

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

IN CONCORD,

March 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17,

1849.

At a legal Town Meeting, duly notified and held at Concord, in the County of Merrimack, on the second Tuesday of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, the following votes were given in

FOR MODERATOR :

Whole number of tickets cast,		1378
Asa Fowler	had	681 votes.
Nathaniel B. Baker	“	692
Scattering	“	5

And Nathaniel B. Baker having the largest number of votes given in for one candidate, was declared duly elected, and took the oath by law prescribed.

FOR GOVERNOR.

Whole number of tickets cast,		1473
Samuel Dinsmore	had	718 votes.
Levi Chamberlain	“	564
Nathaniel S. Berry	“	189
John Pig Clough	“	1
Sam Densmore	“	1

FOR COUNCILLOR.

Whole number of tickets cast,		1466
Joseph Clough	had	715 votes.
Edmund Worth	"	748
E. Worth	"	1
Richard Bradley	"	1
Asa McFarland	"	1

FOR SENATOR.

Whole number of tickets cast,		1470
Joseph Clough 3d	had	718 votes.
Jeremiah Tilton	"	566
John L. French	"	185
J. Tilton	"	1

FOR TREASURER.

Whole number of tickets cast,		1472
Mitchel Gilmore, jr.	had	717 votes.
Moses Colby	"	567
Moses Martin	"	187
Mitchel Gilmore	"	1

FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS.

Whole number of tickets cast,		1471
George Jones	had	719 votes.
David Watson	"	565
Jacob S. Harvey	"	187

FOR MEMBER OF CONGRESS.

Whole number of tickets cast,		1473
Charles H. Peaslee	had	721 votes.
Joel Eastman	"	568
Isaac D. Stewart	"	183
Henry Allison	"	1

FOR ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

Whole number of tickets cast,		1472
Ira Osgood	had	716 votes.
True George	"	715
John S. Craig	"	714

Simeon B. Little	had	568
Benjamin Whipple	"	568
James McCrillis	"	567
Jason H. Ames	"	189
Andrew Taylor	"	191
Aaron W. Baker	"	189
W. R. Parker	"	1
Abel Baker	"	2
H. N. Harvey	"	1

FIRST BALLOT FOR REPRESENTATIVES TO GENERAL COURT.

Whole number of tickets cast,		1471
Necessary to a choice,		736
Perley Cleaves	had	735 votes.
Cyrus Hill	"	717
Charles H Norton	"	718
William Page	"	713
Nathaniel Rolfe	"	712
Luther Roby	"	832
Ebenezer Symmes	"	698
Joseph Eastman	"	555
Samuel Coffin	"	541
Stephen Brown	"	538
Ira Perley	"	542
Joseph A. Gilmore	"	452
James Hall	"	564
Hazen Virgin	"	556
Asa Fowler	"	207
Chase Hill	"	161
Caleb Parker	"	207
David M. Dearborn	"	199
Samuel Knowlton	"	194
Winthrop Fifield	"	180
George H. H. Silsby	"	119
John Sawyer	"	3
True Osgood	"	3
Nathan Stickney	"	2
Reuben Goodwin, jr.	"	2
J. C. Danforth	"	2
B. H. Weeks	"	1

Atkinson Webster	had	1
Jeremiah S. Noyes	"	1
Abel Baker	"	1
J. Eastman	"	1
Cyrus Barton	"	1
William M. Carter	"	1
Dud Palmer	"	1
Charles Norton	"	1
N. Evans	"	1
John Eastman	"	1
E. E. Sturtevant	"	1
Henry A. Brown	"	1
John Abbot	"	1
Henry H. Brown	"	1
J. Stephens Abbot	"	1
G. H. H. Silsby	"	2
Dr. Willard	"	1
I. Emery	"	1
J. Peverly	"	1
G. G. Fogg	"	1
H. Houston	"	1
R. Hall	"	1
C. Parker	"	1
Jeremiah Noyes	"	1
Moses T. Willard	"	1
Herman M. Rolfe	"	1
Joel D. Johnson	"	1
M. T. Willard	"	1
Joel C. Danforth	"	1
James Moulton	"	1
Joseph Gillmore	"	1

And LUTHER ROBY having a majority of all the votes given in, was declared by the Moderator duly elected.

Voted, to adjourn to Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock,

Wednesday, March 14, 1849.

Met according to adjournment.

SECOND BALLOT FOR REPRESENTATIVES TO GENERAL COURT.

Whole number of tickets cast,		1402	
Necessary to a choice,		702	
Perley Cleaves	had	723	votes.
Cyrus Hill	"	694	
Charles H. Norton	"	698	
William Page	"	694	
Nathaniel Rolfe	"	696	
Ebenezer Symmes	"	680	
Samuel Coffin	"	502	
Stephen Brown	"	498	
Samuel Knowlton	"	689	
Joseph A. Gilmore	"	357	
James Hall	"	503	
Hazen Virgin	"	504	
Asa Fowler	"	192	
Chase Hill	"	147	
Caleb Parker	"	195	
David M. Dearborn	"	184	
Winthrop Fifield	"	179	
Ira Perley	"	133	
George H. H. Silsby	"	32	
Joseph Eastman	"	4	
G. H. H. Silsby	"	9	
Reuben Goodwin, jr.	"	1	
Henry H. Brown	"	1	
Eb. Symmes	"	1	
E. Symmes	"	1	
M. T. Willard	"	1	
P. Cleaves	"	1	
Richard Bradley	"	1	
J. Stephens Abbot	"	2	
A. C. Pierce	"	1	
D. M. Dearborn	"	1	
John Abbot	"	1	
C. H. Norton	"	1	
Author of the Peters' Letter	"	1	

Lickspittle Sturtevant	had	1
Frederick Allison	"	1
J. D. Norton	"	1
True Osgood	"	1
Joel Danforth	"	1
Rev. E. Bossy Calf	"	1
John Stickney	"	1
Thomas Cobb	"	1
C. H. Clifford	"	1
John M. Dearborn	"	1
John Sawyer	"	1

And PERLEY CLEAVES having a majority of all the votes given in, was declared by the Moderator duly elected.

THIRD BALLOT FOR REPRESENTATIVES TO GENERAL COURT.

Whole number of tickets cast,		1401
Necessary to a choice,		702
Cyrus Hill	had	705 votes.
Charles H. Norton	"	710
William Page	"	703
Nathaniel Rolfe	"	700
Ebenezer Symmes	"	687
Samuel Coffin	"	484
Stephen Brown	"	487
Samuel Knowlton	"	685
James Hall	"	496
Hazen Virgin	"	488
Asa Fowler	"	198
Chase Hill	"	150
Caleb Parker	"	197
David M. Dearborn	"	188
Joseph A. Gilmore	"	27
Ira Perley	"	13
George H. H. Silsby	"	11
Winthrop Fifield	"	8
J. A. Gilmore	"	4
Joseph Eastman	"	3
Perley Cleaves	"	4
G. H. H. Silsby	"	2
John Sawyer	"	1

Gen. Boyd	had	1
— Hill	“	1
Jacob A. Gilmore	“	1
J. Stephens Abbot	“	1
Richard Bradley	“	1
Reuben Goodwin, jr.	“	1
Henry H. Brown	“	1
M. T. Willard	“	1
Nathaniel —	“	1

And CYRUS HILL, CHARLES H. NORTON and WILLIAM PAGE, having each a majority of all the votes given in, were declared by the Moderator duly elected.

