

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TREASURER, AUDITORS,

AND OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF HENNIKER,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY

1854.

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1854.

REPORT.

*Horace Gibson in account with the town of Henniker, as Treasurer,
for A. D. 1853.*

DR.

To cash and orders received of Jonas Wallace, it being the balance left in the hands of the Treasurer, for A. D. 1852	\$184 00
To Cash received of Harris Campbell, the Liter- ary Fund money,	82 45
To cash received of George W. Rice, by the hand of Eri Colby for Old Bridge Timber,	8 20
To cash received from County, by the hand Eri Colby, the County pauper money,	100 00
To cash received from the town of Bradford, for the expense of Mrs. A. A. Moore and child,	27 00
To cash received from Abel Connor, Collector at sundry times,	4449 30
To cash received from the State, the Railroad tax,	59 42
To cash received from H. A. Rice, for error in his tax,	2 00—\$4912 37

Audited by the undersigned, this 2d day of
March, A. D. 1854.

JOHN CAMPBELL,
JONAS WALLACE,
TITUS V. WADSWORTH, } Auditing
Committee.

*Horace Gibson, aforesaid, in account with the town of Henniker,
for A. D. 1853.*

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Paid Walter Harriman, State Treasurer, the State tax,	\$389 90
Seth K. Jones, County Treasurer, the County tax,	518 55
Nathan Sanborn for medicine for Nancy D. Searle.	8,25
Stephen Kimball, for boarding, nursing and clothing Nancy D. Searle, from Oct. 12, 1852, to May 10, 1853, County pauper,	60 00

Paid Nathan Sanborn, for doctoring Nancy D. Searle, from March 14th to Oct. 10, 1853; Co. pauper,	12 50
Stephen Kimball for boarding and nursing Nancy D. Searle, Co. pauper, from May 10th to Oct. 10th, 1853,	44 00
John Purington, for boarding Alice Whitney, eight weeks and one day,	6 12
Ebenezer Hemphill for boarding and nursing Mrs. A. A. Moore and infant child, from Aug. 4th to Oct. 8, 1853.	27 00
David Osborn for boarding and nursing Lucretia Marsh daughter of John Marsh, from Sept 24th, to Oct. 15, 1853,	12 00
Also, for breaking roads in 1852 and 1853,	2 45—
Jacob Straw, for doctoring Lucretia Marsh,	14 45
Jacob Straw, for doctoring Isaac Goodwin,	14 00
Isaac Brooks, for taking care of Thomas Livingston ten weeks,	7 50
Nahum Newton, for one cord wood to Thomas Livingston's family	33 00
Wm. K. Plumer for digging grave for Joshua Kimball,	2 50—
Cyrus Carpenter, for snowing upper Bridge,	35 50
Michael Livingston, for snowing Bridge, near How's Mill,	2 00
Amos Wood's Order,	1 00
Jonas Wallace, for printing town reports, and preparing the same for the press for A. D. 1852.	75
Alfred Winship, for Horse and Wagon to Hopkinton,	8 33
Wm. P. Cressy for satisfaction of an Execution, in favor of Fletcher & Emerson,	24 00
Hall Roberts, Commissioner of Common Schools for Merrimack County,	1 25
Samuel W. Morrison for land for highway,	116 64
Hiram G. Clark, for work on road,	22 55
Jacob Gordon for work on road in April, 1853,	3 00
John Barnes for repairing highways,	58 57
Edmund Wood, " "	4 00
John Campbell, " "	3 00
James H. Ray, " "	3 25
Ezra Eastman, " "	1 85
Samuel Folsom, " "	5 00
Willard Colby, " "	3 00
George W. Cogswell, " "	3 20
	3 50
	75

