

16th, Scholars preparing for college may, during the course, attend to the studies required for admission to college, engaging in such other exercises as may be deemed best.

17th, During the third term provision is made for those older scholars who do not expect to graduate, but who wish to attend to higher Arithmetic, Bookkeeping, &c.

18th, Whenever an elective study is taken it shall be deemed equivalent to some other study in the regular course.

19th, All scholars who enter college from the High School, and all who can pass examination in the studies of the three years course, shall at the expiration of the third year, be entitled to a diploma, signed by the Master, Superintendent, and Chairman and Secretary of the Committee.

20th, In addition to the regular exercises in the High School, all the scholars are required to declaim or recite, every other week, such selections or pieces, as shall be approved by the Master, and to write compositions as often as once in two weeks.

21st, Scholars may remain in the High School a fourth year, or one year after graduation, for the study of Political Economy, Natural History, or any of the studies that may have been omitted in the elective course.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN AND ASSESSORS

OF THE

TOWN OF KINGSTON,

FOR THE

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28,

1869,

TOGETHER WITH THE REPORTS

OF THE

School Committee and Superintendent of Schools,

FOR THE YEAR 1868-9.

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ASSESSMENT OF TAXES.

Valuation of Real Estate,	8567,714 00
" Personal Estate,	585,017 00
Total valuation,	<u>8,152,731 00</u>

Rate of taxation .0082, or eighty-two cents per hundred dollars.

Number of polls, 427. Poll tax, \$2.

Town tax,	86,000 00
State tax,	2,680 00
County tax,	1,388 81
Overlayings,	281 76
Unpaid School Books,	271 18
Total for collection,	<u>810,621 75</u>

Number of Dwelling Houses taxed,	318
" acres of Land,	10,263
" Horses taxed,	170
" Cows "	215
" Sheep "	20

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TAXES FOR 1868.

Adams, Abigail H.	\$178 35	Adams, Henry L.	\$12 87
Adams, George,	62 76	Adams, Eleanor,	16 40
Adams, George T.	39 31	Adams, John,	2 82
Adams, Frederic C.	32 95	Adams, William S.	472 08
Adams, G. T. and F. C.	174 70	Adams, Harriet S.	1 61
Adams, Horatio,	2 00	Ames, Benjamin F.	2 82
Adams, Charles, heirs of,	20 05	Andrews, Samuel M.	10 41
Adams, Susan C.	14 67	Alexander, Joseph,	2 00
Brewster, George, heirs of,	7 18	Eisbee, Daniel,	11 71
Brewster, Clement D. hrs. of	17 43	Bisbee, Daniel, Jr.	2 00
Bartlett, Lysander,	26 35	Bisbee, Albert,	2 00
Bartlett, Uriah,	6 92	Baker, Otis,	57 97
Bartlett, Cornelius A.	22 91	Baker, Levi,	2 00
Bartlett, Walter S.	14 51	Baker, Leonard C.	7 33
Brewster, Spencer,	22 50	Bicknell, Thomas,	24 84
Brewster, Henry,	2 00	Bicknell, George,	2 00
Bonney John,	5 49	Bicknell, Thomas, guard.	5 95
Bonney, John A.	2 00	Burgess, Charles, heirs of,	4 31
Bonney, Wallace,	2 00	Burgess, William H.	2 00
Bonney, George H.	15 51	Burgess & Bailey,	76 67
Bonney, George H. Jr.	2 00	Bradford, William.	12 46
Bryant, Charles E.	5 49	Bradford, Alden S.	16 97
Bryant, Sylvanus, Jr	26 93	Bradford, Lydia F.	3 28
Bryant, Prince &	17 22	Bradford, Peleg,	22 71
Bryant, Nathaniel,	15 58	Bradford, Jason,	5 69
Bryant, James H.	8 36	Bradford, Albion,	2 00
Bryant, Peleg,	19 51	Bradford, Lydia,	11 73
Bryant, William B.	2 00	Bradford, Clarissa, guard.	2 67
Beal, Betsey S.	230 68	Bradford, Horace S.	5 29
Beal, Joseph S.	251 29	Bradford, George B.	2 00

Beal, Joseph S. & others,	\$12 30	Bradford, Amos P.	\$2 00
Beal, Joseph S. trustee,	120 85	Bradford, Rebecca M.	20 09
Bearce, John,	10 90	Bradford, Rebecca M., guar.	5 81
Bearce, Ichabod,	3 85	Bradford, Orrin W.	7 74
Bailey, Nahum,	24 35	Bowker, Davis W.	2 00
Bailey, Nahum, Jr.	12 25	Bunker, Edward,	7 13
Bailey, Thomas,	28 86	Bunker, George,	2 00
Bailey, Justus A.	2 00	Borns, Ebenezer E.	7 54
Bailey, Willard, R.	2 00	Berry, Roscoe G.	2 00
Bailey, Caleb E.	6 56	Brooks, Nathan,	8 57
Bates, Dorothea D.	7 63	Bagnell, Frederic,	5 49
Bates, Caleb.	68 26	Bagnell, John C.	2 00
Baytes, Antonio M.	4 10	Buorkell, Michael,	2 00
Cook, Martin, heirs of,	7 59	Cushman, Sylvia, heirs of,	7 38
Cook, Martin,	18 20	Cushman, Asa,	8 56
Cook, Edwin.	6 52	Cushman Edwin,	12 21
Cook, Benjamin,	31 11	Cushman, Frank D.	2 00
Cook, Josiah T.	20 61	Cushman, George H.	2 60
Cook, Mary W.	5 33	Cushman, Nathaniel,	3 28
Cook, Lucy,	13 12	Cushman, Caroline,	33 62
Cook, Asa,	17 17	Cushman, Samuel E.	28 45
Cook, Henry T.	12 25	Cushman, Joseph T.	8 15
Cobb, Seth,	6 31	Cushman, James H.	9 02
Cobb, Martin,	19 58	Cushman, George S.	2 00
Cobb, Philander.	55 83	Clifford, Luther,	17 17
Cobb, Benjamin,	69 92	Callahan, Thomas,	2 60
Cobb & Drew,	90 00	Callahan, Dennis,	2 00
Cobb, Henry,	15 12	Chauchill, Prince,	5 03
Cobb, Lucy,	2 87	Churchill, Ebenezer,	6 10
Cobb, Nathaniel,	5 08	Churchill, Henry, heirs of,	4 31
Cobb, John W.	10 20	Churchill, James, T.	8 31
Corey, Gustavus,	10 82	Churchill, Henry, 2d, h.s. of,	1 85
Cushman, Daniel,	6 10	Churchill, Henry,	4 46
Cushman, Joseph,	7 21	Churchill, Otis,	7 33
Cushman, Josiah,	41 98	Churchill, George L.	2 00
Cushman, John,	6 72	Chandler, Ira,	18 41
Cushman, George,	18 69	Chandler, Im, Jr.	26 19
Cushman, George, 2d,	11 55	Chandler John S.,	6 10

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Chandler, John A.	88 59	Cole, Leander S.	82 00
Chandler, Nathan,	13 69	Cole, Samuel P.	2 90
Chandler, Edward D.	17 58	Cole, Charles H.	2 00
Churchill, Mercy, heirs of,	2 87	Childs, Abner P.	2 00
Chandler, David,	29 06	Carey, Dennis,	2 00
Chandler, Algernon S.	22 01	Chandler, Abigail,	3 69
Cunningham, Theodore B.	49 93	Chandler, James,	2 00
Cole, James,	12 82	Cushing, Samuel W.	115 00
Cole, Thomas E.	7 95	Clark, George H.	14 30
Drew, Cornelius, heirs of,	6 56	Denham, Benjamin,	8 97
Drew, Cornelius,	2 60	Donley, John,	2 41
Drew, Seth,	23 74	Delano, David,	8 97
Drew, Eli C.	30 68	Delano, Lewis S.	11 41
Drew, Christopher P.	22 51	Delano, Benjamin, heirs of	42 80
Drew, Job W.	26 20	Delano, Joshua,	66 31
Drew, Job W., trustee,	8 61	Delano, Benjamin & Son,	332 54
Drew, Job W., guardian,	9 16	Delano, Joshua Adams,	49 46
Drew, Mary, heirs of,	26 86	Delano, Joshua, trustee,	3 49
Drew, John,	22 09	Delano, Joshua, trustee,	9 43
Drew, John N.	3 61	Drake, Marden,	4 41
Drew, Nathaniel D.	8 36	Dawes, James H.	77 37
Dorsey, Patrick,	2 00	Doten, Isaac,	2 00
Davie, Solomon,	8 56	Doten, Edward L.	2 82
Davis, Timothy, heirs of,	28 61		
Everson, Oliver, heirs of,	5 33	Everson, Lois,	6 97
Everson, James O.	2 00	Eldridge, David G.	9 38
Everson, Susan,	6 15	Ellis, Wylie R.	30 09
Everson, Charles,	2 60	Evans, Green,	18 11
Everson, Warren N.	3 64	Eager, Robert,	7 33
Everson, Nancy,	4 72		
Farrington, Martin,	2 00	Faunce, Seth W.	9 18
Faunce, Elizabeth,	25 63	Faunce, Cornelius A.	2 00
Faunce, Kilborn, heirs of,	23 58	Faunce, Charles T.	9 59
Faunce, George,	13 69	Faunce, Walter H.	24 55
Faunce, Elmer,	2 00	Faunce, Charles, C.	66 54
Faunce, Albert,	11 76	Faunce, John,	15 13

