

TWENTY - FOURTH
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN, AUDITORS,
AND
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
OF THE
TOWN OF DUNBARTON,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1869.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR MARCH 1, 1869.

DANIEL H. PARKER, to Town of DUNBARTON,		<i>Dr.</i>
To cash in the Treasury, March 1, 1868,	\$2,386	50
Taxes assessed, April, 1868,	2,964	64
Amount of notes, principal and interest, March 1, 1868,	3,011	65
Due on B. W. Lord's collection, 1866,	838	42
Due on S. Kimball's collection, 1867,	97	86
Received of sales of town farm,	219	41
" interest on deposits in savings bank,	15	36
" from tax on national banks' dividend,	281	49
" interest paid on notes,	98	76
	\$9,913	46

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By amount of notes in treasury, principal and int.,	\$1,312	18
Paid in orders and receipts,	6,971	43
Due on B. W. Lord's collection,	267	71
Due on C. Brown's collection, 1868,	349	04
Cash in treasury,	1,013	13
	\$9,913	49

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correctly cast and duly vouched.

CHAS. G. B. RYDER, }
 JOHN C. MILLS, } *Auditors.*

SELECTMENS' REPORT.

Whole amount of taxes committed to collector for collection,		\$7,159 41
State tax for 1868,	\$2,231 25	
County tax for 1868,	914 12	
School money,	\$975.00	
Dog tax	75.00	
	1,050 00	
Amount assessed to defray town charges,	2,837 59	
Non-resident highway tax,	126 45	
	\$7,159 41	
Amount of notes against the town,		\$17,572 00
Interest on the above,		1,461 41

ORDERS GIVEN BY THE SELECTMEN

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1869.

E. P. Marshall, to pay town debts,		\$1,130 50
M. W. Woodbury, services as selectman,		33 00
B. F. Marsh, shoveling snow,		6 42
E. P. Marshall, services as selectman,		94 75
E. P. Marshall, to pay town debts,		282 00
George I. Bard, services as S. S. Committee,		50 00
L. Willson, taking care of town house,		3 70
James W. Colby, services as selectman,		64 75
G. B. French, services as town clerk,		20 00
John Page, Jr., to balance account with town,		82 16

L. Rowell, services as auditor,	\$1 50
David T. Heath, being over-taxed	3 74
James O. McCauley, poll-tax, being out of State,	2 81
Avery Saunders, furnishing water on highway, 1867,	2 00
Gilbert B. French, for clapboards,	38 00
Town hall finishing committee,	45 00
James N. Carter, overtaxed,	1 00
Israel Straw,	3 73
Bussel Barnard,	3 73
David T. Whipple,	9 35
John C. Mills, furnishing water on highway,	3 00
David Story, part pay for land damage,	100 00
Avery Saunders, furnishing water, 1868,	2 00
E. P. Marshall, for abatement of taxes for 1867,	22 58
" for pauper support,	2 00
" for services as collector for 1867,	70 00
Charles Brown, land to enlarge grave-yard, moving C. Merrill, and digging grave,	40 00
Charles Brown, abatement on taxes,	19 73
" discount on taxes,	242 64
" Part pay as town collector for 1868,	30 00
Thomas Johnson, to pay town bills,	200 00
" to pay land damage.	800 00
" to pay town debts,	500 00
" to pay town bills,	800 00
" to pay interest and town bills,	1000 00
" to pay town debts,	200 00
" to pay town debts,	160 00
" savings bank tax, 1868,	379 83
" railroad tax, 1868,	271 41
" literary fund, 1868,	44 46
" United States bounty,	400 00
" of county, for paupers,	112 00
" for sale of old lumber from town house.	5 66
" Webber pasture.	15 00

MONEY PAID OUT.

