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# REPORT

OF THE SELECTMEN,

N. H. DUPL.

AND THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE


# TOWN OF DERRY,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1862.

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## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

### SNOW PATHS.

1861.		Cr.
March	2. E. P. Esty, - - - - -	\$30 69
"	" D. P. Page. - - - - -	13 68
"	" Nathaniel Warner, - - - - -	28 63
"	" Wm. Ela, - - - - -	14 40
"	" S. Pillsbury, - - - - -	24 66
"	" Geo. I. Choate, - - - - -	19 75
"	" Geo. A. Goodhue, - - - - -	8 03
"	" D. M. Emery, - - - - -	37 72
"	" S. Reynolds, - - - - -	31 82
"	" L. W. Beals, - - - - -	41 53
"	9. R. Clendennin, - - - - -	6 49
"	" A. D. Jenness, - - - - -	74 10
"	12. J. A. Cooms, - - - - -	3 00
"	" J. Herriek, - - - - -	27 72
"	" W. N. Wilkenson, - - - - -	7 14
April	12. L. W. Beals, - - - - -	8 00
"	" I. How, - - - - -	17 48
"	" G. R. N. Sargent, - - - - -	6 96
"	22. Benjamin Poor, - - - - -	11 87
"	29. J. Kelsey, - - - - -	24 21
"	" S. Proctor, - - - - -	14 27
May	7. J. F. Cooms, - - - - -	3 38
"	11. R. Boyd, - - - - -	6 58
June	12. Charles Clyde. - - - - -	8 25
July	5. Samuel Pillsbury, - - - - -	4 44
"	8. J. Y. James, - - - - -	9 48
"	11. Geo. A. Goodhue, - - - - -	9 18
Aug.	14. William Reynolds, - - - - -	11 87
"	19. George Moor, - - - - -	16 08
Oct.	22. S. Reynolds, - - - - -	23 35
1862.		
Jan.	16. R. T. Chase, - - - - -	12 42
"	" Samuel Wilson, - - - - -	14 24

Feb.	2.	A. D. Dennis,	-	-	-	-	-	15	87
"	8.	R. W. Thompson,	-	-	-	-	-	6	96
"	"	R. W. Adams,	-	-	-	-	-	5	50
"	"	D. M. Emery,	-	-	-	-	-	13	84
"	15.	J. C. Drew,	-	-	-	-	-	2	88
"	"	H. Bond,	-	-	-	-	-	5	16
"	"	J. Herrick,	-	-	-	-	-	14	00
"	"	N. A. Bray,	-	-	-	-	-	4	32
"	22.	S. Proctor,	-	-	-	-	-	1	32
"	"	Wm. Reynolds,	-	-	-	-	-	4	87
"	"	Wm. N. Wilkinson,	-	-	-	-	-	4	06
"	"	H. Johnson,	-	-	-	-	-	7	41
"	"	William W. Cook,	-	-	-	-	-	5	40
"	"	Geo. I. Choate,	-	-	-	-	-	4	46
"	"	N. M. Taylor,	-	-	-	-	-	2	50
"	"	T. S. Bradford,	-	-	-	-	-	15	75
"	"	E. Esty,	-	-	-	-	-	8	37
"	"	M. G. Steele, Winter of 61 and 2,	-	-	-	-	-	9	54
"	"	S. Boynton,	-	-	-	-	-	4	44
"	"	J. Boynton,	-	-	-	-	-	5	28
"	"	A. Proctor,	-	-	-	-	-	5	82
"	"	R. Taylor,	-	-	-	-	-	19	02
"	"	I. H. Jones,	-	-	-	-	-	27	36
"	"	T. Wheeler,	-	-	-	-	-	22	89
"	"	A. Boyd,	-	-	-	-	-	4	64
"	"	C. Choate,	-	-	-	-	-	8	82
"	"	J. Patten,	-	-	-	-	-	6	60
"	"	B. Barker,	-	-	-	-	-	7	76
"	"	Wm. Reynolds,	-	-	-	-	-	22	74
"	"	H. Johnson,	-	-	-	-	-	24	53
"	"	J. Hemphill,	-	-	-	-	-	3	96
"	"	J. Morse,	-	-	-	-	-	22	08
"	"	J. C. Taylor,	-	-	-	-	-	10	38
"	"	Wm. C. Humphrey,	-	-	-	-	-	23	25
"	"	J. Parker,	-	-	-	-	-	7	25
"	"	Peter T. Horne, (1861.)	-	-	-	-	-	12	50

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 \$932 31

## N. R. HIGHWAY TAXES.

1861.

