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ASSESSMENT OF TAXES.

Valuation of real estate,	\$660,078 00
Valuation of personal estate,	655,793 00
Total valuation,	\$1,315,871 00
Rate of taxation, .0062 — \$6.20 per \$1,000.	
Number of polls, 452. Poll-tax, \$2 00.	

Town tax,	\$5,175 00
State tax,	1,940 00
County tax,	1,624 40
Overlays,	325 17
Unpaid school-books,	81 84
	\$9,146 50

Number of dwelling-houses taxed,	326
Number of acres of land taxed,	10,938
Number of horses taxed,	201
Number of cows taxed,	188
Number of sheep taxed,	44

TAXES FOR 1874.

Adams, Abigail H.,	\$114 70	Adams, Joseph,	\$2 00
Adams, George T.,	62 85	Ames, Benjamin F.,	6 31
Adams, Frederic C.,	61 55	Andrews, Mary,	5 89
Adams, G. T. & F. C.,	114 21	Atwell, Samuel, jun.,	2 00
Adams, Horatio,	19 36	Ahearn, John,	8 36
Adams, William S.,	353 79	Atwood, E. Elbridge,	2 00
Adams, Henry L.,	10 53	Atwood, George F.,	3 55
Adams, Eleanor,	12 40		
Brewster, Geo., heirs of,	4 96	Bryant, James H.,	6 81
Brewster, C. D., heirs of,	13 18	Bryant, Peleg,	13 05
Brewster, Spencer,	18 74	Bryant, George B.,	5 10
Brewster, Henry,	3 55	Bryant, Oliver S.,	2 00
Bartlett, Lysander,	17 66	Bryant, William B.,	2 00
Bartlett, Clement D.,	2 00	Bearee, John,	8 36
Bartlett, George B.,	2 00	Bearee, Ichabod,	4 17
Bartlett, Uriah,	3 72	Bailey, Nahum,	14 71
Bartlett, Cornelius A.,	11 30	Bailey, Nahum, jun.,	25 26
Bartlett, Walter S.,	14 54	Bailey, Cynthia C.,	8 84
Bartlett, Lloyd G.,	10 37	Bailey, Justus A.,	21 91
Bonney, John,	4 48	Bailey, Frederic C.,	2 00
Bonney, John A.,	2 62	Bailey, Caleb E.,	29 75
Bonney, Wallace,	2 00	Bouville, Moise,	2 00
Bonney, George H., jun.,	2 00	Beytis, Antonio M.,	3 72
Bonney, Charles F.,	6 19	Beal, Joseph S.,	205 42
Bryant, Charles E.,	5 41	Beal, Joseph S., trustee,	\$3 24
Bryant, Nathaniel,	9 77	Beal, J. S. & Alex., trustees,	11 16
Bryant, Charles L.,	2 00	Bisbee, Daniel, heirs of,	9 46
Bryant, Sylvanus,	27 20	Bisbee, Daniel,	3 40

Bates, Caleb,	62 90	Bunn, Ebenezer E.,	9 75
Baker, Otis,	60 90	Berry, Roscoe G.,	7 58
Baker, Otis, jun.,	2 00	Brooks, Nathan,	6 96
Baker, Manlius,	2 00	Brooks, Peleg T.,	3 55
Bicknell, George T.,	6 96	Bagnell, Frederic,	4 61
Bradford, William,	10 99	Bagnell, John C.,	9 91
Bradford, Alden S.,	13 01	Bugge, William H.,	21 84
Bradford, A. S., guard.,	2 48	Burges & Keith,	84 79
Bradford, Lydia F.,	2 64	Brown, David,	9 75
Bradford, Horace S.,	15 49	Brown, David, jun.,	5 26
Bradford, George B.,	2 60	Brown, Alvan,	2 00
Bradford, Amos P.,	2 09	Brown, George,	2 00
Bradford, Rebecca M.,	22 63	Brown, Edward G.,	2 00
Bradford, George A.,	2 00	Blanchard, Harriet N.,	6 82
Bradford, Allen,	2 00	Blanchard, Henry N.,	2 00
Bradford, Geishom,	61 03	Blanchard, Ziphire,	2 00
Bowker, Davis W.,	3 40	Bronelle, Antoine,	2 00
Bunker, Edward,	6 96	Bo-worth, Daniel M.,	2 00
Bunker, Nathaniel H.,	2 00	Butler, John,	2 00
Cook, Martin, heirs of,	5 71	Cushman, Daniel,	3 10
Cook, Martin,	13 78	Cushman, Joseph S.,	5 94
Cook, Edwin,	7 74	Cushman, Josiah,	63 51
Cook, Benjamin,	24 79	Cushman, Arthur L.,	2 00
Cook, Lucy,	10 08	Cushman, George,	15 92
Cook, Josiah T.,	19 79	Cushman, George, 2d,	10 06
Cook, Mary W.,	4 59	Cushman, Alonzo M.,	2 00
Cook, Henry T.,	24 11	Cushman, John,	5 57
Cobb, Seth,	7 26	Cushman, Lyman T.,	3 24
Cobb, Martin, heirs of,	11 63	Cushman, Joseph T.,	7 36
Cobb, Benj., adminis. of,	45 26	Cushman, Asa,	9 13
Cobb & Drew,	137 02	Cushman, Edwin,	3 40
Cobb, Philander,	\$2 26	Cushman, Frank D.,	3 24
Cobb, Henry,	10 15	Cushman, George W.,	2 60
Cobb, Lucy,	62	Cushman, George H.,	2 00
Cobb, Nathaniel,	4 33	Cushman, Caroline,	31 93
Cobb, Herbert W.,	3 40	Cushman, Job,	33 00
Collins, William,	4 94	Cushman, Samuel F.,	29 90
Corey, Gustavus,	12 23	Cushman, George S.,	2 00

Cushman, George E.,	2 00	Chandler, Noah J.,	2 00
Cushman, Sylvia, heirs of,	93	Chandler, Albert W.,	2 00
Cushman, James H.,	7 21	Chandler, David,	21 22
Callahan, Thomas,	8 19	Chandler, Algernon S.,	29 34
Callahan, Dennis J.,	8 05	Cunningham, Theodore B.,	20 29
Churchill, Albert S.,	2 00	Cole, Samuel P.,	9 29
Churchill, Ebenezer,	5 57	Cole, Thomas E.,	17 50
Churchill, Henry, heirs of,	1 55	Cole, Leander S.,	8 07
Churchill, James T.,	8 36	Cole, Charles H.,	10 18
Churchill, Henry,	5 10	Childs, Abner P.,	2 00
Churchill, Otis,	7 74	Carey, Dennis,	6 07
Churchill, George L.,	7 58	Clark, George H.,	17 04
Chandler, John S.,	7 27	Cushing, Saml. W., ex. of,	40 30
Chandler, Horace J.,	14 72	Cushing, Saml. W., heirs of,	6 82
Chandler, Ira,	25 56	Clifton, Luther,	17 50
Chandler, Nathan,	19 73	Clinch, Matthias,	2 00
Chandler, Edward D.,	23 83	Crawley, T. W.,	2 00
Chandler, Mary,	3 10	Caey, William,	2 00
Chandler, Abigail,	2 79	Collingwood, George, 2d,	2 00
Drew, Spencer,	2 00	Delano, Leander T.,	2 00
Drew, Seth,	26 32	Delano, Joshua,	195 51
Drew, Christopher P.,	22 15	Delano, Joshua, trustee,	2 64
Drew, Job W., heirs of,	22 21	Delano, Joshua, trustee,	7 13
Drew, Eli C.,	29 14	Delano, Joshua, jun.,	2 00
Drew, John,	15 49	Drake, Marlin,	7 26
Drew, John N.,	2 00	Drake, Nathaniel M.,	25 07
Drew, Nathaniel D.,	6 81	Drake, Charles F.,	2 00
Drew, Frank A.,	2 00	Dawes, James H.,	95 91
Davis, Solomon,	9 60	Dawes, John C.,	2 00
Davis, Lucy, heirs of,	3 57	Doten, Isaac,	2 00
Denham, Benjamin,	5 27	Doten, Edward L.,	4 48
Danley, John,	6 19	De Normandie, C. Y.,	19 83
Douly, William H.,	2 00	Dary, James W.,	2 00
Delano, David,	8 82	Devine, Patrick,	7 89
Delano, Charles C.,	4 48	Dow, John,	2 00
Delano, Lewis S., heirs of,	5 43		

