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## REPORT.

*William E. Cogswell, in account with the Town of Henniker, as  
Treasurer, for A. D. 1871, Dr.*

To cash remaining in the hands of the Treasurer for	
1870,	\$4,702.12
Received from sale of Amos Ray's estate,	180.00
" of State Treasurer, savings' bank tax,	1,476.78
" State Treasurer, literary fund,	98.70
" " " railroad tax,	341.11
" Town of Swanzy, for support of M. B. Chamberlain,	35.50
" Merrimack county, for support of county paupers,	114.35
" H. W. Campbell, am't of taxes,	10,472.13
" " " interest on taxes,	42.93
" H. A. Fellows, interest on uncol- lected taxes for 1870,	16.79
	\$17,480.41

*William E. Cogswell, in account with the town of Henniker, as  
Treasurer, for A. D. 1871, Cr.*

Paid A. W. Connor, for repairing highway in 1870,	\$3.75
Samuel Sargent, notes and interest,	450.32
Morrill & Silsby, for town books,	11.70
T. Livingston, for snowing bridge, turning water, and support of water-trough in 1870,	6.00

Paid Ind. Press Association, for printing reports,	36.00
G. E. Barnes, for support of water-trough in 1870,	3.00
W. P. Cressey, " " " "	3.00
A. Caldwell, " " " "	3.00
Jenny Wood, interest on note,	110.44
Mary L. Davis, " " " "	28.80
Leonard Wood, " " " "	66.00
W. E. Cogswell (trustee for N. B. Swett), int. on note,	3.75
J. Marsh, for powder and fuse used on highway,	1.05
Lucinda E. Tucker, for boarding and nursing James H. Woods, from Feb. 24 to June 30, 1871,	126.00
J. B. Copp, for breaking roads and labor on highway,	3.00
E. M. Rogers, " " " "	7.50
County Treasurer, county tax,	1,734.60
S. W. Carter, damage to plow on highway,	2.80
S. K. Paige, " " " "	7.50
J. Gibson, for taking care of town-house for 1869 and 1870, and wood furnished,	10.00
L. S. Connor, note and interest,	204.73
J. B. Brown, " " " "	279.68
Eunice Newhall, " " " "	119.88
S. W. Carter, " " " "	102.54
S. M. Patten, for labor and cash advanced for la- bor on highway,	27.00
Harvey Chase, for labor and cash advanced for labor on highway near Crany hill pond,	23.75
Lewis Colby, for labor and cash advanced for la- bor and materials to repair pound,	6.25
Lewis Colby, for labor and cash advanced for labor on Warner road, and examining Crany Hill pond road,	14.00
Lewis Colby, for time and expense to Swanzy and Hillsboro', on pauper case,	10.50
G. W. Cook, for medicine and medical attendance on M. B. Chamberlain,	15.00
John Gove, for boarding M. B. Chamberlain,	20.00

L. S. Eaton, note and interest,	136.09
H. P. Allen, " "	106.16
Anna H. Sawyer, " "	88.12
I. P. Chase, for rent of room for A. Ray,	8.75
" medical attendance, A. Ray,	6.00
G. E. Fellows, for injuries received by reason of defect in highway,	50.00
Geo. McAlpine, for clearing highway of stones and brush,	5.50
M. K. Ordway, for boarding A. Ray, from April 1 to Nov. 20, 1871,	161.44
Daniel Putney, for board of A. Ray, from Nov. 20, 1871, to Feb. 25, 1872,	66.50
State Treasurer, State tax,	3,138.00
Samuel B. Heath, for over taxation,	3.40
" " board of D. S. Heath,	15.00
L. P. Hardy, " "	10.00
Interest on bonds,	1,095.00
L. W. Peabody, for attendance and medicine furnished L. Baker's family,	21.00
L. W. Peabody, for attendance and medicine furnished Mary George,	13.00
A. W. Bowers, for over-taxation,	2.55
Nathan Cram, for damage and detention on road,	13.00
B. J. Colby, interest on note,	30.00
L. Wood, note in part,	500.00
Henry N. Hoyt,	
Samuel K. Page, Pru. Com. for Dist. No. 1,	187.91
Harvey Chase, " " " " " 2,	104.78
John B. Copp, " " " " " 3,	146.35
Alden P. Farrer, " " " " " 4,	143.14
A. D. Favour, " " " " " 5,	168.74
Benj. F. Clark,	
Samuel B. Heath,	
W. D. Harwood, " " " " " 6,	149.54
C. C. French, " " " " " 7,	184.69

