

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TREASURER, AUDITORS,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF HENNIKER,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

1860.

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1860.

REPORT.

*Horace Gibson in account with the Town of Henniker as
Treasurer, for A. D., 1859,* DR.

To cash remaining in the hands of the Treasurer, for A. D., 1858,	\$278 28
“ received from Oliver Pillsbury, it being the Literary Fund money,	95 76
“ received from the town of Warner for the support of Fanny K. Clark,	9 00
“ received from State, the Railroad tax,	61 68
“ received from County, for support of Lydia Densmore,	68 00
“ from Dr. W. W. Wilkins, former Liquor Ag't.,	22 54
“ from James P. Baker, Liquor Ag't for 1859,	36 00
“ from Oliver C. Fisher, Collector at sundry times,	4094 02
	\$4665 28

*Horace Gibson, aforesaid, in account with the Town of Henniker,
for A. D., 1859,* CR.

Paid Oliver Colby, breaking roads in 1858, Dist. No. 1,	\$4 70
George C. Goss, “ “ “ 2,	5 00
Mark G. Dustin, “ “ “ 3,	5 08
Jeremiah Foster, “ “ “ 4,	8 25
Edward G. Clark, “ “ “ 5,	9 05
Timothy D. Robertson, “ “ “ 6,	14 80
Francis Colby, “ “ “ 7,	4 45
George E. Barnes, “ “ “ 8,	2 30
Moody Tucker, “ “ “ 9,	14 70
Moses F. Pillsbury, “ “ “ 11,	5 25
George W. Rice, “ “ “ 12,	9 00
Thomas Brown, 2d, “ “ “ 13,	28 00
Willard Rice, “ “ “ 14,	3 45
Henry C. Carter, “ “ “ 15,	6 65
Thomas Brown, “ “ “ 16,	13 40
Abijah Hildreth, “ “ “ 17,	3 00
Warren S. Foster, “ “ “ 19,	8 20
Wm. H. Muzzey, “ “ “ 20,	4 90

Paid Daniel Cogswell, breaking roads 1858, Dis.	21,	\$3 10
Alexander Caldwell, " " "	22,	10 15
Daniel F. Wyman, " " "	23,	16 85
Harrison Morrill, " " "	24,	9 15
James P. Flanders, " " "	25,	2 25
Samuel K. Gove, " " "	26,	8 30
George W. Carnes, " " "	27,	6 50
Nathaniel Paige, " " "	28,	3 30
Squire Dow, " " "	29,	1 50
George A. Eastman, " " "	30,	2 95
John K. Connor, " " "	31,	6 47
Micajah Peaslee, " " "	32,	18 10
George W. Chase, " " "	33,	11 70
Seth A. Morse, " " "	34,	17 45
Elijah B. Huntington, " " "	36,	6 05
James B. Brown, " " "	37,	9 70
Cyrus Carter, " " "	38,	1 58

\$289 28

Paid Cyrus Goss, for rebuilding wall at the north end of lower covered bridge,.....	\$276 36
George A. Eastman, for covering stone bridge's near John K. Connor's,.....	23 00
Carlton S. Dodge, for 138 ft. lumber and repairing bridge,	2 38
Amos Ray, for repairing lower covered bridge..	1 18
Zadok Dustin, for 75 ft. bridge plank, furnished in 1858,.....	75
Thomas Brown 2d, for repairing highway in 1858,	1 00
E. G. Clark, " " " "	1 50
Luther Harthorn, for lumber and work repairing highways and bridges,	9 70
Timothy H. Connor, for work on road,.....	2 00
Benj. F. Noyes, for work on Weare Road,....	4 00
C. E. Goodwin, for work on road and bridge,...	2 00
C. H. Woods, for work on road,	4 00
Joseph B. Colby, for lumber and repairing bridge,	1 00
E. W. Morse, for repairing highway and bridge,.	2 50
Timothy D. Robertson, for 300 ft. lumber and repairing bridge,	2 90
Wm. W. Muzzey, for snowing and repairing lower bridge in 1858,	2 65
Rufus S. Howe, for building bank wall by the side of the Highway near his mill,	15 00

