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# REPORTS

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## TOWN OF NEW MARKET,

FOR THE YEAR 1872.

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## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

TOWN OF NEW MARKET, *in account with the* SELECTMEN OF SAID TOWN.

1872.

Mar. 11,	To paid W. W. Durrell, interest on note,	\$15 00
14,	Thomas W. Wiley, services as clerk of Engineers,	6 00
	Thomas W. Wiley, services as Constable,	4 00
	John J. Hanson, interest and note,	314 50
19,	Edwin D. Forrest, note and interest,	151 30
28,	E. J. Lane & Co., blank books and stationery,	3 95
29,	Alexander McBroom, interest on note to March 23,	14 25
30,	Alexander McBroom, note and interest,	150 17
April 12,	Benjamin F. Dennett, interest on note,	24 00
	Tiger Engine Co. No. 1, for services to April 1, 1872,	160 00
	Samuel A. Avery, digging grave for Sally Watson,	3 00
	James W. Britton, for services of hoseman to April 1, 1872,	48 00
	Granite Engine Co., for services to April 1, 1872,	160 00
	Thomas Lees, for services as Police,	12 00
	Mary A. Badger, robe for Sally Watson,	4 00
	Daniel Sargent, for services as steward for Tiger Engine Co. No 1, to April 1, 1872,	6 00
	Joseph D. Stott, for services in case of small pox,	50 00
16,	Orin Murray, badges for Engineers, per order Chief Engineer,	7 15
	George Kenniston, for services as steward for Granite Engine Co. to April 1, 1872,	3 00
23,	Loisa Rollins, interest on note,	8 40
	Thomas Griffin, note and interest,	305 28
May 2,	Nathan Durgin, interest on notes,	630 99
	Blake Roberts, for services as Police Officer and all other services to April, 1872,	22 00
	State Reform School, board of John I. York to April 30, 1872,	26 00
	Hale Evans, expense in warming house for funeral of Sally Watson,	3 00

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May 2,	To paid Hannah Watson, interest on note,	18 00
	Elizabeth Watson, interest on note,	12 00
	Frye, Phipps & Co., lock and 43 keys for Tiger Engine house, order of Chief Engineer,	14 65
14,	A. Dana Wiggins, note and interest,	268 31
	Sarah A. Doe, interest on note,	24 00
	E. P. Wiggins, interest on note,	30 00
	Hannah L. Marden, interest on note,	36 00
27,	S. E. W. Creighton, interest on two notes,	84 00
	Edwin C. Gerrish, note and interest,	352 84
June 5,	Luther Parry, interest on note,	24 00
15,	Hannah C. Langley, for fifteen turkeys killed by dogs,	15 00
28,	David Murray, insurance on Town Hall,	15 00
July 9,	Mrs. Ruth Norton, note and interest,	409 29
13,	John Hayes, for services as police for July 4,	5 00
18,	John A. Pickering, note and interest,	125 88
22,	Walter J. Thurston, endorsement on note,	50 00
	John Havland, note and interest,	40 00
	State Reform School, board of John I. York to July 31, 1872,	26 00
Aug. 10,	John Burley, notes and interest,	634 00
	Dennis Shea & Co., for drain tile,	33 00
19,	Elizabeth Watson, notes and interest,	406 37
26,	Charles Allen, endorsement on note,	200 00
27,	George E. Tuttle, for heating and lighting Town Hall for Teachers' Institute,	18 00
	George E. Tuttle, services as police officer to April, 1872,	10 00
29,	Benjamin Mathes, interest on Albert H. Bunker note,	142 82
31,	Mary A. Davis, interest on note,	24 00
Sept. 3,	Edwin Fernald, for notices of road at auction,	1 40
4,	Albert J. Watson, note and interest,	318 00
6,	Blake Roberts, oiling engine hose, by order of Chief Engineer,	18 00
10,	Samuel A. Haley, for sidewalks, interest on same,	600 00
		6 00
14,	N. M. Mfg. Co., for cement, sewer grates, &c., H. H. Goodwin, for 50 copies for Fire Department, by order of Engineers	53 00
		10 00
20,	Jane F. Harvey, interest on note	87 13
28,	Hannah Watson, " "	42 00
Oct. 4,	Eben Wiggins, " "	30 00
5,	Tiger Engine Co., No. 1, services to Oct. 1, '72	160 00
	Granite Engine Co., No. 2, " "	160 00
	John A. Langley, for services as Steward for Granite Engine Co., No. 2, to Oct. 1, '72,	3 00
	James W. Britton, for services of hosemen,	48 00

