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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

THE Selectmen of the Town of Weymouth for the year ending March 12, 1855, submit the following Report:—

Believing that the reasons presented in their last Annual Report for deferring the printing of the schedule of expenses until after the March meeting, were satisfactory to the town, the same course has been pursued the present year, and for similar reasons.

The total expenditures of the town for the last year have exceeded the income from ordinary sources by a very considerable amount, and the deficiency has been met, in pursuance of a vote of the town, by loans obtained from the Union Bank of Weymouth and Braintree, to the amount of four thousand and five hundred dollars, payable in three and four months, at the maturity of which it is expected that it will be practicable to procure elsewhere a permanent loan of such portion of the above sum as the town shall think proper to add to the permanent debt.

Of this loan of four thousand and five hundred dollars, seven hundred and ninety-three and $\frac{85}{100}$ dollars have been applied to the payment of the balance due the Union Bank on the tenth day of March, 1854; five hundred dollars, in part payment of the debt of four thousand dollars due Col. E. Humphrey at the last named date; and six hundred and eighty-one and $\frac{96}{100}$ dollars, to defray the expense of erecting galleries in the Town House. The remaining portion (excepting a balance of about

seven hundred and seventy dollars, now in the hands of the Treasurer of the town) has been absorbed by the ordinary expenditures of the town.

The principal items of expenditure under the direction of the Selectmen, have been for the building of two streets laid out by the County Commissioners, to wit: the street leading from Perez Loud's to Braintree, and the street leading from the end of Broad Street to High Street. Also, of two streets laid out by the Selectmen, to wit: the street leading from the house of Deacon John P. Nash to Washington Street, and the street leading from Prospect Street to Washington Street, and passing near the School-house of the Ninth District; and for the repairing of Washington Street and Winter Street. In addition to the sum of eight hundred and ninety dollars reported in last year's schedule, there has been expended in the completion of the street commencing near the house of Perez Loud, the sum of sixteen hundred and eighteen and $\frac{53}{100}$ dollars.

The Railroad Bridge, we think, is built in a very substantial manner, so that by renewing the planks as they wear out or decay, it will afford a safe passage across the Railroad for many years, with trifling additional expense. We also believe that the road is constructed in a faithful and thorough manner, considering the nature of the materials and the difficulties of the route. In pursuance of instructions from the Town to cause the street laid out by the County Commissioners at East Weymouth to be built, we let out at public auction, in May last, the grading and filling of the same, and advertised for proposals for the stone work of the two bridges.

The grading and filling was bid off by Cornelius Leary, at four hundred and fifteen dollars; but after working about a week upon the job, he sold out his interest to Messrs. Spear & Sinclair, with our consent, and a new arrangement was effected, by which the latter were to receive thirteen cents per cubic yard for the filling, (measuring the fill after it was finished,) and seventy-five dollars for the grading, which resulted, as we anticipated, in no perceptible loss or gain to the Town—the sum which the contractors received above the original price of letting

being in consequence of the necessity of deeper filling than was at first agreed upon, and of extra work, not on the line of this street. The stone work was awarded to James Matthewson, at two dollars and seventy-five cents per perch, who has performed the work and received his pay. The whole cost of this road to the Town, including the railing and the wooden bridge, is one thousand and eighty and $\frac{52}{100}$ dollars.

In March last, we let out at public auction the work of constructing the new street leading from Summer Street to Washington Street, in three sections of about forty rods each. The first section at the westerly end, including a bridge of split stone, three and a half feet wide, was bid off by Robert V. Barnes, at one hundred dollars; the second by Bernard Gillegan, at the same price, and the other by Jason Holbrook, at ninety-one dollars—the Town furnishing the gravel. The whole has been completed and paid for, (excepting a part of the gravel,) and the whole expense, including land damage and the costs of the suits brought against the Town by Messrs. Richards and Nash amounts to the sum of eight hundred and fifty-six and $\frac{21}{100}$ dollars.

We have expended upon the new Street near the Schoolhouse of the Ninth District one hundred and fifty and $\frac{48}{100}$ dollars in grading, building a bridge and removing a large rock, and sixteen dollars for land and damage by change of grade.

We have also expended upon Washington Street, in completing the section left unfinished from the previous year, in repairing the damage done by heavy rains, and in constructing a drain to prevent such damage hereafter, the sum of four hundred and thirty-eight dollars.

The expense of finishing Winter Street has been one hundred and fifty-five dollars and thirty-seven cents for labor, and seven dollars and fifty cents for land.

The expense of the Schools during the last year, it is estimated, will be about two hundred dollars less than the appropriations for that object.

In accordance with the vote of the Town, we have entered complaints in all cases where violations of the laws respecting

the sale of intoxicating liquors, gambling, or lotteries, have been brought to our notice, and there was reason to believe the evidence which could be procured was sufficient for conviction. Fines, amounting to sixty-six dollars, have been paid into the Treasury, and others are still due from the County.

Two agencies for the sale of spirituous liquors have been continued through the last year, under the same regulations as in the previous year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

NOAH VINING, JR., } *Selectmen*
JAMES HUMPHREY, } *of*
PRESCOTT LOTHROP, } *Weymouth.*

WEYMOUTH, March 12, 1855.

SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES,
For the Year ending March 12, 1855.

RECEIPTS OF THE TREASURER,
From March 10, 1854, to March 12, 1855.

Received Town and State Taxes,	\$15,600 97
“ State School Fund,	272 88
“ Fine from John Shea,	30 00
“ from A. Raymond, for support of State paupers,	101 75
“ for removal of A. Fife,	5 00
“ from J. Humphrey, for Town Maps,	396 90
“ “ “ “ for rent of Town Hall,	40 75
“ “ “ “ balance of Pool’s Fine,	6 00
“ “ Mr. Carter, for use of Town House,	3 00
“ “ A. S. White,	20 00
“ “ J. N. Parker,	4 00
“ “ Union Bank, Weym’ ^h and Braintree, on loan,	4,500 00
“ “ 4th District, for assessing Taxes,	4 00
“ “ 5th “ “ “	4 00
“ “ 6th “ “ “	4 00
“ “ 8th “ “ “	4 50
“ “ 9th “ “ “	7 00
“ “ C. S. Clapp, for Town Hall,	20 00
“ “ N. Vining, Jr., fine of C. W. Smith,	30 00
“ “ Hawkers and Peddlers, for Licenses,	44 00
“ “ N. Vining, Jr., for rent of Town Hall,	108 00
“ “ sundry persons “ “	155 00
“ for Town Maps,	28 95
“ from J. O. Foye, (balance,)	2 00
“ “ Harmoneons, for Town Hall,	20 00
“ “ Hutchinsons, “	10 00
“ “ Weymouth Brass Band, “	20 00
“ “ Town of Bridgewater,	8 00
“ “ L. Humphrey, for board of Rosamond Pratt,	77 32
“ “ American Party, for use of Town Hall,	46 50
	\$21,574 52

SCHOOLS.

The Town grant for the support of Schools for the municipal year 1854-5, was	\$4,500 00
The income of the Alewife Fund was	252 00
The town's portion of the State School Fund was	272 88
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	\$5,024 88
The town appropriation for the High School was	1,000 00
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	\$6,024 88

In pursuance of a vote of the town, that portion of the School money appropriated to the several districts was apportioned as follows:—

One-fourth part *equally* among the districts, and the remaining three-fourths to the several districts, according to the number of children between the ages of five and fifteen years, in each district.

District No. 1 had 108 children, and its share of money was	\$452 28
“ “ 2 “ 67 “ “ “ “ “	328 27
“ “ 3 “ 237 “ “ “ “ “	842 45
“ “ 4 “ 97 “ “ “ “ “	419 01
“ “ 5 “ 105 “ “ “ “ “	443 21
“ “ 6 “ 116 “ “ “ “ “	476 48
“ “ 7 “ 111 “ “ “ “ “	461 35
“ “ 8 “ 162 “ “ “ “ “	615 61
“ “ 9 “ 173 “ “ “ “ “	648 88
“ “ 10 “ 70 “ “ “ “ “	337 34
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Totals, . 1,246	\$5,024 88

The accounts of the several Districts at the close of schools for the past year, stand as follows:—

DISTRICT No. 1.—REV. CALVIN TERRY, *Prudential Committee.*

Balance due March 13, 1854,	\$83 35
Appropriation for 1854-5,	452 28
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	\$535 63
Paid Miss Reeves, Teacher,	\$115 20
“ Margaret H. Pratt, Teacher,	96 00
“ C. Terry, for fuel,	32 55
“ Charles A. Reed, Teacher,	140 00
“ Margaret H. Pratt, “	90 00
Balance due March 12, 1855,	61 88
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	\$535 63

DISTRICT No. 2.—QUINCY PRATT, *Prudential Committee.*

Balance due March 13, 1854,	.	.	.	\$262 17	
Appropriation for 1854-5,	.	.	.	328 27	
				<hr/>	\$590 44
Paid Eliza French, Teacher,	.	.	.	\$132 00	
“ Quincy Pratt, for fuel,	.	.	.	27 00	
“ Eliza French, Teacher,	.	.	.	128 00	
“ Susan E. Copeland, Teacher,	.	.	.	21 00	
“ Joseph Loud & Co., fuel,	.	.	.	5 50	
Balance due March 12, 1855,	.	.	.	276 94	
				<hr/>	\$590 44

