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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS,

OVERSEERS OF POOR, TREASURER,

AND

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,

OF THE

TOWN OF WINTHROP,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 14, 1881.

WINTHROP:
BUDGET JOB PRINT.
1881.

Town Officers Elected March, 1880.

MODERATOR.

WILLIAM H. PARLIN.

TOWN CLERK.

BELA R. REYNOLDS.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.

R. T. JONES,
ELLIOTT WOOD,
RUTILLUS ALDEN.

TREASURER.

JOHN M. BENJAMIN.

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.

A. ROBINSON CRANE.

ROAD COMMISSIONER.

CHARLES H. GALE.

COLLECTOR.

ALBERT C. CARR.

CONSTABLES.

JOSEPH STEVENS,	CHAS. V. WEBSTER,
A. C. CARR,	A. J. CROWELL,
C. H. GALE,	JOHN GOWER,
M. G. KEENE,	LEWIS WOOD,
E. O. KELLY,	JOHN E. BRAINERD.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

VALUATION AND TAX.

Total amount of Real and Personal Estate,	\$921,880 00
Amount of tax on same, the rate being 15½ mills on the dollar,	14,289 14
Whole number of polls 527, at \$3.00,	1,581 00
Percentage paid for collecting, 8½ mills.	

TOWN GRANTS.

Common Schools,	\$1,800 00	
Support of poor and other necessary town charges,	1,800 00	
Repairing highways,	2,500 00	
Lighting and care street lamps,	200 00	
Safe,	200 00	
Discharge of indebtedness,	1,500 00	
Repairing farm buildings,	200 00	
	\$8,200 00	
State tax,	\$5,639 94	
County tax,	2,036 05	
Overlayings,	164 60	
	7,840 59	
		\$16,040 59

COMMON SCHOOL FUND.

Amount appropriated by town,	\$1,800 00
Amount received from state,	918 86
	\$2,718 86

The above amount has been duly apportioned to the several districts.

Whole number of scholars April 1, 1880, was 630, being an increase of 29 since 1879.

The amounts due the several districts March 1, 1881, are as follows:

District No. 1, overdr'n, \$0.06	District No. 8,	\$9.19
“ “ 2, 3.57	“ “ 7, overdr'n, .71	
“ “ 3, 5.46	“ “ 9, 34.77	
“ “ 4, 118.95	“ “ 10, 6.92	
“ “ 5, 32.31		
“ “ 6, 12.80	Total,	\$223.14

TOWN FARM.

The affairs of the farm still remain under the direction of Henry Pulsifer and wife. Mr. and Mrs. Pulsifer have had charge of the farm the past five years, and we believe it would be very difficult to find their equals in the care of farm and family. We regret that they cannot longer be retained.

At the commencement of the year, there were at the farm five paupers, viz. : Mary Fairbanks, Silas C. Pettengill, John Foster, Rebecca J. Lambert and Hope Briggs. Silas C. Pettengill left July 26. Nathan Frost, wife and two children came June 9. Willie Fellows came Dec. 18. Geo. C. Chandler came Feb. 24. A child was born to Mrs. Nathan Frost, making eleven paupers at the farm at the present time. Thirty-five tramps have received relief at the farm the past year.

Expenditures for family supplies, meal for stock, &c.,	\$424 50
Income of farm,	280 07
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Balance against the farm,	\$194 43
Salary of Superintendent,	250 00
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	\$443 43

The farming tools and household furniture are in better condition than last year.

SCHEDULE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE FARM:

4 cows,	\$160 00
2 three year old heifers,	60 00
2 two year old heifers,	50 00
2 shotes,	20 00
10 tons hay,	140 00
1 ton oat straw,	7 00
2 bushels beans,	4 00
8 barrels vinegar,	60 00
300 pounds salt pork,	36 00
5 bushels potatoes,	3 50
25 bushels beets,	10 00
2 barrels soap,	8 00
98 pounds bacon,	12 00
54 pounds lard,	6 50
112 pounds dried apple,	5 60
18 pounds tallow,	1 00

82 pounds cheese,	10 66
18 pounds butter,	4 50
21 pounds fresh pork,	2 10
2 barrels apples,	3 00
4 bushels meal,	2 60
32 bushels oats,	16 00
19 bushels corn,	15 00
1 thousand lumber,	15 00
25 cords stove wood,	125 00
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	\$777 46

SUPPORT OF POOR OFF THE FARM.