Oct. 5,	To paid Benjamin F. Watson, interest on note,	60 00
	Sarah A. Leach, note and interest,	508 00
14,	Hunneman & Co., for engine hose,	445 30
17,	James A. Kelsey, interest on note,	5 00
	Mary A. Wood, robe for Eliza Watson	3 25
21,	William Jones, interest on note,	6 00
26,	Robert Smart, "	191 02
28,	Benjamin Mathes, interest on note of Susan D. Mathes	111 14
	John F. Chapman, Police Justice case of J. Edgerly	3 00
Nov. 6,	Benjamin D. Watson, repairing guide-boards	6 00
	Edwin A. Hills, printing Town Reports,	40 00
	Thomas W. Wiley, services as special police, July 4th,	5 00
	State Reform School, board of John I. York, to Oct. 3, 1872,	26 00
	George G. Bennett, mason work at Town Hall	75
22,	James H. Neal, one yoke oxen,	180 00
	Joseph Watson, labor on Town House,	14 37
23,	Mary A. Wood, interest on note,	24 00
30,	David Murray, insurance on Town Hall,	22 50
	Benjamin Mathes, interest on two notes,	18 00
	J. L. Boardman, boots and shoes,	5 00
1873.		
Jan. 1,	Eben B. Wiggins, note and interest,	483 75
	Edward Hilton, "	688 14
	Sarah A. Doc, notes and interest,	1,345 04
	John Mathes, interest on note,	24 00
	Doct. G. W. Kittredge, medical attendance of Laskey family in case of small pox,	3 00
	Mrs. Tamson Knight, note and interest,	54 88
4,	Jane F. Harvey, interest on note,	42 00
	Edwin C. Gerrish, note and interest,	365 89
	Levi A. Hanscom, note and interest,	1,214 55
5,	Abram Plummer, note and interest,	169 38
	Martha E. Doage, cash on note,	25 91
9,	Walter Wiggins, interest on note,	42 00
	W. W. Durrell, interest on note,	15 00
	C. H. Roberts, for making copy of record of Commission on reimbursement of municipal war expenditures,	4 00
	James A. Kelsey, interest on two notes,	28 50
	William Jones, interest on note,	30 00
	Samuel Twombly, for building road,	75 00
	W. P. Reynolds, interest on note,	27 54
	William Reynolds, interest on note,	78 00
14,	Samuel Haley, note and interest,	318 00
	George S. Nealley, interest on note,	19 99

Jan. 18,	To paid Mrs. Joseph Stevens, note and interest,	322 72
	Clarissa Doe, note and interest,	316 72
20,	George Lang, interest on note,	60 00
	Hester S. McDaniel, note and interest,	517 26
23,	Amanda M. Chapman, note and interest.	397 50
	Charles H. Smith, legal services,	35 00
Feb. 1,	James S. Pindar, note and interest,	673 79
6,	Charles D. Willey, for burying Sally Watson, for taking three bodies from tomb and burying same,	6 00
	for burying Eliza Watson,	8 00
	Benjamin A. Carter, notifying jurors,	5 00
	Benjamin L. Haley, goods for Thompson child,	7 77
	C. B. Mathes, goods for Thompson child,	6 88
	State Reform School, board of John I. York to Jan. 31, 1873,	25
7,	John Perkins, interest on note,	26 00
	Charles Kenniston, labor on highways,	18 00
10,	George S. Nealley, notes and interest,	15 15
12,	Daniel W. Gerrish, notes and interest,	352 53
14,	James Stott, cleansing lobby,	495 46
	Stackpole Brothers, blacksmith work,	5 00
15,	Clark Mathes, note and interest,	7 40
	Walter J. Thurston, endorsement on note,	416 18
	George L. Dearborn, room paper,	60 00
20,	Town of Durham, as per receipt,	3 96
	Charles Allen, note and interest,	300 00
21,	Valentine Smith, note and interest,	442 00
	Samuel Savage, school house tax for Dist. 6,	545 60
25,	P. F. Dennett, notes and interest,	75 00
	J. S. and E. Bennett, as per bill,	422 22
26,	T. & C. D. Garland & Co., blacksmith work	345 20
	J. B. Smart, labor on town farm buildings,	7 12
	J. S. & E. Bennett, house rent for Griffin family,	78 75
	Mrs. Z. D. Creighton, interest on note,	60 00
	John L. Bennett, lead and oil,	60 00
	Eunice Meserve, notes and interest,	556 72
	Edward Richardson, school house tax Dist. No. 1,	400 00
	The several school districts, viz :	
	School District No. 1,	2363 03
	2,	151 82
	3,	164 56
	4,	40 65
	5,	52 67
	6,	16 43
	7,	88 43