Paid John Gove, for work on road and bridge plank,	15 38
Horace Childs, for bridge plank and timber,	9 38
Ebenezer Hemphill, for repairing bridge,	40
Nathaniel J. Noyes, for split stone, repairing abutment and covering bridge,	19 26
Zebulon Foster, for repairing bridge near How's Mill,	76 44
Hazen K. Plumer, for repairing highways,	19 00
B. F. Noyes, for plank for bridge, in N. J. Noyes' District,	10 30
Abel Connor, for errors and abatement of taxes,	17 19
Abel Connor, for abatement of Mrs. Rachel Alley's taxes,	6 35
Amount of non-resident highway receipts,	43 24
N. H. Asylum, for support of Jane Whitney, Co. pauper,	16 56
do do do do do	19 43
do do do do do	18 54
do do do do do	22 21
Squire M. Patten, for going to Bradford and Warner on pauper business, and time and expense in perambulating town line,	4 50
Squire M. Patten for time fare and expenses to attend C. C. Pleas, Oct. Term, A. D. 1853,	6 35
J. C. & A. Winship, for stove furnished on the Town Farm,	15 88
Wm. D. Eastman, for money advanced in part pay for a pair of steers for the town	20 00
Wm. D. Eastman, for paying bills against the town farm,	95 31
Frederick Whitney, the school house tax in District No. 5,	25 00
C. S. Dodge, for school house tax, in District No. 7,	51 81
Benj. Colby for school house tax in School District No. 9,	25 10
Samuel Page, Prudential Com. in Dis. No. 1,	\$73 94
Winthrop Chase, do do " 2,	35 79
Truman Parker, do do " 3,	40 72
Nahum Newton, do do " 4,	64 08
Warren S. Childs, do do " 5,	80 10
John L. Colby, do do " 6,	64 08
Jeremiah Foster, do do " 7,	91 19
Alva Green, do do " 8,	105 97
Moses Colby, do do " 9,	30 86

Paid Stephen Newhall, Prudential Com. in No. 10,	43 18	
Horace Childs, do do " 11,	126 03	
B. F. Noyes, do do " 12,	38 25	
Israel P. Dodge, do do " 13,	30 86	
Annis Campbell and K. G. Morrill's proportion of School and Literary fund money,	8 38—	833 43
Thomas Chase, for error in his tax,		2 05
Richard Whittier, do do		2 04
C. S. Dodge, do do		2 32
Isaac Rice, do do		1 23
Jeremiah Foster, do do		3 40
Hiram Marsh, do do		1 90
H. M. Davis, do do and snowing bridge,		4 03
J. O. Folsom, for repairing highways,	4 50	
Also, for breaking highways,	3 00—	7 50
T. V. Wadsworth for repairing and breaking roads,		12 30
George W. Berry, for repairing highways,	2 00	
do do for breaking highways,	1 20—	3 20
Luther Hathorn, for breaking roads and repairing roads and bridges,		2 28
John Campbell for time and expenses at Concord and breaking roads,		6 53
John Gove for breaking roads and snowing Bridge,		2 40
Harry Barnes, for breaking roads,		1 23
James H. Ray, do do		16 21
Edward G. Clark, do do		11 58
Walter Felch, do do		80
Franklin T. Huntington, do		9 35
John Campbell, do do		10 00
Joseph Hoag, do do		10 50
Horace Gibson, for postage for A. D. 1852,		60
Horace Gibson, for goods delivered to Calvin Bowman, per order,		95
S. Otis Hanson, for expenses of Town Officers for A. D. 1852,		15 00
Thomas Chase's note,		429 00
Nathaniel Morgan's note,		211 47
Squire M. Patten, and is endorsed on his note against the town,		28 87
Nath'l Patch, do do		50 00
Oliver Pillsbury, it being due him for interest money,		26 70
Ira Perley, for advice respecting C. V. R. Road,		8 00

