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OF THE

Selectmen and Treasurer

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COM.,

OF THE

TOWN OF MADBURY,

For the Year ending March 1, 1878.

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LIBBEY & CO., PRINTERS.
1878.

Paid Geo W Kelley as Selectman,	\$20 00
Charles R Meserve "	25 00
James J Griffin as Collector,	30 00
Lydia Jenkins as S S Committee,	14 00
John H Griffin, Town Clerk,	10 00
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	\$134 00

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Ira A Lock for support of John and Ellen Church one year, up to Mar 1, 1878,	\$78 00
J Frank Seavey for suit clothes,	6 00
John A Glidden for coffin and robe for F Cole,	8 00
Charles L Huckins for support of Frank Cole from March 1, 1877, to Apr 14, 1877,	7 86
Charles L Huckins for preparing the body of F Cole for burial, and funeral expenses,	9 00
John B Huckins for one day to Dover to get coffin for Frank Cole,	2 00
John B Huckins for going for minister,	1 00
John B Huckins for 1 pr drawers for said Cole,	1 00
Rev J DeBuchananne for attending funeral of said Cole,	2 00
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	\$114 86

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid George W Bodge for labor, bridge plank and timber,	\$6 21
John H Kelley for 12 loads of clay, for Dist. No. 14,	2 00
Jacob W Miles for 1 days' labor on Davis' bridge,	2 00
Horace Foss for labor on beach-hill road, one day on Davis' bridge,	4 40
Ivory H Kelley for labor on Davis' bridge,	4 69
Samuel C Davis for labor on highway & Davis' bridge,	8 75
Samuel C Gerrish for labor on highway and use of plow,	25 04
Joseph Jones for 3 hours labor on culvert,	60
Samuel Gerrish for labor on highway, drills and powder for blasting rocks, and use of scraper one day,	15 65

Paid Job Thompson for 4475 ft. bridge timber and plank, \$15 per M.,	\$67 12
Charles H Gerrish for labor on highway,	3 60
Nathan Walker for labor on beach-hill road,	3 20
Ivory H Kelley for labor on culvert,	1 00
Abram Morrison for labor on highway in Dist 6,	5 20
A B Tallant for work on highway,	23 20
E E Demeritt for labor on highway in Dist 6,	6 00
Charles R Cockings for labor on highway and Davis' bridge,	12 05
I G Felker for labor on highway, powder, and plank,	11 95
John W Emery for labor on highway, and use of cart for 84 loads gravel,	36 55
Stephen Jenkins for labor on highway and use of cart 4½ days, 40 loads clay, 10c per load,	30 43
Joseph H Fernald for 1 day's work on Gerrish bridge,	1 50
George W Meserve for labor on beach-hill road and culvert, and work on culvert near J Jones' house, and labor on Gerrish bridge,	8 40
Charles R Meserve for labor on beach-hill road, for labor on culvert near Joseph Jones' house and lumber for same, work on Davis' bridge, cash paid for spikes for Davis' bridge, labor on Gerrish bridge and lumber for same,	11 85
Charles R Meserve for 300 ft bridge plank for Gerrish bridge,	4 50
Stephen Reynolds for timber for Davis' bridge,	6 00
John W Cole for labor on Davis' bridge,	2 75
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	\$304 64

BREAKING ROADS.

Dist No 2	E L Jenkins, surveyor,	\$9 22
3	Charles E Demeritt,	8 25
4	Charles Henderson,	14 63
5	Samuel C Davis,	75
6	E E Demeritt,	3 00
7	George W Bodge,	5 25
8	David H Evans,	5 17
9	Abram B Tallant,	6 75
10	Charles R Meserve,	1 87
11	Martin V B Felker,	1 05

Dist No 12	William S Hayes,	\$5 85
14	George A Locke,	6 15
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		\$70 64

PAID OUTSTANDING BILLS.

Dist No 2—E L Jenkins' Dist—paid to Harrison Hanson,	\$4 95
Paid to Harrison Hanson in Ivory H Kelley's Dist.,	1 00
4—Paid Aaron W Canney,	14 55
7 John C Hanson, Surveyor,	25 35
9 Albert Varney,	3 08
13 Isaac G Felker,	4 00
Wm H H Twombly,	80
Samuel Gerrish for building culvert,	12 00
Wm H H Twombly for timber,	2 00
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\$67 73	

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid E J Lane for inventory books, collectors' books, stationery, and pamphlet laws,	6 15
Libbey & Co for printing town accounts and School law,	16 50
Sir M D Perkins for sleigh broke,	8 75
Charles L Huckins for keeping 2 poor persons,	1 50
John B Huckins for one day, road case between Durham and Madbury,	1 50
John B Huckins for 1 day to Dover to settle with county commissioner,	2 00
John B Huckins for going to Concord to settle with State Treasurer for town of Madbury,	3 00
C R Meserve for twice to Lee to buy bridge timber, 1 day before county commissioner,	3 50
for P O box,	3 50
for bounty on foxes and hawks,	2 40
George W Meserve for keeping poor person and cash to help him on his way,	1 25
John H Griffin for recording and returning marriages, births, and deaths, and militia,	6 00
Interest on money hired to support schools,	10 37
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\$66 42	

ABATEMENTS.

