

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF NEW MARKET,

FROM MARCH 8, 1859 TO MARCH 6, 1860,

AND REPORT OF THE

Superintending School Committee,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1860.

PORTSMOUTH:

PRINTED AT THE NEW HAMPSHIRE GAZETTE OFFICE.

1860.

TOWN OF NEW MARKET,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE SELECTMEN OF SAID TOWN.

1859.			
March 18	Paid Ingalls Bunker balance due on account of town farm in 1858		10 50
21	" Rockingham Farmers' Mutual Fire Ins. Co. assessment on premium note		5 16
23	" Portsmouth Journal office for printing in 1858		15 00
26	" John Palmer for serving complaint and warrant said town vs. Preble Gooridge, keeping and committing to Exeter jail in 1858		4 75
26	" John Brackett services as police officer in 1858		10 00
April 1	" George W. French for alcohol for Tiger Engine in 1858		4 00
13	" Cyrus G. Smith for repairs on highways, caused by the freshet in March 1857		8 75
14	" N. H. Leavitt jr. for use of horses and sleigh in 1858		4 00
14	" Wm. B. Small's bill as follows, making complaints and warrant against Michael Vinton for selling liquors, and attending to the same on trial in December, 1857	5 00	
	Making court writ Wm. Thompson July 11, 1858	2 00	
	Oct. 26, paid clerk of court for entry and continuance of same	1 25	
	Term fee and attending to the same at the S. J. Court, Oct. term, 1858	8 00	
	Feb. 8, 1858, making complaint and warrant vs. Welch McNamarah (at town farm,) and attending to same on trial, making mittimus and copy to send him to jail	4 00	
	Feb. 12, making pauper notice to town of Brentwood for support of Porter family	1 00	
	March 3, to attending to case vs. William Thompson at the Feb. term of the S. J. court	1 75	
	March 19, two days service investigating the the affairs of town	4 00	
	Paid for printing notices, express and postage	75	
		27 75	
	By discount	5 00	
		22 75	
May 3, Paid	Harrison G. Burleigh for breaking roads in Bald Hill district in 1858	12 75	
	Working non-resident taxes	1 13	
		13 88	
3	" Andrew J. Chapman for services as police in 1858		10 00
10	" Miles Durgin for serving complaint and warrant, said town vs. Michael Vinton for selling liquor	6 00	
	Serving pauper notice on town of Brentwood, Feb. 14, 1859	5 19	
		11 19	

	17	" Nathan Stackpole & Son for blacksmith work in 1858	7 15
July	12	" Thomas J. Whittem for printing 400 engine meeting notices	3 00
	15	" Sam'l S. Manning for breaking roads in Ash Swamp district in 1858	13 26
	16	" Wm. Lyford for breaking roads in Grand district in '58	46 00
August	1	" Fidelia Leighton's note against the town, given in 1853, and interest on the same	238 00
	6	" Chas. F. Davis brakes for Tiger engine	10 12
	16	" Wm. Priest labor on drains and water courses	2 90
Sept.	14	" Jas. B. Wiggin, Prudential Committee for No. 5 S. District, their proportion of school money	82 26
	17	" Benj. D. Watson, guide boards pr. bill Jan. 24, '58	5 00
	17	" Z. Dow Creighton for glass, lime, hair, cement, oil, lumber and nails pr. bill in 1858	11 61
		2 1-2 days as investigating committee, settling affairs of the town for the year 1858	5 00
			16 61
October	5	" John Brackett for services as police officer in 1859	5 00
	22	" Stephen Herson, prudential school committee for district No. 2, their proportion of school money	104 60
	24	" Henry H. Smith, prudential school committee for district No. 1, their proportion of school money	992 83
	24	" Chas. F. Davis, foreman of Tiger Engine Co. No. 1, for services of engine men for the year 1859	120 00
	24	" Chas. E. Durrell, foreman of Granite Engine Co. No. 2, for services of engine men for the year 1859	120 00
	24	" Joseph Floyd for services of hose men in 1859	30 00
Nov.	3	" Sam'l R. Gotham for labor at pest house	1 62
	15	" Dr. Benj. N. Towle for vaccinating 441 persons at 15 cents each	66 15
		Attendance on Elizabeth Rollins	1 50
			67 65
	17	" Samuel Twombly for digging cellar, finding stone and stoning cellar for Pest House	70 00
		Labor moving Pest House	7 50
			77 50
	21	" Z. Dow Creighton for the building for Pest House	350 00
		The Deborah Chapman note against the town given in 1853, and interest on the same	433 00
			783 00
Dec.	2	" New Market M. F. Co. 1 M. brick	10 00
	16	" Job Thompson, for bridge timber and plank	64 83
	16	" Thomas F. & Chas. D. Garland, for blacksmith work in 1859	4 75
	16	" Washington Haines, Prudential Committee for Dist. No. 3, their proportion of school money	79 82
	26	" Charles A. Cheswell, for labor at Town Hall	11 38
	15	" George D. W. Robinson, to renew note against the town, and interest on the same	365 17
1860.			
Jan.	3	" Henry L. Boltwood, services as School Com'r	26 80
	3	" A. S. Alexander, for printing 300 copies Police laws	5 00
	3	" Sewell W. Dow, per bill for 1858	1 25
	3	" Howard P. Mustin, clerk of No. 1 School District,	

