

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Auditors,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF PELHAM,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 2, 1867.

LOWELL, MASS.:

STONE & HUSE, PRINTERS, COURIER OFFICE, 21 CENTRAL STREET.

1867.

REPORT.

AGREEABLE to a vote of the Town of Pelham, passed March 13th, 1866, the undersigned selectmen of said town respectfully submit the following Report :

PAY OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Daniel Marshall, 53 days' services as Selectman, during the year 1865,.....\$	106.00	
Writing orders, receipts, returns, &c.,.....	5.00	
Use of horse during the year,.....	19.50	
Cash paid Stone & Huse, printing Report,....	18.00	
Stamps, stationery, books, car fare, board and horse keeping during the year,.....	40.10	
	\$ 188.60	
Warren Sherburn, for services as Selectman, and use of horse during the year 1865,..		12.00
William G. Butler, fourteen and a half days' services as Selectman during the year 1865,.....	29.00	
Use of horse,.....	4.00	
Board of transient persons, and stamps,86	
	33.86	
Jesse Gibson, services as Town Treasurer during the year 1865,.....		30.00
Abel Gage, Superintending School Committee for 1865,.....	25.00	
Printing School Report,.....	13.50	
	43.50	
John Woodbury, services as Town Clerk for the year 1865,.....		20.00
Amos Bachelder, services as Town Clerk for the year 1865,.....		4.00

TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid N. H. Insane Asylum, for support of Rachel McCoy, for four quarters, ending Nov. 14, 1866,	\$177.62	
Alpheus Goodwin, for board of said McCoy, twelve weeks ending Feb. 9, 1867, at \$2.25 per week,.....	27.00	
R. P. Smith, board of same three weeks, ending March 2nd, 1867, at \$3.00 per week,	9.00	
	<hr/>	\$213.62
Town of Amherst, for board of Mrs. Keyes,..	3.00	
Town of Mount Vernon, for board of Mrs. Keyes,	2.00	
Due County of Hillsboro' for board of Mrs. Keyes, to March 12th, 1867, at \$2.25 per week,	107.36	
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Paid T. F. Goodspeed, for board of Hanscomb Goodspeed, from August 25, 1865, to May 25, 1866, at \$1.50 per week,.....	58.50	
T. F. Goodspeed, for board of same from May 25 to Oct. 20, 1866, at \$1.75 per week,.	36.75	
For clothing for same during the year,.....	22.95	
Due said Goodspeed, for board of same from Oct. 20, 1866, to March 12th, 1867, at \$2.00 per week,.....	38.00	
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Paid Dr. Bachelder's bill, medical attendance on John Cross, 1864,.....	3.00	
Dr. Bachelder, medical attendance for W. Hantsell, in 1864, (paid by County),.....	3.75	
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William G. Searles, for board of E. Searles, from Feb. 14, 1866, to Feb. 12, 1867, at \$1.53 per week,.....	99.50	
Dr. Carter's bill, for medical attendance on E. Searles, for two years, ending Feb. 26th, 1867,.....	20.25	
For clothing for E. Searles, during year,.....	5.46	
	<hr/>	125.21
John Gage, for 12 feet of wood, delivered to Anna Beard,	10.00	
Sawing same,.....	3.00	
James M. Hobbs, for four cords, one and a quarter feet of wood, delivered to Anna Beard,	25.91	
J. M. Hardy, sawing same,.....	6.20	
	<hr/>	45.11
Joshua Atwood, for seventy-two and three-quarters lbs. meat delivered to Mrs. J. T. Kent, during the year 1867,.....	10.52	

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Paid John Woodbury,—

Four bbls., thirteen and a quarter lbs. of flour,.....	\$59.75	
Six gallons molasses,.....	4.10	
Ten yards sheeting,.....	2.50	
Four yards pant cloth,.....	2.50	
One pair boots,.....	4.00	
Six and a quarter yards satinnet,....	6.50	
One-quarter pound tea,.....	.28	
One-half gallon kerosene,.....	.40	
Charles Kent, 57 5-16 lbs. pork, at .23,	13.11	
14 lbs. lard, at .23,.....	3.23	
Warren Sherburn, plowing land,.....	3.00	
		\$109.89
Board and lodging transient persons,.....		3.25

EXPENSE IN MOSES BUTLER'S FAMILY, SICK WITH SMALL
POX FROM JUNE 26 TO OCTOBER 9, 1867.

