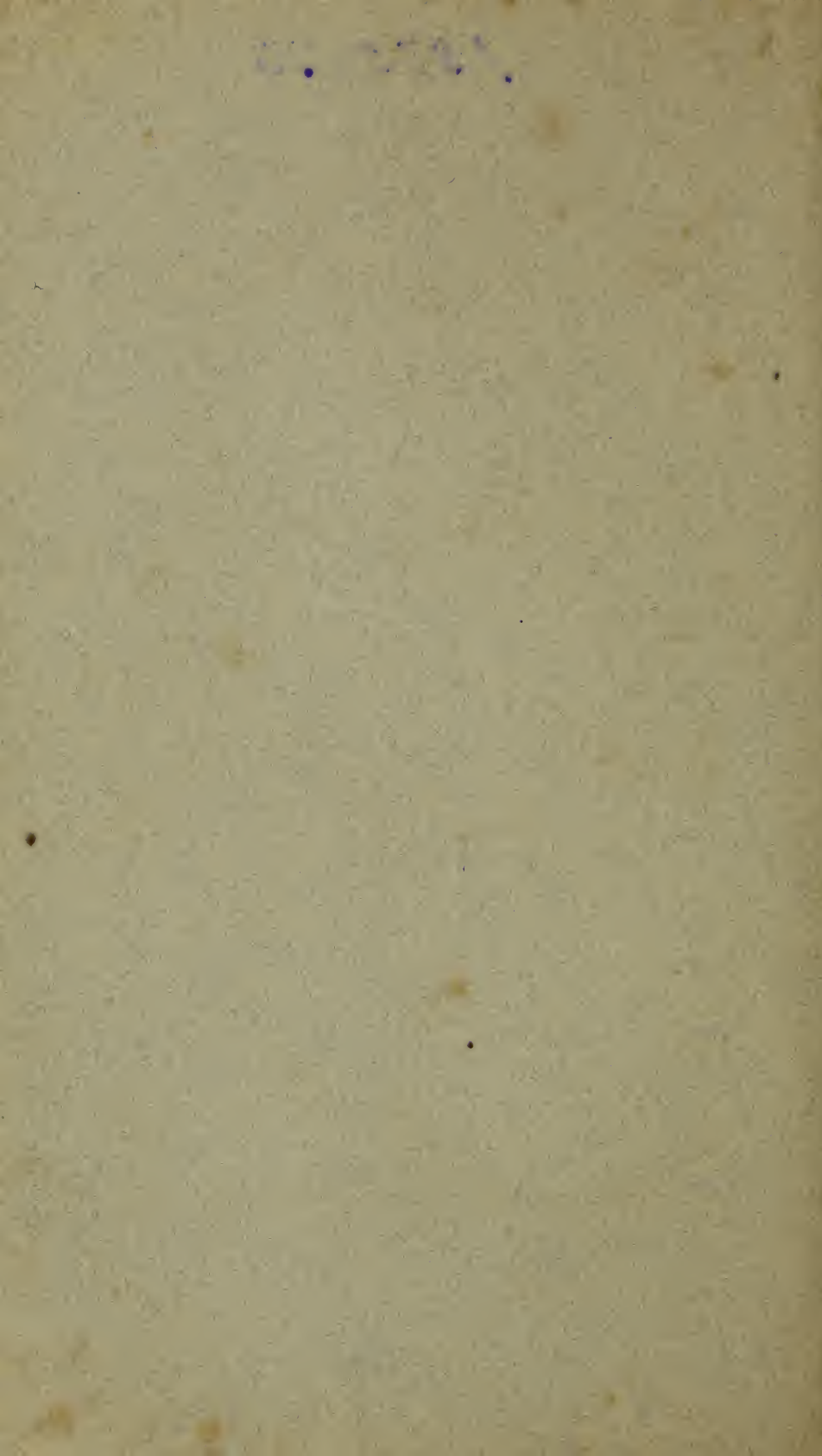


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R E P O R T .

