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# THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

# TOWN OF BREWER,

For the Year 1882--83.

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BANGOR:  
B. A. BURR, Whig & Courier Job Office.  
1883.

# WARRANT.

TO ORLANDO MOOR,

Constable of Brewer, in the County of Penobscot.

Greeting :

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Brewer, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town House in said Town, on Monday, the twelfth day of March, 1883, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit :

*First.* To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

*Second.* To receive the reports of the several Town officers, and act upon the same.

*Third.* To choose a Town Clerk, and all other necessary Town officers for the ensuing year.

*Fourth.* To renew, add to, or revise the By-Laws.

*Fifth.* To raise money for the support of schools, the poor, roads and bridges, loans and all other necessary Town charges.

*Sixth.* To see what mode the town will adopt for making and repairing its highways, bridges and sidewalks.

*Seventh.* To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to hire money for the use of the town.

*Eighth.* To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Treasurer in regard to letting the Town Hall.

*Ninth.* To see if the Town will vote to build a sewer commencing near the junction of Wilson and Fling streets, down Fling to Brimmer street, down Brimmer, and terminating at the junction of Brimmer and Main streets, and raise money for that purpose.

*Tenth.* To see if the Town will build a sidewalk across the bridge on Brick street.

*Eleventh.* To see if the Town will vote to change the limits of Highway District Nos. 1 and 8 so the dividing line shall be at the south line of North Cemetery.

*Twelfth.* To see if the Town will place a Street Lamp at the junction of Main and Brick Streets.

*Thirteenth.* To see if the Town will vote to paint the Engine House, and raise money for that purpose.

*Fourteenth.* To see if the Town will continue to provide School Books, and raise money for that purpose.

*Fifteenth.* To see if the Town will vote to establish and maintain a free High School, or schools therein, and raise money to support the same.

*Sixteenth.* To see if the Town will, in whole or in part, pay the expense attending the decorating of the Soldier's graves on next Memorial day, and raise money for that purpose.

*Seventeenth.* To see if the Town will vote to pay the Firemen for their services; five dollars each for the ensuing year; and also five dollars each to the fire wardens.

*Eighteenth.* To see if the Town will vote to tax dogs.

*Nineteenth.* To see if the Town will accept the Juror list as revised by the municipal officers.

*Twentieth.* To see if the Town will accept a certain way as laid out by the Municipal officers, extending from Wilson Street near the house of William Burke to land owned by William Washburn.

*Twenty-first.* To see if the Town will vote to build a reservoir at or near the head of Chamberlain or Harlow Street, and appropriate money for the same.

*Twenty-second.* To see if the Town will vote to purchase a Hand Steam Fire Engine, and raise money for that purpose.

The Selectmen will be in session at their office, at the Town House, one hour previous to said meeting, to correct the list of voters.

Given under our hands at Brewer aforesaid, this first day of March, A. D. 1883.

H. M. FARRINGTON,	}	Selectmen
F. E. COLLINS.		of
GEO. W. PATTEN,		Brewer.

*Twenty-third.* To see if the town will vote to reëstablish the School District System, as it existed prior to the Annual Meeting of 1882.

## A. ROBINSON, TREASURER FOR 1880,

In account with the TOWN OF BREWER.

DR.	CR.
To bal. due on settlement, Feb. 27, 1882.....	By am't paid O. Moor, Treasurer for 1882.....
\$1,476 96	\$1,142 44
	Resident tax deeds returned .....
	15 30
	Abatem'ts on tax, 1878 .....
	192 47
	“ “ 1879 .....
	64 76
	“ “ 1880 .....
	103 75
	Commissions on collecting \$1,205.98, at 4 per cent.....
	48 24
\$1,476 96	\$1,476 96

## O. MOOR, TREASURER, in account with the

TOWN OF BREWER, for the Year 1882.

DR.	CR.
To bal. due on settlement, Feb. 27, 1882.....	By am't paid Selectmen's orders .....
\$420 32	\$13,364 63
Am't rec'd of A. Robinson....	Interest on loans.....
1,142 44	293 66
Resident tax deeds returned by A. Robinson.....	State tax.....
15 30	3,316 22
Received of town of Franklin for pauper supplies .....	County tax.....
60 00	1,201 92
Rent of Town Hall.....	Discount on taxes.....
122 00	1,650 00
State, for Schools.....	Abatement on taxes, 1881 ..
1,435 52	41 20
Int. on Town School fund....	Abatement on taxes, 1882..
58 16	150 66
Assessments committed to Treas'r and Coll. for State, County, town taxes,.....	Cash on deposit.....
17,550 99	1,004 19
Rec'd of Clifton, for old hearse .....	
75 00	
State, for Free High School ..	
105 00	
For tax deeds.....	
11 67	
Railroad & Telegraph tax....	
21 08	
E. H. Kenney, for lot in North Cemetery .....	
5 00	
\$21,022 48	\$21,022 48