March	2.	Paid E. P. Esty,	-	-	-	-	-	\$1	67
"	"	D. P. Page,	-	-	-	-	-	1	74
"	"	George A. Goodhue,	-	-	-	-	-	3	69
"	"	A. D. Jenness,	-	-	-	-	-		40
Sept.	27.	Robert Taylor,	-	-	-	-	-	2	79

Oct.	"	J. Boynton,	-	-	-	-	1 33
Dec.	2.	I. H. Jones,	-	-	-	-	2 68
"	17.	Geo. McKenney,	-	-	-	-	1 89
1862.							
Feb.	8.	Joseph Leach,	-	-	-	-	5 96
"	"	Thaddeus Wheeler,	-	-	-	-	93
"	15.	S. F. Taylor,	-	-	-	-	2 35
"	"	H. Bond,	-	-	-	-	72
"	"	J. H. Waterman,	-	-	-	-	3 11
"	22.	A. Boyd,	-	-	-	-	7 15
"	"	J. Memphill,	-	-	-	-	1 77
March	3.	E. G. Shute,	-	-	-	-	43 82
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							\$81 99

## ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

1861.							
March	2.	Paid Nancy Morrill,	-	-	-	-	\$5 11
"	"	Geo. N. Kimball,	-	-	-	-	3 94
"	9.	M. Morse,	-	-	-	-	2 11
"	"	Enoch Evans,	-	-	-	-	1 75
May	25.	E. G. Shute, (on list of 1859,)	-	-	-	-	30 31
"	"	" (S. H. Tax, No. 11,)	-	-	-	-	277 59
"	"	Benjamin Kimball,	-	-	-	-	1 50
Dec.	31.	G. A. Goodhue,	-	-	-	-	2 00
1862.							
Jan.	11.	D. Ladd,	-	-	-	-	2 79
Feb.	22.	William Moor,	-	-	-	-	4 74
"	"	Samuel C. Bayley,	-	-	-	-	2 73
"	"	Jacob Bartell,	-	-	-	-	1 81
"	"	Susan Hanson,	-	-	-	-	53
"	"	James Dorr,	-	-	-	-	3 56
"	"	James Miltimore,	-	-	-	-	1 75
"	7.	Nancy Morrill,	-	-	-	-	5 28
March	3.	E. G. Shute, (S. H. Dist. No. 11,)	-	-	-	-	43 83
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							\$391 33

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

1861.							
March	2.	George I Choate,	-	-	-	-	\$2 00
"	"	R. J. Hopkins,	-	-	-	-	4 50
"	9.	S. Adams,	-	-	-	-	4 48
"	13.	Wm. N. Wilkinson,	-	-	-	-	62
Sept.	27.	R. Rogers, Jr.,	-	-	-	-	6 00
"	"	R. Taylor,	-	-	-	-	16 10
"	"	J. Boynton,	-	-	-	-	2 00

Nov.	1.	Wm. S. Messerve,	- - -	2 22
1862.				
Jan.	6.	M. Sargent,	- - - -	1 00
"	31.	W. W. Poor, (plank,)	- - -	15 42
"	"	S. Floyd, (Goodhue Road,)	- - -	3 58
"	"	(Court cost on Goodhue Road.)	- - -	6 68
Feb.	8.	G. A. Goodhue, (Goodhue Road,)	- - -	9 25
"	"	P. C. Myrick,	" - -	1 50
"	"	P. Taylor,	" - -	2 50
"	"	D. C. King,	" - -	3 25
"	15.	J. Montgomery,	" - -	3 50
"	"	H. Bond,	- - - -	2 37
"	"	Wm. C. Humphrey,	- - - -	13 79
"	"	James Rogers,	- - - -	1 25
"	"	Samuel Marshall,	- - - -	6 00
"	"	N. M. Taylor,	- - -	1 47
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				\$109 40