O R G A N I Z A T I O N .

THE Committee was organized as follows :

J. MASON EVERETT, *Chairman.*

ARTHUR C. KOLLOCK, *Secretary.*

J. MASON EVERETT, GEO. F. SUMNER, and ARTHUR C. KOLLOCK, *Committee on Text Books.*

Sub Committees :

District No. 1, GEO. F. SUMNER.

“ “ 2, ISAAC HORTON.

“ “ 3, EDWIN WENTWORTH.

“ “ 4, JESSE FENNO.

“ “ 5, GEO. E. DOWNES.

“ “ 6, J. W. WATTLES.

“ “ 7, ARTHUR C. KOLLOCK.

High School, J. MASON EVERETT.

Superintendent of Schools, FREDERIC ENDICOTT.

Agent for sale of School Books, D. C. F. ELLIS.

Truant Officers, R. C. WOOD, CHAS. FISHER, and J. E. EARLE.

F I N A N C I A L .

The appropriation by the Town for teaching, fuel and care of school-rooms, was	\$10.500 00
Received from State, (School Fund,)	248 80
“ “ County, (Dog Licenses,)	545 65
	\$11.294 45
Amount paid for teaching,	\$10.112 85
Fuel and care of school-rooms,	1.200 31
Due and unpaid, about,	150 00
	11.463 16
Excess over appropriation,	\$168 71

The amount appropriated for repairs, incidentals, and supplies, was - - - - -	\$1,000 00
Amount paid for same, - - - - -	\$839 81
Due and unpaid, about - - - - -	50 00
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Balance unexpended,	\$110 19
The Town appropriated for the erection of horse sheds at High School House, - - - - -	\$300 00
Amount paid for six sheds, - - - - -	315 75
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Excess over appropriation,	\$15 75
The Town appropriated in 1874 for fencing, grad- ing, and setting trees at school house in Dist. No. 3, - - - - -	\$1,000 00
Paid in 1874 for trees and setting, - - - - -	82 92
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	917 08
Paid in 1875 for fencing and grading, - - - - -	654 64
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Balance unexpended,	\$262 44
The amount appropriated for Evening Schools was	\$400 00
Amount paid for same, - - - - -	351 81
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Balance unexpended,	\$48 19
Received and paid over to Town Treasurer, for rent of High School Hall, - - - - -	\$47 00

ESTIMATES FOR 1876.

For Principal of High School,- - - - -	\$1,200 00
“ Assistant “ “ - - - - -	600 00
“ 3 Grammar Masters, \$800. each, - - - - -	2,400 00
“ Music Teacher, - - - - -	600 00
“ 14 Teachers of Mixed, Intermediate, and Primary Schools, - - - - -	5,670 00
“ Fuel and care of school-rooms, - - - - -	1,200 00
“ Unpaid bills of 1875, - - - - -	150 00
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$11,820 00

	<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$11.820 00
Estimating that the School Fund and Dog Licenses		
will pay - - - - -		820 00
We have a balance to be appropriated for teach-		-----
ing, fuel and care of school-rooms of - -		\$11.000 00
The above estimate is \$500. more than the appropriation		
made last year, to cover the expense of an assistant teacher		
in District No. 3, and the unpaid bills of last year.		
For insurance on School Houses Nos. 3, 6, 7, and		
High, - - - - -		\$200 00
“ painting No. 1 School House, - - - - -		150 00
“ painting High School House, - - - - -		150 00
“ repairs and supplies for 8 School Houses, -		700 00
“ trees in yard of No. 3 School House, - - - -		50 00
“ apparatus, - - - - -		100 00
“ taking census of children between 5 and 15, - -		25 00
“ secretary’s salary, - - - - -		25 00
“ superintendent’s salary, - - - - -		500 00
“ printing school reports, - - - - -		50 00
“ unpaid bills for 1875, - - - - -		50 00

