

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

## Town of Waterboro

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28,

1907,

With the Report of the Superintendent of Schools and  
Other Annual Reports of Town Officers.



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## Town Officers for 1906.

### MODERATOR.

James H. Gallagher.

### TOWN CLERK.

Harry B. Swett.

### SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

H. L. Smith,

W. A. Follette.

W. S. Pierce,

### TREASURER.

Jason S. Carll.

### SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

W. H. Wells,

A. L. Deering.

George N. Brock,

### SUPT. OF SCHOOLS.

W. J. Downs, M. D.

### TOWN AGENT.

James A. Roberts.

### ROAD COMMISSIONER.

J. F. Chadbourne.

### AUDITOR.

George N. Brock.

### CONSTABLE AND COLLECTOR.

Isaac Hill.

## Annual Report of the Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

We, the undersigned Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, herewith submit our annual report for the municipal year beginning March 1, 1906, and ending February 28, 1907:

Valuation of the Town for the year 1906 at a fair cash value.

Resident real estate .....\$205,557.00

Non-resident real estate ..... 84,700.00

Total real estate .....\$290,257.00

Resident personal estate .....\$42,901.00

Non-resident personal estate, ..... 3,800.00

Total personal estate ..... 46,701.00

Grand total .....\$336,958.00

Number of polls, 261, at \$3.00, \$783.

Tax cast at .016 on the dollar.

### APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1906.

Highways and bridges .....\$1,500.00

Support of poor ..... 500.00

Incidentals ... .....1,000.00

Common schools .....1,169.00

State tax .....929.24

County tax .....482.88

High school .....250.00



Supplies and repairs for schools.....	200.00
Text books .....	50.00
Overlay .....	114.96

Total .....\$6,196.08

Total amount committed to Isaac Hill, Collector for 1906, \$6,196.08.

#### ORDERS DRAWN 1906.

The following orders on the Treasurer have been drawn:

Common schools .....	\$1,557.40
Tuition .....	32.00
Transporting scholars .....	162.50
Janitor services for schools .....	30.82
Supplies and repairs on school buildings .....	175.42
Text books .....	54.08
Free High school .....	510.00
State pensions .....	492.00
Abatements .....	59.88
Support of poor .....	633.39
Incidentals .....	1,091.32
Dog licenses .....	119.00
State tax .....	929.24
County tax .....	482.88
Roads and bridges .....	1,398.47
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	\$7,728.40

#### COMMON SCHOOLS.

Lillian B. Cooney, 10 weeks, Dist. No. 4.....	\$65.00
Rebecca Towne, 10 weeks, Dist. No. 10.....	65.00
Grace Johnson, 9 weeks, Dist. No. 14.....	58.50
Ethel Littlefield, 10 weeks, Dist. No. 9.....	65.00
Rachel Thing, 10 weeks, Dist. No. 16.....	65.00
Florence Cluff, 10 weeks, Dist. No. 12.....	65.00
Julia I. Bean, 11 3-5 weeks, Dist. No. 1.....	75.40
Ethel Carpenter, 10 weeks, Dist. No. 5.....	65.00
Florence Nason, 10 weeks, Dist. No. 6.....	65.00

Grace Johnson, 3 weeks, Dist. No. 14.....	19.50
Alice Thing, 15 weeks, Dist. No. 16.....	97.50
Ethel Littlefield, 15 weeks, Dist. No. 9.....	97.50
Chester Woodward, 12 weeks, Dist. No. 4.....	78.00
Wilbur Brown, 12 weeks, Dist. No. 14.....	78.00
Ethel Carpenter, 15 weeks, Dist. No. 5.....	97.50
Florence Nason, 15 weeks, Dist. No. 6.....	97.50
Florence Cluff, 15 weeks, Dist. No. 12.....	97.50
Lillian B. Cooney, 3 weeks, Dist. No. 4.....	13.00
Ethel Hanson, 15 weeks, Dist. No. 9.....	97.50
Rebecca Towne, 15 weeks, Dist. No. 10.....	97.50
Julia I. Bean, 15 weeks, Dist. No. 1.....	97.50
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	\$1,557.40

#### TUITION.

Town of Shapleigh .....	\$32.00
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#### TRANSPORTING SCHOLARS.

