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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 fifty, under the first article in the Warrant, which was in the following words, viz. :

“ART. I.—To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting,”—

The following votes were given in for Moderator :—

Whole number of tickets cast,	1442
Nathaniel B. Baker had	790 votes.
Joseph G. Wyatt had	649 “
Nathaniel White had	1
John L. Tallant had	1
George F. Sanborn had	1

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.

Voted, To consider the third, fourth and seventh articles together.

“ART. III.—To bring in your votes for Governor, Councillor for the District of Rockingham, Senator for the fourth Senatorial District, Register of Deeds, County Treasurer, and Road Commissioners for the County of Merrimack.”

In pursuance to the foregoing article the following tickets were given in

For Governor.

Whole number of tickets cast,	1504
Samuel Dinsmoor had	800 votes.
Levi Chamberlain had	546 "
Nathaniel S. Berry had	155 "
Daniel Webster had	1
Herman M. Rolfe had	1
Reuben G. Wyman had	1

For Councillor.

Whole number of tickets cast,	1497
Greenleaf Clark had	801 votes.
Edmund Worth had	694 "
Joel C. Danforth had	1
Peter Jones had	1

For Senator.

Whole number of tickets cast,	1500
Joseph Clough, 3d, had	802 votes.
John Batchelder had	545 "
John L. French had	153 "

For County Treasurer.

Whole number of tickets cast,	1502
Mitchel Gilmore, jr., had	799 votes.
Moses Colby had	546 "
Jeremy Y. Bryant had	155 "
William P. Foster had	1
Joseph A. Gilmore had	1

For Register of Deeds.

Whole number of tickets cast,	1801
George Jones had	806 votes.
David Watson had	541 "
Jacob S. Harvey had	152 "
Mitchel Gilmore, jr., had	1
William Hoit had	1

For Road Commissioners.

Whole number of tickets cast,	1500
True George had	800 votes.
Ira Osgood had	798 "
John S. Craig had	797 "
Charles Stinson had	545 "
James McCrillis had	544 "
Enoch Coffin had	541 "
Aaron W. Baker had	153 "
Andrew Taylor had	152 "
Jason H. Ames had	151 "
Thomas Elliott had	2 "
Scientific Asaph Abbot had	1
Henry Cabbage Plant Martin had	1
Bass Viol Barker had	1
J. C. Calhoun had	1
Benjamin Grover had	1
A. G. Savory had	1
L. D. Brown had	1

“ART. IV.—To choose Representatives to represent this town in the General Court of this State, to be held at Concord on the first Wednesday of June next.”

In pursuance to the above article the following tickets were given in

For Representatives to General Court.

Whole number of tickets cast,	1505
Necessary to a choice,	753
Charles H. Norton had	809 votes.
Nathaniel B. Baker had	809 "
Cyrus Hill had	806 "
George F. Sanborn had	794 "
Perley Cleaves had	792 "
John L. Tallant had	791 "
Ebenezer Symmes had	772 "
Samuel Knowlton had	688 "
Abraham Prescott had	639 "

James Hall had	575 votes.
Nathaniel White had	503 "
Augustine C. Pierce had	496 "
Stephen Brown had	491 "
Hazen Virgin had	489 "
Caleb Parker had	200 "
David M. Dearborn had	121 "
Silas G. Sylvester had	109 "
John Titcomb had	104 "
Joel S. Morrill had	104 "
Moses T. Willard had	89 "
Jeremiah S. Noyes had	87 "
Harry Houston had	82 "
John Sawyer had	8 "
William P. Ford had	8 "
Julius Cone had	2 "
James H. Hayes had	1
C. A. Pike had	1
Chase Hill had	1
Moses Cass had	1
Limbath Carlile had	1
Nathan Call had	1
J. Sanborn had	1
Sam Chase had	1
D. Dearborn had	1
Mitchel Gilmore, jr., had	1
Bos Cumins had	1
J. Gutt had	1
Theodore French had	1
Joseph Alden had	1
J. G. Wyatt had	1
C. H. Mason had	1
Nat Abbot had	1
Onslow Stearns had	1
Charles N. Mason had	1
Charles E. Norton had	1
David A. Ward had	1
David Allison had	1
Asa McFarland had	1
B. Franklin Gale had	1
Joseph C. A. Hill had	1

And PERLEY CLEAVES, CYRUS HILL, CHARLES H. NORTON, JOHN L. TALLANT, GEORGE F. SANBORN, NATHANIEL B. BAKER and EBENEZER SYMMES, having each a majority of all the votes given in, were declared by the Moderator duly elected.

“ART. VII.—To take the sense of the qualified voters on the following question, to wit: ‘Is it expedient to alter the Constitution?’”

The votes stood as follows:—

Yeas,	1173
Nays,	163

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 1850.

Met according to adjournment.

“ART. II.—To choose a Clerk, and all other Town Officers, for the year ensuing.”

In pursuance to the above article the following tickets were given in

For Selectmen.

Whole number of tickets cast,	1371
Necessary to a choice,	686
Moses H. Farnum had	857 votes.
Isaac Virgin had	727 “
Atkinson Webster had	717 “
John C. Pillsbury had	714 “
Joseph Robinson had	690 “
Samuel Clifford had	610 “
Nathan Stickney had	593 “
John Abbot had	525 “
Amos B. Currier had	501 “

John Batchelder had	495 votes.
Jeremiah S. Noyes had	141 "
Asa Fowler had	137 "
Caleb Parker had	5 "
John Whipple had	2 "
Old Bill Jones had	2 "
Geo. H. H. Silsby had	1
Ebenezer Symmes had	1
J. H. Noyes had	1
E. Symmes had	1
John Sawyer had	1
M. Carter had	1
Hazen Virgin had	1
Daniel Gale had	1
Samuel Houston had	1
Enos Blake had	1
John Eastman had	1
William Wallis had	1
Sam Johns had	1
Secret Inspector Billy French had	1
John F. Brown had	1
Samuel Knowlton had	1
Abraham Prescott had	1
R. Bradley had	1
Charles K. West had	1
Shadrach Seavey had	1
Daniel Dunlap had	1
A. C. Holt had	1
Calvin Smart had	1
Leonard Holt had	1

And JOSEPH ROBINSON, MOSES H. FARNUM, ISAAC VIRGIN, JOHN C. PILLSBURY, ATKINSON WEBSTER, having each a majority of all the votes given in, were declared by the Moderator duly elected, and took the oath by law prescribed.

Ballot for Town Clerk.

Whole number of tickets cast,	1369
Necessary to a choice,	685
John P. Johnson had	687 votes.

George H. H. Silsby had	562 votes.
William D. Robinson had	118 "
Paste Webster had	1
Old Brang Bean had	1

And JOHN P. JOHNSON, 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.

For Highway Surveyors.

