

1879

REPORT

OF THE

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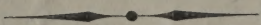
TOWN OF HANOVER,

INCLUDING THE REPORT OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

FOR THE

Year Ending March 1, 1879.



HANOVER, N. H.

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CURRENT ACCOUNT.

Town of Hanover in account with their Selectmen for the year ending March 1, 1879.

	DR.
Paid State Tax,	\$2272 00
County Tax,	3129 83
School Fund 234 00, School Tax 2008 00,	2242 00
For highways and bridges,	569 02
Miscellaneous expenses,	1188 03
Former Selectmen,	148 05
Due on tax bill, 1874,	116 44
" " 1875,	414 00
" " 1876,	651 75
Abatement on tax bill, 1876,	8 57
" " 1877,	19 29
Due on tax bill, 1877,	1911 83
Abatement on tax bill, 1878,	4 92
Due on " " 1878, L. C. McPherson,	440 00
" " 1878, H. L. Carter,	546 68
	\$13662 41

The Town of Hanover in account with their Overseers of the Poor.

Amount of Inventory, Feb. 20, 1879,	\$2140 96
Paid Miscellaneous expenses on Farm,	\$414 00
For paupers off the Farm with Agent's salary and Overseer's bills,	447 70
For County paupers,	438 95
	\$1300 64
Inventory of Feb. 20, 1878,	\$2113 75
Inventory more than last year,	\$27 21

CURRENT ACCOUNT.

*Town of Hanover in account with their Selectmen for the
year ending March 1, 1879.*

	CR.
Received tax bill of 1878, H. L. Carter,	\$4546 71
" " L. C. McPherson,	3870 27
Of State Treasurer, Literary Fund,	148 37
" " Railroad tax,	385 79
" " Savings Bank tax,	1491 50
Interest on notes and rent of school lands,	15 08
From other sources,	368 92
C. C. Webb's note tax bill of 1874,	116 44
" " 1875,	414 00
" " 1876,	710 32
" " 1877,	3073 54
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	\$15140 94
	13662 41
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Due Town on Selectmen's account,	\$1478 53
Due Town on Overseer's account,	140 14
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Balance due Town,	\$1618 67

*Town of Hanover in account with their Overseer's of the
Poor.*

Amount of Inventory, Feb. 20, 1878,	\$2113 75
For stock, labor and produce,	767 85
Of County for County paupers,	672 93
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	\$1440 78
	1300 64
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Due Town on Selectmen's account,	\$140 14

PAID SCHOOL MONEY.

Dist. No.	Prudential Com.	School Tax.	School Fund.
1.	J. B. Morse,	\$1060 54	13 00
2.	C. P. Smith,	64 32	13 00
3.	Henry Chandler,	45 52	13 00
4.	Austin Wright,	117 50	13 00
5.	John D. Bridgman,	171 56	13 00
6.	William Fullington,	60 06	13 00
7.	Elijah T. Miller,	78 12	13 00
8.	Harrison Bugbee,	35 28	13 00
9.	Edward McCabe,	39 06	13 00
10.	John M. Kinnie,	44 94	13 00
11.	S. Cross,	16 80	13 00
12.	E. F. Willington,	27 30	13 00
13.	W. G. Hurlbutt,	72 04	13 00
14.	F. E. Biathrow,	20 58	13 00
15.	J. H. Fox,	24 78	13 00
16.	C. G. Clark,	27 30	13 00
17.	J. M. Fuller,	82 14	13 00
18.	B. G. Paddleford,	20 16	13 00
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		\$2008 00	\$234 00
	Received of State Literary Fund,	\$148 37	
	Appropriated interest on School Fund,	110 67	
	C. B. Dowe 4 97, A. Pineo 9 36,	14 33	
	W. L. Barnes,	75	
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		\$125 75	

PAID FOR BUILDING AND REPAIRING HIGHWAYS
AND BRIDGES.