Paid John Gage, Prudential Com. for Dis. No. 8,	155.91
Nathan P. Buxton, " " " " " 10,	155.91
G. D. Gould, " " " " " 11,	299.83
J. Chase, " " " " " 12,	52.00
J. H. Matthews, " " " " " 13,	95.17
Walter Felch, his proportion of school money,	19.22
J. Danforth, " " "	9.61
W. E. Cogswell, services as Town Clerk,	25.00
" " Treasurer,	20.00
" " for recording marriages, births, and deaths,	11.25
W. E. Cogswell, for time, fare, and expense to Concord to establish the war claim of the town before the Reimbursing Commission,	8.00
W. E. Cogswell, for stationery, check-lists, post- age, and express,	1.00
A. W. Alden, note and interest,	312.27
S. A. French, " "	145.90
A. C. Newell, for damage by defect in highway,	31.00
Briggs & Harnden, Attorneys for A. C. Newell,	18.46
Lewis Colby, for cash advanced in Pauper case,	12.25
" " for labor on highway, and clothes furnished A. Ray,	7.26
R. D. Rice, services as Selectman,	65.50
Lewis Colby, " "	63.00
S. M. Patten, " "	52.00
D. L. Guernsey, for record book,	10.65
G. L. Durkee, for damage to carriage by defect in highway,	5.00
R. D. Rice, for funeral expenses of Mrs. B. Put- ney, and for flour furnished A. Ranger's family,	13.50
R. D. Rice, for time and expense on Pauper busi- ness, hauling plank, and recording taxes,	17.50
W. O. Folsom, services S. S. Committee,	42.00
J. S. Craig, for keeping strangers,	8.60
" " expense of Town Officers,	31.25

Paid H. W. Campbell, services as Collector,	60.00
“ discount on taxes,	86.98
“ non-resident highway receipts,	58.25
W. P. Cressey, for support of W. Trough in 1871,	3.00
A. Caldwell, “ “	3.00
W. D. Harwood, abatement of lumber tax in 1869,	2.75
H. A. Fellows, for abatement of I. Cowdry's tax in 1870,	5.99
H. A. Fellows, abatement of J. Favour's tax in 1870,	3.20
“ “ H. B. Ray's “	11.20
“ “ A. D. Folsom's “	7.82
“ “ P. P. Patch's “ 1869,	.85
“ “ S. E. Putney's “ 1870,	2.40
“ non-resident highway tax receipt,	1.25
Nathan Sawyer, School Dist. No. 10, tax,	274.56
Hiram Green, for over taxation,	5.10
W. D. Harwood, “	6.80
Mary O. Johnson, abatement of taxes for 1871,	6.80
Warren Clark, for legal advice and retaining fee,	19.00
S. K. Paige, for damage to plow on highway in 1870,	7.50
W. O. Folsom, services as Auditor,	1.50
S. K. Paige, “	1.50
Cash and notes remaining in hands of Treasurer,	5,240.72
	<u>\$17,480.41</u>

*ent of Funds arising from Assessments on Dogs.*

Balance in my hands March, 1871,	50.00
Amount of assessments for 1871,	105.00
	<u>\$155.00</u>
Less orders to be drawn by J. W. Wilson, for sheep killed by dogs,	30.00
Moses D. Perry, for same,	15.00
	<u>\$110.00</u>
Balance in my hands,	\$110.00

We hereby certify that we have examined the several items of receipts and expenditures embraced in the foregoing report of the Treasurer, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

WILLIAM O. FOLSOM, } Auditing  
SAM. K. PAIGE, } Committee.

Henniker, N. H., March 1, 1872.

### FINANCES OF THE TOWN.

Due on notes outstanding against town,	4,519.76
bonds, " "	18,316.00
School Dist. No. 12,	55.95
Estimated bills against town,	150.00
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<i>Contra.</i>	\$23,041.71
By cash and notes in hands of Treasurer,	\$5,578.72
Balance against town,	\$17,462.99
Due from State for reimbursement of war expenditures,	\$10,016.67



## REPORT

OF THE

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

### DISTRICT No. 1.

*Summer Term.* Ada M. Carr, Teacher. This school was visited near its commencement, and both school and teacher appeared well.

*Winter Term.* Sam. K. Paige, Teacher. Mr. Paige is a hard worker in the school-room. His instructions are of a practical nature, which render his services very useful; a good school, ornamented with perfect order.

### DISTRICT No. 2.

*Summer Term.* Ella F. Whitcomb, Teacher. This was Miss Whitcomb's first attempt at teaching, and when the school was visited, after it had been in session a few days, everything appeared nicely and satisfactory.