Paid James A. Foster,—

126 lbs. flour,.....	\$8.00
2½ lbs. tea,.....	3.28
4½ galls. molasses,.....	3.38
1⅞ gall. rum,.....	*6.40
49¼ lbs. fish,.....	4.62
1 oz. camphor,.....	.12
Crackers,.....	1.24
¼ lb. sulphur,.....	.05
9¾ lbs. pork,.....	2.13
7 lemons,.....	.32
7 jugs,.....	2.22
1 lb. cheese,.....	.25
1 gall. kerosene,.....	.78
1 bag salt,.....	.35
1 lb. saleratus,.....	.12
Paper and pencil,.....	.13
¼ lb. cream tartar,.....	.20
¼ lb. pepper,.....	.16
½ lb. cassia,.....	.25
½ lb. ginger,.....	.31
1 oz. nutmegs,.....	.12
1 water pail,.....	.40
2 lbs. rice,.....	.30
½ lb. starch,.....	.08
Tobacco and pipes,.....	.73
Soap,.....	.85
2 bunches matches,.....	.04
¼ lb. mustard,.....	.17
2 lbs. candles,.....	.44
10 lbs. sugar,.....	1.70

* One-half paid by Butler.

Paid J. Rockwood, for coffin and burying Butler child,	\$10.00	
Dr. J. Emory, medical attendance on Butler family,	25.00	
Lucinda Stevens, nursing in Butler family 13 days, at \$3.00 per day,	39.00	
		<u>\$113.15</u>
Dr. J. Emory, medical attendance upon C. W. Keyes, while sick with small-pox,	5.00	
Clothing furnished said Keyes,	6.00	
Cash delivered to same,	1.00	
Board of said Keyes 4 weeks, at \$4.00 per week,	16.00	
		<u>*28.00</u>
		<u>\$966.38</u>

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid G. Webster, repairing roads,	\$ 4.00	
E. D. Tenney, 7½ days cutting brush on highway, at \$1.50 per day,	11.25	
H. W. Humphrey, labor on bridge,	3.50	
one bridge stringer,	1.00	
as surveyor, breaking roads,	26.68	
E. Dow, Jr.,	5.00	
Z. T. Carter,	46.48	
A. F. Carlton,	17.09	
J. C. Whitehouse,	31.36	
C. L. Seavey,	3.36	
E. F. Wood,	56.35	
C. N. Gage,	38.50	
W. G. Chase,	34.96	
Moses Johnson,	12.60	
N. S. Sleeper,	1.12	
N. Gage,	17.80	
B. Kittredge,	20.44	
J. W. Bright,	.56	
J. Hardy,	2.80	
Moses Hobbs,	40.50	
H. Lewis and others,	10.22	
W. G. Butler,	6.14	
M. B. Tallent,	6.23	
T. W. Simpson, 347 bridge plank,	7.00	
J. Woodbury, 19 lbs. spikes for bridge,	1.14	
J. M. Wilson and others, breaking roads,	12.81	
		<u>\$418.89</u>

* Paid by A. W. Keyes.

TOWN HOUSE.

Amount received during the year,		\$56.00
EXPENSES.		
Paid for cleaning hall,	\$6.00	
lamps, "	5.50	
wood, "	7.00	
kerosene, &c., hall,	6.96	
J. Atwood, Jr., taking care of hall,	8.00	
		33.46
Net proceeds,		\$22.54

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Part of Jonathan Searle's tax for 1866,	\$ 3.00	
G. B. Currier, "	5.64	
E. S. Burnham, poll tax, 1864,	4.25	
Morris Carter, "	4.25	
H. W. Humphrey, "	4.25	
Charles Kent, Jr., "	4.25	
James McCoy, "	4.25	
F. J. Runnels, "	4.25	
J. W. Bright, money in bank,	6.00	
James Tylor, dog tax, 1865,	1.00	
Amount of highway tax paid in labor in 1866,	32.07	
Amount of discount on taxes, at 6 per cent.,	331.20	
4 per cent.,	40.29	
		\$444.70

SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid District No. 1—Town appropriation for 1865-6, \$219.44		
Literary Fund, 1866, ..	4.07	
		223.50
2—Town appropriation for 1866, ..	197.88	
Literary Fund, " ..	4.72	
		202.60
3—Town appropriation for 1866, ..	159.64	
Literary Fund, " ..	4.61	
		164.25
4—Town appropriation for 1866, ..	153.18	
Literary Fund, " ..	4.82	
		158.00
5—Town appropriation for 1866, ..	168.32	
Literary Fund, " ..	2.68	
		171.00
6—Town appropriation for 1866, ..	76.50	
Literary Fund, " ..	1.40	
		77.90
Total,		\$997.26
School money due 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Districts,		332.93

