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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

Selectmen, Treasurer, Auditors,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF CANTERBURY,


FOR THE FISCAL

Year ending March 1, 1880.

CONCORD, N. H. :

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REPORT.

Whole amount of taxes committed to collector for 1879,	\$6,230.20
The collector has discharged himself as follows :	
Paid town treasurer cash, and road certificates and abatements,	\$6,411.31
Amount remaining due from collector,	<u>\$1,335.89</u>
Whole amount of money on hand and received by the treasurer and selectmen from March 1, 1879, to March 1, 1880,	
	\$11,360.00
Amount of payments for the same time,	<u>9,291.53</u>
Balance in hands of treasurer, March 1, 1880,	\$2,068.47

RECEIPTS.

Amount remaining in treasury, March 1, 1879,	\$1,626.90
Received of M. B. Neal, collector for 1879,	6,411.31
state treasurer, railroad tax,	128.73
“ savings bank tax,	603.87
“ literary fund,	86 95
Merrimack county,	644.71
on note of town to Louisa Whidden,	430.00
Judith Peverly,	150.00
Alvin N. Pickard,	48.00
Dora Evans,	5.00
Lydia Carter,	30.00
Silas Q. Heath,	1.52
Shepard Phillips,	7.70
Joseph H. Carter,	50.00
Charles F. Adams,	25.00
Shepard Phillips,	100.00
Nellie A. Dow,	14.00
Grover Merrill,	90.00

Received on note of town to Joseph M. Foster,	\$100.00
Mary A. Kilton,	200.00
Cora J. Kilton,	64.09
Phebe S. Cofran,	433.57
of L. R. Fellows, for tramp house,	15.00
Town of Boscawen, for rubble,	57.40
I. K. Gage, administrator of A. Clough estate,	17.00
E. Osgood, for lots sold at Maple Grove cemetery,	9.45
W. H. Carter, for cemetery lots sold,	4.00
C. W. Emery, for grass,	5.80
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	\$11.360.00

EXPENDITURES.

Payment on Notes.

Paid Hazen Dicy,	\$1,609.00
Ebenezer Glover,	63.28
Phebe S. Cofran,	50.00
Grover Merrill.	185.00
Thomas Clough, guardian,	25.00
Betsey S. Morrill,	433.57
Ella L. Carter,	43.63
Mary A. Kilton,	64.09
Judith Williams,	156.95
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	\$2,630.52

Miscellaneous Bills.

Paid A. H. Gilman, services at burial of Mrs. Carrier,	\$2.00
J. H. Batchelder, for lumber in 1878,	3.75
E. C. Richardson, certificates in J. Lee case,	.75
Republican Press Association, for printing and stationery,	24.60
B. W. Sanborn & Co., books and stationery,	10.70
J. N. McClintock, inking town plan,	2.00
W. A. Bucklin, return of deaths,	.50
for counsel,	1.00
Merrimack county tax,	1,801.07
J. Heath, watering-trough,	3.00
E. Osgood, " "	3.00
C. Glines, " "	3.00
J. Doldt, " "	2.00
C. F. Hill, examining records in Rogers case,	.75
J. Y. Mugridge, execution against town,	21.54

