

Town of Chichester

REPORT

OF THE

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

OF THE

Town of Chichester,

INCLUDING A REPORT FROM THE

Superintending School Committee,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1882.

CONCORD :

EVANS & SLEEPER, GENERAL BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS.

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SPRING ANNOUNCEMENT

TO THE PEOPLE OF CHICHESTER, FROM THE

Dry & Fancy Goods House

— OF —

PATTERSON & DAVIS,

CONCORD, N. H.

We shall make greater inducements the coming season to all buyers of dry goods than ever before. You will be able to find at any time a fine assortment of **cottons, tickings, prints, foreign and domestic gingham, cambrics, momic cloths, table linens, napkins, crases, towels,** and everything relating to domestic department. A fine line of

SMALL WARES,

including hosiery, handkerchiefs, ties, hamburgs, corsets, laces, &c., &c. We shall, also, show a nice stock of fine dress goods, silks, and trimmings.

We wish to call the especial attention of ladies to our fine **worsted stock**, carrying the largest, as well as the finest assortment to be found north of Boston.

We control many makes of fine silks and yarns, including the celebrated "Columbia," Germantown, Saxony, Shetland Wool and Floss, and the "Cortecelli" filling and embroidery silks; also, the "Florence" knitting and etching silks.

We have a large assortment of canvasses, feltings, satteens, momic cloths, plushes and fringes, for tidies, lambrequins, and table-cloths.

We have a great variety of **stamping patterns**, and can do stamping on the finest, as well as coarsest fabrics, which will not rub off in working.

We shall continue the present season, as heretofore, to cut, fit, and make any outside garment desired for ladies' and children's wear, in that thorough and workmanlike manner for which our house has so long been favorably noted, guaranteeing satisfaction and a perfect fit in every instance.

We shall also keep a larger and finer stock of **cloths and trimmings** than ever before, and shall continue to cut and fit garments free of charge if the material is purchased of us. We guarantee an inducement to visitors when in need of dry goods. Samples sent to any address.

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No. 76 North Main Street, opposite School.

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REPORTS

OF THE SELECTMEN AND TREASURER OF THE TOWN OF CHICHES-
TER FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1882 :—

RECEIPTS.

March 1, 1881.

To cash in hands of treasurer,	\$411.64	
Uncollected taxes of 1880,	58.50	
Resident money taxes, non-resident money taxes, highway taxes, and highway winter taxes,	5,238.00	
Tax on dogs,	33.00	
School-house tax, District No. 5,	68.30	
Interest on taxes,	21.70	
Savings bank taxes,	588.11	
Railroad tax,	176.26	
Literary fund,	64.93	
Charles Stanyan, use of hearse,	.50	
S. A. Kendall, literary fund, unexpended,	5.80	
County, for pauper account,	419.79	
Town of Pittsfield, one half the expense of re- pairing Webster bridge,	78.71	
	\$7,165.24	

EXPENDITURES.

The expenditures of the year have been as follows :—

Paid State tax,	\$780.00
County tax,	777.50
Religious societies,	51.88
For support of schools,	1,035.50
County pauper bills,	420.79
Town pauper bills,	281.66
Repair of roads and bridges,	983.34
Incidental expenses,	73.14
Abatement of taxes,	45.63

Paid Town officers,	217.50	
One fifth literary fund of 1881 for books,	12.93	
Literary fund of 1880 for books, unex- pended,	5.80	
Matured bonds,	750.00	
Coupons on town bonds,	516.00	
Outstanding bills,	20.83	
Uncollected taxes of 1881,	155.00	
Damage to sheep by dogs,	11.00	
	<hr/>	\$6,138.50

Amount of literary fund for books, maps,
globes, or dictionaries, in hands of se-
lectmen, \$18.73

Amount of school-house tax, District No. 5,
in hands of treasurer, 68.30

Receipts, \$7,165.24
Expenditures, 6,138.50

Cash in hands of treasurer, \$1,026.74

EXPENDITURES.

RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES.