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid William S. Wyman, damage to carriage through defect in highway,	\$ 7.50
Brown & Carter, painting 34 guide-boards,	35.50
For 3 lbs. brimstone for guide-boards,30
Chase & Co., Lowell, for bolts and nuts for guide-boards,	2.45
Daniel Coburn, labor on grave-yard and gates,	4.00
Morrison, Stanley & Clark, counsel in John Richardson's case,	71.00
Daniel Marshall, car fare and expenses at Concord for Mrs. McCoy,	6.00
C. W. Hobbs, 3 days' service at grave-yard,	9.00
John Woodbury, labor lotting grave-yard and board of help,	8.00
Joshua Atwood, services as auctioneer, selling John Cross' place,	2.50
John Woodbury, for board of Selectmen and Auditors, stamps, stationery, and articles furnished town hall in 1865,	7.65
Interest on sundry notes,	1,231.08
Moses Runnels, land damages, widening road,	25.00
Moody Hobbs, surveying for road and making plan of grave-yard,	10.00
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	\$1,419.98

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

Amount of notes due from said town, March 1866,	\$22,547.60
Paid sundry notes the past year, amounting to,	1,847.60
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Balance due,	\$20,700.00
Interest due on the same,	300.00
Amount of money borrowed, agreeable to a vote of said town, passed March, 1866, to pay sundry notes when demanded, (including \$2,300.00 which passed through the treasury,)	4,100.00
Due County of Hillsborough, for board of Mrs. Keyes,	\$112.36
Due from said County, for support of Frederick Hardy,	52.84
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Balance due County,	59.52
Due T. F. Goodspeed, for board of son,	38.00

AMOUNT OF TAXES ASSESSED.

State tax for 1866,	\$3,435.00
County tax for 1866,	847.39
Town tax for 1866,	2,872.03
School tax for 1866,	916.00
Dog tax for 1866,	40.00
Total,	<u>\$8,110.42</u>

DANIEL MARSHALL, }
 WARREN SHERBURN, } Selectmen of Pelham.
 WILLIAM G. BUTLER, }

Pelham, March 2, 1867.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

The Treasurer charges himself as follows:

1866.	
March 14—Cash in the Treasury,	\$1,926.31
Outstanding taxes for 1865,	88.00
April 25—Cash received of Selectmen,	2,000.00
May 1—Cash received of Selectmen,	300.00
30—Received of the County of Hillsborough,	42.42
Received of Isaac Buttrick, for the John Cross place,	150.00
Dec'ber 7—Received of State Treasurer, Railroad tax, 1865,	152.70
19—Received of State Treasurer, Bounty of P. Coan, Received of Moses Butler, toward expense of sickness,	200.00 3.20
1867.	
Feb'y 28—Received Savings Bank tax dividend,	101.60
Received Railroad tax, 1866,	128.50
State aid money,	173.13
A. W. Keyes, for expense of sickness of C. W. Keyes,	28.00
Received of Nathan Gage, Collector for 1866, ...	3,418.14
Received of Joshua Atwood, Jr., for use of Town Hall,	56.00
Amounting to	<u>\$8,768.00</u>

For which he claims credit as follows, to wit:

March 2, 1867—For cash paid on sundry orders drawn by the Selectmen during the year in favor of sundry persons, amounting to.....	8,422.24
Leaving a balance of cash in the Treasury of.....	345.76
The amount of outstanding taxes in hands of Collector for 1866,	493.00

LITERARY FUND.

The Treasurer charges himself as follows:

1866, March 14—Cash in treasury,	\$22.30
1867, Feb'y 28—Cash received from the State,	31.20
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	\$53.50

For the above he claims credit as follows:

1867, March 2—For cash paid by order of the Selectmen to Prudential School Committees,	22.30
Cash in treasury,	31.20
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	\$53.50

The undersigned, Auditors of the Town of Pelham, have examined the Accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer for the past financial year, and find them properly kept, correctly cast and vouched.

MOODY HOBBS, }
A. S. SMITH, } Auditors.

Pelham, March 2, 1867.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF PELHAM,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 12, 1867.

REPORT.

