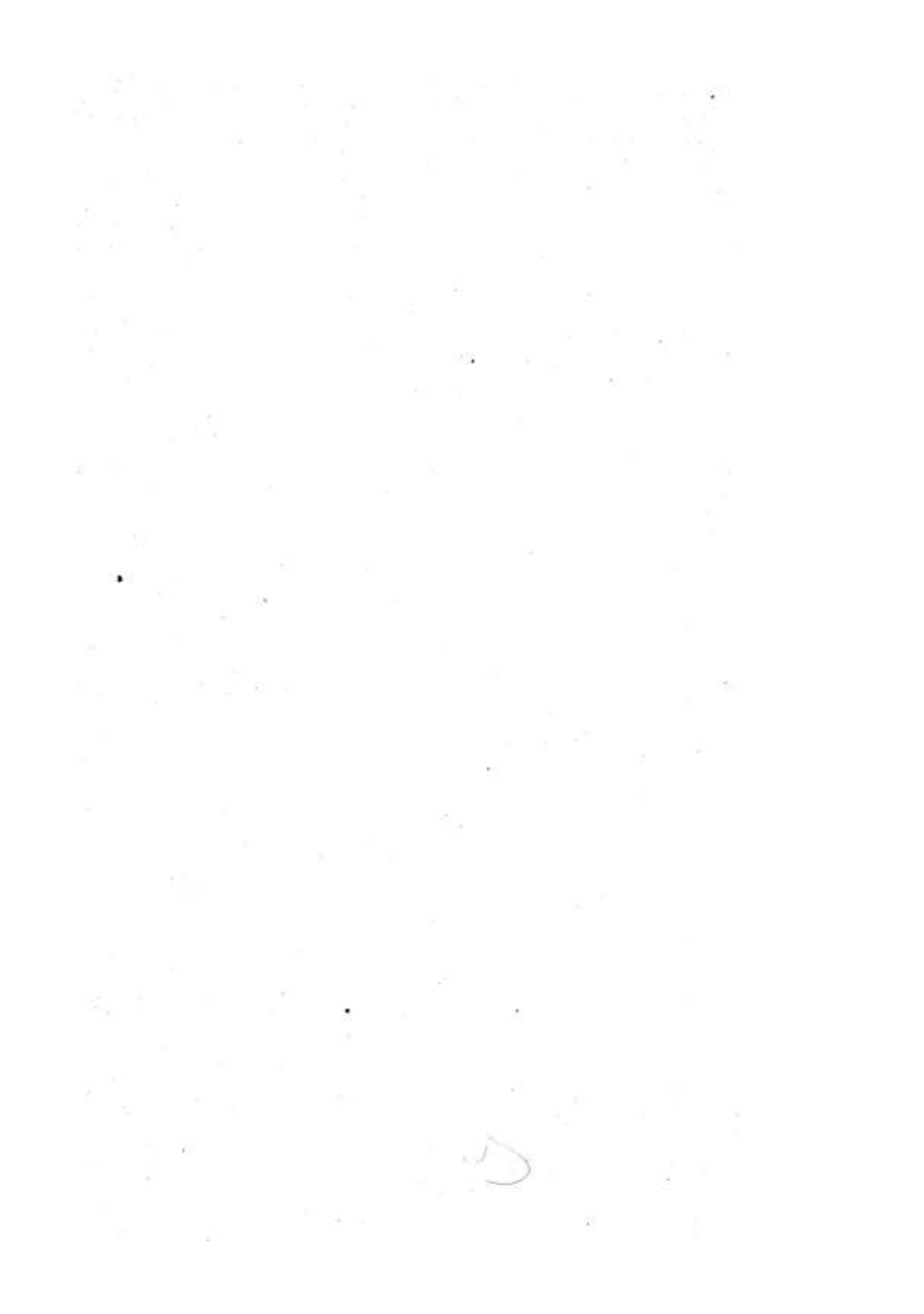


REPORT
OF THE
Selectmen and Treasurer,
OF THE
TOWN OF GREENVILLE,

RENDERED FEBRUARY 28, 1882,

WITH THE REPORT OF THE
Superintending School Committee,
HIGHWAY SURVEYOR,
AND
LIBRARIAN.

FITCHBURG :
WILLIAM M. SARGENT, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER.
1882.



Treasurer's Report.

DR.