George E. Flood, Dist. 7 to 16, 10 weeks at \$3.00..	\$30.00
Levi P. Knight, Dist. 8 to 9, 10 weeks at \$2.50....	25.00
George E. Flood, Dist. 7 to 16, 15 weeks at \$3.00..	45.00
Levi P. Knight, Dist. 8 to 9, 15 weeks at \$2.50....	37.50
F. A. Chadbourne, Dist. 7 to 12, 25 weeks at \$1.00	25.00
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	\$162.50

#### JANITOR SERVICES.

M. A. Campbell, High school.....	\$11.00
Fred Flood, Dist. 16.....	5.00
Irving F. Thompson, Dist. 6.....	3.00
Julia I. Bean, Dist. 1.....	5.32
Edgar Abbott, Dist. 9.....	3.00
Fred E. Belval, Dist. 12.....	3.50
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	\$30.82

#### FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

M. A. Campbell, 12 weeks at \$15.00.....	\$180.00
E. D. Brooks, 1 week at.....	16.67



E. D. Brooks .....	28.50
E. D. Brooks .....	104.83
Elizabeth Blaisdell, 12 weeks at \$15.00.....	180.00
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	\$510.00

#### SUPPLIES AND REPAIRS TO SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

A. L. Deering, lumber for schoolhouse, Dist. 8....	\$24.05
Charles F. Marble, work on fence, Dist. 12.....	.83
Mrs. E. M. Wakefield, cleaning schoolhouse, Dist. 9 .....	4.00
Jason E. Brown, wood for Dist. 15, 1905.....	9.00
W. A. Roberts, 2½ cords sawed wood.....	10.75
Warren Goodwin, plastering Dist. 16.....	1.00
J. H. Batchelder, stove, etc., Dist. 14.....	12.30
J. A. Roberts, wood, Dist. 9.....	14.55
Asbury Warren, 14½ cords wood for High school and Dist. 9 .....	60.00
Charles Rhoades, glass, etc., for schoolhouse.....	7.92
M. F. Coffin, supplies to schools.....	.75
Almon Walker, wood for Dist. 6.....	5.62
G. C. Downs, supplies for schools.....	5.52
W. J. Downs, supplies for schools.....	10.88
C. W. Smith & Son, wood, 1905-6.....	8.25
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	\$175.42

#### TEXT BOOKS.

Ginn & Co. ....	\$52.58
W. J. Downs .....	1.50
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	\$54.08

#### STATE PENSIONS FOR 1906.

Mary E. Welch, \$4 per month.....	\$48.00
Laura A. Andrews, \$4 per month.....	48.00
Stephen B. Marston, \$2 per month.....	24.00
Emeline M. Hobbs, \$4 per month.....	48.00
William A. Follette, \$4 per month.....	48.00

Eliza J. Nason, \$4 per month.....	48.00
Frances M. Smith, \$2 per month.....	24.00
Edwin G. Durgin, \$2 per month.....	24.00
Lydia J. Henderson, \$4 per month.....	48.00
W. N. Burk, \$3 per month.....	36.00
Stephen J. Bailey, \$2 per month, two quarters.....	12.00
Katy F. Bradeen, \$2 per month.....	24.00
Alonzo Carpenter, \$2 per month.....	24.00
Frank Rhoades, \$2 per month.....	24.00
Lydia J. Henderson, one quarter, 1905.....	12.00
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	\$192.00

#### ABATEMENTS.

J. B. Scribner, error on tax of 1905.....	\$2.00
Jason E. Brown, poll taxes of 1905-6.....	6.00
Frank B. Allen, error on tax 1905.....	2.40
Walter Andrews, away .....	3.12
Irvin Benton, away .....	3.00
George Clifford, poor .....	2.40
O. E. Durgin, over 70 .....	3.00
C. H. Grant, away .....	5.16
George Griffeth, poor .....	3.00
F. A. Chadbourne, error in tax on Hooper lot.....	4.80
B. P. Hamilton, paid in Philadelphia.....	3.00
O. J. Hamilton, paid in Philadelphia.....	3.00
Clyde McKenney, away .....	3.00
John McGuire, away .....	3.00
George Nutting, paid in Kennebunk.....	3.00
George Pierce, paid in Canaan, N. H.....	3.00
Chester Thompson, away .....	3.00
John Sinclair, error on tax 1905-6.....	4.00
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	\$59.88

#### SUPPORT OF POOR.

C. E. Libby, burial expenses of John Spencer.....	\$24.00
W. E. Fox, digging grave for John Spencer.....	3.00
Mrs. Daisy Knight, board of Will Kimball.....	3.50
W. H. Cotton, attending funeral of John Spencer..	3.00