*Fall Term.* Ella F. Whitcomb, Teacher. A small school, but under care of Miss Whitcomb the pupils manifested a deep interest in their studies. Good progress made. The teacher is worthy a larger school.

*Winter Term.* Dennis R. Chase, Teacher. School appeared well at both visits, and the examination was conclusive evidence that the labors of teacher and pupils had been well directed.

## DISTRICT No. 3.

*Summer Term.* Clara J. Bickford, Teacher. This school was fortunate in having such an intelligent and refined teacher. The best of order prevailed when the school was visited.

*Winter Term.* Clara J. Bickford, Teacher. Miss Bickford is one of our best teachers, a fine scholar, and every way calculated to interest and encourage the pupil. Order and recitations perfect, evincing unusual advancement in every branch of study.

## DISTRICT No. 4.

*Summer Term.* Elvira J. Buckman, Teacher. This was Miss Buckman's third term in this district, and the school indicated that the faithful labors of the teacher had not been in vain. The best of order was manifest.

*Winter Term.* Kate J. Presby, Teacher. Both teacher and pupils labored well, and the examination denoted good progress. Order and recitations excellent; vocal music and the large number of parents present added much to the exercises.

## DISTRICT No. 5.

*Summer Term.* Lottie M. Newton, Teacher. A fine appearing school when visited, and Miss Newton seemed entirely absorbed in her endeavors to benefit the pupils under her charge.

*Fall and Winter Term.* Lottie M. Newton, Teacher. An apt scholar and successful teacher, faithful to her pupils, energetic in her labors, and ever mindful of her duties. School appeared well at each visit by committee.

## DISTRICT No. 6.

*Summer Term.* Jennie Clark, Teacher. One of our most successful teachers years ago. Miss Clark did not abate her interest in teaching in this school. Faithful and kind, she succeeded finely.

*Winter Term.* George H. Dodge, Teacher. Quite a contrast was noticed here between the school and school-house,—the one energetic, bright, and active; the other unworthy the name

it bears. But teacher and pupils tried to do well, and succeeded. The number of parents and friends present at examination look towards a new house.

#### DISTRICT No. 7.

*Summer Term.* Frances H. Perry, Teacher. The appearance of the school, when visited, proved that Miss Perry had not mistaken her calling. Her high reputation as a teacher was not in the least tarnished by her management of this school.

*Fall Term.* Frances H. Perry, Teacher. Miss Perry is well qualified for a teacher, and it is hoped that the citizens of Heniker may be favored with her services in the school-room for years to come. Her method of teaching cannot be classed second to any.

*Winter Term.* Walter T. Sargent, Teacher. Mr. Sargent's first attempt at teaching, and in his native district. His scholarship entitles him to the respect of every pupil. Labors hard to advance the scholars, and with proper attention on their part, good progress could be expected.

#### DISTRICT No. 8.

*Summer Term.* Carrie L. Morse, Teacher. This school was visited twice, and, although this was the first effort of Miss Morse as a teacher, the school appeared well, and showed a marked improvement under her faithful instruction.

*Fall Term.* Elvira J. Buckman, Teacher. Miss Buckman has had long experience in teaching. Untiring in her labors, and attentive to the wants of her pupils. Some scholars in this school seem inclined to be disorderly; a strong arm is required to govern them.

*Winter Term.* Ada M. Carr, Teacher. Good progress was made in some branches; in others, want of attention, on the part of the pupils, seemed to make advancement impossible. Better order would have been an improvement.

#### DISTRICT No. 10.

*Summer Term.* May Fox, Teacher. This school appeared

finely, and Miss Fox labored hard to advance her pupils, and she was encouraged by the whole district, who are still bound to keep it the banner school of the town.

*Fall Term.* May Fox, Teacher. Teacher and school appeared well at the commencement. Not being notified of the close we were not present, but have no doubt everything was satisfactory.

*Winter Term.* Serena P. Whitney, Teacher. Miss Whitney understands her business, and attends to every duty; advances step by step in perfect order, and we can safely report: A good teacher, fine scholars, and model school-room. The exercises at the close were of the highest order, with twenty-five parents and friends present to witness them.

#### DISTRICT No. 11.

*Summer Term.* Abbie F. Straw, Teacher. This school was visited twice, and appeared well each time. Miss Straw labored with her usual fidelity, and the scholars made a marked improvement.