Balance in Treasury, March 1st, 1881,	\$297 09
Received of James Taft, collector, 1880-1,	8,566 00
" Selectmen,	2,027 78
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	\$10,890 87

CR.

Paid Orders drawn on Treasurer,	\$10,615 88
Cash in Treasury, March 1st, 1882, .	274 99
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	\$10,890 87

Greenville, March 1st, 1882.

M. C. DODGE, *Treasurer.*

Selectmen's Report,

FOR YEAR ENDING FEB. 28TH, 1882.

Cash Received by Selectmen.

Borrowed on Town notes,	\$500 00
For rent of town house,	468 33
Savings Bank Tax,	701 52
Literary Fund,	90 30
Railroad Tax,	20 87
Insurance Tax,	7 50
Hillsborough County pauper and criminal cases,	42 10
A. Henry, balance Library Fund,	26
Town of Mason school money 1880,	77 57
" " " " 1881,	75 86
Proceeds Literary entertainment for Library,	30 00
Library fines, catalogues and cards,	13 35
Sale of paper stock,	12
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	\$2,027 78

Expenditures.

Paid Notes and interest,	\$5,125 98
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State and County Tax.

Paid State Tax,	\$1,176 00
Paid County Tax,	897 13
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	\$2,073 13

Support of Schools.

Paid Frank Sawyer tax on Titcomb place for 1880,	\$4 34
G. H. Livingston for district No. 1,	957 85
Otis Childs for district No. 2,	90 00
A. B. Eaton for district No. 3,	164 03
Adron Winship, tuition of scholars,	6 00
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	\$1,222 22

Pauper Expenses.

Paid H. E. Follett, wood for Peter Liberty,	\$3 25
Hartshorn & Whitney, goods furnished Peter Liberty,	23 71
James Taft, for removing Leopold Yale to Canada,	9 75
G. W. Holmes, wood for Mrs. Cavenough,	4 50
G. W. Holmes, wood for Mrs. Forbush,	11 25
O. D. Prescott, goods furnished Mrs. Forbush,	6 17
G. C. Robbins, meat furnished Peter Liberty,	11 52
C. A. Wood, medical attendance, for Joe Murry,	1 00
C. E. Hall, medicine furnished Mrs. Forbush,	1 25
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	\$72 50

Highways and Bridges.

Paid M. H. Hardy, surveyor for 1881,	\$727 16
O. D. Prescott, for fuse and tools,	3 68
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	\$730 84

Breaking Roads.

Paid M. H. Hardy, for breaking roads,	\$150 53
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Street Lamps.

Paid S. F. Derbyshire, lighting lamps,	\$1 25
Elliott Merriam, lighting lamps,	81 10
Hartshorn & Whitney, for oil and matches,	29 15
W. W. Sawtell, for setting glass,	10
N. P. Farrar, for labor, chimneys and wicks,	15 00
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	\$126 60

Police Expenses.

Paid Edward Chapman, services as police,	\$4 27
T. E. Marshall, services as police,	2 75
G. H. Preston, services as police,	4 22
James Taft, services as police,	6 00
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	\$17 24

Town Officers.

Paid F. B. Heald, services as auditor,	\$1 00
H. I. Whitney, services as auditor,	1 00
Frank E. Pierce, services as town clerk,	23 00
S. H. Bacon, services as selectmen after settle- ment,	3 00
C. E. Marsh, services as supervisor,	4 00
H. H. Shumway, services as supervisor,	4 00
M. C. Dodge, services as treasurer,	25 00
G. H. Livingston, services as supervisor;	4 00
C. E. Hall, services as school committee.	40 51
James Taft, services as collector,	40 00
C. E. Hall, services as selectman 23 1-2 days,	47 00
N. P. Farrar, services as selectman 23 days,	46 00
G. C. Robbins, services as selectman 19 days,	38 00
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	\$276 51

Library Expenses.

Paid Knight, Adams & Co., for covering paper,	\$5 91
Lee & Shepard, for books,	176 57
T. E. Marshall, services as librarian and cov- ering books,	56 70
C. E. Hall, time purchasing books,	1 50
C. E. Hall, express on books and money,	1 76
John B. Clarke, for book,	2 00
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	\$244 44

Town House.