Fanny Thing, board of John Spencer.....	10.00.
H. K. Tibbetts, M. D., medical attendance to John Spencer .....	10.50
Mrs. J. Benson, board of Walter Manuel, 6 mos....	26.00
Edward Green, board of Will Kimball .....	13.00
W. O. F. Paul, board of Will Kimball .....	4.60
O. K. Drowns, board of Will Kimball.....	3.00
Edward Green, board of Will Kimball.....	5.00
Mrs. J. Benson, board of Walter Manuel.....	12.00
Loring A. Littlefield, board of Will Kimball.....	12.46
V. C. Totman, medical attendance to H. Johnson..	40.00
Loring A. Littlefield, board of Will Kimball.....	13.00
Loring A. Littlefield, board of Will Kimball.....	7.00
G. C. Downs, supplies furnished Will Kimball.....	20.45
S. L. Jones, board of Will Kimball.....	10.00
Mary E. Boston, board of Will Kimball.....	13.75
C. E. Libby, funeral expenses of Rhody Libby.....	47.00
E. S. Carll, supplies to Jacob Carpenter.....	90.00
Granville H. Hanson, wood to H. Johnson.....	3.00
Anna Ridlon, board of Will Kimball.....	17.50
G. C. Downs, supplies to Will Kimball.....	5.95
Mrs. Lawson Smith, board of Will Kimball.....	14.00
G. C. Downs, supplies to Lawson Smith.....	44.00
M. F. Coffin, supplies to George Clifford.....	5.44
Mrs. J. Benson, board of Walter Manuel.....	26.00
H. B. Crosby, shoes to Willis Drowns.....	1.50
W. B. Deering, wood to H. Johnson.....	52.00
Mrs. Lawson Smith, board of Will Kimball.....	31.50
G. C. Drowns, supplies to Lawson Smith.....	16.00
G. W. Carll, supplies to Ivory Durgin.....	5.00
G. W. Carll, wood for George Clifford.....	7.10
F. H. Hobbs, medical services to May Cole.....	6.00
L. E. Langley, supplies to James Cole.....	4.00
E. S. Carll, supplies to Jacob Carpenter.....	16.00
R. B. Carpenter, telephoning for John Spencer...	1.50
J. H. Chase, supplies to Willis Drowns.....	5.60

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\$633.39

## INCIDENTALS.

C. H. Prescott, printing Town Reports, 1905....	\$33.00
J. T. G. Emery, M. D., recording births and deaths .....	2.25
George P. Chase, insurance on Town farm buildings .....	24.00
Loring, Short & Harmon, Town books, 1906....	14.20
C. H. Rhoades, cleaning Town house, 1906.....	3.00
H. K. Tibbetts, recording births and deaths 1904-1905 .....	3.50
George O. Cluff, damage to sheep.....	4.50
Loring, Short & Harmon, Town books and blanks .....	8.30
Butler Libby, interest on Town notes.....	75.00
Good Roads Machinery Co., 35 metal guide-boards .....	35.00
H. L. Smith, expenses freight, etc., on Town supplies .....	2.58
W. M. Welch Co., diplomas, 1906.....	6.30
Eugene Walker, two sheep killed by dogs.....	9.00
Jason E. Brown, one sheep killed by dogs.....	4.50
W. C. Mason, Jr., burial expenses of Stephen Bailey .....	35.00
Edwin A. Russell, janitor services High school...	4.00
J. A. Roberts, tax and charges paid on Swett estate .....	14.16
B. H. Hoyt, services as ballot clerk, Sept., 1906...	2.00
F. H. Scribner, services as ballot clerk, Sept., 1906 .....	2.00
J. A. Roberts, services as ballot clerk, Sept., 1906 .....	2.00
John F. Jellerson, services as ballot clerk, Sept., 1906 .....	2.00
George W. Knights, services as constable, Sept., 1906 .....	2.00
Isaac Hill, services as constable, Sept., 1906.....	2.00
W. S. Pierce, part payment as selectman, 1906...	15.00