Paid Congregational Society,	\$23.89	
Methodist Society,	16.51	
Baptist Society,	6.98	
Advent Society,	4.50	
	<hr/>	\$51.88

SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid School District No. 1,	\$129.58	
“ “ 2,	142.97	
“ “ 4,	132.10	
“ “ 5,	112.55	
“ “ 6,	192.99	
“ “ 7,	73.09	
“ “ 8,	189.13	
“ “ 9,	63.09	
	<hr/>	\$1,035.50

COUNTY PAUPER BILLS.

Paid George P. Haines, supplies for Jacob Puffer,	\$8.00	
George P. Haines, supplies for Robert McConnell,	36.00	
George P. Haines, supplies for Daniel Mathes,	3.00	
George P. Haines, supplies for Bethuel W. Thomas,	28.04	
Stephen P. Perkins, wood for Bethuel W. Thomas,	5.00	
Charles Lake, wood for Daniel Mathes,	3.00	
Dr. A. H. French, medical aid for Percis Bennett,	6.25	
For Robert McConnell,	9.50	
For Lizzie Doe,	7.75	
Andrew P. Mason, board of Persis Bennett,	169.00	
Ebenezer Bailey, board of Sally Brown,	78.00	
Aid of Hannah Morgan,	48.00	
Aid of Sally Brown,	2.25	
Aid of Bethuel W. Thomas,	10.00	
J. Morse, goods for D. Mathes,	7.00	
	<hr/>	\$420.79

TOWN PAUPER BILLS.

Paid N. H. Asylum, board of Sarah Jane Wood,	\$136.09	
N. H. Asylum, board of Martha Wood,	145.57	
	<hr/>	\$281.66

DAMAGE TO SHEEP BY DOGS.

Paid Augustus Leavitt,	\$5.00	
C. H. Carpenter,	6.00	
	<hr/>	\$11.00

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid E. O. Rollins, for cutting drifts,	\$2.88
J. R. Rand, " "	62
David Moses, " "	.60
J. W. Moses, " "	4.00
S. D. Edgerly, " "	.50
G. M. Warren, " "	.50
J. W. Severance, labor on road,	4.50
A. M. Drake, labor on road,	1.75
C. B. Meserve, labor on road,	1.44
M. S. Batchelder, cutting drifts,	1.68
L. W. Towle, labor on road,	2.25
H. S. Edgerly, labor on road,	3.51
J. P. Hook, labor on Hook bridge,	2.50
C. H. Towle, labor on road,	5.50
Harris Clough, labor on road,	10.35
D. P. Locke, non-resident receipt,	1.91
F. L. Knowles, labor and lumber,	2.00
J. B. Chesley, cutting drifts,	.83
Josiah Lake, labor on road,	.84
L. W. Towle, " "	2.25
N. Wiggin, " "	2.28
B. Shaw, " "	5.50
B. Shaw, rails, spikes, and labor for Hook bridge,	2.31
G. M. Munsey, for 432 feet plank,	7.77
G. M. Munsey, for building culvert,	2.00
A. W. Perkins, 10½ days on roads,	13.87
Charles Lake, posts, rails, and timber,	1.87
Joshua Towle, labor on road,	2.00
G. M. Warren, labor at Ordway bridge,	.75
J. Morse, spikes and nails,	.18
G. M. Warren, labor on Hook bridge,	2.00
G. M. Warren, labor on Cummings's road,	.25
N. Wiggin, non-resident receipt,	3.70

Paid G. M. Warren, railing bridge, and labor on Pittsfield and Concord road,	3.00
O. C. Phillips, non-resident tax receipt,	.60
E. Ordway, lumber for bridge,	.75
H. B. Langley, labor on road,	9.00
J. F. Leavitt, breaking range road,	.54
Arthur A. Groves, breaking Range road,	.54
Charles Stanyan, breaking Range road,	1.56
Non-resident tax receipts, paid by treasurer,	5.43
S. W. Langmaid, labor, stone and rail,	7.00
S. A. Brown, labor on road,	.75
G. M. Warren, non-resident tax receipt,	1.23
J. P. Staniels, non-resident tax receipt,	.54
Charles Sanborn, breaking Range road,	.84
Charles Lake, labor on Centre road,	9.37
John Shaw, labor on Centre road,	4.13
C. C. Shaw, labor on Centre road,	2.50
John Shaw, breaking Centre road,	4.68
C. C. Shaw, breaking Centre road,	4.14

\$151.49

WEBSTER BRIDGE.