Paid N. H. Asylum, for support of Mrs. Jane Whitney, pauper,.....	\$122 67
P. B. Cogswell, for printing 500 town reports,...	16 00
Jonathan Badger, for balance due him on settlement,	10 51
Jonathan Badger, for services as Agent on town farm,.....	225 00
Imri Woods, for assisting in taking deposition at the town farm,.....	50
Annas Goss, for board and medicine furnished Mary Whitman, from Feb. 25, to March 14, 1859,	4 00
G. W. Gardner, School Commissioner,	21 36
City of Portsmouth, for support of Mrs. Asa Gove,	6 00
Interest on cash advanced by Selectmen for use of town,	32 47
E. P. Flanders, Prudential Com. in Dist. No. 1,	125 34
G. W. Chase, " " 2,	50 03
Horace Berry, " " 3,	71 55
Wm. A. Colby, " " 4,	89 48
Timothy Dow, " " 5,	134 30
Frank A. Gordon, " " 6,	64 38
Moses Dustin, " " 7,	134 30
Joseph Sargent, " " 8,	114 58
Thomas Brown, 2d, " " 9,	48 24
John A. Newton, " " 10,	53 62
Wm. Chandler, " " 11,	179 88
Ezra Chase, " " 12,	57 21
Wallace Dow, " " 13,	51 83
Walter Felch, his proportion of school money,...	8 07
G. W. Hoyt, his proportion of school money,...	5 38
K. G. Morrill, his proportion of school money,...	6 42
John K. Connor, for damage sustained by reason of defect in bridge,	6 00
Jonathan Cogswell, for supporting watering trough for 1859,.....	3 00
Wm. Smith, for supporting watering trough for 1859,	3 00
J. L. Dodge, for carrying Miss Dolby to town farm,.....	75
David Clark, for supporting watering trough, ...	2 00
Moses F. Hoyt, for cash advanced to the town of Pittsfield for support of the May children, and expense in bringing them to Henniker,.....	27 58

Paid Moses F. Hoyt, for labor of men and oxen from the town farm on the lower bridge,.....	\$23 20
Benjamin F. Philbrick, for services rendered the town as Constable at the last annual town meeting,.....	2 00
Sally Morrison, for support of Lydia Densmore, county pauper, one year, ending Oct. 18, 1859,.....	52 00
Sally Morrison, for support of Lydia Densmore, county pauper, 16 weeks, ending Feb. 8, 1860,.....	16 00
James P. Baker, for abatement of taxes on his tax list for the year 1858, as follows:	
John Brownrigg,.....	1 56
James H. Butler,.....	2 60
Joseph Burgoyne,.....	2 54
William Howe,.....	1 56
Nelson Hurd,.....	1 56
Joseph P. Law,.....	1 56
Daniel W. Pingrey,.....	1 56
Alinda Page,.....	1 30
Lemuel Ripley,.....	1 56
Elisha Rice,.....	1 56
Jane W. Sanborn,.....	1 09
James Wilkins, Jr.,.....	81
George B. Wilson,.....	1 63
Willard Colby,.....	1 65
C. A. Bean,.....	2 53—25 07
Jeremiah Foster, for cash advanced to Noah Jackson for damage sustained by reason of defect in highway,.....	3 25
Lucia H. Dustin, for abatement of tax in 1859,.....	1 25
Nathaniel Patch, for supporting Fanny K. Clark, child of Blaisdell Clark, 12 weeks, from Sept. 27, 1859, to Dec. 21, 1859,.....	9 00
Caleb D. Perry, for support of Mrs. Pressey, from Feb. 25, 1859, to April 1, 1859,.....	5 00
Caleb D. Perry, for support of Mrs. Pressey, from April 1, 1859, to April 1, 1860,.....	35 00
Arthur L. Graves, the County tax,.....	833 98
Peter Sanborn, the State tax,.....	373 80
E. B. S. Sanborn, for cash advanced to Minot & Mugridge for retainer in the suit, Adaline Tucker v. Town of Henniker,.....	5 00
E. B. S. Sanborn, cash advanced on account, ..	5 00
Jadok Dustin, for 75 ft. bridge plank, furnished in 1858,.....	75

