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## Warrant for March Meeting 1887.

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To Joseph W. Merrill, a Constable of the Town of Falmouth, in the County of Cumberland,

Greeting:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of Falmouth, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town House, in said town, on the seventh day of March, 1887, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following Articles, to wit:

First. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

Third. To hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, and Supervisor of Schools.

Fourth. To choose all other necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Fifth. To see if the Town will grant and raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the maintenance and support of Schools and the Poor, and repairs of Roads and Bridges, and to defray all other town charges, for the ensuing year.

Sixth. To see what action the Town will take in regard to the pay of town officers.

Seventh. To see what the town will allow per hour for the labor of men, horses and oxen on the highways.

Eighth. To see if the town will vote to make a discount on taxes paid within a given time, and charge interest thereafter.

Ninth. To see if the town will vote to raise money, and how much for discount on taxes.

Tenth. To see what compensation the town will vote the Collector for his services the ensuing year.

Eleventh. To see if the town will vote to sell the Asa Field estate, if a fair price can be obtained.

Twelfth. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to sell the Asa Field estate.

Thirteenth. To see if the town will vote to sell the wood lot, situated in Gray, and instruct the Treasurer to sell the same if a fair price can be obtained.

Fourteenth. To see if the town will vote to abate the highway tax of H. J. & F. W. Merrill.

Fifteenth. To see what action the town will take upon the report of the committee on the railroad crossing near the iron bridge.

Sixteenth. To see if the town will vote to accept the Burial ground situated near S. M. Latham's, and fence and keep it in repair.

Seventeenth. To see if the town will vote and authorize the Collector to collect all taxes committed to him, within nine months from commitment.

Eighteenth. To see if the town will choose four or more Constables or Clam Wardens, to protect its claming interest, said officers to serve without pay except court fees.

Nineteenth. To see if the town will vote to repair the abutments of Mill Creek bridge.

Twentieth. To see if the town will vote to raise money for the repair of Mill Creek bridge.

Twenty-first. To see if the town will vote to raise money to pay all or a part of its indebtedness the ensuing year.

Twenty-second. To see if the town will vote to accept the list of Jurors, as selected by the municipal officers.

Twenty-third. To see if the town will choose a committee of two or more practical mechanics, to make a thorough examination of the house and barn, on the town farm, and report at an adjourned meeting, what in their opinion is necessary to do to make it a suitable and comfortable place for its poor, and also the cost of such repairs.

Twenty-fourth. To see if the town will vote to raise money sufficient to pay for repairing the buildings on the town farm.

Twenty-fifth. To see if the town will vote to build a fence, commencing at the railing of the iron bridge and extending to the railroad on both sides of the road, and raise money for the same.

Twenty-sixth. To see if the town will vote to fence the Burial ground in Woodville, near C. E. Winslow's.

Twenty-seventh. To see if the town will vote to raise \$30 00 to be expended in decorating Soldier's graves in this town.

Twenty-eighth. To see if the town will vote to raise \$300 00 to rebuild the culvert on the road leading over Staples' Point bridge, near the house of Daniel Reed, and raise the roadway two feet above the present grade.

Twenty-ninth. To see if the town will vote instructing the treasurer to proceed and collect the note of Margaret A. Field, by forcelosure of mortgage.

Thirtieth. To see if the town will vote to discontinue breaking out the road, in winter, from the house of Thomas Brown to its junction with road leading by house of Albion Field, on Yarmouth road.

Thirty-first. To see if the town will vote to buy and maintain a hearse, and raise money for the same.

Thirty-second. To see if the town will vote to build a house for hearse, and raise money for the same.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of correcting the list of voters in said town, and hearing and deciding upon the application of persons claiming to have their names entered upon said lists, at the town office, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands, this fourteenth day of February, A. D. 1887.

#### REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Falmouth:

We herewith submit for your consideration a statement of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Town, for the fiscal year ending March, 1887.

#### VALUATION, 1886.

Real Estate,	\$627,325	
Personal Estate,	231,535	
Total Valuation,		\$858,860

Number of Polls, 398. Supplementary Polls, 2. Rate of taxation, 11 mills on \$1 00. Poll Tax, \$3 00.