A Chamberlin's old bill,	\$ 4 00
M. B. Foss, damage to plow,	4 18
E. R. Collins 8 00, F. O. Camp 1 78, H. C. Brown 29 50,	39 28

N. Goss 7 50, H. C. Brown 18 00, J. H. Fox 1 50,	27 00
H. C. Brown 4 50, H. F. Hoyt 6 25,	10 75
E. W. Goodrich 1 00, O. F. Hurlbutt 5 25,	6 25
D. H. Tenney 1 13, J. M. Woodward 1 25,	2 38
R. A. Tenney 7 18, F. A. Runnals 2 00,	9 18
Dewey & Merriett 16 96, J. H. Fox 3 50,	20 46
E. T. Miller 6 43, E. O. Williams 1 58,	8 01
M. C. Howe 7 00, R. A. Tenney 2 75,	9 75
David Camp 4 65, R. A. Tenney 13 75,	18 40
Mason Fay 13 57, old bill,	13 57
Frank B. Camp 34 50, F. A. Adams 5 00,	39 50
M. Marshall 6 00, N. P. Merrill 2 00, J. Gould 36 10,	44 10
D. H. Camp 1 48, Wm. Rowe 4 00, L. C. McPherson 9 50,	14 98
R. Runnals 43 50, A. D. Johnson 14 18, H. N. Mer- rill 12 37,	70 05
O. B. Hurlbutt 2 81, I. Dewey, 25 08, L. Babbitt 11 25,	39 14
R. A. Tenney 22 25, G. W. Pillsbury 4 00, C. Fitts 10 50,	36 75
B. Houghton 10 00, L. W. Kinnie 3 00, W. G. Hurl- butt 4 25,	17 25
J. Tenney 30 00, C. P. Barwood 4 50, John Terrey 4 50,	39 00
S. Cross 2 00, L. M. Goss 15 00, B. P. Walker 12 50,	29 50
B. S. Cross 1 57, E. K. Melendy 3 00, D. W. Copp 1 10,	5 67
M. C. Howe 11 44, M. C. Howe 4 75, Blake & Wells 2 29,	18 48
M. Rugg .75, Cyrus P. Smith 16 24, J. C. Childs 12 57,	29 56
W. P. Hayes 4 00,	4 00
C. P. Smith 2 25,	2 25
C. B. Dowe 3 58,	3 58
Mrs. Frank Gould,	2 00
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	\$569 02

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

To P. H. Whitcomb, town reports and notices for Board of Health,	\$50 50
County Commissioners, Town vs. Brooks,	49 20

C. D. Hazen, Burleigh Hunt case,	2 00
Dr. Kingsbury, record births and deaths,	1 25
E. H. Smith, services as Town Clerk, 1877,	62 24
Hanover Paper Co. 1 00, E. P. Storrs insurance on Bridge 100 00,	101 00
C. P. Frost births and deaths 5 75, Hanover Paper Co. 1 50,	7 25
Fred Chase for council 28 07, A. A. Smith witness fees 20 00,	48 07
N. P. Merrill for watering trough,	2 00
G. W. Rand, mattress for lobby, old bill,	1 50
W. C. Dawson, Supt. School Committee 7 months,	70 00
Morrill & Silsby, invoice books and blanks,	7 67
S. E. Pingree, Burleigh Hunt case,	3 00
J. A. Davis, births and deaths,	1 75
P. W. Durkee Selectman 47 00, H. N. Savage 4 00,	51 00
L. T. Rand, land damage, old bill,	75 00
W. Dudley fox bounty 5 50, L. Cota fox bounty 2 50,	8 00
C. C. Marston hawk bounty .20, E. R. Collins hawk bounty 1 40,	1 60
F. J. Ward hawk bounty .60, S. D. Smith do. .20,	80
C. H. Storrs fox bounty .50, James Eastman do. 1 00,	1 50
M. P. Durkee fox bounty .50, D. Storrs do. 1 50,	2 00
P. B. Smith hawk bounty .20, B. M. Hayes do. .20,	40
P. Sargent hawk bounty .20, J. M. Woodward do. .80,	1 00
C. F. Blaisdell hawk bounty, .60, G. Rowe do. .20,	80
M. C. Camp fox bounty .50, L. B. Newell do. 2 00,	2 50
C. W. Wright, hawk bounty,	1 00
Mrs. D. W. Copp hawk bounty .20, L. C. McPherson 62 40,	62 70
Chandler P. Smith, for Selectmen,	75 00
C. C. Webb 2 Engine men 6 00, H. L. Carter 22 Engine men 66 00,	72 00
P. H. Whitcomb notices and posters 6 00, D. B. Pel- ton 2 00,	8 00
H. L. Carter, collecting taxes,	62 50
“ health officer, rent lobby, wood and care of same,	81 00

F. Chase, fees, O. J. Ricardson vs. Town Hanover,	34 00
J. L. Bridgman, as Selectman,	149 00
" Treasurer,	20 00
Auditors 4 00, Chas. Benton balance due police justice 17 80,	21 80
S. W. Rogers, S. Committee,	28 00
Three Supervisor's bills,	21 00
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	\$1188 03

MONEY RECEIVED.

