

REPORTS

OF THE

Board of Treasurers & Selectmen,

AND THE

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

OF THE

Town of Newmarket, N. H.,

FOR THE YEAR 1866-7.



TREASURER'S REPORT.

BENJAMIN MATHES, *Town Treasurer, in account with the Town of
New Market.*

1866.				Dr.
March	16.	To Cash borrowed of A,		332 00
	20.	“ “ B,		75 00
	21.	“ “ C,		400 00
	31.	“ “ D,		1009 00
April	16.	“ “ E,		175 00
	18.	“ “ F,		200 00
	18.	“ “ G,		100 00
	19.	“ “ H,		100 00
	25.	“ “ I,		100 00
May	1,	“ “ J,		200 00
	3.	“ “ K,		500 00
	7.	“ “ L,		800 00
	8.	“ “ M,		350 00
	14.	“ “ N,		400 00
	19.	“ “ O,		100 00
	25.	“ “ P,		200 00
June	2.	“ “ Q,		100 00
	5.	“ “ R,		125 00
	6.	“ “ S,		100 00
	21.	“ “ T,		150 00
	27.	“ “ U,		50 00
July	5.	“ “ V,		500 00
	6.	“ “ W,		400 00
	21.	“ “ X,		100 00
	25.	“ “ Y,		100 00
Aug.	6.	“ “ Z,		200 00
	20.	“ “ &,		400 00

Aug. 22, To Cash borrowed of No. 1,		750 00
Sept. 3. " "	2,	300 00
12. " "	3,	50 00
16. " "	4,	100 00
Oct. 2. " "	5,	262 00
16. " "	6,	800 00
Dec. 5. " "	7,	600 00
14. " "	8,	500 00
19. " "	9,	400 00
21. " "	10,	600 00
31. " "	11,	150 00
1867.		
Jan. 1. " "	12,	500 00
8. " "	13,	235 00
14. " "	14,	500 00
30. " "	15,	1000 00
Feb. 2. " "	16,	475 00
4. " "	17,	250 00
Received of the State Treasurer Savings' Bank Tax divided for 1866,		240 48
Railroad Tax,		472 53
State Aid,		540 15
Literary Fund,		50 55
United States Bounties,		1320 00
South New Market on account of Town Farm,		312 16
Boston & Maine R. R. Co.,		270 00
J. S. Bennett,		13 00
License for Circus,		10 00
Rate Lists committed to Jos. R. Doe, Collector,		12325 37
School House Tax for No. 1, or L. River School District,		414 78
Feb. 19. Borrowed of Wm. Jones,		300 00
Received of G. W. French, balance in his hands for 1865,		122 31
" Use of Town Hall,		55 00
Feb. 25. Borrowed of Annie M. Grant,		200 00
28. " David Murray,		400 00
March 6. To Balance due Treasurer,		172 16
Total,		<u>32956 49</u>

	Cr.
By paid sundry orders of the Selectmen,	26172 05
State Tax,	4965 00
County Tax,	1497 55
Cash due from the County on account of J. Ryan and Ellen Delicate,	231 89
March 6, Amount in hands of Jos. R. Doe, Collector,	90 00
Total,	<u>32956 49</u>

MARCH 6, 1867.

Settled the foregoing account as above stated.

BENJAMIN MATHES, *Treasurer.*J. S. BENNETT,
JEREMIAH WINKLEY, } *Selectmen.*

MARCH 6, 1867.

We the subscribers, Auditors of the Town of New Market, have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

DAVID MUNCEY, }
BENJAMIN F. HALEY, } *Auditors.*

TOWN INDEBTEDNESS.

Amount of Notes against the Town including interest to March 1, 1866, as reported then was 44870 45 but should have been,	48235 44
Amount of Notes against the Town including interest to March 1, 1867,	47065 33
	BENJAMIN MATHES, <i>Treasurer.</i>

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

Town of New Market in account with the Selectmen of said Town.

1866.