DISTRICT No. 3.—CLINTON LOUD, *Prudential Committee.*

Balance due March 13, 1854,	.	.	.	\$313 42	
Appropriation for 1854-5,	.	.	.	842 45	
				<hr/>	\$1,155 87
Paid Abby L. Bates, Teacher,	.	.	.	\$85 00	
“ Ellen G. Parrott, “	.	.	.	85 00	
“ Mary Poor, “	.	.	.	75 00	
“ H. C. Peaslee, “	.	.	.	10 00	
“ Stephen French, for fuel,	.	.	.	61 50	
“ Jotham Pratt, “	.	.	.	13 50	
“ S. S. Marston, Teacher,	.	.	.	300 00	
“ Mrs. S. S. Marston, “	.	.	.	120 00	
“ Ellen G. Parrott, “	.	.	.	120 00	
Balance due March 12, 1855,	.	.	.	285 87	
				<hr/>	\$1,155 87

DISTRICT No. 4.—ASHFORD BAKER, *Prudential Committee.*

Appropriation for 1854-5,	.	.	.	\$419 01	
Balance due from District, March 12, 1855,	.	.	.	29 06	
				<hr/>	\$448 07
Balance due from the District, March 13, 1854,	.	.	.	\$30 07	
Paid Lydia A. Paddock, Teacher,	.	.	.	126 00	
“ Rachel A. Faxon, “	.	.	.	168 00	
“ G. W. Bartlett, “	.	.	.	88 00	
“ Lydia A. Paddock, .	.	.	.	36 00	
				<hr/>	\$448 07

DISTRICT No. 5.—ORAN WHITE, *Prudential Committee.*

Balance due, March 13, 1854,	.	.	.	\$141 81	
Appropriation for 1854-5,	.	.	.	443 21	
				<hr/>	\$585 02
Paid Emily Torrey, Teacher,	.	.	.	117 00	
“ Emily F. Richards, “	.	.	.	117 00	
“ James L. Bates, “	.	.	.	150 00	
“ Emily Torrey, “	.	.	.	60 00	
Balance due, March 12, 1855,	.	.	.	141 02	
				<hr/>	\$585 02

DISTRICT No. 6.—ABNER HOLBROOK, *Prudential Committee.*

Balance due, March 13, 1854,	.	.	.	\$127 91	
Appropriation for 1854-5,	.	.	.	476 48	
				<hr/>	\$604 39
Paid Lydia C. Trufant, Teacher,	.	.	.	\$108 00	
“ S. French, for fuel,	.	.	.	32 75	
“ Martha J. Burrell, Teacher,	.	.	.	132 00	
“ Isaac Trafton, “	.	.	.	160 00	
“ Lydia C. Trufant, “	.	.	.	72 00	
“ Naaman Cobb, for fuel,	.	.	.	5 50	
Balance due, March 12, 1855,	.	.	.	94 14	
				<hr/>	\$604 39

DISTRICT No. 7.—JOHN G. ROGERS, *Prudential Committee.*

Balance due, March 13, 1854,	.	.	.	\$55 77	
Appropriation for 1854-5,	.	.	.	461 35	
				<hr/>	\$517 12
Paid J. Frances Vining, Teacher,	.	.	.	\$108 00	
“ Elizabeth T. Torrey, “	.	.	.	108 00	
“ Appleton H. Fitch, “	.	.	.	140 00	
“ Malvina Blanchard, “	.	.	.	62 00	
“ Ezra Reed, for fuel,	.	.	.	29 61	
“ John G. Rogers, for fuel,	.	.	.	11 25	
Balance due, March 12, 1855,	.	.	.	58 26	
				<hr/>	\$517 12

DISTRICT No. 8.—REV. J. N. PARKER, *Prudential Committee.*

Balance due, March 13, 1854,	.	.	.	\$9 87	
Appropriation for 1854-5,	.	.	.	615 61	
				<hr/>	\$625 48

Paid Helen Sprague, Teacher,	.	.	.	\$81 00	
" Nancy T. Shaw, "	.	.	.	81 00	
" M. L. Derby, "	.	.	.	90 00	
" O. Holmes, for fuel,	.	.	.	7 50	
" Isaac L. Blanchard, for fuel,	.	.	.	26 50	
" Lewis E. Noyes, Teacher,	.	.	.	140 00	
" Helen Sprague, "	.	.	.	76 50	
" Frances Bond, "	.	.	.	96 00	
Balance due, March 12, 1855,	.	.	.	26 98	
				<hr/>	\$625 48

DISTRICT No. 9.—JOHN W. LOUD, *Prudential Committee.*

Appropriation for 1854-5,	.	.	.	.	\$648 88
Paid Elizabeth L. Torrey, Teacher,	.	.	.	\$130 50	
" Hannah Wales, "	.	.	.	77 00	
" Mary Poor, "	.	.	.	77 00	
" Jane M. Tirrell, "	.	.	.	65 25	
" Mary Poor, "	.	.	.	84 50	
" Elizabeth L. Torrey, "	.	.	.	58 50	
" Jane M. Tirrell, "	.	.	.	39 00	
Balance due, March 12, 1855,	.	.	.	117 13	
				<hr/>	\$648 88

DISTRICT No. 10.—WILLIAM HUMPHREY, *Prudential Committee.*

Balance due, March 13, 1854,	.	.	.	\$88 61	
Appropriation for 1854-5,	.	.	.	337 34	
				<hr/>	\$425 95
Paid Mary R. Thomas, Teacher,	.	.	.	\$130 00	
" Lucy A. Tirrell, "	.	.	.	42 00	
" Johnson Merrill, "	.	.	.	148 50	
" William Humphrey, for fuel,	.	.	.	34 38	
Balance due, March 12, 1855,	.	.	.	71 07	
				<hr/>	\$425 95

HIGH SCHOOL.

Balance due, March 13, 1854,	.	.	.	\$219 24	
Appropriation for 1854-5,	.	.	.	1,000 00	
				<hr/>	\$1,219 24
Paid Joseph Dow, Teacher,	.	.	.	\$163 75	
" Ephraim Bradford, carpenter work,	.	.	.	11 00	
" John G. Rogers, rent of hall, &c.,	.	.	.	45 10	
" Nathaniel Shaw, carting,	.	.	.	3 50	

Paid C. C. P. Moody, printing,	\$21 00	
“ Ninth School District, room rent and fuel,	92 12	
“ Jonathan C. Brown, Teacher,	700 00	
“ “ “ for cash paid,	4 64	
Balance due, March 12, 1855,	178 13	
		\$1,219 24

Amount due the Districts, March 13, 1854,	\$1,082 91	
Amount of Appropriations for 1854-5,	5,024 88	
Amount of Appropriation for High School,	1,000 00	
Balance of last year's Appropriation,	219 24	
		\$7,327 03

Expense of District Schools the present year,	\$4,974 50	
Balance due the Districts, March 12, '55,	1,133 29	
		\$6,107 79
Expense of High School,	1,041 11	
Balance due,	178 13	
		\$7,327 03

HIGHWAYS, TOWNWAYS AND BRIDGES.

At the last annual March Meeting the town voted to assess a tax of thirty cents on each poll, and on property in due proportion, (one-sixth part to be paid in money and five-sixths in labor,) for the repairs of highways, &c.; the money portion to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen.

The whole amount of Labor Tax was about	\$2,662 50
“ “ Money Tax was	532 50

The Money Tax has been expended as follows:—

In the District under the care of M. C. Huntress,	\$24 18
“ “ “ “ James Jones,	15 65
“ “ “ “ Jacob Pratt,	3 00
“ “ “ “ John Dizer,	21 32
“ “ “ “ David Pratt, Jr.,	37 90

In the District under the care of George Brooks, . . .	\$67 98
“ “ “ “ Joseph Orcutt, . . .	30 49
“ “ “ “ Minot Richards, . . .	12 26
“ “ “ “ C. S. Bass, . . .	5 05
“ “ “ “ Joseph Curtis, . . .	9 97
Paid J. D. Pratt, for labor on bridge, Com. Street, . . .	6 00
“ J. Copeland, “ “ “ . . .	1 25
“ A. Wheelock, “ “ “ . . .	7 00
“ Loud & Reed, for lumber for railing, . . .	6 44
“ J. S. Foye, for labor on bridge and railing, . . .	11 83
“ J. D. Pratt, “ on North Street, . . .	66
“ S. Humphrey, “ “ “ . . .	1 06
“ Pat'k Kennedy, “ “ “ . . .	11 75
“ Wm. Callahan, “ “ “ . . .	19 00
“ David Bates, “ “ “ . . .	37 00
“ Lemuel Humphrey, for labor and team, . . .	14 50
“ David Holbrook, for gravel, . . .	5 41
“ J. B. Spear, for labor on Pine Street, . . .	29 41
“ David Pratt, Jr., for railing Middle Street, . . .	8 27
“ J. S. Barrett, for removing stone, . . .	10 00
“ C. Leary, for labor on Oak Street, . . .	4 00
“ Nancy W. Thomas, for gravel, . . .	4 04
“ J. Loud & Co., removing gravel, Com. Street, . . .	2 00
“ J. Blanchard, for iron work for Essex Street, . . .	3 96
“ Isaac Jackson, for lumber for North Street, . . .	12 67
“ Josiah Torrey, for land, Cross Street, . . .	27 00
“ Michael Croker, for removing rock, Front Street, . . .	20 00
“ S. Newcomb, for stone for bridge, North Street, . . .	34 80
“ L. Humphrey, for cedar posts for Essex Street, . . .	4 50
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	\$510 35

Expense of Removing Snow.