## TRANSIENT POOR.

1861.				
March	2.	D. M. Emery, wood for H. M. Campbell,		\$8 00
"	"	Alonzo Kimball,		3 00
"	9.	C. C. Parker, supplies to Kimball,		9 80
"	"	Nathaniel Brown, wood for G. Alexander,		19 80
"	"	Geo. Shute, (Shute Child,)		2 50
"	"	Nathaniel Brown, Supplies to Wid. King,		3 11
"	"	Kimball Family, car fare,		2 00
"	8.	Eastman Bros., supplies Wids. King and Clough,		15 34
Aug.	23.	D. Haynes, Shute Child,		20 00
Dec.	17.	H. P. Hood, wood to Mrs. McMurphy,		19 00
1862.				
Jan.	21.	Eastman Bros., supplies to Mrs. Parker,		45 43
"	22.	G. F. Adams, supplies to Kate Kelly,		9 80
"	"	Town of Chester, assistance to H. King,		11 35
Feb.	7.	D. Haynes, Shute Child,		22 50
"	"	Eastman Bros., Mrs. King and Jack,		9 34
"	22.	Wm. Cochran, board of Mrs. Caldwell,		26 00
"	"	B. F. Sargent, conveying poor,		4 50
"	"	C. C. Parker, supplies,		6 15
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				\$537 62

## EDUCATION.

1861.				
March	9.	Paid District No. 2,		\$145 16

July	15.	"	"	"	4,	45 00
"	22.	"	"	"	5,	35 00
"	24.	"	"	"	8,	55 00
"	26,	"	"	"	7,	33 00
"	27,	"	"	"	11,	52 00
Aug.	3,	"	"	"	9,	35 00
"	14,	"	"	"	3,	40 00
Sept.	13,	"	"	"	2,	72 00
Oct.	3,	"	"	"	6,	63 35
"	17,	"	"	"	12,	66 70
"	"	"	"	"	1,	125 00
Nov.	4,	Town of Chester,				4 00
"	13,	"	"	No. 5,		28 07
Dec.	2,	"	"	"	3,	18 48
"	12,	"	"	"	7,	76 07
"	31,	"	"	"	4,	86 16
1862.						
Jan.	4,	"	"	"	10,	27 21
"	31,	"	"	"	9,	58 28
Feb.	3,	"	"	"	8,	70 75
"	8,	Town of Salem,				5 42
"	22,	"	"	"	No. 2,	156 51
"	24,	"	"	"	"	108 36
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						\$1,406 53

## GRAVE YARD.

1861.						
Feb. 8.	Dea. J. Humphrey, repairing gates,					\$10 23
"	"	P. B. Stevens, digging graves,				50 70
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						\$60 93

## BOOKS AND STATIONERY.

1861.						
April 27.	Wm. H. Fisk, town report,					\$26 00
May 30.	"	"	tax book and bills,			3 12
1862.						
Feb. 21.	Eastman Bros.,					3 17
March 3.	E. G. Shute, tax bills,					1 50
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						\$33 79
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						\$109 40

## INTEREST PAID.

1861.						
April 22.	Mrs. B. Kimball,					\$12 00

## ALMSHOUSE.

1861.		
April 12.	Wm. C. Humphrey, boot between oxen,	\$50 00
Aug. 12.	Cash from Treasury, for 100 bush. corn,	59 70
Oct. 26.	S. Reynolds,	4 74
Nov. 7.	Order on Treas.,	22 75
Nov. 25.	“ “	20 00
Dec. 17.	S. J. Clark, Private School,	2 25
“ “	Wm. H. Oram,	2 00
1862.		
Feb. 15.	James H. Crombie,	20 00
“ “	Couch & Merrill,	3 83
“ 21.	Eastman Bros., supplies,	72 20
“ “	L. Wilson,	3 00
“ “	I. Howe, supplies,	18 37
“ “	C. C. Parker,	55 36
“ “	Geo. F. Adams,	39 87
“ “	D. Stinson, salary \$250 less the bal., \$67 87, due on settlement,	182 13
March 3.	Wm. Leach, supplies,	13 11
“ “	John Folsom,	37 26
“ “	P. J. Horne, grain and plaster,	20 10
“ “	H. Hays, medical attendance, 1860,	20 00
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		\$646 68