#### TAXES ASSESSED 1886.

For State Tax,		\$2,889	33
County Tax;		448	28
Schools, \$2,000	00	)	
Poor, 500	00	)	
Out Poor, 400	00	)	
Bridges, 400	00	)	
	00	1	
Contingences, 500	00	)	
Snow Bills, 400	00	1	
Discount on Taxes, 300	00	+	
Falls Bridge Hill, 300	00	)	
Iron Bridge, 2,000	00	)	
Overlay, 7	20	)	
Supplementary, 6	00	)	
		\$7,313	20
Total Assessment,		\$10,650	81

## Account of Expenditures.

### TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation,				\$500 00		
D. O. Moulton, Selectman,	Assess	or and	Overseer	of Poor,	\$86	00
W. W. Libby, "	46	• •			81	00
Hawley Folsom,	44	• •			<b>7</b> 3	00
H. J. Merrill, Supervisor o	f Schoo	ols,			75	00
D. F. Small, Auditor,					2	00
A. S. Noyes, Treasurer,					30	00
A. S. Noyes, Clerk,					9	38
A. S. Noyes, Collector 188	4,				46	00
A. S. Noyes, Collector 188	5,				175	00
A. S. Noyes, Constable,					3	<b>5</b> 0
J. E. Marston, Constable,					31	00
J. W. Merrill, Collector 18	86,				61	00
					\$672	88
Balance against App	ropriat	ion,			<b>\$172</b>	88

### SNOW BILLS.

Appropriation,	\$400 00	
Samuel Anderson,	\$21	00
B. F. Hall,	14	<b>4</b> 0
S. M. Latham,	26	30
F. O. J. Pride,	34	60
Silas Skillin,	21	80
L. N. Swett,	42	30
Curtis Colley,	38	45
Geo. W. Allen,	17 (	
G. P. Dearborn,	35 9	97
E. M. Lunt,	15	-
Geo. O. Knight,	36	00
Broda A. Hinck,	15	80
Geo. A. Pride,	16	
Ira Winn,	<b>55</b> -	40
C. E. Winslow,	30 '	75

G. R. Whitney,	32 00
J. A. P. Merrill,	8 55
Albert Winslow,	26 10
J. L. West,	15 70
T. M. Lewis,	24 60
L. S. Washburn,	37 00
A. F. Winslow,	22 12
T. B. Richards,	26 20
L. W. Hadlock,	5 20
	\$619 42
Balance against the Town.	219 42
Daniele against the 1000	210 12
BRIDGES.	
Appropriation, \$400 0	90
Piscataqua Bridge	
_	
Deering & Richardson, Southern Pine.	\$51 51
F. F. Hall,	10 50
LeGrow Brothers,	6 23
J. E. Merrill,	4 00
J. W. Huston,	22 14
	\$94 38
Balance in favor of Appropriation,	\$305 62
FALLS BRIDGE HILL.	
Appropriation. \$300 (	00
Curtis Colley,	\$61 78 35 00
D. T. Hamilton,	32 30
D. E. Hamilton,	10 00
Cyrus G. Colley.	37 80
G. T. Richards,	33 30
J. M. Pricne,	
F. M. Swett,	34 30

\$298 28

Balance in favor of Appropriation,

J. T. Richards,
J. S. Colley,
J. E. Merrill, labor, powder and fuse.

\$1 72

### IRON BRIDGE.

Henry Colley,		\$101	00
Alton Lunt,		108	
G. W. Jordan,			00
S. M. Latham,		103	
E. M. Lunt,		110	00
Albert Leighton,		48	
Samuel Leighton,		123	00
John Adams,			00
A. M. Swett,		78	00
W. G. Adams,			00
Lemuel Rolfe,		39	00
Charles Noves,		78	50
Joseph Staples,		37	00
H. L. Babbidge,		47	00
J. W. Babbidge,		71	<b>75</b>
Young & Purinton,			28
H. W. Merrill,			00
G. W. Leighton,		16	30
Teague & Bennett,		95	00
B. F. Hall,		148	50
N. Packard,		100	00
Joseph Mountfort,		56	00
A. S. Noyes,			73
J. E. Merrill, Sundries,		3	91
Grenville Hall,		17	50
T. M. Lewis,		51	65
A. J. Dearborn & Son,		52	00
D. F. Small,			00
C. W. York, coal,		10	00
LeGrow Brothers,		10	00
J. E. Merrill,		144	00
Mrs. Octavia Donnell,		5	00
Henry Colley,		2	00
J. W. Huston,		18	00
W. P. Newman,		3	00
D. S. Palmer,		1	00
Berlin Iron Bridge Co.,		3,300	00
Town Team,		80	00
,			
		\$5,314	83
Received of Young & Purinton, for coal,	<b>\$2</b> 75		
" for Old Plank,	2 00		
•		4	<b>75</b>
Total cost of Bridge,		\$5,310	08
2000 01 22.000			