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid B. A. Burr and others, for printing town reports and Assessor's notices,.....	\$33 13
Carlos Sinclair, for Liberty school house lot,.	50 00
P. P. Holden & Son, pumps and repairs on same	43 58
A. Robinson, for executing tax deeds, .....	4 00
S. E. Stone and G. B. Gilbert, for memorial expenses, .....	50 00
G. W. Russell & Sons, for Hearse and freight,	450 75
J. Hutchings, for legal services.....	23 00
G. J. Brewer, for drainage damage, .....	10 00
A. Sawyer, for refreshments for firemen at steam mill fire, .....	11 07
S. A. Wilson and others, for labor and material, improving Oak Hil Cemetery, .....	77 17
A. Barrett, for watering trough,.....	3 00
D. S. Kingsbury, for pound rent, .....	1 00
G. W. Patten, traveling expenses to Worcester for purchase of hearse, .....	7 50
City of Bangor, for repairs on steamer, injured at steam mill fire, .....	67 41
Firemen of Bangor, services at steam mill fire,	69 00
D. Bugbee & Co., for blank books and stationery, .....	24 50
A. E. Martin and others, for repairs on Central St. reservoir, .....	5 93
S. F. Sparrow, for land to enlarge North Cemetery, .....	200 00
W. Johnson, J. Burbank and others, for labor and material in fencing, grading and improving North Cemetery,.....	298 59
Kenney & Pierce, for frames for by-laws and school notices, .....	4 20
E. H. Burr, surveying street and cemetery land	3 00
Kenney & Pierce, J. Elliott and others, for labor and material in repairing brick school house partially demolished by tornado,.....	224 43
A. H. King & Co., and others, supplies for Town Hall,.....	48 40
Sawyer Brothers and others, for runners and straps for hearse, .....	50 75
J. Ryder and others, for hauling engine and H. and L. carriage to fire, .....	3 00
O. Gilmore, for legal services in pension case,	1 00
For recording deeds,.....	1 00
W. P. Burr, postage and stationary, .....	6 09
F. E. Collins, traveling expenses to Etna three times on pauper case, .....	7 50
Insurance of Town Hall,.....	30 00
D. V. Nickerson for Janitor's services,.....	47 00
	\$1,856 00

In appraising the school property it was found there was no legal title to the Liberty school house lot. To avoid trouble it was thought best to purchase for the price above mentioned. Unusual and unavoidable expenses were incurred in connection with the steam mill fire. As authorized by vote of the Town, land was purchased for enlarging North Cemetery. As new fencing and considerable grading was required, the expenses were larger than anticipated. No money being raised by the Town for that purpose it appears in the above account. After repairs were in

progress on some of our school rooms, requiring an amount nearly equal to what could lawfully be taken from the school money, the injury to brick school house occurred, which made it necessary to include the cost of its reconstruction in miscellaneous expenses. As the unexpected is always happening, we recommend raising a larger amount for Miscellaneous expenses.

#### PAY OF TOWN OFFICERS.

F. A. Floyd, Supervisor of Schools, 1881.....	\$151 35
A. P. Bennett, Fire Warden, 1881.....	5 00
E. Batchelder, " " 1882.....	5 00
E. A. Stanley, " " 1882.....	5 00
C. P. Thomas, Health Officer, 1881 and 1882.....	10 00
G. A. Snow, Supt. of Cemeteries, four days' service	8 00
H. M. Farrington, Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of Poor and Highway Surveyor, 120 days at \$2.00 per day.....	240 00
F. E. Collins, same, 85 days, .....	170 00
Geo. W. Patten, same, 65 days,.....	130 00
O. Moor, Constable and Truant officer, .....	13 00
" Commission for collecting \$16,136 at 4 per cent.,.....	645 44
" 15 days service as Treasurer,.....	30 00
W. P. Burr, Town Clerk,.....	12 00
C. J. Burr, " " revising Jury list,.....	1 00
J. D. Oakes, Auditor, .....	2 00
L. V. Gilmore, 2 days appraising school prop.....	4 00
A. S. Lambert, " " " " " "	4 00
I. Dole, " " " " " "	4 00
L. Pierce, " " " " " "	4 00
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	\$1,443 79

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Aaron Sawyer for care of Engine,.....	\$50 00
C. B. Carter, Jr., for care of Hook and Ladder and Hose Carriage,.....	10 00
J. S. Paine, Treasurer, Firemen's pay,.....	295 00
F. H. Chick, " Hook and Ladder Co's pay, .....	100 00
H. T. Sparks and others, for repairs and team'g,	18 04
T. G. Stickney, and others, for coal, wood, oil, and utensils,.....	20 37
G. W. Patten, for pails for Brewer Village,...	17 92
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	\$511 33

#### GLOBE GAS LIGHTS.

Paid W. G. Duren, and H. McLaughlin, for Naptha and lighting material,.....	91 64
S. A. Hall, E. A. Stanley, and C. A. Bennett, for lighting,.....	80 92
For repairs and new burners,.....	13 67
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	\$186 23

#### HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES AND SIDEWALKS.

Paid for labor and material, for roads, bridges and sidewalks,.....	\$2,070 45
Road machine, freight and repairs,.....	165 05
J. Holyoke, gravel for highways,.....	60 00
S. R. Prentiss, same,.....	10 00
Concrete sidewalks, .....	90 42
	<hr/>
	\$2,395 92



## ALMS HOUSE AND TOWN FARM.

## DR.

Paid E. B. Billings, one year's salary,.....	\$200 00	
Supplies for the year,.....	746 62	
Drs. Thomas, Mason and Milliken, for medical attendance,.....	51 00	
Burial expenses of H. G. Badger and Maria Clark,.....	24 00	
W. H. Leathers, for cow,.....	34 00	
Stock on hand, Feb., 1882,.....	697 00	
		<u>\$1,752 62</u>

## CR.

By Stock on hand, Feb., 1883,.....	\$707 00	
Labor of Superintendent and horse on highway,.....	68 75	
Received of Town of Franklin, on account of H. G. Badger,.....	60 00	
		<u>\$835 75</u>
Balance against the farm,.....		<u>\$916 87</u>

## INMATES OF ALMS HOUSE.

Margaret Howell, left,	Francis B. Snow, died July 13.
Laura West and infant,	Henry G. Badger, " April 19.
Mary Sargent,	Samuel Kenney,
Maria Clark, died Nov. 21.	Thomas McGlynn,
	John McIntosh.

## EXPENSE OF POOR OUT OF ALMS HOUSE.

Paid on account of John Cuthbertson,.....	\$61 25	
John Sylvester. Sen.,.....	11 50	
Simon Wise,.....	69 50	
Elizabeth Gray,.....	99 00	
Christmas Collins,.....	10 00	
Joseph Miller,.....	42 00	
Frank Judkins,.....	20 00	
Mrs. J. Verrow,.....	76 50	
West child,.....	10 00	
Harriet Lambert,.....	8 00	
Patrick Carey,.....	14 25	
Lucy Segar,.....	4 50	
Mrs. Calvin H. Gray,.....	7 50	
		<u>\$434 00</u>
Add balance against Town Farm,.....		916 87
		<u>\$1,350 87</u>
Deduct amount due from other towns,.....		30 00
		<u>\$1,320 00</u>

## INSANE HOSPITAL.

P'd for conveyance, care and board of Margaret Howell,	\$32 21
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## SCHOOLS.

## CR.

School money unexpended, Feb. 27, 1882,.....	\$278 30	
Raised by the Town,.....	2,600 00	
Received from the State,.....	1,435 52	
Interest on Town School Fund, of \$969 36, is,.....	58 16	
Raised by the Town for school books,.....	500 00	
		<u>\$4,871 98</u>

## DR.

Paid teachers,.....	\$3,454 25	
For wood,.....	285 64	
Repairs, .....	407 19	
Furniture, utensils, and Janitor's services,.....	242 22	
Insurance,.....	20 00	
School books,.....	435 61	
		<u>\$4,844 91</u>

Unexpended balance,..... \$27 07

## FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

Paid A. L. Baker, Teacher,.....	\$450 00	
C. P. Fessenden, Teacher Penmanship.....	22 00	
Fuel, .....	34 41	
Repairs,.....	29 05	
Care of, and cleaning room,.....	11 00	
		<u>\$546 46</u>

## AMOUNT OF MONEY RAISED—1882.

By the Town.....	\$12,325 00	
State Tax,.....	3,316 22	
County Tax, .....	1,201 92	
Overlays on taxes, .....	480 89	
Fractional gains .....	2 21	
School property tax excess, .....	224 75	
		<u>\$17,550 99</u>

## ASSESSMENTS FOR THE YEAR—1882.

Real estate of residents,.....	\$8,624 64	
Personal estate of residents,.....	2,481 51	
Real estates of non-residents,.....	3,172 92	
Personal estates of non-residents, .....	626 17	
Seven hundred and eighty polls, at \$3.00.....	2,340 00	
Eighty-one dogs, at \$1.00.....	81 00	
Excess of town school property, tax over district school property rebate,.....	224 75	
		<u>\$17,550 99</u>

The undersigned, appointed appraisers of the school property in the several school districts, do estimate the value of said property, together with the furnaces, stoves, furniture, maps, utensils, and outhouses, with the wood stored in them, included in the value of the school houses to which they belong:

Brimmer District, School street, house and lot,.....	\$1,300	
Grammar, house and lot,.....	3,800	\$5,100
Central District, Mill-dam, house and lot,.....	\$600	
Excelsior, house and lot,.....	800	
Page, house and lot,.....	5,000	\$6,400
Day District, School house,.....		150
Kingsbury, District, School house,.....		225
Liberty District, School house, .....		525
Village District, old house and lot,.....	\$400	
new house and lot,.....	3,300	3,700
Whiting Hill District, house and lot,.....		350
		<u>\$16,450</u>

H. M. FARRINGTON,	IRA DOLE,
F. E. COLLINS,	LUTHER PIERCE,
GEO. W. PATTEN,	A. S. LAMBERT,
L. V. GILMORE,	Appraisers.

Value of School Property.	\$16,450 00	} Amount raised by the Town to pay the several Districts for their School Property.
Overlays and fractional gains,	795 24	
<b>Total,</b>	<b>\$17,245 24</b>	
Per cent., \$.0190.		

