND
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
OF THE
TOWN OF KINGSTON,
FOR
THE YEAR 1867-8.

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

J. A. FULLER, CHAIRMAN, . . .	Term expires	1869.
G. S. NEWCOMB, SECRETARY, . . .	" "	1870.
SETH DREW, LIBRARIAN, . . .	" "	1869.
PHILANDER COBB, . . .	" "	1870.
MARTIN COOK, . . .	" "	1868.
ALLYN HOLMES, . . .	" "	1868.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

REV. JOSEPH PECKHAM.

REPORT.

THE School Committee respectfully submit to their fellow citizens the following Report of their doings for the year 1867-8.

The most noticeable event on the School record for the year is the organization of the High School in the beautiful and commodious building which had been erected for its occupancy during the preceding year. The house was dedicated, with appropriate ceremonies in the presence of a large assemblage of people from all parts of the town, May 10th, and occupied by the new School on the following week.

Contrary to the expectation of some persons, who did not think there were scholars enough in town to make a respectable High School, the number applying for admission and possessing fair, if not excellent, qualifications, was found to be large enough to fill nearly all the seats which had been provided. Every section of the town was represented by one or more scholars, who have attended the school during the year with a regularity but little, if any, inferior to that with which they had been accustomed to attend their own District Schools.

The School at the the centre of the town, called in the last report the Intermediate School, was moved from the building it had occupied during the preceding year to the lower room of the High Schoolhouse, and named the *Grammar School*. This School, like the High School, is open to scholars from all parts of the town who are qualified to enter it.

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The full attendance in the Grammar School during the winter term imperatively demanded the aid of an assistant teacher. Such a teacher was, by vote of the Committee, employed, and she has rendered very efficient service not only in the Grammar School, but also in the High School, where a part of her time was spent.

The Primary School, which had entirely outgrown its own small house, was moved to the room vacated by the Grammar School, where its large and growing numbers have been very comfortably accommodated.

There has been a great amount of irregular attendance in almost all the Schools on account of stormy weather and the prevalence of whooping cough, scarlet fever, and other sickness, so that the Committee cannot speak so favorably of the efficiency and progress of the Schools as they would be glad to do.

The report of the Superintendent of Schools, which is herewith submitted, will give a detailed account of matters pertaining to all the schools.

The School Committee was instructed, by vote of the town, to sell the Primary Schoolhouse at Rocky Nook, and also the Primary Schoolhouse and lot at the centre of the town. They have sold the house at Rocky Nook for four hundred and fifty dollars; but for want of a purchaser who was willing to pay a price at all satisfactory to the town for the other property, it still remains on their hands. And it is respectfully submitted to your consideration, whether it would not be for the interest of the town to take it out of the market and retain it for school purposes, if, as the increasing number of scholars in this part of the town would seem to indicate, it shall be wanted for that use, or for other town purposes, as circumstances may require.

During the year the schoolhouse in Wapping, with the appropriation made for that purpose at the last annual meeting of the town, has been thoroughly repaired, painted, and furnished with Boston school desks and chairs. An addition was built to the front of the house for an entry, thus making it practicable to enlarge the school room,—a change which the increasing

number of scholars seemed to demand. The house is now, outside and inside, an honor to the town,—a thing which could not be said of it for a number of years previous to its reconstruction.

The Committee are of the opinion that it will prove for the best interest of the town to repair, each year, one of their schoolhouses in the same thorough manner, till all that need it are put in like good condition. And they respectfully recommend that an appropriation of six hundred and fifty dollars be now made for the repair of the schoolhouse in Stony Brook, for a wood-house long needed at Indian Pond, and for the ordinary repairs and incidental expenses of all the schools.

For the support of schools, for the year 1868-9, they recommend an appropriation of two thousand seven hundred dollars for the wages and board of teachers, and two hundred and fifty dollars for fuel and care of schoolhouses.

In behalf of the Committee,

G. S. NEWCOMB,

Secretary.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF KINGSTON :

GENTLEMEN,—The closing of another year summons me to the duty of reporting upon the progress, present condition, and wants of the schools.