Voted, to adjourn to Thursday morning at 9 o'clock.

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*Thursday, March 15, 1849.*

Met according to adjournment.

Voted, That this meeting proceed to ballot for Town Clerk and Selectmen at the same time.

FIRST BALLOT FOR SELECTMEN.

|                               |     |      |        |
|-------------------------------|-----|------|--------|
| Whole number of tickets cast, |     | 1370 |        |
| Necessary to a choice,        |     | 686  |        |
| Josiah Stevens                | had | 658  | votes. |
| Moses H. Farnum               | “   | 432  |        |
| Isaac Virgin                  | “   | 428  |        |
| Reuben Goodwin, jr.           | “   | 448  |        |
| John Abbot                    | “   | 446  |        |
| Nathan Stickney               | “   | 701  |        |
| John Whipple                  | “   | 464  |        |
| Jeremiah Fowler               | “   | 479  |        |
| Asa Fowler                    | “   | 6    |        |
| George H. H. Silsby           | “   | 2    |        |
| Jeremiah S. Noyes             | “   | 2    |        |
| William Kelsea                | “   | 1    |        |
| Moses Farnum                  | “   | 1    |        |
| Robert Davis                  | “   | 1    |        |
| John Sawyer                   | “   | 1    |        |
| Reuben Goodwin                | “   | 1    |        |

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|--------------|-----|---|
| Abel Baker   | had | 1 |
| Manly Carter | "   | 1 |

And NATHAN STICKNEY having a majority of all the votes given in, was declared by the Moderator duly elected.

FIRST BALLOT FOR TOWN CLERK.

|                              |     |            |
|------------------------------|-----|------------|
| Whole number of tickets cast |     | 1349       |
| Necessary to a choice,       |     | 675        |
| John P. Johnson              | had | 573 votes. |
| George H. H. Silsby          | "   | 559        |
| Abraham J. Prescott          | "   | 210        |
| Barnard Currier, Esq.        | "   | 3          |
| Johnson                      | "   | 1          |
| John D. Carswell             | "   | 1          |
| Nathaniel B. Baker           | "   | 2          |

(no choice.)

Upon motion,

*Voted*, That a Committee be now appointed to nominate Highway Surveyors and other Town Officers for the ensuing year.

The following persons were appointed said Committee :

|                      |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Reuben G. Wyman,     | Josiah Hardy,      |
| Samuel Whitney,      | Marshall B. Colby, |
| Samuel Hutchins, jr. | Enoch H. Dow,      |
| Rufus Virgin,        | Thomas J. Dow,     |
| Heman Sanborn,       | Daniel Flanders    |
| Thomas D. Potter,    | Daniel Farnum,     |
| John L. Tallant,     | Moses Shute,       |
| John Putney,         | Atkinson Webster,  |
| Samuel B. Larkin,    | Hosea B. Barton,   |
| Samuel Clifford,     | John Corliss, jr.  |
| Daniel Davis, 2d.    | Edward Gould,      |
| David Abbot, 2d.     | Timothy Carter,    |
| Jonathan Sargent,    | Reuben K. Abbot,   |
| Joseph B. Smart,     | Amos Sawyer,       |
| Horatio N. Harvey,   | Charles Abbot,     |
| Henry L. Elliot,     | Lewis Smith.       |

SECOND BALLOT FOR SELECTMEN.

|                               |      |
|-------------------------------|------|
| Whole number of tickets cast, | 1314 |
| Necessary to a choice,        | 653  |

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|---------------------|-----|-----|
| Josiah Stevens      | had | 544 |
| Moses H. Farnum     | "   | 453 |
| Reuben Goodwin, jr. | "   | 330 |
| John Abbot          | "   | 383 |
| John Whipple        | "   | 440 |
| Jeremiah Fowler     | "   | 455 |
| Isaac Virgin        | "   | 10  |
| John                | "   | 1   |
| Lewis Smith         | "   | 1   |
| Nathan Stickney     | "   | 1   |
| Asa Fowler          | "   | 1   |

(no choice.)

SECOND BALLOT FOR TOWN CLERK.

|                               |     |      |
|-------------------------------|-----|------|
| Whole number of tickets cast, |     | 1303 |
| Necessary to a choice,        |     | 652  |
| John P. Johnson               | had | 569  |
| George H. H. Silsby           | "   | 541  |
| Abraham J. Prescott           | "   | 185  |
| Barnard Currier, Esq.         | "   | 5    |
| Abraham                       | "   | 1    |
| Geo. H. Silsby                | "   | 1    |
| G. H. Silsby                  | "   | 1    |

(no choice.)

*Voted*, to adjourn to Friday morning at 9 o'clock.



*Friday, March 16, 1849.*

Met according to adjournment.

THIRD BALLOT FOR SELECTMEN.

|                               |     |            |
|-------------------------------|-----|------------|
| Whole number of tickets cast, |     | 1227       |
| Necessary to a choice,        |     | 614        |
| Josiah Stevens                | had | 285 votes. |
| Moses H. Farnum               | "   | 284        |
| Reuben Goodwin, jr.           | "   | 491        |
| John Abbot                    | "   | 447        |
| John Whipple                  | "   | 480        |
| Jeremiah Fowler,              | "   | 450        |
| Isaac Virgin                  | "   | 3          |

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|-----------------|-----|---|
| John Q. Adams   | had | 2 |
| J. Fowler       | "   | 1 |
| Nathan Stickney | "   | 1 |
| Joseph Crummet  | "   | 1 |
| Asa Fowler      | "   | 1 |

(no choice.)

## THIRD BALLOT FOR TOWN CLERK.

|                               |     |            |
|-------------------------------|-----|------------|
| Whole number of tickets cast, |     | 1226       |
| Necessary to a choice,        |     | 614        |
| John P. Johnson               | had | 475 votes. |
| George H. H. Silsby           | "   | 596        |
| Abraham J. Prescott           | "   | 153        |
| Old Bean                      | "   | 2          |

(no choice.)

## FOURTH BALLOT FOR SELECTMEN.

|                               |     |            |
|-------------------------------|-----|------------|
| Whole number of tickets cast, |     | 1141       |
| Necessary to a choice,        |     | 571        |
| Josiah Stevens                | had | 171 votes. |
| Moses H. Farnum               | "   | 174        |
| Reuben Goodwin, jr.           | "   | 571        |
| John Abbot                    | "   | 529        |
| John Whipple                  | "   | 426        |
| Jeremiah Fowler               | "   | 397        |
| Josiah Stevens, jr.           | "   | 1          |
| Sam Johnson                   | "   | 1          |
| D. G. Fuller,                 | "   | 1          |
| Isaac Virgin                  | "   | 1          |
| Asa Fowler                    | "   | 1          |

And REUBEN GOODWIN, JR., having a majority of all the votes given in was declared by the Moderator duly elected; and Reuben Goodwin, jr., and Nathan Stickney, being present, took the oath by law prescribed.