		for school house tax in said district, for the year 1859	480 00
	4	" Benj. F. Tuttle, per bill for brick and coal, in 1858	97
	5	" Jonathan F. Garland, services as Auditor, in 1856-7, per bill	2 00
	5	" John H. Chapman, Highway Surveyor in L. River District, for breaking roads in said district in 1858	79 65
	13	" Bradstreet French, for labor, moving Pest House	2 19
	16	" Joseph L. Wiggin, Prudential School Committee for No. 4 school district, their proportion of school money	80 40
	16	" Benj. A. Carter, services as constable in town meeting	2 00
		Work at the Pest House	2 88
			4 88
	16	" Wingate Wiggin, for labor at town house	2 75
		Labor at the Pest House	2 00
			4 75
	16	" Hale Stevens, for labor hauling Pest House	5 00
	16	" Robert Smart, for labor hauling Pest House	2 00
	17	" Nathan Stackpole & Son, for mending chairs and iron work for Pest House	11 30
	18	" John J. Robinson, school house tax in No. 2 or Pine Hill School District in 1859	125 00
	18	" George K. Smart, for labor at Pest House	16 00
		For labor at town house	16 20
			32 20
	18	" Samuel R. Gotham, for labor at Pest House	5 00
	18	" John Peavy, for breaking and plowing highway	3 00
	21	" Nathan Stackpole & Son, for blacksmith work per bill	2 92
	21	" Cyrus G. Smith, for stone for highways in 1856	9 25
	21	" Cadford M. Dinsmore, for services as Superintending School Committee for part of the year 1859	20 00
	24	" Paul Chapman, per bill as follows:—Making check lists and warrants for annual meeting in 1859	6 00
		For making warrants and attending meeting to raise school money in District No. 2	3 00
		Recording deaths for 1859	3 00
		Marriages " "	2 00
		Copying inventory No. 1 School District	2 00
		Ditto School District No. 2	1 00
		Notifying jurors	5 00
		All other services as town clerk for the political year	20 00
			42 00
	24	" Nathan H. Harvey's bill as follows: Paid Wm. Priest for work on hose tower	1 00
		Services as clerk of Fire Engineer for 1858	2 00
		" " " " 1859	5 00
			8 00
	24	" Henry S. Doe for horse hire pr. bill in 1857	1 50
	25	" Joseph Elkins' bill as follows: 1 day's labor building chimney at Pest House	2 00
		furnishing stock and plastering Pest House, 326 yds. at 10 cents	32 60