William A. Follette, services on Board of Health, 1904-5 .....	6.30
Mrs. W. E. Roberts, damage to sleigh, winter 1904 .....	22.50
Loring, Short & Harmon, Town supplies.....	1.30
Isaac Hill, services as dog officer and posting war rant .....	11.50
Isaac Hill, part payment as tax collector, 1906....	25.00
W. J. Downs, services as Supt. of schools, 1906..	15.00
H. B. Swett, recording births, marriages and deaths .....	7.95
F. H. Hobbs, M. D., recording births, marriages and deaths .....	5.00
James H. Gallagher, services as moderator, 1906..	2.00
F. A. Chadbourne, services as collector, 1905....	95.00
F. A. Chadbourne, services as constable and sup- plies .....	15.20
W. S. Pierce, weighing hay at Town farm.....	2.00
Jason S. Carll, services as treasurer, 1906.....	40.00
Jason S. Carll, postage and stationery.....	5.00
J. H. Chase, Town supplies .....	.70
Jason S. Carll, interest on notes of B. Libby and on indorsed orders .....	306.58
H. L. Smith, services as selectman, 1906.....	60.00
W. S. Pierce, part pay as selectman, 1906.....	45.00
W. A. Follette, services as selectman, 1906.....	60.00
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	\$1,091.32

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. SMITH,  
W. S. PIERCE,  
W. A. FOLLETTE,  
Selectmen of Waterboro.

I have examined the above account and find it correct.  
GEO. N. BROCK, Auditor.

## REPORT OF ROAD COMMISSIONER.

To the Citizens of Waterboro I herewith submit the annual report of the department under my care.

There is no report to be made of the winter of 1905-06 for you will remember that no expenses were contracted until after the annual town meeting of 1906.

Fifteen hundred dollars was appropriated for the year of 1906 and we have paid from that amount the sums set against the following names:

Anderson, J. H., labor.....	\$5.40
Andrews, J. W. ....	2.77
Andrews, C. H. ....	8.75
Bradeen, A. J. ....	4.50
Brown, J. E. ....	16.50
Bryant, R. E. ....	.75
Bradford, Wm. E. ....	8.75
Brackett, C. S. ....	9.95
Blaisdell, F. W. ....	1.75
Bean, Frank O. ....	6.00
Bean, Ivory ....	4.50
Bean, Butler ....	1.80
Carll, Guy V. ....	3.00
Carll, C. H. ....	2.00
Carll, Sydney B.,.....	7.80
Carll, G. W. ....	10.00
Carle, H. T. ....	4.50
Chadbourne, C. E. ....	5.10
Chadbourne, F. A. ....	17.25
Chadbourne, Joseph ....	5.00
Chadbourne, Joseph J. ....	3.00
Cotton, E. D.....	24.75
Carpenter, R. B. ....	37.65
Carpenter, Henry S., Heirs.....	9.00
Cook, H. W. ....	19.00
Chase, Charles F. ....	3.60
Deering, W. B. ....	14.25
Durgin, Albert B. ....	11.25
Durgin, O. E. ....	3.75



Durgin, Robert	3.75
Durgin, Geo. E.	4.50
Davis, B. F.	9.00
Emery, Mark A.	21.25
Emery, J. H.	3.00
Emery, Joseph B.	3.00
Emery, Frank A.	7.95
Flood, Geo. E.	3.55
Fox, W. E.	92.42
Gary, C. W.	7.00
Hill, Herbert A.	5.50
Hill, Mark L.	5.75
Hill, W. B.	1.40
Hill, J. J.	6.45
Hanson, Henry	7.50
Holmes, Geo. P.	1.50
Hamilton, Frank H.	17.00
Hamilton, Frank E.	2.00
Ham, Frank	.75
Harmon, Simon	6.22
Johnson, Dennis	48.26
Johnson, Frank	1.80
Johnson, John B.	.75
Jellison, Martin	8.00
Jellison, David	3.00
Jellison, Clarence E.	4.25
Knight, Herbert A.	2.25
Knight, W. M.	5.45
Knight, Onville P.	15.00
Knight, Darling P.	3.50
Knight, Levi P.	3.00
Knight, George W.	4.00
Kimball, Frank	4.50
Libby, Eugene A.	6.00
Libby, Osborne	6.00
Lord, John F.	3.60
Morse, M. G.	22.70
McKenny, Melvin	3.00