Paid O. C. Fisher, for cash advanced by him for stationery for the use of the town,.....	\$2 22
Gibson & Cogswell, for goods delivered to Milton Gregg's family,.....	17 84
Horace Gibson, for clothing furnished Milton Gregg's family,.....	2 00
Louisa B. Howe, for clothing furnished Milton Gregg's family,.....	1 50
Lewis P. Hanson, for clothing for Milton Gregg and express bill,.....	9 75
Dr. E. H. Davis, for medical services rendered Mary Gregg,.....	5 00
Dr. E. H. Davis, for effort made to procure a nurse for Milton Gregg,.....	1 00
Dr. W. W. Wilkins, for medical services rendered the family of Milton Gregg, between Jan. 23, and Feb. 27, 1860,.....	96 00
Dr. W. W. Wilkins, for clothing lost in attending upon Milton Gregg's family, chemicals, sheets, pillow cases and other articles furnished for the family,.....	16 35
Dr. I. P. Chase, for medical services rendered Milton Gregg's family,.....	5 00
John Lynch, for assisting in the burial of Mary Gregg and loss of clothing,.....	11 00
David L. Cogswell, for digging grave for Mary Gregg,.....	1 50
Harriman & Gilmore, for coffin delivered to Milton Gregg for Mary Gregg,.....	5 50
John Lynch, labor cleansing Milton Gregg's house, Mark Brown, for sawing wood and tending Milton Gregg's cow,.....	4 42
Timothy Emerson, for one pair boots, two pair shoes furnished Milton Gregg's family,.....	5 75
Thomas Brown 2d, wood furnished Milton Gregg,.....	8 36
W. E. Cogswell, for box to enclose Mary Gregg's coffin,.....	1 50
Josephas Smith, for taking charge of the town house,.....	6 00
O. C. Fisher, the amount of non-resident highway taxes,.....	19 88
Interest on cash advanced by the Selectmen for the use of the town in 1859,.....	22 90
Wm. Cressey, support of watering trough in 1859,.....	1 50

Paid H. M. Davis, for plank, iron and work used about the abutment and bridge over flume,.....	\$6 00	
James P. Baker, cash to purchase liquors,.....	48 05	
Frank A. Gordon, for services as Superintending School Committee,.....	12 00	
L. W. Cogswell, for services as Superintending School Committee,.....	12 00	
G. W. T. Rogers, for services as Superintending School Committee,.....	12 00	
Gibson & Cogswell, stationery for the use of town,	1 08	
Horace Gibson, for services as Town Clerk, 1859,	17 00	
Horace Gibson, for services as Treasurer in 1859, and preparing town report for the press, 1858,	16 00	
Jeremiah Foster, for cash advanced for blanks and stationery,.....	59	
Trip to Concord to consult counsel in Adaline Tucker's case.....	2 87	
Two days time and expense to Andover on pauper business,.....	4 75	
Trip to Concord, County pauper business, 2 87—	11 08	
Cyrus Goss, for trip to Deering on pauper business,.....	2 00	
Trip to Hopkinton, on Adaline Tucker's case,.....	1 50	
Trip to Andover, and expenses, two days' time on business in relation to the settlement of Dolby family, ..	4 75	
Two trips to Deering, to see Overseer of the poor,.....	3 00—	11 25
Alonzo Patterson, recording valuation book,	4 50	
Trip to Hillsborough, to procure derrick,	1 25	
Putting up guide boards,.....	25	
Time and expense to Deering, to search records,.....	2 00	
Cash advanced to Town Clerk of Deering,	40—	8 40
O. C. Fisher, for abatement of taxes for 1859, as follows:		
Blaisdell Clark,.....	1 50	
Levi J. Owens,.....	1 50	
Benjamin Ring,.....	5 13	
Thomas B. Tucker,.....	1 50	
James Wilkins, Jr.,.....	1 50	
James H. Woods,.....	1 50	
Alfred H. Woods,.....	1 50	
Cyrus Carpenter,.....	46—	14 59

Paid O. C. Fisher, for services as Collector in 1859,.	\$40 00
S. W. Morrison, for support of Mary Whitman from March 14, 1859, to March 1, 1860,....	41 67
Jeremiah Foster, services as Selectman in 1859,	47 75
Cyrus Goss, " " "	44 50
Alonzo Patterson, " " "	38 50
A. D. L. F. Connor, services as Auditing Com.,	1 00
John Chase, " " "	1 00
Charles H. Darling, " " "	1 00
Paul Morrill, expense of Town officers in 1858,.	7 50
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Cash remaining in the hands of the Treasurer,	301 89
	<u>\$4665 28</u>

We, the undersigned, having examined the foregoing accounts, find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

A. D. L. F. CONNOR, }
JOHN CHASE, } *Auditing*
CHARLES H. DARLING, } *Committee.*

Finances of the Town.