Total for repairs, incidentals, and supplies,		\$2.000 00
For Evening Schools, - - - - -		400 00

The above estimate for repairs, incidentals, and supplies is \$1,000.00 more than the appropriation made last year, \$500.00 of the increase being required for insurance and painting as above shown, and \$500.00 for superintendent’s salary, which it has been customary to charge to the fund raised for contingent expenses, with the salaries of the other town officers, but which the selectmen, in their report for 1875, have charged to school incidentals. It is simply a question of book-keeping, where this outlay should be charged, and of course adds nothing to the expenses of the town. If added to the one account, it is taken off from the other, and the amount raised for contingent expenses may be reduced accordingly. We have placed it in our estimate as

above, in order that our accounts may agree with those of the selectmen.

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

The committee have given the question of teachers' salaries careful consideration with a view of ascertaining whether our school expenses could be reduced with profit. The questions, First, whether our teachers are paid too much, and, Second, whether they are paid more or less than those of the surrounding towns, have claimed their attention. Inquiry developed the following facts: The principal of the High School receives considerable less than any clergyman in the town except one, who receives the same amount, while his preparation for the work of his profession, which certainly is no less onerous than theirs, is certainly as costly to him, whether we consider the time or the money expended in his education. The masters of our Grammar Schools receive \$2.55 per day for each working day in the year. Our female teachers, of all grades, receive an average of \$1.34 per day for each working day in the year. Comparing these wages with those received by skilled or even unskilled laborers of either sex, your committee could see no cause for a reduction.

Inquiry upon the second point brought out the fact that, for male teachers, eighteen towns in Norfolk County pay more and five towns less than Canton. For female teachers, eleven towns pay more and eleven towns less.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Evening Schools have been maintained in Districts No. 3 and 6 for persons over fourteen years of age and not attending the Day Schools. The results have been satisfactory and your committee are of the opinion that the money appropriated by the town for this purpose has been wisely expended.

SCHOOL ACCOMMODATIONS:

By the placing of an assistant teacher in the Grammar School, in District No. 3, the necessity for providing further

school accommodations has been, for the present, postponed. The limit of the present accommodations has, however, about been reached; and, with the number of children constantly increasing, the town must, at no distant day, be called upon to build a new school house, somewhere in the south part of its territory. The school property of the town is generally in good condition.

MUSIC.

Vocal music, as a branch of study, was introduced into the schools at the beginning of the year just closed; and whatever doubts may have been entertained as to the wisdom of this step, have, it is believed, in a large measure disappeared from the minds of those most familiar with the results. So far from interfering with the progress of the pupil in other branches of study, it has proved a help rather than a hindrance, by giving a pleasant variety to his daily task, by imparting a more cheerful aspect to the school-room, and leading to more constant attendance. While most parents desire that their children should understand the rudiments of music, few comparatively can afford the necessary instruction. By its introduction into the schools, this end is placed within the reach of all alike, and at a minimum cost.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The High School under the efficient management of Mr. Berry and Miss Chace is doing a good work, and never gave better promise for the future than it does to-day.

The admissions have been as follows:

From No. 1 Grammar School,	.	.	5
“ “ 3 “ “	.	.	7
“ “ 4 Mixed, “	.	.	1
“ “ 6 Grammar, “	.	.	0
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Total admissions,			13

The graduating exercises of the High School took place July 7, and diplomas were presented to the following

GRADUATES.

Martha Howard Ames, Gustavus Fisher Guild,
 Frank Stewart Davis, Mary Jane Holmes,
 James Dunbar, Helen Gertrude Kinsley,
 William Otis Dunbar, Charles Sumner.

The course of study of the High School has been revised and considerably abridged and simplified. It is as follows :

COURSE OF STUDY ADOPTED SEPT. 6, 1875.

