ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TREASURER, AUDITORS,
AND OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
OF THE
TOWN OF HENNIKER,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY,
1855.

MANCHESTER:
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1855.
REPORT.

Horace Gibson in account with the town of Henniker, as Treasurer, for A. D. 1854.

Dr.
To cash remaining in the hands of the Treasurer for A. D. 1853, $542.15
To cash received of Selectmen, 255.00
To cash received of Selectmen, it being the amount paid by Worcester Ooes for not serving as Highway Surveyor, 5.00
To cash received by the hand of O. C. Fisher, it being the Literary Fund Money, 76.73
To cash received of the town of Dorchaster by the hand of O. C. Fisher, for the relief of Dolly Goodwin and family, 150.42
To cash received of County for County paupers, 105.00
To cash received of H. M. Davis, Collector at sundry times, 585.03
To cash received of John M. Page, by the hands of Eri Colby, 1.25
To cash received from State, the amount of Railroad tax, 71.65

$7,070.23

Audited by the undersigned, this 3d day of March, A. D. 1855.

JACOB STRAW, Auditing
HIRAM M. DAVIS, Committee.
HIRAM RICE

Horace Gibson, aforesaid, in account with the town of Henniker, for 1854.

Cr.
Paid Walter Harriman, State Treasurer, the State tax, $389.90
Seth K. Jones, County Treasurer, the County tax, 518.55
New Hampshire Asylum for the support of Jane Whitney, County pauper, 23.25
do do do do do do 20.61
do do do do do do 23.44
do do do do do do 20.12
do do do do do do Paul C. Abbott, 8.45
Paid Stephen Kimball for care of Nancy D. Searl, County pauper, from Oct. 10, 1853 to April 17, 1854, 52.00
Stephen Kimball for care of Nancy D. Searl, from April 10, to Oct. 2, 1854, 67.00
Dr. Nathan Sanborn for doctoring Nancy D. Searl, do 7.50
  do  do  do  do  medicine do  do  6.70
  do  do  do  do  two visits and medicine for Thadeus Goodwin's family, 20.00
Dr. Nathan Sanborn for professional services rendered the inmates of the town farm, 380.00
James Caldwell for recording valuation book, do do services as Town Clerk, 15.00
  do  do  do  do  paying Wm. H. Fisk for one record book, 7.00
  do  do  do  do  cash advanced, 2.88
  do  do  do  do  recording births and deaths, 3.65
Moses Colby's note and interest, 434.67
Nathanial Patch, interest on note, 30.00
Dr. Jacob Straw for doctoring John M. Page's wife and children from March 20th to July 14th, 1854, 25.95
Dr. Jacob Straw for doctoring Mrs. Putney from August 22 to Sept. 3, 1854, 10.45
Dr. Jacob Straw for doctoring Hannah Connor from Sept. 18th to Sept. 27th inclusive, 8.56
do do do for doctoring Ann Goodwin from Feb. 23, to March 11th, 1854, 8.00
Campbell & Gilmore, for printing town report, 16.00
Hiram Bell, Selectman's expenses for 1853 and for use of horse and sleigh to Canaan, 24.13
The town of Salisbury for assistance rendered Moses Dolby, 12.25
The town of Hill for assistance rendered Joel Connor, 23.17
Merrimack Co. Fire Insurance Company, 3.82
Geo. G. Fogg & Co. for advertising, 1.00
Oliver Pillsbury Jr. for fare to Concord to procure stationery, 1.50
do do drawing 336 ft. bridge stringers, 2.00
do do cash paid to assist a stranger, 3.00
do do moving pauper from Hopkinton, 2.00
do do fare, time and expenses two days at Court, 5.12
  do  do  do  do  note, 160.63
Alfred Winship for damage done horse and sleigh by reason of obstructions in highway, 35.00
  Imri Woods for writing affidavits and administering oaths, 1.00