Paid Humphrey, Dodge & Smith, fence wire,	\$4.06
B. E. Pillsbury, land damage,	15.00
selectmen, bounties on hawks,	6.00
“ “ foxes,	9.00
W. C. Wells, services in Weymouth case,	1.75
C. F. Hill, “	.50
A. H. Brown, books for poor children,	6.76
N. Butler, road case,	5.00
J. S. Elkins, use of hall at road hearing,	2.00
“ interest on money,	1.19
“ over-tax,	6.40
P. C. Clough, postage and envelopes,	2.00
C. F. Plastridge, damage to wagon,	5.00
W. H. Carter, interest on B. Whidden estate,	8.00
J. E. Rines, for county commissioners—road case,	109.20
M. M. Moore, school-house tax,	40.00
E. E. Graves, return of births and deaths,	2.25
O. W. Dow, non-resident tax,	3.00
State tax,	1,352.00
D. M. Ingalls, over-tax,	6.83
J. M. Foster, dinners and horse-baiting,	9.75
H. B. Smith, sheep killed by dogs in 1878,	7.00
Luther Sargent, “	3.00
P. C. Clough, “	6.00
E. P. Carter, “	6.00
M. M. Moore, “	8.00
G. F. Blanchard, “	4.00
A. Blanchard, “	1.75
M. F. Morrill, “	3.00
T. H. Mason, “	3.00
S. Sargent, “	3.00
J. P. Kimball, “	2.00
J. O. Lyford, services at road-hearing,	8.00
Roxie Morrill, over-tax.	6.37
Charles Hall, “	2.83
selectmen, for care of town-house, 1878-9,	5.00
P. C. Clough, services after report of 1879,	5.00
for copy General Laws of New Hampshire,	3.00
non-resident highway receipts and abatements,	161.31
M. F. Emery, for services after settlement in 1879,	2.00
W. H. Carter, “ “	2.00
P. M. Hayward, non-resident highway tax,	3.26
E. E. Pickard, “ “	3.75
E. S. Pickard, “ “	2.25
R. Boynton, “ “	6.00
L. Sargent, school notices,	1.89

Paid S. G. Noyes, for printing,	\$.50
John H. Lyford, services in Weymouth case,	4.00
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	\$3,736.45

Roads and Bridges.

Paid B. B. Nudd, work on highway,	\$1.50
J. Bartlett, "	5.38
J. H. Lyford, "	11.75
P. C. Clough, work on bridges,	3.50
W. H. Carter, "	1.88
J. N. McClintock, surveying highway,	16.50
C. W. Emery, "	1.00
J. S. Colby, snowing bridge and work on highway in 1878,	7.50
John S. James, lighting Boscawen bridge,	12.90
Town of Boscawen, for work on bridge pier,	4.69
E. Osgood, for bridge plank,	10.00
J. P. Kimball, drawing covering-stone,	10.00
for drawing rubble,	114.81
repairing highway,	296.63
D. Morrill, for bridge plank,	8.10
N. A. Briggs, "	10.00
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	\$516.14

Support of Paupers.

Paid Polly Shaw, county,	\$108.56
N. H. and N. F. Battis, county,	129.58
Mrs. W. and John Avery, "	58.91
Transient paupers, "	16.50
C. W. Davis, "	66.61
J. Faulkner, "	52.00
Arthur L. Weymouth, "	25.13
Martha Stevens, "	90.78
John Lee, "	16.50
P. C. Clough, overseer of poor,	60.82
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	\$625 39

School Money.

District No. 1, Charles H. Colby,	\$158.87
2, M. M. Moore,	67.94
3, C. H. Ayers, Jr.,	103.00
4, L. I. Chase,	143.91

District No. 5, Luther Sargent,	\$90.32
6, J. Lyford,	122.45
7, A. B. Clough,	271.40
8, N. A. Briggs,	144.27
9, H. H. Pearl,	29.92
10, E. E. Brown,	73.29
11, J. Heath,	54.28
12, H. G. Haines,	53.06
London, R. C. Lovering,	10.74
Concord, J. H. Rolfe,	5.35
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	\$1,328.80

Town Officers.

Paid C. W. Emery, supervisor,	\$5.00
J. Ham, " "	5.00
M. A. Foster, " "	5.00
P. C. Clough, services and expenses as selectman,	131.10
W. H. Carter, " "	60.00
J. H. Lyford, " "	60.25
A. H. Brown, services as town-clerk,	25.00
J. M. Foster, " treasurer,	30.00
M. B. Neal, " collector,	77.88
Luther Sargent, supt. school committee,	21.00
C. W. Emery, " "	18.00
J. Ham, " "	13.50
auditors,	2.50
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	\$454.23

RECAPITULATION.