The increased appropriation for their benefit has very justly awakened the expectation of increased interest and success. I am happy to believe that such hope has not been disappointed. By the additional seven hundred dollars, not only has the High School been supported and an Assistant paid, but four weeks have been added to the length of each of the other schools. One-fourth of the sum that has come from the State has been set apart for the purchase of maps and apparatus, while over eighty-four dollars remain in the treasury unexpended. Forty weeks, or two hundred days, are regarded by the best educators as the maximum time that can be profitably devoted in any one year to close study. Our schools have been in session thirty-seven weeks, or one hundred and eighty-five days. The great amount of prevailing diseases among the children, and the unusually severe winter, have combined to occasion numerous interruptions and absences, and it has, therefore, been peculiarly well that the number of opportunities for attendance has been proportionally increased.

You expect me to speak somewhat at large upon the results of our new High School. The whole number belonging to it during the year is fifty-six; forty-nine the first term, forty-six the second, and forty-four the third. Each of the old districts

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has been represented; and one boy from Plympton, during the first two terms, daily walked more than four miles each way, missing but six days and a half in all, and being tardy but five times. This example of perseverance ought to be worth something to the town, without any very high price for tuition. Of our own boys, the one who has had the farthest to travel, and the only representative from the Northwest, has been actually present nearly every day for the entire year. As a general rule, those coming from the outlying neighborhoods have been as regular and punctual as those living near. The average attendance of the entire school during the summer was over 92 per cent., the fall over 90, though in the winter, from causes which in the main were unavoidable, it has fallen to 82 per cent.

I am aware that I have been blamed by some for admitting to the school about a dozen scholars, whose qualifications did not come up to the advertised conditions, and that I should have been equally censured by others, if I had *not* admitted them. Between these opposite opinions I have been free to proceed only according to my own best judgment.

In some of the older Arithmetics there are two rules laid down, denominated respectively Theory and Practice. A boy, on being asked by his teacher the difference between the two, replied, "In nothing but the *friction*." Now theory may be very beautiful in itself, while in the attempt to carry it out, we may find so many practical difficulties that we can only approximate to its realization. Thus, if in all cases during this first year, we had insisted upon the highest prescribed standard for admittance to the school, it would have been to the exclusion of numbers, who very much needed its training, and the friction in the other schools would have been well nigh unendurable. After a year or two, the terms can be raised still higher, and be rigidly enforced, yet there shall be scholars enough of the higher standing to fill the school-room. For the first year, a preparatory class has been received more easily than it could be again, when the number of classes is increased by the advancement of pupils to the studies of the third year. Besides, it was the dis-

tinget understanding that they should recite in the room below, whenever it might be deemed necessary or more convenient.

By your vote, the two schools in the High Schoolhouse were to be so far connected, that the Master was to have a supervision over both, was to fix the time of their recesses, and in general to see that there was no clashing in their separate arrangements. Such a provision is absolutely required in schools occupying the same building.

GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMITTEE:

You were regarded as singularly fortunate in securing the services as Master of a well recommended college graduate, of six years previous engagement in teaching, and who was intending to make this his profession. No inexperienced man, without extraordinary judgment, quickness and tact, could have met the exigencies and have performed well the duties of the first year. It will be less difficult hereafter.

I am satisfied that Mr. Wormelle possesses the requisite learning and ability for teaching: that he has been devoted to the interests of the school, and has borne himself pleasantly amid all the difficulties of his position. I bear willing testimony to his general faithfulness and success. Faults he undoubtedly has, which he should strive to correct. From a lack of previous acquaintance with the various capacities and attainments of his scholars, and from the non-arrival in season of several of the text-books, the first week or two of the year passed before the classes could be fully organized, and the recitations be regularly heard.