Faunce, Eliezer,	86 39	Fuller, Frank,	824 06
Faunce, Martin,	9 02	Fuller, Chester H.	2 00
French, Timothy,	18 82	Fuller, Daniel W.	2 00
Fuller, Freeman H.	3 64	Fuller, Smith,	2 00
Fuller, Ephraim,	12 46	Fuller, Waldo A.	9 38
Fuller, Josiah,	7 13	Foster, Aseuth,	12 92
Fuller, James,	23 12	Foster, Alexander B.	21 10
Fuller, Alexander.	9 47	Foster, James,	25 25
Fuller, John.	26 15	Foster, Calvin T.	2 00
Fuller, John A.	20 12	Fears, John, heirs of,	3 68
Fuller, Samuel,	2 41	Fitzpatrick, Michael.	8 36
Fuller, Ezra,	26 76	Freeman, Polham,	2 60
Fuller, Sophia, heirs of,	7 19	Freeman, David C.	2 00
Gray, Judith,	18 94	Gray, Benjamin.	2 00
Gray, John, heirs of,	18 86	Glass, Daniel P.	2 00
Gray, Edward,	21 35	Grozeuger, George.	12 25
Gray, Samuel W.	5 69	Gilett, William,	2 00
Griffin, John.	1 46	Green Gustavus,	2 60
Haney, Dennis,	8 15	Holmes, Gaius, Jr.	2 00
Hennesey, John.	5 28	Holmes, Lothrop T.	8 56
Hearne, John,	6 51	Holmes, Joseph,	14 92
Haggerty, William.	2 00	Holmes, Richard E.	19 13
Haggerty, Margaret.	2 05	Holmes, Ephraim,	4 05
Hall, John, heirs of.	22 34	Holmes, Edward.	492 44
Hall, Christina,	9 23	Holmes, Edward K.	31 32
Hall, John F.	11 80	Holmes Ann E.	8 61
Hall, George S.	2 00	Holmes, Cornelius,	95 69
Holmes, Robert W.	6 92	Holmes, Alexander,	751 97
Holmes, Samuel.	14 92	Holmes, Alex. & others,	
Holmes, John F.	20 12	trustee,	17 81
Holmes, George,	41 38	Holmes, Alex. & others,	
Holmes, Ira,	9 51	trustee,	89 98
Holmes, Elnathan,	2 00	Holmes, Alex. & others,	
Holmes, Stephen, heirs of,	5 13	trustee,	104 92
Holmes, Allyn,	9 67	Holmes, Joseph A.	9 28
Holmes, Stephen,	9 38	Holmes, Frank H.	59 53
Holmes, James W.	24 76	Hall Brothers & Co.	16 40
Holmes, Gaius,	8 36	Harlow, James M.	2 62

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Harlow, James W.	82 00	Hurley, Michael,	82 00
Hughes, Michael,	2 00	Hamilton, Horace M.	2 00
Hayward, Lucius,	6 10	Howe, Alfred F.	10 20
Hunt, Henry,	55 71	Howe, Florimel L.	2 00
Hammond, Judith,	2 46	Harten, John F.	2 00
Hammond, Asa C.	5 16	Hollis, Joshua,	4 26
Howland, Daniel F.	9 38	Hunt & Sampson,	41 21
Joyce, Eli,	2 00	Johnson, John,	37 55
Joyce, John A.	2 00	Johnson, Judith,	2 46
Jones, Henry N.	27 21	Jones, Leander L.	3 61
Johnson, Thos. J., heirs of,	27 27	Jamcson, Francis,	2 00
Kennedy, James,	10 86	Keith, Henry K.	85 23
Kennedy, James, Jr.	2 00	Keene, Briggs O.	2 00
Kennedy, Francis M.	2 00		
Lanman, Deborah,	13 17	Leach, Erastus,	2 00
Lanman, Thomas,	9 59	Leonard, Henry,	3 61
Lucas, Henry T.	9 13	Leonard, Patrick,	2 00
McGuire, William,	2 00	Malone, Patrick,	2 00
McGrath, Robert,	2 00	Murray, John,	1 26
McGrath, Michael,	10 36	McManus, Michael,	8 56
McGrath, William,	7 28	McCarty, Charles,	2 00
Morton, George H.	2 00	Mitchell, John,	8 36
Morton, Jacob,	2 00	Mitchell, Ransom,	7 51
McLauthlen, Elisha,	24 71	Mitchell, Ezra,	7 95
McLauthlen, George W.	15 69	Mitchell, Harvey,	11 43
McLauthlen, Robert B.	9 30	Morse, George,	10 00
McLauthlen, Peter W.	10 20	Morse, Francis,	2 82
McLauthlen, Philemon,	4 87	Myrick, William H.	19 84
McLauthlen, Simcon W.	31 42	Mahoney, John,	2 60
McLauthlen, Onstow,	3 44	Merriman, Titus M.	2 00
Nichols, Paul L.	84 82	Newcomb, Guilford S.	2 41
Newcomb, Thomas,	169 59	Nutter, Samuel J.	7 21
Newcomb, Thomas, & Co.,	163 18	Naughten, Andrew,	5 28
Newcomb, Marcello,	2 00	Naughten, James,	2 60

O'Brien, Patrick,	82 00	Oldham, John,	89 59
O'Brien, Patrick, 2d,	2 00	Oldham, Adoniram J.	2 00
O'Brien, William,	2 00	Owens, George E.	2 00
Pierce, Tilden,	2 00	Prince, Noah,	21 76
Pierce, James B.	2 00	Pezzy, Thomas,	10 41
Phipps, Joseph H.	3 39	Peterson, Ichabod,	8 56
Perkins, Henry F.	6 92	Peterson, William,	30 29
Perkins, Ezra,	10 82	Peterson, Esains,	6 92
Powers, Betsey R.	10 66	Peckham, Joseph,	5 28
Powers, Edwin,	1 00	Pratt, Albert D.	2 00
Paine, Reuben C.	11 55		
Quinn, Thomas,	1 26	Quinan, Patrick,	2 00
Reed, Edwin,	35 09	Ripley, Lewis,	16 77
Reed, Alphonzo,	3 61	Ripley, Cyrus W.	11 43
Reed, Joseph E., heirs of,	12 10	Ripley, Joseph T., heirs of,	2 26
Reed, Porter C.	8 36	Ring, Daniel W., heirs of,	29 19
Reed, Edmund,	2 00	Ring, Daniel W.	2 00
Reed, Jones & Co.	8 20	Ring, Samuci,	27 63
Russell, Amelia,	38 51	Ransom, Harvey,	11 43
Russell, Thomas, heirs of,	43 26	Ransom, Winslow H.	2 00
Robbins, Joseph S.	9 79	Ransom, Edward A.	2 82
Robbins, William A.	18 81	Richardson, Ebenezer P.	5 23
Robbins, Charles,	28 65	Richardson, Edwin W.	2 00
Robbins, Charles T.	9 38	Ryan, John,	6 10
Ripley, Thomas,	2 00	Reinhardt, Henry,	2 00
Ripley, Samuel E.	21 68	Reckenbiel, Henry,	3 64
Ripley, Obed,	2 62	Reckenbiel, Valentine,	2 00
Sedgely, Dexter F.	2 00	Sampson, George H.	2 00
Sproul, Francis,	2 00	Sampson, Oliver,	11 10
Sproul & Churchill,	2 87	Sampson, Benjamin,	17 62
Sampson, Constant,	6 10	Sampson, Wendall A.	2 00
Sampson, Azel,	18 15	Sampson, Huddah,	25 61
Sampson, Azel H.	2 00	Sampson, Walter,	2 00
Sampson, William A.	6 10	Sampson, Clement H.	11 22
Sampson, Elbridge,	2 00	Sampson, George,	3 23