	1st Year.	2d Year.	3d Year.	4th Year.
1st Term	{ Latin, Algebra, Gen. History.	Latin, Geometry, Botany.	Latin, French, Natural Phil.	French (Astron.) Chemistry, Physical Geog.
2d Term	{ Latin, Algebra, Gen. History.	Latin, Geometry,	Latin, French, Natural Phil.	French, Chemistry, Physical Geog.
3d Term	{ Latin, Algebra, Gen. History.	Latin, Geometry, Botany,	Latin, French (Hist.), Natural Phil.	French, Chemistry, Review (Arith.)

One afternoon each week to be devoted to a general exercise in Arithmetic, Grammar, Compositions, and Declamations. Drawing and Music throughout the course.

MONTHLY EXAMINATIONS.

The plan adopted two years ago, of monthly written examinations by the Superintendent, of the first classes in the Grammar and Mixed Schools, has been continued, and affords an excellent means of noting the progress that is being made. It is, however, only one step in the right direction. Could these examinations be extended so as to include all the classes in the Grammar, Intermediate, and Mixed Schools, it would doubtless add much to their efficiency. Your Committee do not yet see their way to the undertaking of this work, desirable and important though they feel it to be, for the reason that the superintendent would be unable to accomplish it in addition to his other duties, in the *half-time* he is now employed to devote to the schools.

ATTENDANCE.

There has been considerable improvement in attendance

the past year; an encouraging fact, as the best schools are invariably those where the attendance is the most constant. We give below the names of pupils deserving special praise for their constancy, and state the gratifying fact that the list is considerably larger than it was last year.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The figures at the right of the names show the number of times tardy.

Names of those not absent during the year.

Florence A. Cobb,—3	Roger S. Davenport,	William H. Creeden,
Julia A. Crane,	Alice M. Horton,	James T. Costello,
Sarah A. Horton,	Alice M. Hunt,—2	Eliza J. Flaherty,
Helen M. Sumner,	Annie S. Mackintosh,	Frank Lynch,
Homer C. Bowman,—2	Annie E. Capper,	Jeremial Buckley,
J. Danforth Dunbar,—2	Mabel E. Farrington,	Herbert T. Seavey,
Wm. H. McKendry,—1	Percy M. Leavitt,	William Gray,—11
Daniel P. Smith,—1	Nellie F. Saunders,	Herbert L. Fenno,
Amy A. Downes,	Laura M. Shepard,	John D. Sawyer,—13
Ellen M. Cronon,—1	John H. McGuire,—3	Michael Roarke,—2
Mary G. Snow,	John W. Thomas,—5	George H. Jenkins,
Honora Cronon,—2	Edward E. Champney,—1	William B. Kollock,
Robert Bird, Jr.,	Thomas Kalleher.	

Names of those not absent during two terms.

Carrie I. Kinsley,	George Thomas,	Lester A. Johnson,
Lucy Emma Seavey,	Christopher Mackedon,	Alice S. Smith,
Jennie F. Ellis,—1	William H. Chadbourn,	Henry W. Esty,—11
Mary F. Jenkins,	Henry D. Deane,	John G. Estey,—22
Arthur B. Kollock,	Catherine Donnelly,	Charles H. Bridgen,
Alice W. Ames,	Catherine E. Kelley,—1	Carrie J. Hesketh,
George H. Capen,	Mary J. Quill,—1	Margery S. Wattles,—2
Gertrude Capen,	Daniel Kelleher,—1	Robert H. Murray,—12
Eldora F. Jones,—2	Ellen J. Galligan,—1	Jessie M. Cram,
Emma F. Pitcher,	William A. Capper,	Bridget Folan,—2
Sarah A. Chapman,	Jane E. Healey,—1	Harriet E. Oliver,—1
Isaac C. Horton,	Matthew Galligan,	Elizabeth Roarke,—1
Margaret Kailher,	Herbert A. Morse,	Eliza E. Perkins,—1
John Kailher,—2	Henry Thomas,	Mildred M. Dunbar,
John S. Mackintosh,	Bridget Cunningham,	Lucy A. Freeman,—1
Ellis Farrington,	Isabella Grimes,	Julia A. Kiley,—2
Lillian M. Harding,	Mary J. Grealish,	Annie E. Shaw,—3
Charles W. Seavey,—1	Timothy Doody,—1	Lucius W. Conant,—1
Genevieve Farrington,	Mary Galligan,	Frank W. Dunbar,
Timothy Crowley,	Arthur A. Tucker,	J. Henry Morrow,
John W. Lyons,—1	Ella F. Billings,	J. Oliver Morrow,
Catherine Doody,—1	Ida R. Billings.	Catherine A. Healey,