Paid St. Mark's Home, support of Mary Plummer,	\$60 00
support Benj. Peterson,	22 65
supplies and medical attendance furnished T. L. Wing and family,	48 65
Town of Cornish, support of Nancy Eastman,	349 00
City of Augusta, support of Thomas Frost,	7 35
Town of Palmyra, support of Nathan Frost and family,	19 75
City of Augusta, support and medical attendance of John Frost and family,	103 16
City of Auburn, support of I. C. Hanson and family,	41 35
Newland Bishop, supplies furnished Mrs. Larmatine,	27 07
C. W. Dillingham, coffin for Larmatine child,	11 00
Newland Bishop, supplies furnished French family,	7 38
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	\$697 36
Support of insane persons at Hospital:	
Lucy S. Smith,	\$114 89
	114 89
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	\$812 25

SMALL POX CASE.

We have paid for Russell Keen (case small pox) for medical attendance, nursing, and board of attendant, &c.,	\$320 50
We have paid for funeral expenses of John E. Merrows and support of family	68 36
The settlement of Merrows is still undecided.	

CURRENT EXPENSES.

Paid R. T. Jones, Selectman, &c.,	\$80 00
F. H. McIntire, " "	80 00
Elliott Wood, " "	75 00
B. R. Reynolds, Town Clerk,	15 00
A. R. Crane, Supervisor of schools,	60 00
J. M. Benjamin, Treasurer,	50 00
E. O. Kelly, printing town report,	26 00
Fogg, Hoyt & Donham, books and stationery,	5 35
M. G. Keen, bedding for lock-up,	9 77
Craig & Tucker, safe,	200 00
R. Alden, cash paid for oxen,	132 00
Elliott Wood, pauper expenses to Cornish and Auburn,	11 90
Henry Pulsifer, Superintendent of farm,	250 00
I. N. Metcalf, cart wheels for farm,	15 00
R. Alden, expenses removing Nathan Frost and family to farm,	17 35
F. H. McIntire, repairing town farm buildings,	54 32
R. S. Bradbury, sexton services C. S. Libby,	5 00
R. T. Jones, pauper expenses,	10 25
C. C. Chandler, goods furnished farm,	21 82
H. E. Morton, goods furnished farm,	16 57
L. O. Cobb, " " "	15 17
C. D. Wood, " " "	128 30
Jones & Bradford, " "	40 47
C. A. Cochran, medical attendance to paupers on the farm,	23 25
J. P. Elder, wood for Selectmen's office,	2 25
J. E. Brainerd, abatement taxes commitment 1879,	82 42
J. E. Brainerd, collecting taxes commitment 1879,	150 90
Sherbern Morrill, teams removing paupers to farm, &c.,	8 60
Elliott Wood, cash paid special police night of boat race at Maranacook,	6 00

Paid R. Alden, pauper expenses,	1 65	
A. C. Carr, abatement of taxes commit- ment 1879,	46 20	
A. C. Carr, notifying town meetings and services as constable,	12 90	
A. C. Carr, abatement taxes commit- ment 1880,	36 78	
	<hr/>	\$1,690 22
We have received for oxen sold,		188 00
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		\$1552 22
Interest on school fund,	\$170 24	
Support of poor off the farm,	679 36	
Insane persons at hospital,	114 89	
Russell Keen, case small pox,	320 50	
Funeral expenses of J. E. Merrows and support of family,	68 36	
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		\$2,923 57

REPORT OF TOWN HALL COMMITTEE.

Expended for repairs,	\$4 00
Received for rent,	2 00
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Balance against the hall,	2 00

REPORT OF ROAD COMMISSIONER.

Amount appropriated,	\$2,500 00
The snow bills for the winter of 1879-80 were	349 80
We have drawn orders on the treasurer for summer repairs amounting to	2,127 35
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	2,477 15
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Leaving balance of appropriation,	\$22 85

GENERAL STATEMENT.

Amount of town grants,	\$8,200 00
School money received from State,	918 86
Overlayings,	164 60
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	\$9,283 46

EXPENDITURES.

