

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TREASURER, AUDITORS,

AND OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE TOWN OF

MENUNKER,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 9, 1853.

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REPORT.

*Jonas Wallace in account with the town of Henniker, as Treasurer,
for A. D. 1852.*

	Dr.
To cash and orders received of Horace Gibson, A. D., 1852,	333 25
To cash received of James Straw, Literary Fund money,	82 09
To cash of Lyman Harriman, county pauper money,	104 00
To cash of Oliver Pillsbury, for Railroad State tax,	89 02
To cash of H. A. Rice, for sills of bridge timber	27 25
do Selectmen of different dates,	2820 00
do Alfred Winship, collector, at different dates, the entire tax,	3186 10
do From sale of old iron,	8 97
Balance of surplus,	9—\$6650 77

Audited by the undersigned, Feb. 24, 1853.

JEREMIAH FOSTER, }
JOHN SMITH, } Auditing
JACOB STRAW, } Committee.

*Jonas Wallace, Treasurer, aforesaid, in account with the town of
Henniker, for A. D. 1852.*

	Cr.
By Paid Hiram Bell for expenses of town officers,	21 25
Josephus Smith for setting glass and taking care of town house,	5 92
Lewis Smith for services,	23 00
Alexander Caldwell for breaking roads,	4 05
John C. Hazelton, do	3 72
Stephen Newell, do	9 78
Parker Smith, do	10 00
David Osborn, do	1 92
Walter Felch, do	1 77

Paid Charles H. Darling, for breaking roads,	8 25
Annis Goss, do	7 37
Joseph G. Wadsworth, do	5 25
Capt. H. Barnes, breaking and rep'g roads,	2 75
Willard Colby for breaking roads,	4 61
D. D. Davis, do	3 06
John Smith, do	7 60
James M. French for clearing out ice and breaking roads,	12 00
Burns Seavy for breaking roads,	9 50
James Caldwell for services as town clerk and superintending school committee,	24 50
Richard Whittier for error in taxes, 1851,	1 16
John C. Hazleton for work on road,	1 00
Ebenezer Hemphill for services in part on poor farm,	100 00
Ebenezer Hemphill for services in full on poor farm,	125 00
Jeremiah Foster for examining poor farm buildings and making report,	1 50
John Adsit for boarding and assisting Mrs Goodrich and three children,	9 00
H. A. Rice for 12½ lbs pork for C. Bow- man,	1 25
Capt. Nath'l Patch for work on road,	6 50
N. H. Insane Asylum for board of Jane Whitney,	15 50
Express man,	25
N. H. Insane Asylum for board of Jane Whitney,	19 75
do do ending Nov. 1, 1852,	18 03
Lyman Harriman for services to Lynn on pauper business, and Con- cord for advice, and paid for sta- tionery,	3 00
Fare for the same,	6 35
Expenses,	74
For stationery,	3 32—
Michael Livingston, for work done in Dist. No. 20,	4 75
H. M. Davis, do,	3 00
Harris Campbell, do,	10 80
John Gove, do,	2 50
Ebenezer Hemphill,	6 50—
H. A. Rice orders as follows for 6 days' work,	27 55
H. A. Rice for going to Hopkinton after J. Kimball,	6 00
	1 00