Names of those not absent during one term.

Martha H. Ames,	Isabell Tucker,—5	William Crowley,
Mary J. Holmes,	Michael J. Grealish,	William Russell,
Helen G. Kinsley,	Cornelius Shea,	Ellen E. Cohan,
Millie E. Wentworth,	Elmer S. Billings,—2	Mary J. Dineen,—3
John H. Griffin,—1	George W. Breslyu,—3	Elizabeth Grimes,

Gustavus F. Guild,	Alexander A. Healey,—4	Grace O'Neill,
Agnes M. Little,	James Lynch,	Mary A. Buckley,—2
S. Elizabeth Brown,	Thomas Grealish,—2	Johanna Shea,
Winthrop Packard,	Catherine Flynn,—1	Mary E. Thomas,
Ella G. Richards,		Elizabeth M. Lunsman,
Henry B. Hewett,		Elisha Mann,
Ida J. Capen,	Hannah M. Kennelly,—2	Dorothy E. Titkie,
Marion A. Bowman,	Annie H. Simms,	George A. Estey,—2
Rose A. Chapman,—1	Alice J. Thomas,	Albert Meadows,—2
Michael J. Doody,	Mary A. Callery,—2	Mary B. Baguley,—1
Nellie Reardon,	Mary V. Sweeney,	Eleanor E. Carroll,
William H. Griffin,	Ida L. Richards,—2	David W. Finnigan,—7
A. Hermon Gill,	Mary E. Richards,—2	Ira C. Marden,
Agnes M. Bright,	Mary E. Sullivan,—3	Catherine Murphy,—4
May A. Sumner,	John M. Kaliher,—1	Cora M. Oliver,
H. Isabel Williams,	John Riley,—1	Ellen Smith,—1
Annie D. Williams,	William Sweeney,—1	Catharine McGilvray,—2
Helen M. Marshall,	Lucy H. Foster,—1	Emergene F. Blanding,
Nancy T. Draper,	Eliza J. Reilly,	Avery S. Briggs,—1
Charlotte M. Endicott,	Elizabeth B. Welch,	George Hodges,
Helen E. Endicott,	John W. Coombs,	Laura E. Oliver,
Georgie E. Downes,	James E. Thomas,	Frederic A. Howard,—1
Patrick J. Cronon,	Elizabeth Flynn,	James B. Noyes,—3
John Roach,—7	John A. Fisher,	Clara F. Evons,
Daniel Sullivan,	James Galligan,	Ella M. Harrington,—3
Annie M. Hurley,	Charles J. Galligan,	Mabel F. Linfield,
Herbert Stoddard,	Hannah Murphy,	Lena Starr,—4
Warren Davenport,	Dennis T. Lyons,	John J. McCabe,
Alice A. Blake,	George Beaseley,	Daniel Chisel,
Harry F. Davenport,	G. Albert Billings,	Arthur L. Foss.
Alice L. Martin,—2	Blake A. Pitcher,	Fred. R. Foss,
Elizabeth B. Callery,	Julia Burke,	George A. Harrington,—13
Alice Flynn,	Catherine A. Cohan,	Annie Bloek,
Cecilia G. Freeman,	George McGuire,—1	Mary E. Connor,
Carrie A. Pitcher,	Harry Saunders,	Maud A. Linfield,
Angenette Wiswall,—1	James Lloyd,	Annie McKenna,
Frank L. Bowes,	Ellen Kelliher,	Sarah McKenna,
George E. Howard,	Agnes White,	John Casey,
Herbert Tucker,	Joseph Gray,—5	Francis B. Farrell,
John B. Tucker,	Joseph Breslyn,	
	Florence Buckley.	