Of H. L. Carter, for rent of ground at Commencement,	\$12 80
James S. Adams,	106 12
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	\$118 92
From other sources,	250 00
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	\$368 92

*Inventory of Property at the Town Farm for the year ending
February 20, 1878.*

1 pr. oxen 175, 1 pr. two year old steers 95,	\$270 00
6 yearlings 135, 1 calf 10, 2 cows 75	220 00
2 farrow cows 50, 1 mare 65, 4 shoats 40,	155 00
20 hens 8, 42 tons hay 504, 5 tons straw 25,	537 00
100 sheep 300, 1 buck 12, 125 bu. corn 8 75,	399 00
175 bu. oats 70, 80 bu. wheat 120,	190 00
Fresh meat 8, 5 bu. sweet corn 5, 3 bu. seed corn 4 50,	17 50
5 1-4 bu. beans 9, 3 3-4 bu. peas 3 75, 1-2 bu. H. G. seed 1 50	14 25
15 lbs. dried apples 1 80, 10 gals. vinegar 3, 30 bu. turnips 5 75,	8 55
1 bu. onions 1, 170 bu. potatoes 51, 1 1-2 bbl. pork 24,	76 00
150 lbs. ham 15, 40 doz. candles 7 20, 36 lbs. cheese 5 04,	27 24

45 lbs. butter 9 90, 80 lbs. lard 8, 6 gall. boiled cider 6,	23 90
50 lbs. flour 2, 1 bu. salt .50, 200 lbs. fine salt 2 75, 1 bag meal 1 25,	6 50
Sugar and molasses 3 30, 2 bbl. soap 10, 1 mowing ma- chine 70,	83 30
1 horse rake 30, hay tedder 55,	85 00
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	\$2113 75

*Inventory of Property at the Town Farm for the year ending
February 20, 1879.*

1 pr. oxen 175, 1 pr. three year old steers 125,	\$300 00
1 pr. two year old steers 95, 2 farrow cows 40,	135 00
4 cows 135, 1 yearling heifer 15, 2 calves 18,	168 00
1 mare 60, 6 shoats 40, 16 hens 6 40,	106 40
116 sheep 340, 1 buck 10, 50 bu. wheat 62 50,	412 50
60 bu. peas and oats 24, 125 bu. clear oats 40,	64 00
37 tons hay 314 50, 6 1-2 tons rowen 58 50,	373 00
140 bu. corn 70, 3 bu. peas 3, 150 lbs. fresh meat 15,	88 00
9 bu. beans 13 50, 2 bu. seed corn 3,	16 50
125 lbs. fine salt 2, 110 bu. potatoes 60,	62 00
60 bu. roots, 7 20, 1 bu. onions 1, 60 lbs. butter 12,	20 20
42 lbs. dried apple 3 36, 500 lbs. wool 150,	153 36
360 lbs. salt pork 30, 150 lbs. Ham 12, 75 lbs. salt beef 3 75,	45 75
60 lbs. cheese 7 50, 75 lbs. lard 7 50,	15 00
12 gall. boiled cider 9, 20 galls. vinegar 4,	13 00
1 mowing machine 60, horse rake 20, tedder 45,	125 00
9 1-2 bbls. cider 6 25, 2 bbls. soap 8, candles 6 50,	20 75
5 tons straw 20, 1-2 ton corn fodder 2 50,	22 50
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	\$2140 96

We consider the household furniture and farming tools as good as last year. There has been about 30 rods of stone wall built within the year.

CHARLES HOUSTON, }
AUSTIN WRIGHT, } *Appraisers.*

Produce sold from the Town Farm for the year ending February 20, 1879.