		CR.
March	16. By paid Jane F. Harvey Note and Interest,	107 00
	16. Susan E. W. Creighton Note and Interest,	108 30
	21. David Murray for Insurance and Policy,	35 00
	31. James P. Tilton Note and Interest,	1149 32
April	4. Isaac Bates Note and Interest,	136 03
	7. Tiger Engine Co. No. 1,	58 50
	7. Granite Engine Co. No. 2,	76 50
	7. Hose Co. No. 1,	27 00
	7. Ossian Brock services as Steward for Tiger Engine Co. No. 1, in 1865,	13 85
	10. John R. Twombly Interest on Note,	9 30
	16. Thomas W. Willey services as Police,	10 00
	18. Patrick O'Brine Note and Interest,	133 58
	21. Elizabeth Kelsey Interest on two Notes,	53 23
	23. Elizabeth A. Kennerson Interest on Note,	9 00
	" " Endorsement "	66 00
	26. John P. Haley Interest on Note,	42 00
	" J. F. & E. Bennett bill on account of J. R. Twombly,	30 00
May	2. John O'Brine endorsement on Note,	16 00
	3. N. H. Insane Asylum,	114 08
	5. Carrie J. Hanson interest on Note,	29 28
	" Perley W. Tenney for books for Collector and Surveyors,	1 42
	7. Benjamin F. Watson two Notes and interest on the same,	1395 07
	14. B. W. Sanborn & Co. for Inventory and Record Books,	15 50
	16. Elizabeth Watson interest on Note,	12 00
	21. James M. Caswell " "	26 23
	23. No. 1, or L. River School District, money to pay existing debts,	400 00

May	24. By paid Town of Durham for goods furnished S. B. Drew and child,	8 33
	25. G. W. French two Notes and int. on same,	745 73
June	1. Z. Dow Creighton int. on Note,	60 00
	2. Luther Peavey int. on Note,	12 00
	5. Moses D. Richardson Note and int.	78 00
	6. Thomas J. Whittem for printing Engine Notifications,	5 00
	14. Geo. E. Tuttle for services as Police and assisting poor persons,	12 00
	18. John J. Robinson Note and Int.	326 20
	20. New Market National Bank int. on Note,	366 00
	26. Edmund Pendegast Note and int.,	109 00
	" Charles W. Perkins " "	107 41
	" Howard Fire Insurance Co. for Policy on Town House,	10 00
	28. Dr. S. H. Green for attendance on S. B. Drew,	7 00
July	3. M. T. Demeritt int. on Note,	9 94
	5. New Market Savings Bank Endorsement on Note,	500 00
	11. Eben B. Wiggin int. on Note,	30 00
	18. Jane A. Kelsey int. on three Notes,	86 33
	19. Dr. Wm. Folsom for attendance on Alfred Hill,	5 25
Aug.	2. Wm. Jones int. on Note,	9 00
	4. John H. Hogan for labor on Bank Wall,	10 00
	" John Griffin do	10 00
	" Alexander Ellison do	12 50
	" Jonathan Laskey do	21 25
	" John A. York do	10 00
	6. Wm. Reynolds int. on Note,	15 00
	14. Lydia Watson int. on two Notes,	6 60
	17. Thomas Garland services as Police Officer and other services as per bill,	23 00
	21. New Market National Bank Endorsement on Note,	1000 00
	22. New Market National Bank Endorsement on Note,	1000 00
	27. N. H. Insane Asylum,	113 62
Sept.	3. James M. Caswell Note and int.	456 99
	" Thos. W. Leach " "	531 41