Paid Joseph Stanwood for notifying selectmen of Henniker,	2 00—	9 00
Abram Bickford for boarding Joseph O. Colcord 9 weeks,		9 00
1 pair shoes for same,		40
Lyman Harriman 3 days' work,	3 00	
Warren S. Foster, 1 do,	1 00	
Alonzo Patterson, 1 do,	1 00	
Elisha W. Rice, 5 do,	5 00	
do cart 2 days,	50	
Alanson Wood for plank,	50	
Washington Berry for planks and slabs,	4 00	
Asa Whitney 1½ days' work,	1 50	
Eri Colby, 2 1-2 do,	2 50	
Willard Rice 2 1-2 do, cart 1-2 do,	2 62	
Jacob Bacon 1 1-2 do,	1 50	
Cyrus Carter 1 1-4 do,	1 25	
Frederick Whitney 2 1-2 do,	2 50	
Harry Barnes for timber,	2 76	
John Campbell 2 days' work and cart,	2 50—	32 13
Isaac Brooks and others for work done in Dist. No. 19,	7 75	
Zebulon Foster,	6 87	
Cyrus Bell 4 50, Charles Bell 3 00,	7 50	
Alonzo Patterson 5 50, James Ellis 3 75,	9 25	
John Barnes 5 50, Cyrus Carpenter 1 00,	6 50	
George Arnold 3 00, Washington Berry 3 37	6 37	
Hiram Patten 4 50, Elisha W. Rice 1 13,	5 63	
Jacob Brown 50c, Eri Colby 50c,	1 00	
Frederick Whitney 1 13, Jonathan Gordon 3 00,	4 13—	55 00
Merrimack Co Insurance Assessment,		12 75
Horace Gibson for paying Campbell & Gilmore for printing town reports,		18 00
For preparing the same for press and going to Manchester,		8 00
David E. Harriman for use of town farm,	100 00	
do do do	121 82	
Harrison A. Rice and others for work on the Pond brook bridge	5 00	
Repairing chains 13c, and T. V. Wadworth 7½ days	7 88	
Cart and plough 50c, use of plank 1 25	1 75	
Repairing chains 50c, D. D. Davis 2½ days 2 75	3 25	
Jason Whitney,	2 00—	19 88

Paid David Plummer, prudential committee, District No. 1,	68 17	
Daniel Hussey, do do No. 2,	52 20	
Washington Berry, do do No. 3,	64 49	
Charles H. Darling, do do No. 4,	90 08	
O. C. Fisher, do do No. 5,	124 42	
Alex. W. Connor, do do No. 6,	68 24	
William Smith, do do No. 7,	89 94	
Geo. W. Cogswell, do do No. 8,	72 36	
Benjamin Colby, do do No. 9,	42 37	
Eldad Marsh, do do No. 10,	57 00	
Gilbert D. Gould, do do No. 11,	185 13	
Chas. T. Chapman, do do No. 12,	32 05	
Saml. K. Gove, do do No. 13,	37 05—	983 50
William Smith, agent for repairing Centre Bridge,	300 00	
do do	400 00	
do do	300 00	
do do	504 77—	1504 77
Frederick Whitney, agent in part to build upper bridge,		185 00
Zebulon Foster, agent to repair bridge near Micah Howe's,		467 28
Clara Carpenter, boarding Betsy Beardon 1 week,		75
Wm. H. Sawyer, 5 days' work, and oxen, cart and plough,		7 25
Carlton S. Dodge for paying Geo. Arnold 2 12, and Annis Goss for plank 1 05,		3 17
Clement & Dunlap for plank,		2 25
Hall Roberts Commissioner of Common Schools for Merrimack County,		20 84
H M Davis for work and Timber,		8 40
S M Patten for cutting and hewing Timber on Town Farm,		12 00
Stephen Pingrey for Plank,		2 10
Lyman Harriman for money advanced to Pierce & Minot in chancery suit,—		
Moses Brown and others vs. P Marsh, and suits growing out of the same,	207 17	
Lewis Smith for services in same,	42 75	
Ira Perley for advice,	3 00	
For Freight,	65	
Time, Fare and Expense to Concord attending C. C. P., to present bills and rec pay for support of County Paupers	4 00	
For copying Valuation and Taxes in Town Book,	6 50	
	—	264 07