Paid J. S. Sanborn, for trees for three bridge stringers,	\$25.88
S. S. Jenness, for work on bridge,	13.87
S. B. Prescott, for work on bridge,	2.00
Griffin & Maxfield, for lumber for bridge,	5.87
John Ammil, work on bridge,	6.00
W. B. Hartwell, lumber and saw bill,	17.28
J. S. Hill, drawing lumber,	6.62
C. C. Rogers, iron and spikes,	4.82
D. K. Foster, labor and materials,	12.95
Isaac E. Smith, drawing timber,	5.25
J. A. Walker, drawing timber,	5.25
Charles Lake, 1,421 feet pine plank,	22.73
Charles Lake, 410 feet hemlock plank,	4.10

Paid G. M. Warren, labor and lumber,	13.25	
G. M. Warren, drawing lumber,	.75	
J. B. Chesley, making staples,	.50	
J. W. Smith, work on bridge,	8.25	
C. P. Holmes, labor on bridge,	1.50	
J. Morse, nails and spikes,	.55	
	<hr/>	\$157.42

BEAR HILL ROAD AND BRIDGES.

W. S. Berry, labor on bridge,	\$3.75	
N. G. Edmunds, " "	7.87	
G. M. Warren, " "	5.25	
W. S. Parker, " "	3.00	
Charles Lake, 1,236 feet pine plank,	19.77	
Charles Lake, labor on bridges and road,	21.50	
G. W. Towle, labor on bridge,	4.71	
B. Shaw, " "	8.75	
J. W. Smith, " "	1.50	
D. H. Marden, " "	1.50	
J. Shaw, labor on bridges and road,	11.22	
J. Shaw, stringer,	.75	
Joseph Morse, 25 lbs. spikes,	1.00	
Charles Lake, posts, spikes, and stringer,	1.86	
C. C. Shaw, labor on road and bridges,	19.75	
C. C. Shaw, for stringers,	9.90	
C. C. Shaw, posts, rails and stone,	3.80	
H. Bachelder, labor on bridges,	1.50	
	<hr/>	\$127.38

REPAIR OF TURNPIKE ROAD.

Paid Horace Carpenter,	\$41.03
Nathan G. Marden,	9.37
Horace Marden,	5.00
Obadiah Hook,	1.25
E. Langmaid,	4.00
J. S. Sanborn,	1.37

Paid A. Sanborn,	2.50	
A. H. Ayer,	5.62	
G. W. Edmunds,	2.50	
H. Lake,	.62	
N. G. Edmunds,	1.87	
G. W. Grant,	1.87	
David Moses,	1.25	
H. S. Edgerly,	6.25	
James Hook,	.50	
	<hr/>	\$85.00

BY ORDER OF SELECTMEN.

Paid N. G. Edmunds, for grading at stone watering trough,	\$1.25	
N. G. Edmunds, labor, posts and rails, on turnpike,	3.25	
Charles Stanyan, labor,	1.25	
Horace Carpenter, for breaking turnpike road,	6.25	
C. Lake, 432 feet plank for turnpike bridge,	6.91	
J. P. Staniels, rails and labor,	3.00	
J. S. Sanborn, breaking road,	1.25	
James Hook, breaking road,	1.50	
Albert Sanborn, labor, posts and rails,	2.25	
Humphrey & Co., for lead pipe,	13.04	
E. Langmaid, setting watering trough,	3.25	
C. A. Langmaid, labor at watering trough,	5.62	
N. G. Marden, watering trough,	2.50	
W. Langley, watering trough,	1.50	
	<hr/>	\$52.82

BREAKING ROADS.