## N. H. INSANE ASYLUM.

1861.		
April 29.	J. G. Bond,	\$30 50
Nov. 7.	“ “	61 02
Feb. 7.	“ “	36 80
“ “	Sarah Cowday,	110 53
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		\$238 85

## TOWN OFFICERS.

1861.		
March 2.	Wm. H. Oram, Treas.,	20 00
“ “	Wm. W. Poor, Auditor,	1 18
“ 8.	Benj. Warner,	40 00
1862.		
March 1.	Geo. W. Barker, Clerk,	20 00
“ “	Ira W. Ring,	5 00
“ 3.	E. G. Shute, col. of taxes,	49 85
“ “	J. Montgomery, bal. selectmen, 1860,	9 00



March 3.	Benj. F. Eastman, " " "	9 00
" "	J. Montgomery, selectman.	63 00
" "	B. F. Eastman, "	75 50
" "	Wm. C. Ela, "	38 00

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\$330 53

*E. G. Shute Collector of Taxes.*

		DR.
1862.	To balance of Tax list, 1860, - - -	\$2,539 00
"	Amount of tax list, 1861, - - -	5,401 27
"	Railroad tax, received, - - -	141 15
		<hr/> \$8,081 42

*Per Contra.*

By paid on tax lists, - - - -	\$4,934 47
Balance uncollected taxes, - - -	3,146 95
	<hr/> \$8,081 42

*William H. Oram, Treasurer.*

1851.		DR.
March 2.	Cash in Treasury, - - -	\$148 68
" "	Received of E. G. Shute,	3,628 05
" "	Selectmen borrowed money,	1,520 00
" "	Literary Fund, - - -	132 00
" "	of County, - - -	455 51
		<hr/> \$6,184 24

CR.

By paid outstanding orders, - - - -	\$171 11
" Orders, - - - -	5,415 78
" Cash on hand, - - - -	597 35
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MISCELLANEOUS.

1861.		
April 9.	Wm. S. Abbott, (Institute,)	\$22 92
June 3	School House Tax, Dis. No. 11,	10 00
Nov. 25.	B. F. Eastman, wood for Town Hall,	4 37
Dec. 31.	E. Adams, watering trough,	3 00
Feb. 22.	E. Cogswell, care of Hall,	7 87
March 3.	G. C. Bartlett, court fees on Goodhue road, - - - -	12 00

March 3.	“ “	Legal service,	8 00
“ “	“ “	School House tax, Dist. No. 11,	325 00
“ “	“ “	“ “ No. 8,	234 83
“ “	“ “	Dr. Hays, Liquor Agent,	13 50

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\$644 24

## NOTES PAYABLE.

1856.			
Sept. 24.	Lilly Cochran,		\$42 00
1857.			
Aug. 11.	Margaret Adams,		861 00
“ “	I. Hubbard,		100 00
1859.			
Aug. 11.	Sarah Moor,		458 40
Feb. 22.	Geo. N. Warner,		716 83
April 3.	Mrs. Benj. Kimball,		200 00
“ 25.	Geo. Moor,		52 47
“ “	“ “		293 17
Nov. 1.	Jennett Humphrey,		210 00
“ “	Benj. Barker,		100 00
“ “	Alexis Proctor,		400 00
1861.			
July 18.	Geo. Moor,		500 00
Sept. 4.	“ “		500 00
1862.			
Jan.	Nathaniel Ripley,		300 00
“	Geo. Barker,		120 00
“	J. Hubbard,		100 00
March,	Interest due on above notes,		641 26

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\$5,595 13

## NOTES PAID.

1862.			
Jan 28.	B. Stenson's heirs,		\$145 80
Feb. 8.	B. Barker, (received on note,)		25 00
“ 15.	Lorenzo Kimball,		217 33