Paid Martin C. Huntress, for bill of labor, . . .	\$22 58
“ James Jones, “ “ . . .	5 75
“ Jacob Pratt, “ “ . . .	8 82
“ John Dizer, “ “ . . .	3 75
“ David Pratt, Jr., “ “ . . .	10 49
“ James Lovell, “ “ . . .	15 06
“ E. A. Hunt, “ “ . . .	2 66
“ Ebenezer Kingman, “ “ . . .	9 50
“ Micah Blanchard, “ “ . . .	4 46

Paid Minot Richards, for bill of labor,	\$2 67
“ Moses Orcutt, “ “	8 17
“ Joseph Orcutt, “ “	5 80
“ David Lovell, 2d, “ “	1 33
“ Samuel E. Gay, “ “	17 70
“ Palmer E. Loud, “ “	6 07
“ Joseph Curtis, “ “	6 95
“ Christopher S. Bass, “ “	2 01
“ Perez Loud, for labor,	50
“ John G. Rogers, “	33
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	\$134 60

*New Street, leading from a point on Summer Street, near the house of
Dea. John P. Nash, to Washington Street.*

Paid Nathaniel Richards, for land-damages and fencing,	\$115 00
“ John P. Nash, for fencing,	48 00
“ George Nash, land-damage, fencing, and costs of suit,	249 54
“ David Richards, “ “ “ “	128 67
“ Robert V. Barnes, for building Section No. 1,	100 00
“ Josiah B. Spear, “ “ No. 3,	91 00
“ Nathaniel Richards, for gravel,	9 00
“ Bernard Gillegan, for building Section No. 2,	100 00
“ George Nash, for gravel,	15 00
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	\$856 21

New Street at East Weymouth.

Paid J. P. Monks, for timber,	\$40 67
“ Weymouth Iron Co., (spikes,)	7 40
“ James Matthewson, for stone work,	300 80
“ “ “ for getting out rock,	3 00
“ Spear & Sinclair, for filling and grading,	510 85
“ “ “ for gravel,	25 00
“ Loud & Reed, for lumber,	36 03
“ Isaac Jackson, “	96 80
“ Prescott Lothrop, for labor,	30 27
“ Josiah E. Rice, for labor and stock,	4 73
“ James Lovell, for labor,	75
“ Cyrus Raymond, “	67
“ Patrick Kennedy, “	2 25

Paid F. W. Faulkner, for labor,	\$2 25
“ E. P. Lothrop, “	2 87
“ Horace Raymond, “	3 25
“ Alvah Raymond, “	62
“ Stephen L. French, for carting,	10 75
“ South Shore Railroad Co., for freight,	1 56
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	\$1,080 52

*Balance for Completion of New Street at South Weymouth, leading from
the house of Perez Loud to Braintree.*

Paid Samuel Penniman, for grading and filling,	\$919 37
“ Pratt & Vining, for stone work,	249 92
“ J. P. Monks, for timber,	116 72
“ Loud & Reed, for lumber,	107 84
“ C. Leary, for filling at railroad,	127 00
“ Moses Orcutt, for gravel,	37 50
“ D. N. Wade, for labor,	24 22
“ Old Colony and South Shore Railroad Cos., for freight,	7 96
“ Samuel Penniman, for posts,	20 00
“ Weymouth Iron Co., for spikes,	5 00
“ Ezra Reed, for carting,	3 00
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	\$1,618 53

Working of Winter Street.

Paid Bernard Gillegan, for grading,	\$155 37
“ Samuel Tirrell, for land,	6 00
“ heirs of Peter Whitmarsh, for land,	1 50
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	\$162 87

New Street leading from Washington Street to Prospect Street.

Paid George Brooks, for grading,	\$54 51
“ “ “ for removing rock,	61 26
“ “ “ for making bridge,	34 71
“ John O. Foye, for steps,	6 00
“ Timothy Clary, for land,	5 00
“ Wm. H. Ryan, for damage by change of grade,	5 00
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	\$166 48

Repairs on Washington Street.

Paid Michael Croker, for completing unfinished Section,	\$41 50
“ S. Newcomb, for stone for drain,	183 40
“ Phillips & Wright, for labor on drain,	71 38
“ Stephen Humphrey, “ “	24 37
“ J. D. Pratt, “ “	32 39
“ Loud & Rhines, for lumber,	17 51
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	\$370 55

Repairs on Summer Street.

Paid R. V. Barnes, for labor and gravel,	\$17 00
“ Michael Croker, for removing rocks,	30 00
“ Maurice Sheahan, balance due,	49 27
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	\$96 27

Repairs on Union Street.

Paid George W. Nichols, for grading,	\$100 00
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Widening Pine Street.

Paid B. D. Vining, for land-damage,	\$20 00
“ Robert Richards, “	15 00
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	\$35 00

Extension of Pearl Street.

Paid George W. Huntress, for land-damage, fencing, and interest on award,	\$72 00
“ Enoch Lovell, for land-damage,	3 00
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	\$75 00

Expense of Committees, &c.

Paid Noah Vining, Jr., for service on roads,	\$49 75
“ J. Humphrey, for service on roads and surveying,	44 38
“ Prescott Lothrop, for service on roads,	41 35
“ B. F. White, for services meeting County Commissioners, and cash paid,	4 00
“ A. B. Wales, for services meeting County Commissioners,	2 00
“ Lovell Bicknell, “ “ “ “	1 00
“ Samuel French, 2d, “ “ “ “	1 50
“ John S. Cobb, “ “ “ “	2 00
“ Edmund Thomas, “ “ “ “	1 00
“ Elias Richards, for services on Committee on Cemetery,	1 00
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	\$147 98

Summary of Expense on Roads.

Expended of Highway Money Tax,	\$510 35
“ for removing snow,	134 60
“ for new roads,	4,092 29
“ for repairs on old roads,	469 14
“ for services of Committees,	147 98
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Total cash expense,	\$5,354 36
Highway Labor Tax, about	2,662 00
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Total expense of roads,	\$8,016 36

TOWN-HOUSE.

Expense of Erecting Galleries in Town-house.

Paid Loud & Rhines, for lumber,	\$190 46
“ Porter & Loud, “	56 55
“ Ashford Baker, for labor,	32 00
“ South Boston Iron Company, for columns,	66 84
“ Aaron Guild, for hard pine,	8 72
“ John O. Foye, for labor,	19 58
“ George Lovell, “	21 00
“ S. S. Foye, “	3 75
“ Stephen Cain, for plastering,	22 50
“ Z. C. Small, for painting,	30 00
“ Watson & Bisbee, for posts and balusters,	12 60
“ Stephen L. French, for carting,	7 00
“ S. W. Wright, “	6 26
“ Boston Planing and Moulding Company,	46 33
“ Samuel Healey, for iron work,	7 20
“ Samuel Tirrell, for labor,	3 00
“ Josiah Tirrell, for horse hire,	75
“ Cyrus Washburn, for labor and cash paid,	147 42
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	\$681 96

Incidental Expense of Town-house.

Paid Wm. G. Nash, for oil,	\$102 12
“ “ “ for lamps, wicks, &c.,	21 69
“ Thomas Nash, for wood,	6 38

Paid Joseph Loud & Co., for coal,	\$44 20
“ S. W. Pratt & Co., for lining stoves,	5 00
“ H. H. Cloud, for stoves and pipe,	8 00
“ J. Humphrey, for cash paid for two ladders,	3 40
“ Samuel Tirrell, for services,	57 00
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	\$247 79

EXPENSE OF SUIT

In the Case of Inhabitants of Weymouth vs. Ford.

Paid Silas Binney, for summoning witnesses and cash paid,	\$12 60
“ Thos. Nash, for making copies and attendance at Dedham,	10 75
“ Oran White, for copies and attendance,	8 28
“ James Humphrey, for services and cash paid,	25 38
“ Samuel Reed, witness fees,	3 60
“ Alvah Raymond, “ “	4 60
“ William Coolidge, “ “	4 60
“ Lemuel W. French, “ “	4 60
“ Lemuel Torrey, “ “	7 50
“ James Torrey, “ “	3 00
“ Samuel French, 2d, “ “	10 00
“ E. Wilkinson, bill of costs,	176 28
“ John J. Clarke, attorney's fees,	325 00
“ Lemuel Humphrey, for services and cash paid,	21 50
“ Lovell Bicknell, for time and expense,	11 32
“ J. M. Williams, for advice,	10 00
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	\$639 01

EXPENSE FOR THE SERVICES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Selectmen.

Paid Noah Vining, Jr., for services and expenses,	\$41 38
“ James Humphrey, “ “	46 58
“ Prescott Lothrop, “ “	31 75
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	\$119 71

Assessors.

Paid James Humphrey, for services and expenses,	.	.	\$73 93
“ Samuel Reed, “ “	.	.	54 88
“ Henry A. Torrey, “ “	.	.	69 00
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			\$197 81

Overseers of the Poor.

Paid Alvah Raymond, for services and expenses,	.	.	\$22 19
“ James Tirrell, “ “	.	.	15 25
“ Samuel Curtis, “ “	.	.	32 50
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			\$69 94

Treasurer.

Paid Thomas Nash, for services,	.	.	\$40 00
“ “ “ for extra services and expenses,	.	.	5 13
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			\$45 13

Clerk.

Paid Oran White, for services, stationery, and recording Births and Deaths,	.	.	\$74 76
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Constables.

Paid George W. White, Jr.,	.	.	\$15 00
“ Samuel Curtis,	.	.	13 10
“ Henry Loud,	.	.	7 30
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			\$35 40

Collector.

Paid Cotton Bates, for collecting taxes,	.	.	\$155 62
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School Committee.