Paid Stephen Kimball for boarding and nursing N. D. Searle, 1 yr, to Oct. 12, '52,	104 00
Carlton S Dodge for cash advanced to James U Parker for services in suit Moses Brown and others vs. P Marsh,	23 52
L Smith in part pay in case Town of Henniker vs. C. V. Railroad,	20 00
Juror Fees in same suit,	5 00
6 Wit'es, three days time and travel fees	37 34
Hiram Bell for Jurors' dinner, &c.	3 50
Time, Fare and Expenses to Concord, notifying witnesses in same suit,	9 67
Time, Fare and Expenses to Hollis and Nashua, to consult Farley and Smith in a suit Fletcher & Emerson vs. the Town of Henniker,	6 62—105 65
Amos Ray for work on roads and putting up Guide Posts,	3 92
Carlton S Dodge for money advanced for use of the Town,	104 50
Carlton S Dodge for money advanced to Road Commissioners,	46 30
Hazen K. Plummer for support of J O Colcord from May 10, 1852, until he arrives at 21 years of age,	103 78
Jeremiah Foster, for taking survey and making plan of dry bridge near the crossing of the Contoocook Valley Railroad,	2 00
John K Plummer for stone and labor on the road	5 24
Dr. Nathan Sanborn, for professional services,	13 10
Alfred Winship, School tax on town farm	2 06
Alfred Winship, Collecting town tax,	35 00
do Collecting 5 School district taxes,	5 00—40 00
Edson Hill, State Treasurer State Tax,	405 30
B L Locke, county Treasurer, county tax,	476 62

Taxes assessed in School Districts.

David Plummer receipt for district No. 1,	51 20
Hiram G Patten, do No. 3,	30 54
Alexander W Connor, do No. 6,	33 31
John O Folsom, do No. 8,	109 49
Moses Brown, do No. 10,	30 46—247 00
Highway nonresident receipts,	29 46
Abatement of Taxes,—J C Darling,	1 15
do Floreman Howe,	1 15
do Lawrence Kelley,	1 15
do William Parker,	1 15

Paid Solomon Towns,	1 15
George W Piper,	1 15—6 90
Thomas Bailey, error in Taxes,	1 94
William B Whittemore, do	29
Arnold Martin, do	35
Jane Wallace, do	4 32
Harrison A. Rice, for money advanced to John Gove for snowing bridge,	50
do Lot gravel,	1 00
do 1 1-2 days work on bridge near Howe's do Work at Railroad crossing,	1 77—25—3 52
Isaac Brooks, for services rendered to Tho. Livingston, from Dec. 19th, to Feb., 3d, 1853,	33 00
For 60 meals of Food,	10 00—43 00
Isaac Brooks, work on road,	2 00
Thomas Livingston, snowing bridge 1851 and 1852,	1 50
Elisha W. Rice, 1 day's work,	1 00
Charles Barker,	2 00
Charles H. Darling, Superintending School Committee,	12 75
Warren S. Childs, do	12 00
Timber to build bridge in Dist. No. 5	4 50—16 50
Elijah B. Huntington, for breaking roads, Lyman Harriman, for money advanced to Pierce and Minot; judgment found by Court of Common Pleas against town for laying out road	38 14
Asylum Bill,	20 00
H. A. & A. H Bellows, for counsel, Pierce and Minot, 3 terms fees suit H Rice & Moses Brown, vs. T V Wadsworth,	9 00—15 00
B M Farley, services in suit Fletcher & Emerson, vs Town of Henniker,	35 00
Time and fare to Concord paying bills	2 50
Stationery,	42—120 46
Jacob Straw, for medical services to Calvin Bowman	11 84
To Thadeus Goodwin's family	16 69
To taking Mrs. Goodwin's Affidavit,	34—28 77
Luther L. Williams, for work on road,	50
Wallace & Wyman, Stationery,	1 40
William P Cressy, abatement of Edward Morgan's tax, 1851,	1 22
William Smith, cash pd P Eaton for gravel	1 40
Daniel Cogswell, for work on road and timber,	1 25

Paid Josephus Smith, taking care of town Meeting House, and finding wood,	4 25	
Repairing window,	1 74	
Repairing Lock,	66—	6 65
Hiram Rice, Superintending School Committee,		11 00
Jeremiah Foster, John Smith and Jacob Straw, for services as Auditing Committee		3 00
Jonas Wallace, services as Treasurer,	8 00	
Collecting surplus revenue money and distributing and making out 13 bonds,	4 00—	12 00

LYMAN HARRIMAN, SERVICES AS SELECTMAN.