Feb. 26, To paid Packers Falls District,	49 14
Town of South New Market, Jonathan Sanborn's proportion of school money for 1872,	6 62
John W. Smart, for breaking roads,	48 00
William F. Durrell, sheep killed by dogs,	7 00
Moses C. Clark, breaking roads, as per bill,	114 37
Aaron L. Mellows, services as Supt. School Committee, for publishing and posting notices,	55 00
Aaron L. Mellows, for legal services,	45 00
Daniel W. McNeal, drawing and notifying jurors, recording births, marriages and deaths, and making returns of same to the Secretary of the State and all other services,	75 00
Thomas S. Channel, breaking roads,	28 00
" labor on road in June '72	25 00
Cyrus G. Smith, for 12 turkeys killed by dogs,	12 00
Robert Smart, for one years board of Emeline Knowlton, from Apr. 1, '72, to Apr. 1, '73,	100 00
For 22 weeks board of Thompson girl,	22 00
Mrs. Smart, for making clothing for Knowlton and Thompson child,	5 50
Dr. J. L. Elkins, for medical attendance of Aaron Kenniston, in 1869,	7 50
Dr. J. L. Elkins, for medical attendance of Sally Watson, 1870,	34 50
Dr. J. L. Elkins, for medical attendance of Mrs. A. Thompson, in 1871,	14 25
28, George Lang, note and interest,	1,007 80
William B. Small, legal services,	16 00
James A. Kelsey, Guardian of Almie J. Kelsey, note and interest,	1,646 67
James Monroe, abatement of taxes,	177 85
Collecting taxes,	241 75
Elbridge N. Doe,	
For making enrollment April 15, 1872,	2 00
For myself and team to take A. Spinney to County Farm,	3 00
Time on Shackford road,	5 00
Services as Health Officer,	3 00
Services as Selectman,	32 00
Albert G. Furber.	
For bedding for lobby,	1 85
Time on new road,	5 00
Services as Health Officer,	3 00
Services as Selectman,	32 00
Edwin Bennett.	
½ day's time, case of Sally Watson,	2 00
½ day's time and expense to Durham April 1, 1872,	2 00

Feb. 28, To paid Edwin Bennett.	
1 day's time and expense to Concord April 10,	6 00
Making school house tax District No. 1, May 30,	8 00
Making school house tax District No. 6, May 15,	5 00
1 day's time and expense to Concord before Legislature, in case of Durham bonds,	6 00
Time and expense to Durham, case of Eliza Watson, June 25,	2 00
1 day and expense to Boston to purchase engine hose, June 29,	6 15
Paid Mrs. C. Watson for taking care of Eliza Watson, July 9,	5 00
Paid John Mendum, digging grave for Sally Watson, July 9,	2 00
½ day's time to post notices of road at auction, Sept. 7,	1 50
1 day's time on new road, Sept. 7, 1872,	3 00
Paid freight on engine hose, Sept. 7, '72,	1 50
1 day and team to Portsmouth to settle County bills, Oct. 23,	5 00
Making check lists for November election, Oct. 25,	8 00
½ day's time on new road, Nov. 26, '72,	1 50
1 day's time and expense to Concord to settle State tax,	6 00
½ day's time in new Cemetery, Dec. 14, 1872,	1 50
1 day's time and expense to Concord to draw State bonds, Jan. 6, 1873,	6 00
Time and expense to Exeter, in case Randall family,	3 50
Time and expense to Exeter to settle County bills, Feb. 6, 1873,	3 00
2 check lists, stationery, and postage, Feb. 17,	4 40
Services as Health Officer,	3 00
Services as Selectman,	32 00
Services as Town Treasurer,	60 00
Paid Auditors,	4 00
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	\$28,620 98
Mar. 1, Cash received of Town Treasurer,	\$28,620 98

Settled the foregoing account as above.

EDWIN BENNETT,  
ALBERT G. FURBER,  
ELBRIDGE N. DOE, } Selectmen  
of  
New Market.

We, the subscribers, auditors of the Town of New Market, have examined the foregoing account, and find it correct and properly vouched.

