REPORT

OF THE

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

OF THE

Town of Andover,

INCLUDING A REPORT FROM THE

Superintending School Committee,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1881.

CONCORD:
EVANS & SLEEPER, GENERAL BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS.
1881.
Would respectfully invite the citizens of Andover, when in the city of Concord, to step into their CLOTHING HOUSE and look through their stock of Ready-made Clothing, Hats & Caps.

They will show you the largest and best assortment ever shown in Concord. They keep on hand a line of Custom-made Suits, made expressly for them by Smith, Richardson & Bates, of Boston, which are equal to any custom tailor suit to order, and do not cost you one half as much.

Look at their $5.00 Men’s Suits. Look at their $8.00 Men’s Suits. Look at their $10.00 Men’s All-Wool Suits. Look at their $13.50 and $15.00 Suits. These are The Boss Suits for the Money.

Then comes their $18.00, $20.00, $23.00, $25.00, $28.00 and $30.00 Suits, which can not be equaled by any other house in New Hampshire.

If you will look at these goods, you will be satisfied that we are telling you the truth. Our motto is to Do Business in an Honest Way.

and give you the worth of your money every time.

We call your attention to OUR STOCK OF HATS,
The largest stock kept in Concord, from 50 cents up to $5.00. If you want a cheap one, come and see us. If you want a good one, come and see us. If you don’t want any, come and see us. Come and see us any way.

Yours very truly,

RICHARDSON & ADAMS, Clothiers,
4 Doors north of Phenix Hotel.
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1881.
SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

MARCH 1, 1881.

OUTSTANDING.

1880.
March 13. Paid G. B. Wheeler, for town reports, $50.00
19. E. G. Graves, services as auditor, 4.00
Henry W. Kilburn, services as select-
man from Feb. 24 to March 8, 16.76
G. B. Young, for furniture for town-
house, 13.00
N. R. R. freight bill on furniture, .91
A. L. Downs, moving same to town-
house, .50
20. John W. Keniston, services as town-
clerk, Feb. 6 to March 12, 5.41
April 9. H. M. Bosworth, services as auditor, 4.00
Augustus L. Cilley, sheep killed by
dogs, 8.00
Joseph W. Elkins, sheep killed by dogs, 7.00
C. M. Wiggins, sheep killed by dogs, 4.00
June 2. Quimby & Weymouth, for lamps, sta-
tionery, and brooms, 3.34
10. Herod Thompson, for sheep killed by
dog, 3.00
26. W. H. Cilley, sheep killed by dogs, 6.00
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<td>Edward A. Dawes, for work on and plank for bridge,</td>
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<td>Daniel Downs, for plank in 1879,</td>
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<td>Nov. 27</td>
<td>Geo. E. Shepard, services as auditor,</td>
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<td>W. D. Tuttle, damage to sleigh allowed in 1879,</td>
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<td>C. L. S. Leeds, watering place from March 1, 1879, to March 1, 1880,</td>
<td>3.00</td>
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<td>W. D. Thompson, board of selectmen and auditors and use of team, Feb'y, 1880</td>
<td>10.75</td>
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<td>Feb. 17</td>
<td>O. E. Eastman, plank for bridge in 1879,</td>
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<td>Daniel B. Weymouth, car fare and cash paid out at time of printing reports,</td>
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<td>March 1, 1880,</td>
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<td>Augustus Shaw, 2 sheep killed by dogs, in 1879,</td>
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<td>Samuel Morrill, for Day's assessor's scale, furnished 1879,</td>
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<td>F. H. Pettengill, ½ cord wood for town house, delivered Feb. 10, 1880,</td>
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<td>Enoch Jones, damage to sleigh, allowed 1879,</td>
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<td>E. P. Yeaton, services as police,</td>
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**BREAKING ROADS, WINTER 1879 AND 1880.**

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<td>Paid John G. Bailey,</td>
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<td>May 1</td>
<td>Frank Tucker,</td>
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<td>June 26</td>
<td>R. B. Chalmers,</td>
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<td>Jonathan Cilley,</td>
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July 10. Edward A. Dawes, 10.50
23. Joseph D. Philbrick, 1.86
C. W. Cole, 5.80

1881.
Jan'y. 8. Joseph L. Cullen, .72
Feb. 17. R. E. Davis, .96
O. E. Eastman, 4.65
R. R. Emery, 1.00
19. C. J. White, 3.00
C. J. White, snowing bridge, 1.59
22. Augustus Shaw, 2.20

$62.25

BREAKING ROADS, WINTER 1880 AND 1881.