THE Superintendent would preface his report of the Schools by a few remarks upon topics of vital importance to their welfare. And first, the qualification of the Teacher. The influence of the Teacher does not terminate with the term of school, but the child feels it through all his subsequent existence. The character of this influence is then a matter of the deepest moment. It is conceded that the Teacher needs certain qualifications, but these cannot be too high for the humblest school. A Teacher should be fertile in expedients to interest, quick in finding an approach to every variety of mind and disposition. He should have a fund of knowledge to impart to the children on a variety of subjects. He should have studious habits. He should go to no recitation, not even a class in A B C's, without a special preparation for it. Each pupil in his school must be an object of daily study. The Teacher should always be self-possessed; nothing should disturb his equanimity. He should have firmness, or he cannot govern. He should be mild and gentle in his intercourse with his school, refined and graceful in manners. The tones of his voice, and his mode of expression, are of great importance, for the pupil is sure to imitate these. And, above all things, the Teacher should have a pure heart. It is not enough that he can govern well, secure perfect lessons, and give the pupils a clear perception of them, but he must perceive the deathless nature of his pupils, see immortal character in every little child, and feel every day that he is moulding and determining that character. No other teacher is suitable to enter a school-room; any other will be dangerous there.

School Government we ought to allude to. It is indispensable to the school, to the child and to the community. Much is said about obtaining the good will of the school, pleasing the scholars. This every teacher should seek, but this should not be the condition of government, though it often seems to be. Every parent should insist that his children conform to the rules of the school, without regard to this good will.

There is also too much haste in our schools to take advanced studies. Children are not detained sufficiently upon the elements; they are not taught to think and seek general information, and make their knowledge practical.

Parents need to feel the responsibility of a hearty co-operation with the Teacher, and of avoiding all criticism upon the school in the presence of their children.

The success of our schools the past year is gratifying. The number of good teachers that our own population furnishes is a matter of pride; but the importance of popular education demands that there be a more manifest and active interest in our schools. No cause of such a public nature can truly flourish unless there be a living, active interest in it. The people must think upon it; they must talk about it; they must read upon it and discuss it. Not only every teacher, but every family, should have a Journal of Education. We need such an interest in the cause of education as will lead to larger appropriations for the schools, as will make the school-rooms more tasteful, and furnish them with maps and globes and all the helps to illustrate and make plain to children the studies that they attend to. We are glad to believe that our schools have merit, but it is a spontaneous merit, a merit that they have notwithstanding the profound apathy in regard to them.

DISTRICT No. 1. Daniel Atwood, Prudential Committee.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss Sarah Jane Burnham, of this town. Miss Burnham combines many excellencies as a teacher. Refined in her feelings, tasteful and select in her expressions, gentle in her ways, and thoroughly conscientious, the silent influence that she exerts upon the school is highly salutary. Her instruction is accurate and thorough. The children are taught to think and to make a practical application

of what they learn. The term was a pleasant one. The scholars were finely classified; many were young and many were backward, but Miss Burnham labored patiently with them, leading them in her gentle ways, and starting thoughts in their tender minds. The examination was a pleasant occasion. The exercises were carefully systematized, and a neat order of them prepared for the use of the committee. The children acquitted themselves finely.

Miss Burnham has taught this school for several terms, and her influence has been exerted upon several classes of scholars, whose grateful recollections and benedictions, we trust, will follow her to the *higher sphere* to which she has departed.

The Winter Term was taught by Mr. Daniel Gage, of Hudson. This was a very profitable term. Mr. Gage belongs to the first class of teachers. Gentle in his manners, he insists that the school shall be governed. With a pure moral character, he combines a clear intellect. He sees truth himself, and therefore can make his pupils see it. There was no superficial instruction. The school was thoroughly drilled in principles, and at the examination it was apparent that the entire school had felt the influence of this kind of instruction. The drill in the application of the rules for reading was very fine. The writing-books showed that this important branch had received attention. There are a number in this school whose penmanship is good. Fannie E. Atwood received a prize for the greatest improvement in writing during the term.

The committee were sorry to find that three or four of the scholars had left before the examination.

DISTRICT No. 2. David McCoy, Prudential Committee.

The Summer Term of this school was taught by Miss Louisa Jones, of this town. This was a truly beautiful school. It would be difficult to find a country school so well classified as was this, and a school anywhere of its size with pupils of such unexceptionable characters. The school was lengthy; some of the scholars became weary before its conclusion; but Miss Jones labored with her usual fidelity, and the result of her labors were unmistakable at the examination. The answers were prompt, and the exercises were relieved and enlivened several

times by singing, which Miss Jones conducted to the satisfaction of all. Miss Jones is a matter-of-fact, artless teacher. She lets her school show for just what it is. If there are imperfections, she takes no pains to conceal them. She never labors merely for the examination; never fixes her school up for this occasion. She is conscientious and faithful, and always leaves the impress of her native dignity and refinement upon her pupils.