Paid W. W. Sawtell, for glass,	\$1 20
Elliott Merriam, janitor of town house,	46 77
O. D. Prescott, for oil,	12 43
H. M. Livingston, for coal,	52 92
J. L. Chamberlin, for wood,	1 25
T. E. Marshall, services as janitor,	3 50
C. E. Hall, for repairing lock and chair,	90
C. E. Hall, care of town house,	5 00
N. P. Farrar, for lamps, shades and repairs,	12 50
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	\$136 47

Abatement of Taxes.

Morgan Connelley over tax,	\$3 10
John R. Donovan, 1880,	1 55
John B. Santerre, 1880,	1 55
Richard Aniar, 1881,	1 55
George E. Blood, "	1 55
Margrett Boblice, "	2 00
Joseph Davis, "	1 55
Paul Felix, "	1 55
Ernest St Peters, "	1 55
Charles H. Wright, "	1 55
Jerome B. Putnam, "	1 55
Thomas Clary, "	1 55
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	\$20 60

Miscellaneous Expenses.

Paid Wm. M. Sargent, printing town reports	\$13 50
C. E. Hall, for town officer and school laws,	2 47
G. C. Robbins for postage, express and telegraphing,	2 02
J. B. Sanborn for collector's and invoice books,	11 25
F. N. Gibson recording births and deaths,	1 25
John Kenney fees in Clary case,	3 67
Herman Shedd Post decorating soldiers' graves,	60 00
Town of Mason old account,	74 36
T. E. Marshall services and cost in Clary case,	9 10
A. G. Stickney for telegraphing,	66
W. W. Stevenson memorial expenses,	7 35
B. A. Elliot treasurer of fire company,	109 17
J. M. Nutting bounty on crows,	40
John S. Brown for support of watering tub,	3 00
H. I. Whitney drain for hose,	5 25
R. M. Wallace counsel fees,	65 00
John Kenney justice fees,	7 67
Eli G. Bassett damage on highways,	2 00
M. V. B. Greene for check lists and warrants,	3 43
J. L. Chamberlin for labor and lumber,	3 56

C. E. Marsh for printing,	\$3 00
C. E. Hall for stationery and books furnished indigent children,	7 76
M. H. Hardy for use of team,	2 00
C. E. Hall expense to Nashua,	2 50
C. E. Hall express on check lists,	30
N. P. Farrar for use of team,	50
G. C. Robbins for use of team,	2 50
James Taft costs in Barry case,	15 14
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	\$418 81

Recapitulation.

Paid Notes and interest,	\$5,125 99
State and County Tax,	2,073 13
Support of Schools,	1,222 22
Pauper expenses,	72 50
Highways and bridges,	730 84
Breaking roads,	150 53
Street lamps,	126 60
Police expenses,	17 24
Town officers,	276 51
Library expenses,	244 44
Town house,	136 47
Abatement of taxes,	20 60
Miscellaneous expenses,	418 81
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	\$10,615 88

GREENVILLE, N. H., March 1st, 1882.

We have examined the foregoing accounts for the year ending Feb. 28th, 1882, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

W. W. STEVENSON, }
F. L. PEABODY, } *Auditors.*

Condition of Finances March 1, 1882.

The town is indebted for outstanding notes and interest to March 1st, 1882,	\$24 381 46
Due school district No. 0,	4 59
Due school district No. 3, in New Ipswich,	3 55
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	\$24,389 60

Available Assets of the Town.

Balance in treasury March 1st, 1882,	\$274 99
Balance in collector's hands,	145 64
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	\$420 63
Total debt of town March 1st, 1882,	\$23,968 97
Reduction of debt since March 1st, 1881,	3,341 00
Literary fund for 1881 not appropriated,	90 30

The selectmen report that they have settled the following unadjusted bill contracted prior to March 1st, 1881.

Town of Mason,	\$74 36
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The following claims remain unadjusted.

Wm. Edwards & Co.,	\$50 00
Suit of H. O. Hadley now pending in court.	

Total Valuation of 1881 by School Districts.

	Real and Personal Estate.	Polls.
District No. 1,	\$462,252 00	218
District No. 2,	31,902 00	13
District No. 3,	16,836 00	8
District No. 0,	7,978 00	4
Poll,	24,300 00	<hr/>
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Total valuation,	\$543,268 00	

Amount of Tax Assessed in 1881.