Paid for sundry bills,		\$497 58
\$317.14 of the above amount contracted previous to 1868.		
Expense of repairing grave-yard fence at Center,		125 29
Expense of town hall,		543 53
Interest paid on notes,		689 27
Stock and labor for repairs outside town house,	\$565 05	
On the above amount due for Webber pasture,	\$72 00	
Paid by order,	82 25	
Lead, oil and shingles not used, sold to T. Johnson,	61 54	
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Amount paid towards land damage,		1,153 81
Amount paid towards building new road,		1,626 50
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EXPENSE OF SUPPORTING POOR.

For support, medical attendance, and burial of Mrs. Webber,		\$99 45
For support of Calvin Merrill's family,		30 50
" Jonas Jameson's family,		16 71
" Laura B. Buswell,		26 00
" transient pauper,		20 00
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BILLS AGAINST THE TOWN.

Daniel H. Parker, services as town treasurer,		\$12 00
Charles G. B. Rider, for services as auditor,		1 50
John C. Mills, for services as auditor,		1 50
Charles G. B. Rider, for services as S. S. committee,		50 00
Gilbert B. French, for services as town clerk,		20 00
Thomas Johnson, for services as selectman,		88 25
Moses W. Woodbury, "		33 00
Nathaniel T. Safford, "		48 00
Charles Brown, for collecting taxes remaining unpaid,		18 00
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TOWN OF DUNBARTON TO THOS. JOHNSON,

		<i>For Services as Selectman in 1868,</i>	<i>Dr.</i>
March	11.	To one day on new road,	\$1 50
	12.	one day at Concord on town business,	2 00
	13.	one-half day on town business at B. W. Lord's,	75
	16.	To one-half day at Manchester on town business,	75
	30.	To one day at Page's Corner, to break roads,	1 50
April	9.	To five days taking invoice,	7 50
	11.	on town business,	1 50
	20.	six days making taxes, making collector's bond and book,	9 00
	21.	making appointments,	1 50
	29.	making return of invoice for State,	1 50
May	1.	one day to Concord on town business,	2 00
	9.	one day on road business,	1 50
	19.	one day at sale of road,	1 50
	20.	one day at Concord, to pay Mugridge & Minot,	2 00
	22.	To two days recording taxes and warrant,	3 00
June	11.	one-half day on new road,	75
	13.	one-half day looking at R. E. Wheeler's property,	75
	29.	To one-half day on road and other town business,	75
July	1.	To one-half day at burying ground,	75
August	3.	part of day on town business.	1 00
	8.	paying interest on notes,	1 50
	20.	one day on town business,	2 00
	31.	part of day on road and other business,	1 00
Sept.	7.	one day on road and other business,	1 50
	30.	one day at New Boston on pauper business,	1 50
Oct.	7.	one-half day on road and other business,	75
	8.	one day at Concord in regard to county paupers,	2 00
	10.	To part of day on pauper business,	75
	16.	one-half day on town business,	75

Oct.	17.	To one day making warrant and check list,	1 50
	28.	one-half day on town business,	75
	29.	one day on road and town business.	1 50
	30.	one-half day on road,	75
Nov.	2.	one-half day to correct check list.	1 75
	4.	one-half day notifying referees on road,	75
	5.	one day perambulating town line,	2 00
	9.	one-half day on road to settle with Story,	1 00
	18.	one-half day settling town bills.	75
	25.	one day at Concord on pauper and other business.	2 00
Dec.	1.	To one-half day on town business.	75
	7.	one day paying town bills,	1 50
	16.	one day at Goffstown to meet David Gray.	1 50
	19.	one-half day revising jury box and other business.	75
	24.	To one-half day paying interest.	75
1869.			
Jan.	7.	To part of day searching records.	75
	12.	one day at Concord on town business.	2 00
	14.	part of day taking affidavit and applying to county for paupers.	75
	18.	To one day at Concord on county pauper business.	2 00
	30.	To part of day on town business.	75
Feb.	9.	one day at Concord to present pauper claims.	2 00
	20.	To one day making check lists and warrants.	1 50
	27.	one-half day presenting acct. to auditors.	75
March	1.	two days making reports,	3 00
	2.	one day at Manchester to get report printed.	1 50
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			\$88 25