D. H. Camp 1 horse rake 2, 2 1-2 bu. wheat 4 38,	\$6 38
1 1-2 bu. sweet corn 1 50, 1 buck 3, 132 lbs. beef 7 92,	12 42
Keeping colt 20 weeks 15,	15 00
Lincoln & Davison 14 1:2 doz. eggs 2 14, 8 bu. oats 3 20,	5 34
3 bu. potatoes 2 25, 198 lbs. cheese 19 79,	22 04
97 3-4 lbs. butter 17 59, glass returned 16,	17 75
C. W. Hayes 33 doz. eggs 3 39, 4 bu. oats 1 60,	4 99
11 doz. eggs 1 72, 137 lbs. butter 27 14, 4 doz. eggs 1,	29 86
Westgate 593 lbs. beef 29 65, J. M. Fuller 10 bu. po- tatoes 5,	34 65
F. Chase 7 bu. potatoes 4 50, Mrs. Shephard 29 1-2 lbs. butter 6 44,	10 94
28 1-2 lbs. butter and eggs 7 15, 15 1-2 lbs. butter and eggs 4 57,	11 72
25 1-2 lbs. butter 4 59, 34 1-2 lbs. butter 4 84,	9 43
Carlos Clifford 16 bu. oats,	6 40
M. Pike 1 calf 5 32, 2 hogs 32,	37 32
J. N. Patterson 1954 lbs. hay 10 75, C. C. Foster tag- ing sheep 1 25,	12 00
Shearing sheep 2, Wm. Hayes 4 bu. wheat 7 50,	9 50
Joel Hayes 76 1-4 bu. potatoes,	44 02
L. C. Flanders 17 1-2 bu. apples 1 40, Kellogg 24 lbs. cheese 2 40,	3 80
A. D. Johnson 12 bu. oats 4 80, 1 1-2 bu. wheat 2 62,	7 42
Use of horse .50, F. O. Camp 1 pig 2,	2 50
J. M. Dutton 1-2 bu. s. corn .50, W. L. Barnes 5 bu. wheat 6 25,	6 75
H. T. Miller 2 hides 8 18, 3 pelts 1 50,	9 68
B. P. Tillotson 12 bu. oats 4 20, H. Wright 2 bu. wheat 2 55,	6 75
O. Miller labor 1 50, Fifield 150 lbs. poultry 11 00,	12 50
J. J. Mason 400 lbs. hay 2, shearing sheep 2,	4 00
Ticknor 1510 lbs. hay 6 04, J. Spaulding 4 bu. wheat 7 00,	13 04
900 lbs. hay 4 50, 1-2 bu. s. corn .50,	5 00
Mrs. Little 2 lbs. butter,	44

J. Densmore 17220 lbs. hay,	84 29
H. H. Clough 15 1-2 tons hay,	139 50
Labor 3, J. M. Durkee 1 peck s. corn .25,	3 25
A. Camp use of buck 2.50, 132 lbs. beef 7 92,	10 42
Keeping colt 20 weeks 15, Emerson & Co. 1 1-2 bu. beans 3,	18 00
56 lbs. butter 10 06, 5 bu. oats 2,	12 06
41 3-4 lbs. cheese 4 18, 8 3-4 doz. eggs 1,	5 18
J. Childs 3-4 bu. beans 1 20, 1-2 bu. peas .65,	1 85
1-2 bu. s. corn .50, 2 bu. oats .80,	1 30
Wm. Hall 1 pig 1 50, S. N. Bullock provisions 4,	5 50
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	\$642 99
For support of J. Durkee 52, D. Houston and wife 72 86,	124 86
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	\$767 85

*Expenses paid at the Town Farm for the year ending
February 20, 1879.*

Paid C. W. Hayes, store bill,	\$42 45
J. M. Fuller, 1 mouldboard and plow point,	4 60
I. Hatch cleaning wheat 1 85, D. Walker drag plank 1 50,	3 35
Wm. Merriett 1 day's work 1 00, Washburn leather .10,	1 10
Repairing harness .10, 1 halter .50,	60
I. B. Camp shearing sheep 2 00, F. O. Camp do. and labor 2 50,	4 50
Wm. Rowe repairing harrow .20, G. Pillsbury do. wheel .80,	1 00
Storrs & Foster, books for Mandeville children,	25
C. Church, filing saws .50, repairing wagon, .50,	1 00
C. Church, filing saws and blank board,	75
C. D. Camp, use of board 2 00, butchering 2 25,	4 25
“ “ 1 00, Hildreth cattle baskets .60,	1 60
“ cheese basket and tubs,	3 50
Cole & Tilden, repairing mowing machine,	3 85
Mr. Gates, 1 day's work and 1 pail,	2 00
J. W. Spaulding, 158 lbs. meal,	1 91
E. Kinnie 1 rennet .35, E. W. Carter 4 lemons .20,	55