Amount paid by the Town for School Property, according to Valuation of Polls and Estates in the several Districts.					Amount received by the several Districts for their School Property.							
Districts.	No. Polls.	Valuation of Estates.	Poll Tax.	Tax on Estates.	Total Tax.	Valuation of Districts' School Property.	Overlays and Fractional gains.	Total amount p'd to Districts.	Excess paid by Districts.	Rebate received by Districts.	Rebate Poll.	Rebate per ct.
Central.	311	311,410 333		\$5,916 79	\$6,849 79	\$6,400	294 49	6694 49	155 30		3 00	.0185
Brimmer,	229	273,235 687		5,191 47	5,878 47	5,100	163 85	5263 85	614 62		2 70	.0170
Village,	151	126,650 453		2,406 35	2,859 35	3,700	70 56	3770 56		911 21	4 00	.0250
Liberty,	36	21,485 108		408 22	516 22	525	12 76	537 76		21 48	3 00	.02
W. Hill,	31	32,100 93		609 90	702 90	350	17 50	367 50	335 40		1 50	.01
Kingsbury,	14	13,965 42		265 33	307 33	225	9 07	234 07	73 26		2 25	.0145
Day,	8	5,525 24		104 97	128 97	150	2 32	152 32		23 34	3 50	.0225

## UNAVAILABLE PROPERTY OF THE TOWN.

Town House and lots adjoining.....	\$2,500 00
Alms House and Farm.....	2,000 00
Gravel lot, near J. D. French.....	25 00
Engine House, lot and fixtures.....	2,400 00
Fire Engine and Hose carriage.....	1,200 00
Ladder house, ladders and pails, at Brewer Village	100 00
Hook and ladder house and carriage.....	500 00
Road machine.....	150 00
School houses, with lots, furniture and books.....	17,000 00
Hearse houses and hearses.....	1,100 00
	<hr/> \$26,975 00

## FINANCES OF THE TOWN.

## ASSETS.

Cash on deposit.....	\$1,004 19
Due from State for Free High School.....	131 00
	<hr/> \$1,135 19

## LIABILITIES.

Notes outstanding.....	5,310 00
Deduct assets.....	1,135 19
	<hr/> \$4,174 81

## VALUATION FOR THE YEAR 1882.

Real estates of residents.....	\$453,870 00
Personal estates of residents.....	130,560 00
Real estates of non-residents.....	166,985 00
Personal estates of non-residents.....	32,955 00
	<hr/> \$784,370 00

## RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount of orders drawn,.....		\$13,364 63
Miscellaneous expenses,.....	\$1,856 00	
Pay of Town officers,.....	1,443 79	
Fire department,.....	511 33	
Highways, .....	2,395 92	
Alms House and Town Farm, .....	1,055 62	
Poor out of Alms House, .....	434 00	
Schools, .....	4,844 91	
Free High School, .....	546 46	
Insane, .....	32 21	
Globe Gas Lights, .....	186 23	
Interest on School fund, .....	58 16	
		<hr/> \$13,364 63

## ESTIMATES FOR 1883.

For common schools, .....	\$2,600 00	
Poor, .....	1,500 00	
Highways &c.,.....	2,500 00	
Miscellaneous, .....	1,000 00	
Interest on loans, .....	300 00	
Discount on taxes, .....	1,600 00	
Abatements, .....	200 00	
Fire department,.....	500 00	
Payment of Town officers, including collector.,	1,300 00	
Globe Gas Lights, .....	200 00	
School Books, .....	300 00	
Free High School, .....	650 00	
Payment of Loans,.....	500 00	
		<hr/> \$13,150 00

Having made a final settlement with our Treasurers and Collectors, and knowing the exact financial standing of the Town, we recommend that a small amount be raised each year to pay its indebtedness.

H. M. FARRINGTON, )	Selectmen
F. E. COLLINS, )	of
GEO. W. PATTEN, )	Brewer.

BREWER, Feb. 26, 1883.

BREWER, March 1st, 1883.

Having examined the accounts as kept by the Selectmen and Treasurer with the Town for the past year, I find the charges accompanied with proper vouchers and certify the same are correct.

J. D. OAKES, Auditor.

# ANNUAL REPORT

## OF THE

### SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.

The Town of Brewer at its Annual meeting in 1882, abolished the school districts and made it a part of the Supervisor's duty to provide whatever was needed for the schools throughout the town, and to take proper means for repairing and preserving the school property. I have endeavored to perform the task thus imposed upon me, and trust that this report may show that whatever has been done by me, or under my direction, has been done in a thorough manner, and for the benefit of the town.