District No. 1,	\$7,502 82	Dog tax,	\$24 00
District No. 2,	514 64	Dog tax,	2 00
District No. 3,	273 35		
District No. 0,	129 85		
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	\$8,420 66		
Dog tax,	26 00		
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	\$8,446 66		

Appropriations for 1881.

Schooling,	\$1,030 00
Highways and bridges,	800 00
Incidentals,	4,000 00
Decorating Soldiers' graves,	60 06
Town Library,	150 00
State tax,	1,176 00
County tax,	897 13
Overlay,	307 53
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	\$8,420 66

Rate of taxes for 1880 on \$1000, \$15 50

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES E. HALL, } *Selectmen*
 NATHAN P. FARRAR, } *of*
 GEORGE C. ROBBINS, } *Greenville*

Greenville, March 1st, 1882.

Highway Surveyor's Report.

DR.

Cash received of Treasurer by order of Selectmen, \$877 69

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Paid for labor of men,	\$516 21
For labor of horses,	180 00
For gravel,	10 00
For tools and repairing,	20 95
For breaking roads,	150 53
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	\$877 69

M. H. HARDY, *Surveyor.**Librarian's Report.*

Since the last report 169 new books have been added to the town library making the total number 1447.

There have been 98 new cards taken out during the year making the total number of cards taken out since the library opened 573. No books have been lost and all have been generally well used.

Books have been taken out as follows:

March,	648	September,	429
April,	757	October,	455
May,	471	November,	464
June,	423	December,	488
July,	551	January,	535
August,	460	February,	615
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			6288
Received for fines,			\$4 60
Received for cards out of town,			6 50
Received for catalogues,			2 25
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			\$13 35

March 1st, 1882.

THOS. E. MARSHALL, *Librarian.*

REPORT OF SCHOOLS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 28, 1882.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Prudential Committee, G. H. Livingston.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

	1st Term.	2nd Term.	3rd Term.
Number of weeks,	11	12	12
Wages of teacher per month,	\$40	\$40	\$40
Whole number of scholars,	29	31	37
Average attendance,	28	29	33
Number neither absent nor tardy,	12	12	10

Miss Georgia Bigelow has had charge of the school during the year, and has given efficient service. Perhaps at the outset a little too close attention was given to memorizing the verbatim language of the text books, but this state of affairs corrected itself so that at the close of the year the good effects of Miss Bigelow's quiet method of instruction and government were made apparent in the general advancement of the school and the pleasant relations that seemed to exist between teacher and pupils. To Gertie E. Robbins and Johnnie Adams belongs the honor of being the only scholars in town whose attendance presents a clean record for the whole school year of thirty-five weeks.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

	1st Term.	2nd Term.	3rd Term.
Number of weeks,	11	12	12
Wages of teacher per month,	\$32	\$32	\$34
Whole Number of scholars,	46	42	52
Average attendance,	43	40	44
Number neither absent nor tardy,	7	10	6

Mr. E. A. Kimball taught the school in the summer and could have been his own successor in the fall, but desiring to enter college, the services of Miss Carrie E. Bigelow were secured. Mr. Kimball worked hard, taught his school well and maintained order. Miss Bigelow is an old teacher whose field lately has been among the higher branches in more advanced schools but she soon came to understand this school and worked very hard to promote its best interest. Some future committee would do well to invite her to a place in the grammar school in this village.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

	1st Term.	2nd Term.	3rd Term.
Number of weeks,	11	12	12
Wages of teacher per month,	\$32	\$32	\$34
Whole number of scholars,	64	64	54
Average attendance,	56	54	48
Number neither absent nor tardy,	3	5	1

Miss Lucy E. Goodwin has taught the school and has fully sustained the "fitness of things" that has kept her in charge of this school two years. A marked advance was seen in the reading and arithmetic of the little scholars who have been longest under Miss Goodwin's instruction. Master Tommy Mullen of this school has lost but a single half day during the year.

Of the Grammar school it is but justice to say that this has been a pleasant school for any one to visit. The pupils have been quiet and studious and have fully done their part in keeping up the kind relations that seemed to exist between the teacher and themselves.

The new law in regard to the employment of children in factories which went into effect Jan. 1st, had the result of filling the intermediate school till the total number reached fifty-seven, or more than the room could accommodate. For this reason an upper class of five was sent up to the grammar school. In this intermediate school the same kind relations between teacher and pupils seemed to exist for the most part, but the scholars are younger and full of motion so that the school has been occasionally rather noisy. The primary school is full of animated morsels of humanity that contain a lot of compressed wriggle to the cubic inch. Some of the children who come there

without being able to speak much of our language learn quite fast while some are—well quite otherwise.

