

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

Selectmen and School Committee

—OF THE—

TOWN OF SANBORNTON,

—FOR THE—

Year ending March 1, 1875.

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REPORT.

The Selectmen charge themselves with Cash received from all sources, as follows:

Received of J. N. Sanborn, Treasurer, 1873,	\$3,164 06
" S. M. Woodman, Collector, 1873,	1,124 80
Amount committed to C. P. Burley, Collector,	8,057 29
Received from sale of Bonds,	10,221 67.
" Interest on Bonds,	300 00
" Belknap County, for paupers,	234 85
" Savings Bank Tax,	1,164 87
" Railroad Tax,	97 89
" Literary Fund,	116 03
" U. S. Bounty,	128 00

1874. Cash Borrowed.

March 28.	Received of Chase W. Colby,	600 00
April 7.	" Samuel Brown,	495 22
25.	" Rosilla Mason,	441 61
	" Dearborn Taylor,	200 00
	" Arthur C. Taylor,	150 00
	" Samuel Taylor,	65 00
	" Hannah P. Taylor,	85 00
28.	" Julia Weeks,	600 00
27.	" W. T. Cass,	471 80
Dec. 5.	" C. O. Hurlbert,	100 00

1875.

Feb. 9.	" Samuel Taylor,	650 00
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\$28,468 09

The Selectmen credit themselves with paying Notes
due from the Town, as follows:

1874.			
March	28.	Paid Chase W. Colby,	\$668 71
April	7.	“ Samuel Brown,	495 22
	20.	“ John B. Batchelder,	2,547 91
	25.	“ Rosilla Mason,	35 37
		“ “ “	65 24
	27.	“ John B. Batchelder,	1,593 46
May	6.	“ W. T. Cass,	475 00
Sept.	19.	“ Curtis B. Burley,	258 54
Nov.	19.	“ Daniel M. Huse,	404 27
	20.	“ Nathaniel S. Prescott,	276 42
	23.	“ David T. Burley,	1,563 50
Dec.	21.	“ Samuel Brown,	516 18
	24.	“ Chase W. Colby,	497 64
	25.	“ A. B. Sanborn,	110 38
		“ Noah Shute,	204 30
	10.	“ Caroline A. McCarthy,	585 59
	30.	“ Edmund Keasor, note,	244 90
1875.			
Feb.	1.	“ Elvira P. Dearborn,	602 01
	9.	“ Samuel Taylor,	67 74
		“ “ “	957 30
		“ “ “	208 43
1874.			
July	21.	“ On Joseph Lougee note,	50 00
Dec.	12.	“ E. M. Lane note,	48 00
	25.	“ A. B. Sanborn note,	400 00
1875.			
Jan.	5.	“ H. N. Marsh note,	500 00
Feb.	9.	“ Samuel Taylor note,	26 06
	18.	“ Patience L. Young, in full,	2,193 46
	27.	“ Susan P. Hunkins, “	1,420 55
		“ John S. Wallace note,	1,714 02
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			\$18,730 20

1874. The Selectmen credit themselves with paying
Pauper Bills.

Paid P. Y. Howland for F. Perry,	\$34 00
M. B. Gilman for Betsey Sanborn,	63 75
Drs. Mason & Moulton for Mrs. Farrar,	37 00
J. M. Smith for Mrs. Farrar,	27 00
George Newry for Fred Perry,	38 50
Dr. Abbott " "	23 00
G. H. Harper " "	2 90
Dr. True for Noah Danforth,	31 00
Dr. Abbott for J. E. Dixey,	36 67
C. F. Smith " "	7 31
Thos. Webster " "	40 03
Mrs. Smith " "	3 15
John Hoyt for C. C. Wilson,	40 70
Benjamin Cawley for Polly Cawley,	20 00
T. W. Call " "	27 00
Joshua Lane for Mrs. Silver,	8 43
John Hoyt for C. C. Wilson,	57 00
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	\$497 44

Recapitulation.

Cash Received from all sources, \$28,468 09

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Paid Out-standing Bills,	\$368 79
Bills for the Poor,	497 44
On Notes,	18,730 20
For Schools,	1,258 56
Religious Societies,	70 59
Damage to Sheep by dogs,	82 61
State Tax,	1,244 00
County Tax,	1,925 00
Current Expenses,	691 99
Roads and Bridges,	365 42

Abated Taxes,	46 78	
Uncollected Taxes,	1,866 29	
Abated Taxes on account of 2 and 3 per cent. discount,	81 69	
Abated Taxes on S. M. Woodman's book, 1872,	19 90	
Abated Taxes on S. M. Woodman's book, 1873,	59 62	
Cash in Treasury,	1,159 21	
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Respectfully Submitted,

DAVID C. CLOUGH,	}	<i>Selectmen of Sanbornton.</i>
BENJAMIN M. BURLEY,		
SAMUEL D. WEEKS,		

Financial Condition of the Town, March 1, 1875.