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\$388 13

## GOVERNMENT SERVICE.

1861.			
July 4.	J. C. Sawyer,		\$15 00

July 8.	B. F. Rowe,	15 00
" "	Chas. Mahaffee,	10 00
Aug. 5.	Geo. B. Tuttle,	21 25
" 10.	N. H. Brown,	10 00
" "	N. F. Flanders,	12 00
" "	Joseph Arnold,	10 00
" "	Wm. Major,	36 33
" 14.	L. G. Pilsbury,	30 00
" 15.	J. C. Sawyer,	17 00
" 20.	A. D. W. Emerson,	30 00
" 26.	H. P. Clarke,	30 00
" 31.	N. F. Flanders,	12 00
Sept. 2.	J. C. Sawyer,	15 00
" 3.	N. H. Brown,	10 00
" 21.	H. Tilton,	13 00
" 26.	John Christy,	12 00
" "	G. B. Tuttle,	10 00
" 27.	Chas. Mahaffee,	20 00
Oct. 4.	G. B. Tuttle,	10 00
" 5.	N. F. Flanders,	12 00
" 7.	J. C. Sawyer,	12 00
" 8.	B. F. Rowe,	30 00
" 21.	J. Christy,	12 00
" "	Lewis Foster,	12 00
" 28.	H. Tilton,	13 00
" "	John White, (to Oct. 4,)	22 67
Nov. 4.	N. H. Brown,	10 00
" 6.	Geo. E. Fitch,	24 00
" "	J. C. Sawyer,	12 00
" 9.	B. F. Howe,	24 00
" 11.	G. B. Tuttle,	8 00
" 26.	N. C. Wiggin,	20 00
" "	B. H. Smith,	18 86
Dec. 6.	Philip Jones,	14 40
" "	J. Christy,	4 00
" 7.	J. C. Sawyer,	12 00
" 9.	C. F. Wheeler,	6 00
" 19.	G. B. Tuttle,	8 00
" 25.	J. A. Dustin,	24 00
" 27.	M. Senter,	12 00
" "	G. E. Fitch,	8 00

1862.		
Jan. 6.	Geo. McKenny,	17 20
" 11.	N. C. Wiggin,	24 00
" 14.	Geo. E. Upton,	36 00
" 17.	J. C. Sawyer,	12 00
" 20.	Geo. F. Boyd,	8 00
" 28.	Stephen Mills,	4 00
" 30.	H. Tilton,	24 00
" "	M. Senter,	12 00
" 31.	P. Jones,	15 60
" "	G. H. Butterfield,	30 00
Feb. 6.	G. W. Carr,	20 00
" "	D. E. Hale,	12 00
" "	C. B. Radcliff,	24 00
" 7.	G. B. Tuttle,	16 00
" 8.	H. Nichols,	16 00
" "	Joseph Arnold, (to Oct. 4,)	20 00
" "	J. C. Sawyer,	12 00
" 14.	N. C. Wiggin,	8 00
" 18.	G. F. Boyd,	8 00
" "	D. E. Hale,	12 00
" 12.	J. A. Dustin,	24 00
" "	C. Longdo,	16 00
" 22.	Wm. H. Stevens.	52 00

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\$1,080 31

Due from State for support of families of Vol- unteers,	676 06
Amount actually expended by town for Volun- teers,	404 25

#### PAYMENTS.

1861.	
Paid Wm. D. Clarke, balance of Salary,	\$177 68
Snow Path Bills, 1860 and 61,	695 94
" " " 1861 and 62,	236 37
Roads and Bridges,	109 40
Non resident highway taxes,	81 99
Abatement of Taxes,	391 33
Grave yard account,	60 93
Books and Stationery.	33 79
Transient poor,	237 62

Education,	1,406 53
Interest paid,	12 00
Almshouse account,	646 68
Insane Asylum,	238 85
Town Officers,	330 53
Miscellaneous,	644 24
Outstanding orders,	171 11
State tax,	382 20
County tax,	963 41
Government service (town vote,)	404 25
"          " State,	676 06
Notes paid,	388 13
Cash in Trersury,	597 35