William Roby,	Ira Abbot,
Simeon Farnum, jr.,	John Carter,
Thompson Tenney,	George B. Elliot,
Robert M. Adams,	Benjamin Coffin, jr., for the
William Pecker,	north half of No. 27.
Henry Thacher,	Richard Hoit, for the south
Thomas Eastman,	half of No. 27.
Freeman Ferrin,	Humphrey Carter,
Ichabod Weeks,	Reuben K. Abbot,
John B. Fisk,	Alpheus Proctor,
Henry L. Elliott,	William Abbot,
Robert Knowlton,	Hiram Farnum,
Samuel H. Dow,	Franklin Emerson,
David Sargent,	David Abbot, jr.,
Abira Fisk,	John Sawyer, 2d,
Charles Hall,	Benjamin Morrill, jr.
James Weeks,	

For Constables.

Abraham Bean,	John Abbot,
Charles Smart,	Enoch H. Dow,
Simon G. Davis,	Rufus D. Scales,
Harry Houston,	Lowell Eastman,
Horatio N. Harvey,	James Hoit,
John C. Pillsbury,	Charles A. W. Folsom,
Isaac Eastman,	Hiram Dow.

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

Auditors of Town Accounts.

Paul Wentworth,		Lewis Downing,
Stephen C. Badger,		Samuel Coffin.
Jonathan E. Lang,		

Fence Viewers.

Moses Shute, John Abbot and James Frye.

Cullers of Staves.

Gilbert Perkins,		Samuel Curtis,
William Haywood,		Leonard Bill.

Surveyors of Lumber.

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

And Horatio N. Harvey and J. S. Noyes, being present, took the oath by law prescribed.

Corders of Wood.

Philip Sargent,
 Cyrus Robinson,
 Enos Blake,
 George F. Sanborn,
 John Batchelder,
 George Abbot,
 John Abbot,
 John C. Pillsbury,
 William H. Allen,
 Marshall 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,
 John M. Dearborn,
 Charles A. W. Folsom,
 John B. Fisk,
 Cyrus Hill,
 Elliot Chickering,
 N. H. Sanborn.

Weighers of Hay.

Isaac Eastman,
 M. C. Cutchins,
 George Dame,
 N. H. Sanborn,
 George W. Brown,
 Francis A. Fisk,

Cyrus Robinson,
 John Pettingill,
 James Woolson,
 W. P. Hardy,
 John M. Dearborn,
 John Putney.

Sealers of Leather.

Cyrus Robinson,
 Enos Blake,
 Chase Hill,

Jacob P. Sanders,
 William Gilman,
 B. F. Dow.

Sealers of Weights and Measures.

A. B. Currier, Jacob Carter, Ivory Hall and Abiel Rolfe.

Pound Keepers.

Simeon Abbot, Hiram Farnum, Moses Gill.

CLERK OF THE MARKET—Reuben G. Wyman.

HAYWARD—Richard Bradley.

“ART. V.—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of Schools, for the building and repairing highways and bridges, and to defray all other town charges the current year, and make appropriation of the same.”

Under the above article,—

Voted, To raise the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars, to defray the necessary charges and expenses of the town the ensuing year; and the same, together with the sum on hand, and the sums which may be received for tax on Railroads and Railroad stock, be appropriated as follows :—

For the support of paupers, six hundred dollars;

For the services and rations of the militia, five hundred and fifty dollars;

To pay the interest on the parsonage and charitable fund, two hundred thirty-one dollars;

Superintending school committee, one hundred and fifty dollars;

Fire department, five hundred dollars;

Office rent and fuel for selectmen, eighteen dollars;

Costs and professional services, one hundred and fifty dollars;

Services and expenses of selectmen and town clerk, six hundred dollars;

Police and health expenses, two hundred dollars;

For laying out and repairing roads, building and repairing bridges, and damage for defect of highways, two thousand five hundred dollars;

For incidental expenses, one hundred and fifty dollars: and that the balance be appropriated toward re-building the Free Bridge.

Voted, That a sum of money be raised, in addition to the sum required by law to be raised, as shall amount to four thousand dollars, for the support of schools the current year; and that the committee having in charge the town funds be instructed to collect and pay over to the select-

men the sum of three hundred dollars of the school fund which shall constitute a part of the four thousand dollars, and that the same be divided among the several school districts in the same manner as last year.

Voted, To raise four thousand dollars for the building and repairing highways and bridges, to be laid out in labor at ten cents per hour.

Voted, That we approve of the action of the selectmen in purchasing land for an engine house at Fisherville.

Voted, That the report of the auditors of accounts for 1849-50, be accepted.

[For Report see page 19.]

“ART. VI.—To see what disposition the town will make of the Parsonage, School, Literary and surplus revenue funds.”

Upon the above article,—

Voted, That the report of the committee having in charge the various funds belonging to the town be accepted.

[For Report see page 22.]

Voted, That the income arising from the parsonage fund be distributed as last year.

Voted, That the share of the literary fund received by the town, be divided equally among the several school districts in town.

Voted, That the committee having in charge the surplus revenue fund, collect two notes amounting to about eight hundred dollars, and pay the same over to the town towards building the Free Bridge.

“ART. VIII.—To see what action the town will take to render the crossings of the highways in town by the several Railroads more safe and practicable.”

Upon the above,—

Voted, That the Concord and Claremont Railroad, the Northern Railroad, and the Boston, Concord and Montreal

Railroad, be required to secure the crossing or intersection of their respective railroads with the public highway in this town, known as the Free Bridge road, by the construction of bridges of said railroads, respectively at the points of intersection, for the proper accommodation of the public.

Voted, That the Town Clerk serve the Clerks of said railroad corporations respectively with an attested copy of the preceding vote as soon as practicable.

Voted, That the Boston, Concord and Montreal Railroad be required to secure the intersection of their railroad with the highway near the easterly end of Federal Bridge, that the Northern Railroad be required to secure the intersection of their railroad with the highway near Horse Shoe Pond, and the Concord and Claremont Railroad be required to secure the intersection of their railroad with the highway near Horse Shoe Pond, with the highway near the Mast Yard, and with the highway near Benjamin Farnum's, by the erection and maintenance of a gate or gates, and with the highway near the West Concord Depot, by a bridge at the said several points of intersection.

Voted, That the Town Clerk serve the Clerks of said corporations respectively with an attested copy of the preceding vote as soon as practicable.

“ART. IX.—To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate one thousand dollars to purchase a fire engine and other apparatus, for the use of Company No. 3, to be located near the shop of J. S. Abbot, in Concord.”

Under the above,—

Voted, That the report of the Chief Engineer be accepted.

[For Report see page 25.]

Voted, That a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars be raised and appropriated for the purchase of a fire engine, hose and other apparatus, for the use of Engine Co. No. 3, to be located near J. S. Abbot's shop,—Provided

that if, in the judgment of the selectmen and Chief Engineer of the fire department, such additional engine shall, by a change of circumstances before the first of July next become unnecessary, said sum shall not be expended therefor.

“ART. X.—To see what action the town will take in relation to the establishment and perpetual maintenance of a public library for the use of all the inhabitants thereof, and what sum of money, if any, they will raise and appropriate for that purpose.”

Voted, That the subject matter of the above article be referred to a committee of five, to report at the next town meeting.

The committee consist of Sylvester Dana, Asa Fowler, Jacob A. Potter, Moses Shute and Abel Baker.

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

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THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 1850.

Met according to adjournment.

“ART. XI.—To see what action the town will take in relation to repairing or re-building the Free Bridge, and whether they will adopt any plan for that purpose.”