The new school law forbids children working in the factories except in vacation unless they can read in the third reader and write legibly. With our large percentage of French population the effect of the enforcement of this law will be to keep the primary and intermediate schools over crowded. The average cost per scholar in this district has been \$5 33.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Prudential committee,	Otis Childs.	
	1st Term.	2nd Term.
Number of weeks,	7 1-2	7
Wages of teacher per month,	\$15	\$20
Whole number of scholars,	4	7
Average attendance,	3	6
Number neither absent nor tardy,	1	1

The summer term of this little school with Miss Ella M. Adams as teacher was brought to a sudden close by sickness and so was visited but once by your committee. The fall term was taught by Miss Elsie C. Barrett from Wilton. Miss Barrett took considerable pains with her little flock and gave them some excellent oral instruction in their spare time, so that they passed a very creditable examination. The average cost per scholar in this district is \$12.85.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Prudential committee,	A. B. Eaton.		
	1st Term.	2d Term.	3d Term.
Number of weeks,	9	5 1-2	10 1-2
Wages of teacher per month,	\$22	\$24	\$28
Whole No. scholars,	17	21	25
Average attendance,	16	20	22
Number neither absent nor tardy,	2	5	2

Miss S. E. Adams, a sister of the teacher last year, has had charge of the school for the whole time. The fall term closed suddenly on account of sickness and was visited but once. Miss Adams, is a lady who worked hard with good success in promoting the best interests of her school both in instruction and discipline. With more experience she will become an excellent teacher. Her school report

was filled out at the end of year the best of any in town. The average cost per scholar was \$5.50.

For all the schools, the year has been prosperous and free from any serious disturbing events, and the examinations at the end of each successive term have shown your committee where some good work has been done. Those pupils who have worked the hardest and have been most regular in their attendance, have, of course, got the most good. Our public schools are none too long and the years are none too many in which the boys and girls are to learn the substantial things to take along with them as they grow old. The common school lays the foundation for whatever education may be acquired later in life and to leave these schools too soon is to leave work undone that is rarely ever afterward accomplished. Some young lad or miss with the dignity of fourteen or fifteen summers may say, "This does not mean me; I cannot learn any more at the schools in this town." If there are any such, your committee begs leave to say that he *does* mean you—that he has found no scholar the past year who is too old or too far advanced to learn anything at these same common schools.

During the past year Swinton's Grammars have been introduced in place of the older Quackenbos text books. No change is recommended for the coming year unless in the spellers. These have been in use for fifteen or twenty years, and may well be replaced by something more modern. The \$200 placed in your committee's hands last spring, can be found in the following table, taken from the selectmen's book, showing the total amount of school funds for 1881.

District No. 1.—Poll and estate,	\$819.01	
" " School committee,	128.51	
" " Dog tax, 1880,	10.33—	\$957.85
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District No. 2.—Poll and estate,	\$56.18	
" " School committee,	23.49	
" " Dog tax, 1880,	16.33—	\$90.00
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District No. 3.—Poll and estate,	\$29.84	
" " School committee,	48.00	
" " Dog tax, 1880,	10.33	
" " Town of Mason, 1881,	75.86—	\$164.03
" No. 0.		10.59
Town of New Ipswich for Titcomb farm,		3.55
Total,		<u>\$1226.02</u>

The division of money made by your committee so as to favor Districts No. 2 and 3, necessitated the use of a large portion of the reserve in No. 1. This was well enough for the year now passed, but such a division can not well be made the coming year on the regular appropriation of \$1030, for there is not now much reserve in No. 1. However well disposed we may feel to our neighbors in No. 2 and No. 3, it is not impartial justice to shorten schools containing six scholars in order to lengthen schools containing one scholar. The matter can be easily adjusted by raising \$50 additional for schools. Our representative, Mr. C. E. Marsh secured the passage of an act by the legislature annexing the Titcomb farm to District No. 2 where it properly belongs, so that after this no funds need be paid out of town. Adron Winship has no place where to educate his children at the common expense, and he has to pay a school tax each year. The payment of a regular sum to him for the tuition of his children meets your committee's approval. Respectfully,

C. E. HALL, Sup't Schools.