REPORTS
OF THE
SELECTMEN
AND
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF ALEXANDRIA,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1882.

Report of Selectmen.

The Selectmen credit the Town for the year ending March 1, 1882, as follows:

RECEIPTS.

1881.

March 1, By cash in Treasury, $1,215.63
"  " Amount in notes, 1,253.51
"  12, Received of A. B. Gale, use of town hall, 1880, 2.00
April 28, " W. H. Noyes, interest on note, 12.25
May 5, " County of Grafton, 91.79
June 16, " E. C. Merrill, Collector, 1881, 89.45
July 1, " " " " " " " 150.00
"  30, " " " " " " " 104.60
Aug. 27, " S. B. Sleeper, tax and incidental charges on sale of land of J. Lamoor's heirs, 19.35
Aug. 27, Received of E. C. Merrill, Collector, 1881, 133.28
Sept. 24, " " " " " " 537.75
Oct. 29, " " " " " " 509.22
Nov. 2, Borrowed of S. B. Sleeper, 626.13
"  " " James Crawford, 562.32
"  5, Received of E. C. Merrill, Collector, 1881, 329.68
Oct. 9, " County of Grafton, 146.78
Nov. 14, " E. C. Merrill, Collector, 1881, 228.00
"  18, " " " " " 216.89
"  26, " " " " " 183.12
"  29, " Railroad tax, 6.62
"  " " Savings Bank tax, 197.54
Nov. 29, Received of Literary fund, $85.14
Dec. 3, " E. C. Merrill, Collector, 1881, 1,098.04
" " " Sale of grave-yard fence, 1.00
" " " E. C. Merrill, Collector, 1881, 120.79
" 31, " " " " " " 306.45
Jan. 28, " " " " " " 201.17
Feb. 11, " " " " " " 510.12
" 25, Borrowed of E. C. Merrill, 200.00
" " " Lydia Merrill, 225.00
" " " C. W. Butrick, 300.00
" 27, Received on sale of stone posts, 6.50
Mar. 1, " For use of town hall, 15.75
" 2, " Of E. C. Merrill, Collector, 1881, 659.83
" " " " " " note, 73.62

Total, $10,419.32

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid County tax, $821.55
State tax, 488.00
Several School districts, 1,138.76
School house tax in district No. 1, 201.28

$2,642.59

Paid on Notes.

George T. Pitman, $56.06
James Crawford, 500.00
Charlotte A. Ballou, 126.13
James Crawford, 1,062.32
John Brock, 924.48

$2,668.99

Loss of Sheep by Dogs.

W. A. Cloudman, six sheep, $12.00
H. H. Bailey, " 2.50
L. F. Pattee, two sheep, $5.00
C. N. Plumer, five " 12.50

**Miscellaneous Items.**

R. W. Musgrove, printing town reports, $21.00
E. M. Tenney, painting and repairing hearse, 10.00
J. F. Phillips, collecting in 1880, 3.25
S. B. Sleeper, tax and highway book and stationery, 5.38
Drs. Fowler & Calley, certificates of births and deaths, 3.00
Dr. I. S. Chase, " " " 1.75
Jamin Ballou, cleaning hall, 2.00
Dr. J. M. Bishop, certificates of births and deaths, 1.00
F. N. Healey, damage on highway, 5.00
S. B. Sleeper, stationery, .50
James Simonds, shingles for hearse house, 6.00
E. M. Tenney, shingling " " 5.00
G. M. Kirk, shingles for " " .50
L. L. Ballou, damage on sleigh, .75
S. B. Sleeper, land damage laying out road on Braley hill, 12.50
A. F. Cheney, for copying inventory, 2.50
tax, cost and inst. on E. J. Akerman's farm, 17.78
S. B. Sleeper, order book, " " " " " J. Lamoor heirs' homestead, 19.10
Dick E. Burns, bounty on hawks, 1.00
F. A. Gray, damage on highway, 7.50
S. B. Sleeper, order book, 2.45
" " bounty on hawks 1.80
J. H. Patten, error in invoice, 4.40
Albert Healey, land for burying-ground, 50.00
F. E. Berry, " " " 40.00
G. H. H. Sisby, inventory book, 10.00
M. S. Akerman, labor on burying-ground, 9.60
E. W. Lock, " " " 7.00
T. H. Daniels, damage to horse, 20.00
G. A. Bullock, expenses to Concord to pay State tax, 3.25
" " express on County tax, .90