Assigned to common schools,	\$2,718 86
Payment towards indebtedness,	1,500 00
Support of poor and town charges,	2,923 57
Orders drawn for highways,	2,477 15
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	9,619 58
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Balance against the town,	\$336 12

LIABILITIES.

Amount of outstanding bonds,	\$8,250 00
Unpaid interest on same,	350 00
Bills of town officers and farm superintendent, estimated,	550 00
Unsettled bills, including snow bills this winter,	900 00
Outstanding orders,	1,040 59
Due school district special tax,	68 01
Due District No. 4, loan account,	694 18
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	\$11,852 78

RESOURCES.

Amount of uncollected taxes due from J. E. Brainerd,	\$397 09
Amount of uncollected taxes due from A. C. C.,	5,393 33
Due from State,	1,006 07
Cash on hand,	1,393 70
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	\$8,190 19
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Indebtedness of town,	\$3,662 59

R. T. JONES,
ELLIOTT WOOD,
RUTILLUS ALDEN,

Selectmen of Winthrop.

WINTHROP, March 4, 1881.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

March 3, 1881.	Cash balance from last account,	\$1,891 94
	Received of J. E. Brainerd, Collector,	4,697 15
	“ of A. C. Carr, Collector,	5,297 01
	“ for Town Bonds sold,	800 00
	“ of State of Maine,	252 00
	“ for oxen sold,	138 00
	“ for use of Town Hall,	2 00
	“ on acc't of bur'l exp. C. S. Libby,	4 68

\$13,082 78

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Town Bonds,		2,400 00
“ interest on Town Bonds,		448 50
“ State Pensions,		108 00
“ for School District No. 4, loan account,		1,589 69
“ Highway orders,		1,633 58
“ School orders,		2,568 40
“ Support of poor and town charges,		2,940 91
Balance on hand,		1,393 70

\$13,082 78

LIABILITIES.

Town Bonds due in 1879,		\$100 00
“ “ 1881,		2,250 00
“ “ 1882,		1,700 00
“ “ 1883,		2,050 00
“ “ 1884,		2,150 00
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\$5050, at 6 per cent., \$150 at 5 per cent., \$3050 at 4 per cent.,		\$8,250 00
Due School District No. 4, loan account,		694 18
“ School District on special tax,		68 01
“ on account of Support of Poor, &c.,		856 48
“ “ “ “ Schools,		222 08
“ “ “ “ Highways,		139 32

\$10,230 07

RESOURCES.

Due from J. E. Brainerd, uncollected taxes,		\$397 09
“ “ A. C. Carr, “ “		5,393 33
“ “ State,		1,006 07
Cash on hand,		1,393 70
Balance against the Town,		2,039 88

\$10,230 07

J. M. BENJAMIN, *Treasurer.*

WINTHROP, March 3, 1881.

We have examined the foregoing account and find it correct.

R. T. JONES,
ELLIOT WOOD,
RUTILLUS ALDEN,
Selectmen of Winthrop.

ABSTRACT OF TOWN WARRANT.

- Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
2. To choose all necessary Town Officers.
3. To grant a sum of money for support of Schools.
4. To grant a sum of money for support of poor, and other necessary Town charges.
5. To grant a sum of money for highways; how pay and expend the same.
6. To see if the Town will grant a sum of money to discharge present indebtedness or any part thereof.
7. To see if the Town will grant a sum of money for lighting and care street lamps.
8. To see if the Town will choose one or more Road Commissioners.
9. To see if the Town will grant a sum of money to lay a hard wood floor in Town Hall and make other repairs, or act anything thereon.
10. To see if the Town will allow E. H. Norcross to draw his school money from District No. 7 and expend it in District No. 4.
11. To see if the Town will grant a sum of money to defray the expenses of observing Memorial Day.
12. To see if the Town will elect a special police whose duty it shall be to prevent unlawful disturbances and noise on the streets or elsewhere, especially on the Sabbath.
13. To see if the Town will grant a sum of money to buy a hand fire engine.
14. To see if the Town will grant a sum of money to build a side walk from the end of the concrete walk on Main Street near the Samuel Chandler House, so called, to the M. C. R. R. depot, or act anything thereon.
15. To see if the Town will grant a sum of money to repair the fence around the Fairbanks burying ground, and also to paint the fence around the East Winthrop burying ground.
16. To hear the reports of committees, choose committees and instruct them.
17. To allow accounts against the Town.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.