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\$8,886 39

#### RECEIPTS.

E. G. Shute, balance, list of 1859,	\$61 05
Cash in Treasury,	448 68
E. G. Shute, Collector,	4,873 45
Hired for use of Town,	1,520 00
Railroad Tax,	141 15
Literary Fund,	132 00
Of County pauper act, (1861,)	455 51
Dr. Henry Hayes, liquors sold,	39 21
Outstanding orders,	1,215 36

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\$8,886 39

#### TOWN OF DERRY BALANCE SHEET.

	DR.
To account of notes payable,	\$4,953 89
"    " Interest due,	641 26
Outstanding orders,	1,215 36

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\$6,810 49

	CR.
By uncollected taxes,	\$3,146 95
Cash invested in Liquors,	40 00
Amount due from H. P. Hood,	23 76
"    "    " W. D. Clarke,	4 50
"    "    " County on Pauper account,	150 00
"    "    " State for Government service,	676 06

Railroad tax in Collector's hands,	141 15
Town debt,	2,030 72
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Cash in Treasury,	597 35
	\$6,810 49

J. MONTGOMERY, } *Selectman*  
 B. F. EASTMAN, } *of*  
 WM. C. ELA, } *Derry.*

This certifies that I have examined the foregoing accounts and find the same correctly cast and satisfactory vouchers thereto.

W. W. POOR, *Auditor.*

INVOICE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ALMS-  
 HOUSE FEB. 25, 1862.

1 pair oxen,	\$115 00
10 cows,	275 00
1 horse,	60 00
2 sheep,	10 00
Hay,	180 00
4 swine,	45 00
Ox wagon and cart,	45 00
Plows and harrows,	35 00
Sleds and drag,	8 00
Yokes and chains,	10 00
Shovels and forks,	4 00
Fanning mill and ladders,	6 00
Pulley Blocks,	2 00
Carriage harness,	12 00
Wagon and sleigh,	25 00
Hay cutter and horse rake,	12 00
Axes, iron bars, &c.,	10 00
Carpenter's tools,	3 00
Lumber on hand,	60 00
Wood on hand,	75 00
Potatoes and vegetables,	80 00
Beef, pork and ham,	80 00
Butter,	13 00
Lard and tallow,	18 00
Soap,	12 00

Cider and Vinegar,	30 00
Beans,	14 00
Apples and cranberries,	8 00
Corn,	70 00
Rye, oats, barley and shorts,	30 00
Flour and meal,	12 00
Grindstone and hay tools,	16 00
Buffalo robe,	3 00

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\$1,378 00

ALMS-HOUSE BALANCE SHEET.

To amount drawn from Treasury,	\$444 55
Bills paid by Superintendent,	550 66
Personal property at the Alms-House, February 25, 1861,	1,335 00
Balance of salary of Superintendent,	182 13

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\$2,512 14

CR.

By amount sold from farm by Superintendent,	\$618 53
Amount for support of County poor,	216 56
“ “ “ “ not yet received, about	150 00
Amount due from H. P. Hood,	23 76
“ “ “ W. D. Clarke,	4 50
Personal property at the Alms-House, February 25, 1862,	1,378 00
Balance being actual expense of Alms-House,	120 99

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\$2,512 34

Conformatory to custom, we herewith submit a report of the financial affairs of the town for the past year.

The additional draft made this year upon the Treasury, for paying volunteers in the U. S. service, without any provision made to meet it, and the abatement of school-house tax, in No. 11, (which should have gone into the account of last year, but was overlooked,) with an increase of snow-path and other bills, have added to the town debt this year, \$883 64; the debt as shown last year was \$1147 08; the balance sheet now makes it \$2,030 72.

Dr. Hays as agent to dispose of the Liquors of the town, reports having sold about one half the value on hand two years since, as then appraised by the Selectmen, and that a portion of what is still on hand is valuable—the quantity and *quality* of which, from actual knowledge we are not prepared to state.