Everson, Oliver, heirs of,	5 58	Eldridge, David G.,	9 74
Everson, Charles H.,	5 89	Eger, Robert,	6 65
Everson, Warren N.,	6 19	Ellis, Wylie R.,	22 46
Everson, Henry S.,	3 09	Evans, Green,	11 61
Everson, Nancy,	6 35	Evans & Atwood,	32 09
Everson, Lois,	4 65	Ewell, Charles H.,	11 83
Farrington, Martin,	2 00	Fuller, Alexander,	11 15
Faunce, Elizabeth,	24 34	Fuller, John,	16 11
Faunce, Cornelius A.,	2 00	Fuller, John A.,	12 85
Faunce, George,	16 26	Fuller, Ezra,	21 22
Faunce, Myron,	2 00	Fuller, Samuel,	2 81
Faunce, Winslow,	2 00	Fuller, Smith,	3 09
Faunce, Sarah,	10 82	Fuller, Sophia, heirs of,	1 55
Faunce, Charles T.,	8 05	Fuller, Frank,	22 03
Faunce, Albert,	7 43	Fuller, Chester H.,	2 00
Faunce, Seth W.,	9 83	Fuller, Daniel W.,	2 00
Faunce, Charles C.,	43 41	Foster, Avenath,	11 00
Faunce, Walter H.,	18 21	Foster, Betsey S.,	10 23
Faunce, Sewall A.,	3 44	Foster, James,	22 47
Faunce, Ann E.,	17 05	Fitzpatrick, Michael,	10 22
Faunce, Eliezer,	17 35	Freeman, David C.,	2 00
Faunce, Martin,	7 59	Freeman, Henry,	2 00
French, Timothy,	14 49	Ford, Lemuel,	2 00
Fuller, Truman H.,	3 24	Finney, William A.,	2 00
Fuller, James,	12 51	Fredotte, John,	2 00
Gray, Edward,	23 70	Grozeiger, George,	10 53
Gray, Edward, trustee,	7 91	Graves, George,	2 00
Gray, Lydia,	78	Gillis, Daniel,	2 00
Gray, John, heirs of,	14 88	Gouldrup, Donald,	2 00
Gray, Samuel W.,	5 97	Gaulner, Henry T.,	2 00
Griffin, John,	2 00	Globin, J. B.,	2 00
Hernandez, Jose,	2 00	Hall, John, heirs of,	18 29
Haney, Dennis,	7 43	Hall, John E.,	24 79
Heeneey, John, adm. of,	3 10	Holmes, Robert W.,	5 72
Haggerty, William,	4 79	Holmes, Samuel,	14 58
Haggerty, Margaret,	1 55	Holmes, Ira,	7 27

Holmes, John F.,	22 06	Holmes, Ephraim,	3 40
Holmes, George,	19 20	Hayward, Lucius,	4 48
Holmes, Eleathan,	2 00	Hayward, Lucia,	3 57
Holmes, Stephen, heirs of,	62	Hunt, Henry,	42 70
Holmes, Allyn, heirs of,	1 55	Hunt & Sampson,	40 00
Holmes, Stephen,	8 51	Hammond, Asa C.,	14 65
Holmes, Gaius,	6 50	Hammond, Eugene,	2 00
Holmes, Lothrop T.,	30 00	Hammond, Walter C.,	2 00
Holmes, Edgar D.,	2 00	Howland, Daniel F.,	9 75
Holmes, Joseph,	12 64	Hart, Dennis,	2 00
Holmes, Richard E.,	15 45	Hickey, James,	2 00
Holmes, Joseph A.,	274 18	Hyde, James F.,	2 93
Holmes, Frank H.,	250 31	Hunt, Maria O.,	5 43
Holmes, Eliza A.,	68 20	Harlow, James M.,	2 00
Holmes, Alexander, heirs of,	61 01	Harlow, James W.,	5 10
Holmes, Edward,	468 36	Harlow, George D.,	2 00
Holmes, Paraclete W.,	2 00	Hurthell, Francis,	3 86
Holmes, Edward K.,	27 51		
Joice, John A.,	2 00	Johnson, Judith,	6 20
Jones, Henry N.,	30 00	Johnson, F. M., and others,	31
Jones, P. M. C.,	3 09	Jameson, Francis,	2 00
		Keith, Henry K.,	19 52
Kennedy, James,	10 38	Keith, Lewis H.,	426 70
Kennedy, James, jun.,	3 61		
Kennedy, Francis M.,	2 63	Leonard, Henry,	3
Long, Charles,	2 00	Lovering, John P.,	2 00
Lamman, Thomas,	23 86	Lowe, Samuel,	12 39
Lucas, Henry T.,	7 89	Lane, George F.,	3 24
Lucile, Lois,	2 00		
McGuire, William,	6 03	McLauthlen, Robert B.,	6 96
McGrath, Robert,	2 00	McLauthlen, Onslow W.,	2 31
McGrath, Michael,	11 13	McLauthlen, Horace,	3 09
McGrath, Thomas,	2 00	McLauthlen, Edwin,	2 00
McCrute, William,	4 48	McLauthlen, Onslow, & others,	62
McLauthlen, Elsha, hrs. of,	2 64	McLauthlen, Simeon W.,	31 62
McLauthlen, George W.,	17 87	McLauthlen, P. W., hrs. of,	5 27

Malone, Patrick,	2 00	Morse, George,	8 51
Murray, John,	3 71	Morse, Francis,	2 00
McManus, Michael,	6 03	Myrick, William H.,	17 34
Mitchell, John,	6 50	Mahony, John,	2 00
Mitchell, Ransom,	5 88	McSweeney, Felix,	2 00
Mitchell, Harvey,	8 83	McCarty, Charles,	2 00
Nichols, P. L., estate of,	20 92	Nutter, Samuel J.,	6 66
Newcomb, Thomas,	278 68	Naughten, Andrew,	4 34
Newcomb, Marcello,	22 15	Nolan, Thomas,	2 00
Newcomb, Guilford S.,	25 23		
O'Brien, Patrick,	6 81	Owens, George E.,	2 93
Oldham, John,	8 67	Ormand, Michael,	2 00
Oldham, Adonitau J.,	2 00		
Pierce, James B.,	5 72	Prince, Thomas,	3 24
Pierce, Moses,	2 00	Peterson, Ichabod,	7 27
Phipps, Laura M.,	12 40	Peterson, Esaias,	9 58
Phipps, Laura M., Adm.,	21 36	Peterson, Andrew H.,	2 00
Phipps, Joseph, heirs of,	8 05	Peterson, Melvin E.,	2 00
Perkins, Ezra,	7 58	Peterson, Henry R.,	2 00
Powers, Edwin,	2 00	Peterson, Herman J.,	2 00
Powers, Charles H.,	2 00	Peecham, Joseph,	10 37
Paine, Reuben C.,	8 98	Plapps, George,	2 00
Prince, Noah,	18 59	Pendergast, Edward,	2 00
Prince, Daniel,	2 00		
Quinn, Thomas,	1 71		
Reed, Edmund,	2 00	Russell, C. D., and sister,	5 58
Reed, Franklin,	2 00	Robbins, Joseph S.,	11 30
Reed, Porter C.,	9 44	Robbins, Horace C.,	5 72
Reed, Edwin,	35 49	Robbins, William A.,	13 32
Reed, Edwin T.,	12 08	Robbins, Charles,	17 50
Reed, Edgar,	2 00	Ripley, Cyrus W.,	9 91
Reed, Jones & Co.,	6 20	Ripley, Lewis,	17 87
Reed, Alphonzo, heirs of,	3 10	Ripley, Henry,	2 00
Reed, Joseph E., heirs of,	8 99	Rodier, Alec,	2 00