TOWN OF DUNBARTON TO MOSES W. WOODBURY,

		<i>For Services as Selectman in 1868,</i>	<i>Dr.</i>
March	11.	To one day road business,	\$1 50
April	3.	two days taking invoice,	3 00
	21.	six days making taxes,	9 00
	22.	one-half day on new road,	75
	29.	one day making State records,	1 50
May	19.	one day on new road,	1 50
July	1.	one-half day at grave-yard near Brown's,	75
	23.	obtaining doctor for Mrs. Webber,	1 00
Aug.	18.	one-half day on new road,	75
Sept.	25.	one-half day on new road,	75
Oct.	17.	one day making check-lists,	1 50
	29.	one-half day examining new highway,	75
	30.	one-half day settling with David Gray,	75
Nov.	2.	one-half day regulating check-list.	75
	5.	one day perambulating town line.	2 00
	9.	one-half day settling with David Story.	75
Dec.	1.	one-half day posting warrants for town meeting.	75
1869.			
Feb.	20.	To one day making warrants and check-list,	1 50
	26.	two days making town reports, &c.,	3 00
March	6.	one-half day correcting check-list.	75
			\$33 00

TOWN OF DUNBARTON TO NATH'L T. SAFFORD,

		<i>For Services as Selectman in 1868.</i>	<i>Dr.</i>
March	17.	To one day at Concord, on road business,	\$2 00
April	9.	five days taking invoice.	7 50
	20.	six days making taxes,	9 00
May	9.	one day on new road,	1 50
	13.	one-half day on town business at B. W. Lord's,	75
	19.	one day at sale of road,	1 50
	27.	one day on town business,	1 50

June	13.	To one-half day looking over Robert E. Wheeler's property,	75
	29.	To one-half day on town business,	75
Sept.	7.	one-half day on new road,	75
	10.	one day at Concord on pauper business,	2 00
Oct.	17.	one day making out check-list and warrant,	1 50
	19.	time spent in hiring money,	75
	29.	one-half day on new road,	75
	30.	one-half day on new road,	75
Nov.	2.	one-half day correcting check-list,	75
	5.	one day perambulating town line,	2 00
Dec.	19.	one-half day revising jury box,	75
1869.			
Jan.	5.	To writing appointments,	75
	7.	part of day searching town records,	75
Feb.	20.	one day making check list and warrants,	1 50
		time spent in providing for paupers,	6 00
	26.	two days making town reports,	3 00
March	6.	one-half day correcting check-list,	75
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			\$48 00
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THOMAS JOHNSON, } *Selectmen*
 MOSES W. WOODBURY, } *of*
 NATH'L T. SAFFORD, } *Dunbarton.*

SCHOOL REPORT.

CITIZENS OF DUNBARTON :

Another year is gone. The usual appropriations for the district schools has been expended. As your committee, I am not unmindful of the responsibility devolving upon me to make known to you through the annual report, so far as can be done in the limited space allowed me, the condition of the schools, and how the money has been appropriated. I am not aware of any very positive change, or any very special advancement, but I feel sure there has been no loss of interest in our schools, and no deterioration from the standard to which they have before arrived.

I am happy to report there has been no failures during the year now closing, but all have been successful to a higher or lower degree. In some instances very marked improvement has been made.

The number of parental visits at the closing examinations, has been less in some instances than on previous occasions, while they should have been increased. There are many parents, who furnish their full proportion of scholars, whom I have never seen in the district school, and so far as the teachers' registers show have never been there.

Are you in the habit of trusting your business affairs with your little child, taking his reports thereupon as true? If you stipulate with a stranger to perform a service for you, do you depend upon your little eight or ten years old boy to oversee that stranger and tell you if your work is going on as you would have it? By no means; you know your business better, you are sharp in pecuniary matters. Then why not attend to the interests of your

school yourself, visit at the beginning, and frequently during the term, not wait until the closing examination, when it is too late to remedy the evil which has been done.