The stock and affairs at the town farm are in good condition. From the balance sheet of alms-house, you will see that the expense there the past year has been \$120 99.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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B. F. EASTMAN,		<i>of</i>
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## SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

It is proposed, in this Report, to omit the usual outline of each separate school, and to submit the main facts in a tabular form, and then offer some "practical remarks.

### TABLE OF SCHOOL STATISTICS.

DISTRICT.	TEACHERS.	Whole No. of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Tardy.	Not absent one half day.	Visitors.	Weeks.	Wages.
1	S. A. Maria Alexander,	60	48	573	5	14	16	18
	George Brickett,	46	36	104	3	40	12	38
2	Lucy P. Greenough,	60	52	48	6	34	16	20
	Alexis Proctor,	60	48					40
3	Abbie How,	29	25	30	7	11	9	15
	H. Jennie Marshal,	20	17	23	2	11	8	16
4	M. L. Cochran,	54	47	64	10	68	10	18
	George S. Chase,	48	39	194	1	20	8	38
5	C. H. Wilson,	28	25	14	10		8	
	Nellie C. Parker,	22	20	5	10	30	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	17
6	Hattie A. Bradley,	20	18	54	2	41	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	17
	S. Lizzie Sawyer,	26	23	29	3	38	8	14 $\frac{1}{2}$
7	Wm. F. Webster,	27	23	132	4	23	9	28
	Emma A. Chase,	42	37	47	2	71	11	15
8	Wm. Marshall,	40	37	73		82	8	36
	Lucy J. Clark,	28	24	30	2	30	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	16
9	Lucinda J. Gregg,	33	27	162	1	20	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	18
	Jane E. Brown,	10	8	68	0	4	10	10
10	Jennie M. Bartlett,	28	24	150	3	24	11	20
	Jennie M. Bartlett,	32	30				8	20
12	Eliza J. Rogers,	15	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	5	0	5	8	16
	Elisa J. Rogers,	16	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	5	0	7	8	16

The school history of the town for the past year is apparently about the same as in the years immediately preceding. The change from one year to another is not perceptible unless very great. But the end of even a short series of years makes it apparent to your present Committee that the schools are advancing in

some respects—perhaps not much in discipline, nor generally in regular and prompt attendance—but in the most important quality of a good school, the attainment of clear and definite ideas of the subjects of study. School harmony is of comparatively little value whether for mental discipline, or for practical life, which does not impart a thorough understanding, not only of facts and processes, but also of the *reasons* of these and the *principles* which underlie them so far as they may be known. In the former case the mind may be only the receptacle of rather muddy ideas, or the machine of operations by rule; in the latter case the scholar is a philosopher.

There is, naturally, a great difference both in teachers and in pupils as to this quality of mind. All are not born with the spirit of philosophical inquiry, but much may be done, by judicious effort, to excite and cultivate it. And this, it is believed, will be the constant aim of the accomplished teacher. A considerable proportion of our teachers this year have been, more or less, decidedly of this class, and they and their schools might be easily distinguished. The increased facilities furnished at the present day for the instruction of teachers in the theory and practice of their honorable and useful profession, leave them without excuse if they do not make proportional advancement in their qualifications, and the community will not fail to appreciate and compensate such qualifications, assured that one really good teacher is worth much more than many poor ones.

One or two schools have been considerably disturbed by disagreements between teachers and scholars. The dissatisfied scholars left. This course is certainly better than to stay and make trouble. But *secession* is not the best cure for existing evils. It is, manifestly, a loss to the scholars, and the money paid for their tuition is thrown away. And this may be by no means the worst of it. Divisions and animosities are liable to be created in Districts and among neighbors, a hundred fold more unhappy in their consequences than the trifling temporary inconvenience which may have to be submitted to for the sake of peace. It is to be remembered that *forbearance* is one of the Christian virtues, and is as useful in schools and in districts as elsewhere, and may be exercised by scholars and by parents with as much profit as by teachers and others. It is the better course, in all human relations, to bear a little evil, and even a great evil, patiently, when it cannot be avoided, make the best of it and try for and hope for better the next time. These remarks are made only for their general effect. The cases referred to were not the subject of official inquiry, and their merits or demerits cannot therefore be justly distributed, even if it were desirable to do it.

