

N. H. DUPL.

REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

AND

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF HUDSON

FOR THE

Financial Year Ending Mar. 1st, 1873.

NASHUA:
MOORE & LANGLEY, BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS.
1873.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Report of the Financial Transactions of the Town for the year ending March 1st, 1873.

Whole amount of assessments chargeable to the Treasurer including State, County, Town, and School Tax,	\$6,505 59
Dog Tax,	93 00

TOWN EXPENSES.

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Timothy Donahoe, labor on highway,	\$5 93
John Chase, posts for railing,	3 00
Dustin B. Smith, building and labor on highway,	25 94
John Annis, drawing derrick,	6 00
Edward F. Eayres, repairing Wilson Bridge,	34 00
Wm. Melvin, labor on Wilson Bridge,	41 50
Alphonso Robinson, labor on highway,	9 00
John Gillis, snowing Taylor's Falls Bridge,	17 25
J. Sylvanus Winn, plank for bridges,	21 78
Gerry Walker, labor on bridge,	2 98
Thompson Spear, labor on highway,	3 00
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	\$170 38

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid Moore & Langley, printing reports,	\$24 00
J. H. Thurber, insurance on T. F. Bridge,	60 00
William Reed & Sons, handcuffs,	10 50

Paid Guild & Delano, 3 silver police badges,	\$7 50
Harvey G. Lewis, janitor of town house,	6 50
F. A. Marden, 3 lanterns for T. F. bridge,	3 00
H. B. Atherton, assessment on policy of Nashua Insurance Company,	12 84
Caleb Richardson, insurance on town house,	75 00
Non-resident highway tax worked out,	29 56
A. F. Stevens, legal advice,	2 00
Barr & Co., oil and lanterns for T. F. Bridge,	30 85
M. V. B. Greene, book and stationery,	17 86
Kimball Webster, cash paid for town,	1 50
N. P. Webster, cash paid for printing,	9 75
J. K. Wheeler, watering trough,	3 00
C. W. Spalding, watering trough,	3 00
J. K. Wheeler, getting State boards and for stamps, etc.,	8 25
N. P. Webster, for abatement of taxes 1871 and 1872,	46 42
James Carnes, lighting T. F. Bridge,	40 00
Alden Hills, for abatement of taxes, for 1869 and 1870,	42 18
Franklin Wilson, damage to sheep by dogs,	5 50
W. F. Chase, damage to sheep by dogs,	20 00
George W. Trow, damage to sheep by dogs,	2 00
	————— \$461 21

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid John M. Thompson, selectman and asses- sor for 1871,	\$70 00
W. P. Walton, town clerk,	10 45
N. P. Webster, collector for 1871 (bal- ance),	10 00
N. P. Webster, collector for 1872, (part payment),	80 00
J. B. Merrill, selectman and assessor,	75 00
Kimball Webster, " "	65 00
Otis R. Marsh, " "	45 00
Chas. A. Cressey, superintending school committee and book furnished,	50 62
J. K. Wheeler, town treasurer,	20 00
	————— \$436 07

EXPENSES OF POOR.

Paid Amos Hamlett for boarding his mother,	\$78 00
Sophia Doyle, for boarding her daughter,	78 00
Wm. Cady for boarding and clothing Thomas Butler,	140 00
John Sullivan for relief of Jane Smith,	30 00
H. W. Butler, for wood for " "	14 00
Daniel Smith, " "	10 00
A. J. Rockwood & Co., coffin and robe for Thomas Smith,	11 00
J. B. Merrill, cash paid for Viletta Bar- rett,	8 00
N. P. Webster, goods furnished Jane Smith,	17 65
Joseph Fuller, relief of Jane Smith,	2 50
Eli Hamblet, relief of Thomas Smith,	1 44
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NOTES AND PARTS OF NOTES PAID.

Paid Kimball Webster, interest,	\$180 00
John Cummings, "	21 00
C. H. Cain, "	30 00
Mary Rollins, "	90 14
William H. Cross, note and interest,	831 71
J. C. Lund, " " "	2,240 00
Dustin Caldwell, interest,	170 86
Sarah Blodgett, "	75 41
Austin Blodgett, "	51 98
Betsey Baldwin, "	27 51
E. W. Upton, "	180 00
	<hr/> \$3,898 61

SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid District No. 1, G. H. Wilson,	\$156 47
" " 2, Joseph F. Pollard,	156 47
" " 3, Daniel Gage,	110 00
" " 4, Mark Batchelder,	171 47
" " 5, G. W. Haselton,	80 00
" " 6, Otis R. Marsh,	141 75
" " 7, G. W. Trow,	88 00
" " 8, David Clement, Jr.,	48 00
" " 8, Talford D. Melvin,	187 11
" " 9, B. H. Kidder,	114 10
" " 10, Asa G. Hill,	90 00
	<hr/> \$1,343 37

RECAPITULATION.