Paid Noah Vining, Jr., for services,	.	.	\$39 87
“ John W. Loud, “	.	.	52 50
“ James Humphrey, “	.	.	39 75
“ J. H. Gilbert, “	.	.	46 50
“ Benjamin F. White, “	.	.	28 13
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			\$206 75

Total expense of Town Officers,	.	.	\$905 12
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MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid William White, for printing,	\$115 62
“ Cotton Bates, for discount on taxes,	450 16
“ “ “ for remittances,	174 40
“ North Parish, for wall at Burying Hill,	275 00
“ Union Bank, for interest,	191 72
“ Foster & Taylor, for liquors,	89 45
“ William G. Nash, selling school books,	11 79
“ John G. Rogers, “ “ “	7 14
“ Henry Loud, “ “ “	6 00
“ J. S. Potter, printing school reports,	42 00
“ H. F. Walling, for County Maps,	24 00
“ Ebenezer Humphrey, for interest,	240 00
“ “ “ for money borrowed,	500 00
“ Cotton Bates, for remittances, per vote,	5 45
“ James L. Wilbur, distributing envelopes,	1 50
“ Jacob Tirrell, distributing documents,	10 00
“ Amos Stetson, for refreshments at fire,	6 93
“ Dowse & Noyes, “ “	4 00
“ J. B. Howe & Co., “ “	10 70
“ Byram Simmons, damage to wagon,	4 00
“ Dutton & Wentworth, Supplement to Revised Statutes,	6 50
“ Josiah Tirrell, for board of Assessors, Selectmen, &c.,	52 62
“ State Treasurer, for State Tax,	939 00
“ Thomas Groom & Co., Assessors' books and stationery,	11 63
“ George W. White, Jr., for distributing envelopes,	1 50
“ “ “ “ for enforcing law against hawk- ers and peddlers,	5 00
“ A. B. Wales, extra Treasurer's accounts,	1 00
“ Henry Loud, for school books furnished,	25
“ Lovell Bicknell, notifying Com. and examining Treas- urer's accounts,	2 00
“ Alvah Raymond, selling school books,	2 50
“ R. Humphrey, distributing envelopes,	1 50
“ J. R. Lovell, for services in case of smallpox,	50
“ J. Humphrey, preparing schedule,	8 00
“ J. W. Bartlett, for refreshments at fire,	4 56
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	\$3,206 42

OLD BILLS NOT INCLUDED IN LAST YEAR'S SCHEDULE.

Paid A. Howe, for use of Old South meeting-house, . . .	\$10 00
“ J. G. Rogers, selling school books, . . .	3 20
“ Jacob Pratt, for land-damage, Loud's Lane, . . .	9 88
“ Jacob Tirrell, distributing town documents, . . .	10 75
“ Calvin Terry, School Committee, . . .	1 58
“ Samuel B. Burrell, labor on Washington Street, . . .	7 37
“ Joseph Loud, for land, East and Pearl Streets, . . .	11 75
“ J. D. Pratt, snow bill, . . .	1 33
“ S. Curtis, services at Poole's, and cash paid, . . .	18 00
“ Wm. F. Thayer, for gravel for East Street, . . .	5 00
“ E. S. Beals, for services on Temperance Committee, . . .	3 00
“ Joseph Hawes, snow bill, . . .	1 12
“ Amos S. White, for selling school books, . . .	7 18
“ “ “ for books furnished, . . .	8 11
“ Darius Raymond, for express jobs, . . .	40
	\$98 67

RECAPITULATION.

Paid for support of schools, . . .	\$6,015 61
“ on account of roads, . . .	5,354 36
“ “ “ of town-house, . . .	929 75
“ “ “ of suit <i>vs.</i> Ford, . . .	639 01
“ “ “ of town officers, . . .	905 12
“ miscellaneous, . . .	3,206 42
“ old bills, . . .	98 67
Total, . . .	\$17,148 94

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Board contracted with Josiah Litchfield to be Superintendent of the Almshouse and Town Farm the past year, (salary \$200,) and his year will expire on the first day of April next.

This account is made up for one year in full to the first day of February, 1855.

The number of Paupers at the House the commencement of the year was 29; the whole number during the year was 46; the average, $19\frac{1}{2}$; and the number at this time is 17. There has been one death at the House the past year, viz., John Badlam, aged 80 years.

The charge to the State for support of Paupers up to the first day of November last, was \$69.12.

The net expense to the Town for support of Paupers in the House is \$1,672.38. In this reckoning we allow the town \$300 for the use of the Farm; and the master of the House his salary. The expense of each Pauper per week is $\$1.64\frac{4}{10}$.

The expense to the Town for support of the Town's Poor out of the House during the past year is \$485.27. There are probably outstanding bills to the amount of about \$130.

The charges of the Overseers for their services, postage, stationery, travelling expenses, &c., is \$69.94.

Expenses for the Support of Almshouse.

Cash to Mr. Litchfield, from Treasurer,	.	.	.	\$1,480	51
“ for labor, produce, &c.,	.	.	.	524	75
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				\$2,005	25

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Paid Charles Parks, for harness work,	.	.	.	\$3	65
“ Noah Vining, for standing wood,	.	.	.	50	00
“ Z. C. Small, for glass, .	.	.	.		75
“ Samuel Reed, smith work,	.	.	.	13	44
“ Joseph Loud & Co., for grain, flour and coal, .	.	.	.	556	58
“ Lemuel French, for labor,	.	.	.	28	50
“ Peter Lane, for ice,	.	.	.	4	78
“ John O. Foye, for pump,	.	.	.	14	00
“ M. & F. Burr, for grass seed, .	.	.	.	14	63
“ “ “ for scythes,	.	.	.	2	83

Paid F. W. Chase, for paints,	\$15 62
“ J. B. Howe & Co., for bread,	23 40
“ A. S. White, for medicine,	4 15
“ Samuel Curtis, for goods,	15 57
“ James Tirrell, for cow,	43 00
“ Loud & Rhines, for lumber,	17 08
“ Alvah Raymond, for goods,	92 54
“ James White, for sundries,	1 75
“ Tilley Willis, for wheelwright work and tables,	21 85
“ Reuben Lowell, for meat,	100 57
“ Stephen Cain, for whitewashing,	3 00
“ Joshua Holbrook, for swine,	21 12
“ Noah Sinclair, for calf,	8 50
“ Cushing & French, for grass,	10 00
“ David Lovell, 2d, for team work,	11 50
“ Chase Brothers, for bedsteads,	52 00
“ Henry Loud, for goods,	438 35
“ Dr. N. Q. Tirrell, for medical attendance,	11 00
“ Alice Brocker, for labor,	39 00
“ for sundries,	127 20
“ for one year's salary,	200 00
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	\$1,946 36

Inventory of Feb. 1, 1854,	\$1,908 82
Rent of Town Farm,	300 00
Cash to Mr. Litchfield,	1,480 51
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	\$3,689 33
Inventory of Feb. 1, 1855,	\$1,818 51
Charge to State,	69 12
Board of Rosamond Pratt,	77 32
Improvements,	52 00
Balance for support of Poor,	1,672 38
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	\$3,689 33

Support of Town's Poor out of the House.

Paid Dr. Jacob Richards, for medical attendance on James Nash,	\$1 50
“ N. Loud, for Webster Loud,	17 00
“ Samuel Curtis, for Henry Carr,	5 50
“ Elnathan Bates, for support of Esther Bates at the State Lunatic Hospital, at Worcester,	65 00

Paid Mary Bates, for house rent for Joseph Tirrell, . . .	\$2 00
“ Frederick Pope, for assistance to family of Fred’k Tracy, . . .	9 00
“ Mr. Belcher, for Widow E. Pratt, . . .	23 50
“ Dr. N. Q. Tirrell, medical attendance on family of Fred’k Tracy, . . .	20 25
“ E. G. Tirrell, for assistance to Lois Nash, . . .	54 92
“ “ “ “ Ezra Bicknell, . . .	37 29
“ “ “ “ Widow Quincy Hunt, . . .	38 50
“ Ebenezer Pool, for himself and daughter, . . .	29 00
“ James Tirrell, for Severus Richards, . . .	5 00
“ Josiah B. Spear, for “ “ . . .	11 00
“ A. Raymond, for Hannah Thayer, . . .	9 92
“ Mrs. Benjamin Dyer, for herself and family, . . .	16 50
“ Samuel Jenison, for support of Mary Bates at the State Lunatic Hospital, at Worcester, . . .	81 70
“ Solomon Lovell, for A. B. Rosey, . . .	8 69
“ Joseph Loud & Co., for fuel to Sylvanus Holbrook, . . .	8 75
“ “ “ “ to Isaac L. Binney, . . .	4 25
“ “ “ “ to Mrs. Harding, . . .	21 00
“ “ “ “ to Mrs. Hunt, . . .	4 25
“ “ “ “ to James Binney, . . .	2 25
“ “ “ “ to Otis Blanchard, . . .	8 50
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	\$485 27
 Paid Alvah Raymond, for services and money paid by him, . . .	 \$22 19
“ James Tirrell, “ “ “ . . .	15 25
“ Samuel Curtis, “ “ “ . . .	32 50
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	\$69 94

Paupers in the Almshouse, from February 1, 1854, to February 1, 1855.