*Fall and Winter Terms.* Abbie F. Straw, Teacher. This is a large school and hard to govern, but at each visit of the committee, Miss Straw appeared equal to the task. Good progress made in every branch; and we cannot refrain from saying the examination was one of the most successful we ever witnessed. Miss Straw was assisted in the winter term by May Fox, a good teacher.

#### DISTRICT No. 12.

*Fall Term.* Jane Hemphill, Teacher. Miss Hemphill's labors were attended with a degree of success, notwithstanding the want of order in school. Part of the pupils made good progress.

*Winter Term.* Mary E. Hathorn, Teacher. School still in session; appeared well at our visit, and report says prospering finely.

#### DISTRICT No. 13.

*Summer Term.* Edna F. Connor, Teacher. Although a

small school and the teacher's first attempt at teaching, everything was pleasant and much good was accomplished.

*Winter Term.* Nellie S. McAlpine, Teacher. School in good order; particular attention given to the rules of reading, with profit to the pupils. Good progress made in the several studies. Miss McAlpine labored diligently and successfully.

#### GENERAL REMARKS.

A marked improvement has been made in some of the districts, in the building of new and repairing of old school-houses, within a few years. A few instances yet remain where much needs to be done. It is not necessary to mention the districts, for the people of these districts know the condition of their school-houses. With an increase in the school fund, suitable accommodations ought to be given the children; then parent, teacher, and pupil will all feel interested, and our schools will all be nearer what they ought to be.

Districts Nos. 3 and 10 are good patterns for the whole. The money for schooling comes from the hard earnings of the people, and each and all should be interested in securing from it the greatest benefits. Provide suitable accommodations, and then stand by and encourage both teacher and pupils.

As the amount of Literary Fund money which the town receives is based upon the report of the S. S. Committee, and the committee's report is taken from the school register, in which children attending school less than two weeks are not reckoned as scholars, parents can see the necessity of each child over four years of age attending school over two weeks, so as to be reckoned a scholar and draw a portion of the money. Quite a sum is lost to the town by neglect of those having children to send to school. It is hoped the matter will be made right.

We are glad to report that the schools have generally been under the care of competent and well-qualified teachers. We believe that much care should be taken by the prudential committees in securing good teachers, as very much depends upon the teacher. It is not only necessary that the teachers should

be qualified in point of scholarship, but also calculated to interest and receive the favor of pupils; the best scholars often fail to make successful teachers. First-class teachers are not always to be found; each committee should secure the services of a competent teacher at the earliest moment.

Some of our citizens are manifesting a deep interest in the education of the rising generation; this appears particularly in a few districts, and we hope it will prove contagious and spread throughout the entire town. Let the parents visit the school often and encourage the teacher and pupil in their labors. Teachers should be more particular in filling the blanks in the register: several are imperfect.

Owing to other duties we were unable to visit any of the summer schools, save those of Nos. 8 and 11, but once; but from careful inquiry amongst the inhabitants of the several districts, we are satisfied that the schools were very profitable, and satisfactory to all who feel an interest in the education of their children.

LEANDER W. COGSWELL,  
WM. O. FOLSOM,

*S. S. Committee.*

## STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of District.	Terms.	Prudential Committees.	Teachers.	Length of school in weeks.	Whole number of scholars.		Average attendance.	No. of children between 4 and 14 not attending school.	Wages of teachers per month.	No. of visits by citizens and others.
1	Summer,	Sam. K. Page, H. N. Hoyt, and Joseph Plumer,	Ada M. Carr, Sam. K. Page,	6	25	24	-	\$28	19	
	Winter,			10	3-5	31	27	2	48	4
2	Summer,	Harvey Chase,	Ella F. Whitcomb, Ella F. Whitcomb, Dennis R. Chase,	8	8	7	5	1	15	10
	Fall,			8	8	6	1	19	7	
	Winter,			6	9	9	4	31	6	
8	Summer,	John B. Copp,	Clara J. Bickford, Clara J. Bickford,	10	16	15	0	18	18	
	Winter,			13	20	19	3	29	18	
4	Summer,	Alden P. Farrar,	Elvira J. Buckman, Kate J. Presby,	9	17	15	1	20	20	
	Winter,			13	22	19	1	28	34	
5	Summer,	Andrew D. Favor,	Lottie M. Newton, Lottie M. Newton,	8	22	21	0	20	10	
	Fall,			5	1-2	23	23	2	20	7
	Winter,			12	28	24	2	30	28	
6	Summer,	B. F. Clark, W. D. Har- wood, and S. B. Heath,	Jennette Clark, George H. Dodge,	10	15	13	2	20	12	
	Winter,			11	23	20	1	36	23	
7	Summer,	C. C. French,	Frances H. Perry, Frances H. Perry, Walter T. Sargent,	10	21	15	-	20	20	
	Fall,			9	22	18	-	21	21	
	Winter,			12	1-2	23	18	6	28	
8	Summer,	John Gage,	Carrie L. Morse, Elvira J. Buckman, Ada M. Carr,	9	27	23	0	18	24	
	Fall,			8	31	26	0	21	20	
	Winter,			10	19	15	-	24	3	
10	Summer,	Nathan P. Buxton,	May Fox, May Fox, Serena P. Whitney,	10	18	15	0	16	14	
	Fall,			6	22	18	2	16	12	
	Winter,			12	1-2	26	22	2	28	
11	Summer,	Gilbert D. Gould,	Abbie F. Straw, Abbie F. Straw, Abbie F. Straw,	8	39	35	8	33	43	
	Fall,			8	47	41	6	33	34	
	Winter,			10	52	45	7	39	31	
12	Fall,	John Chase,	Jane Hemphill, Mary E. Hathorn,							
	Winter,					8	*	6	6	2
13	Summer,	J. H. Mathews,	Edna F. Connor, Nellie S. McAlpine,	8	6	6	2	14	12	
	Winter,			11	10	9	0	18	22	