I have the honor to submit the following report for the year ending March, 1881.

The school agents made the following returns of the number of school children in the several districts in April, 1880.

District No. 1, Hiram Rockwood, Agent, 40 scholars. District No. 2, G. R. Briggs, Agent, 68 scholars. District No. 3, E. P. Whiting, Agent, 49 scholars. District No. 4, L. T. Carleton, Agent, 349 scholars. District No. 5, B. C. Torsey, Agent, 29 scholars. District No. 6, R. K. Berry, Agent, 25 scholars. District No. 7, B. S. Hodgdon, Agent, 19 scholars. District No. 8, H. Reymoud, Agent, 11 scholars. District No. 9, Geo. O. Packard, Agent, 29 scholars. District No. 10, Henry Robie, Agent, 11 scholars. Total, 630.

The town appropriated for the support of schools at its last annual meeting,	\$1,800 00
Due from State,	918 86
Total,	\$2,718 86

The inhabitants of District No. 3, raised by subscription \$40.00, and received \$40.00 from the State for the support of a Free High School during the fall.

This amount was divided among the districts in the following manner, viz.:

District No. 1, received.....	\$190 00
“ 2, “	277 00
“ 3, “	226 00
“ 4, “	1,396 00
“ 5, “	146 00
“ 6, “	128 86
“ 7, “	91 00
“ 8, “	59 00
“ 9, “	146 00
“ 10, “	59 00
	\$2,718 86

The following statement of facts will indicate to some extent the work that has been done in the several schools during the year.

DISTRICT NO. 1. Alice Robbins and Ida A. Porter, teachers. Summer term, 8 weeks. No. scholars, 17. Average attendance, 14. Fall term, 7 weeks. No. scholars, 15. Average attendance, 13. Winter term, 11 weeks. No. scholars, 17. Average attendance, 11. This was Miss Robbins' first experience in teaching, and she evinced decided ability for the work. She left the school, on account of ill health, at the close of the fall term, and Miss Porter, a successful teacher, took charge of the school during the winter term.

DISTRICT NO. 2. Annie B. Mears, teacher during the year. Summer term, 10 weeks. Whole No. scholars, 31. Average attendance, 29. Fall term, 10 weeks. No. scholars, 36. Average attendance, 29. Winter term, 10 weeks. No. scholars, 33. Average attendance, 25. Miss Mears is an energetic and successful teacher.

DISTRICT No. 3. Mary A. Winslow and Mr. A. C. Parlin, teachers. Summer term, 9 weeks. No. scholars, 22. Average attendance, 20. Fall term Free High School, 10 weeks. No. scholars, 23. Average attendance, 21. Winter term, 10 weeks. No. scholars, 27. Average attendance, 24. Miss Winslow retired from the school at the close of the summer term, having labored faithfully and successfully seven terms, and was succeeded by Mr. Parlin, a teacher of considerable experience and of good report.

DISTRICT No. 5. Emma J. Page, a successful teacher, had charge of this school the summer and fall terms, and Mr W. A. Richardson, the winter term. Summer term, 6 weeks. No. scholars, 15. Average attendance, 14. Fall term, 8 weeks. No. scholars, 15. Average attendance, 13. Winter term, 10 weeks. No. scholars, 13. Average attendance, 10.

DISTRICT No. 6. Eugenie Hobbs, teacher. Summer term, 8 weeks. No. scholars, 15. Average attendance, 12. Winter term, 11 weeks. No. scholars, 18. Average attendance, 15. Miss Hobbs is a superior scholar and thorough teacher.