Under the above article,—

Voted, That the re-building of the Free Bridge be referred to the selectmen, with instructions to advertise for proposals for doing the work; and that they contract the same to the lowest responsible bidder or bidders, at their discretion; the faithful execution of the contract or contracts for doing said work, to be determined by some competent engineer therein agreed upon; and that they be authorized and directed to embrace, in the contract or contracts they shall make, a provision for selling the materials

now on hand to the highest bidder or bidders, or to use the same in the construction of the bridge, and that in giving out the contract they shall consider these two propositions, for the work and the stone together.

“ART. XII.—To see if the town will vote to purchase a new Hearse and burying cloth for the use of the West Parish, and raise and appropriate money for that purpose.”

Under the above article,—

Voted, That a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars be raised and appropriated to purchase a new Hearse and burying cloth to be used at the West Parish.

“ART. XIII.—To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate to repair the Town House, or erect a new one.”

Under the above article voted as follows :—

Voted, That the further consideration of the article be referred to the selectmen with full power to make such repairs to the town house as they may think best.

“ART. XIV.—To see if the town will vote to pay for winding up the clock on the Baptist meeting house, for the two past years and the year to come, and appropriate money for that purpose.”

Voted, That the above article be dismissed.

“ART. XV.—To see what action the town will take on the petition in favor of Jesse Garvin of Chichester.”

Voted, That the above article be dismissed.

“ART. XVI.—To see if the town will vote to authorize some person or persons, to pur-

chase or hire a piece of land for the purpose of erecting a house upon for an engine, fire hooks and ladders, at some point between Centre and Warren streets, and raise and appropriate money for that purpose.”

Under the above article,—

Voted, That a committee of three be appointed with full power to purchase or hire a piece of land for erecting a house for Engine No. 4, and for Hooks and Ladders.

Committee, Joseph B. Walker, Seth Eastman and Nathan S. Chandler.

“**ART. XVII.**—To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to require all the taxable inhabitants of said town to give in the invoice of their taxable property under the sanction of an oath.”

Under the above article,—Mr. Edward Gould introduced the following resolution, which was referred to the selectmen :

Resolved, That the selectmen be hereby instructed to require all the taxable inhabitants of this town to give in the invoice of their taxable property under oath, and tax all money on hand or at interest to the full amount of what a person is found to possess, over and above his indebtedness, as the law directs.

“**ART. XVIII.**—To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint a superintendent of highways for the three centre highway districts of this town, in place of the highway surveyors as now appointed, and fix the compensation therefor, or make such other alteration as the town may deem expedient, in regard to said districts.”

Voted, That the above article be dismissed.

“ART. XIX.—To see if the town will build a reservoir on South street, near Fayette street, and raise and appropriate money therefor.”

Under the above article,—

Voted, That a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars be raised and appropriated under the direction of the Selectmen and Chief Engineer, to build a reservoir on South street, and that the location be settled by the Board of Engineers.

“ART. XX.—To see if the town will build reservoirs in streets where reservoirs are wanted, and raise and appropriate money therefor.”

Voted, That the above article be dismissed.

“ART. XXI.—To see what action the town will take in relation to the claim of the heirs of the late Deacon Joseph Hall.”

Under the above article,—

Voted, That the report of the committee to whom the matter was referred be accepted by the town, and that the same be published with the proceedings of this town meeting.

[For Report see page 26.]

“ART. XXII.—To see what action the town will take in relation to the damage to the town farm in consequence of the turning of Merrimack river by the Northern Railroad corporation.”

Voted, That the subject matter embraced in the above article be referred to a committee consisting of Joseph P. Stickney, Ira Rowell and Seth Eastman.

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 November session, 1848.

Voted, That the selectmen be directed to cause the warrant for the next annual town meeting, to be published in the several newspapers printed in town.

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 this meeting be dissolved.

JOHN P. JOHNSON, *Town Clerk*.

REPORTS.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

THE undersigned, Auditors of Accounts for the year 1849-50, for the town of Concord, 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 statement of the accounts:

Receipts.

Cash on hand, March 1849,	\$4767 68
Taxes assessed and committed A. Bean, Coll'r,	16513 54
Cash of John Hook, conditional exempt,	3 00
“ Showmen for licenses,	200 00
“ State Treasurer, literary fund,	217 87
“ Merrimack County, for paupers,	509 07
“ Patrick Farmer, interest L. Bell's note,	27 45
“ Savings Bank, interest,	10 00
“ State Treasurer, railroad tax,	4130 25
“ A. Fowler, interest on funds,	215 55

\$26594 41

Which is accounted for as follows:—

Paid State Treasurer,	\$1705 20
“ County “	1871 58
“ School orders,	6217 87
“ School house tax, No. 3,	275 00
“ “ “ 9,	350 00
“ “ “ 10,	832 00
“ “ “ 20,	200 00
“ repairs of roads and bridges at Fisherville,	2642 83
“ “ of Free Bridge,	1995 55
“ “ of roads and bridges in other parts of town,	1005 05
“ for support of paupers,	1129 14
“ Engine, Engine House, land, &c., at Fish- erville,	1153 29
“ repairs of engines, &c.,	20 00
“ for resevoir near Infirmary building,	164 05
“ services of engine men, No. 2,	63 00
“ “ “ 3,	24 00
“ “ “ 4,	63 00
“ “ “ 6,	27 50
“ balance of account of Luther Roby, Chief Engineer,	158 97
“ to soldiers, for services prior to 1849,	25 00
“ “ “ in 1849,	243 00
“ “ for rations in 1849,	269 50
“ abatement of taxes and errors,	190 64
“ non resident receipts for highway taxes,	16 58
“ A. Bean, commission for collecting taxes,	225 00
“ Superintending School Committee,	199 50
“ health officers and removal of nuisances,	32 50
“ Asa Fowler, interest parsonage fund,	175 92
“ Mary G. Stickney, interest female charitable fund,	50 00
“ Asa Fowler, care of funds,	5 00
“ insurance,	5 96
“ printing and stationery,	122 07
“ fencing burying grounds, repairs, &c.,	168 99
“ office rent and fuel,	16 62
“ damages for defects in highways,	17 50
“ William Smith, for horse,	75 00

Paid temperance committee, services and expen's,	73	00
“ S. C. Badger, surveyor,	3	00
“ repairs of town farm,	12	27
“ “ town house,		75
“ Seth Eastman, sealer weights and measures,	1	50
“ perambulating town lines, &c.,	10	34
“ Asa Fowler, professional services,	51	36
“ Ira Perley, “ “	15	00
“ John Whipple, “ “	12	05
“ constables and police officers,	50	96
“ auditors and expenses,	7	75
“ George H. H. Silsby, town clerk,	74	77
“ Nathan Stickney, selectman,	248	06
“ Reuben Goodwin, Jr., “	98	75
“ John Abbott, “	150	25
In hands of Treasurer,	1668	12
In hands of A. Bean, Collector,	2379	67

\$26594 41

The town owe for the various funds of the town the sum of	13661	94
Concord Female Charitable Society,	833	34
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		14495 28
Due the town on Leonard Bell's note,	457	50
Balance of cash on hand,	4047	79
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		4505 29

\$9989 99

The cash expenditures for the support of the poor the past year, over and above what has been received for that purpose, amounts to the sum of	620	07
Deduct increase of value of stock at town farm,	23	54
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		\$596 53

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

The average number of paupers at the farm during the

past year has been about 18 $\frac{3}{4}$. The affairs of the farm appear to have been well managed by Mr. Gill.