Amount of Notes due from the Town,	\$ 20,818 98
Out-standing Bills by estimate,	100 00
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	\$ 20,918 98

Claims Due the Town.

United States Bounty,	\$ 1,612 30
Tax on S. M. Woodman's book, 1873,	143 98
Tax on C. P. Burley's book, 1874,	1,866 29
Joseph S. Clark note,	675 00
Seventeen Shares Railroad Stock,	170 00
Cash in Treasury,	1,015 23
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Amount of Assets,	\$ 5,482 80
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Balance against the Town,	\$ 15,436 18

We, the undersigned have carefully examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched. We further say, that we have cast, and find the full indebtedness by note, including the School and Parsonage Fund Note, March 1, 1875, as follows:—

Amount of Notes due from the Town, Mar. 1, 1875, \$20,818 98

JAMES N. SANDERS, }
 CURTIS B. BURLEY, } *Auditors.*
 THOMAS H. ROWE, }

February 27, 1875.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

We made a great mistake, Fellow Citizens, at the last Annual Town Meeting, in allowing the article for raising extra School Money to pass without maturer consideration. We relied upon the "unappropriated Dog Tax" to supply the place of the extra sum raised the year before, when in reality, very little Dog Money was remaining in the hands of the Selectmen. As a consequence, our schools, always too short, were this year reduced to a much shorter duration than usual, as a comparison between the Statistical Reports of last year and this will show. Let us resolve, while looking over *this* report to-day, that when the article for raising School Money comes up, we will not hastily dispose of it, but duly fix upon and promptly vote a sufficient sum to bring all the schools of town to a position equal to that sustained previously to the last year, or even to a higher standard.

Most of our children are dependent on the schooling obtained in town for their education. It were unfeeling and suicidal to our own best interests to curtail their privileges in this direction; and if the staple commodity for export from Sanbornton must continue to be in the future as in the past, "men and women," let us see to it that there is no deterioration in the *quality* of this product. Aside from the fact that the *terms* of school were mostly so short as hardly to become well commenced before they must finish, the schools of town have been quiet and reasonably successful the part year, with no cases of insubordination on the part of the pupils, or of any serious deficiency on the part of teachers.

The inhabitants of District No. 11 have done themselves great credit in erecting a new school-house; one other district, at least, ought to follow this example. This new house was built at an expense of five or six hundred dollars, on a site determined by a majority of the district—the Committee, when called upon, not seeing fit, on the whole, to reverse their decision, though feeling that a more elevated situation would have proved, on some accounts, more desirable. It now stands as the most thoroughly and neatly finished of any school-house in town; in which the district may well take an honest pride. It also reflects very creditably upon the skill, honor and generosity of the builder and contractor, Mr. Charles S. Morrison. A full account of the house will probably appear in the State Superintendent's Report, as also of the Dedication Services on the 26th of September. A new road, which was engaged to be built through Mr. Osgood's pasture, from the east main road to the present school-house, has since been finished according to agreement, at an expense, mostly in labor, of about seventy-five dollars.

Other facts and items of practical interest may be suggested under the several schools.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Arthur J. Crockett, Prudential Committee.

Has enjoyed through the year the continuous services as teacher, of an old pupil of the school, Miss Emma J. Davis. One of the most satisfactory examinations at close of the first term, anywhere witnessed, especially in Reading and Arithmetic. During the Winter term the school was much larger and not so well classified, so that its success was not so apparent, though no less real. Great interest shown by some of the larger pupils in cutting short their seasons of recreation, and by both pupils and teacher in meeting evenings for extra study and instruction.

DISTRICT NO. 2,

Samuel W. Morrison, Prudential Committee,

Also had the advantage of a permanent instructor, both terms, in Miss Carrie P. Taylor. School mildly, but very efficiently, governed. The *smallest* and *largest* pupils in Arithmetic did well, (with marked improvement in the explanation of problems;) some *between* showed lack of application.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Horace P. Hunkins, Prudential Committee.

Miss Mary H. Taylor commenced her work as a teacher, with the first term, in August, with great credit to herself and profit to the pupils, who showed a remarkable degree of definiteness in their knowledge acquired, and improved ability in expressing what they knew. It is to be regretted that a "misunderstanding" among the people of the district, as to the proper time for keeping the second term in session, should have resulted in reducing the number of scholars more than half and otherwise damaging the interests of the school.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Charles Wells, Prudential Committee.

Miss Alice Woodman taught during the Summer Term, with her usual enthusiasm, thoroughness and pains-taking in the explanation of principles which operated well for the school. Mr. Otis S. Sanborn again conducted the Winter Term of this school—both teacher and pupils proving worthy of the commendations of former years. Some of the scholars seem to have taken a new and unexpected start on the march of improvement. A class of young beginners in Grammar excelled.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Jonathan Sanborn, 3d, Prudential Committee.