Paid C. F. Lane, District No. 1,	\$45.24
Harris Clough, " 2,	20.02
J. W. Smith, " 3,	17.72
J. T. Lake, " 4,	12.72

Paid E. Ordway	District No. 5,	31.08
A. W. Perkins	" 6,	19.14
Natt Wiggin,	" 7,	33.78
S. W. Langmaid,	" 8,	11.45
C. S. Towle,	" 9,	19.70
W. Langley,	" 10,	8.72
H. Carpenter,	" 11,	16.20
A. M. Drake,	" 12,	36.42
H. S. Edgerly,	" 13,	33.20
J. O. Merrill,	" 14,	18.00
J. F. Towle,	" 15,	24.60
J. L. Saturley	" 16,	9.88
J. Nickerson,	" 17,	4.56
H. B. Langley,	" 18,	5.57
Benning Sanborn,	" 19,	5.16
O. C. Phillips,	" 20,	25.11
C. H. Towle,	" 21,	5.76
G. W. West,	" 22,	
L. G. Eaton,	" 24,	5.20
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		\$409.23

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid C. Stanyan, care of hearse,	\$1.00
D. K. Foster, perambulating line,	1.00
G. M. Warren, perambulating town lines,	3.50
N. S. Marston, damage to team,	15.00
B. Shaw, perambulating line,	1.50
N. G. Edmunds, perambulating line,	2.00
Evans & Sleeper, printing town reports,	17.00
J. B. Sanborn, stationery,	6.74
Evans & Sleeper, printing orders,	2.90
Charles Lake, check lists,	.50
Chase & Streater, counsel fee,	2.00
E. Langmaid, journey to Concord in Edmunds' case,	2.00
S. W. Langmaid, board of selectmen,	11.75

Dr. A. H. French, return of births and deaths,	3.75	
F. J. Hodgdon, damage to carriage,	2.50	
	<hr/>	\$73.14

OUTSTANDING BILLS.

Paid Harris Clough, cutting drifts,	\$2.30	
J. S. Sanborn, journey to Concord,	1.50	
J. S. Sherburne, cutting drifts,	1.50	
B. W. Thomas, cutting drifts,	1.32	
J. S. Green, breaking road,	1.56	
L. B. Hawkins, cutting drifts,	1.02	
W. Langley, breaking roads,	4.14	
J. F. French, cutting drifts,	1.00	
O. C. Phillips, cutting drifts	1.00	
G. F. Knowles, damage to sleigh,	1.50	
S. W. Langmaid, board of town officers,	2.00	
J. B. Chesley, repairing guide-board,	.25	
C. W. F. Spiller, cutting drifts,	.78	
Francis Brown, cutting drifts,	.60	
E. O. Rollins, cutting drifts,	.36	
	<hr/>	\$20.83

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Ira B. Perry, loss of cattle,	\$1.02
Joshua Towle, loss of horse,	1.32
J. F. Towle, loss of cow,	.42
H. K. Leavitt, loss of cow,	.42
Albert Thompson, overtaxed,	4.70
Asa Caswell, poll tax,	1.76
Samuel D. Clark, poll tax,	1.76
John Fellows, poll tax,	1.55
D. P. Maxfield, poll tax, over 70,	1.55
George W. Sanborn, poll tax, residence unknown,	1.76
Marshall S. Sanborn, tax paid in Mass.,	1.76
Robert McConnell, left town,	2.39

True Sanborn, Jr., overtaxed,	15.50	
Burleigh Marden, poll tax,	1.76	
James B. Harris, left State,	1.97	
John T. Carpenter, loss of cow,	.46	
Julius F. Leavitt, horse overtaxed,	1.40	
D. P. Maxfield, loss of steer,	.40	
John W. O. Randall,	1.97	
Levi W. Joy, poll tax,	1.76	
	—	\$45.63
Matured town bonds paid,	\$750.00	
Coupons paid on town bonds,	516.00	
	—	\$1,266.00

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid George M. Warren, services as selectman,	\$45.00	
George M. Warren, care of the poor, and five days' services at Concord,	13.00	
Noah G. Edmunds, services as selectman,	52.50	
Benjamin Shaw, services as selectman,	35.00	
Sallie P. Carpenter, services as school committee,	25.00	
Charles A. Langmaid, services as town-clerk,	12.00	
Edward Langmaid, town treasurer,	30.00	
Charles A. Langmaid, town treasurer,	5.00	
	—	\$217.50

TOWN FUNDS.