Date.	Name.	Age.	Discharged.	Died.	Weeks.	Days.
1854.						
Feb. 1,	Deborah Vining, .	90	-	-	52	-
" "	Silence Nash, .	74	-	-	52	-
" "	Betsey Overy, .	72	-	-	52	-
" "	Deborah Pratt, .	57	-	-	52	-
" "	Polly Torrey, .	60	-	-	52	-
" "	Elizabeth Tirrell, .	35	-	-	52	-
" "	John Badlam, .	80	-	June 21, 1854,	20	4
" "	Elisha Holbrook, .	78	-	-	52	-
" "	James Richards, .	76	-	-	52	-
" "	Benjamin Torrey, .	59	-	-	52	-
" "	Samuel Badlam, .	50	-	-	52	-
" "	Edmund Tirrell, .	38	-	-	52	-
" "	F. J. Hayden, .	23	-	-	52	-
" "	Joseph Hunt, .	22	-	-	52	-
" "	Charles Hollis, .	14	Aug. 30, 1854,	-	30	1
" "	Rosetta Thayer, .	7	-	-	52	-
" "	Julia Thayer, .	6	-	-	52	-
" "	John Curley, .	4	April 1, 1854,	-	8	3
" "	Ezra Blanchard, .	84	-	-	52	-
" "	Abby White, .	33	Mch. 22, 1854,	-	7	1
" "	Hannah White, .	7	" " "	-	7	1
" "	Julia White, .	6	" " "	-	7	1
" "	John White, .	4	" " "	-	7	1
" "	Mary White, .	3	" " "	-	7	1
" "	Emeline Sheridan, .	22	" 31, "	-	8	3
" "	Mary Sheridan, .	4 mos.	" " "	-	8	3
" "	Edward Evans, .	5	" 11, "	-	5	4
Mch. 8,	Rosamond Pratt, .	17	-	-	46	6
" 22,	Henry Davis, .	21	" 24, "	-	-	3
" "	Catharine Davis, .	22	" 24, "	-	-	3
" 26,	Nathaniel Barrey, .	30	" 27, "	-	-	1
" 31,	John R. Joyce, .	41	April 3, "	-	-	3
July 15,	Benjamin F. Lary, .	18	Sept. 4, "	-	7	1
Sept. 5,	Hannah B. Thayer, .	8	" 25, "	-	2	6
Oct. 23,	George Simpson, .	48	Oct. 28, "	-	-	5
" "	Eliza Simpson, .	41	" " "	-	-	5
" "	Lewis G. Simpson, .	12	" " "	-	-	5
" "	Eliza Simpson, 2d, .	10	" " "	-	-	5
" "	Hannah Simpson, .	9	" " "	-	-	5
" "	Betsey Simpson, .	8	" " "	-	-	5
" "	Alice Simpson, .	7	" " "	-	-	5
" "	Elijah Simpson, .	4	" " "	-	-	5
" "	Dinah Simpson, .	3	" " "	-	-	5
" "	Agnes Simpson, .	1	" " "	-	-	5
" "	Sylvia Freeman, .	65	" " "	-	-	5
Feb. 1,	Margaret Evans, .	31	Feb. 11, "	-	1	4

Inventory of Stock, Wood, Hay, Provisions, &c., Feb. 1, 1855.

5 Cows,	\$175 00	1 Horsesled,	\$3 50
1 Heifer,	10 00	1 Harrow,	12 00
1 Horse,	115 00	3 Bush Scythes and Snaths,	4 00
6 Swine,	72 00	Carpenter's Tools,	1 00
9 Chains,	6 00	15 tons English Hay,	300 00
1 Ox Cart Body,	2 00	1½ tons Salt Hay,	15 00
1 Horse Cart,	37 00	2½ tons Fresh Hay,	20 00
1 Horse Wagon,	12 00	Fire Wood,	119 00
1 Hay Wagon,	32 00	6 tons Hard Coal,	48 00
1 Harness,	18 00	3 barrels Salt Pork,	57 00
1 Draught Harness,	4 00	1 barrel Beef,	15 00
1 Roller,	8 00	5 bushels Parsnips,	2 50
1 Dray,	2 00	100 bushels Potatoes,	75 00
2 Scythes and Snaths,	2 00	100 bushels Carrots,	30 00
8 Forks,	4 00	5 bushels Turnips,	3 00
3 Rakes,	50	225 pounds Bacon,	23 62
Ox Yokes,	5 00	Flour,	5 50
Manure Forks and Puller,	5 00	26 pounds Tea,	11 00
1 Garden Fork,	1 50	½ barrel Crackers,	2 50
5 Hoes,	2 00	15 pounds Cheese,	1 95
2 Narrow Hoes,	1 00	Ashes and Grease,	5 00
1 Scraper,	4 00	3 barrels Soap,	12 00
Horse Fetters,	1 00	50 pounds Lard,	6 50
4 Ox Chains,	2 50	40 pounds Coffee,	4 20
1 Halter and Blanket,	2 00	28 gallons Vinegar,	3 92
Lot of Posts and Rails,	25 00	Molasses,	1 50
1 Meal Chest,	6 00	6 bushels Meal,	6 60
1 Cart Saddle,	3 00	16 bushels Barley,	14 40
4 Wood-saws and Horse,	3 00	3 Ladders,	4 00
Beetle and Wedges,	3 00	40 pounds Butter,	10 53
Stone Tools,	11 00	1 Lantern,	87
4 Iron Bars,	3 00	6 pounds Tobacco,	1 20
2 Axes,	1 50	Lot Manure,	300 00
5 Hatchets,	2 00	Saddle and Bridle,	1 25
1 Bush Hook,	3 00	4 bushels Beets,	1 60
1 Iron Square,	25	12 Dunghill Fowls,	4 00
4 Shovels,	3 00	6 Turkeys,	5 00
1 pair Hay Poles,	1 00	1 Ice Chest,	7 00
1 Grindstone,	6 00	Patent Balances,	25 00
2 hand Stonehammers,	1 50	Hay Chopper,	2 00
Tackle and Runner,	5 00	3 bushels Beans,	7 00
1 Hay Rope,	1 00	Outstanding Bills,	24 62
1 Wheelbarrow,	5 00		
3 Ploughs,	14 00		\$1,818 51

ALVAH RAYMOND,
 JAMES TIRRELL,
 SAMUEL CURTIS, } *Overseers
 of the Town of
 Weymouth.*

STATISTICS

FURNISHED BY THE TOWN CLERK.

Marriages in the Town of Weymouth from Dec. 31, 1853, to Jan. 31, 1855.

Israel D. Wildes and Almena Nash,	January	1
Sumner D. Dodge and Eliza A. C. Pratt,	"	1
Franklin C. Marston and Abigail S. Butts,	"	10
George B. Pierce and Mary W. Derby,	"	15
Henry Ritchie and Emeline Ford,	"	29
Quincy Burrell and Lucy M. Holmes,	"	29
Jason Gardner and Mary M. Sherman,	February	10
Winslow Raymond and Levinia Maconney,	"	11
James Reed Vining and Nancy J. F. Porter,	"	19
Levi L. Barker and Sarah J. Hawes,	March	13
James McFann and and Lucina Griffith,	"	25
William Stoddard, 3d, and Ann Fernald,	April	2
Josiah Martin and Sarah R. Ford,	"	16
Abner P. Nash and Rachel B. Pool,	"	18
Samuel W. Hunt and Sarah R. Pool,	"	20
James W. White and Louisa M. White,	"	23
Thomas Hill and Eliza Loud,	"	26
Woodbury P. Sanborn and Lanorah F. Mosher,	"	30
Edward Lewis and Elizabeth Lewis,	May	6
Isaac N. Pendergrass and Nancy Ann Tirrell,	"	6
William Burrell and Mary H. Holbrook,	"	7
Clinton W. Tirrell and Ellen M. Richards,	"	12
Oran Sherman and Amanda M. Gardner,	"	27
Asa Pool, Jr., and Sarah F. Bicknell,	"	27
John W. Nelson and Sybel H. Leach,	"	31
Eliphaz W. Arnold and Mary W. Lovell,	June	15
James W. Gowell and Mary E. Niles,	"	17
Edwin Jacobs and Emily T. Blanchard,	"	22
Benjamin R. Beals and Lucy A. Cushing,	July	8
Jackson V. B. Bates and Betsey A. E. Smith,	"	14
Kenneth Hickey and Helen F. Pratt,	"	16
Franklin Sprague and Sarah E. Hatch,	August	2
Edward Bates and Nancy Pratt,	"	13
William H. Hodgdon and Martha J. Oakes,	"	22
John J. Redman and Roxana Blanchard,	"	27

Nelson E. Hayden and Mary A. Stiles,	September	1
John G. Campbell and Mary Shehan,	"	19
Andrew J. Baker and Francis M. Pray,	"	28
Royal Norton and Susan M. Tirrell,	October	1
George W. Torrey and Eliza J. White,	"	4
✓ Ansel Burrell, 2d, and Catharine Pratt,	"	4
Paul Nadal and Eunice B. Cushing,	"	8
✗ George Burrell and R. Emily Robbins,	"	8
Peter Cushing and Emeline Shackford,	November	2
Thomas Connors and Alice Upton,	"	21
✗ Samuel Pratt and Abby A. Bates,	"	22
Jairus S. Sprague and Susan J. Lovell,	"	28
✗ Edwin Martin and Elizabeth Ford,	"	30
Thomas Barnard and Almira A. Joy,	"	30
Charles H. Loud and Lucinda S. Bass,	December	20

Deaths in Weymouth from December 31st, 1853, to January 1st, 1855.