The teacher is your servant; he is doing your work; it is your right and privilege to know if the work is being done well, and your children receiving the proper benefit. A good school with a good teacher is a great blessing, exerting an influence as lasting as life. A bad school with a poor teacher, is worse than none, exerting an influence equally extensive. Better commit your money to the flames, keep your boys with you in the field or at the barn, your girls at the wash-tub or in the dairy, than to suffer them to remain in a poor school, with bad scholars and an incompetent teacher, who cares only to pass the time, and finally pocket your money for the evil he has done.

Visit your schools—yet visitors should be careful to observe proper decorum before the scholars. Never create disturbance by loud whispering or talking as visitors often do. Never laugh at the mistakes of scholars, and thereby discourage them and making them afraid to answer questions for fear of mistakes. Children are timid and sensitive, easily discouraged, therefore we should sympathize with them in all their difficulties, remembering that we once were young.

These remarks may appear stale and stereotyped, but the consequences are vast. Our schools are invaluable to our children, therefore, they need our constant care. They never can reach that high standard which they might, and be the means of accomplishing the greatest results, until parents and others are willing to spend their time, provide suitable houses and books, and vote then money freely for their support.

UNION OF DISTRICTS.

Several unions might easily and profitably be formed from the school districts in this town. The tendency heretofore has been to cut up and divide, so as to bring the school house as near each man's door, as possible; thereby reducing the money, shortening the schools and diminishing the number of scholars, which without division are being diminished full too fast. The reverse should now be the order, and in several instances where there are two districts, there should be but one.

A union might well be formed by bringing together districts No. 5 and 8, locating the school house at some central point on the cross road, so called, forming one respectable school—as to numbers, and with the money they would have, securing to themselves teachers of the highest order from the highest rank.

Districts No. 9 and 4 could well unite, by locating their house near Mr. Stone's perhaps or at some pleasant spot farther south. So might Nos. 3 and 10 form a union, which would be of great advantage to both districts.

The houses in these districts are both unfit for school purposes, and it would be much easier for the two to unite in building a new house of modern style and convenience, near the Episcopal Church, or farther north near the Stark residence, as might seem best. Great advantages would result from their union, making the schools of commendable size, giving the agents money enough to employ the best talent for teachers, and furnishing as much schooling of the highest order as the children need during the year.

District No. 1, having the least amount of school money and consequently the shortest terms of school, seems to stand isolated from the others, so that no union can well be formed, but the good people of this district must make greater efforts and do more for their school, by lengthening out by subscription or otherwise, as may seem best to them, than they have ever done.

Books.—A change has been made in Geographies by removing Colton and Fitch's and introducing Warren's series in all the districts but one. In No. 9, the desire seemed to be for Guyot's; considering that desire and through the solicitations of the agent for Guyot's books, I consented as a matter of trial that they should be used there. Further examination and experience convinces me that Warren's is the superior work, and the sooner this district adopt it the better.

I have also recommended a change of readers, from the Progressive to Hillard's. This change has never been urged, but in all cases has been left with the district and teacher, to do as they thought best. After due consideration, six of the districts have adopted the change, otherwise the text books recommended remain the same.

In closing these general remarks, I congratulate you on the success and prosperity of our schools thus far; hoping we shall

spare no pains, and consider no obstacle too great to be overcome for their further promotion. I also remember with gratitude, the kind attentions received in the various districts and the respect invariably shown me by both teachers and scholars, thereby relieving me to a great extent of the duties devolving upon me.

CHAS. G. B. RYDER,
Supt. School Committee

DUNBARTON, February 27, 1869,

SPECIAL REPORTS.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Mrs. NANCY FERSON, teacher. No summer school. A short term of four weeks in the fall, a vacation of four weeks, then a winter term of seven weeks.