$32.00
C. E. Davis, bounty on crows, $3.00
S. B. Sleeper, expenses to Plymouth in May and Nov., 6.00
Warren Tucker, 312 ft. gas pipe, 26.71
" " freight paid on gas pipe, .96
O. S. Gale, blacksmith work, 8.40
" " recording deeds, 1.35
C. W. Tucker, labor on grave-yard, 3.50
G. S. Verrill, " " " 6.25
G. H. Berry, " " " 3.50
Albert Heeey, " " " 3.00
C. H. Simonds, putting spring on hearse, .50
Ezra Burns, mending hearse spring, .50
S. M. Clark, putting up two guide-boards, 3.50
L. W. Hammond, glass and putty, 1.62
Warren Tucker, labor on grave-yard, 14.64
E. M. Tenney, setting glass in town house, .35
B. C. Gray, sawing wood, .37
G. A. Bullock, ministerial fund, 18.00
Horace Saunders, powder, fuse, etc. 17.23
S. B. Sleeper, bounty paid on crows, 1.20
O. K. Bucklin, spring for hearse, 4.25
J. M. S eepr, damage to plow, .80
Artherton Tenney, wood for town house, 1.87
George Alden, lodging team and teamster, 2.36
S. A. McMurphy, guide posts, 2.25
I. B. Gordon, guide boards, 6.00
S. B. Sleeper, stamps and stationery, 1.17
" " expenses to Danbury, 2.50
" " " Grafton, 3.00
C. E. Davis, " Canaan on Kimball case, 2.00
Enos Folsom, bounty on crows, .20
E. C. Merrill, services for collecting taxes, 43.53
S. B. Sleeper, lodging tramp, 1.00
E. C. Merrill, sale of non-resident tax, 47.05

$512.47
## Paid for Highways and Bridges.

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O. J. Clough, “ “ 52.34
P. D. Bailey, “ “ 32.00
John F. Cloudman, “ “ 17.16
Robert Simonds, “ “ and money paid, 44.42
M. C. Mathews, “ “ 4.85
G. A. Rollins, “ “ 49.18
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C. D. Sanborn, “ “ 29.42
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J. P. Berry, plank and labor, 29.65
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Squires Brailey, breaking roads, 4.00
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Samuel Blakely, labor on highway and money paid, 46.88
James Patten, “ “ 8.93
Robert Simonds, “ “ 19.88
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David Paige, lumber and railing bridge, 13.00
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C. H. Gordon, breaking roads and money paid, 5.71

Abatement of Taxes.

George D. Gale, taxes 1879, $1.90
   " " " 1880, 2.25
James Berry, use of watering trough, 2.50
Geo. E. Holt, poll tax, 2.20
J. K. Flanders, use of watering trough, 2.00
Charles Keaser, " " " 3.00
P. W. Akerman, " " " 2.50
N. B. Cloudman, taxes on 38 sheep, 2.07
F. N. Healey, use of watering trough, 2.00
O. S. Gale, " " " 3.00
D. M. Durgin, " " " 3.00
Moses Gordon, error in school house tax, 1.47
James Cloudman, taxes ten sheep, .35
Thomas Pusey, part poll tax, .94
Albert Simonds, " 2.20
L. F. Blake, use of watering trough, 2.00
S. G. Patten, " " " 3.00
John Pitman, " " " 1.00
Levi Simonds, " " " 2.00
Edmund Jordan, loss of cow, .29
W. C. Hubbard, town tax and school house tax, 2.81
A. J. Bickford, 1.74
H. F. Gordon, 1.45
J. C. Brown, 2.20
H. E. Merchant, 1.45
F. V. Saltmarsh, 1.45
Frank Smith, 2.20
James Simonds, 7.47
C. B. Hazelton, 2.90

$2,176.95
Adeline Lewis, $1.24
D. P. Rowen, 3.52
Daniel Martin, 1.77

Paid for County Paupers.