Date.	Name.	Age.		
		Years.	Months	Days.
January 3,	Mary Keohane,	36	6	-
" 6,	Eva Maria Marden,	-	-	28
" 7,	Julia C. Gay,	42	4	-
" 12,	Charles E. Gay,	-	-	-
" 19,	Ezra Holmes,	21	-	-
" 30,	Patrick White,	32	-	-
X February 4,	Seth Pratt,	30	4	11
" 6,	Sally V. Boyden,	36	-	9
" 11,	John Phillips,	25	8	-
" 12,	Patrick Caten,	-	5	-
" 15,	Jacob Clapp,	59	3	28
" 22,	Arthur Holbrook,	4	5	11
" 28,	Lydia Olmstead,	22	9	18
March 3,	Francis Stoddard,	18	7	14
" 5,	Jacob Austin Clapp,	1	1	25
" 5,	Sally W. Freeman,	26	2	-
" 12,	Charles Henry Raymond,	-	-	1
" 14,	Minot Holbrook,	-	2	15
" 14,	Betsey Pratt,	96	7	2
" 16,	George Franklin Freeman,	3	5	-
" 19,	Elizabeth F. Cushing,	31	6	25
" 21,	Lizzie F. Cushing,	-	-	6
" 24,	Maria Antoinette Shaw,	4	8	22
" 26,	Charles Worster,	-	8	-
April 6,	Maria L. Dunbar,	-	5	26
" 7,	Amos Wheelock,	41	-	-
" 9,	Martin Henry Huntress,	-	5	28
" 17,	Leavitt Torrey,	34	2	13
" 19,	Loring Pool,	18	11	20
" 23,	Mary Derby,	48	2	6
" 23,	Mary Cushing,	73	6	12
" 24,	Horace Greely Cleverly,	2	8	10
" 25,	Susan Sophia Farrington,	2	9	23
" 25,	Mary White,	-	5	-
" 26,	David Franklin Joy,	5	3	8
May 9,	Mary Anna,	6	7	-
" 14,	Jeanie Jackson,	3	2	21
" 21,	Samuel Healey,	56	2	24
June 1,	Johanna Keohane,	-	5	19
" 1,	Susan Eldana Pool,	6	6	7
" 5,	William Our,	5	11	23
" 7,	Edgar White,	6	7	12
" 21,	John Badlam,	79	-	-
July 2,	George Williams Gardner,	1	4	17
" 4,	Ann Caroline Pratt,	21	1	22
" 4,	John Luddy,	28	-	-
" 10,	Charles William Lougee,	-	-	11
" 17,	— Chubbuck,	(3 hours.)	-	-
" 22,	George H. Pratt,	21	-	14
" 25,	Vinson Tirrell,	69	4	24
" 29,	Hannah Nash,	63	9	-
August 1,	Isaac P. Sampson,	58	7	20
" 3,	Lydia Alice Tirrell,	-	4	8

Date.	Name.	Age.		
		Years.	Months	Days.
August 13,	Betsey Bisbee,	68	2	-
" 14,	Edith Thais Nash,	-	-	14
" 15,	Alice Alvina Lovell,	-	10	8
" 23,	Mary Elizabeth Thayer,	-	4	5
" 25,	Roswell Trufant, Jr.,	23	11	-
" 25,	Mary Randall,	52	11	25
" 29,	Willie H. Stoddard,	-	-	15
Septem. 1,	Emma Clarke Crocker,	10	-	20
" 8,	Catharine Lundergan,	-	9	21
" 13,	Sarah Josephine Ells,	13	7	13
" 13,	Fanny L. Dunbar,	-	5	26
" 14,	Elizabeth Bates,	87	8	25
" 18,	Melvill F. Rice,	23	5	2
" 19,	Lemuel Lovell,	70	11	21
" 21,	Loring Stetson Smith,	-	7	29
" 23,	Asa McPherson,	31	-	-
" 25,	William Rice Cain,	-	10	24
" 27,	Eva Sinclair,	-	-	29
" 28,	John Hartigan,	17	-	-
" 29,	Michael Connors,	2	3	20
October 7,	Albert Loraine Clark,	-	3	17
" 8,	Josiah White,	57	3	16
" 11,	Alice Angenette Lothrop,	6	6	13
" 11,	George W. Porter,	-	5	3
" 11,	George Walter Thayer,	2	11	28
" 13,	Prescott Curtis,	4	10	-
" 14,	Betsey Tufts,	66	-	-
" 17,	Caroline Eliza Hunt,	6	5	20
" 26,	Sophia Curtis,	69	11	27
Novem. 10,	William Brown,	37	3	3
" 10,	Arthur Harding,	44	1	25
" 13,	Nabby Dyer,	91	-	-
" 15,	Harriet Abbot,	21	1	-
" 16,	Lydia Vining,	78	11	15
" 23,	Margaret Dorney,	-	2	17
Decem. 7,	Ruth White,	71	7	14
" 10,	Margaret Tobin,	-	-	-
" 23,	Samuel Whitmarsh,	98	9	18
" 24,	Rhoda Phillips,	73	5	24
" 25,	Athanasius Stoddard,	72	-	-
" 26,	Susan Elizabeth Hunt,	1	1	7
" 27,	Joanna O'Neal,	6	5	23
" 28,	Lydia A. May,	17	3	21

OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WEYMOUTH,
FOR THE YEAR 1855.

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Richard Blanchard.

Treasurer.

Gilman Burrill.

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Prescott Lothrop, Minot Holbrook, Elias S. Beals.

Assessors.

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Jacob Shaw, David S. Murray.

Fire Wards.

John W. Thomas, James Tirrell, Josiah E. Rice, Simeon Cushing.

*Weighers of Vessels.**Sealer of Weights and Measures.**Pound Keeper.*

John Tirrell.

Collectors of Taxes.

Cotton Bates, Jacob Tirrell.

Committee to Examine Treasurer's Accounts.

Noah Vining, Jr., James Humphrey, Prescott Lothrop.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE TOWN OF

WEYMOUTH,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 12, 1855.

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

THE School Committee, having completed their service for the year ending March, 1855, submit the following Report, viz. :—

Before proceeding to the consideration of the several schools, we desire to express our opinion in regard to the manner in which examinations of schools should be conducted, and the basis on which our opinions respecting them are founded.

We feel this to be the more important, inasmuch as some complaints have been made, both by certain teachers and scholars, of unfairness on the part of the Committee, in asking the questions at the closing examinations of the schools. We consider those examinations designed to ascertain, as nearly as may be, the amount of knowledge which each scholar possesses; and in order to this end, we have felt it important to prevent all collusion between the teacher and pupils. At some former times, it has been the custom for the teachers to ask the questions, and we well know that sometimes the examination has been transformed into an exhibition in which each pupil had learned his part, and could only answer correctly such questions as had been previously assigned him; or, if the pupil did not know, with certainty, what questions might be put to him, the teacher, who understood the capacity of each scholar, would sometimes have the adroitness to ask only such questions as he knew the scholar would answer, and thus give an incorrect impression of the capacities and acquirements of the school. The

object of recitation is, in part, to acquire a facility of expression, which will enable the scholar to communicate his ideas to others in a clear and lucid manner; and if he fail to do this, it is generally because he does not fully comprehend the subject. What he thoroughly understands himself, he can generally communicate to others with ease and fluency. But if he cannot answer a question unless it comes from a certain quarter, or unless it is proposed in a certain manner, or if he need prompting, he will find, when he attempts to apply his knowledge to practice, that it is very limited. He will then learn, if not before, that he had studied to RECITE, rather than to lay up knowledge, and that he has been exercising his memory, rather than improving his understanding. The Committee do not intend to assert that every teacher desires to practice deception, but they believe that the only way to detect or prevent occasional imposition, is to ask the questions themselves. And in making up their opinion of the merits of a school, the Committee are not more governed by what the scholar recites, than by the manner of his recitation. The application of knowledge is the test of possession, as the demonstration of a rule is evidence of its truth. With these explanations, we proceed to the consideration of the several schools.

First District.—The Primary Division has been under the care of the same teacher, both summer and winter, and she has succeeded in this, her first experiment in teaching, in gaining the confidence and esteem of her pupils and of their parents, as well as the approbation of the Committee. The appearance of the school at each of the closing examinations, and at other times, has indicated a very good degree of interest and progress in their studies; and the order of the school, with the exception of a brief period at the commencement of each term, when circumstances were unfavorable, has been very satisfactory.

The Grammar Division, in summer, was taught by an experienced teacher, and in the early part of the term appeared well, with the exception of a deficiency in order; but the school was interrupted for some time in consequence of the death of the

father of the teacher, which event unfitted her for the further prosecution of her duties in the school, and she was *desirous* of leaving at that time, but *consented* to remain till the close of the term. In addition to this, the interest of many of the older scholars, on whom the reputation of the school must mainly depend, seemed to decline with the progress of the term, so that, at the close, the exercises were not so creditable to the school as the Committee desired.

This division, in winter, was in charge of an under-graduate, who conducted it, so far as order was concerned, to the satisfaction of all; but there was not that evidence of progress in the several studies which was desirable or expected. The school had been over less ground than usual. The reading during the term had been confined to a few lessons, without producing corresponding accuracy in the exercise; and we regretted to find that the class in grammar, composed of some the largest and most advanced scholars in school, had spent nearly the whole term on etymology, and had but just commenced parsing. These considerations make it apparent that, although several of the exercises at the examination were equal to those of some other schools of a like grade, there was in others a want of interest which is fatal to rapid improvement.

Second District.—During the summer this school was under the charge of the same instructor who had taught it successfully for several terms. At the first two visits of the Committee the order of the school was not entirely satisfactory, but afterwards it was uniformly good. The closing examination gave evidence of considerable progress in the several studies, although many of the pupils were not as prompt in their answers as at former examinations under the same teacher, owing, it is believed, rather to the different mode of examination, than to any considerable change in the character of the school.