#### CONTINGENCES.

Appropriation,	<b>\$500 00</b>	
A. S. Noyes, printing town reports,	<b>\$20</b>	00
E. Blanchard, care of town house,	2	<b>50</b>
Second Parish Church, interest on note,	24	00
Pine Grove Cemetary Corporation,	100	00
H. K. Norton, bills paid,	4	00
McLellan & Mosher, books, etc.,	16	00
J. E. Merrill, paid Guides in taking valuation,	3	00
S. L. Adams, repairs on road machine,	15	00
John Noyes, interest on note,	25	00
D. T. Kelly, casting for road machine,		<b>75</b>
McLellan & Mosher, stationery, etc.,	1	40
W. W. Libby, gravel,	10	00
Orange F. Small, guardian Asa Field, original bil		00
settled on payment of		00 00
Grenville Hall, gravel 1885,	-	
Stephen O'Brion, building and railing culvert, bushi		00
J. P. Jensen, gravel,		
J. Woodbury, highways,	91	60 70
Young & Purinton, blacksmith work,	2	30
D. O. Moulton, gravel, Vinton E. Frank, tax on wood lot, in Gray,	_	22
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	_	00
F. F. Hall, gravel, 1885—1886, D. F. Small, non-resident taxes bought by town,		38
Alonzo Wood, highways,		00
D. F. Small, non-resident tax deeds,		38
H. J. Merrill, school books,	_	45
Portland Publishing Co.,		00
Labor on Derrick.		00
Stock for "		25
Iron work for Derrick,	_	72
Pair steel dogs and chain,	_	50
Curtis Colley, highways,	_	40
Andrew Gowell, highways,		55
Marshall Morse,		69
	<del></del>	79
Balance against Appropriation,	<b>\$66</b>	

### OUT POOR.

oor rook.		
Appropriation, \$400 00		
F. W. Buxton, supplies for T. R. Beals,	\$100	34
G. D. Sargent, "G. F. Libby,	103	
J. W. Chase, board of C. F. Merrill and Mary Leighton,	206	
G. D. Sargent, supplies for John M. Gray,	10	58
Town of Windham, for Mary Leighton,	2	00
Josiah Bailey, for Mrs. Roberts,	5	00
J. E. Merrill, looking after Daniel Tuttle,	4	00
D. P. Young, board Daniel Tuttle,	10	00
F. C. Dolley, medical attendance Daniel Tuttle.	6	00
F. C. Dolley, "G. F. Libby, F. C. Dolley, "J. E. True 1885, F. C. Dolley "Ginderilla Morrison	18	75
F. C. Dolley, "J. E. True 1885,	16	50
F. C. Dolley, "Cinderilla Morrison,	10	00
J. M. Pettengill, 1-2 cord wood for G. F. Libby,	2	<b>75</b>
S. S. Rich & Son, coffin and robe for J. E. True 1885,	21	00
	\$516	67
C'REDIT.		
Appropriation, \$400 00		
Cash from Pownal, 61 19		
Due from '' 63 93		
Due from Gray, 20 00		
Due from Brunswick, 15 00	<b>\$</b> 560	12
Balance in favor of Appropriation,	43	45
DISCOUNT ON TAXES.		
Appropriation,	<b>\$</b> 300	00
Amount allowed,	430	88
Balance against Appropriation,	<b>\$</b> 130	88

#### TAXES ABATED FOR 1886.

#### SUMS RECOMMENDED TO BE RAISED.

Schools,		\$2,000	00
Highways,		3,000	00
Poor,		500	00
Out Poor,		400	00
Bridges,		400	00
Town Officers,		600	00
Contingences,		600	00
Snow Bills,		400	00
Discount on Taxes,		400	00
		\$8,300	00
	JAMES E. MERRILL, FRANK MOULTON, H. K. NORTON,	$\left. egin{array}{l} Select n \\ of \\ Falmon \end{array}  ight.$	ien

### REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

### Alms House and Farm in Account with the Town.

Dr.