S. B. Sleeper, aid furnished to N. E. Hopkins, $8.04
Jonathan Scruton, aid rendered family, 30.00
Catherine Peaslee, for support of Anna Bachelder, 4.00
Jonathan Scruton, aid rendered family, 24.00
A. B. Gale, support of Pattee Gale, 8.72
Catherine Peaslee, for support of Anna Bachelder, 5.00
A. B. Gale, support of Pattee Gale, 7.50
Jonathan Scruton, aid rendered family, 27.00
Catherine Peaslee for support of Anna Bachelder, 4.00
A. B. Gale, support of Pattee Gale, 6.00
C. R. Hammond, support of Nathan Piper, 6.00
Catherine Peaslee, for support of Anna Batchelder, 4.00
A. B. Gale, support of Pattee Gale, 6.00
Jonathan Scruton, aid rendered family, 27.00
Catherine Peaslee for support of Anna Batchelder, 5.00
A. B. Gale, funeral charges of Pattee Gale, 16.00
C. E. Davis, carrying Piper to Ashland, 2.50
provisions furnished Mrs. N. E. Hopkins, .49
Jonathan Scruton, aid rendered family, 27.00
Catherine Peaslee, for support of Anna Bachelder, 5.00
Chas. Braley, goods furnished, 10.00
Catherine Peaslee, for support of Anna Batchelder, 4.00
Jonathan Scruton, aid rendered family, 24.00

$269.25
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Paid for Town Paupers.

J. H. Patten, feeble minded boy, $7.50
K. S. Bullock, board, clothing and medicine for B. C. Sleeper, 22.28
Dr. J. B. N. Gould, medical attendance to B. C. Sleeper, 6.00
J. H. Patten, support of feeble minded boy, 7.50
Thomas Hutchins, " " " 18.75
J. G. Tenney, support of B. C. Sleeper, 27.00
J. H. Patten, support of feeble minded boy, 9.75
S. B. Sleeper, medicine and clothing for B. C. Sleeper, 4.50
Susan M. Simonds, board and clothing furnished B. C. Sleeper,
J. G. Tenney, board for B. C. Sleeper, 4.00
J. H. Patten, support of feeble minded boy, 10.50
Dr. J. W. Preston, medicine furnished B. C. Sleeper, 1.25
S. B. Sleeper, paid funeral expenses, " " " 20.07
Susan M. Simonds, board and extra expense for B. C. Sleeper, 87.50
Dr. I. S. Chase, medical attendance for B. C. Sleeper, 6.80
Dr. Fowler & Calley, " " " " 8.00

$216.47

Town Officer's Bills.

Supervisor's services for 1881, $15.00
C. N. Plumer, " as S. S. Committee, 30.00
O. S. Gale, " Town Clerk, 20.00
G. A. Bullock, " Treasurer, 25.00
S. B. Sleeper, " Selectman, 72.00
Warren Tucker," " 52.60
C. E. Davis, " " 51.04

$265.64
RECAPITULATION.

Amount received, $10,419.32

Paid County tax, $821.55
  State tax, 488.00
  Several school districts, 1,138.76
  School house tax, district No. 1, 201.28
  On notes, 2,668.99
  Miscellaneous, 512.47
  Abatements, 69.87
  County paupers, 269.25
  Town paupers, 216.47
  Highways and bridges, 2,176.95
  Town Officers, 265.64
  Notes in treasury, 1,067.95
  Cash in " 494.44
  Loss on sheep by dogs, 32.00

$10,423.62

Less out-standing order, 4.30

$10,419.32
List of Notes Due from the Town.

S. B. Sleeper, $634.48
James Crawford, 569.82
C. W. Butrick, 300.00
E. C. Merrill, 200.00
Lydia Merrill, 225.00

$1,929.30

Due the Town.

From James W. Saunders, $312.60
L. F. Blake, 312.60
W. H. Noyes, 445.20
J. F. Phillips, 40.49
A. F. Cheney, 14.43
C. E. Davis, 23.37
W. H. Noyes, insuring buildings, 9.00
E. C. Merrill, note, 73.62
County of Grafton, 69.50
Emily J. Akerman, taxes and charges on sale of real estate, 17.78
James H. Abbott, taxes and charges on sale of real estate, 5.68
C. G. Holman, tax and charges on sale of real estate, 10.20
Alfred Sleeper, tax and charges on sale of real estate, 8.40
New Hampshire Land Co. tax and charges on sale of real estate, 18.88
James H. Abbott, taxes and charges on sale of real estate, 3.89

$1,362.64

Cash in treasury, $494.44

$1,857.08
Estimated Debt of the Town March 1, 1882.

