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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF


HANCOCK, N. H.,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1, 1882.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

A. D. Tuttle, Town Treasurer, in account with the Town of
Hancock, 1881.

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To cash in Treasurer's hands at the close of last year's settlement,	\$ 559 82	
State Bonds,	5700 00	
Cash received of County, for County paupers,	78 00	
“ “ State Railroad Tax, 1881,	62 71	
“ “ State Sav. Bank Tax, 1881,	971 79	
“ “ State Literary Fund, 1881,	46 01	
“ “ E. N. Baldwin, Col. 1880,	63 82	
“ “ E. N. Baldwin, interest “	6 18	
“ “ E. N. Baldwin, Col. 1881,	3930 79	
“ “ State Treas., bounty money,	2 00	
“ “ Interest on State Bonds,	342 00	
	\$11,763 12	

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By paying the several School Districts, which sum includes
the Literary Fund for 1881 :

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

District No. 1, G. N. Crockett,	\$127 34	
“ 2, A. H. Knight, for 1880,	41 52	
“ 2, C. H. Dutton,	33 00	
“ 3, Jereme Weston,	87 33	
“ 4, John Welch,	87 33	
“ 5, Alden S. Wood,	87 33	
“ 6, Alfred Barber,	87 33	
“ 7, W. E. Hopkins,	87 33	
“ 8, Levi H. Brooks,	87 33	
“ 9, Thomas Shea,	87 33	
Harrisville, 5, G. Gilcrest,	20 00	
	\$833 17	

HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Paid X. W. Brooks, Spring term, 1881,	\$200 00	
E. R. Danforth, Fall term, 1881,	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$400 00

SUPPORT OF TOWN PAUPERS.

N. H. Tyrrell and family :

Paid Dr. M. Christie, medical services,	\$7 95	
Dr. H. H. DeBeck, medical services,	7 00	
J. P. Hills, supplies,	5 30	
M. Nay, clothing,	10 00	
G. O. Wood, supplies,	10 83	
J. W. Coolidge, “	6 25	
A. D. Tuttle, “	26 46	
O. A. Willey, house rent,	22 50	
C. M. Sheldon, supplies,	20 00	
J. P. Hills, Overseer of the Poor,	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$120 29

SUPPORT OF COUNTY PAUPER.

Paid M. H. Priest, support of C. Howard,	\$78 00
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HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid J, Dodge, labor on highway,	\$ 2 77	
J. Barney,	75	
C. J. Davis,	4 76	
W. Parsons,	77 90	
C. L. Otis,	131 31	
J. B. Knight,	65 00	
Asa Simonds	57 00	
A. F. Sheldon,	60 00	
A. B. Stone,	38 50	
C. H. Dutton,	50 00	
L. A. Tenney,	264 00	
J. Duncan,	27 22	
J. W. & W. A. Wilds,	49 75	
J. D. Mathews,	43 00	
X. W. Brooks,	60 00	
Simon S. Fogg,	16 00	
J. W. Coolidge, bridge plank,	28 70	
X. W. Brooks, lumber for bridge,	3 00	
A. D. Tuttle, powder for highway,	82	
	<hr/>	\$980 48

BREAKING ROADS.

Paid Otis Tuttle,	\$ 1 84
M. W. Rice,	50
C. L. Otis,	39 90
J. W. & W. A. Wilds,	4 35
W. A. Wilds,	21 47
C. F. Brown,	8 17
T. Brown,	4 55
C. E. Cheney,	1 00
G. C. Lakin,	1 00
Asa Simonds,	7 85
C. H. Dutton,	37 16
C. Fairfield,	3 00
J. D. Mathews,	15 70
T. E. Welch,	1 65
O. L. Boutelle,	11 07
A. F. Sheldon,	6 35
A. B. Stone,	3 45
E. Mulhall,	20 25
J. Cudihee,	5 55
J. W. Coolidge,	2 78
A. H. Kimball,	4 22
J. B. Knight,	12 10
X. W. Brooks,	32 80
A. Copeland,	45
L. A. Tenney,	17 90
J. S. Hayward,	7 25
A. C. Ware,	3 94
W. H. Odell,	15 53
S. S. Fogg,	4 85
C. M. Sheldon,	8 00
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	\$304 63
Paid State Treasurer, State tax,	\$860 00
County Treasurer, County tax,	656 07
Non-resident highway tax, 1880,	6 75
Abatement of taxes, 1881,	4 64