Robert Spurlin's heirs,	\$2 03
Charles Spurlin on pobl,	1 22
Charles Martin "	1 22
Amos Wilson "	1 22
Ann Cole on Cow,	25
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	\$5 94

ABATEMENTS OF TAX IN 1872,

On Charles W Hayes' list.	
Benjamin Prescott on pobl,	\$1 99
Robert Drew on pobl,	1 76
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	\$3 75

DAMAGE BY DOGS IN 1877.

Paid Timothy Hayes for 2 sheep,	\$6 00
Ann Cole "	6 00
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	\$12 00

TOWN OF MADBURY IN ACCT. WITH TREAS.

CREDIT.

By cash in Treasury including dog tax,	\$23 18
State, County, Town, School and Dog tax,	1888 12
Highway tax,	909 92
Savings bank tax,	719 45
Rail road tax,	71 86
Literary fund,	37 84
Interest of Literary fund from Stephen Jenkins,	12 42
Received of County for support of County paupers,	84 00
Received for rent of Town house,	4 00
Charles W Hayes collected for 1872,	6 75
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	\$3757 54

TOWN OF MADBURY IN ACCT. WITH TREAS.

DEBTOR.

Paid Schools,	\$628 74
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Paid State Tax,	\$504 00
County tax,	503 29
Support of poor,	114 86
Salaries of town officers,	134 00
Highways and bridges,	304 64
Breaking roads,	70 64
Out-standing Bills of 1876,	67 73
Miscellaneous bills,	66 42
Abatements for 1877,	5 94
Damage by dogs in 1877,	12 00
Highway tax worked out,	846 69
Outstanding in James J Griffin's list,	37 83
Paid Auditors,	2 00
Cash in Treasury,	455 01
Abatements for 1872 in Charles Hayes' list,	3 75
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	\$3757 54

JOHN B. HUCKINS, Treasurer.

JOHN B. HUCKINS, } Selectmen of
CHARLES R. MESERVE, } Madbury.

We, the undersigned, certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts of the town Treasurer, and find them correctly cast, and all payments charged against the town properly vouched.

MADBURY, March 1, 1878.

JACOB D. YOUNG, }
JOSEPH H. FERNALD, } Auditors.

Cash in Treasury March 1, 1878, including dog tax,	\$455 01
Outstanding in J J Griffin's list, Collector for 1877,	37 83
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	\$512 84
38 dogs taxed in 1877,	\$40 00

JOHN B. HUCKINS, } Selectmen of
CHARLES R. MESERVE, } Madbury.

SCHOOL REPORT.

To the citizens of Madbury:—I have the honor of submitting a report of the schools of this town, for the past year.

DISTRICT No. 1.—John W. Emery, Prudential Committee. Summer term,—Miss Zella A. Stevens, Teacher; No. of scholars 8; average attendance 6; length of school in weeks 9; wages of teacher per month \$28; No. of scholars not absent 3; No. attending to reading 8; spelling 8; penmanship 6; arithmetic 6; geography 6; grammar 2; composition 2; No. of scholars in the district between 5 and 15 years of age, not attending school anywhere 3.

Fall term,—Miss Zella A. Stevens, Teacher; No. of scholars 7; average attendance 6 $\frac{4}{25}$; length of school in weeks 10; wages of teacher per month \$28; No. of scholars not absent 3; No. attending to reading 7; spelling 7; penmanship 6; geography 6; composition 2; No. of scholars in the district between 5 and 15 years of age, not attending school anywhere 4.

Winter term,—Miss Cynthia J. Tasker, Teacher; No. of scholars 9; average attendance 8; length of school in weeks 11; wages of teacher per month \$28; No. of scholars not absent 1; No. attending to reading 9; spelling 9; penmanship 7; arithmetic 9; geography 7; grammar 3.

This district has been very fortunate in securing good teachers for the past year. The order was excellent, and, at the closing examinations the pupils exhibited much promptness in their recitations, making it very evident that they attended school for the purpose of gaining knowledge, and that their teachers had labored to have them understand perfectly, what they had been over in their studies.

DISTRICT No. 2.—Joseph Fernald, Prudential Committee. Summer term,—Miss Lydia Jenkins, Teacher; No. of scholars 25; average attendance 19 29 40; length of school in weeks 12; wages of teacher per month \$32; No. of scholars not absent 1; No. attending to reading 25; spelling 25; penmanship 19; arithmetic 20; geography 8; grammar 11; composition 11; United States history 2; book-keeping 1; latin 1; algebra 3; physiology 1.

Winter term,—Miss Lydia Jenkins, Teacher; No. of scholars 25; average attendance 16 79-80; length of school in weeks 16; wages of teacher per month \$32; No. attending to reading 25; spelling 25; penmanship 18; arithmetic 22; geography 10; grammar 11; composition 8; United States history 2; book-keeping 3; latin 1; algebra 2.