Feb. 12. Paid J. T. Fifield, 215 hours' work to date, $25.80
17. Joseph Rayno, 127½ hours' work, and 15.77
shovel, to date,
Leroy Eastman, 134 hours' work, to 16.08
date,
E. G. Chase, 95 hours' work, to date, 11.40
19. C. J. White, 154½ hours' work, breaking 18.94
roads and snowing bridges,
C. E. Currier, 6.24
22. W. A. Sleeper, 7.80
Benjamin Merrill, .72
Sanborn Shaw, 5.97
Augustus Shaw, 14.64
Jarvis B. Shaw, 12.00
E. C. Merrill, 3.60
J. D. Philbrick, 6.62
24. Frank G. Hersey, 3.00
C. W. Stone, 3.49
Feb. 24. Sam J. Clay; 3.54
25. George H. Tucker; 2.22

\$157.53

EXTRA HIGHWAY.

1880.

June 1. Paid H. H. Taylor, for 3494 feet of bridge plank for Cilleyville bridges, \$41.94
10. Quimby & Weymouth, spikes for Cilleyville bridges, 5.00
26. R. B. Chalmers, for repairing washout, 5.52
July 23. Joseph D. Philbrick, work on road, 4.80
Sept. 25. Leroy Eastman, work on bridge near Wm. Wear's, and culvert near Carlos Tilton's, 7.08
Dennis Sullivan, work, 10.62
H. H. Taylor, 100 feet plank for Cilleyville district, 1.00
Oct. 30. Wm. L. Perkins, work on Cilleyville bridge, and wrench, 3.75
Nov. 2. Wesley J. Cilley, work on road and building stone culvert and repairing bridge, 50.20
Dec. 4. Jonathan Cilley, for blasting and repairing Connor Hill road in Nov., 25.00
11. C. W. Stone, plank for John Buzzell and John T. Fifield districts, and drawing plank to Finney bridge, 19.03
John Huntoon, 1,026 feet of plank for Finney bridge, 9.23
25. H. H. Taylor, for plank and stringers for Stewart Bridge, 5.34
George W. Keniston, damage to carriage by defect in highway, 5.00
John Buswell, labor on road and bridge, 9.79
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<td>J. T. Fifield, work on road,</td>
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<td>George R. Keniston, work on Philbrick road,</td>
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<td>Tender to R. B. Chalmers, in the hands of Daniel B. Weymouth,</td>
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<td>J. T. Fifield, lumber for Currier bridge,</td>
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<td>Leroy Eastman, for work,</td>
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<td>John Batchelder, for plank,</td>
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<td>George Graves, work,</td>
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<td>Stephen Felch, non-resident highway tax, in labor,</td>
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<td>Silas C. Fifield, work and meals furnished on old bridge,</td>
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<td>C. J. White, work on Shaw Hill road,</td>
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<td>Daniel Downs, 1500 feet of plank,</td>
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<td>$18.00, and work on temporary bridge at West Andover, $2.00,</td>
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<td>Harvey P. Smith, for 7 stringers, Morrill brook bridges,</td>
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<td>Benjamin Merrill, on Currier bridge,</td>
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<td>W. S. Carr, damage to carriage,</td>
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<td>Augustus Shaw, plank and work on Beaver Brook bridge,</td>
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<td>G. W. Mitchell, damage to sleigh,</td>
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<td>Frank G. Hersey, work on road and cutting bushes,</td>
<td>10.03</td>
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<td>Sidney M. Cilley, non-resident highway tax, paid in labor,</td>
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$352.91
### COST OF FIFIELD BRIDGE.