	bricking up fire-place at do.	50	
			35 10
31	" Robert M. Spinney steward of Tiger Engine Co. No. 1, alcohol, oil and broom for do services and steward	10 75 6 00	
			16 75
31	" Estate of J. M. Short for labor on hose of Tiger Engine in '58 as per bill		3 00
31	" Thos. T. and Chas. D. Garland for iron work for Town House	1 70	
	for bolts for Tiger Engine	1 00	
	paid for iron for brakes	4 00	
	8 1-2 days' labor on engine	14 00	
			20 70
Feb. 9	" Thos. Brown for coffin for David Watson		5 50
9	" Hollis E. Bickford for services as steward of Granite Engine Co. No. 1		6 00
9	" John Palmer for labor, hauling sand and trucking for pest house		5 88
9	" Thos. W. Willey, services as constable at annual meeting		2 00
24	" James Ellison, for services as Police Officer		5 00
25	" Sarah A. Doe, interest on note		27 07
27	" Samuel Hall, for printing school reports by vote of town		7 00
27	" Samuel A. Haley, for services 3 days investigating the affairs of the town in 1858	6 00	
	Making report of same	2 00	
			8 00
29	" H. H. Smith, for use of horses & carriages in 1858		1 75
29	" Joseph R. Doe, Coll'r, abatements in 1856	1 21	
	Abatements in 1857-8	30 09	
	" 1859	48 24	
			79 54
29	" Z. Dow Creighton's bill, as follows :		
Nov. 15,	Benj. Coe, for oxen and hand to haul Pest House	2 00	
	John C. Fowler, do.	2 00	
	Andrew Hall, do.	2 00	
	George Spead, do.	1 88	
	Wm. S. Kenerson, for 2 days labor at do.	2 00	
	George K. Rollins, 2 days do.	2 00	
	Jacob Willey, 1 day do.	1 50	
	Joseph B. Smart, 1 day do.	1 25	
	2 casks lime 1.70, 1 water hogshead .50,	2 20	
	19 lbs. nails .76, 3 lbs. finishing .18	94	
	16 lbs. sheet lead	1 28	
	518 ft. boards, planed and jointed	10 36	
	44 ft. plank .55, 70 ft. joist .88,	1 43	
	1-4 M. shingles .75, 2 pair butts .17	92	
	2 door handles .20, lock .50, 4 door screws .26	96	
	5 lbs. nails .20, door bolt .12	32	
	157 ft. pine boards, planed and jointed	3 14	
" 23,	94 ft. do. 1.88, 3 door catches .50	2 38	
" 28,	100 lbs. ground lead	7 00	
	4 1-2 lbs. putty .36, 2 gals. spirits 1.50	1 86	
	1 gal. boiled oil 1.13, 4 gals. linseed oil 3.00	4 13	

	1 qt. japan .33, 2 lbs. whitening .06	39
	1 light 8x10 glass .04, lampblack .06	10
	Gum shellac .50, iron button .04	54
	18 ft. lumber, planed	54
	15 window springs	45
	2 1-2 doz. screws .10, 5 lbs. nails .20	30
	Paid for cupboard	4 00
	50 lbs. Salem lead	4 63
1859, March 9,	Paid J. S. & E. Bennett for butts and screws for Town Hall	32
Nov. 15,	100 lbs. Salem lead	9 25
	2 gals. boiled oil 2.25, 1 gal. spirits .75	3 00
	2 qts. japan .63, 1 lb. chrome yellow .40	1 03
	Lampblack .08, gum shellac .25	33
	412 ft. plank 4.12, 117 ft. spruce joist 1.76	5 88
	1 gal. boiled oil 1.13, 2 qts. spirits .38	1 51
Dec. 1,	25 lbs. Salem lead 2.31, 1 gal. boiled oil 1.13	3 44
	1 qt. varnish 1.00, 1 qt. spirits .19	1 19
	Sand paper .03, 2 lights 10x14 glass .20	23
	290 ft. pine boards, planed and jointed	5 30
	52 ft. joist .65, 6 lbs. nails .24	89
	5 lbs. finishing .25, butts and screws .34	59
	Paid for hard pine lumber	2 43
	For screws and brads	53
	2 locks .50, door handle and screws .13	63
		39 69
March 2,	Paid Hale Evens per bill as follows :	
	Trucking shavings Mar. 1, 1859, at Town House	50
	12, Trucking do. do.	50
	" stone and sand for sidewalk	1 25
	" liquors from G. W. French's	50
	For labor drawing off liquors	50
	Trucking, and fencing street at Stephen Poor's	2 97
	Trucking to Pest House	1 50
	Furnishing wood at Town Hall for P. Courts	2 87
	Trucking lumber for Town Hall	1 00
	Washing and cleansing Town Hall to paint	2 00
	Furnishing wood and lights for School Com'r	2 00
		15 59
2,	Paid James Burleigh for 3 days labor	3 00
	Drawing lumber by order of the Chief Engineer	33
		3 33
5	" William Lyford for working non-resident taxes	4 05
5	" Joseph R. Doe as follows :	
	Paid John S. Chapman for working out non-resident taxes	10 83
	Abatement on G. W. Frost's tax	4 33
	For collecting taxes for 1859	79 00
		34 22
5	" John Mathes, for 243 ft. bridge plank	2 91
5	" Joseph R. Doe, for outstanding order No. 32, payable to Wm. Thompson	10 00
5	" The town of Northwood, for supplies furnished Mrs. David Watson	1 75
5	" John F. Chapman, for quelling riot	1 00