L. C. McPherson, repairing horse rake,	45
L. C. Flanders, making cider,	2 10
Emerson & Co. store bill 22 08, Mrs. Clough 1 hat .50,	22 58
Brown Bros. tin ware .20, A. Wright threshing 2 50,	2 70
J. L. Bridgman, 1 plow,	13 48
H. C. Brown fence polls .50, Dewey saw bill 3 79,	4 29
J. M. Durkee, 4 day's work haying,	5 00
Paris green and sprinkler 1 45, labor threshing 2 00,	3 45
A. D. Johnson labor 3 80, Brown mending chains .40,	4 30
Westgate 1 rennet .25, D. H. Camp 1 ox yoke 2 00,	2 25
D. H. Camp 1 buck 12 00, M. D. Camp labor 7 00,	19 00
J. L. Priest 1 harrow 2 50, E. D. Woodward 2 week's work 3 00,	5 50
C. B. Woodward, 14 week's work,	22 00
Lincoln & Davison, store bill,	52 10
Frank Pierce .80, B. B. Holmes repairing harness, .80,	1 60
C. J. Mason 1 horse blanket 1 35, for labor 123 07,	124 42
Wm. Hall use of bull 6 00, 2 1-2 day's work 2 50,	8 50
Wm. Hall use horse hoe .40, doctor cow .50,	90
C. C. Nelson, blacksmith's bill,	17 55
S. W. Cobb's store bill,	3 70
J. C. Childs, use pump,	25
J. Spaulding, 3 day's work,	2 25
C. B. Woodward, 9 week's work,	13 50
L. M. Kinnie, meat,	97
Houston and Wright, appraising,	4 00
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	\$414 00

PAID FOR SUPPORT OF POOR OFF THE FARM, WITH
AGENT'S SALARY AND OVERSEER'S BILL.

To Beulah Runnals for Dianna,	\$78 00
C. N. Camp, agent's salary on Town Farm.	250 00
C. P. Frost, for D. Runnals,	2 50
“ Dudley case,	12 00

J. L. Bridgman, Overseer 35 20, C. P. Smith do. 5 00,	40 20
Dr. G. E. Leet, for Byron Cross family,	53 50
Thomas Sanborn, for B. Cross,	5 00
H. L. Carter, feeding 161 tramps,	6 50
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	\$447 70

PAID FOR SUPPORT OF COUNTY PAUPERS.

To G. Hayes for Picknell family,	\$8 35
Mrs. A. Camp, for D. Houston,	9 00
W. Merriett, " "	4 00
C. P. Frost for Sofa Jones 12 00, F. Chase do. 35 60,	47 60
" Mrs. Nevers,	2 00
Lincoln & Davison, for G. Robinson,	3 50
J. L. Bridgman, " "	8 50
F. Bergeron, for Mrs. Nelson Fountain,	15 30
E. M. Lewis, for J. Bocash,	14 80
Boswell Currier,	9 90
C. P. Smith, for E. J. Williams 4 30, Lincoln & Davison do. 6 00,	10 30
J. L. Bridgman, for moving H. Chase to County Farm,	4 35
Lincoln & Davison, for Mr. Williams,	16 63
" " Crowley,	5 00
C. F. Everett for support Huldah Smith,	92 00
Mrs. S. Benedict, care and nursing Huldah Smith,	8 00
C. F. Everett, medicine and help for " "	10 53
G. W. Rand, 2 bills for Huldah Smith,	14 50
John Durkee 52 00, D. Houston and wife 72 86,	124 86
Stephen D. Smith, for G. Robinson,	15 36
Silas Brown, " "	3 00
S. W. Cobb 9 75 for Dumore, S. W. Cobb for Crow- ley 1 71,	11 46
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	\$438 94

LIQUOR AGENT'S REPORT.

The agent for the purchase and sale of liquors for the town of Hanover submits the following report for the year ending February 24th, 1879:

STOCK ACCOUNT.