Paid on notes including interest,	\$2,630.52
miscellaneous bills,	3,736.45
roads and bridges,	516.14
support of schools,	1,328.80
support of paupers,	625.39
town officers,	454.23
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	\$9,291.53

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN

MARCH 1, 1880.

Notes and Interest.

Mittie C. Emery,	\$306.27
John Glines,	206.94
Sarah A. Evans,	48.62
Dora S. Evans,	48.13
Eunice Morse,	111.34
Silas Q. Heath,	124.90
Sally G. and Eliza Randall,	3,262.38
Lydia Carter,	85.62
Fred W. Ingalls,	175.44
Joseph H. Carter,	51.57
James S. Elkins,	730.49
Phebe S. Cofran,	541.36
Grover Merrill,	396.45
Joseph Pickard,	156.22
Mary E. Clough,	174.16
Mary E. Cawley,	192.01
Alvin N. Pickard,	132.29
Shepard Phillips,	1,449.00
Charles F. Adams,	61.25
Mary A. Kilton,	202.27
Cora J. Kilton,	64.30
Geo. H. Ingalls,	140.61
Mary E. Clough,	157.33
Jonathan K. Taylor,	64.56
Thos. Clough, guardian,	200.89
Maria M. Currier,	319.28
Luther Sargent,	210.76
Wm. Whitcher,	420.61
Tristram Dearborn,	78.68
Charles M. Emery,	314.50
Almon J. Small,	5.25
Walter M. Small,	8.37
Jas. S. Elkins, treas. F. W. B. Society,	1,253.89
James A. Simpson,	325.65
Louisa Whidden,	446.63
Judith Peverly,	155.60
Nellie A. Dow,	14.14
Joseph M. Foster,	100.73

Amount of liabilities on notes,

\$12,739.59

Due from collector Neal,	\$1,335.89	
Stephen Wiggan,	37.65	
County Commissioners,	20.00	
Balance in hands of treasurer,	2,068.47	
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Balance against the town,		9,276.58
Amount of literary fund,		1,336.13
held in trust from B. Whidden estate,		200.00

PHILIP C. CLOUGH,
WM. H. CARTER,
JOHN H. LYFORD,

Selectmen of Canterbury.

JOSEPH M. FOSTER,
Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, appointed to audit the accounts of the selectmen and treasurer for the year ending March 1, 1880, have attended to our duty, and find said accounts correctly cast and properly vouched.

D. W. MORRILL,
C. S. OSGOOD.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DISTRICT No. 1 (*Blanchard*).

Summer and fall terms were taught by Mrs. Lizzie H. Boise. During the first term excellent order and discipline were maintained, thorough and careful instruction was given, and, as a natural consequence, rapid and thorough progress was made. From some unexplained cause, the order during the second term was somewhat defective, and there was not so high a degree of interest manifested by teacher and scholars, and we do not think the school was quite so profitable as the first term.

The winter term was taught by Mr. O. L. Cross, of Northfield, who is a thorough scholar, a good disciplinarian, a critical and accurate instructor, and one who spares no pains to advance the best interests of his pupils. It seemed to be the aim of the teacher to have his scholars understand the principles of the various studies pursued, and, as a natural consequence, the school made rapid progress. The fuel for the winter term was contributed, in order to lengthen the school. Also, a clock was given for the use of the school, an article which should be in every school-room.

DISTRICT No. 2 (*Emery*).

Miss Emma J. Morrill, of East Concord, taught the summer term of six weeks. Having conducted the school the year previous, she was able to bring to bear experience of value, and to

avoid the confusion of organizing, which necessarily attends the advent of a new teacher. Miss Morrill had the sympathy and support of the citizens of the district, we think,—we are sure she had the love and respect of her pupils,—and good order and harmony prevailed throughout the term. No more was attempted than could be carried out successfully, and the school made good progress, the improvement in arithmetic and geography being very marked.