1 day making appointments and taking bonds of Collector and Treasurer,	1 00	
$\frac{1}{2}$ day consulting on Pauper business	50	
1 day preparing Inventory books, giving orders,	1 00	
4 days taking Invoice	4 00	
9 days making taxes and preparing Surveyors' Warrants,	9 00	
6 days, making out valuation and five School district taxes	6 00	
1 day viewing road and making out warrants for town meeting,	1 00	
1-2 day tending road,	50	
1-2 do preparing Collector's Book,	50	
1-2 do on Pauper business,	50	
1-2 do Enrolling Soldiers,	50	
1-2 do giving orders and other business,	50	
1-2 do Business with A Pollard,	50	
1-2 do Consulting on road,	50	
1 1-2 do with Com. laying out road,	1 50	
1-2 do drawing jurors and giving orders,	50	
1-2 do borrowing money and making appointments,	50	
1 do making warrants for Town Meeting, and Check List,	1 00	
1-2 do making County Pauper papers,	50	
1-2 do correcting Check List,	50	
1-2 do regulating jury box,	50	
1-2 do snowing bridge and giving orders,	50	
1-2 do preparing and posting notices,	50	
1-2 receiving proposals for carrying on Poor Farm,	50	
1 do going to Warner on petition of H Davis and others,	1 00	

1-2 do hiring agent on Poor Farm,	50	
2 do making warrant and check list for Town Meeting,	2 00	
1 do settling account at Poor Farm,	1 00	
1 do with Collector, giving orders, &c.,	1 00	
1 do with Auditing Committee,	1 00	
1-2 do attendance drawing jurors,	50	
1-2 do correcting check list,	50—	40 00

CARLTON S. DODGE, FOR SERVICES AS SELECTMAN.

1 day appointing Collector, Treasurer, and Constables, and taking bonds of same,	1 00	
$\frac{1}{2}$ do on pauper business,	50	
$\frac{1}{2}$ do on pauper business and giving orders,	50	
1 do making out orders and preparing invoice books,	1 00	
4 $\frac{1}{2}$ do taking invoice,	4 50	
9 do making Taxes and preparing Surveyors' Warrants,	9 00	
5 $\frac{1}{2}$ do making out valuation of Districts and 5 District Taxes,	5 50	
1 do Putting up Warrants for Town Meeting and examining roads,	1 00	
$\frac{1}{2}$ do examining roads, attending to pauper business,	50	
1-2 do preparing Tax Book,	50	
1-2 do making out Roll of Soldiers and putting up notices,	50	
1-2 do Selling bridge stuff,	50	
1-2 do making out orders,	50	
1-2 do on business with A Pollard on flowage,	50	
1-2 do consulting and examining road,	50	
1 1-2 do with Commissioners laying out roads,	1 50	
1-2 do drawing jurors and giving orders	50	
1 do putting up warrant and preparing check list,	1 00	
1-2 do making out Co. pauper papers,	50	
1-2 do correcting check list and giving orders,	50	
1-2 do examining case of Thomas Livingston and regulating juror box,	50	
1-2 do receiving proposals for taking charge of Poor Farm,	50	
2 do making out check list and putting up warrant,	2 00	
1 do settling with Auditing Committee,	1 00—	31 57

HARRISON A. RICE, SERVICES AS SELECTMAN.