Ripley, Samuel B.,	17 04	Richardson, Ebenezer P.,	4 48
Ripley, Obed,	2 03	Richardson, Edwin W.,	5 10
Riog, Daniel W., heirs of,	13 55	Ryan, John,	6 34
Ring, Daniel W.,	2 03	Reinhardt, Henry,	2 00
Ring, Samuel, heirs of,	16 31	Reckenbiel, Henry,	2 00
Ransom, Harvey,	0 75	Raymond, Adoniram,	2 00
Ransom, Winslow H.,	2 00	Rubel, William,	2 00
Ransom, Edward A.,	2 03	Randall, Robert F.,	2 00
Stephens, J. H.,	9 13	Stetson, Henry T.,	2 00
Sproul, Matthew F.,	10 06	Stetson, Wiswal S., heirs of,	5 27
Sproul, Francis,	2 00	Stetson, Charles,	29 75
Sampson, George H.,	2 00	Stetson, Marcia H.,	21 70
Sampson, Constant,	5 41	Stetson, Joseph,	21 38
Sampson, Azel H.,	2 47	Smith, Patrick,	3 24
Sampson, William A.,	7 88	Smith, John,	9 58
Sampson, Oliver,	10 71	Smith, Richard J.,	2 00
Sampson, Benjamin,	13 94	Soule, Henry,	34 86
Sampson, Wendell A.,	2 00	Soule, Henry, jun.,	2 00
Sampson, Huldah,	12 40	Soule, Herbert,	3 56
Sampson, Hiram,	4 64	Soule, William F.,	4 33
Sampson, Clement H.,	11 70	Soule, James C.,	2 00
Sampson, Levi B.,	2 00	Stranger, Joseph A.,	13 01
Sever, James N., heirs of,	28 09	Stranger, Andrew R.,	2 09
Sever, Jane R.,	48 83	Stranger, William A.,	2 00
Simmons, Nabun,	15 64	Stranger, William,	30 83
Simmons, Wendell,	2 00	Symmes, Hannah,	4 65
Simmons, Francis O.,	10 07	Society, Treas. of Baptist,	8 37
Simmons, Edmund F.,	2 00	Society, Treas. of 1st Cong'l.,	3 41
Simmons, Augustus,	6 81	Sheehan, Thomas,	3 24
Simmons, Parker P.,	2 00	Sherman, Ebenezer,	2 00
Simmons, Melvin, heirs of,	1 55	Souther, Frederic,	13 95
Simmons, Mary A.,	19 53	Sullivan, Patrick,	1 40
Simmons, Henry,	2 00	Studley, Stillman S.,	2 00
Sturtevant, Henry,	19 14	Studley & Delano,	19 53
Sturtevant, Henry, jun.,	2 00	Stidles, John O.,	2 00
Stetson, Kimball W.,	34 24	Stewart, David,	3 71
Stetson, James H.,	10 98	Slaw, Artemas G.,	2 00
Stetson, Elisha,	11 30	Savery, Nehemiah L.,	2 00

Tupper, Seth,	5 40	Tolin, John,	2 31
Thomas, Augustus,	19 67	Taylor, Thomas,	2 00
Thomas, William A.,	63 33	Tout, Thomas,	17 06
Thomas, William R.,	2 00	Tout, James R.,	2 00
Thompson, James H.,	2 00	Trow, Charles W.,	2 00
Thompson, Fred M.,	3 09	Thatcher, Francis,	2 00
Thompson, James S.,	7 55	Tripp, William G.,	2 00
Thomas, Thompson P.,	1 24		
United States Lock Co.,	66 09		
Wixon, Oscar F.,	2 00	Washburn, Cephas, jun.,	1 55
Willis, Jonah,	28 35	Weston, Timothy R.,	5 78
Willis, Edward,	29 00	Weston, Daniel,	2 00
Willis, William H.,	4 48	Waterman, Nathaniel,	9 61
Willis, Jonah, jun.,	3 24	Waterman, John,	10 53
Willis, Sarah T.,	14 79	Waterman, Eleazer E.,	6 50
Willis, Bethiah H.,	14 79	Waterman, Thomas E.,	2 00
Winsor, Elbridge G.,	25 41	Waterman, Austin B.,	2 62
Witcor, William D.,	14 61	Waterman, Amanda F.,	27 44
Washburn, Charles F.,	2 00	Wright, John L.,	4 64
Washburn, George H.,	2 78	Wilson, Eli,	9 41
Washburn, George L.,	2 62	Wadsworth, William A.,	2 00
Washburn, Francis,	15 33	Wadsworth, Arthur,	2 00
Washburn, Azel W.,	2 00	Wadsworth, George,	2 00
Washburn, Wm. D., heirs of,	6 20	Watson, Nathan B.,	2 93
Washburn, George,	2 93	Woodman, Aurin P.,	18 90
Washburn, John,	2 00	Whitman, Edwin R.,	2 00
Washburn, Martin P.,	3 55	Wilcott, William,	4 94
Washburn, Charles H.,	2 09	Ward, William G.,	2 00
Washburn, Charles,	2 79	Withereh, Elijah C.,	2 00
Washburn, Nath'l, heirs of,	7 41	Warden, H. H., and trustee,	169 79
Washburn, Caleb F.,	4 64	Withereh, Charles E.,	2 00
Washburn, Waldo,	2 00	Waters, Harry,	2 00

NON-RESIDENTS.