The Winter Term was taught by Miss L. Jennie Gould, of Tyngsboro'. Miss Gould is an experienced teacher; the tones of her voice were pleasant, and she was self-possessed in the school-room. She secured good order, and won the affections of her pupils. She devoted herself to the welfare of the school, and gave the last week of her services. The examination — as always in this District — was numerously attended, and showed that the school is not depreciating in excellence. It was an unvarnished exhibit of the school and its progress the past term, and fidelity on the part of both teacher and pupils was very manifest. The recitations in arithmetic were unusually good. The processes were given with a clearness and accuracy that was a high commendation of the teacher's skill. The writing books were remarkable for neatness and improvement. The exercises were all satisfactory. They showed just what the school had been about, and there was no question but it had been a profitable term.

DISTRICT No. 3, South. Kimball Chaplain, Prudential Committee.

A Winter Term was taught in this part of the District in the house of Mr. Butler by Mrs. Abbie L. Butler. This was a fine opportunity for the little ones in this part of the District. They had a pleasant school-room, and an experienced and faithful teacher. This portion of the District were unfortunate in losing their school-house, but fortunate in the instruction that the children have enjoyed the two past years. Mrs. Butler's labors with them, and influence upon them, has been very salutary. She has awakened thought in them, and inspired habits of study, and given them some character as scholars. The past term, though subject to some interruptions, was quite successful. At

the examination the school exhibited a good degree of improvement, and an interesting and gratifying conclusion to the school was the presentation to the teacher by the little children of an album with their pictures.

DISTRICT No. 3, North. Alfred S. Smith and William G. Butler, Prudential Committee.

District No. 3 is most unfortunate in its structure. It embraces a large extent of territory, and the scholars live mostly at the two extremities. The question of a school-house somewhere near the centre has been agitated, with no prospect of a settlement. The money being divided between the two sections of the District, the amount that each receives is small, and the problem with each is how to make the most of it.

At the North End, there was no school in the Summer. In the Autumn, a term of six weeks was taught by Miss Susan M. Smith, of this town, for the benefit of the small children; many were very small. Much could not be done in six weeks, but at the close it was very evident that Miss Smith had been quite successful in teaching her little charge; their improvement was very apparent.

The Winter Term was taught by Miss Mirah H. Stetson, of Hudson. This term was short, but the school appeared well at the commencement and conclusion. The order appeared to be good, and the instruction thorough and accurate. At the examination there was every indication of improvement. The teacher had secured orderly, studious habits in the little ones, and the confidence with which they recited was very interesting.

DISTRICT No. 4. Austin Pinney, Prudential Committee.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss Hattie A. Chase, of this town. Miss Chase is a progressive teacher. Her reputation is so well established that it is sufficient to say, that it was well sustained this term. The school is large. At the commencement, the habits of study and order were bad. Miss Chase by energy and resolution soon corrected these, and the school became orderly and studious. Miss Chase's labors were arduous. There were necessarily many classes, and, in the judgment of the Superintendent, advanced studies that it is not wise

to have in such a mixed school; but by extra hours of labor, Miss Chase gave a good amount of attention to all. At the examination, the school acquitted itself finely, and the friends manifested their appreciation of it by their numerous attendance. Miss Chase introduces into her schools gymnastics, an interesting and profitable exercise. This exhibition was worthy of much commendation; the movements were made with great precision, and elicited the admiration of all. The Rev. Mr. Foss contributed to the interest of the occasion by the loan of a musical instrument, which his daughter played, and the children accompanied in several pleasant songs.

The Winter Term was taught by Mr. Lyman B. Gage, of this town. Mr. Gage is a true gentleman, and a teacher of thorough qualifications and much successful experience. He is gentle in his modes, and employs persuasive measures. He imparts instruction with simplicity and accuracy. He labored hard, and many of the scholars gave evidence of improvement. The school commenced late in December. The cold and storms of January, and its brevity, were causes that combined to impede its success. The columns of studiousness and moral deportment in the carefully kept register showed a great want of interest and enthusiasm on the part of many of the scholars, which was very manifest at the examination. The absence of some of the scholars from the examination did not speak well for them. This school needs great energy, firmness and decision to control it.