5	"	Z. Dow Creighton's bill, as follows :	
March 16,	Paid J. G. Willey for getting Railroad tax	50	
	David Murray, per bill	31	
	For blank books	3 13	
April 6,	Murray's Express	25	
	Paid poor person	25	
	Time and expense to Exeter to settle County pauper bill	2 91	
23,	Paid Murray's Express	25	
May 16,	Paid for keys	88	
Aug. 11,	Lumber, screws and nails per order of Eng'r	4 98	
17,	Time to Exeter to purchase wagon for Town Farm	1 00	
	Time and expense to Portsmouth settling Co. pauper bill	3 10	
	20, 10 ft. fuse to C. G. Smith	10	
	30, 360 ft. timber, 2 lbs. nails to C. G. Smith for bridge	4 45	
Oct. 1,	Paid for lock for burying ground	1 00	
21,	Paid Wm. Norton for wood	3 50	
	Paid Sam'l G. Wilson for wood for Sally and Elizabeth Watson	6 88	
Dec. 1,	Paid J. S. Bennett for repairing guide board	33	
24,	" Express	25	
	" David Murray for policy of insurance on Pest House	1 72	
1860. Jan. 16,	Time and expense to Exeter to settle County pauper bill	2 91	
	S. Hanson, jr., for books for poor children	91	
25,	Paid for pullies and chains for Town Hall	3 50	
March,	For postage stamps and stationery	1 00	
	Services for making school house tax in Dist. No. 1	5 00	
	Services as Health Officer	10 00	
	" as Town Treasurer	5 00	
	All other services as Selectmen	32 00	
			96 11
March 5,	Paid Benjamin Mathes' bill, as follows :		
1859, March 20,	2 1-2 days investigating the affairs of the town for 1858	5 00	
	30, 15 ft. pine board	18	
May 14,	Making school house tax for Dist. No. 1	5 00	
	" " Dist. No. 2	3 00	
	Tax book .12, stationery .17	29	
Aug. 23,	Paid for railroad ticket	25	
Sept. 3,	1 corn broom for Town Hall	30	
Oct. 19,	Horse, carriage and time to obtain Pest House	1 75	
22,	Do. do. to E. Kenerson's to hire Pest House	75	
	Do. do. to Poor Farm	50	
	Cash paid for railroad ticket	50	
Nov. 12,	Ditto .40, postage .06	46	
	Horse and carriage to Town Farm	50	
Dec. 24,	" " and hand to do.	50	
30,	2 six-quart tin pails for Town House	50	
Jan. 14,	Paid for railroad ticket to Dover	30	
18,	" James Kenerson for digging grave and at-		