W. P. Newman, for supplies,	\$105	09
A. S. Noyes, "	100	
T. B. Richards & Co., "	85	
S. A. Lockhart, bal, salary 1885,	31	00
W. H. Winslow, farm wagon,	60	
J. B. Dennison, cow,	42	
H. K. Norton, taking Mary Leighton to Augusta,	12	50
Albert Winslow, plowing,	6	<b>75</b>
S. A. Lockhart, on salary 1886,	25	00
H. L. Lunt, labor having,	39	00
S. A. Lockhart, on salary,	75	00
G. W. Merrill, blacksmith work,	17	<b>3</b> 0
I. W. Sholes, hay rack,	8	00
S. A. Lockhart, on salary,	10	00
Lemuel Rolfe, board of oxen,	31	00
G. R. Morrill, shoeing oxen,		00
H. S. Staples, cotton cloth,	5	97
Geo. Richards, two shoats,		00
T. M. Lewis, pair oxen,	145	
Merrill Brothers, meat,	39	26
F. C. Dolley, medical attendance Mary Leighton and child,		00
S. A. Lockhart, clothing for Mary Leighton's child,	_	00
Young & Purinton, blacksmith work,		95
Goods bought and sundry bills paid,	45	<b>78</b>
•	\$919	57
Cr.		
CK.	****	•
Appropriation,	\$500	
522 lbs. Butter	107	
Sour Milk,	_	56
18 doz. Eggs,		33
Horse bedding,		50
One Cow,		00
		00
Labor performed off the farm,	108	
One Cow,	_	00
" Ox,		00
" " "		07
Pair Oxen,	141	0Z
***************************************	1,025	<b>53</b>
Balance in favor of Appropriation,	<b>\$</b> 105	96

At the commencement of the year there were five persons at the Almshouse, Francis Blair, Lydia Allen, Almira B. Hobbs, Mary Leighton and child. In May, Mary Leighton was committed to the Insane Hospital; in August her child died; in December. Sarson C. Jones was committed to the Almshouse, Feb. 8th. he died, leaving three inmates at present.

Inventory of stock and produce on the farm;—3 cows, 1 calf 2 swine, 18 hens, 12 tons hay, 4 bushels beans, 2 1-2 bushels potatoes, 2 bbls. salt pork, 45 lbs. lard.

At the commencement of the year we made an inventory of all the stock, produce, farming tools, household articles, groceries, etc., we found part of the stock in bad condition, one ox we had to kill and bury the carcass; one cow with hip broken down, giving no milk; and one cow with disease of the head, gave her milk to the hogs, could not cure her, we sold the two cows for \$22 00.

We have bought one cow for the farm, have also added a new one horse farm wagon and rack, a new derrick, and a pair of steel dogs and chain. We find the farming tools, household furniture, beds and bedding in very good condition.

JAMES E. MERRILL, FRAMK MOULTON, H. K. NORTON, Of the Poor.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

#### RECEIPTS.

Mar. 8.	Cash	froi	n A. S. Noyes,	\$1689	60
Mar. 8.		"	S. A. Lockhart,	11	
Apr. 5.	. •		W. W. Weymouth, tax claim,	2	15
Apr. 7.	• •	٠.	J. E. Bond, for Mrs. Roberts,	10	62
Apr. 7.		••		84	01
May 3.	••		Merrill Bros.,	90	00
May 3.		٠.	Hawley Folsom, tax claim,	2	23
May 3.		• •	Russell, Fuller & Stoddard,	6	70
May 10.		••	Oliver Bucknam, tax claim,	11	<b>7</b> 9
June 7.	• •	• •	S. H. Anderson,		14
June 28.			Town of Gray,	20	00
July 2.			Non- resident tax returned,	107	93
July 22.			School district No. 5,	400	00
Aug. 2.		"	E. T. Harmon, tax claim,	5	12
Aug. 3.			Portland Savings Bank,	3,000	00
Sept. 3.	**		Alton Lunt, cow,	10	00
Sept. 3.			New Casco Vil. Improvement Socie	ty,	50
Oct. 7.	••	••	Portland Savings Bank,	1,800	00
Nov. 1.	٠.	٠.	B. A. Hinck, hay,	12	00
Dec. 6.	• •		J. W. Huston,	2	00
Dec. 13.	4.4		Town of Pownal,	61	19.
Feb. 7.	••	• •	Merrill Bros.,	141	82
Feb. 7.		٠.	L. Wood, cow,	12	00
Feb. 14.	••	• •	A. S. Noyes, tax bills 1884 in full,	121	40
Feb. 14.	••	٠.	A. S. Noyes, " 1885,	2,615	83
Feb. 14.	• •		J. W. Merrill, tax bills 1886,	5,262	<b>7</b> 1
Feb. 14.	••	• •	S. A. Lockhart,	117	54
Feb. 14.	"	• •	Town of Brunswick,	15	00
				\$15,613	70
			734775733775 F/FFF 173 F34 I		