G. W. KITTREDGE,  
DAVID MURRY, } Auditors.

EDWIN BENNETT, *Treasurer, in account with TOWN OF NEW MARKET, Dr.*

1872.			
Mar. 19,	To amount borrowed of A.		\$225 00
25,	" " B.		200 00
30,	" " C.		900 00
Apr. 19,	" " D.		60 50
20,	" " E.		960 00
25,	" " F.		125 00
May 20,	" " G.		100 00
July 9,	" " H.		300 00
9,	" " I.		209 00
20,	" " J.		200 00
22,	" " K.		100 00
Aug. 17,	" " L.		75 00
19,	" " M.		400 00
Sept. 4,	" " N.		330 00
4,	" " O.		150 00
6,	" " P.		300 00
9,	" " Q.		100 00
21,	" " R.		50 00
Oct. 14,	" " S.		200 00
24,	" " T.		350 00
28,	" " U.		100 00
Nov. 6,	" " V.		50 00
Dec. 3,	" " W.		100 00
7,	" " X.		200 00
7,	" " Y.		150 00
7,	" " Z.		150 00

1873.

Jan. 1,	To amount borrowed of &		450 00
1,	" " 1.		1,275 00
1,	" " 2.		700 00
4,	" " 3.		1,390 00
4,	" " 4.		440 89
4,	" " 5.		200 00
5,	" " 6.		269 38
5,	" " 7.		300 00
9,	" " 8.		150 00
18,	" " 9.		371 72
29,	" " 10.		100 00
30,	" " 11.		260 00
Feb. 1,	" " 12.		673 79
1,	" " 13.		470 00

Mar. 1, To Balance in treasury, March 4, 1872,	\$13,134 78
Savings Bank Tax,	2,112 75
Railroad Tax,	898 94
Literary Funds,	359 72
Lots sold in Cemetery,	150 50
Use of Town Hall,	120 00
Rate list committed to collector,	35 00
Rent of Town Farm,	15,537 18
School house tax for District No. 1,	325 00
School house tax for District No. 6,	416 92
Cash received of Collector of Taxes for 1871,	80 23
Rent of Pest House,	299 57
State Bonds and Interest,	11 00
Cash for oxen,	13,338 83
	260 00

\$47,079 92

1873.

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Mar. 1, By paid several orders of the Selectmen,	\$28,620 98
Paid State Tax,	1,995 00
Paid County Tax,	2,974 46
State Bonds in hands of Treasurer,	12,200 00
Amount in hands of James Monroe, Collector,	214 80
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	1,074 68

\$47,079 92

March 1. Settled the foregoing account as above stated.

EDWIN BENNETT, Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, Auditors of the Town of New Market, have examined the foregoing account, and find it correct with proper vouchers.

G. W. KITTREDGE, }  
DAVID MURRY, } Auditors.

## TOWN'S INDEBTEDNESS.

1873.  
March 1, Outstanding notes against the Town, \$44,471 15

There is due this town from Durham, State's Bonds and interest to Jan. 1, 1873, about fifteen hundred and fifty dollars, which has not yet been received.

## TOWN FARM AND EXPENDITURES.

The Town Farm has been leased to Robert Smart the past year, for	325 00
For which we credit Mr. Smart for board of Emeline Knowlton one year to April 1, 1873,	\$100 00
Twenty-two weeks' board of Thompson child,	22 00
Mrs. Smart, for making clothing for Knowlton and Thompson girls,	5 50
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	127 50
Balance,	<hr/>
	197 50

## STOCK AND PRODUCE ON FARM.

1 yoke of oxen,	190 00
4 cows,	160 00
2 shoats, estimated to weigh 400 pounds,	30 00
28 hens,	15 00
Hay, corn, potatoes and other produce,	300 00
Farming utensils, furniture, beds and bedding,	250 00
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	\$945 00

EDWIN BENNETT, TREASURER.

## REPORT OF SCHOOLS.

In conformity to the requirements of the Statutes for the State of New Hampshire, the School Committee for the Town of New Market submits the following as his report of the progress and condition of the schools in said town for the year last past:

## DISTRICT NO 1.—VILLAGE.

EDWARD RICHARDSON, } *Prudential*  
WILLIAM A. SHACKFORD, }  
BENJAMIN D. WATSON, } *Committee.*

## PRIMARY.

MARTHA S. TOWLE, <i>Teacher.</i>	} { No. different scholars, 118. Average Attendance, 96. Length in weeks, 36. Wages, including board, \$30.00. Assistant, \$28.00.
HELEN A. TASKER, <i>Assistant.</i>	

## INTERMEDIATE.

ELLEN A. NEWTON, <i>Teacher.</i>	} { Number Different Scholars, 74. Average attendance, 58. Length of school in weeks, 36. Wages, including board, \$30.00.