DISTRICT No. 7. Emma Gould and Maria Collins, teachers. Summer term, 6 weeks. No. scholars, 4. Winter term, 10 weeks. No. scholars, 10. Average attendance, 9. Though young, Miss Collins is more efficient than many older teachers. I visited the summer school but once. In connection with the fact that only 4 scholars attended the summer term, I would call attention to the following law, viz. :
 " When, in the judgment of the board, consisting of the municipal officers and superintending committee or supervisor, the number of scholars in any district becomes too few for the profitable expenditure of the money appropriated to said district, said board may suspend the school in said district and cause the money to be expended for the benefit of the scholars in said district in the adjoining district or districts. Said board shall make a record of its decision in relation to the school in said district, sign the same and cause it to be recorded by the town clerk, and such decision shall remain in full force until annulled by vote of the town or by the action of a subsequent board. Said board may reserve not more than one half of the money appropriated to such districts, to be expended in their discretion for the conveyance of children of such districts to and from school."

DISTRICT No. 8. Rilla G. Chandler, teacher. Summer term, 8 weeks. No. scholars, 7. Average attendance, 6. Fall term, 7 weeks. No. scholars, 8. Average attendance, 7. Miss Chandler has taught this school acceptably several years.

DISTRICT No. 9. Emily B. Ellis, teacher. Summer term, 8 weeks. No. scholars, 9. Average attendance, 7. Fall term, 10 weeks. No. scholars, 10. Average attendance, 7. Winter term, 4 weeks. No. scholars, 7. Average attendance, 6--. Miss Ellis is a lady of culture and original in her methods of teaching.

DISTRICT No. 10. Nellie A. York, teacher. Summer term, 7 weeks. No. scholars, 7. Average attendance, 6. Fall term, 9 weeks. No. scholars, 5. Average attendance, 5. Miss York has taught this school two years.

The duties of supervisor are defined by statute. He is required not only to examine teachers, visit schools, and make an annual report of their progress, but to select a uniform system of text-books, classify the scholars and direct the general course of instruction. This course

Instruction may include reading, spelling, English grammar, geography, history, arithmetic, book-keeping, physiology, and such other branches of study as it may be desirable to introduce into the schools. Those persons only who are found on examination to be qualified to give instruction in these branches can rightfully receive certificates to teach. But while provisions are made for the instruction of all our youth in these various branches of knowledge but few comparatively avail themselves of all the advantages for acquiring an education thus freely furnished. Many believe that this neglect to use the opportunities so liberally provided is entirely due to the lack of interest on the part of scholars and their parents, but I am of the opinion that it is in part due to the lack of systematic and thorough instruction in the schools. It is very difficult to so arrange a course of study, in small schools composed of scholars of various grades, that all can receive the requisite amount of instruction and advance regularly through all the studies of the course. It is impossible to do this if scholars insist upon using a variety of text-books, and selecting their studies according to their notions. But if teachers will make constant effort, and parents will co-operate with them, I believe it is possible to prepare a course of study, from year to year, which will provide work enough for all scholars and will allow them to regularly advance until they have gained some knowledge, more or less accurate, of all the branches required by law to be taught in our schools. In one school this has been done and classes have received instruction in algebra, geometry, book-keeping, physical geography, English composition, etc. I have aimed to do this in all the schools, and with this in view I have required the teachers to observe the following rules, viz. :

1. To carefully arrange, at the beginning of the year, all the scholars into classes according to their attainments and ability, and to lay out for each class a course of study for the year.
2. To require all scholars who will be able to take up new studies during the year, to do so, if possible, at its commencement.
3. To require all scholars to take the studies prescribed for the classes to which they belong, unless requested by their parents to excuse them.
4. To require all scholars to use the text-books that have been adopted by the town.
5. To give oral instruction to small scholars who cannot read well enough to use text-books.
6. To drill their scholars so thoroughly from day to day that they will be able to advance regularly and will not be obliged to spend every other term in reviewing work that was but imperfectly done.
7. To study their own lessons so thoroughly that they will not be bound to their text-books when teaching their classes.
8. To notify the supervisor and the parents of those scholars with whom any trouble may arise which they are not able to settle, stating in writing what the trouble is.

There have been some gratifying indications of progress in our schools during the year. Among these is the fact that there have been fewer changes of teachers than formerly. Five teachers continued in charge of their schools during the entire year. Another would have remained during the year had she not been obliged to resign on account of ill health.