McKenny, Frederick	1.60
McLucas, Alonzo G.	3.25
Meads, John	4.50
Nason, William C.	4.50
Nason, Charles	1.50
Nason, Maynard L.	5.25
Nason, William C., Jr.	3.00
Nutter, William, heirs	1.00
Nutting, O. C.	4.00
Pitts, C. H.	7.50
Pierce, C. W.	6.65
Pierce, W. S.	2.70
Richardson, Charles	3.00
Raymond, John, heirs	2.70
Russell, David E.	6.00
Ricker, Howard	4.75
Ricker, R. W.	3.75
Roberts, Charles Z.	8.25
Roberts, Judson	16.00
Roberts, W. E.	.75
Roberts, James A.	10.50
Roberts, Edward	1.50
Roberts, B. F.	15.50
Roberts, A. H.	10.54
Roberts, Bion	1.50
Scribner, F. H.	1.50
Scribner, Bradford	2.25
Sholes, A. E.	5.85
Sanborn, John F.	16.20
Sherburne, Wm. H.	5.35
Stone, F. R.	2.00
Sinclair, John	6.50
Strout, H. L.	3.85
Smith, Ira	7.50
Smith, E. L.	23.00
Smith, C. W. & Son	90.90
Smith, R. B. Mrs.	3.00
Smith Frank	21.55



Smith, Walter .....	4.50
Smith, Robert .....	20.45
Smith, Harry G. ....	7.50
Smith, Anthony .....	18.00
Thing, C. C. ....	6.75
Thing, Chas. heirs .....	3.00
Thompson, C. W. ....	6.00
Walker, Almon .....	9.00
Walker, Eugene W. ....	12.75
Webber, W. H. ....	3.60
Woodward, John H. ....	3.00
Woodward, Timothy .....	1.50
Warren, Asbury .....	27.50
Warren, Arthur .....	4.50
Wells, W. H. ....	1.50
Wakefield, Alonzo .....	1.50
Woodman, Frank .....	1.50
Walton, Mark .....	3.00
Woodsome, J. H. ....	14.00
Young, Sherman .....	6.25

I have drawn orders for myself to the amount of two hundred and seventy-six dollars and seventeen cents, making a total of thirteen hundred fifty-five dollars and ninety-eight cents.

There is included in my orders forty-six dollars and seventy-eight cents, that I have paid for drain tile, freight and miscellaneous bills.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES F. CHADBOURNE,  
Road Commissioner.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Resources in treasury March 1, 1906..... \$5,273.69  
Total receipts for the year ending Mar. 1, 1907.. 7,999.90

\$13,273.59

Total Amt. of orders paid 1906-7.....\$9,842.06

Resources in treasury Mar. 1, 1907.... 3,431.53

\$13,273.59

## DR.

To resources in treasury Mar 1, 1906.....\$ 5,273.69  
To commitment to Isaac Hill, tax 1906..... 6,196.08  
To rec'd of Harry Swett, dog tax 1906..... 119.00  
To rec'd of Willis Pierce for hay, beans and  
grindstone sold from Town Farm..... 39.25  
To rec'd of Willis Pierce for Land Roll..... 3.50  
To rec'd Elmer Day, rent of Town Farm ..... 50.00  
To rec'd from State, dog tax returned..... 90.30  
To rec'd from State, State pensions..... 492.00  
To rec'd from State, free high school..... 250.00  
To rec'd from State, school fund and mill tax.. 705.44  
To rec'd from State, reimbursement for dog  
damage ..... 18.00  
To rec'd from State, burial soldier..... 35.00  
To rec'd interest on tax deed..... 1.33

\$13,273.59

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By paid Town orders ..... \$ 9,842.06

## RESOURCES IN TREASURY MARCH 1, 1907.

By due on non-resident tax deeds, prior to 1903, 156.49  
By due on non-resident tax deed, 1903..... 6.67  
By due on non-resident tax deed, 1904..... 14.16  
By due on resident tax deed, 1904..... 13.39  
By due on tax deeds, 1905..... 70.01  
By due from Isaac Hill, tax, 1906..... 2,850.08  
By balance cash in treasury..... 320.73

\$13,273.59



## SUMMARY OF STANDING OF TOWN.

Resources March 1, 1907.....	\$3,431.53
Orders drawn in 1906-7 and not paid..	\$458.09
Orders drawn previous to March, 1906,	161.37
Outstanding notes .....	2,000.00
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	\$2,619.46
Resources over liabilities.....	812.07

Respectfully submitted,

JASON S. CARLL, Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of Jason S. Carll, treasurer for municipal year of 1906, and find them correct.

GEORGE N. BROCK, Auditor.