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Sampson, Hiram,	85 48	Stetson, Charles,	\$34 80
Shurtleff, William,	2 00	Stetson, Joseph,	52 36
Sever, James N.	74 67	Soule, Henry,	37 83
Sever, Jane R.	162 58	Soule, Henry, Jr.	2 00
Sever, Anna D., heirs of,	15 58	Soule, William F.	4 26
Simmons, Nabun,	15 33	Soule, James C.	2 00
Simmons, Francis O.	11 44	Smith, Patrick,	3 64
Simmons, Augustus,	8 15	Stranger, Joseph A.	13 28
Simmons, Henry,	2 00	Stranger, Andrew R.	2 00
Simmons, Henry, Jr.	2 00	Stranger, William A.	2 00
Simmons, Edmund F.	2 00	Symes, William,	46 29
Simmons, Peleg,	2 00	Saw, Sullivan B.	2 00
Schields, Peter,	2 00	Society, Treasurer 1st Cong.	77 50
Southworth, Thomas,	2 00	Society, Treasurer Baptist,	10 25
Sturtevant, Henry,	21 85	Seanos, Elizabeth,	9 45
Stetson, George, heirs of,	5 51	Smith, John,	9 38
Stetson, Kimball W.	15 12	Sheehan, Thomas,	3 61
Stetson, James H.	4 05	Stewart, David,	3 85
Stetson, Elisha,	14 67	Soule, Samuel E.	2 41
Stetson, Henry T.	2 00	Stoddard, Alfred W.	2 00
Stetson, Wiswal, S.	7 18		
		Trebandt, Frederic,	4 16
Tupper, Seth,	6 31	Tribble, William T.	2 00
Tupper, Seth, heirs of,	2 46	Thompson, James S.	12 58
Thomas, Augustus,	37 56	Tobin, John,	2 00
Thomas, William A.	39 72		
Thomas, William R.	6 11	Winsor, Elbridge G.	20 26
		Winsor, Clark,	2 00
Willis, Jonah,	42 36	Washburn, Charles H.	2 00
Willis, Edward,	54 32	Washburn, Charles F.	2 00
Willis, Foster,	8 56	Washburn, George L.	2 82
Willis, George F.	30 70	Washburn, Francis,	20 45
Willis, William H.	14 51	Washburn, Azel W.	2 00
Willis, Jonah, Jr.	3 85	Washburn, William D.	10 20
Willis, Nathaniel T.	17 38	Washburn, George,	2 90
Willis, Sarah T.	17 41	Washburn, John,	2 00
Willis, Bethia H.	18 26		
Winsor, William D.	21 07		
Winsor, Peter,	2 00		

Washburn, Martin P.	\$2 00	Waterman, Thomas E.	\$2 00
Washburn, Charles,	2 00	Waterman, Austin B.	2 00
Washburn, Nath'l, heirs of,	10 25	Waterman, Amanda,	43 96
Washburn, Caleb F.	2 82	Wheell, Elijah C.	2 00
Washburn, Waldo,	2 00	White, Alden,	36 97
Washburn, Cephas, Jr.	11 61	Wright, John L.	5 98
Washburn, Lora,	2 00	Wilson, Eli,	9 79
Walker, Alpheus,	3 61	Wadsworth, William A.	2 00
Weston, Timothy,	6 10	Wadsworth, George,	2 00
Waterman, Seth,	2 00	Wixon, Oscar F.	2 00
Waterman, Nathaniel.	14 72	Watson, Nathan B.	2 00
Waterman, George,	2 00	Ware, Joseph,	2 00
Waterman, Eleazer E.	9 01		

NON-RESIDENTS.

Adams, Nathaniel,	\$10 91	Aldrich, Joseph, heirs of,	\$0 82
Adams, Thomas, guardian	1 41		
Bradford, William H.	1 61	Bryant, Lenuel,	1 61
Bradford, Henry A.	1 23	Barker, Chenezer,	2 87
Bradford, Gershom,	8 61	Brown, David,	82
Bonney, Susan,	9 81	Brown, Robert,	62
Brewster, Pelham,	6 15	Butes, Moses, trustee,	4 10
Brewster, Isaac,	4 10	Barrett, Benjamin,	21
Briggs, Seneca,	1 23		
Case, Albert,	41	Clark, Stephen, heirs of,	41
Case, E. J.	2 46	Clark, Zouth C.	1 23
Clase, Sylvanus,	29	Cobb, Charles,	16 20
Carl, Hannah,	82	Cobb, Franklin B.	4 31
Churchill, Anselm,	16 40	Crocker, Walter,	21
Churchill, Charles O.	1 23	Clark, Robert,	41
Diman, Ezra S.	41	Dunbar, William H.	1 84
Faunce, Ichabod W.	1 23	Ford, Baker,	41
Faunce, Sewell A.	62	Fuller, Josiah, heirs of,	1 23
Faunce, Quiney A.	82	Fuller, Alexander, Jr.	2 87
Faunce, Zenas, heirs of,	2 46		

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Glass, Daniel P.	\$1 03	Gordon, Timothy,	\$1 64
Gray, Barnabas H.	1 72	Gray Lewis T.	2 46
Gray, Frances A.	82		
Holmes, Charles H.	41	Hall, George R.	1 64
Holmes, Nathaniel,	1 64	Hall, James & William,	5 13
Holmes, Peter,	19 27	Holmes, Richard,	4 10
Holmes, Sarah D.	3 08		
Jackson, Thomas,	1 23		
Lanman, Henry T.	1 44	Loring, Harrison,	82
Lanman, Isaac,	2 57	Loring, Samuel,	1 64
Lanman, Thomas E.	4 10	Lynch, Catharine,	3 08
Lawton, Andrew,	2 46		
Maglaiblen, Henry B.	82	McLauthlen, Samuel,	82
Nelson, Charles & others,	41		
Otis, Lucia A.	2 46	Otis, Hannah T.	2 46
Perkins, Jacob, heirs of,	2 87	Pratt, Lucius,	5 13
Plymouth, town of,	1 64	Pratt, William B.	2 05
Pratt, Alphonzo,	2 46		
Reed, George W.	18 04	Richard, Warren,	82
Richard, Isaac,	41	Ripley, William, heirs of,	4 10
Richard, Martin,	82		
Sampson, Ahira, heirs of,	2 46	Shurtleff, George,	1 44
Sever, Elizabeth P.	17 22	Simmons, George S.	41
Savery, William,	62	Simmons, Melvin,	2 05
Sever, James W., guardian,	33 11	Simmons, William,	4 72
Sherman, Earl,	62	Snell, Benjamin,	1 44
Sherman, Eleazer C.	1 64	Soule, Francis R.	3 28
Sherman, Henry,	3 28	Sprague, Phineas, heirs of,	1 64
Sturtevant, Thomas,	1 03	Stetson, William,	82

Thomas, Gamaliel,	\$0 62	Thompson, Albert,	\$0 49
Thomas, John, heirs of,	14 88	Thompson, Zadoc,	29
Thomas, William, heirs of,	7 33	Thompson, Reuben,	11 07
Vaughan, Thomas,	82		
Wadsworth, Wait,	21 94	White, Daniel,	62
Whiting, Benjamin,	1 23	Witherell, Alden,	4 51
White, Otis,	62	Wright, Winslow,	1 44
Washburn, Philip,	41		

EXPENDITURE OF SPECIFIC APPROPRIATIONS.

REPAIR OF HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation,	\$1,200 00
Expended,	1,227 64
Overdrawn,	\$27 63

DISTRICT No. 1.

Martin Cobb, Surveyor.

Frederick Bagnell, labor,	\$27 00	Thomas Tobin, labor,	\$1 00
William Bradford, " "	3 40	Thomas Churchill, " "	8 00
Alexander Fuller, " "	16 90	Frank D. Cushman, " "	4 00
Hannah T. Cunningham,		Samuel W. Gray, " "	8 00
labor,	5 00	Charles T. Powers, " "	2 00
James Fuller, " "	14 40	Henry T. Lucas, " "	2 00
William A. Robbins, " "	8 70	Joshua Delano, " "	8 00
George Washburn, " "	1 00	Herbert Cobb, " "	2 00
Patrick Sullivan, " "	3 00	Seth Rupper, gravel,	2 40
James B. Pierce, " "	11 20		
Philander Cobb, " "	31 20		\$182 70
Martin Cobb, " "	12 00	Assignment,	180 00
Eleizer Faunce, " "	1 50		
John Tobin, " "	10 00	Overdrawn,	\$2 70

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District No. 2.

Alden White, Surveyor.

Aezel H. Sampson, labor,	\$7 20	Jonah Willis, labor,	\$2 80
Michael McMannus, "	5 20	Waldo A. Fuller, "	2 00
Andrew R. Stranger, "	3 20	Wylie R. Ellis, "	1 30
Alden White, "	23 90	George F. Willis, "	3 50
Benjamin Dunham, "	2 50	Burges & Bailey, nails,	2 41
Frederic Bagnell, "	19 40	Caleb Bates, gravel,	3 99
Edward Holmes, "	75 80		
Dennis Hauey, "	4 50		\$157 90
Timothy French, "	7 00	Assignment,	180 00
Nathaniel Cobb, "	40		
Edward Willis, "	22 80	Overdrawn,	\$7 90

District No. 3.

Joseph A. Stranger, Surveyor.

Joseph A. Stranger, labor,	\$107 20	Seth W. Farnce, labor,	\$1 50
Robert A. Drew, "	6 60	John S. Chandler, "	2 00
Luther Clifford, "	35 16	Ira Chandler, "	6 00
Eli C. Drew, "	10 60		
James Foster, "	8 00		\$213 86
Benjamin Sampson, "	4 00	Assignment,	190 00
Ira Chandler, Jr., "	27 20		
Caleb Bates, "	2 60	Overdrawn,	\$23 86

District No. 4.

Edward D. Chandler, Surveyor.

John Bonney, labor,	\$3 60	Robt. B. McLauthlen, labor,	\$9 10
Oliver Sampson, "	6 00	Ezra Mitchell, "	3 80
Edwin Reed, "	1 00	Harvey Mitchell, "	5 40
Ephraim Holmes, "	3 55	John A. Chandler, "	9 20
John Mitchell, "	3 35	John F. Hall, "	5 00
Elisha McLauthlen, "	5 35	David Chandler, "	5 55
Charles Washburn, "	1 80	Augustus Simmons, "	3 60
Algernon S. Chandler, "	8 30		

Ebenezer Churchil, labor,	\$2 00	Calvin T. Foster, labor,	\$2 00
Ira Holmes, "	7 20		
Edward E. Chandler, "	26 45		\$125 10
Allyn Holmes, "	5 80	Assignment,	135 00
Esaias Peterson, "	5 05		
James S. Thompson, "	2 00	Unexpended,	\$9 90

District No. 5.