Paid J. M. R. Eaton for service as Superintending School Committee for 1853, 16.00
John C. Campbell, do do do 15.50
  J. M. Gould, do do do 1.00
G. S. Barnes, School Commissioner, 23.12
Dec. O. Pillsbury, interest on note, 28.70
Titus V. Wadsworth on the execution Moses Brown and others vs. T. V. Wadsworth, 145.02
T. V. Wadsworth for service in said case, 17.35
Abraham Chase, interest on note, 12.00
Wm. D. Eastman for cow, 26.00
Wm. D. Eastman for lumber to repair town's buildings, 4.53
Wm. D. Eastman for service on town farm for the year ending Nov. 24, 1854, 215.00
Josephus Smith for repairing and care of town house, 6.00
Morrill & Silsby for book and stationery, 2.18
James Caldwell for Record Book, 3.00
Edmund Mirick for cleaning and removing State arms, 5.00
James French for damage done by cattle from town farm, 1.50
Jeremiah Foster for cash advanced, 3.00
Clerk of Court for printing case, Town of Henniker vs. C. V. R. Road, 10.00
M. W. Tappan, 10.00
Fowler & Mugridge for advice in relation to two claims of damages for defective highways and insane pauper case, 2.00
Burton Wadsworth for services as committee to examine town's farm, 2.00
Frederick Whitney, do do do 2.00
Squire M. Patton for services as Selectman and time and expenses to Deering on pauper case, 3.50
Frederick Whitney for support of Alice Whitney and nursing in her last sickness, 27.00
Gilman Moores for assistance rendered Moses Dolby, 4.67
Charles Barker, for assisting and shaving Thomas Livingston, 10.22
Miss L. B. How for grave clothes for Mrs. Hannah Connor, 1.10
Samuel M. Currier for flour delivered to Thomas Livingston, 2.00
Eli Colby for money advanced and time spent in pauper case in 1853, 13.74
Samuel Gordon for boarding and nursing Hannah Connor, 10.25
Paid E. W. Barnes for assisting and moving Mrs. Hurd, 2 00
Wallace & Wyman for one pair boots for Hurd boy, 2 75
Calvin Hathorn for boarding and nursing Isaac N. Jackman five weeks, 3 75
S. L. F. Simpson for medical aid rendered Mrs. Tewksbury in her last sickness, 8 25
Wm. How for boarding, nursing, and funeral expenses of Mrs. Tewksbury, 34 48
B. F. Noyes for relief of Dolly Goodwin and children, 12 19
Isaac Brooks for shaving Thomas Livingston 11 months, 1 50
T. V. Wadsworth for boarding Alice Whitney six weeks, 4 50
Mrs. Rezer for nursing Mrs. John M. Page 11½ weeks, 20 00
Moses J. Mirick for boarding Sarah Backley and child, 9 00
Lot Wiggin for nursing and clothing Betsey Putney, 18 66
Mrs. Hurd for watching with pauper, 1 00
Wallace & Wyman for goods furnished Thadeus Goodwin, 73 00
Wm. K. Plumer for digging grave for Geo. Goodwin, 2 00
do do do Isaac Goodwin, furnishing gate and repairing hinges and stone wall for grave yard, 6 00
Geo. W. Johnson for work on bridge, 1 00
Joseph G. Wadsworth for repairing water course, 3 00
Wm. Smith for work on Centre bridge, 2 50
Samuel Folsom for repairing road, 75 00
Stephen Sunborn for work and plank for bridge, 4 40
Chas. A. Bean for 1130 ft. lumber, and work on bridge, 11 92
Ezra Chase for work on road, 1 50
John Whitcomb for repairing bridge, 2 00
Isaac Morse for repairing road and bridge, 1 38
Samuel Morrison for 124 feet bridge plank, 1 11
H. M. Davis for snowing lower bridge, 75 00
S. M. Patten for powder and tools to blast stone, 1 50
Abel Connor for moving wall to widen road, 5 00
Wm. L. Danforth for drawing lumber, 2 00
do do work on bridge, 1 50
Hiram G. Patten for blasting stone in road, 1 00
Hazen K. Plumer for repairing highway, 4 75
A. D. L. F. Connor for two bridge stringers, 2 00
do do do 2½ days work on road, 2 50
Dea. O. Pillsbury for 20 feet bridge stringers, 2 25