MITCHEL GILMORE, JR., }
STEPHEN BROWN, } *Auditors.*
N. B. BAKER, }

March 6, 1850.

TOWN FUNDS.

The Committee having in charge the various funds belonging to the town of Concord, respectfully submit the following statement of the amount and present condition of those funds :

Parsonage Fund.

The original amount of this fund was	\$5335 51
Land afterwards sold,	237 50
Paid extra dividend on old Merrimack County Bank stock in 1846,	50 00

Amounting in all to	\$5623 01
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Which is now invested as follows :

13 shares in Concord Bank, cost	\$1326 25
4 shares in Mechanicks Bank, cost	400 00
Note, Feb. 27, 1849, R. E. Pecker, J. E. Lang and Wm. Pecker,	964 77
Loaned town, on certificates of select- men,	2931 99

Amounting to	\$5623 01
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Deducting as worthless Concord Bank stock,	1326 25
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There remains an available parsonage fund of	\$4296 76
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The income of this fund for 1849, was as follows :

Dividends from stock in Mechanicks Bank, ord'y,	\$28 00
Interest on note of R. E. Pecker and others,	57 89
Interest on loan to town,	175 92

Amounting to	\$261 81
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This sum was appropriated by the selectmen and paid to religious societies as follows:

East Society,	\$18 14	Episcopal Society,	\$18 21
West “	23 70	First Christian Baptist,	6 24
North “	44 82	Second “ “	3 69
South “	34 19	Freewill Baptist,	5 10
Unitarian “	23 29	Universalist “	24 68
Baptist “	28 50	Congregational at	
Baptist at Fisherville,	9 55	Fisherville,	6 76
Methodist Society,	14 94		
		Total,	\$261 81

Since this dividend was made, there have been received the following sums:

Extra dividend on stock in Mechanicks Bank, beyond last year,	\$2 00
Extra dividend on stock in old Merrimack County Bank, final,	10 00
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Amounting to	\$12 00
Which now is on hand, for distribution next year.	

School Fund.

The available School Fund, reported in March, 1849, was	\$6486 15
Interest past year, about	389 16
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Making a present available School Fund of about	\$6875 31

This fund is invested as follows:

10 shares in Concord Bank, cost	\$1020 25
Note, R. H. Ayer and A. G. Gale, Sept. 25, 1848,	884 70
Ex'on vs. Isaac Hill, R. H. Ayer and A. G. Gale, (partly satisfied by levy) April 6, 1849,	946 93
Loaned town on certificates of select- men,	3357 14
Interest, due on note of R. H. Ayer and A. G. Gale, about	54 67

Interest due on Ex'on vs. Isaac Hill and others, about	52 08	
Interest, due on loan to town, about	157 79	
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Making in all	\$7895 56	
From which deduct worthless Concord Bank stock,	1020 25	
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And there remains an available School Fund of about		\$6875 31

Surplus Revenue Fund.

This fund is invested as follows :

Balance due on Execution against Concord Bank,	\$1202 70	
Loaned to town, on certificates of selectmen,	5351 24	
Interest, on loan to town, about	1102 17	
Note, Aaron Shute, Dec. 10, 1844, secured by mortgage,	40 00	
Interest on same from Dec. 10, 1847, about	5 50	
Note, H. M. Robinson, April 25, 1848, secured by mortgage and collateral,	700 00	
Int. on same from April 1, 1848, about	97 00	
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Making an aggregate of	\$8498 61	
Deducting as worthless, Concord Bank Ex'on,	1202 70	
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There remains an available Surplus Revenue Fund of about		\$7295 91

ASA FOWLER,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
F. N. FISK,		
SETH EASTMAN,		

Concord, March 11, 1850.

CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT.

The undersigned has received from the Selectmen, the past year, \$158 94

Which has been expended as follows:

Paid Savory & Co., painting and repairs of Engine No. 2.	30 00
“ S. M. Griffin, axe handle, &c.,	50
“ Chase Hill, sole leather,	1 75
“ J. D. A. West, work,	1 50
“ F. N. Fisk, oil and candles,	50
“ E. H. Rollins, oil for hose,	4 50
“ John Emerson, straps and belts,	50
“ John Emerson, belts and bucket,	1 80
“ Porter & Rolfe, wrench,	2 75
“ F. N. Fisk, sundries,	4 42
“ P. Carey, W. Roby, Jr. and S. L. Emerson, oiling hose and work on engine,	15 00
“ Willard Williams, repairs No. 3,	1 87
“ J. D. Johnson, oiling hose, &c., No. 4,	5 50
“ George N. Damon, repairs No. 4,	14 50
“ N. H. Sanborn, repairs No. 6,	10 50
“ Chs. T. Seavey, lumber and building over engine house No. 7,	32 00
“ John Wheeler, men and oxen at Butterfield's fire,	2 00
“ Page & Lear, watchmen at do.	2 50
“ G. H. H. Silsby, printing badges, &c.,	14 35
“ Stephen Brown, for Ladder,	2 50
“ services of chief engineer, one year,	10 00
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Making	\$158 94

An appropriation of five hundred dollars was made at the annual meeting, 1849, for the purchase of fire hooks, ladders and carriage; and another appropriation of four hundred dollars was made at the same meeting, to repair or build over Engine House No. 4. The selectmen and chief engineer have not been able to comply with the votes of the town, relative to the before named appropriations, as the town owns no land on which to place a build-

ing of suitable dimensions to contain the hooks and ladders, and Engine No. 4, and they did not feel authorized to purchase land, without a vote of the town, authorizing the same.

LUTHER ROBY, *Chief Engineer.*

HEIRS OF JOSEPH HALL.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of the claim of the heirs of the late Joseph Hall, report the following facts in relation to the same :

That Joseph Hall, on the 27th of May, 1807, devised to the town of Concord, a certain tract of land, in terms as follows, viz: "I give to the town of Concord, my lot of land, at the Rocky Pond, (so called,) for the use and support of the Congregational gospel minister, who shall exercise the duties of that office where the meeting house now stands, forever." His will containing this clause was duly proved at Exeter, July 6th, 1807, and the town of Concord entered upon and took possession of the land, and for many years appropriated the income of the land in aid of the support of the Congregational minister of the town, whose meetings were then holden at the old North Meeting-House.

From an early period in the settlement of the town, a minister of the Congregational order had been settled, and supported by the town, by a tax assessed on the poles and estates of the inhabitants. Under a contract of this description, Rev. Timothy Walker was ordained Nov. 18th, 1730, and was succeeded by Rev. Israel Evans, July 1, 1789, and by Dr. Asa McFarland, March 7, 1798. Under these contracts, the town constituted one parish, and at each annual meeting an article was inserted in the warrant, "to see what money the town would raise for the supply of the pulpit," and an annual appropriation was made for this purpose.