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<td>E. C. Perkins, drawing lumber from station to bridge,</td>
<td>9.45</td>
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<td>H. H. Taylor, 432 ft. lumber,</td>
<td>5.61</td>
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<td>June 2</td>
<td>H. A. Tower &amp; Sons, for lumber,</td>
<td>189.00</td>
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<td>H. M. Fisher, for pins,</td>
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<td>G. W. Stone, part payment for lumber,</td>
<td>30.00</td>
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<td>June 7</td>
<td>S. F. Hall, 8½ days work,</td>
<td>12.75</td>
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<td>June 10</td>
<td>B. E. Swett, for work,</td>
<td>29.81</td>
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<td>C. M. Wiggins, for work,</td>
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<td>A. A. Emery, for work,</td>
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<td>C. H. Yeaton, making bolts,</td>
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<td>Nathan Woodbury, boarding help,</td>
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<td>John T. Woodbury, for labor,</td>
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<td>Thomas W. French,</td>
<td>23.75</td>
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<td>Quimby &amp; Weymouth, fixtures,</td>
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<td>Albert R. Hamilton, labor and cash paid out,</td>
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<td>C. W. Stone, in full for lumber,</td>
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<td>P. C. Atwood, for labor,</td>
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<td>Walker &amp; Co., for iron,</td>
<td>46.79</td>
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<td>July 23</td>
<td>D. Downs, boards,</td>
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<td>Northern railroad, freight,</td>
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<td>July 31</td>
<td>N. W. Morse, for labor,</td>
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<td>Sept. 25</td>
<td>H. H. Taylor, 410 ft. boards,</td>
<td>6.56</td>
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<td>Nov. 17</td>
<td>E. B. Hibbard, making bolts and rods,</td>
<td>2.50</td>
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<td>Nathan Woodbury, oil, care of lantern, and moving tools,</td>
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<td>Jan. 31</td>
<td>W. D. Thompson, use of team for Hamilton to Canaan, to buy lumber,</td>
<td>3.00</td>
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<td>Feb. 19</td>
<td>C. J. White, care of lantern and oil,</td>
<td>2.75</td>
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<td>Feb. 25</td>
<td>Henry W. Kilburn, 7 days' service, use of team, car fare to Concord, and cash paid out,</td>
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**Total:** $708.31
## COST OF WEST ANDOVER BRIDGE.

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<td>Paid E. B. Hibbard, making rods and bolts</td>
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<td>Sylvester F. Hall, for labor</td>
<td>15.05</td>
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<td>John T. Woodbury, &quot;</td>
<td>25.51</td>
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<td>Albert R. Hamilton, 24 days' work on bridge and abutment</td>
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<td>Freight bill</td>
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<td>C. S. Morey, labor on abutment</td>
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<td>C. E. Babbitt, work, and board of help</td>
<td>31.51</td>
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<td>Dec. 4</td>
<td>Jonathan Cilley, on abutment</td>
<td>15.00</td>
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<td>C. W. Stone, in full for lumber, shingles, and drawing plank</td>
<td>168.16</td>
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<td>Dec. 11</td>
<td>Melendy &amp; Emerson, for nails</td>
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<td>H. M. Fisher, for pins</td>
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<td>John Huntoon, 713 ft. of plank</td>
<td>6.40</td>
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<td>Dec. 25</td>
<td>H. H. Taylor, for timber</td>
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<td>Walker &amp; Co., for iron</td>
<td>11.97</td>
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<td>John Proctor, for use of derrick six days</td>
<td>4.50</td>
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<td>Jan. 31</td>
<td>R. C. Carr, for team for Hamilton, 50c.; moving lumber, $2.50,</td>
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<td>3.00</td>
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<td>Feb. 25</td>
<td>William E. Melendy, split stone</td>
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The above bill includes all the materials for completing the bridge. Mr. Hamilton estimates the cost of finishing the bridge at $30.00.