Adams, Nathaniel,	\$8 37	Adams, Thomas, guard.,	\$1 24
Beal, Thomas P.,	1 55	Bradford, Rufus B.,	93
Beal, Alexander,	3 88	Bradford, Andrew L.,	4 19

Barker, Sally,	2 48	Biggs, Seneca,	1 09
Barrett, Benjamin,	16	Bryant, Lemuel,	2 73
Barnes, E. & J. C.,	45 88	Bryant, Peleg E.,	4 31
Brewster, Pelham,	5 12	Bonney, James S.,	22
Crocker, Walter,	31	Clark, Zoath C.,	93
Chandler, George,	47	Clark, Robert,	31
Chandler, Horatio,	47	Clark, Stephen, heirs of,	31
Carl, Hannah,	62	Cobb, Charles,	25 11
Chase, Sylvanus,	22	Cobb, Franklin B.,	21 40
Churchill, Charles O.,	1 40		
Dunbar, William H.,	1 09	Diman, Ezra S.,	31
Drake, Zeuna A.,	62		
Faunce, Ichabod W.,	1 09	Fort, Baker,	31
Faunce, Zenas, heirs of,	3 10		
Glass, Daniel P.,	78	Gray, Frances A.,	78
Hall, James L.,	23 87	Holmes, James W.,	2 79
Hall, William, and others,	5 27	Holmes, Nathaniel,	1 24
Holmes, Charles H.,	47	Hammond, Josiah P.,	31
Holmes, Peter,	14 57		
Jackson, Thomas,	93	Jenkins, Isaiah, trustee,	42 78
Keene, Asa, heirs of,	2 33		
Loring, Harrison,	22 32	Lanman, Mary E.,	1 24
Loring, Samuel,	14 88	Lanman, Henry T.,	6 36
Lyon, Sarah B.,	93		
Maglathlen, Henry B.,	62	McLauthlen, Samuel,	1 09
Nelson, Charles, and others,	31	Nelson, Elisha,	1 24
Pratt, William B.,	1 86	Perkins, Jacob, heirs of,	2 17
Pratt, Lucius,	1 24	Plymouth, Town of,	1 86
Plymouth Corlaga Co.,	5 12		

Russell, Wm. G., guardian,	49 60	Rickard, Isaac, heirs of,	31
Sprague, Betsey,	1 24	Simmons, Henry B.,	6 82
Sherman, Henry,	2 79	Simmons, William,	2 64
Sherman, Nelson,	1 09	Snell, Benjamin,	1 40
Sherman, Eleazer C.,	1 55	Stetson, William,	62
Samyson, Thomas H.,	1 86	Sturtevant, Thomas, heirs of,	78
Thompson, Zadoc,	22	Thomas, William,	1 86
Thompson, Reuben,	6 82	Thomas, Gamaliel,	47
Thompson, Josiah W.,	3 10		
Vaughn, Thomas,	62		
Wright, Rufus,	31	Willis, George F.,	4 65
Wright, Samuel C.,	1 86	White, Daniel,	47
Warren, Lucia A.,	7 44	White, Otis,	47
Witherell, Alden,	3 41	White, Alden,	11 09
Wadsworth, Wait,	16 46	Washburn, Philip,	31
Whiting, Benjamin,	93		

REPORT OF THE ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

The duty of repairing highways was assigned to us unexpectedly. We were compelled to work at a disadvantage during the earlier and best part of the season, in consequence of the delay incident to organizing, fixing upon a system, and procuring necessary implements, — of which the town was entirely destitute, — and later, by the extreme drought, which proved very unfavorable for our operations.

We have aimed to use only durable material; to apply it in sufficient quantity to make a safe, convenient, and permanent road-bed; to begin such road-bed (and in one season we could only begin) where the main lines of travel centre, or where, from other causes, the disrepair was greatest; and to keep the roads elsewhere in as good a condition as possible for present use and for future improvement. How far we have succeeded others must judge.

The selection of suitable material is the first step in successful road making. The choice has too often been governed by considerations of convenience or cost, rather than of durability or value. Nearly all we have used has been dug from its bed with picks, and we think that such as can be readily shoveled, without being so dug, is generally either worthless or positively injurious.

Everybody wants, and the town of Kingston is able to have, good roads; but they cannot be had free of cost. Past experience proves that they cannot be made with fine loam or coarse sand; nor can they be made of even the best material by an application so thin that a load for a horse will crush through it, or so narrow that a single carriage will run off on both sides of it. Strength and durability in a road-bed can be secured only by making it thick enough to sustain any load, and so wide that teams may pass each other any where without breaking the sides. Such roads, with suitable care, will last many years; and such roads we have tried to make, so far as we have gone.

Thinking it better for the town (as truly as for an individual) to own good tools, rather than hire or borrow poor ones, we have bought carts, harnesses, picks, and other tools, at a cost of about \$200. After the carts were finished, their use, at the rates allowed others, amounted to \$35, and they are now apparently as good as new. A road scraper and roller are much needed, as well as a suitable place for housing these and other implements.

We have not endeavored to do every thing which might seem desirable, but to do something *well*. We believe that this policy, carried out, will, in time, give us first-class roads, and that no other can. If, in our application of it, we have made mistakes, as is quite possible, none can regret it more than ourselves, especially if, in consequence of such mistakes, a return to the former penny-wise system, or want of system, should be rendered possible.

An account of our expenditures is annexed.

MARTIN COOKE,	} Road Commissioners.
JOSIAH CUSHMAN,	
JOSHUA DELANO,	

HIGHWAY ORDERS:

Thomas Churchill, labor,	\$16 40	Charles Robbins, gravel,	\$55 00
Samuel Fuller,	" 6 00	Caleb Bates, labor,	47 05
Frank D. Cushman,	" 125 00	Horace C. Robbins, labor,	7 20
Dennis J. Callahan,	" 170 90	Philander Cobb,	" 66 60
William Cacy,	" 47 70	Edward Holmes,	" 58 00
Daniel Bisbee,	" 207 55	Edward Holmes, gravel,	3 98
Frederic Bagnell,	" 172 30	Edward Holmes, lumber,	7 10
Martin Cook,	" 501 00	James H. Stetson, labor,	1 80
Edward L. Doten,	" 36 30	John Mitchell,	" 7 50
John L. Wright,	" 74 00	Lewis Ripley,	" 24 63
John L. Wright, gravel,	10 84	Lewis Ripley, posts, &c.,	6 39
Charles Delano, labor,	60 50	Hunt & Sampson, hardware,	6 12
Richard J. Smith,	" 221 93	Elwin Cook, labor,	53 00
George L. Churchill, labor,	167 80	Henry Sturtevant, labor,	13 00
Timothy R. Weston,	" 71 80	Noah Prince,	" 30 60
Alexander Fuller,	" 149 15	George Morse,	" 6 60
Charles M. Witherell,	" 13 40	Francis Morse,	" 4 40
James O. Everson,	" 47 67	Oliver S. Bryant,	" 3 50
William Callahan,	" 42 97	William B. Bryant,	" 18 90
Patrick Smith,	" 119 20	John Bearee,	" 20 70
Lucius Hayward,	" 93 30	Ichabod Bearee,	" 7 70
Horace J. Chandler,	" 39 43	Samuel Holmes,	" 2 70
A. Blaisdell,	" 7 00	O. W. McLauthlen,	" 7 50
William M. Tripp,	" 24 20	Horace McLauthlen,	" 8 00
Robert A. Drew,	" 17 25	Sherman Sturtevant,	" 5 90
James M. Kennedy,	" 6 00	Timothy French, labor,	73 77
James Pierce,	" 12 15	Samuel J. Nutter,	" 19 50
William Perkins,	" 4 00	Joseph T. Cushman, labor,	169 45
Reuben Thompson,	" 11 20	Henry Churchill,	" 95 00
Winslow B. Wright,	" 3 00	John C. Bagnell,	" 2 00
Elijah C. Witherell,	" 11 20	Nathaniel Cobb,	" 1 00
Peleg E. Bryant,	" 20 60	Charles H. Powers,	" 2 00
John F. Hall,	" 88 80	Charles E. Bryant,	" 14 50
John F. Hall, plank,	23 18	John Abearne,	" 18 00
Ezra Fuller, labor,	10 70	Richard E. Holmes,	" 37 60
Robbins & Morton, lumber,	30 60	Joseph A. Stranger,	" 14 90
Josiah Cushman, labor,	238 00	Luther Clifford,	" 19 00