Sept.	6.	By paid Benjamin D. Watson for repairing Guide Boards,	10 00
	"	Benj. D. Watson for repairing Settees,	10 50
	12.	Mary E. Willey Note and int.	78 44
	18.	James F. Knight services as Police Officer,	10 00
	18.	Eben B. Wiggin Note and int.	317 70
	21.	Mary F. Demeritt Endorsement on Note,	15 00
	"	George W. Durgin for Oil and Tallow for New Hose,	6 00
	"	Geo. W. Durgin for 3 days work on same,	9 00
	25.	Frank B. Jones Note and int.	102 50
	26.	Hannah Watson interest on three Notes,	41 40
	28.	John Moore Note and int.	105 44
Oct.	1.	Abigail Moore Note and int.	182 47
	6.	Mary D. Gerrish " "	86 62
	"	Hose Co. No. 1,	27 00
	"	Margaret McCoy int. on Note,	3 60
	"	Endorsement on same,	20 00
	"	Granite Engine Co. No. 2,	81 00
	"	Tiger " 1,	69 75
	10.	Benj. F. Watson int. on Note,	60 00
	16.	Wm. C. Little int. on Note,	58 50
	18.	Portland Hose Co. for 500 ft. Hose	750 00
	23.	Benj. F. & Henry W. Norton and others as per bill for watching fire Sept. 18, 1865,	17 00
	24.	Oliver Ham int. on Note,	9 00
	25.	Elizabeth Harvey Note and int.	105 53
	27.	Jonathan Sanborn for building Stone Bridge in Bald Hill District,	8 00
	"	Benj. Brooks' heirs Note and int.	160 22
	30.	Eben B. Wiggin int. on Note,	54 00
	31.	Zebulon Kennerson Note and int.	315 95
	"	Charlotte Chesley int. on Note,	12 00
	"	Andrew J. Stevens, deceased, int. on Note to his mother,	38 93
Nov.	8.	N. H. Insane Asylum,	105 57
	13.	Town of Durham for repairs on L. R. Bridge,	25 00
	13.	Folsom & Kimball for labor on hose,	6 00
	24.	Eben B. Wiggin interest on note,	30 00

Nov.	24.	By paid John Perkins for sheep killed by dog,	5 00
	30.	School Money for District No. 1,	1076 13
	"	" " 2,	107 71
	"	" " 3,	97 43
	"	" " 4,	90 19
	"	" " 5,	98 54
Dec.	3.	Smith Sanborn interest on note,	40 50
	"	David Murray for insurance policy,	1 33
	8.	James A. Kelsey interest on three notes,	34 50
	13.	John O'Brine Note and interest,	87 36
	15.	New Market National Bank, endorsement on Note,	1000 00
	"	Interest on note,	162 80
	19.	George Lang interest on note,	60 00
	21.	Charles Allen Note and interest,	371 00
	26.	A. L. Mellows serv., &c., per bill in 1864-5,	30 00
		1867.	
Jan.	1.	Eben B. Wiggin Note and interest,	578 36
	"	Joseph R. Doe Interest on note,	33 00
	2.	Susan E. W. Creighton Interest on two notes,	99 62
	4.	Jane F. Harvey Interest on note,	42 00
	8.	Amanda M. Chapman Note and interest,	182 63
	9.	Sam'l Haley Interest on Note,	18 00
	12.	New Market National Bank Endorsement on Note,	1000 00
	"	Albert H. Bunker Interest on Note,	27 00
	16.	New Market Savings Bank Endorsement on Note,	500 00
	23.	Josiah Hilton for Sheep killed by dog in 1865,	4 00
	"	Josiah Hilton for working non-resident taxes in 1865-6,	3 63
	28.	Benj. Mathes, Jr., bill for Goods furnished Town Farm in 1865,	14 87
	"	B. F. Haley do	31 14
	29.	James A. Kelsey Interest on two Notes,	60 00
	30.	New Market National Bank Endorsement on Note,	1000 00
Feb.	2.	Perley W. Tenney Interest on Note,	30 00
	"	N. H. Insane Asylum,	126 32
	"	Benning W. Sanborn for Check Lists,	50