Parsonage fund, loaned to town,	\$864.66	
School fund, loaned to town,	1,353.72	
	—	\$2,218.38

TOWN PROPERTY.

Town-house, at cost,	\$475.00	
Hearse and hearse-house, at cost,	150.00	
	<hr/>	\$625.00

DUE THE TOWN.

UNCOLLECTED TAXES.

Taxes of 1872,	\$16.41	
Taxes of 1874,	\$4.71	
Taxes of 1876,	100.53	
Taxes of 1877,	137.28	
Taxes of 1880,	7.93	
Taxes of 1881,	155.00	
Cash in hands of treasurer,	1,026.74	
	<hr/>	\$1,448.60

INDEBTEDNESS OF TOWN.

Outstanding town bonds,	\$13,500.00	
Accrued interest on town bonds,	70.00	
Matured town bonds,	250.00	
Parsonage fund,	864.66	
School fund,	1,353.72	
J. P. Staniels, when taxes of 1876 and 1877 are collected,	138.61	
Asa F. Hutchinson, when taxes of 1881 are collected,	53.82	
	<hr/>	\$16,230.81
Deduct amount due the town,		1,448.60
Total indebtedness of town,		<hr/>
		\$14,782.21

GEORGE M. WARREN, } *Selectmen*
 NOAH G. EDMUNDS, } *of*
 BENJAMIN SHAW, } *Chichester.*

CHARLES A. LANGMAID, *Treasurer.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the selectmen and town treasurer for the fiscal year, ending March 1, 1882, and find them correctly cast and supported by proper vouchers.

CHARLES LAKE, *Auditor.*

CHICHESTER, March 4, 1882.

REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee.

We respectfully submit the following report relating to the condition of the schools in Chichester :

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Summer term. Miss May Martin, teacher.

Judging from the previous reputation of this teacher, much was naturally expected ; but failing to adapt her methods to the needs of the school, dissatisfaction was felt in the district. The school was reduced in numbers, and the results were not what we had hoped. The instruction given was good, and those pupils who were present at the close of the term showed that they had made good progress.

Winter term. Miss Emma M. Caswell, teacher.

Miss Caswell proved to be just the teacher for this school. Her amiable qualities and pleasing address at once won the hearts of her pupils ; this, with the ability to instruct well, made her very successful. All interested ; parents and scholars seemed perfectly satisfied. The examination showed conclusively that much improvement had been made in all the branches taught. This school deserves special mention for its quiet, orderly deportment throughout the year. The parents in this district manifest a commendable

degree of interest in the school, many of them being present at the examination.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Summer term. Miss Nellie M. Lake, teacher.

This school was very short, giving limited opportunity for improvement; yet at the close it presented a very fair appearance. No teacher can advance a school much in six weeks. Miss Lake, unlike many teachers, manifested great interest in the moral as well as the mental improvement of the pupils under her care.

Winter term. William H. Brown, teacher.

We consider this the easiest school in town to teach, on account of its size and the well-disposed pupils of which it is made up. The term was long, and gave much time for advancement in studies. For this reason we were prepared to find that good progress had been made. The arithmetic classes did themselves much credit. One class in mental arithmetic was the best we have found in town.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Summer term. Miss Sarah E. Clarke, teacher.

Miss Clarke had only to take up the work where she left off, having taught this school the two previous terms. Thorough instruction was given, and a profitable term was the result. A general exercise in botany was very interesting, and we think of great advantage to the scholars. Reading classes improved much. Spelling, with definitions, was not neglected. We are in sympathy with the methods used by this teacher.

Winter term. Miss Mattie A. Lake, teacher.