Ebenezer Hemphill for 4½ days work and use of tools in repairing highway, 4 87
Cyrus Carpenter for snowing bridge, 1 50
John K. Connor for repairing highway and bridges, and breaking roads, 15 79
Nathan Carter for windows furnished and work done on pauper farm buildings, 6 12
Alfred Winship for use of carriage to move I. N. Jackman, 75
Nathan Sawyer for land damage awarded him by Road Commissioners in laying out a road around “Sawyer’s Hill,” 256 00
Amos and Edmund Wood for land damage of said road, 95 00
Moses Brown for 91 8-10 rods of new road, 150 40
Nathan Sawyer for building 102 64-100 rods new road, 227 29
B. P. Burpee and Daniel Osgood for attending Oct. term of Court to amend report made by them as Road Commissioners in regard to land damage of Edmund Wood, 13 00
Eldad Marsh for building road around “Rockey Hill,” 30 50
Wm. Cheney for breaking roads last winter, 5 20
Burton Wadsworth, do do do do do 4 20
John Favor, do do do do 5 66
David Osborn, do do do do 3 21
Wyer Grove, do do do do 5 50
Hiram G. Patten, do do do do 13 20
John Pope, do do do do 4 00
John K. Connor, do do do do 3 67
Thomas Dustin, do do do do 4 33
John Peaslee, do do do do 4 00
Lyman Harriman, do do do do 1 50
Alpheus Pollard, do do do do 12 20
Nathanial Chase, do do do do 11 88
Geo. W. Hoyt, do do do do 2 16
Jacob Rice for repairing and breaking roads do 3 50
Calvin Smith, do do do do 11 75
Joseph G. Wadsworth for breaking roads this winter, 9 53
Daniel Rice, do do do do 1 00
Cyrus Carter, do do do do 5 00
Squire M. Patten, do do do do 27 08
Charles H. Chase, do do do do 16 48
David Osborn, do do do do 10 64
Alonzo Patterson, do do do do 19 24
Walter Felch, do do do do 5 60
Paid Thomas W. Sargent, breaking roads this winter | 10.80
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Asa Whitcomb, do | 18.49
Eldad Marsh, do | 23.24
Isaac Morse, do | 3.89
Joshua H. Colby, do | 7.79
Ezra Chase, do | 8.64
D.D. Davis, do | 11.64
Wm. D. Eastman, do | 5.29
Ezra Eastman, do | 9.42
Samuel Morrison, do | 13.56
John Favor, do | 13.96
Horace Tucker, do | 2.80
Wm. R. Plumer, do | 20.80
Nathan P. Buxton, do | 10.60
Warren Gove, do | 8.04
John C. Smith, do | 16.56
Geo. W. Chase, do | 15.64
Alfred Winship, do | 9.36
Moses Dustin, do | 14.48
Gilbert Gordon, do | 27.60
Imri Wood, do | 16.24
A. D. L. F. Connor, do | 5.96
Alexander W. Connor, do | 8.64
David L. Cogswell, do | 3.97
William Cheaney, do | 1.00
Oramel Pope, do | 25.76
Nathanial Noyes, do | 12.32
Horace Tucker, do | 2.32
David D. Perry, do | 14.97

| 438.35 |
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Silas Colby for expenses of town officers, | 4.75
Eli Colby for two days work, | 2.00
| 4.00

For Cash advanced, | 14.40
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Pal. Jeremiah Foster for services as Selectman for year 1854 and 1855 | 19.15
Oliver Pillsbury, Jr., do | 34.50
Eli Colby, do | 41.00
Jonathan Dow, Prudential Com. in Dis. No. 1 | 30.35
Jonathan Chase, do | 50.96
Geo. W. Berry, do | 58.89
Nahum Colby, do | 72.11
Oliver Pillsbury Jr., do | 80.9
Titus W. Wadsworth, do | 71.2
Zadok Dustin Jr., do | 95.9
Ebenezer Hemphill, do | 87.98
James H. Ray, do | 19.25
Benjamin Colby, do | 28.18
Elijah B. Huntington, do | 48.31
Hiram Rice, do | 111.11
Thomas B. Adams, do | 51.84
Lewis Tuttie, do | 54.53
Geo. W. Hoyt his share of school money | 4.36
Joel M. How, Annis Campbell, and K. G. Morrill's share of school money | 7.28
Squire M. Patern's note and interest | 483.30
Frederick Whitney for money due on note against the town | 351.69
Abraham Chase's note and interest | 216.27
Nathaniel Patch's note and interest | 258.78
Horace Gibson for goods, stationery and postage | 23.89
Morrill & Silsby for stationery | 35
David L. Cogswell for digging grave for Hannah Connor | 150
Hiram Rice for services as Superintending School Committee | 12.00
John Gould, do | 13.00
J. M. Eaton do | 14.75
Cyrus Carpenter for snowing bridge | 1.50
Abijah Hillcrest for an abatement in tax, | 2.27
Thomas Dustin, do | 1.64
Abel Connor, do | 1.64
Josiah Whitecomb, do | 45
Sam'l M. Carrier, do | 1.38
John S. Craig for services as Committee to examine town's farm | 2.00
Oramel Pope for work on road | 90
Horace Gibson for preparing town reports for printing last year | 8.00
For services as Treasurer this year | 16.00
Paid H. M. Davis for the abatement of taxes as follows:
Ichabod F. Connor, 407
Isaac N. Jackman, 222
Jesse W. Mudgett, 231
Laughlin Brown, 437