Feb'y 2.	By paid James S. Pinder Note and Interest,	424 20
4.	Dan'l M. Christie's bill for services in the case of Dame in 1863—4—5,	33 00
5.	Sam'l Hall for printing Town Acct. and School Reports in 1865—6,	25 00
11.	John R. Twombly Note and Interest,	254 56
"	Moses C. Clark as per bill,	4 75
14.	New Market M. F. Co. for use of Derrick,	5 50
16.	John F. Chapman for notifying Jurymen,	3 00
18.	New Market National Bank Endorsement on Note,	1000 00
"	New Market National Bank Interest on Note up to April 18, 1867,	36 80
"	George L. Dearborn for School Books for poor persons,	3 23
"	Mathes & Wiggin per bill for Goods for girl at poor farm,	5 50
18.	Edwin Manson for services as Supt. School Committee,	45 00
19.	Wm. Jones Note and Interest,	309 00
"	Town of Durham for supplies furnished S. B. Drew and child up to Mar. 1, 1867.	29 46
20.	Mathes & Lane for Goods furnished Sally Watson,	16 16
"	Elizabeth Eaton Interest on Note,	7 20
22.	Moses Carpenter for repairs painting and varnishing Hearses,	16 50
23.	Josiah Hilton for working non-resident Taxes in Grant District,	3 48
"	Hale Evans in L. R. District,	1 49
25.	Benj. Mathes, Jr., Interest on Note,	73 65
"	Warren D. Jones for watching fire Feb. 7, 1866,	3 00
"	Nathan Stackpole & Son for Blacksmith work as per bill,	9 59
25.	Joseph R. Doe Abatement on Taxes,	97 97
"	Annie M. Grant Note and Interest,	102 67
28.	George W. French, Jr., for warming Hall for Town Meeting,	3 00
"	Chas. C. Stevens for 1 sheep killed by dog,	5 00
"	Geo. W. French Abatement on Taxes for 1865,	26 34
"	Amount in hands of Geo. W. French, Collector for the year 1865,	80 51
March 1.	New Market National Bank Endorsement on Note,	2000 00
2.	Jona. N. Kennerson for board of two children,	52 00
"	Hale Evans witness fees and stopping up a well,	4 00

March 4.	By paid A. L. Malloes services as Attorney, &c., recording 78 births, deaths and marriages,	45 50	
"	" " postage and express,	4 68	
"	" " drawing and notifying Jurors, making affidavit in pauper case,	45 9 00	
"	" " services as Town Clerk,	50 15 00	
"	J. S. & E. Bennett's bill, viz., goods furnished Mrs. John Pinkham,	57 25 1 18	
"	do Sally Watson, Stock, Materials and fixtures furnished for Tiger Engine Hose and House, and for labor on the same,	41 67	
"	Boards, Shingle, Nails, &c., for the Town Farm buildings,	69 81	
"	Sundry articles as per bill, Furnace for Town Hall,	11 51 150 00	
"	Freight on same, Stove and funnel do	2 85 12 80	
"	Stock, materials, fixtures and labor for the same,	63 07	
"	Cr. By 1515 lbs old iron,	22 72	
"	" 1692 brick,	6 77	
		29 49	
		33 58	
		130 02	
17.	Joseph R. Doe Abatement on Taxes, Benj. Mathes' bill, viz., 1-2 day with the Selectmen of S. New Market to examine the accts. of Town Farm,	1 00	
20.	do 1-2 day at the Town Farm appraising personal property,	1 00	
	Cash for Revenue Stamps during the year,	18 06	
	Dearborn's Express,	50 5 00	
15.	Enrolling the Militia,	2 00	
	1 day preparing State Aid Acct., 1 day and expenses to Concord on same, making School House Tax for No. 1 School District,	6 00 10 00	
	1-2 day to Durham on account of John Drew's wife and child,	1 00 25	
	Postage, Stationary,	1 62	
	1 day with the Selectmen of S. New Market at the Town Farm,	2 00	
1867	Jan. 14.	1 day to S. New Market on division of Town Farm,	2 00
		Car fare to Concord to settle with State Treasurer,	3 00