It has been suggested that the order has not been as strict as it ought to have been. But the scholars of that age have not needed to be put under military discipline in the school-room, nor has there been time for the employment of any considerable amount of "red tape." General permissions can be given by the master to do certain necessary things, if there be no abuse of the liberty. The government should indeed be sufficiently strict to prevent confusion and to ensure study, but not so severe

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as to crush out all individuality and destroy all freedom. In the main, with some inconsiderable exceptions, I have been so unfortunate in my visits, rather, may I not be permitted to say, *so fortunate*, as not to discover the breaches of decorum and order which some have supposed to exist. The testimonies from the neighbors for the good deportment of the scholars of both schools, have been almost absolutely uniform and hearty.

The studies pursued, and the number attending to each, have been as follows:—

Reading, Spelling, and Writing, nearly the whole school; English Grammar, forty-nine; Arithmetic, twenty-seven; Algebra, twenty-four; Geometry, ten; Trigonometry, Surveying and Navigation, five; Boyd's English Composition, sixteen; U. S. History, twenty-seven; Physical Geography, fourteen; Book-keeping, twelve; Astronomy, nine; Botany, ten, and Latin, twenty-three. With perhaps here and there an exception, the scholars have made good proficiency in their several studies, and have acquitted themselves well at the closing examinations. There are some who would have done much better if they had only made the due application.

We too often set down for backward scholars those who have become an actual inculus upon the school by their positive inattention and indolence. If I were to single out any large class that has not been as successful as others, I should unhesitatingly mention that in History. It has been a fault in making the lesson too much a memorizing task. Should we ever be favored with a public library, placed in one of the side rooms of the High Schoolhouse, let there be such a supply of works upon history and science, as to afford facilities to the scholars to obtain other information upon the topics assigned them than what is found in their text-books. What one investigates for himself, and "brings forth from treasures, new and old," he will best remember and turn to practical account. Such a habit of study, it is of the first importance to form and cherish.

Our limited space will not allow of further remarks upon the High School, and requires that our observations upon the other schools should be very brief.

The Town Grammar School has been almost unexceptionable for its general interest and good order. More attention has been bestowed upon penmanship than usual. A class of beginners in Grammar has been taught by Miss Russell orally, they having no books, and it is rare for children in the same time to obtain so clear an understanding of the subject, and to make so much progress. I believe she has hit upon the right method. The assistance rendered by Miss N. R. Sever, in the two schools during the winter, has been of very marked service.

The schools in Rocky Nook and Stony Brook have been under the exclusive instruction of the same teachers as last year, Miss W. E. Cobb and Miss B. P. Burgess. Without speaking in detail of their several excellences, I express my decided approval of them both. Of course the many interruptions from sickness in these two schools have been corresponding hindrances to their complete success.

The schools in Indian Pond and Wapping had changes of teachers in the winter. While all concerned were very sorry to lose the services of Miss Sever and Miss Whittier, they having each given the most general satisfaction, it was well that so excellent and experienced teachers were employed to succeed them. I cannot speak too warmly of the improvement made in the Wapping schoolhouse, under the direction of the committee from that district, and think the same amount of money could not be so profitably spent again, except for a similar refitting of some one of our equally dilapidated school buildings.

The Fall school in the Northwest was nearly broken up by prevailing sickness, but the teacher, Mrs. Harb, was ever earnest in her efforts for the welfare of her charge. The success of Mr. Sprague in the Winter was "a foregone conclusion." No school has made more pleasing advancement in Penmanship and Arithmetic.

Of the Primary School in the Centre, under the continued instruction of Miss M. B. Burgess, I may speak in emphatic

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terms of commendation. It is desirable, especially in such a school, to have suspended from the walls charts, on which elementary lessons for class recitations are printed. Oral teaching may take the place of some of the tasks, since young children learn more in this way than by study at their seats. Interest is always the true stimulus to learning.