Miss Morrill was succeeded in the fall by Miss Nettie A. Gage, of Fisherville, a young lady of good education, but with no experience in the art of teaching. At our first visit we remarked some hesitancy, and a lack of firmness and decision, which mistakes might have led to serious trouble had they not been corrected in time. At the closing examination there were several absentees, but those who remained showed that their time had been well occupied. The reading classes made a very creditable appearance.

DISTRICT No. 3 (*Borough*).

Both terms of this school, aggregating twenty-five weeks, were taught by Miss Anna E. Sanborn. Prompt and cheerful obedience, and a strong desire to excel, are marked characteristics of this school. Considerable attention is paid to mathematics, and the performance of the mental arithmetic classes was very commendable. We rarely find more interest manifested in this branch. Good progress was made in other branches, the aim of the teacher being thoroughness rather than a display of pages.

DISTRICT No. 4 (*Baptist*).

Both terms during the past year have been under the charge of Mrs. Frances P. Osgood, who has been careful, correct, and faithful in the performance of her duties, and under her care the school has made a commendable advance in intellectual attainments and scholarly appearance.

DISTRICT No. 5 (*Hackleborough*).

Both summer and winter terms were taught by Miss M. Lizzie Whittemore, of Loudon, who is an experienced and well qualified

instructor, and during both terms fully sustained her former well-earned reputation as an efficient and thorough teacher. The board in summer and the fuel in winter were given, to lengthen the school, which shows that the district fully appreciated her services.

DISTRICT No. 6 (*Hill's Corner*).

In the exercises at the closing examination of this term there was hardly to be found, in the opinion of your committee, that interest and animation in recitation, united with scholarly deportment, which afford the best evidence of a successful school.

Winter term, taught by Mr. John Pickard, a teacher of energy and enthusiasm, whose labors gave excellent satisfaction to the parents, and who seemed to enjoy the confidence and coöperation of the scholars. Marked improvement was made in every direction.

DISTRICT No. 7 (*Centre*).

This school has had for several terms past a succession of good teachers, and a class of scholars generally well disposed. Consequently its course has been one of steady improvement. Most of the pupils attend throughout the year, which renders the work of classification a comparatively easy matter. There seems to be a growing desire on the part of the school to do well, which is certainly very gratifying to all concerned. The reputation of the school has been well sustained during the past year. The teachers are earnest Christian women, who have labored conscientiously and faithfully for the good of the school. Miss M. Lizzie Putnam, who taught the summer and fall terms, endeared herself to parents and children alike by her gentle manners. Her government was mild but effective, good order being maintained throughout the term.

Miss Mary E. Clough is so well known as a teacher, both in this and other towns, that her presence in the school-room is a guaranty of success. No person could devote herself more thoroughly and completely to the work of teaching than she did during the twelve weeks of the winter school. Hard work characterized the term, and the result was exceedingly gratifying.

Throughout the year it has been the aim of the teachers to *educate*. To this end, they have not confined themselves exclu-

sively to the text-books,—although rules and principles have been insisted upon,—but have introduced other subjects, tending to form and cultivate habits of observation and inquiry. The study of the higher branches has been encouraged, though not to the detriment of the more fundamental ones; and considerable attention was paid during the winter term to vocal music and the cultivation of the voice. But in pronouncing the school a marked success, we would not give all the praise either to teachers or to scholars. The parents, by their cordial support and hearty cooperation, have contributed much to make the school what it is; and it is hoped that the district will adopt such a policy in regard to it, that it may continue to be a credit to them and to the town.

DISTRICT No. 8 (*Shaker's*).

The summer term here was taught by Miss L. Jeanette Forrest, who, though she is a young teacher, aroused a good degree of interest in her pupils, and taught them to think for themselves, and to rely upon their own exertions. The school was full of life, activity, and earnestness, and, on the whole, a very profitable one.

The winter term was under the instruction of Miss Asepath C. Stickney, who is a teacher of large experience, a veteran in the service, tried and true. A ripe scholar, she has much force and tact, both to govern and to instruct; is always alert, and the scholars are prompt, energetic, and accurate. This was decidedly a good school.