	tending to the burial of David Watson	1 50	
20,	" S. Hanson, jr., for stationery	35	
	Services as Health Officer	10 00	
	All other services as Selectman	32 00	
			63 63
March 18,	Paid James S. Pinder's bill, as follows :		
1859.	2 1-2 days investigating the affairs of the town in 1858	5 00	
Jan.	Paid poor person	50	
	Time to obtain Pest House	1 00	
	Services as Health Officer	10 00	
	All other services as Selectman	32 00	
			48 50
March 17,	Paid J. S. & E. Bennett their bill, as follows :		
1859.	1 two-quart can .30, 1 candle stick .16	46	
	1 pair shears .50, 1 lock .42	92	
May 16,	Paid F. Dearborn for sealing weights & measures	1 38	
	Expenses to Exeter for the same	2 00	
Oct. 22,	1 No. 8 W. Mt. cook stove for Pest House	18 00	
	Funnel .62, thimbles .26	88	
	1 bundle laths .25, 1 draft chain 2.00	2 25	
	2 sticks timber for shoes	6 00	
	Lamp chimney and globe for Town House	50	
	Other fixtures and repairs for do.	1 56	
			33 97
March 6,	Paid Rev. Elias Chapman for services as Superintending School Committee		25 00
6	" J. S. & E. Bennett for beeswax	50	
	For tallow	55	
	Repairs of engine hose	3 00	
	Use of horse to Tasker's fire	2 00	
	Labor on engine	1 50	
			7 55
6	" Z. Dow Creighton for interest on order No. 32		6 13
			\$5085 31
	CR.		
By outstanding order No. 17,	given to Fidelia Leighton Aug. 1, 1859	238 00	
"	No. 33, given to Z. Dow Creighton Nov. 21, '59, to remove the Deborah H. Chapman note	433 00	
"	No. 39, given Dec. 15, 1859, to remove note against the town	365 17	
By cash received of Z. Dow Creighton, Town Treasurer		4949 14	
			\$5085 31
March 6, 1860.—	Settled the foregoing as above stated.		
	Z. DOW CREIGHTON, } Selectmen		
	BENJAMIN MATHES, } of		
	JAMES S. PINDER, } Newmarket.		
March 6, 1860.—	We the subscribers, auditors of the town of Newmarket, hereby certify that the entries in the foregoing accounts are accurately cast and properly vouched.		
	SAMUEL A. HALEY, } Auditors		
	WILLIAM B. SMALL, }		
	JOHN PICKERING, }		

Treasurer's Account.

Town of Newmarket in account with Z. Dow Creighton, Treasurer of said town for the political year ending March, 1860.

March 23	Paid Lewis W. Channel outstanding order No. 35, dated March 4th, 1859	46 00
	Ingalls Bunker outstanding order No. 1, dated March 18, 1858	27 92
	Ingalls Bunker outstanding order No. 8, dated 1858	1 25
	Seth W. Tash outstanding order No. 36, dated Mch. 4, '59	8 16
July 22	Sewell W. Dow outstanding order No. 112, dated Mch. 1, '58	58 56
	Interest on the same	4 99
	John W. Smart outstanding order No. 36, Mch. 4, '58	19 67
Aug.	County tax for 1859	1174 00
Dec.	State tax for do.	469 09
1860.		
March 6	Sundry orders of the selectmen	4049 14
March	Amount in hand of J. R. Doe, collector	50 09
	do. Z. Dow Creighton, treasurer	53 04
		5961 64
1859.	CR.	
March 18	By cash received of J. Bunker	59 53
	State Treasurer for R. R. tax of 1858	126 78
April 5	G. W. French, liquor agent in '58	53 07
30	Amount of rate list exclusive of school house, committed to J. R. Doe, Collector	4688 26
May 13	Amount of schoolhouse tax for school district No. 1, committed to J. R. Doe, Collector	489 62
	Amount of schoolhouse tax for school district No. 2, committed to J. R. Doe, Collector	129 55
June	Cash received of State Treasurer for literary fund in 1859	110 32
	do for license of menageries	10 00
	do for town liquors	24 89
	do of M. C. Clark for cook stove	8 00
Dec.	do State Treasurer for R. R. tax in 1859	171 71
March 6, 1860.	do for use of town house	62 00
	do of J. R. Doe for amount in his hands as Collector in 1858	28 00
		5961 64

March 6, 1860.—Settled the foregoing account as above stated.

Z. DOW CREIGHTON, Treasurer.

BENJAMIN MATHES, } Selectmen.
JAMES S. PINDER, }

March 6, 1860.—We the subscribers, auditors of the town of Newmarket, hereby certify that the entries in the foregoing accounts are accurately cast and properly vouched.

SAMUEL A. HALEY, }
WILLIAM B. SMALL, } Auditors.
JOHN PICKERING, }

REPORT OF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE.

The committee appointed at the last annual town meeting to investigate the financial affairs of the town, make the following report of the

Outstanding Debts against the Town, March 22, 1859.