## GRAMMAR.

Number of different scholars, 63. Average attendance, 55. Length of school in weeks, 36. Wages, including board, \$40.00.

## HIGH SCHOOL.

WILLIAM H. SYLVESTER, } <i>Teachers.</i>	} { Number of different scholars, 23. Average attendance, 52. Length of school in weeks, 36. Wages including board, \$65.00.
THOMAS J. DAVIS,	

## DISTRICT NO. 2.—PINE HILL.

THOMAS J. CHESLEY, <i>Prudential Com.</i>	} { Number of different scholars, 62. Average attendance, 18. Length of school in weeks, 21. Wages, including board, \$28.00.
MARY J. FOLSOM, <i>Teacher.</i>	

## DISTRICT NO. 3.—FOUR CORNERS.

ALBERT F. HAINES, } <i>Prudential</i>	} { Number of different scholars, 21. Average attendance, 19. Length of school in weeks, 20. Wages, including board, \$32.00.
EDWARD PENDERGAST, } <i>Committee.</i>	
JOSEPH YOUNG, } <i>Committee.</i>	
CORNELIA C. HAINES, <i>Teacher.</i>	

## DISTRICT NO. 4.—GRANT.

ELBRIDGE N. DOW, <i>Prudential Com.</i>	} Number of different scholars, 24. Average attendance, 20. Length of school in weeks, 22. Wages, including board, \$26.00.
RHODA J. DAVIS, <i>Teacher.</i>	

## DISTRICT NO. 5.—PLAINS.

GEORGE A. BENNETT, <i>Prudential Com.</i>	} Number of different scholars, 19. Average attendance, 14. Length of school in weeks, 20. Wages, including board, \$28.00.
AMANDA PICKERING, <i>Teacher.</i>	

## DISTRICT NO. 6.—DURHAM SIDE.

CHARLES D. STEVENS, <i>Prudential Com.</i>	} Number of different scholars, 50. Average attendance, 40. Length of school in weeks, 20. Wages, including board, \$28—\$32.
FANNIE A. DAVIS, } <i>Teachers.</i>	
CHARLES E. JAMES, }	

## DISTRICT NO. 7.—DURHAM ROAD.

WARREN SMITH, <i>Prudential Committee.</i>	} Number of different scholars, 9. Average attendance, 8. Length of school in weeks, 17. Wages, including board, \$28.00.
ANNIE M. HARVEY, <i>Teacher.</i>	

## DISTRICT NO. 1.

The Primary School has again been under the care of Miss Martha S. Towle, assisted by Miss Helen Tasker. It is sufficient to say of these teachers, that they have sustained their former well-earned, and well-deserved reputation of first-class teachers.

The Intermediate School has been, during the last year, under the charge of Miss Ellen A. Newton. This is Miss Newton's first essay in this district, and she has acquitted herself in a very creditable manner. She has labored assiduously in discharge of her duty, and is an earnest and energetic teacher. The improvement in the school is such as might have been expected from such commendable efforts.

The Grammar School has been continued under the charge of Mr. James M. Chapman, who has been its Principal during the last two years. Good order prevailed in this school, and a marked advancement in the studies pursued, was noticeable.

The first term of the High School was taught by Mr. William H. Sylvester. Although seeming to feel an earnest desire for the advancement of the pupils, and desirous of their welfare, while

laboring steadily to that end, Mr. Sylvester, in some degree, failed to command that respect of his pupils which secures good order. The poet says: "Order is Heaven's first law," and it must be the first law in school, or the school will be of little benefit.

Mr. Sylvester left at the close of the first term, and the services of Mr. Thomas J. Davis were secured. Mr. Davis is a graduate of the Normal School, at Farmington, Me. The school, under his care, soon showed a marked improvement. Good order was established, and good progress made in the studies pursued.

I cannot refrain from again calling attention to the fact that we need more school room. The over-crowded state of the rooms, and the consequent necessity of sending scholars from the lower to the higher graded schools, simply to accommodate them as to room, is a serious drawback upon the benefit that ought to be derived from the schools. I cannot too earnestly urge upon the citizens of the village, the necessity of building another school house at an early day.

## DISTRICT NO. 2.

Both terms of this school were taught by Miss Mary J. Folsom. No teacher ever labored more earnestly for the advancement of her pupils than does Miss Folsom. Earnest, energetic and faithful, she possesses the rare faculty of keeping her scholars all the time interested. This school made more than usual progress, and was eminently satisfactory to committee, parents and pupils.