By one day appointing Treasurer and Collector and taking bonds of the same,	1 00	
1 day assisting Calvin Bowman, and examining Roads,	1 00	
$\frac{1}{2}$ day assisting the family of Mrs. Goodrich,	50	
1 day preparing invoice Books,	1 00	
4 days taking invoice,	4 00	
$3\frac{1}{2}$ days making taxes,	3 50	
$5\frac{1}{2}$ days making out valuation of Districts for the division of School money and making 5 district taxes,	5 50	
1 day examining roads and making warrants for Town Meeting,	1 00	
$\frac{1}{2}$ day preparing Collector's Book,	50	
$\frac{1}{2}$ do attending to pauper business,	50	
$\frac{1}{2}$ do enrolling soldiers,	50	
$\frac{1}{2}$ do selling bridge timber,	50	
$\frac{1}{2}$ do giving orders,	50	
$\frac{1}{2}$ do on business with A Pollard on flowage,	50	
$\frac{1}{2}$ do notifying L Harriman of business,	50	
$\frac{1}{2}$ do consulting on road and giving orders,	50	
$\frac{1}{2}$ do giving orders,	50	
$\frac{1}{2}$ do settling with F Whitney and borrowing money,	50	
$\frac{1}{2}$ do appointing agent for Lower Bridge,	50	
$\frac{1}{2}$ do appointing officers for School District No. 10,	50	
$\frac{1}{2}$ do preparing Co. pauper papers,	50	
1 do making warrant and check list,	1 00	
$\frac{1}{2}$ do settling with William Smith as agent and hiring money,	50	
$\frac{1}{2}$ do regulating Jury Box and attending to case of Thomas Livingston,	50	
$\frac{1}{2}$ do receiving proposals for agent for Poor Farm,	50	
1 do attending to petition of H. Davis and others,	1 00	
1 do attending to request of D. Purington and hiring agent for Poor Farm,	1 00	
2 do making warrant and check list,	2 00	
1 do settling with agent on Poor Farm,	1 00	
1 do settling with Collector & giving orders,	1 00	
1 do settling with Auditing Committee,	1 00	
$\frac{1}{2}$ do correcting check list,	50—	34 00
James Caldwell for services as Town Clerk,	17 00	
Paying Doct. N. Sanborn for return of		

Births and Deaths,	1 65	
Doct. J. Straw do	1 10	
To recording 71 Marriages, Births and Deaths,	4 26	
To procuring 2 Books for Town Records,	7 00—	31 01
Cash remaining in the hands of the Treasurer,		184 00
		<u>\$6,650 77</u>

Audited by the undersigned, this 24th day of February, A. D., 1853.

JEREMIAH FOSTER, } Auditing
JOHN SMITH, } Committee.
JACOB STRAW,

Jonas Wallace, in account with the Town of Henniker, Agent, to take care of the balance of the Surplus Revenue, deposited with said Town, amounting to the sum of..... \$633 7

Jonas Wallace, the aforesaid agent, accounts for the above sum agreeably to a vote of the town, passed at their annual town meeting, by exhibiting the bonds of the prudential committees of the thirteen school districts in said town, as having received the sum of \$48 76 each, amounting to the sum of..... \$633 88
Balance carried to town account,..... 09— \$633 97

JEREMIAH FOSTER, } Auditing
JOHN SMITH, } Committee.
JACOB STRAW,

David E. Harriman in account with the Town of Henniker, Dr.
To amount of real and personal property as per inventory of Selectmen, taken in 1852,..... 3634 31
Interest on the same for one year,..... 218 05
Agent's compensation,..... 250 00

Other bills as follows:

Paid H Gibson & Co, E Hemphill's account—1-2 bbl flour 3 12, 1 quarto book 25, 25 crackers 12, $6\frac{3}{4}$ lbs sugar 50, 1 lb tea 40, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb snuff 6, 1 lb tobacco 25, 1 bag salt 20, 2 gall molasses 60. Paid Dr Sanborn's bill 7 25. Also paid H Gibson & Co for 3 bbls flour 18 87, 12 plates 47, 1 set knives and forks \$1, 8 1-2 bush rye 7 67, 18 lbs tea 8 36, 16 lbs saleratus 96, 129 1-2 lbs sugar 9 23, 75 yds sheeting 5 69, 3 1-10 oz linen thread 31, 21 skeins thread 10, 4 1-2 yds paper 18, 498 crackers 2 49, 26 lbs rice 141, 5 balls wicking 25, 3 bean pots 26,

2 table covers 50, 1 roll Hardy salve 25, 2 lbs ginger 20, 2 1-2 lbs spice 40, 3-4 lb cassia 30, 4 oz nutmegs 40, 18 lbs tobacco 4 49, 41 galls molasses 12 30, 1 wash board 17, 5 oz quicksilver 50, 3 1-4 lbs snuff 78, 44 lbs fish 2 09, 2 butter tubs 67, 1 bunch batting 10, 3 sks cotton yarn 12, 2 brooms 50, pail 20, muck fork \$1, 3 bush salt 1 39, 4 bags salt 80, bag salt 1 62, 3 doz buttons 20, 3 cakes soap 12, 1 lb soap 12, 1-2 gross matches 30, paper pins 8, 2 oz cloves 6, 8 yds ging-ham \$1, 2 3-4 lbs rope 50, lb pepper 16, paper seed 5, nappie 25, bot-tle essence 8, oz camphor 6, box pills 25, kit mackerel 1 88, 6 yds cam-brie 1 50, 3 combs and thread 38, 2 scythes 1 84, sneath 67, 2 rakes 50, hay fork \$1, lb soda 10, 5 lbs coffee 63, 1-4 lb starch 4, 2 yards selicia 25, skein silk and stick twist 6, pr ox bows 84, 2 axe helves 30, 2 lbs raisins 20, 2 mugs 13, pr mittens 75, file 10, 8 yds calico \$1, 8 yds drilling 72, 5 lbs nails 24, 1 cap 92, 3-4 lb saltpetre 9, 2 lbs red paint 8, pt spirits turpentine 8, gimlet 6, 2 lbs powder 25, 2 balls twine 18, box plaster 25; paid Wallace & Wyman for a coat and hat 7 00, T Gould 2 plough points 83, S M Patten repairing clock 1 10, 3 bushels wheat 3 75, 3 bbls flour 17 75, 61 lbs pork 6 10, 1-2 bush beans 1 00, 19 lbs veal 95, use of bull 67, blacksmithing 1 76, H Gibson for news-paper 1 25, L Harriman 2 lbs butter 32, W Bickford for strainer 35, pedler 67, crackers 25, A Winship mending kettle 25, D W Cogswell blacksmithing 5 91, pedlar for pans and pails 3 91, Dr J Straw 1 1-2 pts alcohol 18, B F and J S Burt 1 pr lines 1 25 H Campbell black-smithing 2 43, T Livingston axe helve 25, P Morrill 46 lbs beef 2 11, J Wilkins for wagon 7 00, W Berry for horse \$90, interest on note 1 20, T Emerson shoemaking 4 01, pedler broom and 3 tumblers 40, A Pol-lard vice screw 25, D Bowers 1 shave 1 25, Dr N Sanborn visit 1 00, Forsaith 2 qts rum 20, P Codman for use of cider mill 35, E Ewing for pasturing stock 4 50, W Worthley rocking chair 1 55, E Marsh threshing grain 1 56, pedler 17 lbs fish 50, H Ray mending shoes 87, D E Harriman for heifer 15 00, pedler bottle balsam of life 50, A Wood grain and sawing boards 5 52, B M Swett for coffin 2 50.

Whole amount of bills,..... 309 07

Whole amount of debtor as above,..... 4411 43

D. E. Harriman,

Cr.