DISTRICT No. 9 (*Union*).

This district has been exceptionally fortunate in its teachers the past year. The summer term was taught by Miss Minnie A. Bachelder, of Chichester, a young lady of rare natural qualifications for her work, who, by her energetic labors, brought the school into a condition which left little to be desired.

The fall term was taught by Miss M. Lizzie Whittemore, well known as an experienced and successful teacher, under whose care the younger scholars made good improvement, though the teacher felt—and, we think, justly—that her usefulness was impaired by the disorderly conduct of one of the older boys.

DISTRICT No. 10 (*Depot*).

Miss Mabel C. Gage, of Fisherville, has conducted the school in this district the past year. There has been but one term, consisting of about eleven weeks. Miss Gage has had the experience of several terms, and also the benefit of Normal school training, to some extent. She entered upon her work conscientiously, and labored for the good of her pupils. Commendable progress was made, and the school was fully up to the average of common district schools.

DISTRICT No. 11 (*Upper Interval*).

The summer term was taught by Miss Etta F. Heath, who is a hard-working teacher, and in the short term of six weeks accomplished as much as could reasonably be expected.

The fall term was instructed by Mr. John Pickard, who is thoroughly devoted to his business. He excites a good degree of interest in his pupils; and in a term of four weeks the school made good progress.

DISTRICT No. 12 (*Carter*).

Miss Mary A. Gage, of Concord, had charge of this school for its single term of twelve weeks. By the addition of two scholars from an adjoining district, the number of pupils was increased to *five*. Not being classed together, there was no competition, and an almost entire lack of enthusiasm and interest. The teacher was well qualified, but can hardly be said to have had a fair chance. Some progress was made by some of the pupils; but much better and more satisfactory results might be obtained by uniting with other districts. The miscellaneous expenses and cost of supervision, at least, would be saved, and the effect upon the pupils would, we think, fully justify the trial of the experiment.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Scholars who have been neither absent nor tardy.

No. 1, Summer.

Willie Blanchard,
Fred Blanchard,
Alvin Davis,
Ira Stone,
Grace Colby,
Sarah Colby,
Minnie Gilman.

Fall Term.

Georgie Moody,
Nellie Moody,
Willie Davis,
Alvin Davis.

Winter Term.

Cate J. Stone,
Ira W. Stone.

No. 2, Summer.

Emma C. Randall,
Willie B. Dyer,
Horatio F. Dyer.

Winter.

Orlando Cobb,
Josiah B. Higgins.

No. 3, Summer.

Joey S. Morrill,
Fred H. Downing,
Johnnie H. Morrill.

No. 4, Summer.

S. Lizzie Adams,
Cora J. Adams,
F. Belle Davis,
Sarah J. Glines.

Winter.

S. Lizzie Adams,
Cora J. Adams,
Sarah J. Glines,
Janie L. Hill.

No. 5, Summer.

Mary S. Jones,
George J. Sargent,
Charles T. Foster,
Johnnie B. Foster,
Georgie R. Foster.

Winter.

Mary S. Jones,
George J. Sargent,
George T. Foster,
Lyman B. Foster,
Charles T. Foster,
Johnnie B. Foster,
Francis P. Cass.

No. 6, Summer.

Fred Bartlett,
Thomas Chaplain,
Weston Dow,
Walter Nudd,

Bertie C. Reed,
Alson M. Reed,
Luna B. Bartlett,
Lenora M. Dow,
Mary Dow,
Dora S. Evans.

Winter.

Nora Dow.

No. 7, Summer.

Elmie M. Morrill,
Cora J. Kilton,
Almon J. Small,
Bertha M. Gale,
Annie T. Morrill,
M. Emma Morrill,
Addie M. Haynes,
Lizzie F. Houser,
Alida M. Cogswell.

Fall Term.

Elmie M. Morrill,
Mamie M. Emery,
Abbie J. Emery,
Moses J. Haynes,
Freddie I. Moore,
Mittie L. Emery,
Lizzie F. Houser,
Emma M. Morrill.