I wish to speak first of that which more especially concerns my office; that is the work accomplished, and the progress made by the schools.

The table which forms a part of this report, gives in a condensed form, many facts in regard to the schools; but perhaps a more detailed account of the several schools may be desirable. Such an account will be given, so far as the limits assigned to this report will allow.

Table designed to show the names and wages of teachers, the length of terms, the whole number and the average number of pupils at each term, in the various Schools of the Town of Brewer, for the School year 1882-83.

SCHOOL.	TEACHERS.	Summer Term.				Fall Term.				Winter Term.				Monthly Wages.
		Whole Number.	Average Number.	Length of Term in Weeks.	Weekly Wages.	Whole Number.	Average Number.	Length of Term in Weeks.	Weekly Wages.	Whole Number.	Average Number.	Length of Term in Weeks.	Weekly Wages.	
HIGH.	Amos L. Baker.....					28	23	12						\$70.00
GRAMMAR.														
Village.....	Miss N. J. Stanley... Willis F. Hart....	31	25	11	\$9 00	29	22	11	\$9 00	33	28	12		
Brimmer.....	Miss M. Ruggles... Mertie M. Moore. ...	32	18	11	10 00	28	23	11	9 00	41	30	11		55 00
Excelsior.....	Julia T. Brastow....	35	28	11	10 00	51	43	11	10 00	52	43	11		11 00
INTERMEDIATE.														
Village.....	Josie F. Chambers ...	29	24	11	7 00	28	20	11	7 00	20	21	11		7 00
Brimmer.....	Mrs. H. M. Towle....	33	27	11	7 00	40	30	11	7 00	37	30	11		7 00
Page.....	Sarah E. Gilmore....	60	50	4	7 00									
	Mrs. D. S. Wilson...	47	40	7	8 50	44	39	11	8 00	44	37	11		8 00
PRIMARY.														
Village.....	Sara B. Brewer.....	60	45	11	6 00	46	32	11	6 00	35	28	10		6 00
Brimmer.....	Allie A. Hoxie.....	70	55	6 1/2	6 00	66	49	11	6 00	48	35	11		6 00
	Edna C. Tozier.....	61	49	4	6 00									
Page.....	Florence L. Holyoke.	71	59	11	6 00	68	47	11	6 00	52	36	11		6 00
Excelsior.....	Mrs. E. H. Bolton...	61	50	11	6 00	55	48	11	6 00	45	38	11		6 00
UNGRADED.														
Mill Dam. ....	Miss J. L. Farrington	24	20	11	6 00	24	20	11	6 00	22	20	11		6 00
Liberty.....	Nellie B. Spaulding..	26	23	10	6 00	33	28	10	6 00	35	32	10		8 00
Day.....	Cora M. Pierce.....	4	4	8	5 00	6	6	10	5 00					
Whiting Hill..	May L. Fowler. ....	14	9	10	5 50	14	12	10	5 50	14	12	10		5 75
Kingsbury. ....	Hattie A. Rand..... Ida A. Coggins.....	11	9	10	5 00	11	9	10	5 00	13	11	10		5 50

## THE HIGH SCHOOL.

At its last Annual meeting the town voted to establish a free High School, and raised money for that purpose.

There was so much to be done in the way of preparation, in order to make the school a success, that I did not attempt to set it in operation until fall. During the summer the High School room, which had not been used for school purposes for several years, was repaired and put in order for the school. This is now one of the neatest school rooms in town.

It was also necessary to prepare a course of study for the school, and to select suitable text books. The course of study as finally arranged, is made a part of this report.

But most of all, was it necessary to secure the services of a teacher qualified in all respects to organize and conduct this school, upon the plan proposed. Such a teacher I at last secured, and the first term of the school commenced Sept. 4th, 1882, and continued twelve weeks. The second term of the same length closed March 2nd, 1883. During this time the school, under the government and instruction of Mr. A. L. Baker, has been a complete success. The discipline of the school is nearly perfect; and the thorough understanding of the subjects studied by them, which was manifested by the pupils at the close of each term, gave ample proof, both of the ability of their teacher to impart instruction, and of the interest felt by the pupils themselves in their work.

Many pupils of other schools in town have shown a deep interest in this school, and are looking forward to the time when they, too, shall be fitted to enter it, and to pursue the course prescribed.

I trust the Town will continue to maintain this school, and that the services of the present efficient teacher may be retained for the coming year.

The Course of Study, as arranged for the High School, provides for practical instruction of the pupils in the higher English branches, as will be seen by a reference to the course printed herewith.

## HIGH SCHOOL COURSE OF STUDY.

## FIRST YEAR.—FIRST TERM.

Arithmetic with business forms.	Physiology.
Natural Philosophy.	Physical Geography.
Reading.	Book-keeping.

## SECOND TERM.

Algebra.	Natural Philosophy.
Physiology.	Physical Geography.
Reading.	Book-keeping.