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Farnum & Scott, printing town reports,	\$20 00
J. P. Hills, blank books,	1 75
J. Stowell, damage on highway,	13 00
R. M. Wallace, services as commissioner, 1878,	33 60
M. W. Rice, labor on pound,	1 50
C. Turner, brackets for Sexton's use,	6 00
C. Turner, tolling bell,	90
C. Turner, police officer,	2 00
J. W. Coolidge, surveying Library lot,	2 00
A. D. Tuttle, stationery,	1 13
A. D. Tuttle, painting meeting house and clock, etc.,	133 11
S. H. Partridge, return of birth,	25
J. H. Cutler, return of births and deaths,	1 00
Gardner Town, sheep killed by dogs,	15 75
Z. W. Brooks, sheep killed by dogs,	12 00
A. D. Tuttle, curbing and grading Library lot,	175 00
Rufus Tuttle, watering trough,	2 00
O. Eaton, " "	2 00
A. Jaquith, " "	2 00
A. S. Moore, " "	2 00
M. Harrington, " "	3 00
C. L. Otis, " "	3 00
W. F. Symonds, " "	2 00
N. H. Tyrrell, Hubbard legacy interest.	40 00
S. C. Thompson, civil engineer,	10 00
W. F. Symonds, bounty on hawks and crows,	2 00
W. F. Symonds, committee on Library,	4 00
John P. Hills, committee on Library,	6 00
A. D. Tuttle, check list blanks,	1 65
J. D. Estabrooks, part of Hubbard legacy int.,	5 00
Mrs. S. Alcock, " " "	10 00
Hartwell Tuttle, " " "	5 00
A. D. Tuttle, for Town Library interest for 1881, Hubbard & Hadley legacies,	120 00
J. F. Eaton, keeping tramp,	2 00
A. D. Tuttle, error on settlement, 1880,	106 06

 \$746 70

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Paid C. Turner, care of Town Hall,	\$ 4 00	
H. Gulick, S. S. Committee,	45 00	
A. D. Tuttle, { Treasurer,	20 00	
{ Town Clerk,	21 39	
{ Librarian,	25 00	
E. N. Baldwin, Collector,	50 00	
J. P. Hills, Selectman,	55 00	
W. F. Symonds, "	64 00	
C. M. Sheldon, "	10 00	
J. Newell, care of Town Clock,	20 00	
C. G. Mathews,	12 00	
Auditors,	3 00	
		<u>\$329 39</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Money received by Treasurer, \$11,763 12

Money paid out by Treasurer :

Paid the several School Districts.....	\$833 17	
High School District	400 00	
Support of Town Paupers.....	120 29	
Support of County Pauper.....	78 00	
Highways and Bridges.....	980 48	
Breaking Roads.....	304 63	
State Tax.....	860 00	
County Tax.....	656 07	
Non-resident Highway Tax.....	6 75	
Abatement of Taxes, 1881,.....	4 64	
Miscellaneous Expenses.....	746 70	
Town Officers' Bills.....	329 39	
		<u>\$5,320 12</u>
		<u>\$6,443 00</u>

A. D. TUTTLE, Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and duly vouched, and find a balance in the Treasurer's hands of six thousand four hundred and forty-three dollars (\$6,443.00).

EDWARD R. DANFORTH, }
 HENRY F. ROBINSON, } Auditors.
 CHARLES G. MATHEWS, }

March 1, 1882.

REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL.

MONEY RECEIVED.

Received of Town Treasurer,	\$200 00
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MONEY PAID OUT.

Paid C. S. Jackson,	\$184 65	
For rent,	11 00	
Farnum & Scott for printing,	1 25	
L. A. Tenney for wood,	3 00	
H. F. Robinson for chalk,	10	
	<hr/>	\$200 00

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOHN P. HILLS, } Selectmen of
 WILLIAM F. SYMONDS, } Hancock.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Valuation of the town by invoice, taken April 1, 1881 :

190 polls, \$100,	\$ 19,000 00
Real estate,	233,385 00
183 horses,	11,215 00
1,071 cattle,	24,983 00
570 sheep,	1,605 00
11 hogs,	90 00
15 carriages,	835 00
Stock in public funds,	700 00
Bank stock,	15,700 00
Money on hand or at interest,	22,250 00
Stock in trade,	3,870 00
Mills,	2,200 00
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Total valuation,	\$335,833 00
Rate per cent. on \$100—\$1.16.	

AMOUNT OF MONEY RAISED BY TAX.

State tax,	\$ 860 00
County tax,	656 07
Schools,	1,000 00
Town charges,	400 00
Highway tax,	839 58
Surplusage on the above,	138 95
Tax on dogs,	61 00
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Committed to Enoch N. Baldwin for collection,	\$3,955 60

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

State bonds,	\$2,700 00
Cash on hand,	743 00
In Collector F. Barney's hands for the years 1875, 1876 and 1877,	60 11
In Collector D. Wild's hands, 1878,	1 32
In Collector E. N. Baldwin's hands, 1881,	26 50

FUNDS HELD IN TRUST.

