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REPORT.

To the legal voters and all others interested in the Public Schools of the Town of East Greenwich, R. I.:

The School Committee of the Town of East Greenwich, for the School year of 1889–90, hereby present their Annual Report.

At the annual election, held June 1, 1889, James H. Eldredge, M. D., and Albert J. Congdon were re-elected both to serve for three years, and Tom C. Brown was elected for one year to serve the unexpired term for which Arthur Knight was elected but declined to serve.

The Committee then stood as follows:

To serve one year,	Almon I. Place, Tom C. Brown.
To serve two years,	Charles S. Wightman, Thomas H. Galvin.
To serve three years,	James H. Eldredge, Albert J. Congdon.

On the 8th of June, 1889, we held our first meeting—as is our custom—in the Town Hall, with the following members present: James H. Eldredge, Thomas H. Galvin, Charles S. Wightman, Tom C. Brown and Albert J. Congdon.

The newly-elected members were engaged by Hon. E. Stanhope, who is Notary Public.

We proceeded to organize by the choice of James H. Eldredge, chairman, and Albert J. Congdon, clerk.

The following resolution was then passed: Voted and Resolved, that we elect a committee to examine

teachers and grant certificates for teaching; to receive and examine registers and district returns, and to draw orders on the School Fund. Voted that Albert J. Congdon is hereby constituted that committee.

James H. Eldredge and Thomas H. Galvin were made a committee to advise and act in all cases of truancy referred to them by the Truant Officer.

Albert J. Congdon was elected Superintendent of Public Schools.

Harpers Series of Writing Books was adopted to take the place of Payson, Dunton & Scribners, agreeable to notice given at a regular meeting March 9, 1889.

The money for public school purposes for the current year was ascertained to be derived from the following sources:

Balance left over from last year,	$93 12	
Less am't drawn for printing reports '89,	28 65	
Net amount from last year,		$64 47
Maxwell Fund, (Dividend)		139 75
Dog Fund,		222 60
State Appropriation,		1,636 16
Town Appropriation,		1,636 16
Total,		$3,699 14
Amount reserved for printing reports, etc.,		36 10
Total amount for schools,		$3,663 04

Apportioned among the respective districts according to law:

District No. 1 was apportioned,	$2,556 06
" No. 2 was apportioned,	294 40
" No. 3 was apportioned,	236 62
" No. 4 was apportioned,	294 40
" No. 5 was apportioned,	281 56

RETURNS OF THE SCHOOL CENSUS FOR 1890, AS THEY HAVE BEEN DELIVERED TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Number of Boys reported as attending public schools,	210	
Number of Girls,	190	
Total in public schools,		400
Number of Boys reported as attending select schools,	37	
Number of Girls,	37	
Total in select schools,		74
Number of Boys reported as not attending any school,	48	
Number of Girls,	46	
Total not in any school,		94
Grand Total,		568

The School Committee is required by law to hold four stated meetings each year, which we have fixed on the second Saturday of June, September, December and March, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, in the Town Hall.

At a regular meeting held March 8, 1890, the Clerk was appointed a committee to make out the report to the Commissioner.

At the same meeting the Chairman and Clerk were appointed a committee to make out and have printed the report to the town.

It is the prevailing sentiment of this Committee that the following resolution, adopted March 21, 1885, shall be firmly adhered to in drawing orders on the school fund:

Voted and Resolved, that orders may be drawn in favor of any district to the order of the Trustee for a

part of the money due before the close of the term, but not less than one-third of the amount due shall remain unpaid until the term closes and the returns are fully made out and left with the Clerk of this committee for examination with an itemized bill of all other expenses.

The Trustees for the several districts for the year ensuing, with their post office addresses, are as follows:

District No. 1—Thomas J. Tilley,
East Greenwich, R. I.

District No. 2—John A. Place,
East Greenwich, R. I.

District No. 3—William A. Shippee,
Crompton, R. I.

District No. 4—Timothy Andrew,
Davisville, R. I.

District No. 5—Alfred A. Sherman,
Davisville, R. I.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The report of the operations of our Free Library is added as a part of our system of public education.

The usual number of books—about four thousand—have been taken out and returned. Over one hundred volumes of carefully selected books have been added by purchase and the same number by gift. Among these latter are fifty volumes of Living Age, which, when bound, will make a valuable accession to the collection.