Stock furnished by the town March 25, 1878,	\$206 74	Stock on hand,	\$228 98
Stock bought since,	1297 68	Stock sold,	1794 43
Freight and Express,	48 90		
Ag't salary, carting, etc.,	183 33		
Checks, stamps, interest, and jugs,	9 62		
Profit to the town,	277 14		
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	\$2023 41		\$2023 41

CASH ACCOUNT.

Cash receiv'd on sales,	\$1794 43	Cash paid for stock,	\$1297 68
Am't liquors in hands of Ag't more than at commencement of the year,	22 24	Freight and Express,	48 90
		Ag't's salary, carting, etc.,	183 33
		Checks, stamps, interest, and jugs,	9 62
		Profits,	277 14
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	\$1816 67		\$1816 67

JAMES S. ADAMS, *Agent*.

GRAFTON ss., Hanover, Eeb. 27, 1879.

Personally appeared the above signed James S. Adams and made oath that the above report, by him made as Liquor Agent, is true.

Before me,

J. L. BRIDGMAN, *Justice of the Peace*.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The undersigned Auditors for the Town of Hanover for the year ending March 1, 1879, respectfully report that they find the Selectmen and Overseers of the poor charge the town with having paid sundry items amounting to

	\$13662 41
Miscellaneous expenses on Farm,	414 00
Paupers off the Farm with Agent's salary and Overseers bills,	447 70
County paupers,	438 94
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	\$14963 05
Received sundry items amounting to	\$15140 94
For stock, labor and produce,	767 85
Of County for County paupers,	672 93
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	\$16581 72
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Balance in favor of the town,	\$1618 67

Town Farm Accounts.

Paid miscellaneous expenses on farm	\$414 00
For paupers off the farm, with Agent's salary and Overseers bills,	447 70
For County paupers,	438 94
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	\$1300 64
Received for stock, labor and produce,	\$767 85
Of County for County paupers,	672 93
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	\$1440 78
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	\$140 14
Inventory more than last year,	27 21

NOTES DUE FROM THE TOWN.

With interest added to March 1, 1879.

Ruel Durkee's note and interest,	\$4729 39
Janson Dudley, do do	962 09
In addition to the above the School Fund,	1344 58
do do Freeman Fund,	466 73
John Williams' bequest,	200 00
William Tenney's donation,	500 00
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	\$8202 79

AMOUNT OF ASSETS,

Due on tax bills,	\$4113 48
From U. S. Government,	3070 00
From County for paupers,	438 94
Liquor, casks, etc.,	400 00
Due from Selectmen	1618 67
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Total amount of assets,	\$9641 09
Total indebtedness of town,	8202 79
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Balance in favor of town,	\$1438 30

We find the accounts of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor correctly cast and properly vouched.

S. W. COBB,
CHARLES BENTON, } *Auditors.*

REPORT

OF

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,

For the Year ending March 1, 1879.

The Superintending School Committee respectfully present the following Report :

DISTRICT No. 1.

There have been, in this district, three school terms during the year. We had three schools the first and second terms, and four the third, making ten in all. This gave us three grades in the spring and autumn, and four in the winter. The lowest grade, or Primary School, was taught during the year, by Miss Martha E. Benton, and the next higher by Miss Ella A. Nevins, with the success achieved by them in previous terms. The highest school, or grade No. 1, was taught, during the first term, by Lewis Parkhurst, whose popularity seemed to increase with length of service. He will be remembered as one of our best teachers.

In the autumn this school was under the care of Miss L. J. Sherman, an experienced and accomplished teacher, whose thoroughness and faithfulness were very gratifying to the Committee.

During the third, or winter term, Mr. Frank G. Wheatley had charge of the schools and taught in grade No. 1. Mr. Wheatley's instruction and discipline were excellent, and his general management very judicious. He secured the respect of his pupils and met the expectations of the Committee.

We had a fourth school, during the winter term, made up, in part, of scholars who do not attend at other seasons of the year. This school, designated grade No. 2, was under the instruction of Charles M. Hough. It is, perhaps, the most difficult and trying of all our schools, but the teacher, being a thorough disciplinarian, and exacting excellence of scholarship, by constant and vigorous effort, maintained order and secured good progress during the term.