## COUNTY PAUPERS.

### FOR AARON WHITE.

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<td>Paid Ruth White, for keeping to March</td>
<td>$12.00</td>
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<td>C. M. Wiggins, nursing and care</td>
<td>4.00</td>
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<td>May 1</td>
<td>J. D. Philbrick, coffin and express</td>
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1881.
Jan. 31. Ruth White, in full, 75c $21.75

1880.
FOR JULIAN A. MOREY'S FAMILY.
April 16. Paid Fellows & Davis, for goods, 13.50
Oct. 31. F. M. Grimes & Co., goods from April 8 to May 27, 10.00 23.50

FOR EPHEMIA KIDD.
May 1. Paid Diantha B. Russell, 6.00

FOR EZRA VANDOME.
June 1. Paid Frank P. Goss, for aid, 6.35

FOR LEWIS P. WILSON.
July 31. Paid L. P. Carr, for milk, 5.75
Quimby & Weymouth, for goods, 14.45
Sept. 26. H. A. Weymouth, medicine and visits, 12.72

1881.
Jan. 31. Lewis P. Carr, milk, 10.68
Feb. 25. Betsey Scales, use of buildings, 22.15 65.75

FOR ABIGAIL MOODY.
June 26. Paid J. H. Brown, keeping to June 30, 31.00
Oct. 30. J. H. Brown, keeping to October 28, 36.00

1881.
Jan. 31. J. H. Brown, keeping to February 1, 29.14 96.14

1880.
FOR MIRIAM STEVENS.
July 30. Paid Green Greeley, for board, 32.50

1881.
Jan. 31. Green Greeley, for board to February 1, 32.50 65.00
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<td>Paid Seth Goodhue, for coffin</td>
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<td>H. A. Weymouth, visits and medicine</td>
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<td>Melendy &amp; Emerson, for goods</td>
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<td>Orra Crosby, nursing</td>
<td>$2.00</td>
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<td>Melendy &amp; Emerson, cash paid for digging grave</td>
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<td>H. A. Weymouth, medicine and visits to child</td>
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1880. FOR T. R. COLBY.

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<td>Sept. 25</td>
<td>Paid H. A. Weymouth, medicine and visits</td>
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FOR MARY BARNEY AND THREE CHILDREN.

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<td>Nov. 27</td>
<td>Paid John St. Jock, for keeping</td>
<td>$2.50</td>
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<td>W. A. Emery, &quot; &quot;</td>
<td>$1.50</td>
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1881. FOR ELISHA F. KIDDER.

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<td>Jan. 31</td>
<td>Paid Frank L. Chamberlain, for board</td>
<td>$8.21</td>
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FOR DAVID JOHNSON.

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<td>Jan. 31</td>
<td>Paid W. W. Sleeper, for medical services</td>
<td>$18.00</td>
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1881. FOR JOHN ST. JOCK.

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<td>Feb. 18</td>
<td>Paid Quimby &amp; Weymouth, for goods</td>
<td>$7.57</td>
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$433.67
TOWN PAUPERS.

FOR T. K. SWEATT.

1880.
June 26. Paid Harriet E. Hazelton, for board, $25.50
Dec. 11. " " for board to Dec. 13, 36.00
C. G. Pevare, for goods, 9.95 $71.45

FOR MARY J. SEARLS.
July 31. Paid John E. Babbitt, for goods, $10.00 $10.00

FOR BENJAMIN R. STEWART.
Aug. 10. Paid Hiram Stewart, board from June 15 to Aug. 10, $12.00
Goods for same, 2.39
Sept. 16. Hiram Stewart, board to Sept. 4th, $5.35; cash paid doctors, $4.50; extra care while sick, $3.50; medicine, .60, 13.95
Oct. 16. Amos Kimball, for board to date, 9.00
Nov. 27. Amos Kimball, for board to date, 9.00

1881.
Jan. 8. Amos Kimball, for board to date, 9.00

FOR JOHN COLBY.