It has been my aim to visit every school at least three times each term. Some of the Schools, particularly the High, I have visited much oftener. If I understand the duties you have imposed upon your Superintendent, he was to be the servant and agent of the committee, the friend and adviser of the teachers, the guide and encourager of the children, and the earnest defender and promoter of all the various interests of the town, in connection with the schools, whether financial, intellectual, social, or moral. Besides he has had chiefly his own conscience, and his own high sense of the importance of the position to satisfy, so that while pleasing others, he might best please himself. But, gentlemen, if you and the other citizens of the town are as generally dissatisfied with the results as he has been, he will speedily be relieved from all further responsibility. It has been a matter of extreme regret with him, that in conducting an office which sustains so many and delicate relations, he has felt obliged to go contrary to the convictions and wishes of some. He hopes, however, that private friendship will never deter him from doing what he conceives to be for the public weal.

In suggesting improvements for the coming year, I will allude only to two.

Suppose each teacher should adopt the plan of an examination once a fortnight upon all that has been studied since the previous examination, and that the several scholars should be marked upon a scale of five, according to their answers at these examinations. Let each teacher be provided with blank cards of invitation, which he can fill out and send to the parents and friends, soliciting their presence at the ensuing examination, taking care that all those interested should in turn be invited to be present at least once in the course of the term. Let the results of these examinations be reported at the final one, and let

cases of marked excellence or improvement be noticed in the annual printed report. Would there not be a new advancement in the character and standing of our schools?

The other suggestion is, that there be monthly meetings of the teachers themselves, for mutual consultation, and an occasional visit to each other's schools, as one half day every term will be granted for this purpose. It will be rare for a teacher to attend such a meeting, or to visit a school, without being able either to give or receive valuable hints.

Perhaps I ought to suggest a more perfect classification of the High School. Yet this may be carried too far. In the best High Schools in the State, and in those of large towns and cities, where there is opportunity to select from a large number, only the very best scholars, the distinction of classes according to the respective years, first, second, &c., is far from perfect. It would be undesirable to have all scholars pursue precisely the same course. Their different capacities and wants will not allow this. If we were to adopt any such rigid plan, it would be to the reduction of our school to the smallest number. Forward scholars would have to be kept back and dull ones pushed forward to a like detriment in either case.

Still it should be the aim of the master and superintendent of next year to come considerably nearer to such classification; and to this end a course of study for three years, with a plentiful supply of elective studies has been prepared, and will be found in connection with the school regulations which you have adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH PECKHAM.

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Whole Attendance.				Average Attendance.				Per cent. of Attendance.				Length of Schools in Weeks.				Wages of Teachers.
		Fall.		Win.		Fall.		Win.		Fall.		Win.		Fall.		Win.		
		Num.	Per.	Num.	Per.	Num.	Per.	Num.	Per.	Num.	Per.	Num.	Per.	Num.	Per.	Num.	Per.	
High.	Benj. Wornelle, N. H. Sever, Assistant.	49	46	44	45	42	36	.92	.91	.82	11	11	14	36	36	36	36	\$500 00 52 00
Town Grammar.	C. D. Russell, N. H. Sever, Assistant.	52	47	56	44	41	49	.85	.87	.88	11	11	14	26	26	26	26	241 00
Hooker Sook.	W. E. Cobb,	41	44	33	33	37	26	.80	.84	.80	12	11	14	37	37	37	37	247 50
Stony Brook.	H. P. Burgess,	43	43	30	39	36	25	.91	.84	.83	12	11	14	37	37	37	37	247 50
North West.	S. J. Hannah, Elisha G. Sprague.	26	18	21	23	14	23	.88	.80	.76	12	11	14	37	37	37	37	140 50 175 00
Indian Pond.	N. H. Sever, Aldable Reed.	32	32	21	20	29	26	.94	.91	.84	12	11	14	37	37	37	37	149 50 98 00
Wapping.	K. Walther, H. E. Sturtevant.	20	23	20	19	18	14	.95	.80	.70	12	9	14	35	35	35	35	136 50 98 00
Centre Primary.	M. B. Burgess,	62	63	48	53	56	38	.85	.90	.79	12	11	14	37	37	37	37	247 50
Total.		325	316	293	266	273	207	.89	.86	.80	94	86	112	204	204	204	204	2742 00

Whole number of children in town, between 5 and 15, May 1, 1897,
Average attendance, in all the Schools, for the year,

299

85 per cent.