Eleven weeks for the year. A short school certainly, but we think we can safely say, no scholars in town are making more progress for the schooling they have, than those in this district. Of course, the scholars are not up to the standard of some of those in the more favored districts, nor can they be until their schools are lengthened.

Mrs. Ferson having taught here several terms before, knew the wants and capacities of the scholars, therefore went to work without any preliminary delay. The scholars appeared well and gave credit for what had been done for them. This ranks as No. 6.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Miss M. C. HOLMES, teacher, Three terms, 27 weeks in all. This is the largest school in town, 42 names being reported. It

is also a pleasant school, with some good scholars. We notice in the register none of the scholars are marked — for either term; a few 0, nearly all +. If they are deserving this honor, it is really a remarkable school. The scholars appeared well on examination. The rank of this school, as a school, we consider the same as the No. of the district.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss SARAH A. MILLS, teacher. Miss Mills never taught before, judging from her appearance in this school, we think she will make an excellent teacher. Good order was observed, and the scholars, as the teacher says in her remarks, “were interested in their studies.”

WINTER TERM.—Taught by Miss ASENATH M. CLIFFORD. On examination, the scholars appeared well, and gave the teacher credit for having been faithful. This, with districts No. 4, 5 and 6, being nearly of the same order, may be ranked as fourth among the schools in this town.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss HELLEN BAKER, teacher. Miss Baker although a teacher of experience, never taught in this town before. We hope hereafter she may be numbered among *our* excellent corps of teachers. The discipline in this school was good. The examination was entirely satisfactory to us, and we believe to the many spectators, parents and others present, some of whom we heartily welcome *as* spectators, having never seen them there before.

WINTER TERM.—Under the instruction of Miss MARIANNE WAITE. Unlike most other teachers, Miss Waite never makes special preparations for examination, letting us have the scholars for what they are worth; not, as the manner of some is, spending the last two or three weeks, drilling the scholars on particular questions and answers, thus making them appear to undue advantage;—a trick which often discovers itself without much searching, often giving people wrong impressions in regard to the attainments of the pupils, and we can look upon it in no other light,

than as a *kind* of deception. The reading classes showed thorough drilling, and we could see a vast improvement. Some of the other classes did not answer with their usual promptness, doing injustice both to themselves and their teacher. Order good.

Teacher for summer term says: "The parents took quite a desirable interest not everywhere manifested in schools, which gave me confidence and perhaps increased my efforts." Parents may judge whether their cooperation is of any benefit.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss EUNICE S. DOW, of Concord, teacher. We have never seen this school appear better, than at the close of this term. Miss Dow entered upon her duties with a conscious feeling of the responsibilities of a teacher's position, and by her amiable manners, gained the love of *all* the scholars, resulting in a most excellent school, as the large number who witnessed the examination will testify.

WINTER TERM.—Taught by Miss CELESTIA C. HOYT. Miss Hoyt has taught here before, giving evidence she is appreciated as a teacher by the people of this district. Suffice it to say, she met with her usual success.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

SUMMER TERM.—Taught by Miss M. C. HOLMES. We judged this to be a profitable term to the scholars. Thought they had made commendable improvement. The teacher writes in her remarks "this is a pleasant and quiet school:" also reports twelve as not having whispered after the first day.

WINTER TERM.—Miss NELLIE F. INGALLS, of Concord, teacher. Visited this school twice, near the commencement. Found Miss Ingalls drawing the rein rather tightly over the scholars. Thought if they would bare so much curbing all would be right in the end, but had our fears. After keeping ten and a half weeks, the scarlet fever entered the district and very soon closed the school. Not having an examination, cannot report progress. We have since learned from those in the district, the scholars did not become much interested. The teacher writes in her register she "passed the winter pleasantly and became much attached to her pupils and their parents."

DISTRICT NO. 8.

SUMMER AND WINTER TERMS.—Miss CLARA B. HOYT, teacher. The scholars in this district are few in numbers, and somewhat backward. The school must necessarily take the lowest rank, No. 7. Two large girls from Bow attended the summer term, which added much to the interest of the school. Miss Hoyt was quite successful as a beginner in the art of teaching.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss ELLA MILLS, teacher.