1880.
Dec. 4. Paid town of Tilton, as cash paid State Reform School, $58.50

1881.
Feb. 12. Paid town of Tilton, as cash paid State Reform School, 19.50 $78.00
1880.

FOR LUCIA E. BROWN.

Nov. 27. Paid Samuel Morrill, board to date, $45.00

1881.

Feb. 22. " " board to date, and two pairs boots, 18.75 $63.75

FOR MRS. T. K. SWEATT.

1880.

Dec. 11. Paid Harriet E. Hazelton, board to Dec. 13, $23.75 $23.75

1881.

FOR GEORGE BROWN.

Jan. 8. Paid Ira Greeley estate, keeping and boots, $48.80
C. G. Pevare, for goods, 6.93 $55.73

FOR FRANK AUSTIN.

Feb. 17. Paid C. G. Pevare, for goods, $12.00 $12.00

FOR MARTHA CURRIER AND CHILD.

1880.

July 31. Paid C. E. Currier, for board, $20.14
Sept. 8. " " " 38.65 $58.79

FOR GEORGE W. PEASLEY.

Feb. 18. Paid A. L. Cilley, 15 weeks' board, to Feb. 14, $15.00; shirts, $1.38, $16.38 $16.38

$446.67

TRANSIENT PAUPERS.

1881.

Feb. 17. Paid D. Ned Davis, keeping tramp, $0.75
Wm. S. Marston, " " .75
H. W. Kilburn, " " .50 $2.00
TOWN AND MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

1880.

March 19. Paid B. W. Sanborn, blank books, blanks and stationery, $8.10
19. O. A. Town, stationery, 1.96
April 9. W. P. Graves, printing notices, 4.50
28. W. S. Henay & Son, for numbers and sign for town house, 11.40
May 7. A. R. Hamilton, part payment for services as selectman, 15.00
13. J. H. Brown, for chandelier and other fixtures for town house, 35.86
17. W. S. Henay & Son, lettering tin signs in gold, for town house, 1.90
June 10. M. M. Wiggin, copies in Jonathan Heath pauper case, 1.00
10. A. R. Hamilton, part payment for services as selectman, 25.00
26. Henry W. Kilburn, part payment for services as selectman, 25.00
July 31. G. J. Swett, for cash paid selectmen's expenses while taking inventory, and postage, 3.28
31. A. R. Hamilton, moving and fitting up tramp house, 19.75
Nov. 27. J. A. Rowe, watering place, 3.00
27. A. R. Hamilton, putting up signs at town house, 2.50
27. H. W. Gray, painting town house lot fence, 10.00
27. J. H. Sanborn, certificates of births and deaths, .75
27. Henry W. Kilburn, order book, 1.00
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<td>Dec. 25</td>
<td>C. C. Moulton, services as janitor town house from Feb. 14, 1880, to Dec. 20, 1880, stock and work on tramp house, $2.00, 8.15</td>
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<td>Jan. 8</td>
<td>C. L. S. Leeds, for watering place from March 1st, 1880, to March 1st, 1881, 3.00</td>
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<td>Geo. W. Stone, services as superintending school committee, 1880-81, 50.00</td>
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<td>Geo. W. Stone, for books furnished indigent scholars, 7.10</td>
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<td>John Proctor, cord of wood for town house, 3.50</td>
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<td>W. D. Thompson, board of selectmen and horse keeping, 9.75</td>
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<td>Feb. 5</td>
<td>G. J. Swett, cash paid J. B. Sanborn for books and stationery, $4.00, J. P. Nutter, for copies of records in Colby case, $2.50, car fare and expense to Concord to settle with county, $2.50, 9.00</td>
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<td>H. M. Bosworth, services as town clerk, $47.13, cash paid out, $6.31, 53.44</td>
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<td>Clark Durgin, services as supervisor for two years ending Nov. 2, 1880, $20.00, and cash paid out, $1.25, 21.25</td>
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<td>Clark Durgin, watering place to March 1, 1881, 3.00</td>
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<td>W. P. Graves, printing notices, .60</td>
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<td>Daniel B. Weymouth, services as treasurer for year ending March 1st, 1881, 25.00</td>
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<td>Ira Barney, watering place to March 1st, 1881, 3.00</td>
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<td>Quimby and Weymouth, for oil, .93</td>
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<td>H. A. Weymouth, services as supervisor 2 years to Nov. 2, 1880, 15.00</td>
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<td>Feb. 19</td>
<td>Sidney M. Cilley, printing tax bills</td>
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<td>J. H. Tucker, watering place to April 1st, 1881</td>
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<td>Feb. 24</td>
<td>John Graves, services as collector for 1875</td>
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<td>William E. Melendy, services as supervisor for two years to Nov. 2, 1880,</td>
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<td>Sidney M. Cilley, part payment for services as collector</td>
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<td>Albert R. Hamilton, 51½ days’ services as selectman and overseer of poor, and cash paid out Feb. 27, in full</td>
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<td>G. J. Swett, to 65 days’ services as selectman and overseer of poor to Feb. 27, in full</td>
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<td>G. J. Swett, to use of team and cash paid out</td>
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<td>Feb. 18</td>
<td>Henry W. Kilburn, for 79 days’ services as selectman and overseer of the poor, cash paid out for board, horse keeping, express, postage, stationery and car fare, in full to Feb. 27</td>
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<td>Feb. 17</td>
<td>Use of team,</td>
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**Total:** $778.01