DISTRICT No. 5. Alvin Carlton, Prudential Committee.

The Summer Term of this school was commenced by Miss E. C. H. Coburn, of this town, a young lady of sterling worth, and of whose future success as a teacher the committee has confidence. The school from the commencement was subject to several interruptions. The scholars had their interest dissipated, and the teacher chose to resign her charge.

After some delay, the school was resumed by Miss Hattie A. Chase, of this town, and continued six weeks. Miss Chase brought to it her experience, energy and zeal in teaching; reduced it to order, made the children study, and for the few weeks it continued, the improvement was very marked, and

among many excellent exercises at the examination were some fine exhibitions of reading.

The Winter Term was taught by Miss L. Alice Burt, of this town, and, in the judgment of the Superintendent, it was a very successful one. The examination was good. There were indications that the school had been governed. During the afternoon, not a whisper was observed. The recitations were prompt; and as they were conducted mainly by the Superintendent, they could not have been so unless they had been prepared by faithful instruction. The recitation of a select piece by nearly every member of the school was well done, with scarcely an exception, and the selection indicated good taste in the teacher. The writing books were remarkable for their neatness, and the register was a model for neatness and accuracy. The Superintendent is happy to witness in Miss Burt the elements of a fine teacher. She brings to her duties great energy, quickly takes a hint from any good model she has observed, and aptly uses the excellent instructions she has received. By ever seeking to imbue her heart with the moral responsibility of the teacher's work, by remembering that the true teacher must be ever learning, ever the laborious student, attaining truer excellence with each succeeding term, she will not disappoint the promise she now gives.

DISTRICT No. 6. Mark Gould, Prudential Committee.

This District has a tasteful, cheerful school-room, furnished with maps and globes, and a pleasant location. Both terms were taught by Miss Susan M. Smith, of this town. Miss Smith has many of the qualifications of a good teacher. She carries to the school-room the gentle manners and expressions of the true lady, and she has many happy modes of communicating knowledge to children's minds.

The Summer Term was very short, and the scholars very few, and the teacher had hardly an opportunity to do justice to herself. The Winter Term was of good length, and a larger number of scholars. The order was good, and the improvement very obvious. There was evidence that the scholars had been studious, and that the teacher had devoted herself faithfully to her work. In the register, the teacher remarks that there

had been only two instances of whispering, and those on the first day of the school. It was very gratifying to the Superintendent to find that the children had acquired so much confidence and self-possession the past term.

STATISTICS.

DISTRICT No. 1. Length of Summer Term, 16 weeks; wages of Teacher, \$20.00; whole number of scholars, 33; average, 26. Length of Winter Term, 11 weeks; wages of Teacher, \$40.00; whole number of scholars, 42; average, 34.

DISTRICT No. 2. Length of Summer Term, 17 weeks; wages of Teacher, \$20.00; whole number of scholars, 36; average, 31. Length of Winter Term, 12 weeks; wages of Teacher, \$32.00; whole number of scholars, 37; average, 32.

DISTRICT No. 3,—SOUTH. Length of Winter Term, 13 weeks; wages of Teacher, \$24.00; whole number of scholars, 14; average, 12. No. 3,—NORTH. Length of Fall Term, 6 weeks; wages of Teacher, \$18.00; whole number of scholars, 23; average, 20. Length of Winter Term, 7 weeks; wages of Teacher, \$20.00; whole number of scholars, 25; average, 21.

DISTRICT No. 4. Length of Summer Term, 11 weeks; wages of Teacher, \$27.00; whole number of scholars, 42; average, 36. Length of Winter Term, 8 weeks; wages of Teacher, \$45.00; whole number of scholars, 42; average, 37.

DISTRICT No. 5. Length of Summer Term, 12 weeks; wages of Teacher, \$21.00; whole number of scholars, 24; average, 22. Length of Winter Term, 13 weeks; wages of Teacher, \$28.00; whole number of scholars, 28; average, 22.

DISTRICT No. 6. Length of Summer Term, 7 weeks; wages of Teacher, \$14.00; whole number of scholars, 9; average, 8. Length of Winter Term, 12 weeks; wages of Teacher, \$20.00; whole number of scholars, 14; average, 12.

REMARK. The wages of the Teacher is per month and includes board.

AUGUSTUS BERRY,

Superintending School Committee.

PELHAM, March 12, 1867.