Dr. Charles J. Thurston, a native of this town, died in July last, leaving in his will his whole estate—amounting to more than ten thousand dollars—to this institution without condition, placing the Library on a solid foundation and relieving it of the load of embarrassment under which it has labored from the beginning. By this generous gift Doctor Thurston secured for his name a lasting memorial and is entitled to and will receive for generations to come the gratitude of his fellow townsmen and their decendants for all time.

The Corporation has been organized anew and is now placed under the management of a board of trustees who have full control of its affairs of every kind.

Table Showing the Number of Scholars in each School, the Attendance, &c., for 1889–90.

Grade of School and No. of District.	Summer Term.				Fall Term.				Winter Term.				Spring Term.				Percentage of Attendance for the year.	Average Daily Attendance for the year.
	No. of Boys.	No. of Girls.	Total Number Registered.	Average Daily Attendance.	No. of Boys.	No. of Girls.	Total Number Registered.	Average Daily Attendance.	No. of Boys.	No. of Girls.	Total Number Registered.	Average Daily Attendance.	No. of Boys.	No. of Girls.	Total Number Registered.	Average Daily Attendance.		
Grammar Depart. No. 1..	16	29	45	31	14	28	42	31	12	25	37	29	10	20	30	25	90	30
Junior " " No. 1..	22	16	38	35	18	15	33	31	16	17	33	27	16	16	32	25	83	30
Intermediate " No. 1..	16	14	30	27	19	20	39	33	21	20	41	32	18	19	37	26	91	30
Junior " " No. 1..	18	17	35	30	23	19	42	37	26	19	45	34	26	17	43	28	88	32
Primary " No. 1..	27	27	54	40	25	26	51	44	24	27	51	37	24	23	50	31	85	38
Junior " " No. 1..	22	23	45	34	31	34	65	52	31	29	60	42	29	29	58	28	80	34
Total District No. 1.....	121	126	247	197	130	142	272	231	130	137	267	201	123	127	250	163	88	194
" " No. 2.....	6	9	15	13	8	8	16	13	10	8	18	13	....	....	....	.....	87	13
" " No. 3.....	....	....	...	.....	4	3	7	5	5	4	9	5	....	....	....	.....	70	5
" " No. 4.....	6	11	17	13	3	7	10	8	6	6	12	9	....	....	....	.....	90	9
" " No. 5.....	15	10	25	20	10	8	18	15	10	8	18	13	8	10	18	13	87	15

Table Showing the Names of Teachers, Length of School Terms, and Wages per Month, for School Year ending April 30, 1890.

Grade of School and No. of District.	Teachers' Names.	Residences.	Summer Term.		Fall Term.		Winter Term.		Spring Term.		Total Wages.
			Months.	Wages.	Months.	Wages.	Months.	Wages.	Months.	Wages.	
Grammar Dep't...1	Charles F. Bosworth..	East Greenwich	2 1-4	$60	2 1-2	$60	.....	.....	.....	.....	$285 00
Grammar Dep't...1	Albert C. Richmond..	Wyoming	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	$60	1 1-2	$60	210 00
Junior Dep't.....1	Anna F. Holden.....	East Greenwich	2 1-4	40	1 9-10	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	166 00
Junior Dep't.....1	Sara A. Boardman....	East Greenwich	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 3-10	40	1 3-4	40	162 00
Intermediate Dep't1	Jennie A. Thomas....	East Greenwich	2 1-4	36	2 1-2	36	2 7-20	36	1 3-4	36	318 60
Ju'r Intermediate 1	Sara A. Boardman....	East Greenwich	2 1-4	32	2 1-2	32	.....	.....	.....	.....	152 00
Ju'r Intermedate 1	Mary LeM. Wickes....	East Greenwich	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 7-20	32	1 3-4	32	131 20
Primary Dep't....1	Mary LeM. Wickes....	East Greenwich	2 1-4	32	2 1-2	32	.....	.....	.....	.....	152 00
Primary Dep't....1	Lillian B. Foss.....	East Greenwich	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 7-20	32	1 3-4	32	131 20
Junior Primary..1	Lillian B. Foss.....	East Greenwich	2 1-4	32	2 1-2	32	.....	.....	.....	.....	152 00
Junior Primary..1	Ella L. Vose.....	East Greenwich	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 7-20	32	2 1-4	32	131 20
Ungraded School..2	Emma L. Wilson.....	East Greenwich	2	32	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	64 00
" "..2	Mary S. Robertson....	Westerly.....	.....	.....	2	32	4 1-2	32	.....	.....	208 00
" "..3	Lizzie M. Merrill.....	East Greenwich	.....	.....	3	30	3 7-10	35	.....	.....	219 50
" "..4	Emma S. Davis.....	Hope.....	2	30	2 1-2	30	4	33	.....	.....	267 00
" "..5	Mary E. Smith.....	Wickford.....	2	30	2 1-2	30	2	35	2	31 16	267 32

Appended hereto is the Annual Report of the Superintendent of Public Schools, to which your attention is called, and all is respectfully submitted.