**ABATEMENTS AND OVER-TAX.**

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<td>1881-Feb. 17</td>
<td>Paid Harvey W. Putney, over-tax 1880.</td>
<td>$1.00</td>
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<td>Sarah A. Bailey, over-tax 1880,</td>
<td>4.55</td>
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<td>James M. Simonds, abated tax 1875.</td>
<td>.90</td>
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<td>Laura Austin, abated tax 1880,</td>
<td>.47</td>
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<td>Peter Bythrow, abated tax 1880,</td>
<td>1.18</td>
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<td>Horace R. Batchelder, over-tax on dog 1880,</td>
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Feb. 18
Hiram Cass, abated tax 1880, .91
Charles Chadwick, paid in Wilmot, 1880, .91
Charles Fox, abated tax 1880, .91
Harry Gould, paid Danbury, 1880, .91
David Johnson, abated tax 1880, 2.91
Filmore Libby, abated tax 1880, .91
Martin Lane, abated tax 1880, 1.16
A. W. Norris, dog taxed in Wilmot, 1880, 2.00
Charles Russell, abated tax 1880, 1.27
Do. school-house tax abated 1880, .16
James M. Simonds, abated tax 1880, 1.91
Byron Woodward, abated tax 1880, .91
Polly Weare, abated tax 1880, 5.15
Nehemiah Emerson estate, over-tax 1880, 2.73

Feb. 22
Hannah R. Fellows, over-tax 1878, 10.30
Hannah R. Fellows, over-tax 1879, 12.20
William Gordon, over-tax on money deposited in bank, 1880, 6.36
Jacob F. Keniston, over-tax 1880, 1.73
C. B. Hilton, do. for Augusta Weare, over-tax 1880, 1.84
Proctor W. Downs, over-tax 1878, .84
Fellows & Co., abated stock of goods burned, 1878, 18.23
A. W. Norris, abated tax 1878, .84
Miss A. P. Littlehale, abated tax on dog 1878, 1.00
Albert H. Martin, paid in Salisbury, 1879, .93
Albert H. Martin, school tax, .10
James Morrison, paid in Franklin, 1879, .24
Feb. 25.  * Mill property at East Andover, over-
tax, 1879, 84.00
Pascal Raynow, abated tax 1879, 8.90

$179.36

* MILL PROPERTY AT EAST ANDOVER.

This tax was upon the Highland Lake mill property at East Andover, rated as non-resident. The owners claimed that it was exempt, under the vote of the town at the annual meeting in March, 1875, to exempt it for five years. Some of the people at East Andover claimed that the exemption had expired, and we therefore taxed it. The questions in issue being exceedingly difficult were referred to Judge Minot for determination both as to law and fact.