## THIRD TERM.

Algebra.	General History.
Botany.	Book-keeping.
Reading.	

## SECOND YEAR.—FIRST TERM.

Algebra.	General History.
Botany.	Natural History.
Reading—selections from American Authors.	

## SECOND TERM.

Geometry.	General History.
Rhetoric.	Natural History.
Reading—Selections.	American Literature.

## THIRD TERM.

Geometry.	Geology.
Rhetoric.	General History.
American Literature.	Reading—Selections, &c.

## THIRD YEAR.—FIRST TERM.

Geometry.	Astronomy.
Geology.	Mental Philosophy.
English Literature.	Reading—Selections from English Authors.

## SECOND TERM.

Astronomy.	Mental Philosophy.
Chemistry.	Science of Government.
English Literature—Selections, &c.	

## THIRD TERM.

Chemistry.	Mental Philosophy.
English Literature.	Science of Government.
Commercial Arithmetic.	

Exercises in Composition, with Declamations and Recitations, throughout the course.

## GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

Our three Grammar Schools have made good progress during the year, and are training classes of pupils for good work in the High School.

The Village Grammar school was taught, during the Summer and Fall terms by Miss Stanley, who is well known as a teacher in that part of the town. The Winter term was under the care of Mr. W. F. Hart, a gentleman well qualified for the position that he held.

The Brimmer Grammar school has also had two different teachers during the year. Miss Ruggles during the Summer term, and Miss Mertie M. Moore, during the Fall and Winter. The results of the Summer's work were not so satisfactory as could have been wished. They were not what I had been led to expect from the teacher's experience and reputation as a teacher. Under the charge of Miss Moore, the school has improved greatly, and has done much excellent work.

The Excelsior Grammar school has been taught during the year, by Miss Brastow, who is so well known to us as a successful teacher. It is sufficient to say of this school, that very gratifying progress was made by the pupils, whose examination at the close of the year, gave evidence of the careful instruction which they had received.

Mr. C. P. Fessenden, of Bangor, gave instruction in Penmanship to the pupils of the Grammar and High schools every week during the school year. Under his care the schools have made great improvement in this branch of study, which, until he was employed, was too much neglected in our schools.

## INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

The Village Intermediate school has been taught during the year, by Miss Chambers, who has taught the same school for several years.

The Brimmer Intermediate school also retained its teacher of last year, Mrs. H. M. Towle. As was to be expected under the circumstances, both of these schools have made good progress.

The Summer term of the Page Intermediate school, began with Miss S. E. Gilmore as teacher. Miss Gilmore is a graduate of one of our Normal schools, but not possessing *all* the qualifications necessary for

the government of this school, she resigned her position at the end of the fourth week. She was succeeded by Mrs. Wilson, who taught the school very successfully during the remainder of the year.

#### PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Our Primary schools, with the exception of the one at the Village, have been taught by the teachers who had charge of them last year. At the Village, Miss Brewer succeeded Miss Stanley, who was promoted.

A great deal of excellent work has been done in all of these schools, and the teachers deserve much credit for the faithfulness with which they have labored. Justice demands that the wages of the Primary teachers be increased, for their present low rate of compensation is hardly creditable to us. This was Miss Brewer's first effort at school teaching, and her success during the year showed how faithfully she had worked.

The Brimmer Primary school, under charge of Miss Hoxie, has made good progress during the year. During the last four weeks of the Summer term, Miss Hoxie was out of the school on account of the illness and death of her mother. The school, during her absence, was under the charge of Miss Edna C. Tozier.

The Page Primary, under the instruction of Miss Holyoke, has fully maintained the position which it had reached.

The Excelsior Primary school shows the good results of its careful training by a teacher whose ambition is to make hers the model school of its grade. As one who has a deep personal interest in this school, by reason of its being the one in which my own children are beginning their school life, I must express my earnest hope that Mrs. Bolton may be retained as its teacher.

#### UNGRADED SCHOOLS.

The Mill Dam school has remained under the instruction of Miss Farrington, during the year, with the good results we had anticipated.

The Liberty school has been successfully taught during the year by Miss Spaulding. The small school in the Lambert or Day neighborhood, was taught by Miss Pierce; the Whiting Hill school by Miss Fowler; the Kingsbury school by Miss Rand, in the Summer, and by Miss Coggins in the Fall and Winter.

The last three schools named above have been very small; and although as successful perhaps, under all the circumstances, as could have been expected, the small number of pupils attending prevented the development of that degree of interest in their work, on the part of both pupils and teachers, that a larger attendance might have inspired. The number of scholars within the limits of the old Day, Whiting Hill and Kingsbury districts has decreased until the schools are very small, even when all the children of school age are at school.

An attempt was made to give to these outlying schools, as nearly as possible, the same privileges, as to length and number of terms, that the larger schools in town enjoyed. Thus the Liberty, Whiting Hill, and Kingsbury schools had three terms of ten weeks each during the year. A third term can hardly be practicable in the Day neighborhood, until the school building is finished, so as to be comfortable in winter. If the number of scholars in the vicinity seemed to make it desirable that the school room should be finished, it might be done at comparatively small expense. A sufficient number of desks to furnish the room are stored in the shed on the Page school house lot, and might be used to good advantage in this house.