On the 11th of July, 1824, Dr. McFarland addressed a letter to the town, requesting that his ministerial contract

with them might terminate at the close of the then current fiscal year of the town at the ensuing March; and at the annual meeting in March, 1825, the town voted to comply with his request, and the contract was thereby dissolved. Since that period no money has ever been raised by the town, in the capacity of a parish, or for the support of preaching.

On the 23d of March, 1825, Rev. Nathaniel Bouton was ordained as pastor over the former Congregational Church, in connection with a society which was then recently organized as the First Congregational Society of Concord. This church and society continued to worship at the old North Meeting-House, in the same manner as before, until the 22d of November, 1842, at which time the new North Meeting-House was dedicated. This meeting-house is situated on Main street, about eighty rods south of the old North Meeting-House. Since the dedication of this house, the First Congregational Church and Society have worshipped at this house, and the old North Meeting-House has not been occupied for purposes of religious worship in connection with any Congregational Society.

The old meeting-house was conveyed by the town, to the First Congregational Society, the 5th of July, 1828, and has since been conveyed by the society to the Methodist General Biblical Institute, so long as it shall be occupied for the purposes of that institution, with the provision, if it shall cease to be used by them for such purposes, it shall revert to the society.

On the 29th of September, 1827, it was voted by the town, "that Robert Davis, Samuel Coffin and Samuel Herbert, who are assessors of the First Congregational Society in Concord, be a committee to sell and convey the lot of land at Rocky Pond, so called, which was devised to said town by the late Deacon Joseph Hall, for the use and support of the Congregational gospel minister who shall exercise the duties of that office where the meeting-house then stood, forever, and that they be, and hereby are authorized to make and execute, in behalf of the town of Concord, all necessary conveyances, discharges, and receipts to effect the same, and that said committee be di-

rected to vest, or secure the proceeds of such sale, to be a permanent fund, the interest of which shall be applied for the purpose for which said lot of land was devised."

The said committee, reciting the power and authority given to them by the town for this purpose, agreeably to the foregoing vote, on the 16th of Feb'y, 1828, conveyed the land, devised to the town as aforesaid, to Obed Shattuck, for the sum of *five hundred and seventy-five dollars*.

We are unable to find any report, of the proceedings of the committee, on the town books in relation to this sale, but are informed that the securities received by them were subsequently delivered, either by this committee or by the selectmen of the town, with the assent of the town, to the First Congregational Society, and that the amount due on them has been received by the society, and from time to time has been expended by them for the purposes of the society, until it is believed the whole has been expended ; but the precise amount of this expenditure, and how much was expended before the discontinuance of public worship by the society, at the old North Meeting-House, and how much since, the committee have been unable to ascertain.

The committee have thus reported all the facts, so far as they have been able to ascertain them, in relation to this subject, in order to enable the town to act understandingly upon them.

All which is respectfully submitted,

N. G. UPHAM,	} Committee.
RICHARD BRADLEY,	
JOSEPH LOW,	

March 12, 1850.

ANNUAL REPORT

Of the Superintending School Committee, for the year ending March 4, 1850.

THE committee, to whom was intrusted the charge of the public schools of the town, for the past year, respectfully submit the following report :

It will be our aim, by a few brief remarks upon each school, to convey a just impression of its character and the merits of its teacher.

District No. 1.

The *Summer School* in this district was taught by Miss Eliza Diamond. The order and deportment of the scholars were commendable; the teacher was faithful in the discharge of her duty, as appeared in the correct and prompt answers of the pupils, at the examination of the school near its close. The school was in some degree intercepted by the prevalence of sickness among the scholars.

The *Winter School* commenced under the charge of Mr. Thomas Montgomery, whom we considered well qualified to discharge the duties of a teacher. Owing, as we believe, *wholly* to the disposition of some scholars to make disturbance, and trouble the teacher, it soon became evident to him that his connection with the school, longer, would be of no benefit; he accordingly left at the close of the first month. Had the parents of those bad scholars coöperated with the teacher in restraining their waywardness, instead of looking on in cold indifference or approbation, this difficulty would not have occurred.

The remainder of the term was kept by Mr. Reuben Morrill. This teacher did not maintain as good discipline as desirable. From the examination of the pupils, at the close of the term, we could not see much advancement since the last year. We were pleased to meet some of the parents at the examination before mentioned.

The teachers in their reports say that there is a want of interest on the part of some of the members of the district; that suitable books were not provided for their children,

and that many of the scholars are irregular in their attendance.

District No. 2.

The *Summer Term* was kept by Miss M. J. Fowler. We were much pleased with the quietness, good order, and evident interest in study, which we observed in this school.

The *Winter Term* commenced under the charge of Mr. Calvin Morse. Soon after its commencement, when the teacher had occasion to administer correction, four or five of the large boys interfered, with the evident intent of using violence. The committee were called upon to investigate the affair. It was decided that the offenders should remain in school, they having promised to conform to all the reasonable regulations of the school. This engagement, however, was soon broken; every means having been used to annoy the teacher and disturb the school. They were dismissed from school, at which time the teacher left also. We have never, in all our observation, seen worse conduct on the part of scholars, and it is our belief that unless there is more interest felt in that district and a more hearty support of the teacher, on the part of parents, in maintaining discipline and subordination, the school will be worthless.

District No. 3.

This district, having adopted the "Somersworth Act," did not come under the supervision of the town committee. At the request of that district committee we incorporate their report with our own.

"Our district, at the commencement of the present year, adopted the "Somersworth Act," and appointed, agreeably to the provisions of that act, an independent superintending committee. We wish, however, the report of the state of our school, to go into the general report of the town. We have now two good school-houses. One has been erected during the past year at an expense of six hundred dollars. A private school of several weeks was kept in the spring by Miss Clara A. Brown. We then divided the district territorially. There were two schools kept in

Summer, for the term of ten weeks, by Misses A. B. Dow and Lovina D. Smith, which expended all the money in the hands of the district agent. Under a similar division of the district we had two schools supported by public money, in the autumn, for seven weeks.

“From our Winter school we excluded all scholars under nine years of age. The winter school has been tolerably successful; the scholars having made commendable progress in the studies to which they have attended. Miss Dow is a very respectable teacher, and Miss Brown is one of our best.

ASA P. TENNEY, *Ch. of Dist. Com.*”

District No. 4.

The present year has witnessed a great improvement in this school. The *Summer Term* and one month of the *Winter Term* were kept by Mrs. D. Hough. Under this teacher the pupils have been carefully and thoroughly instructed. Old books have been exchanged for new and more approved ones. The last nine weeks of the winter term was taught by Mr. Albert Abbott, who has fully sustained his reputation as a good teacher. Singing was introduced by Mr. Abbott, and with very pleasing effect.

District No. 5.

In this district no school was kept in the summer. The *Winter School* was taught by Mr. Samuel G. Lane. We have great satisfaction in saying of Mr. Lane, that he has taught an excellent school. The recitation of the class in Geometry would have done credit to any Academy. The number of scholars was small, and consequently could receive a large share of the teacher's attention.

District No. 6.