The attendance upon the schools has been as follows :

	Whole No. Scholars.	Av. Attend- ance.
SPRING TERM.		
Grade No. 1,.....	40	38.1
do 2,.....	39	38.51
do 3,.....	40	37
FALL TERM.		
Grade No. 1,.....	37	31
do 2,.....	45	42.73
do 3,.....	42	37
WINTER TERM.		
Grade No. 1,.....	43	39
do 2,.....	26	24.33
do 3,.....	33	30.91
do 4,.....	30	26

The elevation in the intellectual and moral tone of the children and youth of our village, obvious within the few past years, may be traced, in large measure, to the improvement of our schools; and in this fact we ought to find motive and impulse to increased and untiring efforts in the future. The consideration that the character of our industrial and social interests and the success of our political and religious institutions are involved in the cause of popular education, uniting with parental affection, ought to make our common schools an object of constant solicitude and effort. Much has been done, but much remains to be done. A system of schools is as powerless, as a system of laws, to execute itself. Committees, teachers and parents must all work and work in harmony.

In closing, we would urge upon parents the duty of frequent visits to the schools, and of holding their children to regular and punctual attendance. A failure in this has been our great defect in the past. May its observance be our distinguishing honor in the future.

J. W. PATTERSON,
W. C. DAWSON,
ROBERT FLETCHER.

It was with much regret that I found my health and leisure insufficient for a satisfactory discharge of the duties of Superintending Committee, and, therefore, felt constrained, in October, to resign.

The small number of children in many of the Districts, the meagre funds at their disposal, and the consequent reduction, both in the length of the School terms and in the qualifications of the teachers; these are matters of deep but, perhaps, unavailing regret to all citizens interested in the improvement of our schools and the welfare of the rising generation.

Some improvements, however, are within our power and with the hope of affecting some alteration, even if slight, in a good direction, I venture to make two suggestions:

1st. That the law be strictly enforced, which requires every teacher, before being employed or paid, to present a certificate from the Superintending School Committee. Unless this is done his Superintendance can be no more than nominal.

2d. That the text books be made uniform throughout the town. The law makes the Superintending School Committee responsible for the selection of text books and under its authority I have selected *Harper's Series of Geographies* as the text books in that study. In like manner my predecessor selected the *Franklin Series of Readers*. These are the only lawful text books in these subjects, until legally changed, which cannot be done for three years from the date of their selection. I would recommend that patrons as well as prudential committees, in the various districts, assist the Superintendent in his efforts to procure uniformity without compelling a resort to the lawful remedy of furnishing the books, and charging the cost in the tax bill of the parent; which is so harsh and unpleasant a remedy that it will not usually be resorted to. In some of the schools I have found as many different Geographies in use as there were pupils in that study. Every one must see that by the frittering away the time of the teacher upon a number of unnecessary classes, justice can not be done to any. It is not nearly so essential that the newest book, or the best book, be used, as that all should have the *same* book.

SUMMER TERM.

During the Summer Term all of the schools in the Town with the exception of that in District No. 11, were in operation, and most of them taught by experienced and faithful teachers. The length of terms and number of pupils, in each district, with other details, will doubtless be reported by the present Superintending Committee from the Registers in his possession.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Was taught by Miss Jenny I. Rogers, whose capacity for discipline seemed beyond her years. The system and order of her school merited very high praise.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Was under Miss Susan N. Bullock, and was fairly well managed, considering that it was Miss B's first term as a teacher.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Was taught by Miss Ada L. Shattuck. The faithfulness and diligence of this teacher were evidently shown at the end of the term in the marked progress manifested by almost, if not quite, every individual scholar.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Mr. Charles M. Woodward, who taught this school, was the only male teacher employed in the town during this term, and did justice to the choice of the district; and his success, both in discipline and instruction, as well as in the general tone and character of the school, suggested the wish that more of our schools might have the advantage of competent male teachers, as in former times.

DISTRICT No. 6.

This small school was fortunate in securing the services of a teacher of the capacity and experience of Miss Adaline A. Smith.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Miss Ella A. Palmer here taught (I believe) her first school and with fairly good results.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Was under Miss Mary J. Briggs, a most energetic and intelligent teacher, whose school in the brief term of 5 weeks did justice to her exertions.

DISTRICT No. 9.

In this school Miss Rosa Monaghan exhibited the diligence and amiability for which she is well known in districts where she has taught heretofore. I don't know that any one could have done better in this district under the circumstances.