#### EXPENDITURES.

Orders paid,	\$12,614 50
Paid Portland Savings Bank,	1,845 00
Cash on hand,	1,154 20
	<b>\$15.613</b> 70

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of D. F Small, Treasurer for the year 1886, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched, and find in his hands \$1,154 20.

F. B. BLANCHARD, Auditor.

#### A. S. NOYES, Collector,

# In account with the Town. DEBTOR.

Balance last report.

\$3,425 92

#### CREDIT.

By Cash, Non-resident tax returned,	\$2,615 83 107 93		
· Abatements,	$\frac{217 \ 04}{}$		80
		 \$485	12

#### J. W. MERRILL, Collector,

In account with the Town.

#### DEBTOR.

July 9. To total committment,

\$10,644 81

#### CREDIT.

Feb. 1	4. Cash,	\$5,262 71
:	· Discount,	430 88
••	County tax paid,	448 28
	Paid on State tax.	1.184 90
		<del></del>
		\$3,318 04

#### FINANCIAL CONDITION.

#### ASSETS.

Due from M. A. Field,	\$329	37
Pownal,	63	93
State,	804	11
Tax deeds,	167	00
A. S. Noyes,	485	12
J. W. Merrill,	3,318	04
Cash on hand,	1,154	20
	\$6,321	77

#### LIABILITIES.

Due Schools,	\$389 66
Notes,	4,428 50
J. E. Merrill,	99 00
Frank Moulton,	92 00
H. K. Norton.	86 00
H. J. Merrill,	74 00
F. B. Blanchard,	2 00
A. S. Noyes, clerk,	10 25
A. S. Noyes, collector,	110 95
D. F. Small, treasurer and postage,	30 84
J. W. Merrill, collector,	30 00
S. A. Lockhart,	140 00
Outstanding orders,	86 90
State tax.	1,704 43
	\$7,284 53

Respectfully submitted,

D. F. SMALL, Treasurer.

### SCHOOL REPORT

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#### To the Citizens of Falmouth:

The following report of the schools of the town for the year 1886-7 is respectfully submitted.

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Amount of money raised by town,	\$2,000 00
" received from State,	804 11
Whole number of scholars in town,	486
" registered spring term,	269
" winter "	279
Per cent. of registered attendance to whole number in t Spring term,	own, 55.35
Per cent. of registered attendance to whole number in t Winter term.	own, 57.4

The money was apportioned to the se	everal districts.	as fol	lows.
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No. Dist.	Name of Agent.	No. of Scholars.	Apportionment.	
1	H. P. Kimball,	44	\$220	
2	A. H. Waite,	53	265	
3	A. Bowie,	91	455	
4	W. II. Barker,	35	210	
5	II. L. Waite,	$\boldsymbol{42}$	212	
6	11. P. Anderson,	31	205	
7	W. H. Field,	61	305	
8	J. W. Blake,	28	205	
9	Nathaniel Leighton,	36	210	
10	Geo. P. Dearborn,	18	166 11	
11	Peter Stuart,	24	176	
12	Levi Hadlock.	23	175	

In taking a retrospective survey of our schools the past year, we find the quality of teaching has been much the same as the preceeding year. In several schools much improvement is shown and in one failure. Giving the schools credit for all they have done, and are doing, it is admitted on all sides that something more is needed to make them what they might be, and therefore ought to be.

One important subject demanding our attention is the expenditure of the school money. Having spent nearly \$3,000 the past year for schools, the inhabitants of Falmouth naturaly demand a suitable With the present district system, the town return for their money. is providing ample means, but the districts fail in providing a suitable The school room which is kept in good condition, and furnished with all needed apparatus, and which presents an air of neatness and cleanliness, has much influence in elevating the tone and improving the character of the pupils, while the opposite has a depressing and pernicious effect on the spirits of both pupils and teach-It would be economy, and money well invested, even if taken from the school funds, to provide bright, cheerful rooms with better facilities, such as black-boards, maps, and globes. There are two buildings (No's. 9 and 11) utterly unfit for school purposes, and we hope to see them displaced by new ones or the districts united with 7 Many others sadly need cleaning or painting and whiteand 10. Think of sending children from a bright cheerful home surrounded by the comforts of life to a poorly ventilated comfortless room and ask why they dislike school, and are not interested. Too much care and attention cannot be given to this matter. It is a difficult thing to teach young people to respect property where the owners treat it with neglect.