And the practice of retaining teachers during the year, instead of changing them each term, has resulted in more systematic and thorough instruction, for when teachers have become acquainted with their scholars and the ability and attainments of each, they are able to classify them more properly and to lay out for them a suitable amount of work. The most satisfactory evidence I have had that the schools have been improving during the past few years is the fact that there is a

larger number of scholars than I have before known pursuing the higher branches of study usually taught in common schools. There have been classes in algebra, physical geography, English composition, history, book-keeping, geometry, physiology, and nine schools have been studying the Latin grammar and reading Cæsar.

Appleton's Readers have been adopted for a period of five years, commencing Sept., 1880. The exchange was effected without any expense to the pupils. The publishers have agreed to supply the town with books during the five years at the following rates, viz.: First Reader for 20 cents; Second, for 32; Third, for 42; Fourth, for 56; and Fifth, for \$1.00.

The books now in use in the schools are Appleton's Readers, Greenleaf's Arithmetics, Warren's Geographies, Kerl's Grammar, and Quackenbos' History of the United States.

It is desirable that there should be a uniformity of text-books in all the schools in town and I would suggest that hereafter the supervisor and the directors of the village district act together, as far as practicable, in deciding what text-books to use.

I have made fifty-five visits to the schools during the year and have charged for the same, \$65.00.

In closing I will repeat what I have before said, that I appreciate the honor conferred upon me by my fellow-citizens in entrusting to me the care of the schools, and that I am not desirous of a re-election.

A. R. CRANE, *Supervisor.*

WINTHROP, March 1, 1881.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4.

The Directors of the Village Schools submit to the town the following abstract of their district report for the School Year ending April, 1881.

Whole number of scholars in the district, 350. There has been a Summer, Fall and Winter term--twenty-eight weeks in all.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

MISS JULIET M. STANLEY, Teacher.

Summer Term--Whole number, 52; average attendance, 44

Fall Term--Whole number, 41; average attendance, 37.

Winter Term--Whole number, 46; average attendance, 39.

Of this school but little need be said; the many years experience of the teacher, her abundant success in the past, were sufficient reasons for the directors to avail themselves of her services for this school the past year. This was in every respect a first-class school. Here we have the "raw material" so to speak. One of the most difficult tasks in the world is to accustom the young child to the restraints of the school room. Miss S. possesses the rare faculty of accomplishing this without friction, and gaining the love and confidence of her pupils to a marked degree.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

MISS ISABEL A. COFFIN, Teacher.

Summer Term—Whole number, 34; average attendance, 31.

Fall Term—Whole number, 40; average attendance, 37.

Winter Term—Whole number, 36; average attendance, 32.

Miss Coffin, a teacher of culture and good address, had taught this school for two terms previous to this year with good success, and was retained by the directors this year. Her pupils made very commendable advancement; teacher and scholars seemed to labor in unison for the accomplishment of the best possible results.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

MISS MAY NORCROSS, Teacher.

Summer Term—Whole number, 38; average attendance, 37.

Fall Term—Whole number, 40; average attendance, 38.

Winter Term—Whole number, 37; average attendance, 33.

This was in every respect a model school throughout the year. The directors were much impressed with the faithful work of the teacher, and the great advancement made. The map drawing was the finest we ever saw in a school of this grade and reflected great credit upon teacher and scholars. Fortunate indeed is the district that secures Miss Norcross for a teacher.

HIGH SCHOOL.

MISS LUELLA F. BEALE, Teacher.

Summer Term—Whole number, 42; average attendance, 38.

Fall Term—Whole number, 36; average attendance, 33.

Winter Term—Whole number, 33; average attendance, 31.

Miss Beale did not in the least disappoint us or lessen her reputation as a skillful and successful teacher. She labored zealously, and succeeded admirably throughout the year in interesting her scholars in their several studies. Marked improvement was made in all the classes.

In closing, the directors desire to extend to Dr. A. P. Snow (that old and tried friend of our schools) their sincere thanks for the very kind assistance rendered by him. We accepted the position assigned us with "fear and trembling" but the splendid classification found to exist, the wholesome rules in vogue, together with the Doctor's valuable assistance, made our tasks comparatively easy. And now the record is closed, and we leave it in the hands of those interested in popular education.

LEROY T. CARLETON,
ELLIOTT WOOD,
JOHN C. PRESCOTT,

Directors School District No. 4.

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