Paid L. Smith, for advice and services in relation to the settlement of Mrs. A. A. Moore and infant child,	2 00
Jeremiah Foster for attending C. C. P., Oct. term, in the case C. V. R. Road,	3 28
Robert Wallace for money advanced and services rendered as selectman,	32 90
Robert Wallace, for money advanced to David E. Harriman for services on town farm in the year A. D. 1852,	156 65
Squire M. Patten, for cash advanced and services rendered as selectman,	42 00
Squire M. Patten, for money advanced to David E. Harriman, for services on town farm, A. D. 1852,	104 41
Eri Colby, for services as selectman,	24 03
Eri Colby, for attending Court and perambulating town line, and expenses,	8 44
Abel Connor, for collecting Taxes for A. D. 1853,	41 00
Abel Connor for notifying town Officers and settling bills of I. Perley and N. H. Asylum against the town,	4 25
James Caldwell, for services as Town Clerk and Superintending School Committee,	30 92
John F. Brown for a pair of Boots delivered to Mrs. Calista Page,	1 25
Asa Gordon, for error in taxes,	1 05
Frederick Whitney for boarding Alice Whitney 22 weeks,	16 50
Moses D. Perry, for assisting and watching with Joshua Dolby one night,	2 00
Willard Colby, for breaking roads in District No. 6,	16 00
Daniel Rice, for do do	3 04
Alfred Winship, for abatement of Milton Gregg, John Marsh, Ebenezer Mudgett, Frederick A. Mitchell, Reuben G. White, Florimand L. Howe and Wm. Parker's Taxes for A. D. 1852,	6 82
Josephus Smith, for repairing and taking care of Town house,	6
Horace Gibson, for postage and stationery,	
Horace Gibson, for goods furnished to Thaddeus Goodwin's family,	20 91
S. O. Hanson, for coffins for Thaddeus Goodwin's children,	8 00

Paid B. F. Noyes, for services, &c., rendered to Thadeus Goodwin's family,	36 58	
Jacob Straw, for attendance and medicine for Thadeus Goodwin's family,	69 75—	135 24
Eri Colby, for breaking roads,		6 56
Eri Colby, for services as selectman, and money advanced,		13 00
Hiram G. Clark for breaking roads in District No. 5,		6 80
John Barnes do do		3 50
John Peasley, for repairing and breaking roads,		6 70
Robert Wallace, for services as selectman, for A. D., 1853,		26 12
Horace Gibson for services as Treasurer,		8 00
John Campbell, for services as Auditing Committee,		1 00
Jonas Wallace, do do		1 00
Titus V. Wadsworth, do do		1 00
Cash remaining in the hands of the Treasurer,		542 15
		<u>\$4912 37</u>

Audited by the undersigned this second day of March, A. D. 1854.

JOHN CAMPBELL,	} Auditing Committee.
JONAS WALLACE,	
TITUS V. WADSWORTH,	

William D. Eastman in account with the Town of Hen-
niker, *Dr.*

To amount of real and personal property as per inventory of Selectmen, taken in 1853.....	\$3627 48
Interest on the same for one year.....	217 65
Agent's compensation.....	215 00

OTHER BILLS AS FOLLOWS.

Paid Wallace & Wyman for 4 bbls Flour 24 51, 30 gall molasses 8 33, 37 lbs sugar 2 81, 11 lbs Tea 4 42, 75½ lbs Fish 3 39, 5 bags salt 2 47, 3½ bush salt 2 03, 233 crackers 1 00, 3½ lbs cream tartar 95, 1½ lbs spice 24, 3 lbs ginger 33, 17 lbs Tobacco 3 47, 8 lbs rice 40, 1 bottle castor oil 25, 4 oz quick silver 36, 1-4 gross matches 12, 6 papers garden seeds 30, 1 nappy 15, bread pan 10, 53½ lbs Pork 6 27, 3 E pots 28, lb rosin 04, 2 rakes 40, kit mackerel 1 88, thread 16, 5 skeins yarn 22, 3 yds Ribbon 21, 1 oz camphor 07, 1-4 lb cassia 10, 1 pr boots 2 50, 9 yds delaine 1 80, trimmings 58, 1-2 lb salt petre 06, 9 yds print 1 12, table cloth 35, 4 plates 12, Pitcher 17, lb snuff 23,

axe 1 00, card 09, 6 balls wicking 26, 3 doz clothes pins 09, box pills 25, bush grass seed 3 88, 13 lbs clover seed 1 82, 4 qts peas 32, broom 25, bottle bitters 25, 2 pails 40, scythe stone 08, scythe 92, 2 files 17, lb putty 07, lb log wood 04, bush rye 1 00.