## Report of Superintendent and Superintending School Committee.

I will preface this report by inserting Section 86 of Chapter 15, "Revised Statutes," 1903, being part of the laws governing the management of our public schools, and, with which I am in perfect accord.

Section 86. The presidents, professors and tutors of colleges, the preceptors and teachers of academies and all other instructors of youth, in public or private institutions, shall use their best endeavors to impress on the minds of the children and youth committed to their care and instruction, the principles of morality and justice, and a sacred regard for truth; love of country, humanity and a universal benevolence; sobriety, industry and frugality; chastity, moderation and temperance; and all other virtues which ornament human society; and to lead those under their care, as their ages and capacities admit, into a particular understanding of the tendency of such virtues to preserve and perfect a republican constitution, secure the blessings of liberty, and to promote their future happiness; and the tendency of the opposite vices, to slavery, degradation and ruin; all teachers in the public schools of the State shall devote not less than ten minutes of each week of the school term to teaching to the children under their charge, the principles of kindness to birds and animals.

I have introduced this section of our school laws here, that you might see why I have taken certain positions against the vices to which our children are liable; and have advised them along the line of opposite practices. Some may think I have gone too far in this direction, but, if so,



which I hope is not the case, I trust you will pardon me or, at least, give me credit for sincerity in my efforts.

I trust the critic will spare the above extract from our "Revised Statutes" from undue criticism, but if he must give vent to his enthusiasm, possibly he may find some grammatical errors in the construction of the extract. The above section taken from our school laws is a copy of the original text verbatim et litteratim.

In this connection I will say that, in reading my last printed report, I recognize some possible errors and inconsistencies; and I should be very much surprised if there might not be some to be found in this, partly because I am making no great effort to avoid it, and especially because, were I to make such effort, it would be very futile; as I am not, and make no claim to being, a man of letters. I have no idea, conceited or otherwise, that your superintending school committee thought that, in choosing me as superintendent of schools, they had selected the best educated person in town much less one of the litterati.

Now, in relation to the school laws, we see how incumbent it is on the teachers that they shall strive to inculcate certain principles on the minds of their pupils, then, may it not preeminently devolve on a superintendent to exercise the same function?

My interest taken in grammar, especially in some of our schools, where the pupils have been slow in getting an insight of it, and have even considered it a needless burden imposed upon them and have refused to study it, consenting to do so only by compulsion, has not been taken because I have thought myself at all proficient, or in any degree, perfect in my knowledge of the science. On the other hand, no one realizes better than myself my deficiency therein, but I happened to get enough of it to cause me to appreciate the importance of it, and also the difference between having a fair knowledge of it and having none. And so I have been lead to make such suggestions in relation to the matter as I have done in your schools.

I consider grammar and rhetoric to be the most im-

portant, if not the very fundamental elements in our system of education.

There is a very important kind of knowledge which our whole school system does not and can never furnish. It is difficult to define either its nature or its origin. You may call it natural wit, mother wit, or such as may come through some mental endowment fund, or whatever you may, but a man may have all the learning our best colleges may afford and still be lacking in this quality. Such a man will fail to gain the respect of his fellowmen: to be of much benefit to humanity; to attain to any very high or exalted position; or to obtain much satisfaction or happiness; and all the while will be wondering what is the matter or where-in lies the difficulty. This knowledge, referred to above, is found in the hearts of many persons who have never had the advantages of even high school, much more college book-learning, and is the kind that causes men to be men instead of mice—men to be loved, honored and respected.

In regard to our High school, you all know the history of the spring term, which I deplore as much as anyone, so I shall not say much about it except that I think that the teacher was well enough equipped in his knowledge of the studies pursued in our High school, but either he was deficient in the knowledge last referred to, or, as "Emerson" would or might express it, was "off his centre" by spells; for I think this peculiar knowledge, inasmuch as it is possessed by a person, becomes a regulator or governor of their intellect and tends to prevent them from slipping their eccentric.

Our High school became very much depleted in numbers as a result of the conditions arising during the spring term, but, under the management of the present teacher, is certainly regaining its standing in every way. It will be considered no attempt at flattery for me to say that in Miss Blaisdell, the present teacher, we have one who possesses the qualifications necessary for a teacher in a school of this kind; she having had, not only a college education but having been well endowed with the true knowledge, which we



will call sub-knowledge and which serves to support and aid her in applying her educational knowledge. I trust the school will continue to improve under her discipline and soon be up to the proper standard, if not so already; and that its benefits accruing to our scholars may be such as to warrant its continuance as long as our town may continue with as large a population as at present.