## DISTRICT NO. 3.

This school was taught with great success, by Mrs. Cornelia C. Haines. Mrs. Haines, by her amiability, courtesy and kindness, secures that degree of good will of her pupils which results in governing her school by the law of love, won from respect. This school still maintains the proud position given it in former reports. At the close of the last term the committee was confined to the house by sickness, and had not the pleasure of visiting the school at that time. But judging from the appearance of the school when visited during the first term and at the commencement of the last, I feel warranted in saying that the school was a success, and highly satisfactory to parents and scholars.

## DISTRICT NO. 4.

In this District they have but one term of school, which makes the term quite long, and the present term, as I learn, will not close till the first of April, or later. This term, the school is in charge of Miss Rhoda J. Davis, an experienced and successful teacher. When visited, soon after its commencement, it appeared highly satisfactory. Miss Davis appeared to understand her business, and she and the pupils to understand each other. The school is now progressing with much satisfaction. No school in town has made greater progress during the last year than this.

In this connection, I cannot forbear to renew the suggestion of my last report, that this District and No. 3 would be benefited by uniting together.

## DISTRICT NO. 5.

Both terms of this school were taught by Miss Amanda Pickering. Miss Pickering is a young teacher and this was her first effort, we think. Yet she discharged her duty with credit to herself and benefit to the school. She kept good order and labored hard for the welfare of the school. This school, though few in numbers, is one of the best schools in town, and Miss Pickering did a good work here. I think I never saw a teacher of her age understand her business better. As far as the committee is informed, the school was profitable and satisfactory.

## DISTRICT NO. 6.

The first term of this school was taught by Mrs. Fannie A. Davis, and the second term by Mr. Charles E. James. There are some fine scholars in this district, and there are others that need a little *muscular* education. The teachers labored hard for the welfare of the pupils. Mrs. Davis endeavored to govern by the law of love, and upon most of the pupils this operated with benefit; but there were a few not susceptible to such influences. But she conscientiously discharged her duty, and the term was a profitable one.

Mr. James, believing in the use of the ferule as an agent of education in extreme cases, enforced good order, and the school made decided improvement.

I would here suggest the propriety of uniting this school with the village district, and grading it with the other schools in the village.

## DISTRICT NO. 7.

This school was taught by Miss Annie M. Harvey, who is a good teacher and discharged her duties acceptably. The school is small, and had more the appearance of a harmonious little family than of a school. The scholars made good improvement.

## GENERAL REMARKS.

Education is the basis of civil and religious liberty. Our government has no sure foundation except the intelligence of its people. Hence it is generally the case that the people of New England have been very liberal in making appropriations for schools. The common school sifts the talents of the country. If there is a jewel, no matter how low it may be buried, this system brings it to the surface.

The last two years, the town has very generously voted to raise twenty-five per cent. upon the sum provided by law for the support of schools, and it is with the utmost confidence that I suggest the same amount be raised this year.

Upon the whole, I think our schools during the past year have been very successful, yet there is still room for progress and improvement. I would recommend, in the selection of teachers, other things being equal, that preference be given those who, by a course in some good Normal School, have prepared themselves for the business of teaching. A man can usually do better at a trade he has learned, than at one in which he is a novice. It is not enough that the teacher possesses knowledge himself; he should also know how to teach,—how to impart instruction to others. The youthful mind is soft and plastic, and ready to receive intellectual food if it is offered in proper quantities, at the right time. The most common fault of teachers is in not being able to come down to the capacity of their pupils.

They are apt to get the impression that the little mind of the child is familiar with all that they themselves understand, and think it derogatory in them to come down to the comprehension of the



child. But, the most successful teachers are those who use the most simple language and most familiar means of illustration.

When teaching offers as liberal a return for the service rendered as other callings, then will it be classed with the learned professions, and persons will fit themselves to enter upon it as a permanent business,—and not till then will it be devoted to the standard its merits deserve. Make it a paying business, then will teachers enter upon it as a permanent business, and elevate it to the standard its importance deserves. But, as long as it is only a stepping stone to something more lucrative, so long will it occupy a subordinate place, and the position of teachers not be occupied by those best qualified to discharge the duties of the office.

NOTE.—The schools in the Village and in District No. 4, have not yet closed, so that a complete report of them cannot be given.

AARON L. MELLOWS,

*School Committee of New Market.*

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