Also paid H. Gibson for 15 gall molasses 3 75, 10 lbs sugar 70, lb tea 40, 19½ lbs fish 88, 25 crackers 12, bag salt 20, 5 lbs Rice 25, broom 23, pr chains 67, 8 yds drilling 64, 2 pr ox bows 62.

Also paid J. Butler for 20 lbs sugar 1 35, 6 lbs tea 2 50, barrel flour 5 75, 2 lbs raisins 20, 1 lb ginger 09, lb pepper 14, 1-4 cassia 09, bag salt 20, yd cambrie 20, 6 lbs saleratus 30, spool thread 04, lb starch 10, 64½ lbs pork 8 03.

Also paid N. & D. Sawyer 6 lbs saleratus 42, 4 lbs sugar 36, lb tea 40; E. Dutton 8½ yds print 1 06, 3¼ yard cotton cloth 28, 3½ lbs sugar 26; paid Nathan Sanborn 3 63 for 3 visits and medicine; paid Harris Campbell for blacksmithing 4 54; paid Wm. Chandler for blacksmithing 4 72; paid Charles Barker for blacksmithing 45; paid S. M. Patten 50; J. Patten farrier's services 1 00; D. L. Cogswell for digging 2 graves 3 00; James Wilkins for 2 coffins 6 00, painting and wedging boxes of cart wheels 1 50; Timothy Emerson for shoemaking 2 50; Imri Woods for yarn 6 42; William D. Eastman for beans 1 49; Silas Colby bush rye 1 00; Thomas Brown cow 23 50; James Wood pr oxen 112 50; Israel P. Dodge pr oxen 80 00; Pedler dipper and essence 31; O. Beckwith plow 6 75; J. Forsaith pint rum 06; C. Sargent 1-2 oz camphor 03; Peter Eaton repairing harness 33; L. Harriman 4½ bush wheat 5 62; Pedler 75 crackers 25; B. Newman repairing tin ware 50; Pedler for tin ware 1 73; L. Harriman buckwheat and Vinegar 88; L. Colby 10 bush potatoes 1 67; B. Wadsworth 60½ lbs Pork 6 63; R. Wallace 79 lbs beef 3 95; S. M. Patten 20½ veal 1 04; H. Merrill rennet skin 16; C. Smith 25 1-2 days work 19 38; J. Wadsworth pair thorough braces 1 00; A. Caldwell thrashing 3 24; P. Morrill 64 lbs beef 2 88; C. Woods pr steers 50 00; John Gove pint oil 13; Imri Woods pr oxen 93 00; F. Whitney 3-4 bush rye 67; A. Wood 8 bush Rye 7 73; J. C. & A. Winship stove 17 00, funnel and tin ware 2 35.

Whole amount of bills..... \$593 35

Whole amount of debtor as above.....\$4653 48

William D. Eastman, *Cr.*

By amount of Real Estate.....\$2600 00

By personal property as per inventory of Selectmen, taken Feb. 22d, 1854—neat stock and horse \$470 00; 3 shoats 38; 6½ bush wheat 13 00; 20 bush corn 22 00, 12 tons Hay 180 00; 50 lbs butter 10 00; 30 lbs tallow 3 62; bbl beef 14 00; 1½ bbls pork 35 00; 1½ bbls soap 7 00, 140 lbs cheese 15 40, 80 bush potatoes 40 00, 60 lbs lard 7 50, 3½ bush oats 1 75, 35 lbs dried apple 3 00, 2 bush beans 4 00, farming tools 75 00, furniture 250 00, 140 lbs ham 16 80.

Sold to Winship 348 lbs old iron 3 48, Paul Morrill pr oxen 140 00,

H. Bartlett pr oxen 115 00, O. Beckwith 48 lbs old iron 48, D. Chase 7½ lbs butter 1 25, D. E. Harriman 2 pigs 4 00, A. Pollard 19 lbs veal 75, W. S. Childs 19½ lbs veal 98, L. Harriman pig 2 00, H. Bell 99 lbs butter 16 50, L. Harriman 6½ lbs lard 81, C. C. Gibson 12 lbs butter 2 00, pears 3 45, worked for H. Morrill 25, A. Caldwell 17 lbs veal 68, I. Rice 4 calves 20 00, D. Houston 84 feet peg timber 3 36, L. Tuttle pr oxen 99 00, J. B. Moulton 31 lbs butter 7 75, 32½ lbs cheese 3 20, J. S. Butler bushel beans 2 00, H. Morrill 78 lbs hide 4 68, made 8 linen coats 1 60.