H. M. Davis for the amount of non-resident highway taxes,
Jacob Straw for services as Auditing Committee,
Hiram M. Davis do do do
Hiram Rice do do do
Cash remaining in the hands of the Treasurer, 12.97

CONDITION OF THE FINANCES OF THE TOWN.
Amount of bills outstanding, $7,070.23
Notes, 2,309.26
Due agent on town farm, 300.00
Cash in the hands of the Treasurer, 394.50
Balance against the town, 8,289.76

Audited by the undersigned this third day of March A. D. 1855.
JACOB STRAW, Auditing Committee.
HIRAM M. DAVIS,
HIRAM RICE,

William D. Eastman in account with the Town of Henniker, Dr.
To amount of Real and Personal Property, as per inventory taken by Selectmen, Feb. 22, 1854, $3,806.70
Interest on the same one year, 298.40
Agent's compensation, 300.00

OTHER BILLS AS FOLLOWS:
Paid for cheese press, $1.50; peas, 13; repairing saws, 67; pigs, 2.50; labor, 6.50; pork, 154 bbls., 18.48; doctoring, 8.31; vinegar, 33; repairing stove, 2.81; threshing, 3.29; repairing clock, 67; seed, 75; blacksmithing, 8.19; fastenings, 13; seythe, 84; rakes, 50; mothkiller, 25; nails, 22; ox bows, 1.00; ink, 8; grass seed, 5.56; cream tartar, 40; comb, 6; putty, 14; twine, 6; batting, 25; neckles, 8; Atwoods' Biters, 25; raisins, 13; anguorum, 13; pasturing, 10; shoemaking, 1.98; stockyard, 8.4 bbls., 7.56; thread, 24; tin ware,
SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

DISTRICT No. 1 Summer — SARAH J. DAVIS, teacher. This teacher did not appear to be adapted to the latitude of this school district—not possessing the requisite energy and decision of character to control a school of thirty scholars, somewhat inclined to be unruly. Want of order was a prominent fault, and the consequences of that fault were very apparent throughout all the exercises of the school.

Winter—GEORGE W. PIERCE, teacher. The school is backward. The order was good and some progress has been made in study; but it is evident to the committee, that the Common School does not hold that place in the minds of the Parents of this district which its importance demands. Mr. Pierce gave evidence in school of more than ordinary capacity as a teacher.

No. 2. One Term. Winter—FRANK A. GORDON, teacher. The school is still in progress, and promises much good. Mr. G. interests himself much in his employment, and has secured the confidence of both pupils and parents. We doubt not the school will exhibit a happy degree of improvement at its close.

No. 3. Summer—MARGARET BUTLER, teacher. The committee were well pleased with the appearance of this school. In system and discipline it ranks with the best in town. With the exception of reading, the general improvement of the scholars in the various branches was highly satisfactory.

Winter—JAMES L. SMITH, teacher. Mr. Smith is an excellent scholar, and does not appear to be wanting in a faculty to instruct his pupils, but he was too indulgent in this school to secure the greatest amount of good. Want of good order was the great fault of the school.

No. 4. Summer—SUSAN C. EASTMAN, teacher. This school was under the care of a good scholar and faithful teacher, and made decided improvement in all the branches of study to which their attention was directed. We were also highly gratified with the general appearance of the school-room. Original exercises suggested by a teacher, give a healthful excitement to the minds of children, which is indispensable to successful study.

Winter—FRANK A. GORDON, teacher. The Committee were in at the opening of the school, and were much pleased with the appearance of things. Frequent inquiries were made into the progress of the school, as to its prosperity, to which the answer was uniform: "we have a good teacher, and the school is doing well." The roads being utterly impassable, the term closed without an examination.

No. 5. Summer and Winter—ELIZA L. SAWYER, teacher. Miss Sawyer has taught this school several terms, and the Committee are happy to say that she fully sustains her reputation, as one of our best teachers.

No. 6. Summer—MARY L. WADSWORTH, teacher. From various causes, the number of scholars was diminished so that only three small children were in attendance when the committee visited the school near the close of the term. The school was nearly a failure. A want of efficient government may have contributed to this result. These present showed some progress.