\* School in session; Register not returned.

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STATISTICAL TABLE

Year	Name	Age	Sex	Color	Marital Status	Occupation	Education	Religion	Other
11	William F. Taylor	11	M	W	Single	Student	High School	Methodist	
12	John C. Green	12	M	W	Single	Student	High School	Methodist	
13	Robert D. White	13	M	W	Single	Student	High School	Methodist	
14	John C. Green	14	M	W	Single	Student	High School	Methodist	
15	William F. Taylor	15	M	W	Single	Student	High School	Methodist	
16	John C. Green	16	M	W	Single	Student	High School	Methodist	
17	Robert D. White	17	M	W	Single	Student	High School	Methodist	
18	John C. Green	18	M	W	Single	Student	High School	Methodist	
19	William F. Taylor	19	M	W	Single	Student	High School	Methodist	
20	John C. Green	20	M	W	Single	Student	High School	Methodist	
21	Robert D. White	21	M	W	Single	Student	High School	Methodist	
22	John C. Green	22	M	W	Single	Student	High School	Methodist	
23	William F. Taylor	23	M	W	Single	Student	High School	Methodist	
24	John C. Green	24	M	W	Single	Student	High School	Methodist	
25	Robert D. White	25	M	W	Single	Student	High School	Methodist	
26	John C. Green	26	M	W	Single	Student	High School	Methodist	
27	William F. Taylor	27	M	W	Single	Student	High School	Methodist	
28	John C. Green	28	M	W	Single	Student	High School	Methodist	
29	Robert D. White	29	M	W	Single	Student	High School	Methodist	
30	John C. Green	30	M	W	Single	Student	High School	Methodist	
31	William F. Taylor	31	M	W	Single	Student	High School	Methodist	
32	John C. Green	32	M	W	Single	Student	High School	Methodist	
33	Robert D. White	33	M	W	Single	Student	High School	Methodist	
34	John C. Green	34	M	W	Single	Student	High School	Methodist	
35	William F. Taylor	35	M	W	Single	Student	High School	Methodist	
36	John C. Green	36	M	W	Single	Student	High School	Methodist	
37	Robert D. White	37	M	W	Single	Student	High School	Methodist	
38	John C. Green	38	M	W	Single	Student	High School	Methodist	
39	William F. Taylor	39	M	W	Single	Student	High School	Methodist	
40	John C. Green	40	M	W	Single	Student	High School	Methodist	
41	Robert D. White	41	M	W	Single	Student	High School	Methodist	
42	John C. Green	42	M	W	Single	Student	High School	Methodist	
43	William F. Taylor	43	M	W	Single	Student	High School	Methodist	
44	John C. Green	44	M	W	Single	Student	High School	Methodist	
45	Robert D. White	45	M	W	Single	Student	High School	Methodist	
46	John C. Green	46	M	W	Single	Student	High School	Methodist	
47	William F. Taylor	47	M	W	Single	Student	High School	Methodist	
48	John C. Green	48	M	W	Single	Student	High School	Methodist	
49	Robert D. White	49	M	W	Single	Student	High School	Methodist	
50	John C. Green	50	M	W	Single	Student	High School	Methodist	

\* Subject in center, 20 years old.