## FOURTH BALLOT FOR TOWN CLERK.

|                               |     |            |
|-------------------------------|-----|------------|
| Whole number of tickets cast, |     | 1141       |
| Necessary to a choice,        |     | 571        |
| John P. Johnson               | had | 370 votes. |
| George H. H. Silsby           | "   | 732        |
| Abraham J. Prescott           | "   | 34         |

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|----------------|-----|---|
| Grandsire Bean | had | 3 |
| Old Dud        | "   | 1 |
| John Johnson   | "   | 1 |

And GEORGE H. H. SILSBY having a majority of all the votes given in, was declared by the Moderator duly elected, and took the oath by law prescribed.

*Voted*, To adjourn to Saturday morning at nine o'clock.

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*Saturday, March 17, 1849.*

Met according to adjournment.

FIFTH BALLOT FOR SELECTMEN.

|                               |     |            |
|-------------------------------|-----|------------|
| Whole number of tickets cast, |     | 932        |
| Necessary to a choice,        |     | 467        |
| John Abbot                    | had | 584 votes. |
| John Whipple                  | "   | 276        |
| Moses H. Farnum               | "   | 12         |
| Josiah Stevens                | "   | 43         |
| Secret Inspector Nat. Baker   | "   | 1          |
| Bill Kelsea                   | "   | 1          |
| Cider Bean                    | "   | 1          |
| William Currier               | "   | 1          |
| Jeremiah Fowler               | "   | 2          |
| Asa Fowler                    | "   | 1          |

And JOHN ABBOT having a majority of all the votes given in was declared by the Moderator duly elected, and took the oath by law prescribed.

The committee appointed to nominate Town Officers for the ensuing year, made the following report, which was accepted, and the nominations confirmed by the meeting :

Your committee who were appointed to nominate Town Officers for the ensuing year respectfully submit the following list of nominations:—

## HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.

|                      |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Samuel Whitney,      | Benjamin H. Weeks,    |
| Sewell Hoit,         | Jacob Dimond,         |
| Zebulon Smith,       | Alfred C. Abbot,      |
| Rufus Virgin,        | Henry L. Elliot,      |
| Heman Sanborn,       | Enoch B. Elliot,      |
| Thompson Tenney,     | Hazen Abbot,          |
| John L. Tallant,     | Reuben K. Abbot,      |
| John Jarvis,         | Ezra Ballard,         |
| Samuel M. Locke,     | Alpheus Proctor,      |
| William Abbot, 2d.,  | Ira Abbot,            |
| Hiram Farnum,        | Edward Gould, jr.,    |
| Hiram Simpson,       | Wm. H. Wyman for the  |
| Sherman D. Colby,    | North half of No. 27. |
| Robert B. Hoit,      | True Osgood for the   |
| Stephen Carlton,     | South half of No. 27, |
| Samuel K. Blanchard, | as divided by the Se- |
| Horatio G. Belknap,  | lectmen last year.    |
| Hiram H. Dow,        |                       |

And Heman Sanborn, John Jarvis, Samuel M. Locke, William Abbot, 2d, Hazen Abbot and Edward Gould, jr., being present, took the oath by law prescribed.

## FOR CONSTABLES.

|                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Abraham Bean,      | Heman Sanborn,   |
| Charles Smart,     | Isaac Eastman,   |
| Simon G. Davis,    | John Abbot,      |
| Harry Houston,     | Enoch H. Dow,    |
| Horatio N. Harvey, | Rufus D. Scales, |
| John C. Abbot,     | Lowell Eastman,  |
| John C. Pillsbury, | James Hoit.      |

And Harry Houston and Horatio N. Harvey being present, took the oath by law prescribed.

## AUDITORS OF TOWN ACCOUNTS.

Mitchel Gilmore, jr., Stephen Brown, Nat'l. B. Baker.

## FENCE VIEWERS.

Moses Shute, Isaac Farnum, John Abbot.

## CULLERS OF STAVES.

Gilbert Perkins, William Heywood, Samuel Curtis, Leonard Bell.

## SURVEYORS OF LUMBER.

Nathaniel Rolfe, John Kimball, John K. Cate, Horatio N. Harvey, Ebenezer F. Elliot, Nathaniel C. Elliot, Heman Sanborn, Asa H. Morrill, Enoch H. Dow, Elbridge G. Dimond, Joseph Moody, Ebenezer Eastman, John Putney, Joseph Batchelder, John Abbot, Abel Baker, Reuben Goodwin, jr., Charles H. Clough, Philip Sargent, Henry M. Moore, Shadrach Seavey, John Titcomb, Sewell Hoyt, Daniel Rand, Daniel Dunlap, Lowell Eastman, Joseph Alden, Abel B. Holt, Atkinson Webster, Asa Parker, George Wilkins, Rodney G. Cutting, George Frye, Albert Abbot, Samuel McConnell, Aaron Abbot, John Sawyer, Caleb Parker, Jeremiah B. Clough, Henry L. Elliot, Jona Sanborn, J. S. Noyes.

And Horatio N. Harvey, Heman Sanborn, John Abbot, Jeremiah B. Clough, Jona Sanborn and J. S. Noyes being present, took the oath by law prescribed.

## CORDERS OF WOOD.

Philip Sargent, Cyrus Robinson, Enos Blake, Heman Sanborn, George F. Sanborn, Cyrus Hill, Elliot Chickering, N. H. Sanborn, John Batchelder, George Abbot, John Abbot, John C. Pillsbury, William H. Allen, Marshal B. Colby, E. W. Upham, Abiel Rolfe, Rodney G. Cutting, Woodbridge Odlin, John Goss, George Main, Lyman A. Walker, Caleb Parker, M. C. Cutchins, Aaron Abbot, B. F. Dow, Cady Clark.

And Enos Blake, Heman Sanborn and Elliot Chickering being present, took the oath by law prescribed.

## WEIGHERS OF HAY.

Isaac Eastman, M. C. Cutchins, George Dame, N. H. Sanborn, Geo. W. Brown, Francis A. Fisk, Cyrus Robinson, John Pettingill, Robert P. Kimball, James Woolson, W. P. Hardy.

## SEALERS OF LEATHER.

Cyrus Robinson, Enos Blake, Chase Hill, Jacob P. Saunders, William Gilman, B. F. Dow.

## SEALERS OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

A. B. Currier, Jacob Carter, Ivory Hall, Horatio N. Harvey.—And Horatio N. Harvey being present, took the oath by law prescribed.

## POUND KEEPERS.

Simeon Abbot, Hiram Farnum, Moses Gill.

## CLERK OF THE MARKET.

Reuben G. Wyman.

## HAYWARD.

Richard Bradley.

*Voted*, That the appointment of Hog-reeves be referred to the Selectmen, with instructions to appoint a requisite number.

*Voted*, To raise \$1500, to defray the ordinary expenses of the town the current year.