His decision was, in substance, that the property, as it stood in town prior to the vote, was not exempted from taxation under the vote, but that what had been added or brought in was.

The selectmen abated the amount named, and the rest was collected under the decision.

The town, therefore, lost the entire taxation on such real estate for four years.

BOUNTIES ON HAWKS.

Nov. 27. Paid Frank Tucker, $1.20
R. E. Davis, .20
Charles Sweatt, .20
O. S. Hall, .40
A. B. French, .20
George Sweatt, .20

$2.40

NOTES PAID.

1880.

Dec. 11. Paid John P. Carr, note and interest, $508.00
### 1881

**Jan'y. 8.** Trustees of Watson Dickerson estate, note and interest, 103.85

**26.** Trustees of Watson Dickerson estate, note and interest, 935.40

**Total:** 1,547.25

### DEBT COST AND LAWYER'S FEES

**1880.**

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<td>April 16</td>
<td>Paid debt in District No. 9.</td>
<td>582.13</td>
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<td>Cost taxed District No. 9.</td>
<td>23.00</td>
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<td>May 28</td>
<td>Getchell v. Andover, cost taxed,</td>
<td>23.07</td>
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<td>July 31</td>
<td>Shirley &amp; Carr, part payment as attorneys for town.</td>
<td>50.00</td>
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<td>C. M. Downs, for survey and plan of road,</td>
<td>10.25</td>
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<td>Feb. 12</td>
<td>H. A. Weymouth, time and cash paid John Colby case,</td>
<td>1.25</td>
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<td>Shirley &amp; Carr, retainer and fees and cash paid out as attorneys,</td>
<td>172.65</td>
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<td>H. W. Kilburn, cash to pay county, error in Jonathan Heath's bill,</td>
<td>2.00</td>
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<td><strong>Total:</strong> 364.35</td>
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**Andover, N. H., February 12, 1881.**

**Town of Andover to Shirley & Carr,**

**1879.**

**Oct. 29.** To services seeing officers of N. R. R. and arranging with them to have culvert fixed at East Andover, at water-house, **$5.00**
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<td>March 11</td>
<td>Notices in relation to return of inventories. Agreement between you and Cilley, collector. Retainer to March meeting, 1881,</td>
<td>1.00</td>
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<td>April Term</td>
<td>Entry and term fee, Highland Lake mill tax question—Felch v. selectmen Morrill and Kilburn, Drawing affidavit of Euphemia Kidd, pauper,</td>
<td>9.20</td>
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<td>May 28</td>
<td>Drawing affidavit of Henry W. Kilburn in Moody pauper matter, Drawing affidavit of Frenchman, Vandenmanne, as a pauper, and at St. Jock's, Drawing affidavit of J. H. Brown in Moody pauper matter,</td>
<td>1.00</td>
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July 29. Cash paid entry, order and copy Selectmen v. Taunton Hill school district and others, 4.20

Dec. 20 Drawing petition for the discharge of John Colby from the Reform school, 5.00
Drawing affidavit of E. P. Kidder, pauper, 2.00

1881.
Feb. 1. Drawing pauper affidavit of John St. Jock, 1.50
3. Services at Manchester reform school, in relation to John Colby's case and his discharge, 10.00
Fare down and back, 1.86

$111.88

1880.
July 30. By Cash, 50.00

$61.88

CASE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 v. SELECTMEN JOHN F. EMERSON WALTER B. DURGIN AND JOHN GRAVES.

1879.
Aug. 26. To Letter to Mr. Leach in relation to school money in flag-hole district, 1.00
Oct. term. Term fee, 8.00
Your share of expenses, .80
Nov. 15. Services attending to disposition of case, 3.00
Dec. 23. Paid execution, .17

$12.97

1880.
April 20. By cash collected on execution, 6.00

$6.97
CASE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 v. SELECTMEN HENRY W. KILBURN
AND SAMUEL MORRILL.