Paid on account of highways and bridges,	\$170 38
Incidental expenses,	461 21
Salaries of town officers,	436 07
Expenses of poor,	390 59
Notes and parts of notes,	3,898 61
School money,	1,343 37
Total amount of orders drawn for year ending March 1, 1873,	<u>\$6700 23</u>

LIABILITIES.

Kimball Webster, Guar., note,	\$3,165 00
E. W. Upton, " "	3,078 00
Elijah Tinker, " "	573 00
Betsey Baldwin, " "	270 00
Austin Blodgett, " "	300 00
Sarah Blodgett, " "	400 00
L. H. Carnes, " "	507 00
Silas Hunting, " "	775 00
Martha W. Marsh, " "	167 90
John Cummings, " "	357 00
Dustin Caldwell, 2 notes,	1,518 00
Amory Burnham, " "	2,648 00
J. N. Marden, 4 notes,	1,116 00
Louisa Smith, note,	230 00
C. H. Newcomb, 2 notes,	1,132 00
George Cutler, note,	1,064 00
Joseph Hardy, " "	731 00
Sarah P. Marshall, " "	280 00
John Webster, " "	488 00
Mary Rollins, " "	1,502 40
Total on notes,	<u>20,302 30</u>
Outstanding orders drawn on the treasury for the current year ending March 1, 1873,	\$51 01
Wm. F. Chase, for damage to sheep by dogs,	20 00
George W. Trow, " " "	2 00
Total amount of outstanding orders,	<u>\$73 01</u>
Due School District No. 3,	\$17 96
" " " 5,	136 87
" " " 6,	34 83
" " " 7,	85 28
" " " 9,	13 86
" " " 10,	37 96
Total school money not drawn,	<u>\$326 76</u>
Total liabilities,	\$20,702 07

ASSETS.

State bonds,	\$7,878 00
Notes due the town,	906 14
Cash in the treasury,	1,948 12
Due from N. P. Webster, collector for 1872, interest not included,	1,101 55
Due from the city of Nashua for lighting T. F. Bridge, for 1871,	45 60
Due from the city of Nashua for lighting T. F. Bridge for 1872,	35 43
Total Assets,	<u>11,914 84</u>
Liabilities over assets,	\$8,787 23

JAMES B. MERRILL, } *Selectmen*
 KIMBALL WEBSTER, } *of*
 OTIS R. MARSH, } *Hudson.*

TREASURER'S REPORT, MARCH 1ST, 1873.

J. K. Wheeler, Town Treasurer, in account with the Town of Hudson.

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To cash in treasury, March 1st, 1872,	\$287 05
Received of State Treasurer for reimbursement of war expenditures, N. H. State Bonds, (\$7,800 00) Cash, (\$66 67)	7,866 67
Received of State Treasury for Savings Bank Tax,	1,357 78
Received of State Treasurer for Railroad Tax,	362 22
“ “ “ “ Literary Fund,	89 95
Received of Selectmen borrowed money,	500 00
N. P. Webster, collector 1871-72,	6,559 40
Alden Hills, collector 1869-70,	508 36
Interest on State bonds,	468 00
J. L. & C. E. Senter, part payment of note,	200 00
J. Fuller, for apples on the Thomas Smith farm,	21 00
Note against J. L. & C. E. Senter,	\$752 14
Note against Joseph Fuller, (\$84 65) with accrued inter- est,	109 00
Note against Bradford Campbell, (\$22,88) with accrued in- terest,	26 50

Received note against J. C. Town, (\$14 50)		
with accrued interest,	18 50	
	<u> </u>	906 14
Received Accrued Interest on State Bonds,		78 00
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		19,204 57

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By cash paid State Tax,		\$1,113 00
“ “ County Tax,		702 09
“ “ Treasury Orders,		6,657 22
“ “ N. H. State Bond with interest		
accrued March 1st, 1873,		7,878 00
By cash paid Individual Notes with interest		
accrued March 1st, 1873,		906 14
By Cash in Treasury,		1,948 12
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		19,204 57

HUDSON, N. H., March 1st, 1873.