DISTRICT No. 10.

No more pleasant visits were made in any district than those to this school, under Miss Diantha C. Clarke; whose ability and intelligence, as a teacher, would be adequate to the conduct a larger, though I ought not to say more important school. For the most advanced, and one of the best instructed, class in mathematics in the town was one I found in this small school. I cannot too much commend Miss Clarke's devotion and thoroughness in her school work.

DISTRICT No. 12.

Was in the hands of Miss Louisia A. Colby, who, although without previous experience, as a teacher, showed much character and ability for school management.

DISTRICT No. 13.

This school, under Miss Stella C. Patrick, who also was teaching her first school, did very well indeed. The progress of her pupils in writing was especially marked.

DISTRICT No. 14.

This school was taught by Miss Rosa Monaghan before her engagement in No. 9. Having been prevented, by engagements, from visiting it a second time I cannot speak of progress. But in the second week it seemed orderly and pleasant; and the teacher anxious to do her duty.

DISTRICT No. 15.

During the brief summer term of six weeks the school, in this district, was taught by Miss Almeda Colby, whose ability and success, as a teacher, are too well known in the town to require further mention.

DISTRICT No. 16.

This school was under Miss Etta F. Merrill, evidently a conscientious teacher.

DISTRICT No. 17.

Was fortunate enough to secure the services of Miss Ruth Houston, whose large experience and abilities were shown in the improvement of her scholars noted at the end of the term.

DISTRICT No. 18.

This small school was taught by Miss Blanche Wood, with fairly satisfactory results.

W. C. DAWSON, *S. S. Com.*

DISTRICT No. 2.

Jennie S. Rogers was here employed for three terms, of eight, ten and eleven weeks, giving general satisfaction.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Fall term. This school appeared quite well under the instruction of Miss Ollie S. Hatch, an experienced and successful teacher.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Winter term. Taught by Miss Abbie M. Browne, who has the ability and energy to accomplish what she undertakes. A graduate of the State Normal School, she thoroughly understands the business of teaching. We need more such teachers in town.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Winter term. Mr. C. M. Woodward, after teaching the summer term, was employed for the winter, thus showing that his labors were appreciated. No one could labor more faithfully, proving himself a successful teacher and thorough disciplinarian.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Fall term. Miss Grace Darling had charge of this small school for eight weeks, with favorable results.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Fall term. Miss Abbie M. Browne here fully sustained her former reputation as a teacher.

George B. Balch labored six weeks of the winter term. A good scholar, but lacking in government failed to give satisfaction, and being advised of the fact thought best to leave. School now in session under the charge of Miss Lucy A. Leavitt, a teacher of ability and experience.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Winter term. Miss Laura F. Arvin, teacher, who possesses the faculty of rendering a school pleasant and profitable, but we regret that poor health detracts from her usefulness as a teacher.

In Districts No. 9 and 10 the schools were closed for the year before my appointment.



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DISTRICT No. 11.

Winter term. Miss Delia A. Merrill managed this small school with credit to herself and profit to her pupils. Considerable attention was given to writing, with evident success.

DISTRICT No. 12.

School visited near the close of the fall term; learning that this, as also the preceding term, under the instruction of the same teacher, had been visited by Mr. Dawson, this term should be included in his report.

DISTRICT No. 13.

Winter term taught by W. E. Badger. This was his first experience in teaching. Gaining the good will of his pupils he had no difficulty in managing the school. The progress did not appear to be quite what we hoped, still most of the classes did very well, especially one small class in mental arithmetic.

DISTRICT No. 14.

Fall term. Miss Rosa Monaghan seemed to manage her school here in a very quiet manner. Her scholars also seemed quiet and well disposed. Am not able to report of the progress made.

DISTRICT No. 15.

Fall term taught by Kate F. Stark. School visited but once, near its close. Should judge, by appearances, that it had been a profitable term.

DISTRICT No. 16.

Winter term taught by Etta F. Merrill. A fair degree of improvement was manifest in this school, considering the length of the term. The small scholars were allowed more liberty than is usually permitted in our schools.

DISTRICT No. 17.

Fall and winter terms of fifteen weeks, taught by Miss Alice Hubbard, who seemed to understand her business. The scholars gave evidence of thorough instruction and wholesome discipline.