This school contains some fine scholars; all were diligent at their books and obedient to the wishes of their teacher.

DISTRICT No. 3.—Alonzo D. Nute, Prudential Committee. Summer term,—Miss M. Abbie Nute, Teacher; No. of scholars 10; average attendance 8 1-14; wages per month \$24; No. of scholars not absent 5; No. attending to reading 10; spelling 10; penmanship 6; arithmetic 6; geography 2; grammar 1; United States history 1; No. of scholars in the district between 5 and 15 years of age, not attending school anywhere 2.

This was Miss Nute's first attempt at teaching. Judging from the appearance of the school, I think that she endeavored to discharge her duties faithfully. The order was good, and the scholars made commendable improvement.

Winter term,—Mr. Arthur G. Hoyt, Teacher; No. of scholars 15; average attendance 12 8-9; length of school in weeks 9 3-10; wages of teacher per month \$28; No. of scholars attending to reading 12; spelling 12; penmanship 10; arithmetic 13; geography 8; grammar 4; United States history 3; physiology 2; book-keeping 1; algebra 2; geometry 1.

The winter school, containing some well advanced scholars, passed a good examination at the close, and I think that

under Mr. Hoyt's careful instruction, they employed their time to a good advantage.

DISTRICT No. 4.—Martin V. B. Felker, Prudential Committee. Summer term,—Miss Cora A. Locke, Teacher; No. of scholars 19; average attendance 18; length of school in weeks 8; wages of teacher per month \$28; No. of scholars not absent 7; No. attending to reading 19; spelling 19; penmanship 10; arithmetic 11; geography 3; grammar 2; composition 3; United States history 3; drawing 1; No. of scholars in the district between 5 and 15 years of age, not attending school anywhere 2.

Miss Locke's school appeared very quiet and orderly, under good control and discipline; I did not have time for a thorough examination of the classes at the close, but should infer from those recitations which I did listen to, that her labors had not been in vain.

Winter term,—Miss Lucy Stiles, Teacher; No. of scholars 23; length of school in weeks 12 2-5; wages of teacher per month \$30; No. of scholars attending to reading 21; spelling 21; penmanship 15; arithmetic 18; geography 13; grammar 7; algebra; rhetoric 1.

Miss Stiles is well qualified in all respects, as a teacher. The pupils in this district are industrious, and punctual in their attendance, with these qualities the school could not fail to be praise-worthy.

GENERAL REMARKS.

In closing this report I trust that I may be pardoned if I call your attention to a few remarks.

I think that for the most part, our schools this season have been quite successful, and it has not been due to the teachers alone, for the teachers, without the aid of the parents and scholars, can accomplish but little; however diligently they may apply themselves to their work, their labors will not leave much of any impression on the school, when they take their departure, unless they have such assistance. As a general thing the teacher has to bear all the blame, if, at the close of the term, a scholar, who goes to school one day and stays at home the next, is found to retain little or no knowledge of what he has been over during the term. I would ask, is it possible to get

such a one interested in a book, when his mind is fixed on what he did the day before, or on what he will do the next day, when he has liberty to absent himself from the schoolroom? It is utterly impossible.

Punctuality is one of the important requirements among our pupils; if they are diligent in that respect, interest in their books and obedience will surely follow; consequently, if the teachers are at all fitted for their vocation, the scholars will not fail to make rapid improvement. They will find study to be a pleasant, rather than an irksome task; and the teacher will exclaim in the words of the poet,

"I now find in each pupil a treasure,
And my daily task is indeed a pleasure."

Our schools were instituted for the purpose of promoting the cause of education, thereby giving the poor an equal chance with the rich to obtain, with the aid of books and an instructor, an education that will fit them for any stage of action, if they choose to avail themselves of the opportunity.

Many a boy, when attending school, thinks to himself, something like this:—"I am going to be a farmer and what need will I have of what I get out of these books, there is no necessity of applying myself to them, as I should, if I was going into some other business," but alas! we very often hear such a person say, when more advanced in years, "I wish that I had my life to live over again, I would know more than I do now."

There is no station in life, however humble it may be, in which some book-learning is not requisite, for us to fill that place as it should be filled.

Education not only allures us from the low and vicious things of this world, but it is a ladder, by which, step by step, we may mount up higher into a nobler and purer atmosphere. To be sure, there are some who do not use this to a good advantage, but those we will pass over, as exceptions to the general rule.

Although Madbury may be regarded by some of our cities, as an insignificant little town, yet, I think that there are scholars in our schools at the present time, who would compare favorably with any whom they may choose to produce, of the same age. And I hope that these scholars, one and all, cheered and encouraged by the parents, will persevere until they attain the top of the hill of knowledge, where they may stand as bright and shining stars, an honor to the town which they represent.

Most respectfully,
LYDIA JENKINS, S. S. Committee.