Francis O. Simmons, Surveyor.

Elijah C. Witherell, labor,	\$1 00	John Bearce, labor,	\$8 00
Onslow McLauthlen, "	3 40	Peleg Bryant, "	11 60
Prince Churchill, "	4 80	Francis O. Simmons, "	18 00
Michael Fitzpatrick, "	9 00	Samuel Holmes, "	7 90
William B. Bryant, "	3 40	Ichabod Bearce, "	6 25
Nathaniel Waterman, "	9 80		
John Johnson, "	8 60		\$119 00
Maulen Drake, "	3 65	Assignment,	110 00
Frank H. Holmes, "	4 00		
Peter W. McLauthlen, "	11 80	Overdrawn,	\$9 00
Edmund F. Simmons, "	1 80		

District No. 6.

Frank H. Holmes, Surveyor.

Walter H. Farnce, labor,	\$13 40	Andrew Naughten, labor,	\$8 00
Waldo Washburn, "	3 60	George Adams, gravel,	2 10
James C. Soule, "	2 00		
Frank H. Holmes, "	45 20		\$100 80
Gains Holmes, Jr., "	2 00	Assignment,	110 00
Josiah T. Cook, "	22 50		
Patrick Mulone, "	2 00	Unexpended,	\$9 20

District No. 7.

George Cushman, Surveyor.

Edward L. Doten, labor,	\$4 00	George Cushman, labor,	\$30 87
James H. Cushman, "	19 25	Richard E. Holmes, "	8 50
Joseph Cushman, "	7 00	Daniel Bisbee, Jr., "	2 00
John F. Holmes, "	9 50	James H. Bryant, "	3 00
Samuel J. Nutter, "	8 00	George Cushman, 2d, "	4 00

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Henry T. Cook,	labor,	\$9 50	Seth Tupper, gravel,	\$2 15
Elisha Stetson,	"	4 00		—
Joseph T. Cushman,	"	2 65		\$139 27
Eiezer Faunce,	"	20 25	Assignment,	140 00
Reuben C. Paine,	"	60		—
Martin Faunce,	"	4 00	Unexpended,	\$0 73

DISTRICT No. 8.

Timothy Weston, Surveyor.

Timothy Weston,	labor,	\$18 90	Ransom Mitchell,	labor,	\$9 60
Ezra Fuller,	"	12 28	Henry Sturtevant,	"	21 20
Edwin Cook,	"	12 72	John L. Wright,	"	2 00
Martin Cook,	"	17 70			—
James O. Everson,	"	10 00			120 00
Thomas Lanman,	"	1 80			—
Noah Prince,	"	10 80	Assignment,		120 00

DISTRICT No. 9.

Henry T. Cook, Surveyor.

Martin Faunce,	labor,	\$1 00	Henry T. Cook,	labor,	\$10 00
Edward L. Doten,	"	4 00			—
Samuel J. Nutter,	"	4 00			39 00
Asa Cook,	"	2 00	Assignment,		35 00
Joseph Cushman,	"	4 00			—
John F. Holmes,	"	11 00	Overdrawn,		4 00

REMOVING SNOW.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Benjamin Dunham,	\$6 10	Michael McCrate,	\$1 20
Charles A. Stranger,	3 72	William S. Adams,	1 37
D. Clifton Freeman,	1 62	Cornelius Callahan,	57
Hiram Sampson,	2 75	Thomas Callahan,	57
Charles McCarty,	3 82	David Shurtleff,	2 75
Henry Leonard,	2 75	William McGuire,	57
William Leonard,	1 68	Spencer Brewster,	4 60
Michael Hughes,	1 20	Charles T. Robbins,	6 61

Samuel W. Gray,	\$8 75	Edward Butler,	\$0 46
James B. Pierce,	9 72	Frederic Dagnell,	5 60
Hezekiah C. Griffith,	1 60	James M. Harlow,	2 30
Alexander Fuller,	7 00	George Harlow,	1 72
John Murray,	5 00	Tilden Pierce,	1 05
James Fuller,	7 25	Patrick Quintan,	50
Chester H. Fuller,	4 82	Henry T. Lucas,	4 75
Edwin Powers,	12 27	William A. Thomas,	5 67
Charles H. Washburn,	9 35	Martin Cobb,	1 00
Melvin S. Washburn,	4 25	Daniel Shurtleff,	60
Frank J. Washburn,	48	Joshua Delano,	1 00
Charles F. Washburn,	2 87	Lorenzo B. Grigson,	1 00
Henry Simmons,	1 25	William A. Robbins,	7 67
John Tobin,	8 20	Asa Cushman,	1 40
Thomas Tobin,	40	Thomas E. Cole,	2 05
Dennis Haney,	7 45	Alton B. Cole,	90
Dennis Hart,	7 45	James Cole,	2 65
Edward Haney,	70	William R. Thomas,	5 45
Obed Ripley,	8 90	James Kennedy, Jr.,	50
William Bradford,	8 16	Samuel E. Ripley,	1 30
John Donley,	4 05	Alexander Holmes,	3 10
Pelham Freeman,	2 90	Hannah T. Cunningham,	75
Benjamin G. Cobb,	2 04	Charles Powers,	1 00
Seth Cobb,	1 65	Edwin Powers,	1 00
Gustavus Corey,	7 32		—
Joshua Delano, Jr.,	8 27		\$235 67
Roscoe G. Berry,	3 37		

DISTRICT No. 2.

Lysander Bartlett,	\$1 33	Joseph S. Robbins,	\$0 87
George Washburn,	50	Lewis Ripley,	87
Edward Holmes,	6 00	David Delano,	75
Andrew R. Stranger,	2 74	Charles H. Everson,	75
William A. Stranger,	50	Azel H. Sampson,	1 00
James Lucas,	57	George H. Clark,	50
Cornelius A. Bartlett,	1 12	Simeon W. McLauthlen,	4 50
Green Evans,	1 75	Nathaniel D. Drew,	87
Eli Wilson,	1 75	Erastus Leach,	75
Waldo A. Fuller,	2 00		—
			\$29 42

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DISTRICT No. 3.

Joseph A. Stranger,	\$1 50	James H. Stetson,	\$1 50
Dexter E. Scdgely,	6 50	Eli C. Drew,	5 63
Patrick Dorcey,	3 00	Albert Faunce,	3 75
Nathan Chandler,	14 25	Ira Chandler, Jr.,	5 00
George H. Bonney,	2 50	Luther Clifford,	3 00
Harvey Ransom,	1 50		
Robert A. Drew,	9 75		\$60 88

DISTRICT No. 4.

Ezra Mitchell,	\$9 58	Elisha McLauthlen,	\$1 25
Robert B. McLauthlen,	7 50	John A. Chandler,	1 25
James S. Thompson,	8 12	Benjamin F. Gray,	2 12
Calvin T. Foster,	9 50	John F. Hall,	4 25
Daniel F. Howland,	1 37	Augustus Simmons,	3 75
David Stuart,	2 25	Ebenezer Churchill,	2 75
Nahum Simmons,	1 25	Edward D. Chandler,	6 12
Esaias Peterson,	5 75	Allyn Holmes,	2 62
Algernon S. Chandler,	4 87	Charles Washburn,	1 12
Ephraim Holmes,	50	Harvey Mitchell,	50
Oliver Sampson,	2 37		
John Mitchell,	1 75		\$71 51

DISTRICT No. 5.

Nathaniel Waterman,	\$7 17	Elijah C. Witherell,	\$5 50
George Waterman,	4 25	Prince Churchill,	4 25
James W. Holmes,	1 00	William Churchill,	6 25
John Fitzpatrick,	5 50	Edmund F. Simmons,	3 00
Francis O. Simmons,	8 00	Oaslow McLauthlen,	7 00
James Naughten,	6 25	Michael Fitzpatrick,	3 25
Peter W. McLauthlen,	10 00	John A. Bonney,	1 25
Joseph Weir,	2 25	George B. Bryant,	7 25
William B. Bryant,	6 25	John F. Hall,	2 25
Marden Drake,	5 50	Samuel Holmes,	50
Philemon McLauthlen,	3 50		
Ira Holmes,	2 00		\$102 17

DISTRICT No. 6.

Caleb F. Washburn,	\$7 33	Walter H. Faunce,	\$8 62
Noah Prince,	4 58	Lucius Hayward,	3 75
Andrew Naughten,	6 57	Waldo Washburn,	6 37
Frank H. Holmes,	5 50	John Hearne,	5 00
Charles C. Faunce,	5 50	George Morse,	3 00
Patrick O'Brien,	1 00	Clement H. Sampson,	3 00
George Faunce,	9 00	Gaius Holmes,	25
Patrick Malone,	75	Josiah T. Cook,	11 25
Elnathan S. Holmes,	91		
Truman H. Fuller,	1 62		\$51 33

DISTRICT No. 7.