Estimated amount of bills outstanding for breaking roads the past winter,.....	\$150 00
Other bills,.....	50 00
Due Agent on Town Farm,.....	225 00
	<u>\$425 00</u>

Credit.

Due from the town of Deering for the expense of the family of Milton Gregg,.....	\$201 24
Cash in the hands of the Treasurer,.....	301 89
	<u>\$503 13</u>
Balance in favor of the town,.....	\$78 13

PAUPER ESTABLISHMENT.

Moses F. Hoyt, Agent, in account with the town of Henniker:	Dr.
By cash received of Jonathan Badger,.....	\$ 1 46
By cash received of the town of Andover for the support of Mrs. Dolby and children,.....	49 80
By cash received of the town of Henniker for labor on bridge,.....	23 20
By cash received of George W. Scruton, for labor of Sarah Dolby,...	4 00
By cash received of Abram Bickford, for labor,.....	1 33
	<u>\$79 79</u>

Also, received for the following articles sold:

For bacon, \$5.12; butter, 22.98; rags, 1.17; calfskin, 3.21; old iron, 3.92; cheese, 17.60; neat stock, 2.28; footing, 4.73; old brass, 25; dried apple, 24; hide, 4.81; keeping pedlers, 95; pigs, 7.50; calf, 6.60; veal, 1.50; drag plank, 1.00; cider, 17.00; apples, 5.50; oats, 1.00; keeping Andover Selectmen, 1.50; poultry, 14.89; timber and maple logs, 11.55; dry casks, 1.00; eggs, 55,..... \$362 57

Total debtor,..... \$442 36

Cr.

Paid for flour, \$8.00; tea, 80; coffee, 88; sugar, 22; sundries, 67,..... \$10 67

(The above, \$10 67, was contracted by J. Badger, former Agent.)

Paid for molasses, 6.68; tea, 7.20; sugar, 5.88; seed wheat, 6.00; rye, 9.00; corn, 4.78; leather, 1.23; repairs on wagon, 35; repairs on plough, 1.40; knives, 34; grind-stone crank, 25; cheese tub, 1.00; bag, 25; gallon bottle, 35, tar, 08; Almanack, 05; yeast, 16; shorts, 1.87; salve, 25; sawing, 75; butchering, 33; table, 50; halter, 35; fork handle, 04; hats, 37; ticking, 34; shingles, 12; bitters, 25; rennet, 50; pump and fixings, 3.58; goods of pedler, 28; vinegar, 67; meat, 50; thrashing, 2.00; clothes boiler, 2.00; cider barrels, 2.08; use of cider mill, 4.13; wrench, 12; shoe blacking, 08; fire frame, 2.00; whip, 37; tea kettle, 1.00; pail, 17; stove, 16.00; beeswax, 09; potatoe digger, 75; salt, 5.60; shoe lacings, 12; axe and handle, 1.17; candle stick, 12; camphor, 10; strainer, 25; barrel plaster, 1.19; cask lime, 1.42; pair hinges, 20; padlock, 12; salts, 12; tin ware, 1.88; fish, 4 48; glass, 36; putty, 14; oil, 54; flour, 36.50; cotton cloth, 2.53; scythes, 2.00; rake, 17; pitch forks, 37; scythe stone, 06; horse rake tooth, 17; ginger, 05; starch, 05; handkerchief, 20; cocoa, 13; ox bows, 25; crockery, 2.30; mutton, 1.50; sleigh bells, 34; beef, 6.55; pork, 5.26; files, 27; stove back, 58; alcohol, 75; stove pipe, 1.20; beans, 1.00; comb, 11; curry comb, 16; yarn, 1.64; mop handles, 16; clothes pins, 06; corn snapper, 25; andirons, 32; brick, 10; fresh fish, 32; sundries, 1.67; labor, 25.00; pasturing, 11.10; assistance at funeral, 1.25; coffin, 3.50; cap, 50; digging grave, 1.50; doctor's bill, 3.87; neat stock, 163.25; butter tubs, 1.08; nails, 1.39; crackers, 67; paper, 26; room paper, 1.00; ink, 17; buttons, 20; soap, 25; tobacco, 2.00; snuff, 30; saltpeter, 22; pant cloth, 2.02; shoes, 5.25; blacksmith's bill, 10.38; cattle knobs, 36; mackerel, 1.50; matches, 24; thread, 58; paint, 12; raisens, 12; red cord, 35; pepper, 12; hood, 50; essence, 20; brooms, 1.00; allum, 03; saleratus, 68; indigo, 12; spices, 68; spirits of turpentine, 12; coperas, 04; coffee, 2.53; tacks, 20; lime, 28; prints, 2.97; linsey, 31; twine, 25; grass seed, 3.75; peas, 20; door lock, 25; mustard, 24; salsoda, 72; rice, 30; tape, 19; sulphur, 12; lincement, 35; wicking, 20; earthen ware, 61; lead, 28; dry casks, 70; oats, 2.15,..... \$440 23