*Voted*, That the Selectmen be authorized to expend the above sum as the interests of the town shall seem to require.

*Voted*, That a sum of money be raised, in addition to the sum required by law to be raised, as shall amount to six thousand dollars, for the support of schools in town, the current year.

*Voted*, To raise \$4000 for the building and repairing highways and bridges, to be laid out in labor at ten cents per hour.

*Voted*, That the Selectmen be instructed to require highway surveyors to lay out 75 per cent. of their money in the months of May and June.

*Voted*, That the income of the Parsonage Fund be distributed as last year.

*Voted*, That the share of the Literary Fund received by this town, be divided equally among the several school districts in town.

*Voted*, That Article XVII., "To see if the town will vote to build a Town House and raise the money necessary

for that purpose," be taken up in connection with so much of Art. VII. as relates to a Town House.

The committee appointed at the last annual meeting in relation to a Town House made a report which was accepted and

Upon motion,

*Voted*, That the further consideration of the subject be postponed to the next annual meeting of the town.

The committee appointed at the meeting of the Town in November last, in relation to the Free Bridge, made a report which was accepted, and

Upon motion,

*Voted*, That the Selectmen be directed to proceed and erect the abutments and piers to the free bridge, as recommended by the Committee in their report.

*Voted*, To resume the consideration of Article V. of the warrant.

*Voted*, That the sum of two thousand dollars in money be raised, in addition to the sum already raised, for repairing highways and bridges,

Ira Perley, Esq., to whom was referred at the last annual meeting of the town, the subject of the claim of the heirs of the late Joseph Hall, made a report, when upon motion the whole matter was referred to a committee of three, consisting of Joseph Low, Richard Bradley and Nathaniel G. Upham.

*Voted*, That our Representatives to the Legislature be directed to oppose the annexation of any part of Bow to this Town.

*Voted*, That the sum of \$400 be raised and appropriated, in addition to the sum of \$700 appropriated at the meeting of the town in November last, for the purpose of purchasing an Engine and apparatus, and building an engine house, the same to be located at Fisherville, and the money expended under the direction of the Selectmen.

*Voted*, That H. H. Brown, Nathaniel Rolfe, Eldad Tenney, Theodore F. Elliot and E. F. Brockway be a committee to lay out into lots the burying ground at Fisherville.

*Voted*, That the subject matter of Article XI., "to see if the town will vote to adopt as public highways Summer

Street (so called) and Central Street (so called) at Fisherville," be referred to the Selectmen.

The Chief Engineer made a report, which was accepted.

*Voted*, That the sum of \$400 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of repairing No. 4 Engine house, or building a new one in lieu thereof.

*Voted*, That the subject matter of Article XIII, in relation to the fire department be referred to a committee consisting of Asa Fowler, Luther Roby, Nathan Stickney, and Joseph Low.

*Voted*, That the Selectmen be directed to pay to William Smith such sum of money as they may deem just, as compensation for a horse killed while drawing Engine No. 2 to the fire at E. Symmes' bakery, on the morning of the 7th of February.

*Voted*, That the sum of \$150 in money be raised and appropriated to construct a Reservoir at a half way point between the South church and the dwelling house of Lewis Downing.

*Voted*, That the sum of \$500 be raised and appropriated for the purchase of Fire Hooks, Ladders, a suitable carriage upon which to convey the same, and a room or house for storing them, and that the same be expended under the direction of the Selectmen and Chief Engineer.

*Voted*, That Article XVIII., in relation to Sewall's Falls, Federal and Concord Bridges, be indefinitely postponed.

*Voted*, That the Selectmen be instructed not to grant any licenses for the sale of ardent spirits, the current year.

*Voted*, That Article XX, in relation to the purchase of an engine to be located at the South end of Main street, be dismissed.

The committee appointed to take into consideration Article XIII, reported the following which was adopted:

*Voted*, That the Selectmen be instructed to pay to each member of any Engine or Hook and Ladder Company in this town, twenty-five cents per hour for all labor by him actually performed at fires during the ensuing year, upon a certificate from the Clerk or Commanding Officer of the Company to which he belongs, under oath as to the number of hours of such labor, which certificate shall be made to

the Selectmen on or before the first day of March next ; and that the Town do not adopt the law passed at the last November session of the Legislature.

*Voted*, That the proceedings of this meeting, together with the check list, be published in pamphlet form, under the direction of the Selectmen and Town Clerk.

*Voted*, That the Selectmen be directed to cause the warrant for the next annual meeting, to be published in the several Newspapers printed in town.

*Voted*, That this meeting be dissolved.

GEO. H. H. SILSBY,

*Town Clerk.*

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## REPORTS.

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### Auditors' Report.

The undersigned, Auditors of Accounts for the year 1848, have attended to the duty assigned them, and have found the accounts of the Selectmen and acting Treasurer well vouched and correctly cast, and present the following as a correct statement of the finances of the town :—

|                                                             |            |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Cash on hand, March 1848,                                   | \$1.411.19 |
| Taxes assessed and committed to A. Bean,<br>Collector—viz : |            |
| Resident taxes,                                             | 11.219.73  |
| Non-resident taxes,                                         | 288.69     |
| Non-resident highway tax,                                   | 106.52     |
| School-house tax, District No. 13,                          | 43.11      |
| School-house tax, District No. 10,                          | 1.034.22   |
| School-house tax, District No. 9,                           | 111.77     |
| School-house tax, District No. 20,                          | 367.60     |
| School-house tax, District No. 1,                           | 210.02     |
| Cash of the county for the support of paupers,              | 611.92     |
| “ of the town of Warner for the support<br>of paupers,      | 10.00      |
| “ of State Treasurer, for the Militia,                      | 113.50     |
| “ of State Treasurer for Literary Fund,                     | 229.74     |

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| Cash of State Treasurer for tax on Rail<br>Roads,         | 3 733·43    |
| “ of State Treasurer—proceeds of sale<br>of public lands, | 241·84      |
| “ of Showmen for licenses,                                | 90·00       |
| “ of A. Fowler—town funds,                                | 100·00      |
| “ of A. Fowler—interest on School fund,                   | 200·00      |
| “ of Patrick Farmer, interest on L. Bell’s<br>note,       | 27·45       |
| “ of J. P. Gass for plank,                                | 2·40        |
| “ of R. Bradley for timber sold from farm,                | 111·37      |
|                                                           | <hr/>       |
|                                                           | \$20·264·50 |