Sold Wallace & Wyman 221 eggs 2 25, 29½ lbs cheese 2 95, 54 lbs butter 8 35, 33 pr feeting 11 02, 13 lbs tallow 1 30, 9 lbs calf skin 90, 10½ lbs Lard 1 28, making 7 pr pants 1 40, H. Gibson 24 eggs 25, built 25 rods wall 25 00.

Whole amount of credit.....\$4293 99

Balance against the town..... \$359 49

LIST OF PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN SUPPORTED ON THE FARM THE PAST YEAR.

NAMES.	AGES.	NAMES.	AGES.
James Morrison until Aug. 25, 93		Dorcas Stone.....	80
Solomon Johnson until April 16, 90		Betsey Joslyn	78
Aaron Eastman.....	72	Mehitabel Keezer.....	77
Alvin Whitman.....	67	Hannah Connor.....	74
David Purington	77	Betsey Purington	69
Solome Leslie.....	36	Alice Whitney until Aug. 4th, 38	
Nancy Gould.....	89		
Whole number.....	13		
Present number.....	10		

CONDITION OF THE FINANCES OF THE TOWN.

Amount of outstanding demands as estimated		
by the Selectmen.....	\$120 00	
Due on Notes.....	3750 00	
Do. Agent of Town Farm.....	215 00	
		\$4085 00
Cash in the hands of Treasurer.....	542 15	
Due from the County for support of paupers,	38 00	
		580 15
Leaving a balance against the town of.....	\$3504 85	

Audited by the undersigned this 2d day of March 1854.

JOHN CAMPBELL,
JONAS WALLACE,
TITUS V. WADSWORTH, } Auditing
Committee.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DISTRICTS No. 1, 5 AND 8. SUMMER.—These schools were taught by Hellen I. Stanley, Eliza L. Sawyer, and Anstiss S. Kimball, and were under the charge of Mr. Caldwell, who resigned his office as a member of the S. S. Committee, in the Autumn.

In regard to them, he wishes the present Committee to say, viz: that they were all in good order, and acquitted themselves extremely well.

No. 1. WINTER.—WARREN CLARK, teacher. In consequence of neglect on the part of the proper person to notify the Superintending Committee of the length of the school, it was visited but once. The teacher showed a determination to do his best in advancing the scholars in their various studies but appeared to lack somewhat in that energy of character so essential in making a school what it should be.

No. 2. SUMMER.—No School. WINTER; FRANCIS A. GORDON, teacher. A good school. Mr. G. promises to make a thorough and successful teacher.

No. 3. SUMMER.—SARAH P. CCGSWELL, teacher. This school made good progress, having enjoyed the advantages of a No. 1 teacher.

WINTER.—H. G. PATTEN, teacher. The school under Mr. P.'s charge appeared well. Noticed an unusual degree of improvement in reading. Good order was maintained throughout.

No. 4. SUMMER.—E. M. COLBY, teacher. The school was under a good degree of discipline, and very commendable progress was made in the different branches of study. Improvement in reading was quite noticeable, particularly in the smaller scholars. The closing examination showed that the teacher had been faithful to her charge.

WINTER.—A. M. JOHNSON, teacher. A model school. The most perfect order was observed without any apparent effort on the part of the teacher. This school made more than usual progress this Winter, and having enjoyed the services of Miss J. on a former occasion, ranks, if not at the head, at least among the first in point of progress, in town.

No. 5. SUMMER.—ELIZA L. SAWYER, teacher. See No. 1.