Cash remaining in the hands of Agent, 2 13

\$442 36

The Town Farm in account with the town of Henniker:

Dr.

By amount of real and personal property, as per inventory of Selectmen, Feb. 23, 1859,..... \$3885 94
Interest on the same,..... 233 15
Agent's compensation,..... 225 00

Total debtor,..... \$4344 09

-Cr. By real estate,..... \$2600 00

By personal property, as per inventory of Selectmen, taken Feb. 25, 1860, as follows:

neat stock and horses, 570.00; hay, 100.00; corn, 25.00; wheat, 25.00; beans, 4.00; peas, 75; hogs, 24.00; beef, 18.00; pork, 37.00; bacon, 29.00; soap, 3.00; vinegar and cider, 9.00; potatoes, 34.00; apples, 4.00; onions, 1.00; garden sauce, 75; cheese, 18 00; butter, 25.00; candles and tallow, 4.50; lard, 6.00; apple sauce, 1.00; dried apple, 13.00; farming tools and furniture, 325.00,..... \$1277 00
Cash in the hands of the Agent, as per his account,..... 2 13
Cash due for the support of Emerson Woods,..... 8 00

Total credit,..... \$3887 13

Balance against the Farm, \$456 96

RECORD OF PAUPERS THAT HAVE BEEN SUPPORTED ON THE FARM THE PAST YEAR.

David Purinton, aged	83	Betsey Purinton, until April 22,....	74
Mehitable Keezer,	83	Sarah E. May, since Sept. 24,.....	6
Betsey Putney,	71	Nathaniel A. May, since Sept. 24, ..	4
Judith Hardy,	73	Emerson Woods, since Jan. 9,	77
Salome Leslie,	43	Moses Dolby, wife and three children	
Sarah Dolby, since June 13,	31	until Oct. 4.	

A. D. L. F. CONNOR, }
JOHN CHASE, } Auditing
CHARLES H. DARLING, } Committee.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Your Committee, in making their Report, submit the following for consideration, as the events of the year have suggested.

The schools during the past year, with but a few exceptions, have been under the guidance of a noble band of teachers. In no instance have the committee been called upon to settle difficulties. Good progress has been made in most of the schools.

We would invite the attention of parents and guardians to a few things that prevent our schools from being brought to the right standard. The man of any profession cannot prosecute his business with success, unless he has a suitable place for his operations. Who needs a better work shop than the teacher?

While our dwellings and our churches are made comfortable and in many instances are beautifully adorned, many of our school-houses are more fit for the abode of *dumb beasts* than for children. If the citizens would but visit our schools some of the cold days, they would see how utterly impossible it is to have a good school in such houses.

How long will you permit this disgrace to rest upon you? Let but so much as a little board be started from your barns and how quick

the ever ready hammer and nail make it all right again; but the doors may creak upon their hinges in your school-houses, the plastering fall from the ceiling, the wind, rain and snow may drive through in copious effusions, yet you console yourselves by saying, "all right, it will make the scholars tough."

Again we ask, when will you begin to see things from the same stand-point that many of your more civilized neighbors in other towns round about you have done. For it is a notorious fact that the intelligence and enterprise of a place is judged largely by strangers, in the appearance of those receptacles of learning—the school-house.