Winter—EDWARD S. HOTT, teacher. Mr. Hoyt has eminent qualifications for a teacher, and has succeeded admirably. In the examination it appeared that good progress had been made in the various branches taught, and some of the larger scholars exhibited a shade of intellectual cultivation which was very gratifying.

No. 7. Summer—LYVONA WOOD, teacher. The school did not meet the expectation of the Committee. The noise and disorder in the school-room, accounted for limited progress. A more energetic government would probably have secured a more favorable result.

Winter—CHARLES II. DARLING, teacher. The school was very prosperous. It was apparent in the examination that Mr. Darling is a successful teacher. The class in Colburn's Arithmetic gave good satisfaction to the Committee. The reading was of a high order, and showed a thorough training in that branch. The government was good, and whispering was nearly excluded from the school. The examination was very creditable both to teacher and pupils.

No. 8. Summer—MARY M. PATTERSON, teacher. The progress in this school was tolerably good, but did not fully come up to the expectation of the Committee.

Winter—JAMES L. SMITH, teacher. There was some progress in the school, but far too limited. A want of ability on the part of the teacher to communicate with clearness what he knew, a want of government, and a want of application on the part of the pupils, probably contributed to this result.

No. 9. Summer and Winter—JAMES H. FARRAR, teacher. In the Summer the school numbered but four pupils, and in the Winter only five. We deem it next to an impossibility for a teacher to
labor as successively, or satisfactorily, with so few scholars, as under more favorable circumstances. In the present case, we judge that the teacher has been faithful, and as successful as could be expected. Pupils generally require the stimulus of numbers to excite enthusiasm in study. If the evil of so many small schools could be remedied, an exceedingly desirable end would be attained.

No. 10. Summer—Amy A. Whitaker, teacher. This was a very prosperous school. The examination gave entire satisfaction to the Committee.

Winter—R. D. Rice, teacher. Mr. Rice has had good success, and has given very general satisfaction. At the examination the school was in a good and prosperous condition.

No. 11. Summer—Anna M. Johnson, teacher. It seems almost superfluous to say that the school was in its best trim. Miss J. has stored her mind with principles and illustrations, and is eminently happy in the use of them while engaged in that work in which she seems perfectly at home—educating the youthful mind. The common sense view of science inspires the school room with an interest not found there under parrot-like instruction. We take pleasure in reporting the school as having made great progress.

Winter—Hiram Rice, teacher. The school has not fallen from the interest excited the previous term. It has been under the best discipline—mild but firm. Much has been done to improve the morals of the school, and not without success. Whispering, in a good degree, has been banished from the school room. Mr. Rice has interested himself in his pupils at other times besides during the regular session of the day, and has seen happy results from these extra labors. This district has been peculiarly happy in securing the services of those whose qualifications as disciplinarians and instructors, are of a high order.

No. 12. Term. Lois A. Whitcomb, teacher. This school is very small, but has evidently enjoyed the labors of a faithful teacher. While the pupils, as a whole, have advanced well in their studies, the little ones have done admirably. The order of the school room was highly gratifying.

No. 13. Summer and Winter—Judith M. Putney, teacher. The school appeared tolerably well. The teacher confined her pupils too exclusively to the text books. Considering the amount of schooling in this district, and the number of scholars in attendance, the improvement was not such as might have been expected.

Your Committee are happy to report that universal peace, so far as they know, has reigned in our schools through the year. With but few exceptions, we have had a noble band of teachers. In no instance have the Committee been called upon to settle difficulties.
| No. of Districts. | Whole No. attending school over 4 years old, 2 weeks. | Length of Summer School in weeks. | Length of Winter School in weeks. | Wages of male teachers per month exclusive of board. | Wages of female teachers exclusive of board. | No. 4 years and over attending in summer 2 weeks. | No. 4 years and over attending in winter 2 weeks. | Average attendance of scholars in summer. | Average attendance of scholars in winter. | No. between 4 and 14, attending school 2 weeks. | No. over 16 attending not less than 2 weeks. | No. between 4 and 14 not attending school anywhere. | No. of female teachers in the summer schools. | No. of male teachers in the winter schools. | No. of female teachers in the winter schools. | Amount of money raised by taxes for the schools. | Amount contributed in board, fuel, &c., to prolonging the schools. | Amount of income from the Literary Fund. | Amount appropriated for each scholar. | No. of visits by Sup't. Com. | No. of visits by Fund. Com. | No. of visits by citizens. | No. of Incorpor’d Academies. | Amount paid for tuition in Academies and private schools. |
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