By amount of real estate,..... 2600 00

By personal property as per inventory of Selectmen, taken Feb. 22d, 1853—neat stock and horse \$361, 3 sheats \$30, 14 tons hay \$168, farming tools \$75, furniture \$250, 400 lbs pork \$44, 80 lbs ham 8 80, 250 lbs beef 12 50, 40 lbs butter 6 67, 150 lbs cheese 13 50, 45 lbs lard 4 95, 44 lbs tallow 3 96, 8 bush oats 3 60, 16 bush corn \$16, 4 bush wheat \$5, bbl soap \$4, 60 bush potatoes \$18, 50 lbs dried apple 2 50.

Sold to H Gibson & Co 138 1-4 lbs butter 18 55, 46 lbs cheese 2 53, P Morrill 3 calves 12 50, calf skin 80, 2 hides 5 55, pedler 8 1-2 lbs dried apple 50, received of S G Emory for use of horse 50, A Cald-

well for use of oxen \$1, sold to Wm Bickford 6 lbs veal 25, N Morgan yearling \$8, pig \$2, T Parker pig \$2, C Gibson 3 1-2 lbs butter 50, M Patten 19 bush ashes 2 36, 2 flour barrels 20, W Berry 1 pr steers 30.

Whole amount of credit,..... 3714 72
Balance against the farm, 696 71

LIST OF PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN SUPPORTED ON THE FARM THE PAST YEAR.

NAMES.	AGES.	NAMES.	AGES.
James Morrison.....	93	Nancy Gould.....	88
Solomon Johnson.....	90	Dorcas Stone.....	79
Aaron Eastman.....	71	Betsy Joslyn.....	77
Alvin Whitman.....	66	Mehitable Keezer.....	76
Joshua Kimball,		Hannah Connor,	
until May 20th.....	72	until July 24th.....	73
David Purington,		Betsy Purington,	
from Feb. 16th.....	75	from Feb. 16th.....	67
Salome Leslie 5½ mos....	35	Alice Whitney.....	37
Whole number.....		14	
Present number.....		12	

CONDITION OF THE FINANCES OF THE TOWN.

Amount of outstanding demands, as estimated		
by the Selectmen,.....	70 00	
Do Notes,.....	4170 00	
		4240 00
Cash in the hands of the Treasurer,.....	184 00	
Due from the County for support of paupers..	38 00	
		222 00
Leaving a balance against the town of.....		\$4018 00

JEREMIAH FOSTER, }
JOHN SMITH, } Auditing
JACOB STRAW, } Committee.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In presenting a report of the condition of our schools for the past year, your Committee are of the opinion that it is a wiser course to speak of them in general terms, rather than go into detail of each school separately. What we should wish to say of one school and one teacher, would be almost precisely what we should wish to say of many others; and this repetition of the same thing is needless. In regard to such schools and teachers as cannot be spoken of in terms of commendation, we think no good can result from speaking of them in terms of reproach.

It is with pleasure, and a high degree of satisfaction, that we are able to say that our schools for the past year have been of a high order. We doubt whether there have ever been so many good schools in town in any one season as there have been the past year. The examinations at the close of the terms, have generally been in the highest degree satisfactory. We have been favored with the services of many very excellent teachers. Those who were eminently calculated, both in mental and moral qualifications, to raise the standard of education in our schools. They have given convincing evidence of their fitness for the responsible offices they have held. They have labored with untiring zeal and energy, and success has crowned their efforts. Their instructions have been characterized by a thoroughness that is seldom equalled in our common schools. Parents and children that have been favored with the services of our best teachers, are under very great obligations to them. For they have not labored merely for the money they have received; they have given more than an equivalent for their wages. Very much more might be said in their praise; but the consciousness of having faithfully discharged their duties, and the pleasure they have experienced from witnessing the advancement of those under their care, will afford them greater satisfaction than any praise from us.