SCHOOL REGULATIONS OF THE TOWN OF KINGSTON.

1st, There shall be three terms of school each year, sufficient notice of their opening and closing having been given.

2d, The teachers may close their schools, besides upon the legal holidays, one half day each term for visiting other schools, and one day annually for attending the Plymouth County Teachers' Association. No other suspension of any school is allowed, without special permission, except in case of the sickness of the teacher, due notice of which should be given to the Superintendent or Committee.

3d, The teachers shall see that the fires are made in sufficient season, and all the teachers shall be present, and the school-rooms opened at least ten minutes before the time of beginning.

4th, There shall be one recess each half day of fifteen minutes and no pupil shall be deprived of his *full* recess, though for punishment he may be required to take it at a different time from the other scholars.

5th, No absence or tardiness shall be excusable that is not sanctioned by the parent or guardian; but every absence and tardiness from whatever cause, shall be recorded in the Register.

6th, The school-bell shall be rung five minutes before the hour appointed for the opening of the school, and all scholars shall be considered tardy, who are not in their seats at the time for beginning.

7th, Every pupil, or other person, who shall wilfully or carelessly mar or injure the High Schoolhouse, or other Schoolhouses of the town, or any of their outbuildings, fences, trees, apparatus, or other appurtenances whatsoever, shall be required immediately to replace the injured article with new, or pay in

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full for all the damage done, and may be prosecuted according to the Statutes of the Commonwealth.

8th, Every pupil, who shall exhibit or have in his possession any obscene picture or book, or shall utter or write any profane or unchaste language on any school premises, shall be liable to punishment according to the offence.

9th, Every teacher shall make and enforce such rules as may be needful for keeping the yards and outbuildings of the several schools in a neat and proper condition.

10th, A teacher may suspend any scholar for gross misconduct, but he must give immediate notice thereof to the parents or guardian; also to the Superintendent or Committee, who shall consider the cause of such suspension and determine whether the scholar shall be reinstated or expelled.

11th, Every teacher shall read or cause to be read, without note or comment, a portion of the Holy Scriptures every day — and the reading shall be followed by the repetition of the Lord's Prayer.

12th, At the close of each term, the teachers shall prepare for the use of the Superintendent, a list of their classes and the work they have respectively done: and they shall also furnish a certificate from the Agent of the Library that their book accounts are all settled, before they shall be entitled to pay for their services.

13th, In all the Grammar, Mixed, and Primary schools of the town, one half hour each day shall be devoted to writing and drawing, and the teachers shall give exclusive attention to these exercises during the time designated.

14th, As far as practicable, all scholars attending to Mental Arithmetic shall also have exercises in Written Arithmetic, under the direction of the teacher.

15th, Candidates for admission to the regular course in the High School must pass a full and satisfactory examination in Arithmetic, written and mental, in the elements of English Grammar and in Parsing, in Geography, Reading and Spelling, and must be able to write a fair hand.

COURSE OF STUDY FOR KINGSTON HIGH SCHOOL.		
	FIRST TERM.	SECOND TERM.
FIRST YEAR.	Reading, Spelling and Writing. English Grammar, United States History, Algebra, Physiology, once a week, Arithmetic, extra, (E) Latin.	Reading, Spelling and Writing. Analysis and Parsing, United States History, Algebra, Physiology, once a week, Arithmetic, extra, (E) Latin.
	Reading, Spelling and Writing. Boyd's English Composition, Geometry, Physical Geography, (E) Botany, (E) Latin, or French.	Reading, Spelling and Writing. Boyd's English Composition, Geometry, Physical Geography, Physiology, (E) Latin, or French.
	Natural Philosophy, (E) Logic, (E) Higher Mathematics, Outlines of General History, English Literature, (E) Geology, (E) Latin, or French.	Natural Philosophy, (E) Mental Philosophy, (E) Higher Mathematics, Outlines of General History, English Literature, Chemistry, (E) Latin, or French.
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