We hereby certify that we have this day examined the foregoing accounts of J. K. Wheeler, Town Treasurer, and find them correctly cast, and each payment properly vouched.

JAMES B. MERRILL,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
KIMBALL WEBSTER,	
OTIS R. MARSH,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Hudson.</i>

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The following report is respectfully submitted.

In presenting the report of the schools for the past year, we deem it proper to say that the desire and aim of your committee has been to state facts, as they have been apparent, rather than to please, praise, flatter or censure. In some cases much might have been said in praise, in other cases, perhaps, something said in the opposite direction would not have been misdirected. We prefer rather that facts should speak for themselves.

It has been a year of general prosperity. No deaths have occurred in any of the schools in town, a blessing which ought to call forth the gratitude of all.

General harmony has prevailed. Some few slight elements of discord have been observed, but we are glad to say they have been amicably, and, we trust, finally adjusted, without the interposition of your committee.

In some of the districts sickness has prevented that regularity of attendance so essential to the success of the scholar, and of such importance to the work and success of the teacher. The efforts put forth, and the work performed, both on the part of teachers and scholars, we are glad to report as generally good, and, in some cases, highly commendable. As we can do better justice to all concerned in a report by districts, than in a more general one, we invite your attention to the following report by districts.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Prudential Committee, George Wilson.

Teacher, both terms, Hannah E. Hardy.

This school has enjoyed two prosperous sessions of ten weeks each. Number of scholars first term twenty. Second term eighteen. The average attendance both terms was good. The regular prescribed studies were pursued with the exception of history.

Beside the regular branches taught, classes were formed in botany, pencil drawing, English synonyms, algebra and geology. The examinations were highly commendable. Miss Hardy has made object teaching one good feature of her work as an instructor, with manifest good results. She has had a large experience as a teacher, has taught four or five previous terms in this district. We can say with pleasure that good progress has attended the efforts in the school during both terms. At the examination we were shown some very good specimens of pencil drawing, performed by a class in that branch of study. Some attention was paid to instruction in vocal music; also, during the winter term, to the practice of gymnastics. The school-house is hardly what it should be, though it may be considered passable. Money expended in repairs, or, what is better, in building a new house, would be well expended. The school has a scanty supply of black-board, no maps or charts, or illustrative apparatus of any kind. The district ought to supply these deficiencies.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Prudential Committee, Joseph Pollard.

Teacher, both terms, Eliza A. Thomas.

Miss Thomas has been engaged as a teacher in this district seven terms—a fact in itself commendable of her ability and success as a teacher. Her report shows her to have had a longer experience in teaching than any one employed the past year in the town. Under her faithful efforts the school has enjoyed a marked measure of prosperity. A general good interest has pervaded the entire school. The attendance during the first term was sixteen. The second term numbered twenty-five with an average attendance of eighteen and two-thirds. Sickness among the scholars prevented regular attendance during the last half of the winter term. Beside the usual studies, physiology and algebra were taught. There being no maps or charts belonging to the school, contributions in money were solicited from the people of the district, and the result was that fourteen dollars were contributed, with which amount “Warren’s Geog. Charts, (\$9.00), and Webster’s Na. Dictionary, (\$5.00), were purchased. They have proved to be valuable additions to the school. It is to be hoped that other districts will follow the example of No. 2 in this matter. The examinations were excellent. The school building is in good repair, and is very pleasantly located.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Prudential Committee, Daniel Gage.

Teacher, both terms, Sarah E. Walker.

This school has been necessarily small, numbering only 11 each term. The first term numbered seven weeks, the second twelve weeks. Only the common branches were pursued, grammar excepted. The progress made during the year may be considered fair. More could have been done in the simple elementary departments of study. The examinations, while in many respects commendable, did not show that thoroughness in scholarship that was desirable. The attendance was good. Four were reported the first term as having attended each thirty-five days. Only three instances of tardiness were reported. But one school has excelled this one in this matter. The school has no maps or charts, a deficiency that ought to be remedied. The school building is much in need of thorough repairs.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Prudential Committee, Mark Batchelder.

Teacher, first term, Abbie M. Bigelow.