Feb. 4.	Car fare to Exeter to settle printing bill, Sleigh to Dover to settle with D. M. Christie,	60	67
	Services as Health Officer,	3 00	
	" Treasurer,	50 00	
	all other services as Selectman,	32 00	
1866.			
May 3.	John S. Bennett's bill, viz., expenses to Newburyport to see Hearse,	4 00	
18.	1 day and expenses to Concord,	6 00	
June 16.	Expenses to Portland purchasing Hose	6 00	
Sept. 28.	" " " "	6 00	
Oct. 12.	1-2 days' time and horse to meet Select- men of S. New Market at Town Farm,	1 50	
1867.			
Jan. 14.	Expenses of self and horse to S. New Mar- ket on division of Town Farm,	4 00	
	2 Affidavits,	1 00	
	Services as Health Officer,	3 00	
	all other services as Selectman,	32 00	
1866.			
March 20.	Jeremiah Winkley's bill, viz., 1-2 day at Town Farm appraising personal prop.,	1 00	
Oct.	1 day with the Selectmen of S. New Mar- ket to see about division of town farm,	2 00	
Nov.	12 days work on town farm buildings,	30 00	
1867.			
Jan. 11.	1 day with the Committee on division of the Town Farm at S. New Market,	2 00	
	Services as Health Officer,	3 00	
	all other services as Selectman,	32 00	
5.	Jos. R. Doe for collecting Taxes, New Market National Bank Endorsement on Note,	750 00	
	Auditors,	2 00	
Total,		26172 05	

To Cash received of Town Treasurer, 26172 05

MARCH 6, 1867.

Settled the foregoing account as above stated.

J. S. BENNETT, }
 BENJ. MATHES, } *Selectmen of*
 JERE. WINKLEY, } *New Market.*

We the subscribers, Auditors of the Town of New Market, have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

DAVID MUNCEY, }
 BENJAMIN F. HALEY, } *Auditors.*

NEW MARKET TOWN FARM

<i>In Account with J. S. BENNETT,</i>				
To Flour, Beef, Pork, Groceries, Grass Seed, Farming Utensils, Coal, Wood, Coffins, &c., furnished Town Farm as per bills rendered for the year ending March 7, 1867,				539 74
1867, Feb. 26. To paid N. Stackpole & Son's bill,				8 77
" " C. P. & R. Stackpole's "				15 86
" " W. H. Davis' "				5 78
Mar. 4, " Young & Gerry's "				18 23
" " Mrs. Mary S. Badger's "				10 50
" 5, " Mathes & Lane's "				23 35
" " J. D. Stott's "				21 69
" " David Marston's "				8 60
1866, Mar. 19, " J. F. Ham's bill for 1865,				1 83
" 25, " J. D. Stott's " "				5 52
1867, Feb. 26, " N. M. Mngf Co's " "				8 76
" " W. H. Davis' " "				1 84
March 5, " B. Mathes, Jr. " "				19 93
" " J. P. Welch's " "				5 05
1867, March 6, " for labor on Farm,				42 93
				350 00
				\$1045 45

	CONTRA CR.			
	8 97	By Wool,		17 50
By Eggs,	26 11	Hay,		34 67
Butter,	31 50	Potatoes,		46 53
Cash for Calves,	2 00	Cash for Horse,		55 00
Green Peas,	19 00	Apples,		145 50
Chickens,	6 33	Sider,		6 00
1 Hide,	72 50	Labor of men & oxen,		120 00
Cash for Lamb,		Cash for Pest House,		33 00
" " " " " " " "				
" " " " " " " "	93 00			
" " " " " " " "	43 00			
				771 08

Inventory of Town Farm as appraised by Selectmen in 1867.

4 Oxen,	440 00	20 bu. Barley,	25 00	20 bu. Potatoes,	115 00
5 Cows,	250 00	10 bu. Beans,	30 00	100 lbs. Cabbage,	4 00
15 Sheep,	90 00	1 bu. Peas,	3 00	1 cr. bu. Bees,	1 00
2 Calves,	10 00	150 lbs. Beef,	24 50	1 bbl. Apples,	20 00
15 Tons Hay,	315 00	1 bbl. Flour,	16 50	3 bbl. Cider,	18 00
4 Hogs,	100 00	1 bbl. Pork,	35 00	2 1/2 bu. Lard,	2 00
80 bu. Corn,	120 00	60 lbs. Bacon,	12 00	3 lb. Butter,	1 50
					1611 50
					1263 00

Inventory of Farm in 1866,

Gain in Stock, Provisions, &c.,				378 20
Amount drawn from Selectmen to settle bills against Farm,				274 35
Gain in Farm,				103 83
Amount of bills contracted in 1865,				42 93
Actual gain of Farm in 1866,				\$146 76

J. S. BENNETT, *Overseer of Town Farm.*

REPORT OF SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.