Edwin Cushman, labor,	2 00	Harvey Mitchell, "	6 00
Robert Eager, "	6 95	F. H. Holmes, "	214 00
Nathan Chandler, "	2 00	F. H. Holmes, gravel,	47 00
James Fuller, "	1 00	J. A. Holmes, labor,	18 00
Samuel W. Gray, "	41 40	J. H. Cushman, "	8 40
Fred. Cushman, "	0 60	George Cushman, labor,	7 00
John Smith, "	21 00	Eliezer Faunce, "	7 20
John Smith, gravel,	20 07	Dennis Hauey, "	2 60
Wm. A. Wadsworth, labor,	6 40	Thomas Sheehan, "	2 00
Lynnan G. Cushman, "	25 30	Geo. T. Adams, "	2 00
Daniel Weston, "	3 50	Ira Chandler, "	8 00
John Cushman, "	7 50	Seth Tupper, "	1 00
Daniel W. Ring, "	3 00	James H. Bryant, "	7 00
Thomas Callahan, "	15 35	Jonah Willis, jun., "	1 80
C. E. Bailey, iron work,	19 80	William McCrate, "	10 80
D. G. Eldridge, carts, &c.,	162 80	Nathan Brooks, "	40
J. Boyd & Sons, harnesses,	50 00	Day & Collins, pipe,	16 00
Reuben C. Paine, labor,	4 40	O. C. R. Road, freight,	2 24
Henry T. Lucas, gravel,	7 20	N. M. Drake, labor,	5 00
Ransom Mitchell, labor,	19 90	N. M. Drake, stone,	16 00
M. Fitzpatrick, labor,	11 80	Town of Plymouth, labor,	2 75
Esaias Peterson, "	12 00	Thomas Newcomb, gravel,	11 17
John Bonney, "	14 00	Est. of F. C. Adams, "	12 72
D. F. Howland, "	4 00	Est. of Samuel Ring, "	1 52
R. B. McLauthlen, labor,	6 00	James Foster, clay,	31 65
Ephraim Holmes, "	4 00	Est. of Martin Cook, gravel,	2 47
Ephraim Holmes, gravel,	3 00	John F. Holmes, gravel,	1 20
Charles Washburn, labor,	4 00	Plym. Corlage Co., "	1 92
Algemon S. Chandler, labor,	16 35	Jane R. Sever, "	2 32
Samuel Low, "	6 25	Cornelius A. Faunce, "	9 36
Oliver Sampson, "	17 00	Elwin Reed, "	4 00
Ebenezer Churchill, "	4 00	Peleg Bryant, "	5 68
Augustus Simmons, "	7 00	Est. of Joseph E. Reed, "	13 60
Ira Holmes, "	21 50	John Bisbee, lumber,	3 00
Orders paid,		\$4,901 98	
Order outstanding,		12 00	
		\$4,913 98	
Appropriation,		5,000 00	
Unexpended,		\$86 02	

UNPAID HIGHWAY BILLS OF LAST YEAR.

Augustus Simmons, labor,	\$5 90	N. M. Drake, digging snow,	\$1 38
D. F. Howland, "	1 20	Wm. H. Bryant, "	1 63
Ira Holmes, "	3 25	O. S. Bryant, "	1 63
Andrew Norton, "	6 00	Frank T. Drake, "	75
C. A. Faunce, gravel,	2 00	Manlin Drake, "	2 38
Seth Cobb, digging snow,	1 00	Geo. B. Bryant, "	1 50
Alex. Fuller, "	2 46	C. C. Faunce, "	80
Sam. W. Gray, "	31	F. H. Holmes, "	1 13
Jos. A. Holmes, "	4 75	El. McLauthlen, "	1 12
James H. Pierce, "	1 69	O. W. McLauthlen, "	75
James Fuller, "	2 88	A. S. Chandler, "	2 00
George L. Churchill, "	7 25	Oliver Sampson, "	2 00
John P. Hall, "	7 25		
George F. Lane, "	5 00		
William A. Finney, "	75		
			\$68 67
		No appropriation.	

SCHOOLS.

WAGES OF TEACHERS.

M. B. Burgess,	\$231 00	R. M. Harrub,	\$301 00
Emily Spring,	312 00	Harvey Reed,	126 00
Geo. B. Towle,	220 00	S. L. Rounds,	297 00
M. M. Williams,	149 00	C. E. Rider,	980 00
B. P. Burgess,	231 00	M. H. Fernald,	240 00
H. E. Sturtevant,	296 00		
Olive M. Simmons,	208 00	Expended,	\$3,717 00
Belle Hammond,	96 00	Appropriation,	3,400 00
		Overdrawn,	\$317 00

SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.

Fred Holmes, care of fires and school-rooms,	\$6 00
Cyrus H. Stetson, " " " "	15 60
Geo. W. Bryant, " " " "	3 00
Ralph Simmons, " " " "	3 00
Philander Cobb, wood and housing,	56 31
Elisha Stetson, " " " "	11 00
Horace C. Robbins, sawing and housing wood,	8 25
M. McMannus, " " " "	7 35

Joseph A. Stranger, wood,	24 00
Edwin Cook, "	12 50
Timothy French, "	12 00
Geo. F. Lane, "	19 00
Charles O. Faunce, "	24 00
Eli C. Drew, "	12 00
Walter S. Battlett, water for schools,	6 00
Philander Cobb, sundries for school rooms,	10 76
Wm. H. Myrick, " " " "	13 45
J. L. Hammett, books, maps, &c.,	108 98
Mrs. Mahony, cleaning school-house,	2 00
Expended,	\$355 20
Appropriation,	250 00
Overdrawn,	\$105 20

REPAIRS OF SCHOOLHOUSES.

Henry Brewster, tube well,	\$52 00
Philander Cobb, labor and materials,	22 67
Wallace Bonney, " "	31 56
Joseph S. Robbins, " "	13 31
Charles T. Faunce, " "	45 25
Geo. H. Clark, " "	1 40
Geo. F. Lane, " "	21 25
Wm. H. Myrick, " "	60 81
Augustus Simmons, " "	4 50
Edward Holmes, shingles,	41 00
Sylvanus Bryant, lumber,	2 28
Robbins and Morton, "	5 59
Edward Willis, lime,	4 00
Hunt & Sampson, hardware,	4 49
John Bold, repairing clock,	2 00
Burges & Keith, tassels,	2 00
Edward D. Chandler, labor,	11 00
Expended,	\$337 14
Appropriation,	300 00
Overdrawn,	\$37 14

SUPPORT OF POOR.

ALMHOUSE EXPENSES.

Evans & Atwood, supplies,	\$107 50
Sarah T. Willis, "	2 50
Edward Holmes, "	3 40
Burges & Keith, "	57 51
Hunt & Sampson, "	145 06
Jonah Willis, jun., "	8 84
Joseph Sylvester, "	1 80
Philander Cobb, "	0 02
Wm. McGuire, "	10 00
Darius Holmes, "	2 26
Nathan S. Torrence, "	2 20
Lucey Everson, services as housekeeper,	100 72
Albert Faunce, repairs on house,	114 33
Geo. H. Bonney, jun., "	6 60
Charles T. Faunce, "	1 50
Ira Chandler, shingles,	24 37
Geo. H. Clark, repairs,	1 44
Wm. H. Myrick, "	7 35
Nathan Chandler, ploughing,	87
Josiah Cushman, cutting wood,	10 50
Jo-e Hernandez, sawing wood,	0 50
Benjamin Denham, "	7 60
H. N. Jones, medical attendance,	13 50
Daniel W. Symmes, seaweed,	3 00
	\$752 22

EXPENSES OUT OF ALMHOUSE.