The winter school continued seven weeks under the same teacher, who accomplished, both in regard to discipline and instruction, all that could reasonably be expected; but the great diversity in age, and the consequent multiplication of

classes, rendered it necessary at this time to place the younger part of the school under another teacher. After the division, the Grammar Department improved more *rapidly*, and at the end of nine weeks from the time of the division, passed an examination characterized by readiness and thoroughness in all the branches taught. The classes in written arithmetic, especially, exhibited a familiarity with the principles as well as the processes involved in the several rules in which they were examined, highly gratifying to the Committee. The order of the school was entirely satisfactory.

The Primary Department was assigned to one who was without experience as a teacher, and whose health proved unequal to the task; yet, at the end of seven weeks, the exercises of the school were very creditable, but the order was not satisfactory.

Third District.—The Primary Department, during the summer, was under the care of Miss A. L. Bates, who appeared to be deeply interested in her school, which she kept in excellent order. She labored diligently and successfully, and at the closing examination the school appeared in all respects remarkably well. Twenty-seven pupils in this school were under five years of age. The winter term was taught by Mrs. Marston, who manifested the same interest in her school as her predecessor, and whose skilful management from the commencement to the close of the school, together with her peculiar facility in imparting instruction, assured the Committee that, in this case, no detriment had occurred from a change of teachers. The order was at all times excellent.

The Intermediate Department was conducted throughout the year by Miss Parrott, with her usual ability and success. The order was not always as good as could be wished, but at the several visits, the Committee found the school industrious, and generally well prepared in their recitations. The examinations exhibited a marked improvement, quite gratifying to all concerned.

The summer term of the Grammar Department was commenced by a young lady, who resigned at the end of two weeks, and whose successor, Miss Poor, continued the school without inter-

ruption. The manner in which the school was conducted, and the progress of the pupils in their several studies, furnished ample evidence of the superior qualifications of the teacher.

The winter school was taught by one who has long enjoyed the reputation of an efficient and successful instructor. The method of instruction which the Committee consider essential to thorough scholarship, viz.: the committing to memory, with perfect accuracy, the rules and definitions of any science, and also the analyzing and explaining every principle involved in the operation, he appeared fully to comprehend, and his successful exertions in this respect made his school appear, at the examination, a model for imitation. The exercises of all the classes were distinguished for promptness, accuracy, and perspicuity,—and particularly so the first and second classes in arithmetic. The order was excellent, and the appearance of those present gave the highest satisfaction. The Committee were, however, pained to perceive that, though the register contained the names of sixty-four scholars, there were only twenty-nine present at the closing examination. This fact, together with the irregular attendance, and the practice of many of the scholars leaving school, daily, before its close, shows conclusively, that many of the parents, as well as their children, undervalue the privileges of the school-room, and feel indifferent to their highest and best interests.

Fourth District.—The Grammar School in this District was in charge, for seven months, of a lady who had taught it successfully the previous year, and at the several visitations it was evident that the scholars were progressing rapidly in their studies. First rate order was always maintained, and the closing examination—taking into consideration the irregular attendance and the absence of several of the best scholars who left to attend the High School—was very satisfactory. The winter school was in charge of a male teacher, and continued but two months, (hardly long enough to admit of comparison with other schools,) but it was apparent to the Committee, that although the teacher was sufficiently educated, he was not of the number of whom it

may in truth be said, "he is apt to teach;" and although the school appeared tolerably well at the close, it was evidently a mistake that the teacher was changed.

The Primary Department has been under the care of the same teacher through the year who was employed the previous year. She has been diligent in her work and has met with good success. The examinations were quite satisfactory.

Fifth District.—The Grammar Department of this District was taught by Miss Richards during the summer term. It was rather backward at the commencement of the term, but made considerable progress in the several branches of learning, and appeared at the close to be orderly and well governed.

The winter term has been in charge of Mr. Bates, under whose direction the scholars have made commendable advances on their previous acquisitions in knowledge. At the several visits of the Committee, and at the closing examination, it was evident that the school had been under good discipline, and had profited much by the critical instructions of an efficient teacher.

The Primary Department, which has been under the instruction of Miss Torrey, for several years, is a model for this grade of schools. The rapid progress of the pupils, the clear understanding of the branches taught, the quietness and perfect discipline of the school-room, all give evidence that she is no ordinary teacher.

Sixth District.—The summer school of the Grammar Department was under the care of the same accomplished teacher who had been employed in the school the two preceding years. Good order and attention to study were the distinguishing characteristics of the school. But we think that many of the pupils pursued too many studies at the same time, and were over anxious to press forward at the expense of a perfect understanding of the principles involved in their several studies.

The winter school was under the charge of one who had never before taught in this District, and the appearance of it

was faulty. Deficient order, inattention to study, imperfect and dull recitations, were very apparent at the first visit, but at subsequent visits there was a manifest improvement; and although the closing examination showed specimens of good scholarship and progress, we think the school, as a whole, has not sustained its former reputation.

The Primary School in this District was taught, both in summer and winter, by one who had had some experience in another District. At the first visit the school was not in as good condition as is desirable, but, as the term advanced, there was a steady and decided improvement, both in order and attention to study, and at the close of each term, the Committee were satisfied that the condition of the school was progressive, and reflected credit on both teacher and pupils.

Seventh District.—The summer school, in the Primary Department, was placed under the care of the same individual who was employed here the last year. Her uniform and energetic management of the school was very satisfactory, and her labors were followed by gratifying results. Many of the scholars were very much engaged in their studies, and the examination fully met the expectations of the Committee.

In the winter term the school was taught by one who for the first time undertook the task of instruction. In the early and middle part of the term the order was far from being good, but at the close it was quite satisfactory. The examination was creditable to both teacher and pupils, and afforded much satisfaction.

The Grammar Department, in summer, was intrusted to the care of one whose fidelity to the best interests of the school was apparent at every visit. The scholars were orderly and attentive, and made very respectable advances on their previous attainments. Exact recitations and distinct articulation were very conspicuous, and gave much satisfaction.

In winter, this school was kept by an under-graduate, whose mode of teaching differed somewhat from that of other teachers, inasmuch as he gave a greater amount of oral instruction, and

practised his classes in arithmetic and geography more on the black-board and on the maps, than from the text-books. He won the confidence of the scholars and their parents, and excited in the minds of the former an unusual spirit of inquiry. The order was good, the industry, for the most part, commendable, and the success satisfactory, in a school so young as this. The Committee regret, however, that the teacher did not seem to feel the importance of absolute exactness in committing to memory rules and definitions; and that he left the impression that the scholar ought not to be trammelled by books, but should be allowed to give rules of his own. The Committee believe that when the scholar can give a more exact, comprehensive and better expressed rule or definition than is to be found in the text-book, he should be allowed to do so, and should be required to write it out for the benefit of others.

Eighth District.—The Primary School in this District has been placed under the care of the same teacher through the year, who has managed it with great energy and skill. Good order has very generally prevailed, and at the close of both terms was very satisfactory. Distinct articulation in reading and speaking was conspicuous at all times, and the appearance of the school at the close gave assurance of commendable improvement.

The Grammar Department, during the summer, was taught by Miss Shaw, who kept good order, and endeavored to train her pupils to habits of industry, and accuracy in their recitations, and to a considerable degree she succeeded in accomplishing her purpose. The examination at the close, though not perfect, was creditable to both teacher and pupils. The winter school has been taught by one who has had charge of the same for several winters past, to the satisfaction of the parents, and with much popularity among the children. The Committee have been gratified to find that the order in this school has generally been very good, the scholars industrious and very punctual in their attendance, and that the efforts of the teacher to induce his pupils to study principles as well as rules, have been to a considerable degree successful.

The school in the south part of the District, which is composed of scholars of all ages, both in the summer and winter terms, was taught, during the summer, by one who preserved good order, and who gave evidence, at the close of the term, that she had been industrious, persevering, and to a considerable degree successful in her efforts for the good of her pupils. The school, at its close, appeared to be in good condition.

The winter school, thus far, has been taught by a lady from the Normal School at Bridgewater,—a well educated and an enthusiastic teacher. At the first visit the order was very good, at the second very bad, since which it has been entirely satisfactory. The distinct articulation in reading and in many of the recitations showed that the school had been well instructed in this respect, while the proneness of the teacher to prompt and assist the scholar in his recitations, we believe, will have an effect entirely different from what she intended. This school, which has been interrupted by the sickness of the teacher for three weeks, will continue some weeks longer.

Ninth District.—The Grammar Department, during the summer, has been under the charge of two different teachers. The first taught in the old house fourteen weeks, and then left on account of sickness. This school was not examined at its close, as it was expected that the same teacher would continue in the school till the winter term commenced. She succeeded tolerably well, but did not seem to manifest so much interest towards the close of the term as is desirable. The order was good.

This school commenced another term August fourteenth, in the new house, under the charge of an experienced teacher, and continued with good success until October fifth, when the High School commenced in the same building, and some thirty of the scholars left the former to attend the latter, and the vacancies were supplied from the Intermediate School. At the several visits of the Committee during the term, it appeared evident that the school was under excellent discipline, and a system of teaching well adapted to insure success; but on account of the

interruption before spoken of, and because the arrangement of classes at the examination was not the most judicious, the school, at the close, did not appear so well as was anticipated, or so well as we believe it would have done under different circumstances.