Richard E. Holmes,	\$2 25	James H. Cushman,	\$1 50
Smith Fuller,	1 53	John F. Holmes,	5 37
Joseph Cushman,	1 75	Martin Faunce,	3 75
Zachariah B. Cushman,	75	George Cushman, 2d,	3 50
Edward L. Doten,	3 32	John Cushman,	2 25
Reuben C. Paine,	1 00	Henry T. Stetson,	3 75
George Cushman,	5 25	Miezer Faunce,	1 31
Henry T. Cook,	5 37	Joseph T. Cushman,	2 00
Samuel J. Nutter,	2 20	Asa Cook,	3 12
Samuel Fuller,	60		
Elisha Stetson,	1 16		\$51 73

DISTRICT No. 8.

Jason Bradford,	\$6 70	Edwin Cook,	\$2 50
Noah Prince,	7 25	James O. Everson,	2 00
George Morse,	2 83	Timothy R. Weston,	3 00
Francis Morse,	2 00	Thomas Lanman,	2 00
Truman H. Fuller,	3 25	Charles E. Bryant,	2 00
Ezra Fuller,	2 00	Alden S. Bradford,	75
John L. Wright,	1 50	Henry Sturtevant,	6 00
Daniel W. Ring,	2 25		
Martin Cook,	3 00		\$49 03

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RECAPITULATION.

District No. 1,	\$235 67
“ 2,	20 42
“ 3,	60 88
“ 4,	74 54
“ 5,	102 17
“ 6,	84 33
“ 7,	54 73
“ 8,	49 03
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Snow bills paid,	\$690 77
Appropriation,	600 00

One hundred and twenty-six dollars and twenty-six cents of the above was for unpaid snow bills, due March 1st, 1868.

GENERAL HIGHWAY ACCOUNT.

District No. 1.

Edwin Powers, labor,	\$2 34
Martin Farrington, labor,	70
Joshua Delano, Jr., “	1 50
William Bradford, “	80
James Cole, “	1 65
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	\$6 99

District No. 2.

Martin Hayward, lumber for Newcomb's bridge,	\$66 12
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	\$66 12

District No. 3.

Joseph A. Stranger, for labor and lumber, on Stony Brook bridge,	9 05
Eleazer E. Waterman, for labor and lumber on Stony Brook bridge,	3 50
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	\$12 55

District No. 4.

Robert McLauthlen, repairs on highway,	\$4 40
Allyn Holmes, “ “	95
Frank H. Holmes, for cinder,	50
Martin Hayward, lumber for Reed's bridge,	53 17
John F. Hall, labor on bridge and highway,	10 48
Calvin T. Foster, labor on bridge,	1 00
James S. Thompson, labor on bridge,	1 00
Edward D. Chandler, “	4 40
Oliver Sampson, labor,	1 42
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	\$77 32
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	\$162 98
Appropriation,	200 00
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Unexpended,	\$7 02

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Received from State School Fund,	\$131 63
“ for schooling non-residents' children,	65 00
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	\$196 63
Expended for books and apparatus,	26 63
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	170 00
Appropriation for wages and board of teachers,	\$2,700 00
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	\$2,870 00
Expended as below,	
Benjamin Wormelle,	\$900 00
Susie P. Richmond,	247 50
Lydia B. Ring,	156 00
Welthea E. Cobb,	156 00
Betsy P. Burgess,	241 00
Marion B. Burgess,	247 50
Emma T. Ransom,	143 00
Catherine D. Russell,	254 00
Walter H. Faunce,	175 00
Elisha C. Sprague,	175 00
Lorenzo B. Grigson,	175 00
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	\$2,870 00

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FUEL AND CARE OF FIRES.

John Fuller, wood,	\$19 20
John A. Fuller, wood and sawing, and care of fires,	31 25
Timothy French, wood,	77 00
Seth Drew, wood and sawing, and care of fires,	19 55
James Foster, wood,	13 90
John F. Hall, "	18 00
Elisha Stetson, "	2 50
Edwin Cook, "	16 25
Philander Cobb, wood and sawing, and care of fires,	24 51
James H. Bryant, wood and sawing,	5 25
Guilford S. Newcomb, sawing and housing wood, making fires, and cash paid for water,	58 95
Albert Peterson, making fires,	3 00
	<u>\$289 16</u>
Appropriation,	250 00
Overdrawn,	<u>\$39 16</u>

REPAIRS OF SCHOOLHOUSES.

John A. Fuller, repairs, materials and labor, for wood house,	\$54 12
G. S. Newcomb, labor and materials,	39 72
Seth Drew, "	389 39
Allyn Holmes, "	4 45
James S. Thompson, "	6 19
Henry F. Perkins, "	6 83
Philander Cobb, labor, materials and clock,	15 85
Asa C. Hammond, labor building wood house,	18 00
John F. Hall, lumber,	60
George H. Bonney, repairing schoolhouse,	12 40
	<u>\$517 55</u>
Appropriation,	650 00
Unexpended	<u>\$102 45</u>

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Appropriation,	\$1,350 00
Expended as below,	1,277 83
	<u>\$72 17</u>
Unexpended,	
ALMSHOUSE EXPENSES.	
Lucy D. Waterman, services as housekeeper,	\$156 00
P. L. Nichols, professional services,	9 00
Burgess & Bailey, supplies,	120 95
Hunt & Sampson, "	4 25
G. T. & F. C. Adams, "	49 49
Benjamin Dunham, cutting wood on town land,	15 00
Charles Raymond, coffin for Welthea Dawes,	9 00
Nathan Chandler, burial of "	3 50
" manure, plowing, carting, &c.,	18 50
	<u>\$385 69</u>

EXPENSES OUT OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Charles Keen, relief of Benjamin R. Lucas,	\$35 00
Insane Hospital, Taunton, support of Sarah H. Fauce, and Lydia A. Cushing,	229 06
Insane Asylum, Brattleboro, support of David Lucas,	130 00
State Nautical School, support of Nutter boys,	52 90
City of Charlestown, relief of J. H. Drew and family,	85 50
City of Boston, relief of Eliza W. Sampson,	54 00
Charles E. Bryant, support of Elbridge N. Morse,	137 79
Burgess & Bailey, supplies for Robert A. Drew and family,	96 53
Burgess & Bailey, clothing for E. N. Morse,	6 48
Hunt & Sampson, supplies for E. N. Morse,	5 28
" " Robert A. Drew,	30
Philander Cobb, supplies for Oliver Bagnell and family	4 50
G. T. & F. C. Adams, supplies for R. A. Drew,	4 90
Oliver Sampson, wood for Sylvia Lucas,	12 75
Town of Pembroke, relief of James T. Simmons,	4 05
Josiah Cushman, relief of transient poor,	24 00
	<u>\$892 14</u>

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CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

Nathan Brooks, services and expenses as Town Clerk,	\$24 85
" cash paid for stamps, stationery and printing,	9 17
William F. Soule ringing bell,	2 00
Joseph Peckham, services and expenses as Superintendent of Schools,	150 00
George F. Andrews, for printing,	14 50
Avery & Cave, " "	3 50
H. W. Dutton & Son, " town and school reports,	95 50
Burgess & Bailey, for school books,	320 31
Edward Gray, services as Selectman,	60 00
John F. Holmes, " "	52 00
Alden S. Bradford, " "	68 00
H. W. McLauthlen, distributing town reports,	1 50
S. W. McLauthlen, rent of room, one year,	10 00
J. L. Fairbanks, for pauper register,	3 50
James S. Thompson, injury to horse on highway,	20 00
Green Evans, services as constable,	8 50
Nathan Chandler, return of deaths,	3 00
Peleg T. Brooks, express bill,	11 85
Alden S. Bradford, services as assessor,	56 00
John F. Holmes, " "	56 00
Edward Gray, " "	56 00
Lysander Bartlett, services as overseer poor,	20 00
Paid for woodchucks' heads,	54 75
" crows' " "	16 00
Remittance of taxes,	33 94
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	\$1,150 87
Appropriation,	1,400 00
Unexpended,	<hr/>
	\$249 13

TREASURER AND COLLECTOR'S FEES.

Appropriation,	\$225 00
Paid Nathan Brooks,	225 00

STATE AID ACCOUNT.

Charles Everson and family,	\$96 00
Patrick O'Brien " "	84 00
Edmund F. Simmons, " "	60 00
Eliza B. Sherman, " "	58 90
Margaret O'Rourke, " "	96 00
Thomas Southworth,	36 00
Priscilla Cushman,	48 00
Katie R. Scudder,	48 00
Mary L. Taylor,	48 00
Joseph S. Robbins,	18 00
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	\$592 90
Appropriation,	700 00
Unexpended,	<hr/>
	\$107 10

LIQUOR AGENCY.

There has been paid into the Town Treasury for the year ending May 23d, 1868, one hundred and sixty-six dollars and ninety-nine cents after paying the agent's salary of fifty dollars.

Liquor on hand,	\$13 25
Cash " "	5 54
Value of kegs and measures on hand,	2 00
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	\$20 79

TOWN TREASURY.

RECEIPTS.