Amount the town owes, $1,929.90
Amount due the town, 1,857.08

Town debt, $72.82

Respectfully submitted,

S. B. Sleeper, Warren Tucker, Chas. E. Davis, Selectmen of Alexandria.
REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE
FOR THE
TOWN OF ALEXANDRIA,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1882.

Each school district has received $81.34 the past year as its proportion of the public funds for the support of schools, an increase of $28.17 over the previous year. In addition to this, several of the districts have contributed the board, thus giving longer terms than they would otherwise have. Each district has had two terms except Nos. 1 and 2, which have had one term each, in the fall. There have been in attendance 200 scholars. These generally, at their examinations, have shown that they have made good proficiency. Some have excelled, and there are in our schools many capable scholars of whom we may justly be proud.

In relation to text-books, an exchange of arithmetics has been effected without expense, giving to each scholar Robinson's Complete Arithmetic in exchange for whatever arithmetic the scholar might be using, thus removing the variety of old books, and giving an opportunity for well regulated classes. We have also signed the adoption papers for Worcester's New Spellers, to take the place of all spellers now used in our schools. They are to be introduced in the spring, the greater portion of our pupils being in need of a new speller. The exchange is made
at the trifling expense of eight cents for the smaller book, and ten for the larger one. These books are a great improvement on those now in use, and also contain much information of interest.

During the past year District No. 1 has built a school-house. The citizens of this district deserve special commendation for the zeal with which they have labored to secure so pleasant and comfortable a building for their scholars. It is constructed and furnished in modern style, and is an ornament to the town. It is hoped that all other districts may make such repairs as are necessary for the health and comfort of the scholars.

While we make the general statement that all of our teachers have seemingly been faithful to their charge, we make no mention of the special fitness of individual teachers for the work of teaching in our district schools; but there is not one among us who does not know that there is a difference in the labor of those possessed of equal strength and ability, according to the tact and interest shown in that labor. To become a good teacher one should have a thorough education coupled with an enthusiastic love for the work, and to secure such a teacher should be the first duty of the prudential committee. The majority of our teachers the past year have been graduates and advanced students, and have taught successfully the higher English branches and Latin, thus raising the standard of our schools, and giving all a chance to obtain a substantial education.

A word in regard to the registers. But eight of the fourteen teachers employed for the last term of the school year have answered the last eleven questions of the summary. Five have left the last twenty questions unanswered. In order to make out a correct statistical report, which must each year be returned to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, every question must be answered. The last eleven items can be obtained by consulting the prudential committee of the district. If the teacher does not obtain these items, the superintending committee must, which is a matter of much inconvenience. It is a part of each teacher’s work to return a correct record for the
term or year, as the case may be, and the work is not complete until this is done.

The general prosperity of our schools during the past year must be gratifying to all interested in the cause of education. But while exactness and thoroughness of scholarship should be sought, strictly in connection with the welfare of our schools, and underlying all things else, are home influences, making that old proverb true,—"As the twig is bent, the tree is inclined." Morality is the sure basis upon which to found an education—the corner-stone upon which we build our future hope.

C. N. PLUMER, S. S. Committee.

ROLL OF HONOR.

District No. 2.—Mamie Taylor, Mary Pattee.
District No. 3. First term.—Ned Matthew, Dick Burns.
Second term.—Ned Matthews, Ira Matthews.
District No. 4. First term.—Flora E. Bailey.
Second term.—Jennie C. Bailey.
District No. 6. First term — Lillian S. Emery, Abbie G. Tenney, Christie G. Vo-e, Freddie B. Tenney.
Second Term.—Freddie Tenney.
District No. 7. First term.—Addie M. Thomas, Minnie Thomas, Delia Thomas, Emma Alexander, Dora M. Patten, Scott E. Dicey.
Second term.—Minnie Thomas, Delia Thomas, Maggie J. Thomas, Emma Alexander, Maggie Alexander, Willie Alexander, Herbert Braley, Dora M. Patten.
District No. 8. First term.—Charlie Young.
Second term.—Nellie M. Gray, Wilbur Cloudman, Warren Cloudman, Charles Young.
Second term.—Mary Brown.
Second term.—Adell Gray, Amy Gray, Frank Gray.
Second term.—Austin Akerman, Willie L. Pearson.
District No. 13. First term.—Belle Gray, Florence Gray.
Second term.—Everett Cloudman, Verdi F. Durgin.
Second term.—Annette M. Akerman.
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