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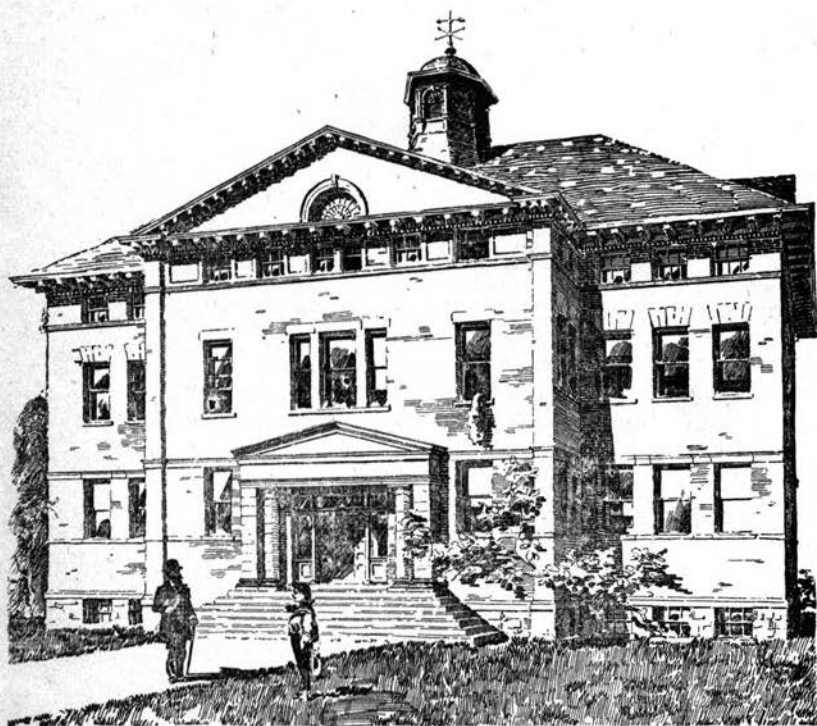


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Press of The Rising Sun, Nutley, N. J.

CALENDAR.

Friday, June 18, 1897, - - - Second Term, 24 weeks, ends.

SUMMER VACATION—ELEVEN WEEKS.

Tuesday, September 7, 1897, First Term, 16 weeks, begins.

Thursday, December 23, 1897, " " 16 " ends.

WINTER VACATION—TEN DAYS.

Monday, January 3, 1898, - - - Second Term, 24 weeks, begins.

Friday, June 17, 1898, - - - " " 24 " ends.

PARK HALL is rented only for purposes approved by the Trustees. The charge for evening entertainments is \$6. This includes the services of the Janitor, who must always be admitted and whose directions concerning safety and good order must be obeyed. Applications should be made to the District Clerk.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

W. H. Boardman, President, Term expires in 1897. 1897.

C. B. Van Dewater, District Clerk, B. N. Marsh, Term expires in 1898.

R. W. Booth, J. P. Dolan, Term expires in 1899.

John Clark
L. Rusby.

W. S. Seguire,
W. S. Seguire
H. B. Dunnean
Resigned.

TEACHERS.

WM. R. WRIGHT, PRINCIPAL.

ADELAIDE L. LIVERMORE, *Geometry, Algebra and Natural Sciences.*

LILLIAN M. HUDSON, *Literature, Rhetoric and English Grammar.*

NORMA L. SWAN, *History, Geography and Elocution.*

MABEL J. CHASE, *Writing, Drawing and Singing.*

MARY ELY, *Arithmetic, Book-keeping, Reading and Physiology.*

High School: Seniors, 6; Class A, 11; Class B, 9.
Grammar School, ; Class A, 16; Class B, 30, Class C, 35; Class D, 43,

} Park School

LIZZIE M. CULLEY, - - - - - Park School
Fourth year Primary School, 57 pupils.

NANA E. KINNEY, - - - - - Park School
Third year Primary School, 52 pupils.

ELIZABETH E. ROSS, - - - - - Park School
Second year Primary School, 56 pupils.

GERTRUDE BROADBENT, - - - - - Church Street School
First year Primary School, 56 pupils.

AGNES WILSON, - - - - - Passaic Avenue School
First year Primary School, 51 pupils.

VIOLA ACKLEY, - - - - - Passaic Avenue School
Kindergarten, 42 pupils.

KATE C. LAMBERT, - - - - - Church Street School
Kindergarten, 37 pupils.

PETER J. SMITH, - - - - - Music Teacher

Total, 501 pupils enrolled.

WM. BOOTH, - - - - - Janitor

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

INCOME.