WINTER.—HORACE BERRY, teacher. This school was peculiarly unfortunate. Difficulties appeared in the early part of the term which should have called forth decisive action on the part of the teacher. The

conduct of some of the larger scholars was very reprehensible, and the course which he adopted *too mild*, to reduce them to order, and command their respect. Unquestionably many in the District are responsible in a degree for the great loss which has been sustained in the failure of the school the past winter. The Committee did not feel themselves warranted in removing the teacher under the circumstances, without the expressed wish of the District; and as this was not laid before them so as to enable them to investigate the matter, until the school money was worked out, they can make no more definite report than the foregoing.

No. 6. SUMMER.—A. J. COLBY, teacher. With a little more energy, Miss C. will make an admirable teacher. The school was well regulated, and made fair progress.

WINTER.—ROBERT D. RICE, teacher. Perfect order prevailed and the Committee were pleased to observe more than average progress. Some explanations, by way of aiding the scholars to apply their various studies to practical life, would have been of great advantage.

No. 7. SUMMER.—EMELINE A. COGSWELL, teacher. Miss C. is an energetic and spirited teacher. The number of scholars was large for a Summer School, but by means of a perfect system in all her arrangements, and good order, she was able to accomplish a great amount of good.

WINTER.—HIRAM RICE, teacher. This school was the largest in town, and enjoyed the labors of one who, in previous years, had won the love and confidence of the District. Mr. R. fully sustained his former and well earned reputation. He did not come to the school-room with a rod, but in love. He was happily exempted from the necessity of inflicting corporal punishment in any case. The pupils cheerfully submitted to whatever regulations he thought would secure their highest improvement. Generally they became enthusiastic in their studies and at the close of the term, the appearance of the school, both as to order and intellectual attainments, was such as to call forth the unqualified approbation of the Committee.

No. 8. SUMMER.—ANSTISS S. KIMBALL, teacher. See under No. 1.

WINTER.—OLIVER PILLSBURY, Jr., teacher. This school was fortunate in securing the services of an experienced teacher, who did much to arouse the energies of his pupils and lead them to *think* for themselves, as well as to study the text-books. Good order was secured and preserved, which is Heaven's first law, and so it must be in the school-room, or very little can be accomplished by way of disciplining the mind, and storing it with useful knowledge. The pupils were not only well governed, but became much interested in their studies, and consequently made very satisfactory progress. Thoroughness was aimed at, and in a happy degree secured.

No. 9. SUMMER.—No school.

WINTER.—CAROLINE S. WADSWORTH, teacher. The school was small, but made very satisfactory progress under the intelligent, persevering and well directed efforts of the teacher. It was evident that the

pupils had been thrown upon their own resources where the instructor of youth ought ever to place them, so far as is practicable. They were generally ready to answer any question given them in connection with the various studies to which they had attended.

No. 10. SUMMER.—PEACE BUXTON, teacher. This school labors under the disadvantages of an old and much dilapidated school house. With a superior education, Miss B. was deficient in discipline, consequently the school fell short of what it might have been, had better order prevailed.

WINTER.—GEORGE A. EASTMAN, teacher. Mr. E. has done a good work. The Committee noticed a very marked improvement in the appearance of the school, and are happy to give both the teacher and the pupils the credit of having done what they could.

No. 11. SUMMER.—JENNETTE C. MORSE, teacher. Miss M. came among us a stranger but very highly recommended by the Sec'y of the Board of Education. She failed however, we regret to say, to meet the expectations of those who were interested in the School. Her education was abundantly sufficient to teach this or any of our schools, but for some reason she did not succeed in reducing the confused elements of the school room to order. She would doubtless labor with better success and more satisfactory both to herself and her employers among more advanced pupils. We regretted the evident appearance of *special* preparation for the closing examination, and took occasion as we always do under such circumstances to put the pupils on to a *new track*, which as usual proved to be an unfrequented one. It would be doing injustice, however, both to the teacher and pupils not to remark that evident progress was made in some departments of study. We noticed with pleasure, in almost all the exercises, a perfect distinctness of enunciation on the part of the pupils which showed that special pains had been taken with them on this point.