Which is accounted for in the following manner:—

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid State Treasurer,                                                | 1 320·00 |
| “ County Treasurer,                                                  | 1 388·45 |
| “ School Orders,                                                     | 4 229·74 |
| “ School-house tax in District No. 1,                                | 200·00   |
| “ School-house tax in District No. 10,                               | 986·00   |
| “ School-house tax in District No. 9,                                | 100·00   |
| “ School-house tax in District No. 13,                               | 40·00    |
| “ School-house tax in District No. 20,                               | 360·00   |
| “ repairs of roads, bridges, and compensation<br>for land for roads, | 1 724·51 |
| “ for support of paupers,                                            | 910 89   |
| “ for land for burying ground and for fencing<br>same,               | 636·39   |
| “ for printing and stationery,                                       | 82·92    |
| “ bills of cost and for professional services,                       | 94·76    |
| “ Luther Roby, expenses of fire department,                          | 220·71   |
| “ rent of land for engine houses,                                    | 11·00    |
| “ for guideboards,                                                   | 4·50     |
| “ for office rent and fuel,                                          | 15·98    |
| “ repairing Town Hall,                                               | 2·50     |
| “ for insurance,                                                     | 7·22     |
| “ recording deeds,                                                   | 1·08     |
| “ weights and measures,                                              | 5·75     |
| “ damage for defect of road,                                         | 2·00     |
| “ Committee having in charge the town funds<br>for services,         | 10·00    |

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| Paid expenses of suppressing bowling saloons,                      | 18·00    |
| “ superintending School Committee for their services and expenses, | 157·53   |
| “ for teachers institute,                                          | 110·00   |
| “ Temperance Committee, services and expenses,                     | 154·70   |
| “ services of Militia prior to 1847,                               | 5·00     |
| “ services of Militia prior to 1848,                               | 32·00    |
| “ services of Militia for 1848,                                    | 234·00   |
| “ Militia for rations,                                             | 190·00   |
| “ Town Clerk for his services,                                     | 62·90    |
| “ Selectmen for their services,                                    | 466·40   |
| “ Timothy Walker, balance of note,                                 | 1·000·00 |
| “ Asa Fowler, interest on Parsonage fund,                          | 175·92   |
| “ Mary G. Stickney, interest on Charitable fund,                   | 50·00    |
| “ abatement of taxes and errors,                                   | 193·27   |
| “ non-resident receipts for highway tax,                           | 60·70    |
| “ Abraham Bean commission for collecting taxes,                    | 225·00   |
| “ Auditors and expenses,                                           | 7·00     |
| Cash in the Treasurer's hands,                                     | 2,014·18 |
| Due from A. Bean, collector,                                       | 2·753·50 |

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\$20·264·50

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| The town owe for the various funds of the town the sum of | 13·446·39 |
| Concord Female Charitable Society,                        | 833·34    |
|                                                           | <hr/>     |
|                                                           | 14·279·73 |

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| Due the town on Leonard Bell's note, | 457·50   |
| Balance of Cash on hand,             | 4·767·68 |
|                                      | <hr/>    |
|                                      | 5·225·18 |

Leaving a balance unprovided for of \$9·054·55

The whole cash expenditures for the support of the poor the past year, over and above what has been received for that purpose, as appears by the foregoing statement, amounts

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| to the sum of                                                                                             | \$288·97 |
| Add to this the difference between the value of the<br>stock &c. at the farm being less than last year by | 24·17    |

And it makes the whole expenditures \$313·14

In this statement the interest of the cost of the farm is not included.

The Auditors are satisfied that the affairs of the Poor Farm, under the management of Mr. Moses Gill, have been well and prudently managed. The average number of paupers at the farm the past year has been about 19 $\frac{2}{3}$ .

SAMUEL COFFIN,  
CHARLES SMART.

March 7, 1849.

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### Report of the Committee on Town Funds.

The Committee having in charge the several funds of the Town of Concord, respectfully submit the following statement of the amount and condition of those funds:

#### PARSONAGE FUND:

|                                                                    |            |
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| The original amount of this fund was                               | \$5·335·51 |
| Land since sold,                                                   | 237·50     |
| Paid extra dividend on old Merrimack County<br>Bank stock in 1846, | 50·00      |

Amounting in all to \$5·623·01

Which is now invested as follows:

|                                                                        |            |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| 13 shares in Concord Bank, cost                                        | \$1·326·25 |
| 4 shares in Mechanicks Bank, cost                                      | 400·00     |
| Note, Feb. 27, 1849, Jona E. Lang,<br>Wm. Pecker and Robert E. Pecker, | 964·77     |
| Loaned to Town on certificates of Se-<br>lectmen,                      | 2·931·99   |

Amounting in all to \$5·623·01

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|--------------------------------------------|----------|
| Deducting as worthless Concord Bank stock, | 1·326·25 |
|--------------------------------------------|----------|

There remains an available Parsonage Fund of \$4,296·76

The income of this fund for 1848 was as follows :

|                                            |          |
|--------------------------------------------|----------|
| Dividends from stock in Mechanics Bank,    | \$28·00  |
| Interest on note of J. E. Lang and others, | 57·89    |
| Interest on loan to Town,                  | 175·92   |
|                                            | <hr/>    |
| Aggregate income,                          | \$261·81 |

This sum was appropriated by the Selectmen, and has been paid to the several religious societies in town, as follows :

|                |         |                         |          |
|----------------|---------|-------------------------|----------|
| North Society, | \$46·53 | Methodist Society,      | \$14·42  |
| South “        | 36·57   | Freewill Baptist “      | 5·95     |
| West “         | 26·68   | Baptist at Fisherville, | 8·54     |
| East “         | 18·95   | Christian Baptist at    |          |
| Universalist “ | 25·90   | Borough,                | 5·22     |
| Unitarian “    | 24·80   | 2d Christian Baptist    |          |
| Baptist “      | 24·68   | at Fisherville,         | 4·96     |
| Episcopal “    | 18·61   |                         |          |
|                |         |                         | <hr/>    |
|                | Total,  |                         | \$261·81 |

### SCHOOL FUND.

The available School Fund reported in March 1848, was

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|---------------------------------|------------|
| 1848, was                       | \$6·119·01 |
| Interest on same the past year, | 367·14     |
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Making a present available School Fund of \$6·486·15

This fund is invested as follows :

|                                    |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| 10 shares in Concord Bank, cost    | \$1020·25 |
| Note, R. H. Ayer and A. G. Gale,   |           |
| September 25, 1848,                | 884·70    |
| Note, Isaac Hill, R. H. Ayer and   |           |
| A. G. Gale, March 3, 1843,         | 738·51    |
| Loaned Town on certificates of Se- |           |
| lectmen,                           | 3·357·14  |
| Interest due on note of R. H. Ayer |           |
| and others, about                  | 26·54     |
| Interest due on note of Isaac Hill |           |
| and others,                        | 206·79    |

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|---------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Interest due on loan to Town,                     | 1·272·47   |
|                                                   | <hr/>      |
| Making an aggregate of                            | \$7·506·40 |
| Deducting therefrom worthless Concord Bank stock, | 1·020·25   |
|                                                   | <hr/>      |
| There remains an available School Fund of         | \$6·486·15 |

Agreeably to a vote of the Town at the last annual meeting, two hundred dollars of the interest due on this fund was collected for the purpose of being appropriated for the support of schools, which sum was finally loaned to the Town upon the certificate of the Selectmen, so that there has been no diminution of the fund during the year.