Hubbard legacy for Town Library,	\$1,000 00
Hadley legacy for Town Library,	1,000 00
Hubbard legacy for town's poor,	1,000 00

JOHN P. HILLS,	}	Selectmen of Hancock.
WILLIAM F. SYMONDS,		
CHARLES M. SHELDON,		

 REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

One family assisted during the year.	
Cost of assisting such family,	\$120 29
Number of County paupers supported during the year—one.	
Cost of supporting County pauper,	78 00

JOHN P. HILLS,	}	Overseers of the Poor.
WILLIAM F. SYMONDS,		

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

I herewith present the report of the condition of the Town Library for the year ending March 1, 1882 :

Number of Volumes in the Library at the commencement of the year,	1,107
Number of volumes added by donation,	18
Number of volumes purchased,	28
Whole number of Volumes in the Library at the present time,	1,153

Whole amount of money on hand at the commencement of the year,	\$124 14
Whole amount of money received for fines,	2 16
Donation from summer boarders at the Hancock House, through Rev. J. Banvard,	4 00
Received from the town one year's interest on Hubbard and Hadley legacies, 1881,	120 00

MONEY EXPENDED AS FOLLOWS :

For repair of old books,	\$ 24 95
Binding seventeen volumes,	20 13
New books,	34 86
Balance of money on hand,	170 36

The books are in good condition.

A. D. TUTTLE, *Librarian.

Hancock, March 1, 1882.

LIST OF BOOKS ADDED TO THE TOWN LIBRARY SINCE

MARCH 1, 1881.

Harper's Magazine, 11 vols.
 Atlantic Monthly, 6 vols.
 Sunshine and Storm in the East.
 Zigzag Journeys in Classic Lands.
 Zigzag Journeys in Europe.
 Unbeaten Tracks in Japan, 2 vols.
 Homeric Synchronisms.
 A Guernsey Lily.
 Short Studies on Great Subjects, 2 vols.
 Old Times in the Colonies.
 The Boy's King Arthur.
 The Story of the United States Navy.
 The Fairport Nine.
 Vanity Fair.
 The Colonel's Opera Cloak.
 Japanese Fairy World.
 The Fairy Land of Science.
 Mirage.
 Bed Time Stories.
 Gold Elsie.
 Five Little Southerners.
 Friends Worth Knowing.
 End of a Coil.
 Camilla.
 Paul Faber.
 Our American Artists.
 A Lady's Life in the Rocky Mountains.
 A Tramp Abroad.
 Ninth Annual Report of Board of Agriculture, 1879.

SCHOOL REPORT.

In submitting his second report your Committee again wishes to say that he has enjoyed his connection with the schools, and feels his interest in the scholars deepened by another year's association with them. School life, like all life, has its varied experiences of joy and sorrow, trial and triumph. In all these experiences, so far as known to him, both of scholars and teachers, he has deeply sympathized, and can say — “their welfare pleased him and their cares distressed.” In the main, he deems the work done in the schools the past year very satisfactory. The fact that it has not been altogether satisfactory seems to call for one or two suggestions. The first respects the procurement of good teachers. This is a matter of the first importance, and must, it is evident, under our present system, rest mainly with the Prudential Committees. Candidates may pass fair and even excellent examinations in the required studies, and yet lack qualifications most important for teachers. Our Committees, it is believed, all earnestly desired and tried to procure good teachers; and for the most part they succeeded. In view of its importance we beg leave to urge upon Committees in this matter the greatest care — especially in the case of stranger candidates. Another important condition of success in a school is the prompt appearance of all the pupils at the opening, and their regular attendance through the term. Another essential is good order. In these particulars the teacher needs the aid and sympathy of the parents.

The only change in text books during the year has been the introduction of Swinton's Grammars, and for the sake of uniformity and method in penmanship, Spencer's system has been introduced. The present equipment in respect to text books is good. A good general map in each school would be a valuable aid in the study of geography, and is much needed. Your superintendent gratefully remembers the welcome and the kindness he has everywhere met in connection with his official duties.

SPECIAL REPORT.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Miss Jennette S. Knowlton, teacher for the school year. Her skill and experience were faithfully applied to interest and advance her pupils, and with good success. The school was well ordered, and examinations showed earnest work. Some of the recitations were exceptionally good.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Part of Winter term taught by Miss Nellie M. Dean of Frankestown.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Miss Clara E. Page, of Antrim, teacher of both Summer and Winter terms. This was Miss Page's first experience in teaching. She carried an earnestness and spirit into her work worthy of all praise. Good progress was made through the year.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Summer term taught by Miss Ella C. Ware. This school is very small, but had the time and care of one of our best and most popular teachers. The scholars improved their time.