DISTRICT NO. ONE—VILLAGE.

The schools in this district have been good. The teachers have manifested an earnest desire to advance each and every scholar placed under their care, and their success has been apparent to every careful observer.

The *Primary School* has again been taught by Miss MARTHA S. TOWLE (with the exception of a few weeks when her place was well supplied by Miss LIZZIE CHAPMAN.) The kindness, patience, skill and perseverance which she has always manifested for the little ones placed under her care, merit for her the warmest gratitude of parents and guardians, as well as the highest commendation in this Report.

The moral instruction and lessons in deportment here fixed as first impressions of school days, must, of necessity, enter into the very composition of future life. This seems to have been realized and met, while successful efforts have been made to instruct in the primary branches of learning.

The number of scholars in this school, 106.

The *Intermediate School* has been taught by Miss SARAH E. LEAVITT. Under her instruction scholars have made rapid progress in their studies. Kind feelings, excellent order and thorough lessons have manifested the faithfulness and ability of the teacher, and also the deep interest the children have felt in their books. The examination at the close of the third term was highly satisfactory to a large number of visitors. The number of scholars in this school, 60.

The *Grammar School* has been under the instruction of Miss LIZZIE A. MEADER.

This school is in some respects the most difficult to manage of any in town. The scholars, as a class, being of that age when parents begin to allow them more latitude in deciding important questions for themselves, are not usually very slow to take advantage of such liberty, and thus a very heavy burden is imposed upon their teacher in enforcing the restraints necessary to good order and diligence in the school room.

The earnest and persevering efforts of the teacher, however, to overcome such obstacles have met with very commendable success, and the school is in much better condition than when she took charge of it.

The examination at the close of the year gave unmistakable evidence of study and effort on the part of both scholars and teacher.

The number of scholars in this school, 47.

The *High School* has been taught by Miss SUSAN B. FRENCH.

Though small the school has been pleasant and interesting, and there is no doubt but that the scholars have made as much progress in their studies as during any of the several years past. Latin, Algebra and Book-Keeping have received the usual amount of attention; while the more common branches have been very thoroughly explained and understood. The respect which the scholars have manifested for the teacher and the prosperity of the school is deserving of remark, and their proficiency in their studies should be an encouragement to those who are especially interested in their welfare.

The examination at the close of the year was very interesting.

The number of scholars in this school, 40.

Whole number of scholars in the district, 253.
Length of school in weeks—1st Term, 11; 2d, 11; 3d, 10. Total,
32. Amount of money appropriated, \$1076 13.

DISTRICT NO. 2.—PINE HILL.

MISS MARY H. NEALLY has been employed as teacher in this district. Her efforts have given general satisfaction and the school has prospered under her care. The scholars in this district seem to be pleasant in their disposition and studious in their habits in the school-room. And being also quick to learn, they make a strong demand upon their teacher for sympathy and effort in their behalf.

Number of scholars in the district, 30. Length of school, 1st term, 8 weeks; 2nd, 12 weeks. Amount of money expended, \$120 67.

DISTRICT NO. 3.—FOUR CORNERS.

Miss S. OLIVIA HALEY has again taught in this district with her usual excellent success. Under her care the school has become in many respects a model school. Intelligence concerning many matters connected with the lessons has been constantly imparted to each individual and increase a love of learning (fill exactness and good order) have possessed every scholar. Harmony, punctuality and good order have been characteristic of this school for many terms. And the proficiency of the scholars in their studies is not equalled by any in town.