CENSUS OF CHILDREN.

By Chapter 303, Sect. 1, of Acts of 1874, the School Committee are required annually, in the month of May, to ascertain, or cause to be ascertained, the names and ages of all persons belonging to their respective towns and cities on the first day of May, between the ages of five and fifteen years, and make a record thereof. This duty has been attended to, and the number found to be 929; and, by having the names and ages, the Superintendent has been able to compare them with the different school registers. Twelve of the number have received more than three months schooling outside of our schools; but one hundred and ninety have received less than three months' instruction. Of the above, fifty were between five and eight years of age, sixty were between

eight and twelve, and eighty between twelve and fifteen years of age. The larger portion of the latter number work in the different factories.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion your committee would record the fact that most of our present corps of teachers have been long tried, and found faithful, and that, with few exceptions, the schools are in excellent condition.

The report of the Superintendent of Schools, hereto attached, is commended to your attention.

J. MASON EVERETT,	} <i>School Committee.</i>
GEO. F. SUMNER,	
J. W. WATTLES,	
JESSE FENNO,	
ISAAC HORTON,	
GEO. E. DOWNES,	
ARTHUR C. KOLLOCK,	
THOMAS LONERGAN, EDWIN WENTWORTH,	

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

Gentlemen of the School Committee:

I have the honor to submit the following report:—
The year spoken of in this report consists of forty-one weeks. The winter term of the school year as fixed by the Regulations of the School Committee ends on the second Friday before the first Monday in March. By this rule the term ended last year on the 19th of February, and this year on the 25th of the same month. From this cause the year from March 1, 1875 to March 1, 1876, contains forty-one weeks of schooling, although the year from one summer vacation to another contains but forty weeks.

During the year thirteen teachers have been employed continuously as follows:

High School,	Miss ANNIE E. CHACE.
Dist. No. 1, Grammar,	Mr. GEO. W. CAPEN.
“ “ “ Primary,	Miss CHARLOTTE TUCKER.
“ “ 2, Mixed,	Miss ELLEN McKENDRY.
“ “ 3, Intermediate,	Miss LUCIE A. HALL.
“ “ “ Primary,	Miss ELDORA A. DRAKE.
“ “ “ “	Miss EMMA P. BENSE.
“ “ “ “	Miss CARRIE L. SHATTUCK.
“ “ 4, Mixed,	Miss S. JENNIE DEAN.
“ “ 6, Grammar,	Mr. JEREMIAH E. EARLE,
“ “ “ Primary,	Miss E. FLORENCE FAUNCE.
“ “ 7, Intermediate,	Mrs. ABBY J. SNOW.
“ “ “ Primary,	Miss MARY SCOLLARD.