From Joseph S. Beal, temporary loan,	\$1,000 00
William S. Adams, " "	1,500 00
Uncollected taxes, 1867,	3 58
Use of town house,	43 00
Town Plympton, for schoolhouse,	474 75
George H. Clark, " "	400 00
Liquor Agent,	166 99

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From Joseph Peckham, tuition of non-residents' children,	\$65 00
State Treasurer, State School Fund,	131 63
" Corporation tax,	2,928 21
" State Aid,	750 00
Assessment of taxes and school books,	10,621 75
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	\$18,084 91

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Town Treasurer, due on settlement,	\$966 71
County tax,	1,388 81
State tax,	2,680 00
Joseph S. Beal, Note and interest,	1,034 33
William S. Adam, " " "	1,569 00
Highway district orders,	1,227 63
Removing snow,	690 77
General highway,	162 98
Contingencies,	1,150 87
Support of poor,	1,277 83
Schools,	2,870 00
Books and apparatus for schools,	26 63
Fuel and care of fires,	289 16
Repairs of schoolhouses,	547 55
Treasurer and Collector,	225 00
State Aid,	592 90
Cash on hand, March 1, 1869,	1,667 77
Uncollected taxes,	16 97
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	18,084 91

The Guide Boards of the town are believed to be in good condition.

At the close of the financial year, ending February 29, 1868, the town was in debt to the amount of \$966.71; since then it has been paid, and there is a surplus in the Treasury of \$1,667.77. There is no demand due against the town to us known at the settlement of the Treasurer on the first of March,

1869, except the demand made to us by the State Constables for the reward of five hundred dollars by us offered for the murderer of the late Cornelius Holmes.

That demand we have not paid, for we do not think they are entitled to it, from the fact that they did make the detection and arrest before our reward was made public. And as we understand the decision of the courts, that an officer who is employed and paid for his services by the Commonwealth, is not entitled to it. The statutes provides that Selectmen of towns may offer a reward to be paid by such town, not exceeding five hundred dollars, to any person who, in consequence of such offer, secures any person charged with a capital crime. But we understand the claimants to say that they did not detect and secure the murderer in consequence of such offer.

The following appropriations for the current year are by us recommended:

For Highway Districts,	\$1,200 00
General highways,	200 00
Removing snow,	300 00
Wages and board of school teachers,	2,700 00
Fuel and care of school-rooms,	250 00
Repair of schoolhouses,	550 00
Poor,	1,350 00
Treasurer and Collector,	225 00
State Aid,	600 00
Contingencies,	1,400 00
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	8,775 00

The assets of the town applicable to the payments of these appropriations are as follows:—

Estimated amount of corporation tax, 1869,	\$2,600 00
Reimbursement of State Aid,	550 00
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	\$3,150 00

The cash in the Treasury (\$1,667.77) we do not think best to reckon in to meet these appropriations, for it will all be needed before another collection of taxes, to be assessed, can be made.

Amount to be raised by taxation, \$5,625 00

And we accordingly recommend an assessment of \$5,625.00.

EDWARD GRAY, } *Selectmen*
JOHN F. HOLMES, } *and*
ALDEN S. BRADFORD, } *Assessors.*

KINGSTON, *March 1, 1869.*

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN KINGSTON IN 1868.
1868.

- Jan. 1. William Clark Peckham, of Washington, N. H., and Katalena Whittier, of Kingston.
Jan. 18. Samuel Ellis Ring and Fannie Phillips, both of Kingston.
Feb. 13. Joshua Hollis, of Kingston, and Lucretia L. Joyce, of East Bridgewater.
Feb. 15. Dennis J. Callahan, of Plympton, and Isabella Murry, of Kingston.
Feb. 20. Edward Gray, of Kingston, and Frances L. Davis, of Charlestown.
Feb. 20. Isaac Conant and Sarah A. Bearce, both of Plymouth.
March 4. Thomas Bicknell and Mary Jane Mauge, both of Kingston.
May 3. William R. Thomas and Olive W. Jones, both of Kingston.
May 3. George Thomas Chandler, of Duxbury, and Selina Jane Harrub, of Kingston.
June 7. Patrick Leonard and Joannah McGrath, both of Kingston.
June 28. Sewall Allen Faunce and Ann Eliza Holmes, both of Kingston.
July 4. Justus Allen Bailey and Ellen Thomas Phillips, both of Kingston.
July 5. Phillip W. Sampson and Lemira C. Eldridge, both of Kingston.
Sept. 10. John Oldham and Elizabeth Delano, both of Kingston.
Sept. 21. Joseph Holmes, of Hanson, and Wilhemena J. Beytes, of Kingston.
Oct. 8. William A. Thomas and Annie C. Morton, both of Kingston.

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- Oct. 23. John S. Chandler and Sarah J. Holmes, both of Kingston.
 Oct. 30. Elisha C. Sprague, of Marshfield, and Louisa Cushman, of Kingston.
 Nov. 25. Samuel Atwell, Jr., of Duxbury, and Carrie S. Bartlett, of Kingston.
 Dec. 21. Abiathar Hoxie and Lucy Bartlett, both of Plymouth.
 Dec. 24. Truman H. Fuller and Mary E. Bartlett, both of Kingston.
 Aug. 10. Jared Whiting, of Pembroke, and Emma W. Mange, of Kingston.

Births registered in Kingston in 1868, 35.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN KINGSTON IN 1868.

Date,	Name,	Age,	Disease, or Cause of Death,	Name of Burial,
Jan. 1,	Mary Drew,	86	Old Age,	Edwin and Deborah Washburn,
" 2,	Mary S. Howland,	9	Hooping Cough,	Donald E. and Mary E. Howland,
" 19,	Benjamin Delano,	4	Old Age,	Joshua and Mary Dehano,
" 20,	Daniel W. Ruge,	89	Epilepsy and Cancri,	Francis and Mary Dehano,
" 26,	Bethel O. Fuller,	24	Consumption,	Thomas and Asenath Fuller,
" 28,	William Cushman,	46	Consumption,	Thomas and Sylvia Cushman,
Feb. 4,	Mary A. Baker,	44	Consumption,	Spencer and Lucy Holmes,
" 14,	Mary A. O'Leary,	61	Consumption,	Lotter and Lydia H. Phillips,
" 15,	Frederick H. Fuller,	57	Paralysis,	James and Asenath Fuller,
" 23,	William H. Thompson,	58	Old Age,	Edwin and Amelia Russell,
" 26,	Polly Thompson,	75	Old Age,	Edwin and Mary Melantrick,
March 20,	Emilie Sturgeson,	22	Consumption and Convulsions,	Horatio and Emily W. Watson,
" 29,	Sophie W. Watson,	4	Pneumonia,	Horatio and Emily W. Watson,
April 10,	Sophie Fuller,	70	Cancer in Stomach,	John and Lucy Fuller,
" 12,	Webster Dawes,	2	Pneumonia,	Eleazer and Percilla Dawes,
May 25,	Katie McManis,	75	Pneumonia,	Michael and Bridget,
" 26,	Cornelius Holmes,	3	Convulsion Eris,	Joseph and Lucy Holmes,
" 29,	Abigail Holmes,	29	Manured by Dea. S. M. Andrews,	Joseph and Mary Aldrich,
" 29,	Larry Davis,	82	Heart Disease,	Jabez and Lucy Fuller,
June 5,	Sophia Lannon,	69	Old Age,	Joseph and Deborah McLaughlin,
July 3,	Thomas Bailey,	59	Consumption,	Ward and Sarah Bailey,
" 12,	Nathaniel Cushman,	87	Consumption,	James and Mercy Cushman,
" 17,	James E. Robbins,	9	Brain,	Joseph S. and Maria Robbins,
" 27,	Asa Cook,	87	Consumption,	Henry P. and Sarah E. Lamson,
" 31,	Asa Cook,	84	Old Age,	Asahel and Elizabeth Fuller,
August 6,	Mary Washburn,	53	Old Age,	John and Mary Washburn,
" 14,	Irma Chandler,	72	Disease of the Stomach,	Irma and Mary Chandler,
Nov. 8,	Sarah D. Davis,	71	Pneumonia,	Seah and Sarah Washburn,
" 12,	Betsy B. Powers,	67	Pneumonia,	Geo. and Betsy Russell,
" 15,	Dr. Ford L. Nichols,	80	Old Age and Cystitis,	Israel and Ann Nichols,
Dec. 11,	Anelia Russell,	83	Old Age,	William and Dorothy Drew,
" 17,	Asa Cook,	73	Monies and Congestion of Lung,	John and Mary Cook,
" 27,	Benjamin A. Cushman,	51	Ovarian Tumor,	Robert and Judith Cook,
" 27,	Benjamin Cobb,	58	Consumption,	Eleazer and Thos. Cobb,

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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AND
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
OF THE
TOWN OF KINGSTON,
FOR
THE YEAR 1868.

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

J. A. FULLER, CHAIRMAN,	Term expires	1869.
G. S. NEWCOMB, SECRETARY,	" "	1870.
SETH DREW, LIBRARIAN,	" "	1869.
PHILANDER COBB,	" "	1870.
HENRY F. PERKINS,	" "	1871.
ALLYN HOLMES,	" "	1871.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

REV. JOSEPH PECKHAM.

REPORT.

In accordance with custom and law, the School Committee of Kingston present the following Report for the year 1868:—

Schoolhouses.