What has now been said, applies to most of those that have taught in town the past year, but not to all. No school has proved an entire failure. But in some but very little progress has been made. This has been in part the fault of the teachers, and in part the fault of the districts where they have been engaged. Some of those who have applied for certificates, and have answered the requirements of the law, have given unmistakable evidence in the school room, that they have mistaken their calling. We would say, however, that this is true in but one or two instances. And in this connection we would urge upon prudential committees the great importance of being very particular in their selection of teachers. A good understanding of the branches they are required to teach, is not all that constitutes a good teacher. The education of our youth should be entrusted to none but those who have themselves a high value of education, and have formed correct habits of study, and possess an aptness to teach. Nor should we consider him a well qualified teacher, who regards the intellectual training of his pupils his only duty. The law requires of every teacher that he pay a strict regard to the moral as well as intellectual training of his scholars.— We have been gratified to find that most of our teachers have endeavored to inculcate good moral principles in the minds of their scholars, and to impress this by example as well as by precept. But this, we are sorry to say is not true of every one who has taught in town the past year. And it is to be hoped that no one will be employed in future, as teacher of our youth whose example and influence will not be of a decided moral nature.

We are glad to find that most of our districts are waking up to the importance of having good school houses. Some of the school rooms have been remodelled and fitted up on a new and improved plan in which comfort and convenience are combined. And we hope the parents in none of our districts will much longer suffer their children to be confined in such uncomfortable enclosures as some of our school rooms are. Especially would we call the attention of district No. 10 to this subject. Their school house is a more fit place for their swine to be confined in, than their children. A word to the wise is sufficient.

There is one idea more to which we wish to direct your attention, and one which, in our estimation is of more importance than all the others that have been spoken of, and that is, of parents taking a deeper interest in the schools, and manifesting this interest by frequent visits to the school room. This subject has so often been pressed upon your attention, that we feel a reluctance to press it still farther. But so deeply do we feel its importance that we cannot refrain from calling your attention to it yet again. Of the good effects it has upon the schools to have parents take a deep interest and frequently visit them, we need not speak, for every parent knows it all. But it is a truth that needs no demonstration, that until parents have more feeling on this subject and come up to their duty, our schools cannot be what they should be. We are happy to say that there has been some improvement in this respect. We have had the pleasure of meeting many of the parents in the school at its close. But this is not sufficient. It would be a great stimulus to both teachers and scholars if they would call in frequently during the term. We cannot refrain from speaking of this subject as particularly applicable to one of our districts which has been favored with the services of two of our best teachers, the one in summer and the other in winter. At the examinations at the close of each of these terms we hoped and expected to find many if not all of the parents present. But not a solitary one of them came near. Now can they expect their school to prosper while they manifest such perfect indifference?

One more incident we feel it a duty to notice here. And that is, the conduct of two lads in one of our schools, in attempting to set at defiance the authority of one of our best female teachers. They should be made to understand that such conduct will be frowned upon by every lover of good order, and that they have fastened upon themselves a foul blot that nothing but the most unexceptionable conduct in future can erase.

In closing this report it may not be improper to say a few words in regard to ourselves. We have endeavored to discharge faithfully the duties of our office. It has been our aim to be faithful in examining teachers, and to guard the entrance to our schools from such as were not qualified for the responsible office of teachers. We have endeavored to enforce upon teachers before commencing their schools, the importance of a thorough course of instruction. We have made more than fifty visits to the schools and have done what we could to encourage the teachers and stimulate the scholars to effort. We have endeavored to show them the advantages of a good education, and to enforce upon their minds the importance of making the most in their power of the privileges they enjoy. We have felt a strong desire that the standard of education in our schools should be raised much higher than it has been in years past, and we believe if all would do their duty this would be the case. In fact there has been a very marked advancement within a few years, and there is much to encourage to untiring effort.

We hope that our association will be men of zeal and energy, lovers of learning, and those who will feel a deep interest in the rising generation, and do much more than we have done for the interests of our schools.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

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