#### SURPLUS REVENUE FUND :

This fund is invested as follows :

|                                                                                                           |            |
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| Balance due on Execution against Concord Bank,                                                            | \$1·202·70 |
| Loaned to the Town on certificates of Selectmen,                                                          | 5·137·83   |
| Interest due on loan to Town,                                                                             | 746·96     |
| Note, Aaron Shute, Dec. 10, 1848, secured by mortgage, and interest from Dec. 10, 1847.                   | 43·00      |
| Note, H. M. Robinson, April 25, 1848, and interest from April 1, '48, secured by mortgage and collateral, | 951·75     |
| Cash on hand,                                                                                             | 13·42      |
|                                                                                                           | <hr/>      |
| Making an aggregate of                                                                                    | \$8·095·66 |
| Deducting as worthless, balance due on Concord Bank execution,                                            | 1·202·70   |
|                                                                                                           | <hr/>      |
| There remains an available Surplus Revenue Fund of                                                        | \$6·892·96 |

Soon after the last annual meeting, the committee sold the premises on Thompson Street, particularly mentioned in their last report, to H. M. Robinson for \$1000, of which

sum \$100 was paid down, and the balance secured by mortgage and pledge of Rail Road Stock, which is still due as stated above.

### RECAPITULATION.

|                                   |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Present available Parsonage Fund, | \$4·296·76 |
| “ “ School Fund,                  | 6·486·15   |
| “ “ Surplus Revenue Fund,         | 6·892·96   |

Total amount of available Funds of the Town, \$17·675·87

Of this amount there is due from the town upon  
loans on the certificates of Selectmen, prin-  
cipal and interest, \$13·446·39

Due from individuals, principal and  
interest, 3·816·06

Stock in Mechanicks Bank, 400·00

Cash on hand, 13·42

Total, \$17·675·87

ASA FOWLER,  
SETH EASTMAN, } Committee.  
FRANCIS N. FISK. }

Concord, March 10, 1849.

### Report of the Committee on Town House.

The Committee to whom was referred, by vote of the Town at the last annual meeting, the matter in relation to a Town House, report—

That they have made examinations and inquiries about the Town Houses which have recently been erected in different large towns in the State, with reference to their plans and expenses. Town Houses of such a character as the Committee suppose would be desirable here—if the town decide to build—have been erected at Dover, Manchester, Keene and other places, and they have furnished the committee with the most satisfactory means to determine the best plans and the probable expense.

The Committee have not thought it necessary to incur the expense of a particular plan to submit here. They supposed that what was desirable for the action of the Town, was information in regard to a general plan only with reference to the cost. In all the towns above mentioned, it has been deemed advisable to connect with the Town House other purposes besides those for which the town has occasion for itself, as a source of income to aid in defraying the expense. In that at Dover, there are Court Rooms and rooms for various offices; and in those at Manchester, Keene and Nashua, stores and other offices have been connected with the Town House, for that purpose. And in most if not all these instances the plan has proved a good one; the rents of the other parts of the building thus occupied going far to pay the interest on the cost of the building. And such a plan would probably be advisable here. The objections to such a plan are that it requires a greater expenditure in the first instance, and imposes a greater care on the town in the management of the building, collection of rents, &c.

The costs of the buildings in the above places afford, as the Committee suppose, means for determining with something approaching accuracy, the probable expense of one here. The location affecting the price of the lot, of course affects the whole cost. Without specifying any particular location, the committee are of the opinion that the expense of a Town House here on the plan above mentioned, including the lot, in any place where it would be thought advisable to locate it, would be near \$20,000. In the most central and expensive location, it would probably exceed that sum by some three or four thousand dollars. In fixing these amounts the Committee have designed a liberal calculation, which would fully cover all expenses and contingencies.

Another plan has been considered by the committee, which has appeared to them to be on many accounts preferable to the one above mentioned. Individuals intending to build, have proposed to erect buildings so to furnish a Town Hall and such other offices as the town may need. The use and entire control of the parts desired by the town be

secured to it as fully and conveniently as though in a separate building, owned by the Town alone. The arrangement may be made by the Town paying either a proportion of the expense of building or a certain sum out-right. The interest of the Town may be secured by a joint ownership of the property; or what would probably be better, by a perpetual lease with proper covenants of the parties to be held by the Town. The advantages of this plan are, that without sacrificing any benefits or conveniences, the Town will have a Town Hall and other offices at half the expense of a building by itself, and at the same time be relieved from all the contingent expenses of building, and the subsequent care and management of it. The committee are of the opinion that a satisfactory arrangement can be made for a Town Hall and other offices in very eligible locations, on this plan, at an expense not exceeding at the utmost with all expenses, \$12,000, and probably for a less sum. It is the same proposed to the Town of Nashville for a Town House contemplated at that place.

By the vote under the authority of which this Committee acts, its duties are confined to plans and estimates of expenses, and the Committee has not therefore felt at liberty to allude to other considerations connected with this subject in regard to the expediency of a new Town House, and the benefits to be secured thereby.

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| JOSIAH MINOT,<br>CALEB PARKER,<br>JOSEPH LOW,<br>RICHARD BRADLEY,<br>JOSEPH B. WALKER. | } | Committee. |
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### **Report of the Committee on Free Bridge.**

The Committee to whom the subject of the Free Bridge was referred, would ask leave to report. The subscribers having examined said Bridge, and finding it in a somewhat decayed state, would recommend that the Town proceed to build an abutment at each shore of the river with stone, and two piers in the river, which in the opinion of your Com-

mittee can be built much cheaper while the present Bridge is standing than it can be after the Bridge is taken away. And your Committee would recommend that some suitable Committee be appointed to proceed and erect said abutments and piers the coming season. And the course recommended would in the opinion of your committee much facilitate the erection of a Bridge in case of the failure of the present Bridge.

NATHAN STICKNEY, } Selectmen  
 JOHN WHIPPLE, } of  
 REUBEN GOODWIN, JR. } Concord.  
 ABEL BAKER, Committee in conjunc-  
 Concord, March 15th, 1849. [tion with the Selectmen.

### Report of the Chief Engineer.

The undersigned has received from the Selectmen, the past year, \$220·71

Which has been expended as follows :

|                                                                                                   |       |
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| Paid Shelton & Cheever, for 2 joints of Suction for Engine No. 2, and 2 do. do. for Engine No. 6, | 71·50 |
| “ freight on do.,                                                                                 | 00·62 |
| “ J. Titcomb for repair of hose carriage, No. 2..                                                 | 1·50  |
| “ for oil, oiling hose, and repairs of Engine No. 2.,                                             | 12·77 |
| “ for covering and repairs of Reservoir near Lewis Downing’s house,                               | 29·83 |
| “ William Carr for repairs and coppering Engine No. 3,                                            | 30·56 |
| “ Timothy Colby for repairs of Engine House No. 3, (burnt,)                                       | 30·10 |
| “ Seth Merrill and Levi Lamprey each, for 15 hours services as Watchmen at fire, Abbot’s Shop,    | 3·00  |
| “ H. Fessenden’s bill for repair of Buckets, &c. Engine No. 3,                                    | 2·50  |
| “ Morrill & Silsby bill for notices and warrants,                                                 | 2·75  |
| “ Lewis Downing’s bill for repairing fence,                                                       | 2·83  |

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid D. A. Hill for oil, oiling hose and repairs of<br>Engine No. 4, | 12·00    |
| “ G. Perkins for oil, oiling hose and repairs of<br>Engine No. 6,    | 10·75    |
| “ one years services as Chief Engineer,                              | 10·00    |
|                                                                      | <hr/>    |
| Making,                                                              | \$220·71 |

The Engine House occupied by Company No. 4, is 15 by 20 ft. square. It is so small that the Engine and Hose Carriage cannot be placed in a direct line with each other. The Hose Carriage being placed at right angle with the Engine; a position unfavorable to a quick forward movement of the Engine, and one likely to upset and impair the Hose Carriage, and consequently delay the Engine in case of fire.