This school was under the instruction of Miss Sarah C. Atwood during the *Summer Term*. The number of scholars is very small. At our visits to this school, we observed an entire propriety in the department of the pupils, and a good degree of interest in study. Although the teacher had had no previous experience in teaching, yet she exhibit-

ed an aptness and earnestness, in the discharge of her duties, which deserve the recommendation of the committee.

The *Winter Term* was taught by Mr. Theodore French, Jr. This term was as profitable as any previous one. The teacher faithfully instructed his pupils. We are happy to report that his labors were satisfactory, both to the district and committee.

District No. 7.

The *Summer School* was kept by Miss Sarah P. Carter. We observed a lack of energy in this teacher and a want of thoroughness in her teaching. The scholars made tolerable progress.

The *Winter Term* was commenced by Mr. Thomas S. French. At the close of the fourth week of the school the teacher left. There was much dissatisfaction with the employment of this teacher, before the commencement of the school. Several scholars, taking advantage of this dislike, caused much disturbance, and the school became unprofitable.

The remainder of the term was kept by Mr. Carlos G. Harthorn. Under his management, things assumed a new appearance at once. The discipline of the school was very good. In his report, Mr. Harthorn says: "The general conduct of the school has been good, and I have had occasion to administer corporeal chastisement in but two or three instances. The manner in which the scholars had been taught, seemed calculated to develop their pride rather than intellect; the great object seeming to be to get the pupils through the books before the close of school, rather than to give them a thorough understanding of it. I labored to impress deeply on the minds of the scholars, the importance of fully understanding the principles involved in the studies pursued. And I have the pleasure of saying that close attention was given to my suggestions; and the advancement has been equal to my highest hopes." We would that every school might secure a teacher as efficient and successful as the last in No. 7.

District No. 8.

Miss Ann E. Webster, was the teacher during the *Summer Term*. We were well pleased with her method and success in teaching. Her report says: "The deportment of the scholars was good, and worthy of particular commendation. Rapid progress was made in the studies pursued, especially Arithmetic." In these statements we concur.

The *Winter School* was taught by Mr. L. J. Fitch. The number of scholars was small during this term, and with the exception of two or three large scholars, the school appeared quiet and orderly. The recitations in Arithmetic, Algebra, Physiology and Watts on the Mind, were unusually good. Two or three compositions were read which surprised us with the accuracy of thought and beauty of expression. This school was much better than the one last year.

District No. 9. (Merrimack School.)

This district is large in territory and fast increasing in population. A few years ago, the old brick school-house on West street, was found too small to accommodate the number of scholars then in the district, and a larger house has been erected on the corner of State and West streets. The house at present seats about two hundred and twenty-five pupils. But so fast has the population increased, that the building would not at any one time, during the past year, accommodate all the scholars who could legally attend there. Therefore it would seem necessary that some better provision be made for the constantly increasing number of pupils. The committee would suggest that several small houses be erected immediately on some streets distant from the present school-house, for primary schools. This plan seems preferable to a division of the district. During the last year, the first primary school has been under the charge of Miss Rachel Patten. The number of scholars was large, especially in the Winter term; yet the school was characterised throughout the year by thorough discipline and regularity. The introduction of singing had a very favorable influence upon the pupils; and

the school in every respect was greatly improved from the last year.

The Second Primary School continued but two terms, and was under the instruction of Miss Hannah Bell. It was composed of the smallest scholars and was admirably conducted. We have noticed but few schools which were governed with more mildness and ease—where the teacher retained in so great a degree the affections of the pupils.

The Higher Department was taught by Mr. Joseph C. Abbott, who has been connected with the school for two years and a half, and has had an opportunity to perfect its organization. Almost every branch of study was systematically arranged. The many kinds of books were reduced to one kind in each branch. The pupils were carefully classed in the various branches, according to their ability and attainments; the time for each recitation being marked out. The pupils habitually took their places in the classes, with precision and promptness, yet with an ease which, while it avoided the appearance of military stiffness, was plainly the result of care and thorough arrangement.

The pupils of the school are deserving of great credit for the thoroughness which they evinced in almost every branch. The teacher carefully stated the principles of whatever subject was before the class, presenting it in every way in which it could be made plain, leaving nothing unexplained which could be understood by the pupils. The school, although composed of different materials, was readily assimilated together and seemed to move on easily and without discordance. We say, without hesitation, that, in our belief, this school would not suffer in comparison with any school of the kind in the State.

At the close of the Winter term, the scholars had an exhibition. The pieces were selected with good taste, thoroughly committed and well spoken—some of them unusually so. One or two pieces of music were admirably sung by the young ladies. All things connected with the exhibition were conducted with propriety; the whole reflecting great credit upon the instructor and his pupils.

District No. 10.

This district comprises the most populous part of the village and contains a larger number of scholars than any other in town. The number of public schools kept through the year, was seven; four primary, two middle, and one advanced or high school. The difficulties with which the teachers have had to contend were neither few nor small, yet we are happy to say that they did much to overcome them, and the district may congratulate themselves that their schools have never been better than at the present time.

The First Primary School was under the charge of Miss Ann E. Page. We noticed a decided improvement in the order and quietness of this school, during the last year. The teacher displayed much skill in exciting an interest in her young pupils; and in all respects her labors are entitled to our commendation.

The Second Primary School was under the charge of Miss Mary W. Chickering. This school was kept in the vestry of the Free Will Baptist Church, a dark, damp room, quite unfit for such a purpose. In her report to the Committee, the teacher says:—"The room has been not only unpleasant and inconvenient, when contrasted with the other school-rooms in the district, but also considered apart from them. Being situated in the basement story, considerably lower than the surrounding ground, the water has found its way in at the door whenever a rain or thaw occurred; what has not escaped through holes in the floor, has remained standing about the room. If the parents were aware of the actual condition of the room, I am convinced they would remedy the evil without delay. The scholars have made commendable progress under the many disadvantages." We respectfully call the attention of the district to the statements made respecting this school-room.

The Third Primary School was taught in the Second Advent Meeting-House, by Miss Pamela A. Chapman. This school has been well instructed. The room is pleasantly situated and convenient. We believe Miss Chapman has given entire satisfaction.

The Fourth Primary School was taught by Miss S. L. Seavey. The room in which this school is kept is unfavorably situated, being greatly exposed to the noise of the scholars of the other schools, consequently it has been more difficult to fix the attention of the school upon their lessons. We have noticed an improvement in the behavior of the pupils, and an advancement in study. We think the teacher has labored hard to make the school what it should be.

The two Middle Schools were taught by Miss Martha J. Page and Miss Mary Ann Allison. The reputation and success of these teachers are so well known that we need not speak at length of their schools. We esteem it fortunate for any district to secure the services of such teachers.

The advanced school has been under the charge of Mr. R. W. Mason, during the year, with the exception of two or three weeks near the close of the last term, when he was obliged by ill health to be absent. He was assisted by Miss Louisa C. Foster and Miss Martha Eaton, who acquitted themselves with much credit. The system, regularity, and quietness which characterized the school, deserve particular notice. Whispering has been almost wholly excluded. In several instances the committee were called upon to dismiss scholars disobedient to the rules of the school. This school, as well as all the other schools in this district, has been greatly injured by the tardy and irregular attendance of some of the pupils. We believe the school has been ably and faithfully instructed, and that it has improved much during the past year. But while so large a number of scholars are associated together in one room, and those differing so much in age and attainments, no rules or regulations can be adopted that will be applicable to it as a whole.