In the High School, Mr. F. M. Wilkins, who had been principal for three years, resigned at the close of the school year in July, to enter another profession. Mr. Clarence H. Berry, who had previously been principal of the High School in Cherryfield, Me., was selected to take his place. In the Grammar department in Dist. No. 3, Mr. Philip H. Clark resigned at the close of the school year, and his place was filled by Mr. John Everett. Soon after the commencement of the fall term, it was found that the number of scholars was too great for one teacher, and Miss Ella M. Hill was placed in the school as assistant. Since the opening of the spring term, the attendance in this and the Intermediate Departments has considerably diminished, and probably we can dispense with the services of an assistant for the remainder of this term, though one will be needed in the fall. In the other Intermediate Department in this district, Miss Alice H. Lowry has been the regular teacher throughout the year, but has been twice obliged to leave temporarily, once on account of ill health and once on account of sickness in her family; and during this time her place has been filled by substitutes. In the second Primary Department in the same building Miss Annie A. Bent held the position of teacher till February 10, when she left to enter the Salem Normal School as a pupil, and was succeeded by Miss M. Ella Deane, a graduate of the High School in the class of 1874. In March last Miss Helen C. Mills was elected teacher of the school in Dist. No. 5, and remained there until the middle of January, when she was obliged to leave temporarily on account of ill health and has not yet been able to return. Under her care, the school made commendable progress in discipline, recitations, and attendance at school. Miss Mary J. Holmes, a graduate of the High School, has since filled her place.

During the last year, the schools have made considerable progress in attendance. By reference to the Report of the School Committee, and comparison with Reports of the two

previous years, it will be seen that the number of names on the "Roll of Honor," for the three years, is as follows :

1874, Three Terms,	10;	Two Terms,	30;	One Term,	94
1875, " " "	20;	" " "	64;	" " "	128
1876, " " "	38;	" " "	66;	" " "	133

The average attendance in all the schools, as compared with the whole number attending school, was last year 80 per cent., and this year 81½ per cent, although three of the schools were very much broken up by the prevalence of scarlet fever. The average attendance for the year in the different districts, as compared with the whole number, is as follows :

	1875-6.	1874-5.
High School,	96.8 per cent.	94.9 per cent.
Dist. No. 3,	82.9 " "	81.2 " "
" " 7,	81.0 " "	76.0 " "
" " 2,	81.0 " "	77.5 " "
" " 1,	80.9 " "	80.5 " "
" " 6,	78.8 " "	81.0 " "
" " 5,	76.4 " "	74.3 " "
" " 4,	76.3 " "	72.8 " "

By the above it will be seen that there has been a gain in regularity of attendance in all the districts except one; and, in that district, the loss was in the Spring term, where a large number of children entered about the middle of the term. The register of the High School is even better than last year, all of the scholars taking pride in the standing of the school.

The closing public examinations of the schools took place between Feb. 18 and Feb. 25. The number of visitors was, on the whole, rather larger than last year. As in the previous year, the greatest interest was manifested in Districts 1, 2, and 4, in the Grammar School in District No. 3, and in the High School. In the latter school, and in Districts 1 and 2, the exercises in singing were conducted by Mr. H. J. Whittemore, the special teacher in that branch, in such a

manner as to show the regular work of the schools. On Feb. 22, the schools in Districts 3 and 7 had a similar examination in this at the No. 3 School House. These examinations proved that most, and perhaps nearly all, of the scholars in our schools can learn to sing and to read music, and that Mr. Whittemore is well qualified to teach them. Of course a large part of the drilling is given by the teachers.

The attendance at the evening schools this season has been as follows :

Dist. No. 3, whole number, 97 ;	average attendance, 48
“ “ 6, “ “ 36 ;	“ “ 26

There has also been an average of three in District No. 3 and of ten in District No. 6 who were most of them a few months short of the prescribed age. In the above statement I have not included a number of scholars who attended less than four evenings. I do not know as it is possible to avoid the interruption to the schools caused by those who come only for the first two or three nights of each year. The labor of forming the classes is considerable, and ought not to be increased by classifying those who will leave as soon as the school is in running order. The registers show that this trouble is caused each year by nearly the same persons. Perhaps the evil might be avoided by requiring a deposit of a small sum to be refunded after an attendance of twelve or fifteen evenings. If these schools are to be continued, they ought to begin as early as the end of September.