Number of scholars in the district, 20. Length of school, 1st term, 7 weeks; 2nd term, 11 weeks. Amount of money appropriated, \$111 41.

DISTRICT NO. 4.—CHURCH

It is a pleasure to give this school a very favorable report. Miss FLORENCE DAME has been employed as teacher and has met with excellent success. It is his first attempt at teaching and results prove him to be well adapted to the responsible and difficult work. The scholars seem to have appreciated their privilege, and have done much credit to themselves by promptness, diligence and respect for their teacher. One scholar was not marked for absence or tardiness, and did not fail to answer correctly a single question during the term. Others made a very favorable approach to this standard, and all have made good advancement in their studies. With proper efforts on the part of parents to obtain and sustain suitable teachers, this school, though small and brief, may rank among the first in town.

Number of scholars, 19. Length of school, 11 weeks.
Amount of money expended, \$85 19.

DISTRICT NO. 5.—PLAINS.

The school in this district was taught the first term by Miss BELL S. WATTS, a former teacher, and the second term by Miss ANNIE E. GILE. Under the tuition of Miss Hoitt the school fully sustained the reputation obtained in a former report. Miss Gile is quite young, and possessing an easy temperament with quiet, gentle manners, though well qualified in the text books, failed in some measure to sustain proper order, but succeeded in winning the kind regards of the scholars, and in maintaining a fair interest in the several classes. This school demands an experienced teacher and it is hoped no other will be employed.

Number of scholars in the district, 29. Length of school: 1st term, 7 weeks; 2nd, 11 1/2 weeks. Amount of money appropriated, \$98 54.

GENERAL REMARKS.

I hope it may not be inferred by the favorable reports I have been able to give the several schools, that the school system in New Market is very nearly perfect. When we consider what is necessary in order to secure to our children the greatest possible benefit from the eight to ten years usually devoted to common school education, we may easily discover many defects.

A great improvement may be made in the selection of teachers; and may I not be permitted to suggest here that the election of Prudential Committees is a very important matter in every school district?

We need teachers *devoted to the work* as well as competent to teach. The great question with the Prudential Committee should be,—not is he or she a relative or special friend to be favored, but is the applicant fit to take charge of the school? The manifest motives of a person's life may be a safe standard by which to decide this question. To teach for the sake of the position and pay alone is a motive so sordid and unworthy that it may be condemned at a glance. Little innocent ones, whose habits of thought and mental action are to be affected forever by the contract, should be thought of in each case, for this is a business of responsibility! Thoughtful and affectionate parents are interested in this matter!

Money, sufficient to enable the Committees to secure good and efficient teachers in every school, should be raised for the coming year. One thousand dollars, at least, should be added to the amount raised last year.

It would also be a great improvement if some parents could be effectually reminded of their duty to the school while in session.

Various methods have been adopted by the teachers and Superintendent during the past year, to secure punctual and regular attendance. But in some instances, particularly in the village, they have met with a total failure. Notwithstanding all that has been said and done, scholars have been allowed to stroll about the streets and shops, and visit the school-room only when they pleased. Such ones not only fail to be benefited, but become a serious injury to the schools. They impede the progress of the classes, and dissipate the interest of the industrious.—Their example makes others truants. No teacher can succeed under such circumstances. Regulations made to-day must be explained to half a dozen, who were absent, to-morrow; or they are sure to be violated and broken down. This takes the time of the teacher, and the attention of the whole school. A difficult problem explained in a class to-day, must be explained again to-morrow to absentees. This time and effort should have been spent on an advance-lesson. Many regulations and exercises necessary to the interests of the school cannot be made at all effectual, by reason of such irregularities.

Now the large majority of parents in town are desirous that their children may obtain a good education. For this they should spare no pains. And the question arises, must their efforts be thwarted? Must they be imposed upon? Must the means afforded their children at such expense, be rendered in any degree useless, by the careless indifference of a few? Every worthy parent must feel called upon to protect their own and their children's rights. The laws of the State which protect us against all gross injustice are available in this case, and should be carried into effect.

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