Balance, February 29, 1896, Franklin Collector.....	3,481 87
“ “ “ “ Belleville “	90 13
“ “ “ “ Aquackanonk “	14 10
“ “ “ “ F. T. & D. Co.“	3 41
“ “ “ “ Cash.....	17 19
From State Tax.....	\$5,808 65
State Appropriation.....	383 56
	6,192 21
Special Tax, Maintenance of Schools.....	\$6,000 00
“ “ Bond No. 6.....	1,000 09
“ “ Interest, Bond and Mortgage.....	2,043 00
	9,043 00
Belleville B. of E. Transferred Pupils, 1896.....	70 56
Franklin B. & L. “ Loan ”.....	1,000 00
Flower Collection by Pupils.....	6 00
Library “ by Contribution.....	128 62
Tuitions.....	16 00
Township Committee.....	286 57
Damaged Books.....	1 77
Sale of Grass.....	5 00
Electric Lights.....	2 69
Park Hall Rents.....	198 08
Homestead Rents.....	198 00
Aquackanonk. Transferred Pupils, 1895—6.....	26 46
	\$20,781 66

EXPENSES.

Teachers.....		\$7,858 00	
Janitor.....		814 00	
District Clerk		150 00	
School Supplies		241 65	
School Books.....		256 37	
Building Supplies.....		25 36	
Repairs and Improvements to Buildings			
Homestead.....	\$ 72 33		}
Park School.....	125 00		
Church Street.....	35		
Park Hall.....	23 90		
Passaic Avenue	22 20		
		243 78	
Printing.....		46 85	
Incidentals.....		14 52	
Census		49 15	
Fuel.....		719 00	
Water Rent.....		112 50	
Freight and Expressage		32 52	
Cistern and Well.....		10 00	
Insurance		24 00	
Electric Lights		32 41	
Permanent Improvement			
H. Crabtree.....	\$ 40 35		}
T. Rownan.....	43 35		
C. Barnes	17 25		
J. Taylor.....	16 88		
M. Buckley.....	3 75		
M. Dolan.....	2 25		
C. Gillman	5 25		
E. Vreeland.....	11 00		
H. Simpson	1 25		
S. Tuers.....	6 00		
W. H. Queeman.....	2 50		
J. Stirratt.....	6 25		
W. P. Kestello	18 28		
Tompkins' Brothers	9 60		
Newark Blue Stone Co... 706 11			
"This account includes grading, curbing, draining, clearing park and laying blue stone walk."			
		890 07	
Library.....		54 01	
Transferred Pupils.....		6 44	
Furniture.....		192 50	
Total Current Expenses.....			\$11,773 13
Franklin Building and Loan Association.....	1,000 00		
Interest.....	2,141 79		
Bond No. 6.....	1,000 00		
Balance in hands of Franklin Collector.....	4,760 17		
Balance in hands of Acquackanonk Collector.....	40 56		
Balance in hands of District Clerk.....	66 01		\$9,008 53
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			\$20,781 66

BALANCE SHEET.**ASSETS.**

A. H. Van Riper.....	\$ 4,760 17
Cash, District Clerk.....	66 01
Park School.....	29,313 33
Church Street School.....	6,000 00
Passaic Avenue School.....	4,000 00
Park Property.....	19,491 99
Furniture in Schools and Hall.....	3,186 05
Acquackanonk Collector.....	40 56
Yantacaw Imp. Association.....	14 20
Township Committee.....	125 00
	\$66,997 31

LIABILITIES.

Park Property Bonds.....	\$ 9,000 00
Park School Bonds.....	28,000 00
Church Street Mortgage.....	2,800 00
Library Account.....	93 20
Surplus Account.....	27,104 11
	\$66,997 31

INSURANCE POLICIES.

Park Hall, Building, American Ins.	to July 10, 1898.....	\$1,000 00
“ “ “ Northern	“ “ June 19, 1898.....	3,000 00
“ “ Chairs, Caledonia	“ “ September 11, 1897.....	350 00
Homestead, Building, Northern	“ “ June 4, 1898.....	3,000 00
Passaic Ave., “ “	“ “ May 31, 1898	2,500 00
“ “ “ American	“ “ December 9, 1900.....	1,200 00
“ “ Furniture, “	“ “ December 9, 1900.....	150 00
“ “ “ Caledonia	“ “ September 8, 1897.....	250 00
Church St., Building, American	“ “ September 1, 1901	2,000 00
“ “ “ Essex M.	“ “ July 2, 1898.....	2,500 00
“ “ Furniture, “ “	“ “ July 2, 1898.....	200 00
New Park, Building, Royal	“ “ April 9, 1897	10,000 00
“ “ “ Lon. & Lan.	“ “ September 17, 1897.....	4,000 00
“ “ “ Guardian	“ “ April 11, 1897.....	5,000 00
“ “ “ Phoenix	“ “ April 11, 1897.....	5,000 00
“ “ “ American	“ “ September 21, 1897.....	2,000 00
“ “ “ Caledonia	“ “ September 17, 1897.....	2,000 00
“ “ Furniture, American	“ “ July 10, 1898.....	1,000 00
“ “ “ “	“ “ December 9, 1900.....	650 00
“ “ “ Essex M.	“ “ July 2, 1898.....	150 00
		\$45,950 00

GENERAL OUTLINE OF THE COURSE OF STUDY.