This school was visited at its commencement, and judging from its condition then, and the reputation of the teacher, we expected success. At the close the roads were so blockaded by snow-drifts that we were unable to be present; therefore cannot report progress.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Summer term. Miss Carrie P. Sweatt, teacher.

Here we found an animated, energetic and well-qualified teacher. She had the happy faculty of awakening in her pupils the love for study, and of keeping alive the interest when once excited. A class of beginners in grammar, taught orally, deserves to be spoken of. All other studies received proper attention, and the final examination was satisfactory.

Winter term. Miss Anna G. Gale, teacher.

This teacher has had some experience, and evidently made faithful effort. In some studies fair progress was made. A lack of thoroughness was visible in written arithmetic. The excellent order of this school reflects credit upon both teacher and scholars.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Summer term. Miss Ida J. Hardy, teacher.

When we first met Miss Hardy we feared, because of her inexperience, that she was about to undertake too great a task. But possessing a quiet power, which is very effective in discipline, coupled with the earnest desire and purpose to succeed, this teacher accomplished more than many who have had much experience. To attempt no more than could be well performed was the object aimed at. At our last visit we were much pleased with the thorough review of the term's work. Miss Hardy bids fair to make one of our best teachers.

Fall term. Miss Sarah E. Clarke, teacher.

This teacher, with her accustomed energy, began practical teaching, and in the short time that she was connected with the school much was accomplished. The reading classes, which were very poor at the beginning of the summer term, improved rapidly. The examination was characterized by prompt answers and good explanations.

Winter term. Charles S. Adams, teacher.

Earnest and persevering effort was evidently made by Mr. Adams, and with quite good success. The examination was well attended and very creditable. Classes in algebra, astronomy and

natural philosophy added much to the interest of the school. Rhetorical exercises were well prepared and pleasing.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

This district is formed by a union with Loudon, and it has been suggested that it be spoken of as Union District No. 1.

Miss Emma O. Curtice, teacher of both terms.

The time usually lost by changing teachers was here saved, Miss Curtice having charge of the school both summer and winter; continued progress was the result. We visited this school in connection with the Loudon school committee, and are pleased to report it as well advanced, quiet and orderly.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Miss Minnie A. Batchelder, teacher of summer and fall terms.

Wisdom was shown in employing the same teacher for successive terms. In the school-room Miss Batchelder was dignified and energetic, pleasing in manners, and maintained firm, though not severe, discipline. The result was good progress made, and satisfaction given.

Winter term. Miss Emma L. Tucker, teacher.

This teacher does not belong to that class who drag out weary hours in the school-room, enjoying only ringing the bell for dismissal, but is keenly alive and in love with the work in which she is engaged. As a natural consequence, she inspired the scholars with her own enthusiasm, and succeeded in making her teaching of practical value. Good improvement was made in reading. All recitations showed plainly that the pupils were interested, and that the work of the term had been well performed.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

In the teacher's register this district is called Union District No. 2.

Edna E. Copp, teacher of summer and fall terms. We were not notified either of the beginning or close of these terms, consequently can make no report.

Winter term. Miss Sarah E. Clarke, teacher.

We consider that district fortunate which secures the services of this teacher. We found that this school, like others taught by Miss Clarke, was thoroughly drilled. Scholars were taught not to content themselves with taking facts for granted, but to know and give the reason for each thing stated.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