Since the last Report, the old Primary Schoolhouse and lot in the village has been sold, by vote of the town, for three hundred dollars.

With the appropriation made for the purpose, at the last annual meeting of the town, the schoolhouse at Stony Brook has been thoroughly repaired, painted and furnished with modern seats and desks; and the long-needed wood-house has been built at Indian Pond.

The schoolhouse at North West is in great need of thorough repair, and the roof of the Primary Schoolhouse in the village ought to be shingled during the coming season; and the Committee recommend an appropriation of money for these purposes.

Appropriations and Expenditures.

At the last annual meeting the following appropriations were made:—

For teachers' wages and board,	\$2,700 00
repairs and incidentals,	650 00
fuel and care of schoolhouses,	250 00
To this add money received from	
State School Fund,	131 63
Tuition of out-of-town scholars,	65 00
Total,	\$3,796 63

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Expenditures.

The following sums were paid out of the Treasury for school purposes, during the financial year ending March 1, 1869:—

For teachers' wages and board,	\$2,879 60
repairs and incidentals,	517 55
fuel and care of schoolhouses,	289 16
Total,	\$3,706 71

It may not be understood by all, that the large amount annually reported as paid to Burgess & Bailey for school books, is nearly, if not quite, all paid back into the Treasury again, on the tax bills.

Rank of the Town.

In the last annual report of the Board of Education, the comparative rank of 335 towns and cities in the State is given with reference to the amount of money expended by them for schools during the year 1866. Brookline heads the list with \$21.94 for each child between 5 and 15 years of age. Mt. Washington stands at the foot with only \$1.85. Kingston ranks No. 88, with \$7.16. This looks very well; but in respect to our means we do not show so good a record. We are put down No. 300 in the list of 335 towns: our expenditures for ordinary school purposes being only one mill and a half upon a dollar of the taxable property of the town; while those of Somerville, which ranks No. 1, were five mills and a half. Our larger appropriations for the last two years will raise our rank somewhat, but, by no means, to the first place on the list. The complaint, so often heard at our annual meeting, that "we are taxed to death for schools," does not seem to be well founded; since other towns, which are taxed three or four times as much as we are, still live.

Teachers' Wages.

Qualifications to teach are becoming every year more highly appreciated, and good teachers are receiving greater pay for their work. If our schools are to keep pace with those of other

towns in our State, we must expect to pay the price they pay for good teachers.

But, while teachers' salaries have much advanced, and, as we think, very justly, during the last twenty-five years, there is still a very marked, and, as it appears to many minds, a very unjust inequality in the wages paid to male and female teachers. The average monthly pay of the male teachers of our State is set down at \$73, while that of the female teachers is only \$28. Why a woman, who performs the same service as a man, and does the work equally well, should not receive the same pay, is a question not yet solved. Gov. Claflin, in his recent inaugural address, very truly says, "while our women are so poorly paid for this service we can expect no great proficiency in teaching on their part, nor that they will pursue this occupation for any considerable length of time. I am happy to say, however, that there is a gradual improvement, in this respect; but there is still too great a disproportion; and our Town and School Boards should be encouraged to still greater liberality."

Attendance.

The prevalence of measles and whooping cough in some of the schools has sadly interrupted the regular attendance and the consequent improvement of the scholars. Such irregularity is unavoidable, and, of course, pardonable. But there is a great amount of non-attendance and truancy which is not so excusable.

The law upon our statute book requiring children between 10 and 15 years of age, employed in manufacturing establishments, to attend school at least three months during each year, to some persons seems meddling and oppressive. But to whom is it oppressive? Possibly to the rich capitalist, who is anxious to increase his wealth by employing cheap labor. In rare instances it may seem so to poor parents who are dependent upon the labor of their children for their support. But have children no rights which parents and rich capitalists are bound to respect? When, as is so often the case, the lazy father sends his child to the factory or workshop to earn money

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for him to spend in drunken dissipation, ought not the law to step in and secure to that child the benefit of an education, which, in this State, is his legal birth-right. Ought not a State to make laws to benefit the poor, as well as to increase the wealth of the rich?

A cheerful compliance with the requirements of this law, on the part of those who employ such children, would save the State from a large and growing element of uneducated and consequently vicious population, which, sooner or later, will fill our poor houses and jails, and burden us with taxes for their support.

Truancy.

Our laws ordain that cities and towns, may make all needful provisions concerning habitual truants, and children not attending school, or without regular and lawful employment or growing up in ignorance, between the ages of five and sixteen years: and may also, make such by-laws respecting such children as shall be deemed most conducive to their welfare and to the good order of the city or town, and shall annex to such by-laws suitable penalties, not exceeding twenty dollars, for any one offence; provided, that such by-laws be approved by the superior court of the county. The laws also provide that cities and towns, adopting such by-laws, shall annually appoint three or more persons, who shall be authorized, in case of any violation of the by-laws, to make complaint and carry into execution the judgements thereon: and that, at the discretion of the justice, or of the court, persons convicted under such by-laws, instead of being fined, may be committed to some institution of instruction, or house of reformation, for a time not exceeding two years. (Gen. Stat., Ch. 42, Sec. 4, 5, 6.)

Many cities and towns in the State have, in accordance with the provisions of this law, adopted a code of by-laws and appointed truant officers to enforce them. The school reports of such towns testify to the good influence of such a measure.

Following their example, your Committee respectfully recommend the adoption by this town of the following by-laws.

and the appointment of three truant officers to enforce the same.

By-Laws.

1. All children, between the ages of seven and fourteen years, residing in the town of Kingston, shall be required to attend some school, or suitable place of instruction, at least sixty days in each year, unless there be some reason to the contrary which shall appear good and sufficient to the officers who shall be appointed to enforce these by-laws.

2. All children, between the ages aforesaid, failing to comply with the requirements of the preceding section, and all children belonging to any of the public schools of Kingston, who shall be habitual truants therefrom, or who shall be habitually tardy in their attendance at said schools, or who shall be found loitering about the streets or public places of said town having no lawful occupation and growing up in ignorance, shall be liable to a fine of not more than ten dollars, for each and every conviction of either of the offences herein described.

3. All children between the ages aforesaid, belonging to any of the public schools of said town, who shall without sufficient excuse therefor be absent three or more times, in the course of any one term, shall be deemed habitual truants therefrom.

4. There shall be appointed annually, during the month of April, by the selectmen, three persons, who shall be known as truant officers, and who shall be authorized, in case of any violation of these by-laws, to make complaint, and carry into execution the sentence thereon.

The truant officers shall receive such compensation for their services as the selectmen may determine.

5. It shall be the duty of the truant officers to make diligent inquiry concerning all persons, between the ages aforesaid, who seem to be idle or vagrant, or growing up in ignorance, and enter complaint against such as are unlawfully absent from school.

6. It shall be the duty of the truant officers, prior to making complaint before any justice, of any violation of these laws, to

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notify the offender and also his parents or guardian, of the offence and the penalty therefor. If they can obtain satisfactory pledges of reformation, which pledges shall prove to be well kept, they shall forbear to prosecute.

7. Any trial justice shall have jurisdiction of all offences under these by-laws.

Change in Text Books.

At the commencement of the winter term, Warren's Geography was adopted, as a text book, in place of Cornell's, which was found to be out of print in the edition used in our schools, and which, moreover, had for a long time been unsatisfactory to the Committee and the teachers. The expense of introducing the new book at one-third price, was, according to the law in such cases made and provided, defrayed by the town.

Books Charged on the Tax Bills.

The practice of furnishing scholars with books, to be charged on their parents' tax bills, is the source of a great amount of bad feeling on the part of parents, and also of much annoyance to the collector of taxes. So long time elapses between the delivery of the books and the presentation of the bill—sometimes more than a year—that the father has forgotten, if he ever knew, that his child had the books which are charged to him, and stoutly refuses to pay the bill till the odious book account is stricken out of it.

If the books could be paid for at the time of their delivery to the scholars, all this trouble would be avoided. But as it is not to be expected, that this will be done in all cases, the Committee propose to require the teachers to obtain from the parents a receipt for all books charged to them. A printed blank will be sent to the parents with all books thus charged, requiring only their signature. These receipts, carefully filed and labelled with the name of the school, being passed to the Collector, will enable him to settle the vexatious questions which so often meet him in the discharge of his duties.

Appropriations.

The Committee respectfully recommend the same appropriations for the year 1869, as were made last year, namely for

Wages and board of teachers,	\$2,700 00
Repairs and incidentals,	650 00
Fuel and care of schoolhouses,	250 00
	\$3,600 00

The report of the Superintendent of Schools, which is hereto annexed, will give an account of the condition of the schools.