WINTER.—SAMUEL A. FLANDERS, teacher. Mr. F. gave evidence of being a thorough scholar. The school however, from some cause, as was said of the previous term, failed to meet the expectations of its friends. After the first few weeks a good degree of order was secured but the teacher was manifestly deficient in some of the requisite qualifications to secure a good school. Having rendered himself obnoxious to many in the district, a portion of the children were withdrawn and the school at its close was reduced to nearly one half its original number. The course pursued by some parents in the district made matters worse, so that the school, though not a decided failure, was not what it should have been. The Committee did not feel justified, however, in dismissing him without an investigation into the causes of complaint which they had not the opportunity of making.

No. 12. One term taught by ADELINE S. EASTMAN. The number of scholars was very small. Those who were present showed that much care had been bestowed upon them and that it had not been in vain.

No. 13. SUMMER AND WINTER.—SUSAN C. EASTMAN, teacher.—

This school was small, and we cannot therefore be expected to report any great things of it. In the Summer Term, Miss E. secured a good degree of thoroughness in the studies of the school. Everything appeared as well as could be hoped for under the circumstances at the close.

In the Winter, the school commenced favorably but influences from without operated upon it to its decided injury. The progress of the pupils in their studies was not so satisfactory as in the preceding term.

Miss E. is a young but faithful and industrious teacher.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The Committee are happy to report that they found the schools generally in a good condition. The literary qualifications of the teachers were of a high order, and with but few exceptions, they have been good disciplinarians.

A good school, one which will give satisfaction to all parties, results from the combination of several causes. One of these, is a teacher who will combine the ability to govern with that of giving instruction. Undoubtedly, moral suasion should be used in the school room, so far as it can be made effective. Beyond this point, the teacher must exercise his own judgment whether to secure the interference of the Supt. School Committee, or himself inflict corporal punishment. If he adopt the latter course, he must again be governed by his own judgment as to the *mode*, always, however, avoiding such modes as will be *liable* to result in a *permanent* injury.

Other things being equal, that teacher will be most successful in giving instruction who carries into the school room the greatest share of common sense. While such an one will secure a correct knowledge of the text books, he will also arouse the attention and quicken the intellect by introducing illustrations furnished by his own reading and observation. Very much depends upon a teacher's ability to draw upon his own resources, which he has gained by an observation of men and things.

But another thing necessary to secure a good school is the hearty co-operation of the parents and guardians of the pupils. It is impossible to over-estimate this. A very ordinary teacher can do more with this aid than the best of teachers without it. Parents can help the teacher essentially in various ways: by never saying anything against him in the presence of their children, but if they have occasion to find fault with any of his measures seek a private interview with him, and in a quiet manner make such suggestions as the case may seem to require; by encouraging the children in their studies; and speaking to them as favorably of the teacher as the circumstances will allow; by never interfering with the discipline of the school room, unless there is reason to believe that a course is pursued which will result in a permanent injury to the health. Is there not danger of cherishing a distrustful feeling towards the teacher, which will hold him at a distance, so that what-

ever he does to keep his pupils in their proper place if it does not coincide with the views of parents, they will interfere and make suggestions as to how he ought to manage their children.

A reflecting mind will readily perceive that if he should attempt to follow the directions of all the parents in the district, failure would have to be written upon the effort, and that a teacher must adopt a course of his own and prosecute it. Having done this it depends quite as much upon the parents as upon the teacher, whether the school shall be a good one or not. We wish, especially, that parents in those districts where difficulties have occurred during the past year would take this under careful consideration.

Another thing requisite to a good school is a right disposition on the part of the pupils. We cannot stop to specify particulars under this head. Circumstances, however, render it necessary for us to say that our youth, whatever may be the privileges they enjoy, can never hope to make much progress in their studies, if they suffer their attention to be diverted by other things. We regret that evening parties, dancing schools, and other amusements which belong to the same category, should so much interfere with and cripple the highest interests of some of our schools.

The foregoing report is respectfully submitted.

J. M. R. EATON,	} Superintending
J. C. CAMPBELL,	
JOHN GOULD,	
	} School Committee
	} of Henniker.