This district has taken the lead in its number of scholars, the statistical table showing an attendance of thirty-four the first term, seven more than any other district. Under the instructions of Miss Bigelow, the school enjoyed a prosperous session of twelve weeks. Miss Bigelow has taught for several years, though never before in this district. A marked interest was observable in the school, and the examination at the close of the term gave evidence of well-directed effort on the part of the school.

The second term Miss Lottie E. Harris was employed as teacher. Length of term twelve weeks. Thirty-seven scholars were reported, an increase of three over the first term. The attendance during the winter term was good. It averaged twenty-nine, one more than the first term. Six of the scholars are reported as having attended each fifty-nine days out of sixty. The usual studies were pursued with the addition of algebra. The interest in the school throughout the term was good. The examination was excellent, a credit to the school. A large number of visitors were present. This district has an excellent school-house in a good state of repair. New blinds were added to it in the spring, at a cost of about thirty dollars, improving it much in appearance. There is enough of *district spirit* here, to furnish the school with good maps, or charts, a globe, and several good books of reference, all of which are much needed, in that they would benefit the scholars, and at the same time make the work of teaching much more pleasant and easy. This school has had the reputation of being a somewhat difficult school to keep. It is to be hoped, however, that the success and prosperity of the school for the past year will win for it in future a better reputation.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Prudential Committee, George Haselton.

Teacher, first term, Susan M. Smith.

Owing to the fact of the school-house being burnt last year, the school was held in the same place as before, no better place being obtainable. Twenty-seven scholars were reported with an average attendance of twenty-five. Length of school ten weeks. Beside the regular branches, geology, algebra and geometry were taught. We think the efforts made in school, and the work accomplished, were commendable. Miss Smith was a teacher of considerable experience, she has taught in the same district three previous terms. The attendance was good. Eight are reported as having attended sixty days each. The examination was highly commendable.

Before the winter term commenced a new school-house was built at a cost of about eight hundred dollars. Here the second term commenced under the labors of Miss Carrie A. Smith. Length of second term ten weeks. The attendance was less than the first term, numbering only eighteen. The progress made this term was hardly as good as the first. We failed to notice the enthusiasm on the part of the school that was desired. The examination, though by no means a failure, was hardly what we expected, yet some of the scholars showed the fruits of well directed effort on their part. This school, like the rest, is entirely destitute of maps, and all other illustrative apparatus, a deficiency that ought not to be allowed to be reported again. It would be far better to shorten the term one half, and with the money saved furnish the school with all it needs in this direction, than to allow the school to suffer for the want of such furnishing. This will apply to all other districts as well.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Prudential Committee, Otis Marsh.

Teacher, first term, Helen A. Cummings.

Twenty-five scholars were reported with an average attendance of twenty-one and three-fourths. Philosophy and algebra were taught in addition to the regular branches. The examination indicated fair progress. Seven of the pupils were reported "not absent one-half day." The order and deportment of the school were good. Miss Cummings has had some experience as a teacher, though this was her first term in the district.

Miss Ellie A. Gilchrist was chosen teacher the second term. Twenty-seven scholars were reported. The usual studies were taught, with the addition of philosophy and physiology. Good efforts toward progress were made, with fair results. This school labors

under the same difficulty that has been mentioned of others, it has no maps or charts, and a very scanty supply of blackboard. In these directions great improvements ought to be made. The examination, though we were not able to be present, was, as we are informed, commendable.

The school building is a good one, in good repair.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Prudential Committee, George Trow.

Teacher, first term, Emma F. Gilchrist.

Length of the term twelve weeks. Eighteen scholars were reported. There was considerable, and, we think, unnecessary irregularity in attendance. Sixty-three instances of tardiness were reported, which, for a school numbering eighteen scholars, is certainly *not* commendable. Miss Gilchrist here had her first experience as a teacher. No extra studies were pursued. Fair progress was discernible during the term. The examination was in some respects praiseworthy. Money could well be expended in repairs. This school has no map. The supply of blackboard is wholly insufficient.

The second term opened under the direction of Miss Mary E. Anderson. Sixteen scholars were in attendance. Quite a good interest prevailed in the school. The usual studies were pursued. Considerable tardiness was reported, with some irregularity of attendance. In other particulars we think the school might be reported as prosperous. Miss Anderson is an experienced teacher. She has taught in the district before. At the time of writing this report (March 1st), the winter term has not closed,—will close March 7th.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Prudential Committee, Tolford D. Melvin.

Teacher, both terms, Lucinda T. Carlton.