WINTER TERM.—Miss ELLA FELLOWS, of Deerfield, teacher. We make no particular distinction between the two terms. On examination, the scholars gave evidence of having been attentive to their lessons, also the requirements of the teachers. This school will stand No. 5.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss CLARA BARNARD, teacher. Miss Barnard labored hard for the benefit of her scholars, and with good success. In her report she says, "We had for our law, *order*, and in part succeeded." She also commends the parents for their interest in the school, and their frequent visits.

WINTER TERM.—Mr. JAMES M. BEEDE, of Hebron, teacher. The instruction given was faithful and energetic. Discipline good, result, a good school with considerable advancement. Four weeks of private school, making twelve in all. This school stands third in number, as to rank.

DISTRICTS NO. 7 and 11.

The two united as usual, thus forming we think, the best school in town. By a similar union, other districts might raise their standard.

SUMMER TERMS in both districts, taught by Miss MARIANNE WAITE, with much success. Scholars appeared well on examination, evincing two profitable terms.

WINTER TERM in No. 7, taught by Mr. J. M. BEEDE, who was useful here as in No. 10.

Mr. FRANK T. BEEDE, a brother of J. M. Beede, was teacher in No 11. Never taught before, created quite an interest in some of the spelling classes, by offering small prizes. We were pleased with the examination, which proved all had been industrious.

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

No. of district.	TEACHERS.	No. of weeks.	Wages per month, excluding board.	No. of pupils.	Average attendance.	Instances of tardiness.	Instances of dismissals.	Not absent half day.	Visits by prudential com.	By citizens and others.	No. between 4 and 14 not attending school.
1	Mrs. Nancie Ferson.	4	\$12 00	17	15	19	0	3	0	13	5
	Mrs. Nancie Ferson.	7	12 00	17	14	22	0	3	0	17	0
2	M. C. Holmes.	10	16 00	35	30	44	4	5	0	21	0
	M. C. Holmes.	8	16 00	42	35	41	5	6	0	8	2
	M. C. Holmes.	9	*20 00	42	35	33	*4	8	0	12	4
3	Sarah A. Mills.	11	12 00	10	8	55	17	2	0	27	4
	Asenath M. Clifford.	12	12 00	18	12	46	17	1	0	30	5
4	Hellen M. Baker.	13	12 00	17	13	32	6	4	1	45	3
	Marianne Waite.	11½	16 00	26	23	134	†26	8	1	21	2
5	Eunice S. Dow.	9	12 00	12	11	33	6	3	0	35	0
	Celestia C. Hoyt.	10½	16 00	13	12	39	1	4	1	39	0
6	M. C. Holmes.	9	12 00	14	12	18	4	5	0	14	2
	Nellie F. Ingalls.	10½	14 00	17	13	18	0	0	0	6	5
7	Marianne Waite.	7	14 00	20	16	38	6	3	0	10	0
	James M. Beede.	7	20 00	22	18	19	3	3	1	6	1
8	Clara B. Hoyt.	9½	12 00	8	7	40	15	3	0	20	0
	Clara B. Hoyt.	9½	13 00	9	8	26	7	1	0	32	0
9	Ella Mills.	8	12 00	8	7½	14	4	0	0	5	0
	Ella M. Fellows.	8	12 00	10	9	12	4	2	0	2	0
10	Clara A. Barnard.	7	12 00	25	21	11	27	7	0	26	0
	James M. Beede.	8	25 00	25	22	25	6	6	1	10	3
11	Marianne Waite.	7	14 00	21	18	55	7	5	0	22	2
	Frank T. Beede.	10	20 00	26	21	7	3	6	1	26	0

* When the price allowed for board is not known, two dollars are usually deducted for winter, one and a half for summer, for female teachers.

† 21 of these against one scholar.