We have never visited this school without being more and more deeply impressed with the importance of establishing a high school, to which the large and advanced scholars alone should be admitted. There seems to be an imperative necessity of enlarging the school-house, by raising it one story higher, or erecting two or three small houses, in different parts of the district, for the accommodation of the primary schools.

District No. 11.

Three schools have been kept during the year. The Primary School was under the instruction of Miss Ann Roby, who has been connected with this department for two or three years or more. The improvement has been very decided and satisfactory. This teacher possesses in an unusual degree the tact for managing and instructing young scholars.

The Middle Department was under the charge of Miss Susan R. Moulton. The Committee were well pleased with the appearance of this school, and believe the teacher has faithfully discharged her trust.

The Advanced School was taught by Miss G. H. Wadleigh, a lady of great energy and decision. The discipline was excellent, and the promptness and accuracy which characterized the recitations, showed a close attention on the part of the scholars, and thorough instruction on the part of the instructor.

The *Winter Term* of this school commenced under the charge of Mr. John B. Garland, who has had considerable experience in teaching. Owing to some misunderstanding between the teacher and prudential committee, Mr. Garland discontinued his connection with it at the close of the fourth week. The remainder of the term was kept by Mr. Gilbert Wadleigh, well known as an able and successful instructor of youth. Mr. Wadleigh has fully sustained his former reputation.

District No. 12.

This and District No. 19 were formerly one, and it would doubtless be for the interest of both were they reunited, as recommended by the Committee of last year. These districts greatly need better accommodations, and a different arrangement in their schools. Their houses are in a bad state, especially that in No. 12, which is not only very much out of repair, but most unpleasantly located. There are also too many branches of study attended to in these schools to be profitable under the instruction of *one* teacher.

Miss M. C. Clough taught the *Summer Term* in No. 12. Her school was large, and there was an unusual

number of small scholars, and though she labored hard, and did, as we believe, the best she could, yet there was not so good order in the school as is desirable. Nevertheless, those scholars who were disposed to learn, made commendable proficiency in their studies. Miss Clough has a mild and affectionate manner, and with a little more of energy in maintaining order, she would be a very fine teacher.

Mr. Ashby C. Morrill taught the *Winter Term*. It was his first attempt at teaching, and in consequence of his inexperience and the peculiar state and character of the school, he did not succeed in training the scholars to such habits of industry and order as were necessary to their greatest improvement. Still a portion of the school were disposed to improve, and these did well. Judging from the appearance of some of the scholars, we think there is a want of proper training at home. And certain it is, the order in the school, with a few exceptions, has not been what it should be for some time past. Mr. Morrill will doubtless do well as a teacher, should he turn his attention in that direction, and discipline himself for that purpose.

District No. 13.

There has been more of interest manifested in this district in behalf of the school, recently, than heretofore. The Committee were gratified to meet a goodly number of the citizens at the last examination. This was truly encouraging.

Miss Hannah H. Smart instructed the school during the *Summer Term*, and with commendable success. She would have done more and better, probably, had she been older, more experienced, and had higher compensation for her labor. As it was, the school appeared pretty well.

Mr. William H. Foster taught the *Winter School*. He is an old, experienced teacher, but behind the times in several particulars; especially in his pronunciation and manner of teaching reading. And though he deserves commendation in some things, yet there are many other teachers who are more accurate and thorough in their instruction, and more *safe* in their influence. The improvement

made in penmanship in this school, and the state of the writing-books, were deserving of great praise. Indeed, the scholars appeared well in other respects, considering the manner in which they had been instructed.

District No. 14.

This district is small. Yet a good degree of interest has been exhibited in behalf of education not only the last year, but previously. The character of the school, for a few years past at least, has generally been such as to be highly creditable, alike to parents, teachers, and scholars.

Miss Ellen Morrill, instructed during the *Summer Term*. And though young and inexperienced, yet her school appeared tolerably well. Some more scholars might have attended, and those who did attend, might have made greater improvement, if their teacher had been older and better acquainted with the art of instructing; still the school did as well as could have been expected under the circumstances. With proper care and discipline, Miss M. may become a fine teacher.

Mr. George S. Bradley, taught the *Winter School*. He gave pretty good satisfaction. Most of the scholars who attended school regularly, made commendable proficiency in their studies, and were orderly in their deportment. Mr. B. is a worthy young man; but, as a school teacher, he is a little wanting in energy and tact. This, however, he may remedy by careful training and further experience.

District No. 15.

This district, with a very few exceptions, has been unfortunate in its schools for several years past. At times the money expended was but little better than thrown away; and in some instances, perhaps, even worse. This seems to have been owing, partly, to a want of sufficient interest in the district properly to look after and provide for the welfare of the school; and partly, to the indiscretion of the prudential committees in employing unsuitable teachers—cheap, and in some instances very young, and inexperienced teachers. There has also, been great apparent indifference as to teachers being legally qualified be-

fore commencing their school ; and a like indifference as to the schools being visited and looked after by the superintending committee.

Miss Clara F. Potter, taught the *Summer School*, and with commendable success. She was young and inexperienced ; still her school appeared well. The scholars were generally disposed to be orderly and studious. And they made pretty good proficiency in their studies.

Mr. ——— Adams, commenced the *Winter School*, and proceeded a few weeks tolerably well. But subsequently difficulties arose, which he did not feel able to surmount ; and he left without finishing the term, or making any return to the committee. What those difficulties were, we have not been informed, further than that some of the larger scholars treated their teacher with great rudeness and disrespect.

District No. 16.

This is the smallest school in town. It has been instructed by Miss Rhoda F. Shute, who succeeded in giving entire satisfaction.

[From District No. 17, No Report.]

District No. 18.

Miss Helen M. Stark, was the teacher during the *Summer*. The scholars in this school made excellent progress under the instruction of this teacher.

The *Winter School* was taught by Mr. Nathaniel M. Hook. Owing to the great variety of books, the teacher's time was too much occupied in hearing recitations of separate scholars. On the whole, the improvement was good.

District No. 19.

We repeat the conviction, that if this district and No. 12, were united in one, and a large commodious house was erected on a pleasant site, and the school divided into two departments—a higher, and lower—it would be greatly to the advantage of both districts. It would be less expensive maintaining the schools, and vastly better for the

scholars. An opportunity would then be afforded for a very much more extended and thorough course of education, than can be had under the present arrangement.

Miss Mary A. Morrill, taught the *Summer School* in No. 19, and with good success. She had not the advantage either of age or experience as a teacher, and yet her school was as orderly as most others, and the scholars made commendable proficiency in their studies. Miss M. may become one of the best of teachers with proper care and sufficient experience.

Mr. Joseph Clough, Jr., instructed the *Winter Term*, and gave very good satisfaction. The scholars were generally studious and orderly. And the school was one of interest and profit; though not so good as it might have been, had there been a less number of studies and classes. Still much credit is due both to the teacher and pupils. Mr. C. may be regarded as a judicious and successful teacher.

District No. 20.