Lunatic hospital, Taunton, support of Sarah A. Faunce,	\$100 01
" " " " Jas. F. Cushing,	68 20
" " " " David Lucas,	204 50
City of Boston, relief of Rosanna Drew,	43 00
" " " " Eliza Washburn,	26 04
Studley & Delano, " G. H. Washburn and family,	54 67
Dr. Woodman, examination of Lizzie Carrier,	3 00
Dr. Jones, " " "	3 00
Josiah Cushman, carrying L. Carrier to Taunton,	7 60
Expenses out of Almshouse,	\$610 82

Almshouse expenses,	752 92
Appropriation,	\$1,363 01
Unexpended,	1,450 00
	\$86 96

CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

W. R. Ellis, supt. of schools, services and expenses,	\$252 90
D. W. Bowker, overseer of poor, " " "	7 00
Spencer Drew, " " " "	4 00
Edward Gray, selectman, " " "	105 00
A. S. Bradford, " " " "	105 00
J. F. Holmes, " " " "	100 00
C. W. Ripley, constable, services,	6 00
G. H. Sampson, " " " "	12 00
W. F. Soule, ringing bell,	3 00
Nathan Chandler, care of Town House,	4 50
Avery & Doten, printing blanks,	15 25
A. C. Gatchell, printing Town Reports,	97 50
S. W. McLauthlen, rent of room,	15 00
Burges & Keith, school books,	161 22
" furniture for Town House,	91 10
A. S. Bradford, copying valuation for State,	20 00
J. S. Robbins, repairs on Town House,	13 92
Winslow Faunce, services and expenses, com. on Town House,	7 50
Nathan Brooks, " " as town clerk,	30 00
Jonah Willis, jun., trimming hedge,	12 00
Edward D. Chandler, repair of guide-post,	50
Edward Gray, services as assessor,	80 00
J. F. Holmes, " " " "	80 00
A. S. Bradford, " " " "	80 00
W. S. Danforth, insurance on high school-house,	70 00
Nathan Chandler, returns of deaths,	2 50
Sundry persons, labor on new road at Seaside,	*53 60
Expended,	\$1,441 49
Appropriation,	1,500 00
Unexpended,	\$58 51

* One half repaid by town of Plymouth.

POLICE.

Appropriation,	\$200 00
Paid George H. Sampson,	100 00
Undrawn,	\$100 00

BURYING GROUND.

No Expenditure. Appropriation,	\$200 00
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FISHERIES.

Samuel Fuller, services as committee,	\$68 00
E. E. Waterman, making fish-box, &c.,	10 00
Henry Browster, labor and lumber,	101 93
Expended,	\$170 93
Appropriation,	50 00
Overdrawn,	\$120 93

TREASURER AND COLLECTOR.

Nathan Brooks, services,	\$200 00 ²⁷⁵
Appropriation,	200 00 ²⁷⁵

STATE AID.

Eliza Sherman, 12 months,	\$48 00
Mary L. Taylor, " "	48 00
Margaret O'Rourke, " "	48 00
Nancy W. Harlow and child, " "	80 00
John C. Bagnell and family, " "	102 00
Joseph S. Robbins and family, " "	72 00
Charles F. Washburn, 7 months,	20 50
Laura Westgate, 2 months,	8 00
Expended,	\$426 50
Appropriation,	450 00
Unexpended,	\$23 50

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TOWN TREASURY.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in the Treasury, March 1, 1874,	\$5,232 54
Nathan Chandler, use of Town House,	67 00
W. R. Ellis, tuition of non-resident scholars,	38 00
Samuel Fuller, fish sold,	14 63
Treasurer of Duxbury, relief of Jane Witherell,	20 00
Treasurer of Chelsea, " Lizzie Currier,	22 60
William S. Adams, temporary loan,	1,009 00
State Treasurer, corporation tax,	3,032 59
" " bank tax,	3,114 29
" " school fund,	213 12
" " reimbursement of State aid,	620 75
County Treasurer, dog licenses,	134 13
Treasurer of Plymouth, new road at Seaside,	26 80
Assessment of taxes and school-books,	9,146 50
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	\$22,682 96

EXPENDITURES.

William R. Sever, County tax,	\$1,624 49
Charles Adams, jun., State tax,	1,910 00
Highway surveyors, orders, 1873-4,	68 67
Road commissioners, " 1874-5,	4,901 98
Contingencies, "	1,441 49
Support of poor, "	1,363 01
Wages of teachers, "	3,717 00
School incidentals, "	355 29
Repairs, "	337 14
Fisheries, "	179 93
State aid, "	426 50
Treasurer and collector,	275 00
Police,	100 00
Bounty on crows, hawks, and woodchucks,	92 25
William S. Adams, temporary loan and interest,	1,013 41
Abatements of taxes and school-books,	28 18
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	\$17,864 28
	4,818 68
Balance in the treasury, March 1, 1875,	<hr/>
	\$22,682 96

All of the above-named balance in the treasury will be required for payment of teachers' wages for two terms, poor and highway bills, and other current expenses, before the taxes for 1875 become payable.

It is impossible for us to foresee what changes the town will make in its appropriations. Last year they were as follows:—

Highways,	\$5,000
Wages of teachers,	3,400
Repairs of school-houses,	300
School incidentals,	250
Support of poor,	1,450
Contingencies,	1,500
State aid,	450
Treasurer and collector,	275
Police,	200
Fisheries,	50
Old burying ground,	200
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	\$13,075

Assuming that they will remain unchanged the current year, and that the amount received from the State for corporation tax, bank tax, and State aid will be the same; viz., \$6,767 64, there will remain to be raised by taxation, \$6,307 36.

Annual meeting for 1875, March 29, at 1 o'clock, p. m.

ALDEN S. BRADFORD,	} <i>Selectmen</i>	
EDWARD GRAY,		} <i>of</i>
JOHN F. HOLMES,		

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MARRIAGES

REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF KINGSTON IN 1874.

- Jan. 1. James Lawrence Baker of Santa Barbara, Cal., and Emma Casey Keith of Kingston.
 1. Austin Bradford Waterman and Sarah Frances Clark, both of Kingston.
 4. Frank S. Gage of Templeton, and Agnes W. Simmons of Kingston.
 15. Joshua Delano, jun., and Olive Bartlett Holmes, both of Kingston.
- Feb. 11. Melzer H. Curtis and Fannie Maria Loring, both of Pembroke.
- April 25. John Tilden Holmes of Kingston, and Olive Maria Collingwood of Plymouth.
- May 4. James Stowe of Plymouth, and Johanna McGuire of Kingston.
- July 9. Abbot Chandler and Lizzie T. Cushman, both of Kingston.
 12. Charles E. Bryant of Kingston, and Juliette C. Lobdell of Plympton.
 28. William Orentt of Abington, and Maria Elizabeth Powers of Kingston.
 24. Wendell Simmons of Kingston, and Priscilla Hedgo of Plymouth.
- Aug. 8. John A. Harding of East Bridgewater, and Emma B. Wood of Halifax.
- Sept. 12. William Fleming of Kingston, and Kate Murry of Plymouth.
- Dec. 1. Walter H. Faunce of Kingston, and Lizzie Brown of Smithfield, R.I.
 3. Thomas Lauman of Kingston, and Eliza Soule of Plympton.