PRIMARY GRADE.

FIRST YEAR.	SECOND YEAR.	THIRD YEAR.	FOURTH YEAR.
Arithmetic	Arithmetic	Arithmetic	Arithmetic
Drawing	Drawing	Drawing	Drawing
Geography	Geography	Geography	Geography
Gymnastics	Gymnastics	Gymnastics	Gymnastics
Language	Language	Language	Language
Physiology	Physiology	Physiology	Physiology
Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading
Singing	Singing	Singing	Singing
Spelling	Spelling	Spelling	Spelling
Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing

GRAMMAR GRADE.

D CLASS.	C CLASS.	B CLASS.	A CLASS.
Arithmetic	Arithmetic	Arithmetic	Arithmetic—Beginning
Composition	Composition	Composition	Geometry
Declamation	Declamation	Declamation	Composition
Drawing	Drawing	Drawing	Declamation
Geography	Geography	Geography	Drawing
Grammar	Grammar	Grammar	Grammar
Physiology	Physiology	History, U.S.	History, U. S.—Gov'tment
Reading	Reading	Physiology	Physiology
Singing	Singing	Reading	Reading
Spelling	Spelling	Singing	Singing
Writing	Writing	Spelling	Spelling
		Writing	Writing—Bookkeeping

HIGH SCHOOL.

ENGLISH COURSE.

B CLASS.	A CLASS.	SENIOR.
Algebra	Algebra	Composition
Botany	Composition	Declamation
Composition	Declamation	Elocution
Declamation	Elocution	Geometry
Drawing	Geometry	General History
Physical Geography	Literature	Singing
Reading	Physics	Chemistry
Rhetoric	Singing	Reviews
Singing		

LATIN COURSE.

B CLASS.	A CLASS.	SENIOR.
Algebra	Algebra	Composition
Composition	Cæsar	Declamation
Declamation	Composition	Elocution
Drawing	Declamation	Geometry
Latin, Beginning	Elocution	General History
Reading	Geometry	Singing
Rhetoric	Literature	Virgil
Singing	Singing	Reviews

ANNUAL REPORT.

The census of children of school age for the past two years is as follows :

1896.—883 Children, increase 168 or 20 per cent.

1895.—815 children, increase 101, or 14 per cent.

The enrollment of pupils in school on March 1, 1897, was 501, increase 29 or 6 per cent. March 1, 1896, it was 472, increase of 118, or 33 1-3 per cent., which shows that this year the attendance has not increased proportionally with the enrollment, but indicates that during the two years the increase in attendance is fairly in proportion to the increase in the census. A rough estimate for the near future may now therefore be stated as follows :

We shall need to add as much as one new school room every two years. At this moderate rate of growth of the school facilities in proportion to the increase in wealth of the school district, it is reasonable to expect that the school-tax rate will be less, rather than greater in future years.

A large proportion of the Park improvement fund has been expended during the past year in building a permanent flagstone sidewalk the entire length of the main transverse road laid out by Mr. Vaux, continuing it entirely around the Park school building and connecting with the Town Hall. Aside from the convenience and comfort which this affords to the children, as well as to the citizens who pass through the Park, the clean walk has made a noticeable improvement in the cleanliness of the school rooms and halls. The trustees hope to soon further develop Mr. Vaux's beautiful park plans by completing the terrace, and possibly the walk on the Franklin Avenue side.

Early in December last, diphtheria appeared among the children in this district to an extent that verged on epidemic, but, happily, did not become epidemic. The trustees invited the physicians to meet them. The invitation was courteously accepted and the meeting resulted in developing with reasonable accuracy the sources of infection of most of the ten cases. All the schools were closed for five days and measures, which proved to be entirely effective, were taken to prevent the spread of the disease among the

school children. The effect of unnecessary fright upon the school attendance was marked, and about one-half the children remained out of school until after the holiday vacation. They lost time which can never be regained.

During the year no substantial change has been made in the course of study and only slight changes are in contemplation. More advanced courses should be added for those who are studiously inclined, but for the present it has been the aim to increase thoroughness in the branches now taught. The only changes immediately in view are of method only, with a view to securing better scholarship in grammar, language and literature.

A gratifying proof of the standing of the Franklin Public Schools is afforded by a recent order of the State Board which admits our graduates, to the two year course, without examination at the State Normal School, Trenton, N. J.

The adopted system of departmental teaching, described in the last report, is in full operation and has proved its value.

One hundred books and six periodicals have recently been added to the library. Due to the liberality of our own citizens in contributing a large sum each year, and aided by the State appropriation for this purpose, this library has already become a large and valuable one. Its increasing use shows that it is fully appreciated both by parents and children.

In discipline of unruly and indecent children our vigorous Principal has been cordially supported by the Trustees, with a result that there have been only two suspensions this year and the general discipline in the schools was never more satisfactory than it now is.