## SCHOOL BOOKS.

The amount appropriated by the town for the purchase of school books was \$500. The amount expended during the year for books, including books used in the High school, was \$435.61 cents, as follows:

Amount paid D. Bugbee & Co.....	\$115 58	
Cowperthwait & Co.,.....	107 40	
D. Appleton & Co., .....	106 25	
Ivison, Blakeman, Taylor & Co.....	77 65	
Thompson, Brown & Co.,.....	20 10	
Charles Hight,.....	3 30	
	<hr/>	\$430 28
Express charges on books,.....		3 83
T. W. Burr, for labels for books,.....		1 50
		<hr/>
Total,.....		\$435 61

Taking the average number of scholars registered during the three terms, we find that these books have cost 76 cents per scholar. Nearly all of these books are still in good condition, and can probably be used another year; some of them much longer. It will be necessary to purchase some Readers for the various classes in the Primary schools, to replace those worn out during the last two years; but these are all low priced books. A large part of the books bought during the past year were for the Grammar and High schools. These were quite high priced books, but they can be used for years to come. As new classes are formed, some more books of different kinds will probably be required; but I think the amount stated by the municipal officers, in their estimate for the ensuing year, will be sufficient for their purchase.

As it seemed desirable to have in our Primary schools a reading book to supplement the Second Reader in use, I procured twenty copies of Monroe's Advanced Second Reader, for use in a small class in Mrs. Bolton's school, and also one in Miss Holyoke's school (both of which classes had read their old Readers through several times). The result of this experiment was very gratifying. I would recommend that this Reader, and perhaps other supplementary Reading books, be introduced into the other Primary schools.

The books recommended for use in the High school are the following: Robinson's Arithmetic, Meserve's Book-keeping, Warren's Physical Geography, Steele's Philosophy, Greenleaf's Algebra, Gray's "How Plants Grow," Swinton's Outlines of History, Kellogg's English Literature, Dana's "Geological Story Briefly Told," Lockyer's Astronomy, Young's Government Class Book.

Some excellent black-boards, seven in all, I believe, have been put into the Brimmer and Excelsior school rooms, and some of the boards already there have been stained, so that our school rooms are much better supplied with these necessary means of instruction than ever before.

## SCHOOL HOUSES.

When the Town took possession of the school property belonging to the several districts a year ago, there were in town eleven school houses. One of these, the Page school house, in Central district, was new and had been occupied but one term. The Brick school house at the Mill Dam, in the same district, was in good repair; while the house in the Liberty district was, even then, undergoing repairs at the hands of the district agent of the previous year. These repairs were completed by him. The school houses at the Village were in quite good repair, that is to say, they could be used for school purposes a year or two without very extensive repairs. The same was partly true of the large house in Brim-

mer district in which the High School is located. But the other school houses in town; the smaller one in Brimmer district; the Excelsior, in Central, and the Day, Whiting Hill and Kingsbury houses were in very bad condition, in short they were not suitable for the purpose for which they were to be used.

Very little was done in the matter of repairs during the short vacation in the spring, except that some blackboards that seemed indispensable, were made and put up in the Brimmer and Excelsior houses. Some closets were also fitted up in these houses, in order to have a safe place in which to keep the books belonging to the town, when they were not in use. When the long summer vacation gave an opportunity to make needed repairs, it was thought best to begin with the Excelsior, and the Brimmer Primary and Intermediate school rooms. These were found to be in even worse condition than had been supposed. It was soon discovered that one of two courses must be adopted. Either the repairs should be merely temporary, which would make it necessary to do the work again at an early date; or they should be so thoroughly made, that future repairs (except such as are incidental, merely, as replacing a broken pane of glass, &c.,) would not be needed for years to come. The former course would have enabled us to get through the year, with but little expense, and with no real gain. The latter would probably cost quite a sum, and would give us school rooms that were comfortable, clean and pleasant, instead of being uncomfortable, dirty and unattractive, as they then were.

Believing it to be for the interest of the town, that whatever was done should be *well done*, the four rooms above named were put into the best order possible. When the fall term began, these rooms were probably in better condition than for many years before. The walls and woodwork of the rooms had been well repaired, the walls neatly papered, the woodwork painted; the desks repaired and painted; and the ceiling of the Excelsior rooms and of the Brimmer Intermediate room whitewashed. The ceiling of the Brimmer Primary room was in such a state that, acting upon the advice of Mr. Robinson, the mason who was making a part of the repairs, we decided to panel the whole ceiling. This was done in a very neat and substantial manner, and, although it cost quite a sum to do it, the probability is that the ceiling of this room will need no more repairs so long as the house shall stand.