JAMES H. ELDREDGE, *Chairman.*
ALBERT J. CONGDON, *Clerk.*

EAST GREENWICH, R. I., May 29, 1890.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

EAST GREENWICH, R. I., May 29, 1890.

To the Members of the School Committee:

GENTLEMEN:—The third Annual Report of your present Superintendent of Public Schools is hereby respectfully presented.

The six schools in District No. 1 have received their accustomed good management for nearly nine months during the year ending April 30, 1890.

The Steam Heating apparatus ordered by the District, and carried out by our popular trustee, has been a real comfort for the four schools at the Spring street Schoolhouse.

At the close of the Fall term we were forced to lose two of our excellent teachers—Mr. Charles Francis Bosworth, who had filled the position so acceptably at the Grammar School, resigned to permit the acceptance of a more prominent educational position at Southington, Conn. Miss Anna F. Holden, who had proved an excellent teacher in the Junior Grammar School, was forced to resign on account of the declining health of her mother, who needed her care.

Thus was made vacant the position of teacher in two of our best schools. At this crisis it so happened that a former teacher, Mr. Albert C. Richmond, having completed his studies and graduated a physician, came

among us and was secured to teach the Grammar School, when our Trustee thought to promote each of the others, one grade; but Miss Jennie A. Thomas preferring to remain in the Intermediate; Miss Sara A. Boardman was advanced two grades and has the Junior Grammar School doing good work. Miss Mary LeM. Wickes is promoted to the Junior Intermediate and Miss Lillian B. Foss to the Primary School, while the Junior Primary is in charge of Mrs. Ella L. Vose, doing good work, and proving a valuable addition to our corps of excellent teachers. Much hindrance to the progress of the classes has been caused by sickness and the too common practice on the part of parents to allow their children for trivial causes to stay away from school, and thereby lose their standing.

The teachers have been instructed to put scholars back who do not keep up with their classes and promote those deserving it.

In District No. 2 school has been kept eight and one-half months. The first two months were taught by Miss Emma L. Wilson, who was evidently born for a teacher, but concluded to leave the school-room for a position in the family circle. The remainder of the year by Miss Mary S. Robertson, a graduate of the R. I. Normal School, and a most excellent teacher.

The Trustee, Mr. John A. Place, is deserving of praise for the care he uses in selecting teachers.

The schoolhouse is well cared for and has the appearance of comfort.

In District No. 3 some improvement is manifest in the attendance and interest. Miss Lizzie M. Merrill has taught six and three-fourth months, giving good satisfaction. This being her first school, she had some things to learn, and I trust she will improve by experience. It

is safe to follow the rules and regulations published by order of the School Committee.

In District No. 4 school has been kept eight and one-half months, with Miss Emma S. Davis as teacher, giving very good satisfaction. Unfortunately Miss Davis' health has suffered from the prevailing epidemic and it is feared may somewhat interfere with her future usefulness. So far as I can learn all of the people in the District are anxious for the full recovery of Miss Davis that she may continue teaching there.

In District No. 5 school has been kept eight and one-half months, with Miss Mary E. Smith teacher, giving good satisfaction, with good attendance and improved discipline. With the close of the school year Miss Smith returns to the R. I. Normal School to finish her course at that institution. Many regrets are spoken in consequence of her leaving the school.

In conclusion it is pleasant to be able to report the schoolhouses in fair to good condition, needing, in some cases, more attention to the proper care of the outbuildings. The parents generally do not take sufficient interest in the schools. They should hear the reports brought home by their children, and visit the school, and investigate the matter carefully before they make up their minds where the fault lies. Much good may be done to the teacher, and great encouragement to the scholars, by the parents cultivating a social intercourse with the schools.

Ever anxious for the welfare of the schools, I desire to hold this office no longer than that object is served better than from other available source.

Most respectfully submitted,

ALBERT J. CONGDON,

Superintendent of Public Schools.