The house is so poorly constructed, that, in cold weather, it is difficult to get sufficient heat to thaw and dry the Engine and Hose; four or five days and nights being usually necessary for that purpose. In the event of fires in near succession, during the cold season, the use of that valuable Engine, located in a most important section of the Town, would probably be lost, owing entirely to the imperfect construction of the house in which it is kept.

By turning round the present house, and adding to it 20 by 20 feet, 2 stories high, would make a building 20 by 35 feet, which would be of suitable size; or, should it be thought economy to build a new House, the present one could probably be disposed of, and the avails applied for that purpose.

The Reservoirs which have been constructed at the expense of the Town, have proved a most valuable and indispensable acquisition to the means of extinguishing fires.— There are places, however, within the limits of the most compact part of the Town, almost entirely destitute of water, and what there is, is generally so located that it cannot be got at or drawn with a suction Engine.

The first place to which I would direct your attention, is the whole distance on Main street from the South Church to the dwelling house of Lewis Downing, Esqr.

The next is a section of the Town, the centre of which would be near the dwelling of Col. Stephen Brown, on School street.

The next is on, and westerly of State street, and south of Pleasant street, embracing the south-westerly section of the compact part of the Town.

There are doubtless, other destitute places, which have not come within my observation, or to which my attention has not been directed by the citizens.

The expense of constructing Reservoirs, of durable materials, and which will contain 1000 cubic feet of water, will vary, according to the kind of earth and depth of excavation, from 100 to 160 dollars.

Respecting Fire Hooks, the town have none suitable for effective service. Those which belong to the Town, whenever their use has been attempted, have either broken or aighted out, and consequently *thrown down* and *made a pile* of the men attached to them instead of *pulling down* the building to which they were attached. As respects *adders*, the Town, to my knowledge, have never owned any, excepting those usually kept at the *Poor Farm*.

Ladders belonging to the citizens are not usually of sufficient strength to sustain the weight of three or four hose-men, with a sufficient quantity of leading hose, full of water, reach the upper windows or roof of a three story building.

LUTHER ROBY, Chief Engineer.

Concord, March 10, 1849.



#### Report of the Superintending School Committee.

A well organized, judicious, and efficient common school system, is of the first importance to any people, especially a free people. This lies at the foundation of free institutions, and forms the only sure safeguard of individual rights. No Republic can long exist without it. It is equally necessary to the church and the state; for the welfare of man here and hereafter. Light is not the offspring of darkness; nor virtue the offspring of ignorance. It is a base libel both on man and his creator, to say that "ignorance is the mother of devotion;" or of any thing else that pertaineth to the welfare of our race or the glory of God. "Knowledge is power," and when rightly directed and applied it is more

—it is purity and peace. It expands and elevates the mind, and leads one to employ the requisite instrumentalities for usefulness and happiness in time and for eternity.

Hence it affords the Superintending School Committee of Concord great pleasure to be able to report an increasing interest and improvement in most of the public schools in town during the past year. It is true, there are some few districts, which are not only "behind the times," but also far behind the pressing exigencies of their own, and the community's best good. Their old, dilapidated, inconvenient, unhealthy houses, and cheap, inexperienced, inefficient teachers, are matters of bad economy, and such as have a sad influence over the morals, habits, health and mental development of the rising generation.

Most of the districts, however, are improving; some of them rapidly. Better teachers are employed and more interest is manifested by parents. The schools, during both the summer and winter terms, have, generally, been larger, and more orderly than heretofore. There have been but two cases of insubordination requiring the interference of the committee during the year. The larger districts have, in most cases, had able, faithful and efficient teachers; a majority of whom being of the first order. Many of the teachers in the smaller districts also, were well qualified, energetic and successful. And their schools, in several instances, appeared, considering their advantages, as well as any in town. Some of them having made a very marked and decided advance in improvement beyond the previous year. Indeed, the teachers generally, and a large majority of the scholars, have done themselves much credit during both the summer and winter terms. And the friends of common school education, have occasion to congratulate themselves on the interesting and improving state of most of their schools; and also to be encouraged and incited to greater interest and exertion in behalf of this important department of human welfare.

The district in Fisherville, and the three districts in the main village, have each different departments, according to the numbers, age and acquirements of the scholars. This we consider an admirable arrangement. Also the structure

and facilities of the school rooms in these districts are, in most instances, well adapted to the convenience and success of teachers and comfort and improvement of the pupils. There is, however, even here, a greater or less deficiency of requisite apparatus for the illustration of the principles and facts in the more important branches of education.— But this deficiency, we trust, will soon be supplied by the munificence of those who have contributed so liberally to fit up and furnish their school rooms in such admirable style in other respects. “A word to the wise is sufficient!”

The other districts in town are far behind, in this particular, to those just alluded to. Most of them having no apparatus for illustration whatever. This we consider a great defect, which ought immediately to be remedied. And the expense of so doing would be trifling compared with the advantage that might accrue. During the past year, the hall in the second story of the school house in district No. 9, has been finished and furnished with seats and desks of the most approved form; and is now one of the most commodious and pleasant school rooms in town. It was dedicated to the purposes of education by a very appropriate and instructive address from the teacher to the inhabitants, and other suitable services. But it is greatly to be desired that the seats in the basement rooms of this school house should be taken out and their place supplied by others similar to the seats in the hall above.

Districts No. 23, 25 and 1, have been united; and this, in the opinion of the committee, has been of great benefit to these districts. They are now able to have longer terms both in summer and winter. And it gives us much pleasure to say that we have observed a decided improvement in that school.

Several of the districts were reminded by the committee of last year, that they “would be exceedingly benefitted by remodeling their school rooms and furnishing them with improved seats and desks.” But as this advice has not been heeded by either of those districts, and as there are others that need the same admonition, we would add, that much ought to be done in this respect, in order to furnish the scholars in these districts with proper facilities and induce-

ments for improvement in mental culture and moral and physical training. Most of the rooms need to be enlarged. And in every instance the scholars would be greatly benefited by being furnished with better and more extensive yards and play grounds.

The district in the west village ought immediately to divide their school into two departments ; and to enlarge and remodel their house so as to be conveniently adapted to such an arrangement.

The districts in the east village might derive much advantage from uniting together in one ; and then dividing their school thus united into a higher and lower department. At the same time erecting a new house ; constructed after the improved plan of several school houses in town, recently built or remodeled. This arrangement would not only be economical in the end, but also conduce very much to the success of the scholars in every department of education. And we earnestly recommend to the inhabitants of those districts that they take measures immediately to effect so desirable an object.