The walls and ceiling of the Brimmer Grammar school room were repaired and whitewashed, and the paint well cleaned. The High school room was repaired, the ceiling whitewashed, and the walls papered. At Whiting Hill, the needed repairs were made by Mr. Emerson, who put the school room in very good order. The Kingsbury school room was wholly replastered. The old desks were so nearly used up, that it was thought best to replace them by better furniture. Sixteen of the hardwood double desks taken from the old Page Intermediate room were put into this room, greatly to the improvement of the room, and to the comfort of the pupils. Some further repairs are needed about this house. New inside doors would have been put in, last summer, and some repairs made on the outside of the house, had our plans not been suddenly disarranged. The Mill Dam school house was demolished by a tornado, and we had the expensive task of nearly rebuilding it, added to our other duties. That task was performed, and the house put in good order as speedily as possible; but the commencement of the Fall term was somewhat delayed.

The present condition of our school houses is as follows: Both houses at the Village need some slight repairs; the walls of the rooms and the ante rooms of the larger building need attention, in order to prevent greater expense by and by. The furnace of this house is very much out of repair. It may be necessary to procure a new one. The Primary school room at the Village needs repairs about the windows, some of

them being in very bad condition. The wood work should be painted, and some other slight repairs should be made.

In the Brimmer Grammar school room, there is need of better furniture. The desks now there are very much the worse for wear, and, one after another, they are becoming useless. Perhaps in a few years the town may be in condition to refurnish this room. The other Brimmer school rooms, the Page, Excelsior and Liberty school rooms, need nothing in the way of repairs. When the house at the Mill Dam was repaired, after the tornado, the wood work inside was not painted. It would be well to have this done, and the cost would be small. The Day school house ought to be finished, if we are to occupy it for school purposes. At Whiting Hill a few dollars ought to be expended in repairs, and a little more will be needed for the Kingsbury house.

#### MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

A large amount of wood has been used in our school rooms during the past year. The cold, wet weather during the first term, and the intense cold of the past winter, made an ample supply necessary.

At the beginning of the year I found that there was scarcely any wood at any of the school houses. The only district agent who had taken pains to provide fuel for the ensuing year, was Mr. Weeks, at the Village. He had obtained ten cords of green hard wood. Before the schools opened, it was necessary to buy dry wood to warm the school rooms. On account of the bad condition of the roads, it was with difficulty that enough was obtained, even at quite a high price. The greater part of the wood used during the year was purchased after it was seasoned, and therefore cost more than it would have cost if bought while green. The cost of fuel will be very much less for the coming year, as I have taken the precaution to secure a large quantity of green hard wood, of good quality, which has been piled near the school houses to season. The price at which this is furnished is very much less than we were obliged to pay last year.

The stove that had been used for many years in the Brimmer Grammar school room, became unsafe during the winter, and a new one was purchased. The other miscellaneous expenses of the schools have probably been about the same as usual, perhaps a little less.

#### OUR NEW DEPARTURE.

I cannot close this report without a word in regard to the system which this town adopted last spring—the town system in place of the district system.

After a year's trial of this system, following immediately upon two years' experience of the old system, I can truly say, that I believe the new way to be far better than the old. I know that the tax raised to enable the town to effect the change seemed to fall heavily upon some sections of the town; but for this there has already been some compensation. Those districts that were most heavily taxed, had the school houses that most needed repairs when the system was inaugurated. Their school rooms are already more attractive than for a long time prior to the change; and under this system, they can be kept more perfectly in order, than under the old one. The worst is over; the change has been made, the tax assessed and paid. If we desired to do so, there seems to be no convenient way of going back to the old system. To my mind, the new system offers to us far greater advantages than the old.

Another year of judicious management under this system will enable us to put our school rooms throughout the town in good repair; so that at a trifling expense each year, thereafter, they can be kept in the condition in which they should be. Then, I think it will be easy for us,

without raising a dollar more per year than we have been accustomed to raise for schools, to have three full terms of school during the year, in each school room in town. The work of the schools can be made more uniform, and much better results can be obtained than hitherto.

With our schools conducted upon this new system in such a manner as to secure the results, which I believe it to be capable of producing; with free text books, so that each pupil shall have just the book that he needs; with a High school well organized and equipped, and under the direction of a teacher full of enthusiasm for his calling, and well abreast of the times, it seems that Brewer could speedily attain to a high position in educational matters.

#### SUMMARY.

Whole number of scholars in town, April 1st, 1882,	911
Whole number in summer schools,	565
Average number in summer schools,	446
Whole number in fall schools,	573
Average number in fall schools,	451
Whole number in winter schools,	524
Average number in winter schools,	421
Average wages of female teachers per week, including board	\$7 18
Amount raised by town for support of schools,	2,600 00
Amount received from the State,	1,435 52
Interest on school fund,	58 16
Amount appropriated by town for the purchase of books,	500 00
Amount expended for books,	435 61
Cost of books, per scholar,	76

FRANK A. FLOYD, Supervisor of Schools.

Brewer, Me., March 7th, 1883.