This district was thrown into a state of considerable embarrassment by the burning of its school house on the night of April 18. It was supposed to be the work of an incendiary. Through the efforts of the Prudential Committee, a room in the unoccupied house owned by him, was fitted up as comfortably as circumstances would allow. Settees were placed in the room and such other furniture as was needed, so that although a better place would have been more desirable, yet it was the best that could be obtained. As it was, it was comfortable. Twenty scholars were in attendance the first term. Length of the term twelve weeks. Miss Carlton, though laboring under difficulties incident upon the deprivation of a school building, and the embarrassment in the

district in consequence of it, nevertheless went bravely at her work and kept a good school, as the examination abundantly showed. During the interval between the close of the first and beginning of the second term, a new school house was built, at a cost of seven hundred and fifty dollars. It is neat, commodious, and comfortable. Miss Carlton was re-engaged as a teacher, and here, in its new, and much more pleasant quarters, the second term opened finely with an attendance of twenty-five scholars, five more than the first term. The school enjoyed a prosperous session of twelve weeks. Beside the regular branches, algebra was taught. Visible progress was made during the term. The examination spoke well for the entire school. As a teacher Miss Carlton was persevering, efficient, and well calculated for her work.

Mr. Melvin, the Prudential Committee, certainly deserves praise for the promptness and fidelity with which he has met and overcome the difficulties he was obliged to contend with in order that the district might not be deprived of its school privileges. Well directed energy is always praiseworthy. Maps and a school dictionary would be valuable additions to the school.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Prudential Committee, B. H. Kidder.

Teacher, both terms, Mary A. Bowers.

The first term was short, only eight weeks. Thirteen scholars were reported. The ordinary branches were pursued with the addition of philosophy. A marked ambition to improve was apparent on the part of some of the pupils. Fair progress was made during the term. The examination was commendable.

The second term was only ten weeks in length. We think increased effort in the school was discernable. Fifteen scholars attended. An average attendance of a fraction over fourteen was reported. The examination spoke well for both teacher and scholars. Miss Bowers is a competent teacher of considerable experience.

The school building is much in need of repairs, yet nothing has been expended in this direction. The out-building needs to be replaced by a new one. No maps or other apparatus belong to the school.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Prudential Committee, Asa G. Hill.

Teacher, first term, Miss Emma Greeley.

The school in this district has been small. There seems to be a scarcity of children. Only seven attended the first term, five boys and two girls. The oldest scholar was a little over ten years of age. Of course where so few scholars attended, and they so

young, *great* things cannot be expected, yet it is presumed that as good progress was made here as could be expected. Miss Greeley here had her first experience in teaching. She was well qualified for the work in every respect, save in that thoroughness and efficiency which experience alone will give. If she continues in the work we make no doubt of her success. Length of school ten weeks.

Miss Eliza Thomas was employed the second term. The attendance was larger than the first term, numbering twelve. Good progress was made this term. We were impressed with the orderly deportment of the scholars. The examination was satisfactory. Miss Thomas has had some experience as a teacher and bids fair to succeed.

In the foregoing report we have aimed to give, what we deemed to be the *general* features of interest pertaining to the schools. More might have been said in many cases, but had we gone more into particulars, the report, long enough already, would have been unnecessarily lengthened. The appended statistical table will give numerical facts not stated in the foregoing report.

CHARLES A. CRESSY,

Superintending School Committee.

HUDSON, March 1st, 1873.

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

		NAMES OF TEACHERS.	
No. of the Term.		1st.	2nd.
No. of the District.		1	2
Money contributed by District.			\$14 00
Expended in Repairs.			\$ 0 75
Average Amount expended on each Scholar.		31 75	3 00
No. in other studies.		8	3
No. in Book-Keeping.		1	3
No. in Algebra.		1	3
No. in History.		1	3
No. in Composition.		1	3
No. in Geography.		1	3
No. in Grammar.		1	3
No. in Arithmetic.		1	3
No. in Penmanship.		1	3
No. in Spelling.		1	3
No. in Reading.		1	3
Visits by others.		1	3
Visits by Prudential Committee.		1	3
Visits by Superintending Committee.		1	3
No. between 4 & 14 not attending school		1	3
Not absent one-half day.		1	3
Instances of Tardiness.		1	3
Wages of Teachers per Month including Board.		6 7	24 00
Average attendance.		30 10	18 10
Number of Scholars.		30 10	18 10
Number of weeks of School.		30 10	18 10

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