Nothing so destroys the interest of the scholar in his school as irregularity in attendance; and when this is continued so as to become habitual, the value of the school is almost entirely lost to the pupil. Our schools are valuable and the scholar should be as regular at the school-room as the teacher.

Your Committee deem, as a prominent hindrance to the progress of our schools, the disposition on the part of many parents to interfere with the teacher's regulations. If you would promote the good of your children and the school, speak not disrespectfully of the teacher. Such a course is deleterious to the interest of the school and prejudicial to the welfare of the children. So well is this matter stated by another, that we can but copy his words:

"As soon as the teacher is engaged by the Prudential Committee, prophecy an entire failure in the teacher's efforts, carefully collect as many facts, real and imaginary, as possible about the teacher, and give them as wide publicity as possible before the opening of the school. And when the school opens, encourage irregularity in the pupils; this can best be done by the parents; if a teacher corrects a scholar, take him out of school immediately—withdraw all sympathy from the teacher—listen to all the stories from the pupils against the teacher, and take sides with the pupils against him, never go near the school-room, be a little offish to the teacher, take for truth everything you hear against the teacher, asking no questions for conscience' sake."

And we say to you, find all the fault possible with the order in the school-room, as this is very essential; introduce politics into the district, and the very best of teachers will give up their post. Employ all of these things faithfully and you cannot otherwise than have a poor school. On the other hand, do away with each and every one of these evils and your schools will be brilliant moments in the lives of your children.

Parents say they have no time to visit the school-room. It is difficult to appreciate this excuse. Will you trust the mutual education of your children to others and then give no attention to the kind of care they receive? Can you spare no time to see for yourselves whether or not they are properly trained? Much credit is due those parents who have visited our schools the past year—may others follow their good example. Their visits answer the double purpose of encouraging the teacher and of cheering on the children.

Parents can do much towards the advancement of our schools by selecting agents who will employ teachers of the first grade. Teachers could be models of excellence that their example may be safely imitated by those committed to their charge. Many of our teachers have been profited during the winter term by the admirable instruction received from the able board of instructors who conducted the Teachers' Institute held in this place last Fall. We cannot appreciate too highly the benefit received from their instruction; and we cheerfully recommend teachers and those intending to teach to avail themselves of its privileges and blessings whenever and wherever it is held.

Your Committee feel that they cannot honorably and honestly discharge their duty without once more calling your attention to the various school-houses in your respective districts. A large majority of them are totally unfit for the purpose for which they are used. Even some which have a pleasant outside look, have had arrangements inside. Let those who have comfortable houses keep them so, and let those who have not comfortable ones set themselves about the work of having some that are right. Especially ought the people of No. 11 to feel proud of their *brilliant structure* called a school-house! a laughing stock for every stranger who passes by it, not only at the building itself, but at the folly of the people of a district, *professing civilization*, to allow such a thing to stand.

DIST. No. 1. *Summer Term*—Miss MARY J. RAYMOND, Hopkinton. Miss R. carried to the school-room firmness and decision, blended with a respect for the rights of each scholar. Her scholars made great proficiency and the examination at the close of the school was one of the most interesting and pleasant ones ever witnessed in the District. Whispering was nearly banished from the school-room.

Winter Term—THOMAS F. TUCKER, Henniker. The school appeared well at the commencement of the term. Owing to some misunderstanding the Committee was not notified of the close of the school.

DIST. No. 2. *Summer and Winter Terms*—Miss SUSAN M. MARSH, Henniker. Miss M. seemed much interested in the progress of her scholars who were quiet and studious. The examination showed that the teacher had been fortunate in her plan of operations and faithful in their execution.

DIST. No. 3. *Summer Term*—ISABELLA C. COLTON, Henniker. The school appeared well and each scholar seemed pleased with their teacher and were sorry to have the school close. Diligence and earnestness make the true teacher, and Miss C. has only to have the chance of a larger field for usefulness to prove that she possesses them in a high degree.

Winter Term—Miss EMMA F. MARCY, Hillsborough. Miss M. labored hard to carry out the well laid system of teaching that had been practiced in this district, and succeeded finely. The introduction of singing into this school was pleasant to both teacher and scholars,

and were this to be practiced more, it would serve to drive away many a dull care and make the tasks of the school-room appear easy.