Winter term taught by Miss Lizzie A. Tyrrel. This was Miss Tyrrel's first experience in teaching. During the first part of the term the school was as small as possible, and this we think a disadvantage, but we were much pleased with Miss Tyrrel's manner in the school room and attention to her work. She will ripen into an excellent teacher if she perseveres.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Summer term taught by Miss Mary A. Osgood. This was Miss Osgood's first school, and was very creditably conducted. Examinations showed that good work had been done by teacher and scholars.

Winter term taught by Miss Hallie M. Hood of Somerville, Mass. As a first attempt at teaching we consider this a very successful term. Miss Hood had a method of her own. She took an interest in her pupils, and succeeded in interesting them. We enjoyed the examination very much.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Miss Hellen S. Titus teacher of both Summer and Winter terms. Miss Titus is finely qualified and must rank high as a teacher. Under her guidance a very satisfactory progress was made by the school during the year.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Miss Flora J. Tubbs, of Peterboro', teacher for the school year. Miss Tubbs has taught No. 7 for five successive terms, which shows that she is very much liked, as we think she deserves to be. The school has done well under her care.

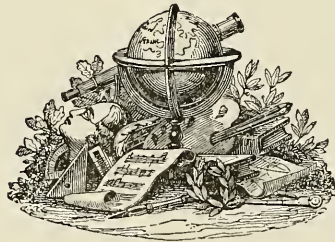
DISTRICT NO. 8.

Miss Mary R. Colby, of Boston, teacher of both Summer and Winter terms. We regard Miss Colby as one of our best teachers, and this is clearly the opinion of No. 8, where she has taught several terms. The school has been large, and for the most part very successful under her teaching. I always expect some excellent recitations there and have never been disappointed.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Summer term, Miss Nellie A. Hadley. Miss Hadley is greatly liked in No. 9, and is an excellent teacher. We hope to see her in our schools again.

Winter term, Miss Clara E. Wilson. This is a very good school and is careful to have very good teachers. Miss Wilson gained the praise of being one of the best. The school made a good advance under these teachers through the school year.



ROLL OF HONOR.

PERFECT RECORD FOR THE YEAR.

Lulu E. Mulhall	Nellie M. Welch,	Eddie T. Welch,
George F. Davis,	Charles A. Hayward,	Nellie L. Davis,
Emma S. Davis,	Alice M. Davis,	Flora J. Barber,
Henry A. Barber,	Lilla E. Kimball,	Hattie C. Fairfield,
Mabel F. Fairfield,	Willie W. Austin,	Ephraim Weston,
	Bertie Moore.	

PERFECT RECORD FOR SUMMER TERM.

Carrie Osgood,	Etta A. Crockett,	Henry Simonds,
George C. Colby,	Arthur T. Felch,	Ada S. Stearns,
Annie A. Hayward,	Dollie B. Bowker,	Myron Alcott,
Nettie J. A. Stearns,	Charles D. Wilkins,	Harry W. Ames,
Etta S. Mathews,		Maggie Shea.

PERFECT RECORD FOR WINTER TERM.

Morris H. Wood,	Lawrence Welch,	Mabel Sheldon,
Ollie Smith,		Mattie Lakin.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Districts.	Number of scholars.		Average attendance.		No. of Children from 5 to 15 not in school.	Length of summer school in weeks.	Length of winter school in weeks.	Amount of money expended.	No. of Visits by S. S. Com.	No. of visits by Prud. Com.	No. of visits by citizens.	Wages of females teachers in summer, including board.	Wages of female teachers in winter, including board.
	Summer.	Winter.	Summer.	Winter.									
1	28	32	27	27		8	8	\$127 34	4		21	\$30 00	\$30 00
2		4		3			7	33 00	1		3		20 00
3	16	15	13	12	2	7	8	87 33	4	2	35	18 00	21 00
4	2	2	2	1 $\frac{1}{2}$		8	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	87 33	4	2	18	19 00	19 00
5	10	9	9	9		8	10	87 33	4		33	16 00	20 00
6	12	7	10	7		8	10	87 33	4		34	18 00	22 28
7	12	11	11	10	2	8	10	87 33	4		6	18 00	24 00
8	10	17	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	15		10	9	87 33	5	3	40	20 00	20 00
9	13	13	13	13		8	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	87 33	4	1	20	20 00	21 20

Respectfully submitted,

HERVEY GULICK, S. S. Committee.