Due on Note to Newmarket Savings Bank	1105 62
" Sally Ann Doe	224 00
" Eliza St. Clair	179 20
" George D. W. Robinson	348 56
" Eben. B. Wiggin	244 59
" " "	118 00
" Deborah H. Chapman	416 15
" Joseph R. Chesley and wife	258 90
Order Eben. B. Wiggin, No. 13	124 62
" Sewell W. Dow, " 112	62 06
" William Thompson " 31	6 50
" " " 32	10 00
" B. F. Clifford, " 33	7 66
" William Thompson, " 24	70 45
" Lewis W. Channel, " 56	46 00
" Seth W. Tash, " 58	8 16
" John W. Smart, " 59	19 67
Note Fidelity Leighton,	233 63
Order Ingalls Bunker, No. 1	27 92
Outstanding bills	250 00
	\$3761 70

Outstanding Debts against the Town, March 6, 1860.

Due on Note to Newmarket Savings Bank	1171 32
" Sally Ann Doe, dated March 10, 1857	200 00
" Joseph R. Chesley and wife, dated Nov. 19, 1855	282 90
" Eben. B. Wiggin, dated Jan. 23, 1856	124 63
" " " 10, 1859	258 93
Order Eben. B. Wiggin, No. 13, dated Aug. 17, 1855	132 10
" Fidelity Leighton, No. 17, to renew note	238 00
" Z. Dow Creighton, No. 33, for the Chapman note	433 00
" George D. W. Robinson, No. 39, to renew note	365 17

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It will be seen by a comparison of the above statements, that in addition to the current expenses of the town, the selectmen have expended about \$600 for a Pest House, and made a reduction of \$555.65 on the outstanding debts.

REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF NEW MARKET, N. H.,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1860.

Said Report, as required by law, is as follows:

DISTRICT No. 1, (*Village*.)

Has four Schools: High, Grammar, Intermediate and Primary.

HIGH SCHOOL.

T. V. HAINES, Teacher.

This school, with the others in the Village, the one at the Four Corners, and on the Plains, were commenced under the superintendence of Rev. Mr. Dinsmore, who was re-appointed, but soon left town.

The High School has had two terms of ten and eleven weeks. Whole number of pupils 35; average attendance 30. This school has exhibited good order and very careful pleasant instruction. It must have made very commendable progress from the small number in attendance, and the diligence and faithfulness of the teacher. We should judge the first term was far more profitable than the second, on account of the heat of summer in which it commenced, the sickness of some, and the excitement about small pox, which was considerable damage to all the Village schools, abruptly closing them some two weeks before the time, without an examination.

The teacher remarks, after saying it had been one of the most pleasant and interesting schools in his charge, there should be one radical change in its management: "Scholars should not be taken from the Grammar and crowded into the High School before they have thoroughly learned the elements of the common English studies." "No case of corporal pun-

ishment has occurred during the year, yet excellent discipline has been maintained."

I am happy to add still further from the suggestions of Mr. Haines, and think they will be approved by all the friends of education in town, and it is for them to move for such a change. "We think it would be a much better arrangement, if the whole town could enjoy the benefits of the High School, which might be if all the districts would join in the support of this school. If such an arrangement was made the school might continue throughout the year, affording much better advantages than it does at present."

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

A. L. MELLOWS, Teacher.

Length of school, 22 weeks. Whole number of pupils 51; average attendance 46. This school has been managed with success. Good order and cheerful obedience have been marked characteristics. Had there been an examination at the close, as there was not for reasons before stated, very commendable progress would have been seen. As an evidence of Mr. Mellows' success in this school, he has taught it three years, with very great satisfaction to both pupils and parents.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

Miss M. S. TOWLE, Teacher,

Miss H. C. TASKER, Assistant.

Length of School 22 weeks. Whole number of pupils 80; average attendance 62. This was a difficult school to manage; the children not being old enough to appreciate study, were restless and noisy. They exhibited a want of home discipline. Parents must co-operate with teachers if they would have good schools. The Register says: "The school has suffered in a great measure the past season from the irregular attendance of many of the scholars. I consider this in some instances the fault of the parents, but in many others, especially during the second term, it was occasioned by sickness." The teachers appeared to work hard, and deeply regret that they could accomplish no more. If they failed, it was in securing order and prompt obedience in the commencement. This should be the first thing in all our schools. Without it, instruction will amount to but little.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Mrs. E. M. FRENCH, Teacher.