DIST. No. 4. Summer Term—Miss ELLEN E. FISHER, Henniker. This school appeared well at the beginning of the term and the examination at the close exhibited the pleasing fact that teacher and scholars had been faithful and successful in their efforts.

Winter Term—CHAS. A. HARNDEN, Washington. The term commenced under favorable auspices but closed abruptly and without an examination a few days before it should, in consequence of sickness on the part of the teacher. Report in the district says, "it was a good school."

DIST. No. 5. Summer Term—Miss MARY A. CRESSY, Bradford. Miss C. came amongst us known only to a few, yet she proved by her firmness and integrity of purpose that she was at home in the school-room. Her school appeared well at the examination and the sorrow manifested at its close, showed that she had a deep hold upon the sympathies of her scholars.

Winter Term—Miss P. C. SCOTT, Peterborough. Miss S. has been long and favorably known amongst us as a lady and a teacher. The life and earnestness which she carries to the school-room is hard to be equalled. If hard work, full explanation and a determination that every thing shall be fully understood, does not make those who are so highly favored as to be her pupils, good scholars, then dull indeed must be that mind that can stand this pressure and come out at the end of the term as ignorant as at the commencement. Let those who cavil at the idea of employing a lady teacher for the Winter term do so no longer.

DIST. No. 6. No Summer Term.

Winter Term—CHARLES E. WOOD, Henniker. This was Mr. Wood's first attempt at teaching. The studiousness of the scholars as well as their general deportment, showed that he did not mistake his true vocation. Mr. Wood bids fair to become one of our best teachers.

DIST. No. 7. Summer Term—Miss MARY R. SMITH, Henniker. The school appeared well at the inspection soon after its commencement. The teacher was taken sick before the term was completed, and no opportunity was given to observe the progress made. Miss MARY J. RAYMOND then took charge of the school. At the two visits made, we found the school everything we could wish. She labored faithfully and zealously for the good of her scholars. The improvement shown at the examination, could have been certainly foretold by any one acquainted with the way the school was managed.

Winter Term—WILLIAM O. FOLSOM, Henniker. We visited this school but once; both teacher and scholars appeared to be doing well, and we anticipated a satisfactory examination. The school terminated before the money was expended, on account of depredations committed upon the school house.

DIST. No. 8. Summer Term—Miss H. MARION STRAW, Hopkinton. This was Miss Straw's first attempt at teaching, and we are happy to say she did not labor in vain. The general appearance of the school was highly satisfactory. The attendance at the close was not as full as we could have wished.

Winter Term—CHAS. H. DARLING, Henniker. This school was visited but once, it closing prematurely on account of sickness in the District. The high reputation as a teacher he has heretofore sustained, warrant us in saying this District were fortunate in securing his services.

DIST. No. 9. Summer Term—Miss E. J. BUCKMAN, Hillsboro'. The earnestness of both teacher and scholars proved of great benefit. Miss B. is deserving of a larger sphere in which to develop the faculties of teaching of which she is mistress.

Winter Term—Miss L. E. FARRAR, Hillsboro'. The scholars made good proficiency, and showed great training at the examination. The love they had for their teacher only proved her faithfulness to them.

DIST. No. 10. Summer and Winter Terms—M. ABBY NEWHALL, Teacher. Success attended the efforts of Miss N. in both terms. Good discipline was apparent. The examinations were very satisfactory. This District ought immediately to erect a better school house.

DIST. No. 11. Summer Term—Miss P. C. SCOTT, Peterboro'. Miss Scott was an usual eminently successful. The school sustained a good examination.

Winter Term—E. A. GORDON, Henniker. Mr. Gordon's superior qualifications as a teacher, and the application and advancement of the scholars rendered this a successful term. We reiterate the declaration of the School Commissioner relative to the school house, "the poorest he had seen in the County."

DIST. No. 12. No Summer Term.

Winter Term—Miss MAZZA J. RAND, Hopkinton. This school is very small but has enjoyed the labors of a model teacher. The examination showed that her efforts were crowned with success.

DIST. No. 13. Summer and Winter Terms—Miss MARY J. FULLER, Hopkinton. Miss Fuller labored faithfully and successfully. This school though small made commendable improvement. The Committee were not notified of the close of the Summer Term. This District ought to be united with District No. 1.

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