Number of District.	TEACHER.	TEACHER.	Wages per Month, including Board.		Length of School in Weeks.		Number of Scholars.		Average Attendance.		No. of Scholars in Reading.		No. of Scholars in Spelling.		No. of Scholars in Penmanship.		No. of Scholars in Arithmetic.		No. of Scholars in Geography.		No. of Scholars in Grammar.		No. of Scholars in Other Studies.		No. of Children in Town Reported by Selectmen.	
	Summer Term.	Winter Term.	Summer.	Winter.	Summer.	Winter.	Summer.	Winter.	Summer.	Winter.	Summer.	Winter.	Summer.	Winter.	Summer.	Winter.	Summer.	Winter.	Summer.	Winter.	Summer.	Winter.	Summer.	Winter.	Boys.	Girls.
1	May Martin.	Emma M. Caswell.	\$ 24 00	\$ 29 00	8	12	24	28	17	26	24	28	24	28	24	28	24	26	20	12	16	13			73	72
2	Nellie M. Lake.	William H. Brown.	20 00	28 00	6	16	13	21	12	14	13	21	13	21	9	3	9	19	9	10	3	4				
4	Sarah E. Clarke.	Mattie A. Lark.	24 00	24 00	8	11	17	17	14	11	16	17	16	17	8	9	13	15	7	7	2	5				
5	Carrie P. Sweatt.	Anna G. Gale.	17 76	18 96	8	12	28	31	25	26	27	31	27	31	25	27	23	30	15	16	8	13	1	3		
6	Ida J. Hardy.		23 00	9			25	19	24	30	30	25	31	13	16	16	12	9	12	9	10					
	Sarah E. Clarke, Teacher Fall Term.	Chas. S. Adams.	24 00	28 00	6	11	30	24	30	30	30	11	13	11	24	12	9	12	10							
7	Emma O. Curtice.	Emma O. Curtice.	23 00	29 00	8	11	13	15	10	14	13	15	13	15	13	9	11	13	4	4	4	4	15	7	9	
8	Minnie Bachelder.		24 00	9			34	30	34	34	34	17	17	22	22	12	12	12	12	8	8	11				
	Minnie Bachelder, Teacher Fall Term.	Emma L. Tucker.	24 00	9			37	28	36	36	36	17	17	23	23	12	12	12	12	4	4	11				
9	Edna E. Copp.		24 00	32 00	11		25	21	25	25	25	12	12	22	22	11	11	8	8	6	6	8				
	Edna E. Copp, Teacher Fall Term.	Sarah E. Clarke.	24 00	6			33	30	31	31	31	18	18	21	21	8	8	8	8	3	3	11				
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GENERAL REMARKS.

There is perhaps a no more common topic of conversation than the schools. The plans of those who have charge of them, their successes and their failures, are constantly being unfolded and held up to the public gaze ; sometimes with intelligence and fairness, but oftener without any knowledge of facts. Every one should be sufficiently interested in the schools not to take for granted and repeat what some prejudiced person may say in regard to them, but to investigate for themselves. Money enough is yearly expended to obtain a good teacher for each school. And we have been pleased to notice that, during the past year, prudential committees have made an effort to secure the services of such. We think it would be better, however, to retain a good teacher for successive terms than to change so often ; great waste of time would be saved, and much more accomplished.

Teachers possess no right to rely on past attainments. New methods are constantly being introduced, and they should be sufficiently alive and in earnest to know and to use those which are beneficial. The schools during the past year have been above the average ; none very poor ; some very good. We have been fortunate in having had several Normal School teachers who have done excellent work.

The object of the schools is to train youth to become useful and happy men and women, with the least waste of time ; to strengthen the character, and to give to each so much profitable instruction as will fit them to do creditable work in life. To accomplish this the standard of the schools must be raised. Some of the teaching during the past year has not been such as would bring about this result. Many teachers confine themselves very

closely to text-books ; consequently but little practical knowledge is acquired by the pupils.

We have resisted all inducements of book agents and publishing houses, making no change in text-books, deeming it not wise to discard good books for those no better. We have, however, introduced a primary spelling book for the benefit of the smaller scholars.

The "literary fund," set apart for the use of the schools, was so small a sum, when equally divided among the districts, that we thought no benefit would be derived from it. We suggested to the selectmen that it be kept until enough should be obtained to purchase maps. They conceded with our views, and it now remains in the town treasury.

In justice to the scholars, we will say that forty-four names are found upon the Roll of Honor, and ten of this number have neither been absent or tardy during the school year. This we consider very commendable. While the average attendance in some schools has been very high, in others it has been low. Would it not be wise for parents to see that their children are regularly in school? In no other way will a good education be obtained.

In conclusion, we would urge all parents, teachers and future school committees to greater earnestness in whatever will promote the interest of the schools.

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