19 Births Registered in Kingston in 1874.

NATHAN BROOKS,

Town Clerk.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF KINGSTON IN 1874.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.	CAUSE OF DEATH.	NAME OF PARENTS.
April 19.	Sophia Perkins . . .			
April 24.	Sewell Perry . . .	86	Old age and apoplexy . . .	James and Bethena Basset.
May 4.	Eldora Holmes . . .	21	Old age . . .	Allen and Hannah Holmes.
June 4.	Constant Stimpson . . .	75	Consumption . . .	Constant and Rebecca Stimpson.
June 25.	Joanna C. Faunce . . .	56	Pneumonia and exhaustion . . .	Kilborn and Nancy Faunce.
July 19.	Bessy McLaughlin . . .	64	Consumption . . .	Levi and Lucy Lincoln.
July 29.	Sarah Barber . . .	79	Cancer . . .	Charles H. and Lucy Washburn.
Sept. 25.	Charles F. Washburn . . .	32	Consumption . . .	George and Hannah T. Adams.
Oct. 1.	Frederic C. Adams . . .	52	Typhoid fever . . .	Ebenezer and Ebecey Everson.
Nov. 6.	Susan Everson . . .	87	Old age . . .	Clark and Mary Winsor.
Dec. 4.	Mary Ann Gray . . .	68	Old age and chronic laryngitis . . .	Clark and Mary Winsor.
Dec. 12.	Margie O'Brien . . .	11	Croup . . .	Patrick and Mary O'Brien.

NATHAN BROOKS, Town Clerk.

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REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF KINGSTON
FOR
1874-5.

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NAMES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

For 1874-5.

	Term Expires.
F. H. HOLMES, <i>Chairman</i>	1876
W. H. FAUNCE, <i>Secretary</i>	1877
W. H. MYRICK, <i>Librarian</i>	1875
PHILANDER COBB	1876
— LANE	1877
A. C. HAMMOND	1875

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,

W. R. ELLIS.

At a meeting of the School Committee, held March 10, 1875, the following report, as drawn up by the Superintendent, was unanimously adopted.

F. H. HOLMES, *Chairman*.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

FELLOW CITIZENS:

The School Committee, through the Superintendent of Schools, offer the following Report:—

The school in Rocky Nook has been taught by Miss Emily Spring, with the uniform success which has attended her efforts in former years. The careful attention to the comfort of the children, and the pleasant relations existing between teacher and pupils are worthy of unqualified praise.

This school has furnished, the past year, a large number of pupils to the High School, whose scholarship compares favorably with those admitted from the other schools of the town.

If there is any one particular respect in which we could suggest any improvement in this school, it would be to call attention to a tendency to restlessness in a few of the pupils.

While we believe that a *live school*, thoroughly awake in the matter of study and progress, is far better than a dead and silent one, we are yet firm believers in the doctrine, that ceaseless vigilance must be exercised on the part of the teacher or some pupils will imperceptibly glide into practices which are objectionable.

These remarks are made with no spirit of censure or fault-finding, and with no intention of applying them to the whole school, but with a true regard to the interests of the teacher and pupils of one of our most successful schools.

The school in Stony Brook has been taught during the year by Miss Rounds. Coming to us an entire stranger, with no particular experience as a teacher, it would be wonderful, indeed, if she had succeeded in passing through the ordeal of a first year without making some mistakes. But it has seemed to the Superintendent, who has watched the progress of the school with much interest, that she has worked faithfully and well for the

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advancement of her pupils. She has been uniformly successful in her discipline, and has striven most earnestly to interest and to thoroughly instruct those placed in her charge. A more extended acquaintance with the routine of school work, which only *experience* can give to the progressive, earnest teacher, will doubtless add much to her usefulness and success in the future.

The North West School has been in charge of Miss Sturtevant, who has been its faithful and successful teacher for several years. There seems to be no relaxation of her efforts for the improvement of those placed under her care, but, on the contrary, an increased thoroughness in the work of the school room; gratifying evidence of which is plainly apparent in the improvement made by her pupils from year to year.

Wapping School was taught the first term by Miss Olive Simmons very successfully, and, at the close of the term, Miss Simmons resigning to attend the Normal School at Bridgewater, Miss Hammond was appointed.

Miss Hammond has many of the elements of a good teacher, a clear understanding of the subjects to be taught, and a dignified and quiet demeanor in the school room; the effect of which is plainly visible upon her pupils. This school is much the smallest in town, but the pupils, quite a number of whom are fourteen or fifteen years of age, have passed over ground, in their studies during the year, in advance of any other Grammar school in town, except possibly that of North West.

Miss Harrah has been teacher of Indian Pond School during the year. This is one of our most quiet and orderly schools, and Miss Harrah is to be warmly commended for her ability and tact as a teacher and disciplinarian. This school, at the commencement of the year, sent quite a number of its older members to the High School.

Their correct and regular deportment, and general good scholarship are very gratifying, and should encourage their parents to continue and increase the interest in the school which is so manifest in this section of the town, and which so materially aids Teacher, Committee, and Superintendent in their labors.

Permit us to hope that all the pupils of Kingston will appreciate the advantages that the liberality of our citizens affords them, of obtaining a *good, sound education*.

The complaint is often made, — and we fear frequently with *very great justice*, — that our youth do not use with sufficient zeal the opportunities afforded them; and that, notwithstanding the increased outlay for better educational privileges, there does not seem to be a corresponding improve-

ment in scholarship! A little *serious thought* on the part of our youth (who are certainly *old enough* to take this matter into careful consideration) would soon convince them of the *real folly* of heedlessly throwing away such opportunities as they now have granted to them!

The Centre Primary has been taught two terms by Miss Marion Burgess, and one term by her sister, Miss Betsy Burgess. The citizens of the town have been so long acquainted with the peculiar merits of these teachers, that the commendation of the committee and superintendent seems unnecessary.

They both possess, in a rare degree, two qualifications most necessary to the success of any teacher — ability to hold a school, *kindly but firmly*, under *perfect control*; combined with an *equal ability* to interest the pupils in their studies, and thus to obtain from them the necessary amount of *good honest work*, without which there can be little, if any, true progress.

May the day be far distant when the schools of Kingston shall be deprived of the services of these most excellent and thorough teachers!

Miss Fernald has been the teacher of the Centre Grammar school during the year. There seems to be in this school a number of pupils who are peculiarly *careless* and indifferent to improvement, and who seem determined to test, to the utmost, a teacher's ability to govern; yielding obedience only to the sternest discipline. The task of the teacher has, therefore, been a very difficult one.

A more extended experience on her part, which might, possibly, have shown itself in a greater ability to interest the pupils, or in a more determined exhibition of will, that might have persistently *forced* pupils into giving greater attention to study, *might* have remedied the difficulty in a measure, but the elements of disobedience, idleness, and inattention are *triple*, and the teacher who would fully succeed in this school, must, it seems to us, be one who has long been accustomed to deal *summarily* with those who persist in practices ruinous to discipline, and one who has the *power* to make herself *feared* when all *peaceful* measures fail!

We would not, by these remarks, convey the idea that we consider Miss Fernald's administration of the school a failure. She has been very *faithful* in the performance of all her duties, and fearless in her efforts to discipline insubordinate pupils. We feel that she has worked unflinchingly for the advancement of her school. Children, who have been disposed to make improvement, have had ample opportunity to do so, and the appearance of the school at its examination indicated that there were many *honorable exceptions* to the charge of idleness and inattention.