All which is respectfully submitted,

In behalf of the School Committee,

G. S. NEWCOMB, *Secretary.*

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Name of Teachers.	Buildings.	Schools Taught.	Amount of wages.	No. of terms taught in full Kingston.	No. of Terms taught in part in Kingston.	Average age of scholars in schools.	No. of scholars in schools, including examinations.
Benjamin Wormelle,	Abington,	High,	\$200 00	24	6	15	55
Walter L. Emme,	Kingston,	Indian Pond,	175 00	21	21	9	10
Elisba C. Sprague,	Muskegeth,	North West,	175 00	8	5	13	8
Lowell B. Griggs,	Murston's Mills,	Buckey Nook,	175 00	2	1	10	1
William B. Cobb,	Plymouth,	Buckey Nook,	156 00	8	8	8	1
Catherine D. Russell,	Kingston,	Town Grammar,	253 00	33	36	11	5
Betsy P. Burgess,	Kingston,	Stony Brook,	241 00	31	11	8	11
Lydia B. Rhee,	Kingston,	Indian Pond,	150 00	31	15	9	2
Joseph B. Rhee,	Kingston,	Wapping,	247 50	4	3	10	2
Emma T. Richmond,	Kingston,	North West,	247 50	2	2	10	7
Maria B. Burgess,	Kingston,	Centre Primary,	52870 00	22	18	7	5
				Average,	Average,	Average,	Average,
				26.14 nearly,	10	10	24.

STATISTICAL TABLE, NO. 1.

Name of Schools.	Whole Attendance.	Average Attendance.	Per cent. of Attendance.	Per cent. of attendance of those belonging to school.	Length of Schools.	Total.
High.	Summer, fall, 36	31	20	57	81	39
Buckey Nook.	Winter, 37	28	38	75	92	38
Indian Pond.	Summer, 47	33	34	70	91	38
North West.	Winter, 40	31	33	81	92	38
Stony Brook.	Summer, 43	30	34	77	91	36
Wapping.	Winter, 43	30	34	82	91	36
Town Grammar.	Summer, 48	33	34	70	88	37
Centre Primary.	Winter, 53	43	37	85	82	37
	Summer, 301	253	84	81	88	377
	Winter, 302	255	84	81	88	379
					109	413

Whole number of children between the ages of 5 and 15, May 1, 1868, 379

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF KINGSTON:

GENTLEMEN,—As in years past, we hear on every side the inquiries, uttered not simply in the way of conversation, but from a real interest, What sort of schools have we had? What sort of teachers? Not so often has the question been put. Whether our sons and daughters have been acquiring a sound education, and preparing for distinguished usefulness. Is there not a proneness to think more of the easy play of the machine than of the extent and quality of its fabrics? Of the popularity of the teacher than of his real merits? Of the surface skimmed over than of the depths sounded? Of the amount of information imparted than of the practical talent evolved? Of the mere intellectual acquisitions than of the virtuous training and progress? The final object of our public schools is, or should be, to make good men and good women, good citizens and neighbors. Whatever stops short of this is not the true and sufficient education.

In the working of our school-system, there are various distinct agencies, each of which is indispensable. As well might the farmer look for full barns in autumn, where either one of the elements, rain, dew and sunshine,—or either one of the processes, planting, cultivating and harvesting, had been entirely wanting,—as for the community to expect perfect schools, where there has been a deficiency in any one of these several agencies, or there has been only a clashing between them.

The State, for instance, is responsible for the effective school-system. The State by its prohibitions might so hamper the

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teacher, as to prevent the successful government of his school. Some think this will be so, if the proposition to take from him the right of corporal punishment becomes a law. But what is to be abolished? Simply the rod? Then there may be a resort to every other kind of bodily infliction which the ingenuity of the teacher can devise. Or is every form of chastisement to be forbidden? Then the avenue towards expulsions will be much straighter and broader than at present. While it would be a sincere joy if all corporal punishments could be forthwith and forever dispensed with, it would not be a sufficient gain if school-government was hereby to be seriously impaired, or if refractory scholars were to be turned loose into the streets. Really, the most effectual way to achieve the very desirable end would be to prevent all the seeming necessities or excuses for the punishments. From an intimate acquaintance with the schools of Kingston for a quarter of a century, I can testify that there has been a gradual and marked diminution in their frequency and severity, and this without any positive prohibition whatever. True, the Committee have always urged the mildest measures consistent with success. But, to accomplish the end *fully*, let parents so govern their children at home, that there will be no possible occasion for the rod in school. Let teachers be selected, *if* they can be obtained, whose commanding dignity of person and character is such, that the most hardened culprit will quail before the glance of the eye, or whose power of winning is so great, that the pupils will at once be swayed into exact obedience by simple love. When we have perfect homes and parents, perfect teachers, and—to make assurance doubly sure—perfect children, we can dispense with the rod and its equivalents as readily as the people that are never sick can dispense with physicians and medicines.

Another agency essential to the prosperity, nay, to the very *life* of the schools, is the town. But if the town, either from imagined inability, or from indisposition, should fail to raise the money requisite for hiring first quality instructors, and for keeping them in the service as many weeks as needed, there would be so far a drawback to success. The town cannot

demand the full tale of bricks unless it furnishes the straw. Economy is a divine alchemy, but it is hardly equal to making one dollar go as far as two.

Again: Any deficiency in the action of the school officers will be felt to the serious detriment of the schools. Of the powers, which have been reserved by the Committee of Kingston, is that most important one, the nomination of the teachers. The Superintendent—whose duties are not prescribed by law, and who has no authority except what is delegated to him by those who appointed him—has been empowered to appraise them, fix their wages, and to have the general supervision of the schools. He has also been required to be present at all meetings of the Committee, to give information and advice upon questions upon which they are called to act. Pardon me, Gentlemen, when I say, you have not had such implicit confidence in your Superintendent of the last three years, as not to exercise an independent and sometimes differing judgment, or as to give any color to the idea of "the one man power," justly so much deprecated. In this division of responsibility, there may indeed be, in cases of fault, a division of blame, but it is believed that by this arrangement the public wishes have been more nearly consulted and understood, and the results have been more generally acceptable. While it has not been my province to select the teachers, I have felt bound to do all I could to encourage and help those that have been selected.

But it must be admitted that the teachers themselves do more than any others to determine the final result. They ought, therefore, to be live men and women, educated beyond the book, full of the matter they are to teach, and able to command the confidence of all who have any appreciation of what is good and true. They should be fond of children, fond of their business, and should not make it a mere opening to something else, since their office, however unpretentious, is second to no other for dignity and importance.

It may be imagined by some, that every teacher must govern and instruct according to certain precise rules laid down by

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the Superintendent or Committee. But of a truth, no man can teach successfully who is put into a "strait jacket," and who does not have a wide margin to use his own discretion and to act himself. As a wise man, however, the teacher will gladly listen to suggestions from others, and as far as possible conform to the opinions and wishes of those who employ him.

It may be thought that in this enumeration of agencies, the children should not be reckoned, inasmuch as they constitute the plastic material upon which all the various influences are brought to bear. But in my addresses to the children, I have always assumed that the prosperity of the school is directly dependent upon them. Nor can we begin too early to make them feel their accountability here. While the town is at great expense, and parents and teachers are striving for their welfare, they are not to be mere passive receivers, but with curiosity awakened and will energized, they should put forth most earnest efforts for their own improvement.

Next to the power of the teachers, if not superior to it, is that of the parents and guardians. The large proportion of the tardiness and absence in school is directly traceable to them. Some parents keep their children at home because they want their earnings,—some, out of mere indulgence, and others because they have a pique against the teacher, and wish to show proper resentment. By disrespectful words, uttered in the presence of the children, parents can do incalculable harm. Any neglect to co-operate with the teacher is sure of injuring him, though of injuring themselves more. It is my honest belief, from long observation, that many schools have been brought to the verge of ruin, because parents take up some peculiarity or fault of the teacher and magnify it, till all his excellences are completely overshadowed.

The habit of "running down the schools," as if they were not as good as formerly, or as good as they are elsewhere, often proceeds from mere thoughtlessness, and is most pernicious in its influence. "Comparisons are odious," when not made in the spirit of fairness and truth.

Some of the most potent causes which operate against the

success of a school, may be found in the bad weather and passing, in the prevailing sickness of scholars, in their previous want of proper training, in their great variety of ages and capacities, and in the fact that they may have received their guiding impulses more in the "street school" than in the Sunday school, in the parlous of vice than at virtuous firesides.

When we consider all these possible sources of evil through the various agencies named, it is not to be wondered at that we are yet at a considerable distance from perfection.

Still, I am happy to report, as a whole, with scarcely an exception, our schools have done *well, very well*, the past year. We have been favored with an able, faithful, and experienced corps of teachers. The average time they have taught in all, supposing each year to consist of three terms, as will be seen by the subjoined Table No. II, is nearly twenty terms, and the average time they have taught in Kingston is about eleven and a half terms. If, therefore, "experience is the best school-master," *our* teachers must have been among the *best*.

Without reporting upon the several schools in detail, since they have not yet all closed, I may refer to some marked excellences. The modes of teaching and of discipline have been improving from year to year. There is less of rote and routine than formerly, more of the spirit of self-reliance and originality. The younger children, it is true, are subjected to the daily drilling, necessary for fixing the elements indelibly in the memory, while the more advanced ones are led to search for principles and not to rely solely upon printed rules. By the establishment of the High School, the attention of the pupils in the common schools can be given to a more thorough acquisition of the elementary studies, while the way is opened, as never before, for the pursuit of knowledge in what are termed "the higher branches." "The Course of Study" advertised in last year's Report is designed for the progressive and harmonious development of the various faculties of memory, language and reason, and also to furnish the most useful practical knowledge.

The following is the list of studies of the past year, in the

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