Length of school 21 weeks. Whole number of pupils, first term 71; last term 65. This school, though large, was very successfully managed. There was good order and a cheerful happy aspect in the school-room. Some of the smaller children made very rapid progress.

DISTRICT No. 2. (*Pine Hill.*)

Miss M. A. WILLEY, A. L. MELLOWS, Teachers.

Miss Willey taught the summer term, 6 weeks. Average attendance 20. This could not be called a very successful school, neither was it exactly a failure. It was too short for much progress. The teacher made considerable effort.

Mr. Mellows taught the winter term of 9 2-5 weeks. Whole number of pupils 28; average 25. This was a profitable school, well governed and thoroughly instructed. The Committee were fortunate in securing so experienced a teacher. They would do well hereafter to have but one term in a year and get just the best *man* they can find; for they have some good scholars and some unruly boys.

DISTRICT No. 3. (*Four Corners.*)

Miss C. E. EASTMAN, Teacher.

Length of school, 23 weeks. Whole number, first term 22, second 28; average, first term 17, second 21. This school speaks for itself, and is one of the best in town. An admirable feature is that the parents attend the examinations. This practice, so much neglected, should become common; it would greatly benefit the schools and make parents more efficient helpers in the education of their children. Miss Eastman is an energetic and faithful teacher. She has taught in the district fifty weeks in two years, and leaves on record this testimony which is worthy of notice by other districts. "This school is all that a teacher could wish. The scholars are kind and obliging, and try to promote the interest of the school; the parents also make the teacher's task *easier*."

DISTRICT No. 4. (*Grant.*)

Miss L. J. SNELL, Teacher.

Length of school 16 1-5 weeks. Whole number of scholars

19; average attendance 16. This school opened with good prospects; the teacher was experienced and well qualified, took particular pains in explaining the elements of language, which was highly important for such a school. My expectations were high for success, but they were not altogether realized. There were disturbing influences without, and not that mutual good feeling within which is indispensable to a good school. Perhaps this district might profit by the example of its neighbor, No. 3.

DISTRICT No. 5. (*Plains.*)

Miss E. M. TUCKER, Teacher.

Length of school 20 weeks. Whole number of scholars 32; average attendance 23. The examination of this school at its close was everything that could be desired without any appearance of being got up for effect. Perfect order and stillness almost to a fault, was the rule, and not the exception, in this school. Miss Tucker is most happily adapted to the work of a teacher, and needs only to be known to be ranked among the first. This district should build a new school house as quick as possible, and secure her services again without delay.

GENERAL REMARKS.

Such are some of the general facts in reference to the several schools in town. I have no means of comparing their success with former years, but judge their progress has been about the same. Many things might be said in relation to increasing their future efficiency. The work of education is one of time, effort and expense. If there could be an outlay of money so as to lengthen them and also to make the course of instruction more thorough and systematic, by securing the best of teachers, there would be great gain of intelligence and correct moral principle diffused through the community. Permit me to call attention to a former Report which appeals to the honor and respectability of the town.

"It is well known that the towns about us have, with commendable liberality, raised by annual tax much more money for their schools than the statute requires, while this town has not exceeded the requisition of the law. We would recommend to the town to increase the amount raised by tax for schools by \$100, which would impose a tax of about *five cents*

upon every hundred dollars ; or *fifty cents* for every one thousand. It should be our aim, as it would be our glory, to furnish every child in town, at public expense, an education which will fit him adequately to discharge all the ordinary duties, both public and private, of a man and a citizen."

One other means of promoting the prosperity of our schools : Let there be *union of feeling and action* in the several Districts. Disagreement and contention here have well nigh destroyed some schools. They might as well have thrown their money to the winds. Let the man who takes the deepest interest in education be selected to procure a teacher and manage the whole affair, and if he makes a mistake, make the best of it, not the worst. The glory of our nation is not so much in our President and Congress as in our system of *free schools*—education for the million.

E. CHAPMAN, *Sup. School Committee.*

New Market, March 6, 1860.