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And here we cannot refrain (even at the risk of repeating what has been said in former reports) from again warning parents against committing a serious error, too often committed *thoughtlessly*, but which never fails to be prolific of bad results to our schools. We refer to the sympathy which a child sometimes receives at home, which often renders all the efforts of the *best teacher* utterly useless. This sympathy finds its expression in interference with the course of study, upon its representation of the *idle child*, that he is overburdened with work. Again it finds its expression in complaints, that "*the child is kept after school, to copy LESSONS,*" where often sheer inebriety has produced failures. These complaints of the parent aggravate ten fold the difficulty under which the teacher labors. It seems to be forgotten, or perhaps is never *realized*, that this *penalty* of remaining after school, to master the neglected lesson, is frequently the only *EFFECTIVE HOLD* the teacher has upon the *idle PUPIL!*

Again, and worse than all, this sympathy finds its expression, in its *most objectionable form*, when the parent is found *taking sides* with his child where there has been a plain violation of the teacher's orders, or a certain blatant disrespect has been exhibited that no teacher should endure for an *INSTANT*, or allow a *shadow* of, in intercourse with pupils. Wise and thoughtful fathers and mothers will reflect long and carefully before they thus attempt to block the wheels of good government in the school.

It certainly seems that the wisest course to adopt would be, prompt communication with the teacher, a careful understanding of ALL the facts in the case (and *not* the *pupil's* version of the affair), and a perfect conviction that the discipline of the school must be upheld, even if the child's imperious will be compelled to lend a little.

Young America moves with headlong rapidity enough already, and the wise parent should, if possible, strive to lessen the speed, *rather* than accelerate it.

Our High School has been under the charge, during the year, of Mr. C. B. Ridler. Necessity compels the writing of this report before the yearly examination, which will take place March 12. But the Committee and superintendent have the fullest confidence that the result of the examination will show what a strong influence can be produced upon the school by the labors of an *earnest, practical* teacher. It seems to us that the school is in a very prosperous condition at the present time, and doing a good effective work upon the youth who are subject to its influence.

We would most earnestly call upon our fellow citizens to do all in their power, at all times, to increase the prosperity, and add to the effectiveness, of this school. No greater mistake can be made by our citizens, than to attempt to speak disparagingly of its influence, or to complain THAT ITS COURSE OF STUDY EMBRACES TOPICS THAT ARE NOT NECESSARY IN EVERY-DAY LIFE.

The community should understand that the advantage to be derived from the pursuit of a particular study, is not found altogether in the facts and principles that are treasured up in the mind, but in the training, the disciplining, the expanding of the faculties, that careful attention to the study is sure to produce.

Many a college student, amid the cares and perplexities of a busy professional life, at the close of a few years, has been vexed and astonished to find that the knowledge he possessed of certain studies, at the close of his four years' course, has *vanished!* But he feels a consciousness that THE EFFECTS OF THE DISCIPLINE *remain*, and will be obvious to himself and to others during his whole life.

Let us remember, therefore, that whatever may be the business that the taste of our children may prompt them to follow in life, they will be benefited by the discipline of careful, thorough study. It concentrates the attention; it sets them to *thinking*, and in every way aids them to follow ANY pursuit more thoroughly and effectively.

It is greatly to be desired that the High School should be furnished with a certain amount of apparatus for illustrating some of the studies pursued. Two or three hundred dollars could be thus expended very advantageously, and the interest and knowledge of the pupils greatly increased.

The buildings and school property generally, throughout the town, are in an exceedingly good condition. There has been no injury or defacement, to any extent, that has come to our knowledge. This is highly complimentary to both teachers and scholars. This fact *alone* tells any one conversant with schools, that Kingston pupils are under a wholesome and proper restraint.

There was due from non-resident scholars, at the close of last year, \$36.67, which has been collected and paid into the treasury. As the schools have not closed at the present time, the sum due this year, amounting to some thirty or forty dollars, has not been collected.

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The committee recommend the following appropriations,—

Wages of teachers,	\$3,400
Fuel,	200
Incidentals,	100
Repairs,	100

In conclusion, Fellow Citizens, we are of the opinion, that our schools the past year have been *successful*. *Good progress* in study has been made, and *good order* maintained. May we all be stimulated to greater interest in whatever may promote the prosperity and usefulness of our schools. They should be the *glory* of every New-England citizen. Let them not be neglected, or insufficiently supported, until parents have learned to neglect and desert their offspring.

In behalf of the School committee,

W. R. ELLIS, *Supt. of Schools.*

KINGSTON, March 8, 1875.

STATISTICS OF ATTENDANCE IN THE KINGSTON HIGH SCHOOL FOR EIGHT YEARS.

APPENDIX I.

YEAR.	NAME OF PRINCIPAL.	FROM WHAT COLLEGE GRADUATED.	NO. OF VISITERS.			AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.		PER CENT OF ATTENDANCE.			PER CENT OF ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR.	
			Spring.	Fall.	Winter.	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.	Spring.	Fall.		Winter.
1867-68	Benjamin Wornale,	Andover,	49	46	44	43	42	36	92	91	82	88
1868-69	Benjamin Wornale,	Andover,	35	26	27	31	32	27	30	29	23	24
1869-70	Aldison G. Smith,	Harvard,	50	38	40	48	31	32	85	82	82	80
1870-71	George L. Chandler,	Dartmouth,	44	28	27	39	31	33	80	90	90	90
1871-72	George L. Chandler,	Dartmouth,	39			32.3			90	93	91	
	Horatio B. Lawrence,	Dartmouth,	41		45		38	41				
1872-73	C. C. Sheldon,	Harvard,	29		48	25	47	41	86	88	85	87
	C. C. Sheldon,	Harvard,	53		48							
1873-74	G. D. Towle,	Dartmouth,	31		46	27	31	40	88	88	87	88
	G. D. Towle,	Dartmouth,	31		35							
1874-75	C. E. Rider,	Tufts,	53		51	47	46	43	88	90	85	88

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APPENDIX II.
SCHOOL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1874-5.

NAMES OF TEACHERS.	NAMES OF SCHOOLS.	WHOLE ATTENDANCE.			AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.			PER CENT OF ATTENDANCE.			TERMS PAID.			DURATION OF SCHOOL IN WEEKS.			WAGES TEACHERS EARN.
		Sum.	Fall.	Wh.	Sum.	Fall.	Wh.	Sum.	Fall.	Wh.	Sum.	Fall.	Wh.	Sum.	Fall.	Wh.	
Mr. C. E. Miller,	High School,	53	51	58	47	46	49	88	90	85	91	12	12	14	14	\$1320.00	
Miss M. Burgess,	Centre Primary,	50	47	47	44	43	39	89	92	81	91	13	12	13	13	224.00	
" B. Burgess,		46	39	43	33	37	37	85	85	86	85	61				108.00	
" Fernald,	Centre Grammar,	37	36	32	30	31	31	81	86		69	12	12	13	13	370.00	
" E. Spring,	Rocky Nook,	22	24	25	20	22	21	91	91	84	89	137				324.00	
" Burns,	Stony Brook,	20	20	19	15	17	13	75	85	70	77	47	12	12	14	342.00	
" Surcouart,	North West,	14	14	14	11	12	9	80	86	82	83	26	14	12	12	304.00	
" Unnamond,	Wapping,	21	18	15	18	15	13	86	83	87	89	12	12	14	14	304.00	
" Hurrah,	Indian Pond,																

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APPENDIX III.

SCHOOL FINANCES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1874-75.

RECEIPTS.

Town appropriation for wages of teachers	\$3,400 00
State fund	213 12
Dog licenses	134 13
Non-resident pupils	36 67
Total	\$3,783 92

EXPENDITURES.

For wages of teachers for year 1874-75	\$3,620 00
Amount unexpended	\$163 92

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