Winter.

Bertha M. Gale,
Abbie J. Emery,
Annie T. Morrill,
Mary E. Morrill,
Elmie M. Morrill,
Lillian M. Morrill.

No. 8, Summer.

Bertha Mansfield,
Mary A. Wilson,
Clara W. Houghton,
Emma J. Wilson,
Henrietta Mansfield,

Nellie King,
Ida B. Lackey,
Minnie Clark,
Eda Mansfield.

Winter.

Waldo H. Colwell,
Carl W. Fitz,
Charles W. Herbert,
Rudolph Kremmling,
Albertus E. Newton,
Edwin F. Pickering,
George R. Pierce,
Charles H. Pierce,
Charles E. Smith,
Frederick G. Wing,
Forest E. White,
Bertha Mansfield,
Emma J. Wilson,
Alice A. Smith,
Phebe Smith,
Nellie R. King,
Margaret Davis,
Ida B. Lackey.

No. 9, Summer.

Sarah A. Sargent,
Otis E. Sargent,
Allie L. Pearl.

No. 10, Summer.

Ella McDaniel,
Herbert L. Brown.

No. 11, Summer.

George A. Colby.

Winter.

Ira L. Colby,
George A. Colby,
Arthur M. Colby,
Frank M. Pickard,
Clara Pickard.

GENERAL REMARKS.

Fellow-citizens :

Another school year has again rolled around, and we submit to you the annual report of our common schools. While they are not what they might and should be, yet, with all their imperfections, we may justly feel proud of them, and should strive to improve them to the extent of our ability. In order to do so successfully, we should insist on a higher degree of qualifications in our teachers, and a more thorough supervision of our schools. Our teachers should have a special training for their work; and we should be careful to employ only those who are thoroughly qualified to enter upon the task of imparting instruction in the school-room. We require years of study and close discipline in our clergymen, physicians, lawyers, and also in our mechanics, before we are willing to entrust our interests in their care; and shall we require *less* of the teachers of our children and youth, those who are soon to shape and control the destinies of our beloved country? The answer is obvious. Let us, then, unite, one and all, in a grand effort to bring our schools up to a higher standard; bring them to that point where it will not be necessary to send our scholars away to the academy or high school, but have it so they can acquire even a good academic education in our common schools. We are all aware that it costs much to send children away to school: by raising the standard of our own to a higher point, this expense may be avoided.

At the annual examination of teachers last spring, it was thought advisable that all applicants should be required to answer at least seventy-five per cent. of all questions proposed before they were entitled to a certificate, and time has, we think, shown the wisdom of this requirement. In the future we think

the standard should be raised even higher. This is a duty we owe to ourselves and to the town. Much care should be taken in the choice of prudential committees. Select your best men for the position, for it certainly is one of great importance, and one that requires sound judgment and much discretion; and when you have once found good teachers, secure their services as long as you possibly can, for we very much doubt the utility of often changing teachers when we have the right one in the right place. The teacher should be adapted to the school. Visit your schools often, and encourage your instructors in their arduous work. Let them see that you are interested in their business, and do all you can to help them. Don't let any factious opposition mar the usefulness of our schools, for they are ours, and we should all consider ourselves personally responsible for their reputation and well-being. We would call the attention of the citizens of district No. 12 to that statute which provides that any district, having less than twelve scholars, may, by vote, send to other schools; and as but three scholars are reported as belonging in this district, we would suggest the propriety of trying the experiment, for one year at least. We must again call the attention of teachers to the importance of filling out the registers correctly, for it is utterly impossible to make a correct report from them; and, furthermore, prudential committees should not pay any teacher until this requirement of the law is complied with.

Thanking you, fellow-citizens, for the interest you have taken in our endeavors to serve you, this report is submitted.

LUTHER SARGENT,
C. W. EMERY,
JOHN HAM,

Superintending School Committee of Canterbury.

Canterbury, March 1, 1880.