We have observed with pleasure the interest which the inhabitants of this growing district manifest in their public schools. The primary school was under the charge of Miss Myra C. McQuestion and Miss Harriet R. Chandler. At the commencement of the school, there was much disorder and noise, but it disappeared, and has been throughout an excellent school.

The *Summer Term* of the Higher Department, was under the charge of Miss Charlotte A. Clement, who labored with great earnestness and interest in the discharge of her duties. We think her school was profitable and satisfactory.

The *Winter Term* was kept by Mr. Harvey A. Page, who had taught the previous winter. There was good attention to study, but not so good order as there should have been. The progress made by the pupils was quite good.

District No. 21.

This is a small district. But the school has recently been in an interesting state; especially the last term.

Miss Hannah A. Ames, instructed the *Summer School*, and with pretty good success. Had she been more energetic, and kept better order, her school would have deserved high commendation. As it was, the scholars made very good improvement, and appeared quite well at the time of examination.

Mr. S. B. Moore, taught the *Winter Term*. And few schools ever do better. The scholars were orderly in their department, and prompt in their recitations. The teacher was quiet and familiar, yet decided and energetic—commanding both the love and respect of all his pupils. His mode of teaching was characterized for clearness and simplicity.

District No. 22.

This district is also small, and little interest has been manifested in behalf of the school until recently. Through the fidelity of efficient teachers, and the more ready coöperation of the parents, a larger number of scholars now attend school and with greater punctuality than heretofore. The school is also more orderly and quiet, and the scholars generally, are more ambitious and studious, and make greater proficiency in their studies than formerly. Some improvements also have been made upon the house, which gives it a better appearance, and makes it more convenient and comfortable. In a word, this school, considering all its disadvantages, is in a promising state, and we attribute much of its recent prosperity to the influence of prayer and the study of the Bible—nine hundred verses of the Word of God were committed to memory by the scholars the last term.

Miss Martha J. Richardson, taught the *Summer School*. Most of the scholars were orderly and studious; these did well. There were a few who were idle and refractory. Miss R. is well qualified to instruct, and would be especially so, were she a little more energetic and familiar in her manner of teaching.

Mr. George T. Sanborn, instructed the *Winter School*, and gave pretty general satisfaction. A few of the scholars were troublesome; but he succeeded in so governing

them as to keep the school through the term; and with a good degree of credit to himself, and benefit to those who were disposed to improve.

In the discharge of our duties, we have spared neither time nor effort. Each school has been visited, and each visit has usually occupied half of a day. In several districts we have observed an increasing interest in the subject of popular education; the parents have visited the schools more frequently, have selected better teachers and furnished their children with the books recommended by the committee. We are obliged, however, to say that much still remains to be done, before the public schools in town can arrive to that degree of perfection which the public good demands. There is too little care in the selection of proper teachers; the scholars are allowed by their parents to be absent frequently; the parents often form their opinion of the character of the school from the representation of their children, rather than from personal inspection; and are not sufficiently prompt in sustaining the teacher in maintaining order, especially in case of their own children.

In the general, it may be safely asserted that during the past year there has been an advancement in the schools beyond that of the previous year.

Tabular Report of the Condition, &c.

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.	Number of Scholars above 4 yrs. of age attending school 2 wks.		No. of scholars in all the schools.		Average attend'nce		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 schools, in wks.		Number of teachers in Winter.		Number of teachers in Summer.		Average wages pd. per month, exclusive of board.		Amount of money raised by taxes for the schools.
	WINTER.	SUMMER.	WINTER.	SUMMER.	WINTER.	SUMMER.	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.	WINTER.	SUMMER.	MALES.	FEMALES.	MALES.	FEMALES.	MALES.	FEMALES.	MALES.	FEMALES.		
1	47	47	46	30	25	21	21	26	2	11	1	1	15	00	8	00	125	58			
2	37	37	21	25	15	33	32	26	5	8	1	1	12	00	6	00	84	03			
3	163	76	169	125	56	146	152	26	16	10	1	3	20	00	6	33	310	56			
4	29	26	29	24	22	27	26	14	13	10	1	1	18	00	5	00	87	70			
5	20	20	15	10	10	10	11	13	11	13	1	1	15	25			38	72			
6	6	9	9	7	3	3	3	6	11	12	1	1	13	00	4	00	65	40			
7	24	24	17	20	15	16	14	10	13	8	1	1	16	47			106	00			
8	22	28	17	18	15	17	22	6	11	16	1	1	14	50	5	00	130	60			
9	213	180	241	120	144	206	206	68	19	19	1	1	40	00	8	00	714	06			
10	444	448	483	371	357	329	417	59	20	21	1	1	51	00	16	00	2279	77			
11	159	162	185	116	129	167	180	34	19	19	1	2	40	00	14	00	913	98			
12	54	54	48	45	38	50	40	14	13	11	1	1	18	00	6	00	134	22			
13	46	48	40	36	28	29	2	46	14	19	1	1	20	00	5	00	142	84			
14	23	25	15	21	21	21	4	4	9	9	1	1	14	00			79	77			
15	20	20	20	14	15	18	2	2	12	12	1	1	5	00			71	66			
16	8	8	5	7	3	6	2	2	12	12	1	1			5	66	58	79			
17	11	11	10	7	7	7	7	7	4	10	1	1			8	00	39	33			
18	44	44	43	33	24	33	33	11	16	17	1	1	18	00	6	00	144	96			
19	54	54	49	42	35	42	47	12	14	14	1	1	20	00	5	00	143	79			
20	166	174	125	140	115	131	51	34	14	13	1	2	22	00	7	00	338	11			
21	24	24	17	22	12	14	15	9	9	14	1	1	17	00	6	00	89	75			
22	39	40	28	28	20	34	27	17	8	10	1	1	14	00	4	00	68	56			
1653	1569	1593	1249	1083	1350	1350	444	252	275	19	16	2	33	21	22	6	95	4174	26		

Books Used.

Town's series of Reading Books; Town's Speller and Definer; Webster's High School Dictionary; Weld's Grammar; Goodrich's Quarto Geography; Davies' Arithmetic.

We certify the foregoing to be a true statement.

WINTHROP FIFIELD, } Supt'g Sch. Com.
L. D. STEVENS, }

March 12, 1850.

Appointments by Selectmen, March 18, 1850.

Superintending School Committee.

Rev. Newton E. Marble,	Rev. Eleazer Smith,
Prof. Hall Roberts,	Rev. Thomas Vernon.
Rev. Thompson Barron,	

Police Officers.

Isaac Eastman,	Jonathan Sargent,
Harry Houston,	Benjamin A. Noyes,
Moses Cass,	Jason D. Watkins.
John K. Cate,	

Overseer of Town Farm and Keeper of House of Correction.

MOSES GILL.

Physician.

DR. CHARLES P. GAGE.

Chief Engineer.

LUTHER ROBY.

Assistant Engineers.

T. R. W. Humphreys,	Albert H. Drown,
William H. Garvin,	Alonzo Downing,
Abel B. Holt,	N. H. Sanborn,
James Rand,	George H. H. Silsby,
N. B. Baker,	True Osgood,
Henry M. Moore,	Stephen Brown,
Isaac Eastman,	John Abbot.