The returns, as given in the statistical table, show an average

attendance of about six sevenths of the whole number, which is an advance upon some former years. The column of tardiness exhibits large figures against some of the schools, and those against others would have been larger than they are if teachers had been equally careful, not to say conscientious, in marking both forenoon and afternoon, as the instructions in the registry direct. Tardiness is a serious evil in some of the schools and, it is feared, chronic and incurable. This and other evils for which the registers provide a record, may find in this record, if conscientiously and faithfully kept, an important means of their cure, especially if the facts are annually reported to the town and commented on. And it is an unpleasant fact that some of the teachers are so negligent in this matter.

There is a fault so often noticed that it may be of no use to mention it here—a want of distinctness in the articulation of words, syllables and letters. It is very marked in some of the schools, either as a general trait or in individuals. The forcible “SPEAK out!” of one teacher is needed in more schools than his. It is a serious evil. It should have the constant attention of parents at home as well as that of the teachers. Much has been done in some of the districts either in preventing or curing the habit, and the reading is consequently very correct and beautiful, and the recitations also are outspoken, decided and prompt. It is not in the school-room only that a correct habit of this kind is desirable. It is an important element of success in public life. It adds very much to the charms of social intercourse, and is in itself a beautiful accomplishment.

A considerable number of the schools have manifested a great degree of cordiality between the pupils and their teachers, and this has been an important, if not indeed an essential demand of the superior success and usefulness of these schools. Perhaps the first condition of this state of feeling is a genuine interest on the part of the teacher in his pupils and in his duties towards them. And this interest will usually manifest itself in expressions of sympathy, in kind tones of encouragement, in gentle though serious reproofs when these are needed, in the bestowal of little tokens of approbation and rewards of merit upon those who may deserve them, and by various other expedients which will not fail to suggest themselves to an active mind intent upon its business and earnestly desirous to gain a controlling hold upon the minds of his scholars for their good. These kindly influences, when in operation in the family, are the sources of refinement of feeling, of mutual affection, of gentle and correct deportment, and of the happiness of the home circle. The school is but an enlarged family, at the head of which is the teacher, in the place of a parent; and when a teacher has the feelings which are suited to the place and habitually indi-

cates these feelings to his pupils, they will certainly reciprocate his interest, and do their best to please him.

Perhaps it would seem trifling to some, to make mention of many of the little ways in which an enterprising and ingenious teacher may endeavor to reach the springs of interest and of work in his scholars. But we ought to know that trifles, after all, are continually deciding the greatest matters among men, and children and youth cannot be expected to be exempt from influences of a similar character. It is often found, in fact, that the genius to invent ways of interesting young minds, makes all the difference between an eminently successful and a barely tolerable teacher.

A beautiful school house, fitted with modern improvements, and costing \$1200, has been recently provided by the enterprising citizens of District No. 11. It is certainly a good omen for the educational interests of that district, that its inhabitants are willing to incur so large expense for this purpose, at a time when the national treasury is requiring so much of us all. Would that some other districts might be animated with a similar spirit, and "go and do likewise."

The text books in general use in the schools have been mostly introduced in former years. The only change made this year has been with a view to more entire uniformity in the department of arithmetic—one or two of Mr. Greenleaf's books being needed in several of the districts to complete the series, and being also better adapted to our wants, on the whole, than those used before. The undesirableness of frequent change of school books is obvious, and often felt. And, as the present list is the offspring of the collective wisdom of several generations of Superintending School Committees, if the town have wishes on the subject, and will express them by Resolution, it may give relief to future Committees from the importunities of book agents, and tend, also, to fix the list with some degree of permanence.

The text books at present appointed to be used in the schools of the town, are, in Reading—the Bible, the Progressive Reader and Speller.

In Arithmetic—Greenleaf's Series of Arithmetics.

In Geography—Cornell's Series of Geographies.

In Grammar—Tower's Elements and Well's English Grammar.

In Writing—"Payson, Dunton and Scribner's" Writing Books.

In other Branches—Goodrich's History U. S., Colter's Philosophy.

Respectfully submitted,

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