I am still in favor of securing normal school graduates as teachers, as they come into our schools possessing the latest and best methods of teaching; but our small pay seems to preclude doing so except in very few cases.

Our common schools have been doing good work in most cases but in some schools, the children being small and the weather and traveling having been bad during winter term, the attendance has been small, especially during the last month of term, and for this reason the term was not so profitable as it might have been under more favorable conditions.

I have not done much repairing of school property as it has been next to impossible to get help to do it. Have men engaged to paint as soon as weather is suitable this spring; also Mr. Goodwin to attend to plastering where needed, Waterboro Center schoolhouse in particular, as soon as warm enough; also a man to shingle the same.

I will suggest that arrangements be made by whoever may have charge of common schools for ensuing year, by which the schools may be commenced earlier in spring and closed earlier in fall so as to avoid running them into December when it is very sure to be bad weather and traveling, causing the last half of fall term to be more or less unprofitable to our children and certainly discouraging to teachers and all concerned. The High school might possibly be included in above arrangements as the winter term comes during the severest weather, time of worst traveling, at least, when snow is deepest. It takes quite heroic efforts for scholars living farthest away to keep up good attendance. Until we can have better school room it seems to

me we should have more weeks school during open season and less during winter.

I am looking for an elementary work for children treating, in a suitable way, on practical hygiene, ethics and etiquette for introduction into our common schools. Have ordered sample of such a work for examination by myself as well as by superintending school committee.

The standard, in general, in our schools, both common and high school does not come up to the point at which I should like to see it, and I am quite sure some improvement might be made in certain directions which might bring about the desired conditions; but it is hard to get out of old ruts and such changes have to be worked out by degrees.

Thank all for your indulgence in cases of my shortcomings and for all the courtesies shown me, I respectfully submit the above report.

WALTER J. DOWNS,  
Superintendent of Schools.

George N. Brock,  
W. H. Wells,  
Lincoln Deering,  
Superintending School Committee.



- Feb. 23. Mabel E. Flood, 28 years, 8 months. Typhoid pneumonia.
- Feb. 26. George Oliver Cluff, 44 years, 4 months, 8 days. Heart failure.
- Mar. 4. Infant daughter of Lawson C. Smith. Stillborn.
- Mar. 10. Lizzie S. Roberts, 48 years, 9 months. Brights disease.
- Mar. 24. Henry S. Carpenter, 53 years, 3 months, 2 days. Typhoid fever.
- Apr. 6. Nancy A. Avery, 77 years, 5 months, 12 days. Gangrene of foot.
- Apr. 15. Warren B. Hill, 61 years, 5 months, 1 day. Paralysis.
- May 13. Isaiah H. Ricker, 85 years, 3 months, 1 day. Paralysis.
- June 14. Infant daughter of Letson Durgin. Stillborn.
- June 19. Albert Francis Foley, 5 years, 6 months, 13 days. Pneumonia with whooping cough.
- July 25. Stephen J. Bailey, 79 years, 2 months. Heart failure and old age.
- July 27. Lucy B. A. Pierce, 92 years, 9 months. Senility.
- Aug. 11. Frederick A. Roberts, 33 years, 2 months. Peritonitis.
- Sept. 4. Cyrus L. Libby, 76 years, 8 months, 4 days. Paraphlegia.
- Sept. 19. Infant daughter of Asa Wallingford, 24 days. Marasmus.
- Oct. 12. Samuel Williams, 73 years, 10 months, 1 day. Nephritis and cystitis.
- Oct. 15. Mary A. Emery, 58 years, 9 months, 20 days. Carcinoma of rectum.
- Dec. 9. Jere B. Scribner, 79 years, 6 months, 24 days. Senility.
- Dec. 28. Charles C. Andrews, 72 years, 10 months, 24 days. Paresis.
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- Jan. 1. John R. Averill, 85 years, 11 months, 26 days. Senility.
- Jan. 25. Falconer McLaughlin, 1 month, 16 days. Spinal meningitis.
- Feb. 2. Phebe S. Scribner, 83 years, 3 months, 3 days. Carcinoma of right breast.
- Feb. 5. Emeline L. Brock, 78 years, 8 months, 19 days. Senile debility.

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. SWETT, Town Clerk.