Miss Carry E. Tucker, from Vermont, as teacher the first term, showed many qualifications of a good instructor, especially in

Grammar, but for some reason many of the pupils failed to come up to their requirements on the final examination—only 11 out of 22 being present—an injustice to the teacher, if not a slight to the visiting Committee, which ought always to be avoided. This latter defect, however, on the part of the scholars of this district, was amply atoned for by their prompt attendance, unflagging interest and excellent spirit displayed at the close of the Winter Term, Miss Alice Woodman, instructor. The school, for size and general appearance, seemed like one of the *good*, “old-fashioned schools,” while good order, a willingness to work, and an evidently acquired command over their mental faculties, argued favorably for all concerned.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Stephen M. Woodman, Prudential Committee.

Miss Mary S. Eastman was teacher both terms—her first experience, and very creditable on the whole. A fine primary class. Scholars mostly small, but some of them, as visited at the close of the first term, had evidently been learning to think for themselves.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Rufus Howe, Jr., Prudential Committee.

This is another of our schools which usually has the experience of breaking in new teachers. Miss Lucy N. Nelson, of Tilton, taught quite successfully in the Summer, and the school was visited once at the commencement of the second term, under Miss Alice E. Freese, of East Tilton, who displayed an aptness, intelligence and interest in her work, rarely witnessed in a new teacher. In no school do we find better behaved, more studious, and more sensible pupils, though assembled in what is now the worst school-house in town.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

D. L. Tilton, Prudential Committee.

This school has classified the best of any in town ; i.e., with

classes the fewest in number and the largest. Miss Hattie N. Thompson instructed with her usual fidelity during the first term, Miss Ida L. Harris, from Vermont, the second. Although a good deal broken up by the whooping cough this latter term, yet few of our schools have appeared under such admirable discipline, the scholars having been taught many of the fundamental principles of their studies in a unique and thorough manner, with no mechanical confinement to the statements of the textbooks.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Harrison White, Prudential Committee.

Miss Linda W. Harris taught the single term of this district, which sadly fell off in amount of schooling from thirteen weeks last year to nine and one-half weeks this year. An unusual stillness among the pupils, many of whom made good improvement. Yet we fear the unwearied labors of the teacher were rendered more difficult than they should have been, by an under-current of *prejudice* in some of the scholars, who might well apply the excellent sentiments of the pieces spoken by themselves at the final examination.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

G. B. Wadleigh, Prudential Committee.

Miss Mary E. Whittier commenced well, first term, seeming inclined to teach by topics, but she had left the school, on account of sickness, just before the time of the final visit. Miss Lizzie S. Morgan, same teacher as last Winter, taught the second term. Her labors eminently satisfactory, especially to the patrons of the school, who were in better attendance the last day than the scholars, only nine of the latter being present, and some few absenting themselves, we conclude, through a sort of moral cowardice.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

S. D. Weeks, Prudential Committee.

Miss Mary A. Hersey, the well-approved teacher of last year,

again had charge of this school, the first being the "last term" in the old house, (one-half the pupils coming from out of the district,) and the last being the first term in the new house, where a good deal of mental activity and labor were realized, some of the little scholars proceeding quite too fast for their years and physical strength. This is the only school which, *during the year*, as seen by Tabular Report, was honored by a visit from the Prudential Committee of the district; to be attributed, largely, no doubt, to the influence of the new school house.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

T. H. Rowe, Prudential Committee.

Miss Laura E. Piper, a pupil of the school not many years ago, taught the two connected terms of eighteen weeks with well earned credit to herself, considering the difficulties of her situation. The pupils, though numbering some of the excellent scholars of past years, were found, as a whole, ranging much younger and less advanced than on any previous term.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

David W. Bunker, Prudential Committee.

Miss Addie M. Brown, teacher of both terms. Some scholars from Meredith attended, bringing in other text books, a privilege which should not be allowed them except on the payment of a liberal tuition. The schoolable children of the district also increased in numbers during the progress of the school, so that several were present at the final examination, not there at first. The teacher labored zealously, and the few who were twice examined showing a decided improvement in Reading, and gave us the best recitation of the multiplication tables anywhere heard.

DISTRICT NO. 16.

David Shaw, Prudential Committee.

Miss Martha F. Emmons and Miss Mary L. Parker, instructors, the latter being, also, the Superintending School Committee of

the Town of Hill for the past year. She was unwearied in her efforts to interest and profit the small school under her charge: bringing in globes and other illustrative apparatus, with some new devices for awakening the attention, well worthy of imitation, like requiring the older scholars to question each other at the blackboard. Miss P. has learned the rare and happy art, so important in most of our schools, of laboring with the *same* constancy and devotion for a *very few* as for a greater number of scholars, and even with far greater advantage to the pupils themselves.

Respectfully submitted,

MOSES T. RUNNELS,

School Committee.