The written examinations of the first class in the Grammar Schools have been continued throughout the year ; and though there is still great room for improvement, yet the papers average much better than when I first commenced, nearly three years ago. In preparing the papers, I endeavor to ask questions which shall show whether the pupil is learning a mere mass of words, or whether he is getting clear ideas of the subject which he is studying. One of the greatest errors in teaching is committed in making the scholar

commit to memory page after page of History, Geography, or Grammar, without any questioning to bring out a general comprehension of the subject. A person who is tied down to a text book can never excel as a teacher. In Colburn's Arithmetic, too, there is too great a tendency to work each section into a set formula which soon ceases to convey any meaning to the pupil.

The subject of ventilation of school houses is one that requires more attention than it receives. None of our school houses have adequate means of ventilation. Some teachers manage to have ventilation by keeping windows open, but the scholars are liable to catch cold when the wind blows directly upon them. The defective ventilation was particularly noticeable at the examination of the High School, as indeed it has been at most of my visits during the year.

It has been evident for several years that we were trying to do too many things in the High School. If the pupils were not admitted until thorough in Arithmetic, English Grammar, Geography and Map Drawing, History, both American and general, and Spelling, we might hope to take up most of the sciences contained in our former course; but as with these requirements we should never get any scholars into the High School, it seems to be impracticable. We have, therefore, revised the course of study so as to attempt less, and to *learn* more. Practical Arithmetic receives more time, and Latin takes only three years instead of four. Although the course as now adopted is not wholly satisfactory to me, it is a great improvement on the previous one. One good feature of the old course has been neglected this year viz. a daily lesson in spelling, although there seems to be no reason for its discontinuance.

In conclusion I would say that the general condition of the schools is highly satisfactory. They are none of them perfect, of course, but every one of them seems at the present time to be moving forward. The scholars certainly have never, since I have been connected with the schools, been so

earnest as at the present time. The attendance is improving and some of the chronic cases of truancy are convalescent. The only study that can be said to be behindhand at the present time is English Grammar, but whether from attempting too much or too little I cannot say. My impression is that it is made too much a piece of child's play, and that a text book that attempts to wholly do away with technicalities will never be very successful.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERIC ENDICOTT,

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Canton, March 20, 1876.

At a meeting of the School Committee of Canton, held Monday, March 20, 1876, the foregoing reports were presented and adopted as the Annual Report of the School Committee.

Attest, ARTHUR C. KOLLOCK, *Secretary.*

STATISTICS OF SCHOOLS.

SUB COMMITTEES.		Districts.	Grade of Schools.	No. in School 1st Term.	Average Attendance.	Per cent. of Attendance	No. in School 2d Term.	Average Attendance.	Per cent. of Attendance	No. in School 3d Term.	Average Attendance.	Per cent. of Attendance	Over 15 Years.	Under 5 Years.	Length of School in months.	Amount expended for teaching, including \$158.75 due and unpaid.	Amount paid for Fuel and care of Rooms.	Amount paid for repairs and incidentals.	Printing, Advertising, and Supplies.	
GEORGE F. SUMNER. ISAAC HORTON.	} 1 } 2	Gram. Prim. Mixed.	37	30	82	33	30	90	39	32	82	9	4	10	\$800 00	\$128 78	\$125 69	\$55 18		
			44	35	.80	40	.75	30	.75	27	21	.78	1	4	10	450 00	44 83		24 85	
EDWIN WENTWORTH.	} 3	Gram. 1st. Int. 2d. Int. 3d. P. 4th. P. Mixed.	53	40	.75	67	61	.91	63	56	.89	10	10	101	172 00	483 00	236 88			
			43	35	.82	52	.88	47	40	.86	1	1	101	461 25	512 35	10 47				
			57	43	.75	54	.91	51	44	.86	1	1	101	363 60		38 65				
JESSE PENNO. GEORGE E. DOWNES. JOS. W. VATTLES.	} 4 } 5 } 6 } 7	Gram. Mixed. Prim. Int. Prim. High. Music.	70	47	.67	62	52	.85	62	49	.79	3	3	101	328 00	32 25	10 47			
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