The Primary Department was commenced in the old house, under the care of a teacher who has had charge of it for several years, and with the same assistant as last year. The large room was filled to overflowing, and all that could reasonably be expected under such circumstances was probably accomplished. The school commenced in the new house August fourteenth as an Intermediate School, and continued to the close of the winter term under the same teacher, being interrupted in the same manner as the Grammar Department. Many of the evils which had grown up while the school was in the old house, have been entirely corrected, and others partially. The order of the school has seemed steadily to improve, but there is still much room for improvement. The closing examination was probably as good as could have been expected, under all the circumstances of the case.

The Primary Department commenced August fourteenth, and continued to the end of the winter term, under the care of the young lady who was the assistant before the school was divided. It was composed entirely of young scholars, and those who had been neglected and were backward; so that very little attention has been paid to any thing except reading and spelling. Commendable progress has been made in these branches, and the order has been tolerably good,—not exactly what it should be. The number of scholars registered for the winter term was forty, all of whom were present at the closing examination. In this respect it is the “banner” school.

Tenth District.—The summer school in this District, in common with two others in town, is subject to the disadvantage of embracing the scholars of all the various ages and attainments in the District, and cannot, therefore, be expected to rank with the Grammar Schools. It was in charge of a teacher of ample

literary qualifications, and of some experience, who was devoted to the interests of her school; but the closing examination, although indicating good progress in some branches, was marked by a want of readiness which showed a habit of reliance on the teacher. The deportment was not entirely satisfactory.

The Primary School in the winter, at each of the monthly visits, and at the close of the term, appeared to be in a prosperous condition, and to be worthy of commendation, both for order and improvement. The success of the teacher in this, her first attempt, gave evidence of energy and tact in the business of teaching.

The Grammar School was in charge of a teacher earnestly engaged in his employment. The manner of instruction was thorough, and the character of the recitations during and at the close of the term, was creditable to the teacher and to many of the scholars, although some of the classes did not come up to the standard we wish to see established in all our schools. The order was uniformly good.

By a reference to the Schedule it will be seen that the evils arising from a want of punctual attendance, and from tardiness, which have been often adverted to in previous reports, still continue to exist to a great degree in most of our schools, and we again call your attention to the same. As a matter of economy, aside from other considerations, we think this subject worthy of particular attention and concern. There is another fault very prevalent in our schools, viz.: indistinct articulation, not only in reading, but in recitation. It is a serious evil, which your Committee have ever endeavored to combat, with only partial success. Another fault of great prominence is the disposition to assume too many studies in one term, or to assume advanced studies without suitable preparation. The primary branches are often neglected, or imperfectly acquired. Reading and spelling do not secure sufficient attention, especially in the younger classes. These being the corner stones of a good education, deserve more attention than they have generally received. Those who read well will make more rapid progress in other

studies, while those who blunder in reading, will generally blunder in every thing else. These evils might be more easily corrected were it not for the jealousy of parents, who desire to see their children advanced, whether they are qualified for promotion or not.

We mention these faults in the hope that the School Committee of the coming year may have the co-operation of parents in their endeavors to remove them. Much may be done at home by parents and others to promote the good of our schools, or much evil may arise from indifference or from opposition, or improper interference in their management.

It will be recollected that the Committee were directed to open a High School, but not to locate the same at the Town House, where it was kept the last year. After due deliberation, it was decided to establish a school for ten months,—the first five months to be kept in the south part of the town, and the remaining five months at the Landing. The Hall of Mr. J. G. Rogers was fitted up for the occasion, and Mr. J. C. Brown appointed teacher, at a salary of \$700, if he should continue through the year.

The first term opened with forty-one scholars, and closed at the end of five months with eighteen, most of the absentees having left at the close of the week's vacation about the first of July. Mr. Brown was a graduate who was recommended to this place by those who were deemed competent to judge in the matter, and who spoke of him in the most flattering terms. He was a man of sufficient attainments, of ardent temperament, and enthusiastic on the subject of teaching, which he had selected for his permanent business. His highest aim and ambition seemed to be to make his pupils understand thoroughly whatever they attempted to learn; to teach them to think, reason, and investigate for themselves, and to make them perfect in all their exercises; and had his earnest endeavors to accomplish these objects been met by a corresponding disposition on the part of all his scholars, the school, we think, would have sustained its number till the close of the term. Unfortunately there were among the members of the school some who did not appear to

feel the importance of intense application to study, either as a discipline of the mind, or a means of accumulating the treasures of science; some who had not been pressed forward in times past with energy; some who had been allowed to regulate their own exertions in study by their own inclinations; some who appeared to be too independent to submit with patience to the restraints of a well regulated school-room, and who felt competent to pass sentence of condemnation on the teacher, when his opinions conflicted with theirs. Such soon learned that the requirements of the teacher would absorb all their time, and they began to complain of his exactions, and to take exceptions to his manner of teaching, to which they had not been accustomed. Others seemed disposed to try his firmness by disregarding his wishes and commands; and because he insisted on compliance with his directions, and on submission to the rules of the school, they were discontented and disposed to complain. There were other circumstances which tended to widen the breach between the teacher and some of the pupils,—as when, for instance, the teacher's patience had been well nigh exhausted by inattention or carelessness in recitation, or by the violation of some rule, he let fall some hasty expression of disappointment or discouragement, which was thought by some to be overbearing. And to those disposed to find fault there will always occur opportunities to magnify grievances, either real or imaginary, so as to exert a baneful influence on others, and diminish or destroy their interest in the school. So, in this case, several of those who left before its close, assigned as a reason that they had lost their interest in the school. It is, however, believed that some of them had never manifested much concern for its success. The first to find fault were not the studious and attentive, but the idle, the playful and the disobedient; and the fact that the best scholars have uniformly considered Mr. Brown a superior teacher shows that his frailties, if he had any, were not of a very serious nature.

The examination of this school was the first of the series this year, and it appeared remarkably well. Every class save one, did itself honor. The first class in reading and the first class in arithmetic exhibited a superiority in their exercises which gave

unusual interest to the occasion; while the promptness and accuracy in the other branches very clearly showed that the scholars had been industrious, and that principles as well as rules were very generally understood. The Committee could not but regret the absence of any from examination who had been members of the school, although they have no reason to believe that its appearance would have been improved by their presence.

The second term commenced in the Ninth District, October fifth, with fifty-three scholars, and continued five months. Nearly all those who entered continued to the close. The same good order, and the same promptness and accuracy in recitation which were required during the first term, were insisted on during the second, and the school, at the close, exhibited a degree of improvement worthy of high commendation. The class in geometry and the first class in arithmetic showed a thorough acquaintance with those branches, and the demonstrations in each were as perfect as we have ever witnessed. They were ready, intelligible and accurate, and a model for any school. Most of the other exercises were highly creditable, showing the industry of the scholars and the fidelity of the teacher. And when we take into consideration that most of the scholars in the High School have only had the advantages of the District Schools, we believe that the improvement in their habits of study, investigation, self-reliance and recitation, has been such as to merit and to secure the approbation of all concerned.

A statistical table of the several schools for the year 1854-5, is hereto annexed.

All which is respectfully submitted.

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JOHN W. LOUD,
BENJAMIN F. WHITE,
NOAH VINING, JR.,
JAMES HUMPHREY,
JOHN H. GILBERT,
LEMUEL TORREY,

School Committee of the Town of Weymouth.

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

" 7,	Miss Martha J. Burrill,	50	38	-	1	6	-	22 00	"
	Miss Lydia C. Trufant,	53	36	-	-	4	-	18 00	Winter Term.
	Mr. I. M. Trafton,	52	42	-	6	4	-	40 00	"
" 7,	Miss Elizabeth S. Torrey,	111	46	8	-	6	-	18 00	Summer Term.
	Miss J. Frances Vining,	35	28	-	-	6	-	18 00	"
	Miss Melvina R. Blanchard,	52	30	4	-	3	19	16 00	Winter Term.
	Mr. Appleton H. Fitch,	44	34	-	8	3	11	40 00	"
	Miss Maria L. Derby,	162	39	7	1	5	-	18 00	Summer Term.
" 8,	Miss Helen Sprague,	86	69	14	-	4	11	18 00	"
	Miss Nancy T. Shaw,	47	30	-	-	4	11	18 00	"
	Miss Helen Sprague,	80	53	12	1	4	5	18 00	Winter Term.
	Mr. Lewis E. Noyes,	54	48	-	12	3	11	40 00	"
	Miss M. F. Bond,	50	41	-	4	4	-	24 00	"
	Miss Elizabeth L. Torrey,	173	92	-	-	3	11	18 00	Summer Term.
	Miss Jane M. Tirrell, Assistant,	-	-	-	-	3	-	10 00	"
	Miss Hannah Wales,	57	39	-	5	3	11	22 00	"
	Miss Jane M. Tirrell,	58	45	7	-	3	16	12 00	Fall Term.
" 9,	Miss Elizabeth L. Torrey,	61	45	-	-	3	16	18 00	"
	Miss Mary Poor,	69	48	-	9	3	11	22 00	"
	Miss Jane M. Tirrell,	40	31	7	-	3	5	12 00	Winter Term.
	Miss Elizabeth L. Torrey,	53	41	-	-	3	5	18 00	"
	Miss Mary Poor,	51	40	-	5	3	5	22 00	"
	Miss Mary R. Thomas,	70	45	6	-	6	11	20 00	Summer Term.
	Miss Lucy A. Tirrell,	31	25	-	-	3	11	12 00	Winter Term.
	Mr. Johnson Merrill,	32	26	-	7	3	11	45 00	"
	Mr. J. C. Brown,	41	29	-	26	5	-	70 00	Summer Term.
	High School	53	44	-	30	5	-	70 00	Winter Term.