Another matter to which I wish to call the attention of all interested in the welfare of children, and to urge immediate action, the need of instituting a reliable, systematic reform in our school work.

We find many scholars at the opening of the term go to school without knowing what they are to study, perhaps neglecting the more important and taking some branch they think may be interesting without considering whether it will be for their advantage, often delayed several weeks before a decision is reached. Let the town authorize the Supervisor, or better choose a committee, to prepare a regular course of study, one that will guarantee a good practical education, to be pursued in our schools to the exclusion of all others till this course is completed. The statutes provide that the Supervisor may regulate the studies in our common schools, but no one would be willing to take this matter of revision into his hands without the advice and consent of his fellow townsmen. Believing this to be a most practical need, in case the town system should fail, it is hoped you will give it your careful consideration.

Parents are the natural guardians of their children and are personally responsible for their education. Let the best teachers be employed, then let parents consider the teachers as helpers in their life work and give them their co-operation by sending the scholars regularly to school, and by letting their presence in the school room show their interest where it will be appreciated by scholars and teacher. Make common cause with the teacher of your children. Recognize the joint guardianship and the teacher will find the best aid in the counsel and encouragement of parents. See to it that the lessons of christianity and morality are not neglected; that the children are instructed here, as elsewhere, in their duties to God, their neighbors and their fellow-men, that characters forming now shall be strong, intelligent and virtuous. In all my labors one thing has cheered and made pleasant the cares and duties devolving upon me-the bright, happy faces of your children have greeted me, and in helping them in their efforts. I could not refrain from thinking of these words "As you prize your own happiness and the happiness of your children, as you love your country and your inheritance, the institutions transmitted from your fathers, and would have them perpetuated to your children, cherish carefully our system of common schools, to which we are more indebted than to anything else, except its foster mother, the It is the secret of our general intelligence and pre-eminence, the glory of our country, the bulwark of our liberties, and the guaranty of our future prosperity. We cannot value it too highly, we cannot sustain it too faithfully."

HENRY J. MERRILL, Supervisor.

Aumoer District.	Name of Teacher.	Term.		Average attended Length in Days.	Wages per Month.	REMARKN.
$1^{f}$	Lyman P. Sturdivant,		19	13 40	936 (	Successful.
(	Annie M. Winslow,					), . Very great improvement.
2)	Annie C. Colley, Annie C. Colley,				) 32 (	
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ì	D. O. Moulton.	Summer.				). ) Credit is due the agent for supplying new
3 {	D. O. Moulton,					maps and other improvements.
- (	D. O. Moulton,	Winter.				) Large amount of work well done.
ı)	Julia M. Thompson,	Summer.				)   ) Not as successful as last year.
* )	Julia M. Thompson,	Winter.			3 36 C	
						This school is steadily growing in interest,
5 {	Annie L. Gowen					due in part to
Ş	Annie L. Gowen					) interest shown by parents. ) Good results.
, J	Olive H. Merrill,					) ) Both terms successful.
"1	II. B. Mountfort					On account of sickness no returns rec'd,
$\sim$	F. B. Blanchard,					) Lack of interest and irregular attendance
7 {	F. B. Blanchard,					caused in part by failure of Spring term.
$\hat{\mathbf{s}}$	Addie S. Dunn,		21	18 50	$0^{1}_{1}24$ $0$	Good honest work.
91	Ina M. Wilson	Winter.	24			Lack in discipline.
95	Clara A. Gould,					··Very satisfactory,
" (	H. J. Merrill.					Good scholars - deserving a better room.
	Ida M. Strout,		9			) Too small to be interesting or
- (	Ida M. Strout,					) / profitable. Good work. ):Fair progress.
1	Corn B. Leighton					Very profitable.
	Addie A. Stevens	Summer				Credit is due agent, teacher and others for
$_{2}$	S. Ellen Brackett,		11	9 40	$0\overline{32}$	school-room improvements.
	S. Ellen Brackett,					Profitable year.