Among the evils which we noticed in the schools were, a want, in several instances, of proper discipline of punctuality in the attendance of scholars, and too great a variety of text books. This latter evil, however, is much less now than at the commencement of the year. The committee have succeeded beyond their expectations in introducing the books which they recommended ; still much remains to be done in many districts.

In two or three instances, complaint has been made of teachers ; one of whom the committee thought it advisable to dismiss. Such complaints and difficulties, as well as many other evils, would be far less frequent if prudential committees were more careful in selecting teachers possessing the requisite qualifications, and parents more interested in inspecting the schools personally.

The committee are unanimous in the belief that there is an imperious necessity for raising more money for the support of the schools. The smaller districts, especially, need a larger appropriation of money to enable them to employ better teachers and to have larger schools.

*In compliance with the provisions of the act, entitled "An act in addition to chapter seventy-three of the Revised Statutes," approved July 10, 1846, the Superintending School Committee of the town of Concord, county of Merrimack, submit the following report of the condition, &c., of the Schools in said town the past year.*

| No. of District. | No. of Scholars in all the Schools. |         | Average attendance. |         | No. of persons between 4 and 14 years of age, in the town. |         | No. under 14 years, who attend school. |         | No. over 14 years, who attend School. |         | Aggregate length of |          | No. of Teachers in |          | Average wages paid |          | Amount of money, raised by taxes, and from literary fund, for the schools. |          |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|------------------------------------------------------------|---------|----------------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------|---------|---------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
|                  | Winter.                             | Summer. | Winter.             | Summer. | Winter.                                                    | Summer. | Winter.                                | Summer. | Winter.                               | Summer. | Males.              | Females. | Males.             | Females. | Males.             | Females. | Males.                                                                     | Females. |
| 1                | 52                                  | 42      | 39                  | 30      | 21                                                         | 22      | 8                                      | 1       | 1                                     | 1       | 18.00               | 6.00     | \$18.00            | \$6.00   |                    |          | \$98.02                                                                    |          |
| 2                | 106                                 | 28      | 75                  | 24      | 96                                                         | 4       | 7                                      | 1       | 1                                     | 1       | 16.00               | 6.00     | 16.00              | 6.00     |                    |          | 62.69                                                                      |          |
| 3                | 38                                  | 102     | 27                  | 85      | 28                                                         | 19      | 12                                     | 1       | 1                                     | 2       | 20.00               | 6.33     | 20.00              | 6.33     |                    |          | 203.40                                                                     |          |
| 4                | 38                                  | 32      | 27                  | 25      | 28                                                         | 12      | 12                                     | 1       | 1                                     | 1       | 12.00               | 5.33     | 12.00              | 5.33     |                    |          | 62.58                                                                      |          |
| 5                | 18                                  |         | 15                  |         | 4                                                          | 4       | 1                                      | 1       | 1                                     | 1       | 14.00               |          | 14.00              |          |                    |          | 68.22                                                                      |          |

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|----|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|---------|-----------|
| 6  | 16   | 13   | 14   | 10   | 6   | 12  | 1   | 13.00   | 76.93     |
| 7  | 27   | 20   | 15   | 12   | 15  | 12  | 8   | 13.00   | 108.93    |
| 8  | 24   | 14   | 16   | 16   | 8   | 10  | 1   | 14.00   | 448.43    |
| 9  | 209  | 193  | 150  | 178  | 31  | 12  | 1   | 25.00   | 1587.04   |
| 10 | 545  | 485  | 294  | 510  | 65  | 12  | 7   | 44.00   | 559.63    |
| 11 | 216  | 216  | 143  |      |     | 14  | 2   | 24.00   | 97.68     |
| 12 | 55   | 65   | 50   | 3    |     | 8   | 1   | 19.00   | 87.56     |
| 13 | 44   | 38   | 30   | 29   | 6   | 8   | 10  | 20.00   | 64.51     |
| 14 | 20   | 23   | 16   | 22   | 6   | 8   | 10  | 15.00   | 54.29     |
| 15 | 32   | 22   | 14   | 17   | 2   | 12  | 10  | 12.00   | 46.58     |
| 16 |      | 7    | 6    | 6    | 1   | 10  | 8   | 5.00    | 35.51     |
| 17 | 40   |      |      |      |     |     |     |         | 92.67     |
| 18 |      | 33   | 24   | 29   | 30  | 9   | 12  | 6.00    | 99.60     |
| 19 | 54   | 45   | 30   | 47   | 11  | 12  | 1   | 18.00   | 194.96    |
| 20 | 136  | 99   | 83   | 112  | 33  | 10  | 11  | 20.00   | 66.11     |
| 21 | 19   | 18   | 13   | 14   | 5   | 14  | 8   | 8.00    | 57.52     |
| 22 | 27   | 18   | 4    | 25   | 2   | 6   | 6   | 4.00    |           |
|    | 1663 | 1495 | 1054 | 1051 | 286 | 182 | 168 | \$26.00 | \$4229.74 |
|    |      |      | 654  | 1159 |     | 18  | 18  |         |           |
|    |      |      |      |      |     | 12  | 12  |         |           |
|    |      |      |      |      |     | 3   | 25  |         |           |

District No. 8, in Hopkinton. Number of Scholars from Concord, 12. Amount of money from Concord, \$3.97.

BOOKS USED. *Spelling*—Town's Speller and Definer, Webster's Spelling Book. *Reading*—Town's Series, Swan's do., Porter's Rhetorical Reader, Monitorial Reader, Popular Lessons. *Grammar*—Weld's, Wells', Smith's and Sanborn's. *Geography*—Smith's Quarto, Morse's. *Arithmetic*—Adams' New, Greenleaf's Series, Davies' and Colbourn's.

REMARKS. The committee have not been able to obtain full and accurate reports from all the schools under their supervision. This is owing to the remissness of teachers and prudential committees. In reference to the sums of money set opposite each district, they include the money received from school fund. The amount raised by the town is \$4000·00—School fund, \$229·74.

We certify the foregoing to be a true statement.

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| WINTHROP FIFIELD,<br>SAMUEL T. CATLIN,<br>LYMAN D. STEVENS. | } | Superintending<br>School Committee<br>of Concord. |
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March 12, 1849.

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APPOINTMENTS by the Selectmen, March 24, 1849.
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

WINTHROP FIFIELD, LYMAN D. STEVENS and SAMUEL T. CATLIN.

THOMAS CHADBOURNE, *Physician at the Town Farm.*

MOSES GILL, *Overseer of the Town Farm and Keeper of the House of Correction.*

Fire Department.

LUTHER ROBY, *Chief Engineer.*

True Osgood, L. K. Peacock, G. N. Damon, Charles H. Reed, Gilbert Perkins, Cyrus Robinson, Stephen Brown, Geo. H. H. Silsby, N. B. Baker, D. A. Hill, John Abbot, Nathaniel Rolfe and Henry M. Moore, *Assistant Engineers.*