1879.
Oct. term. To term fee, 8.00
Your share of expenses, .80
Nov. 15. Services in school district No. 9 v. Mor-
rill and Kilburn, 5.00
28. Services before Blodgett, finishing hear-
ing in this case, 5.00
Dec. 10. Making brief, 25.00
Paid printing same, 5.00
19. Services going to Concord Dec. 17, 18,
and 19, and oral argument before
supreme court, 15.00
22. Additional brief, 15.00
Printing same, 2.00
Dec. term. Law term fee, 15.00
1880.
April term. Term fee, 8.00

$103.80

Balance paid, $172.65

Sept. 6. Paid county tax, $1,489.50
Dec. 24. State tax, $1,324.00

$2,813.50

SCHOOL MONEY.

Dist. No. 1. Paid William Clark, in full, $30.08
2. D. Downs, " 105.38
3. Frank P. Goss, " 83.34
4. James W. Scales, " 337.41
(The above includes the $100 raised
by vote of said district.)
Dist. No. 5. H. M. Thompson, in full for 1879-'80,
  7. Sam J. Clay and G. W. Mitchell, 81.25
  8. Jonathan Cilley, in full, 85.00
  9. James C. Nowell, " 82.69
 10. Rollin E. Davis, " 47.18
 11. Frank G. Hersey, " 246.66
 12. Carlos Tilton, " 25.89
 13. C. M. Wiggins, " 74.03

$1,247.74

RECAPITULATION.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Outstanding. $ 200.29
Breaking roads in 1879-'80, 62.25
  1880-'81, 157.53
Extra highway, 352.91
Fifield bridge, 708.31
West Andover bridge, 495.72
County paupers, 433.67
Town paupers, 446.67
Transient paupers, 2.00
Town and miscellaneous expenses, 778.01
Abatements and over-tax, 179.36
Bounties, 2.40
Notes paid, 1,547.25
Debt cost and lawyer fees, 364.35
State tax, 1,324.00
County tax, 1,489.50
School money, 1,247.74

$9,701.96

Whole amount of orders drawn by present board, from
  March 12, 1880, to March 1, 1881, 9,701.96
Orders drawn by present board, not paid by treasurer, 12.05
Total amount paid out by treasurer, $9,689.31
Paid out by treasurer since March 1, 1880, on outstanding orders drawn prior to March 1, 1880, 
Cash in treasury March 1, 1881, 

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<td>Paid out by treasurer since March 1, 1880, on outstanding orders drawn prior to March 1, 1880</td>
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<td>Cash in treasury March 1, 1881</td>
<td>$1,376.82</td>
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$11,097.95

Receipts (see treasurer's report),

$11,097.95

The financial condition of the town is as follows:

**ASSETS.**

Cash in treasury, as shown by treasurer's report, $1,376.82
Other assets in treasury, as shown by treasurer's report, 10,105.77
Due from George J. White, collector 1879, 41.87
Henry W. Kilburn, collector 1878, 36.78
Sidney M. Cilley, collector 1880, 147.13
County of Merrimack, for bills paid since settlement, for support of paupers, 33.22
1500 feet plank, 18.00

$11,759.59

**LIABILITIES.**

For history, 1,000.00
Literary money of 1880, unappropriated because of neglect of town to vote to appropriate, 96.20
District No. 4, school house tax, 25.00
7, school money, 23.13
Orders drawn, not paid, 12.65

$1,156.98

$10,602.61

We committed to Sidney M. Cilley, collector of taxes for 1880, tax lists amounting in all to $5,427.13
Collector has paid treasurer, $5,244.67.
Collector has been credited with abatements and over-tax, 35.33 5,280.00
Balance due from collector. $ 147.13

HENRY W. KILBURN.
G. J. SWETT, Selectmen of
ALBERT R. HAMILTON, Andover.

I have examined the foregoing accounts of the selectmen of Andover for the current political year, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOHN W. KENISTON, Auditor.

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**DOG TAX MONEY**

Unappropriated, as appearing upon Selectmen’s book.

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<td>1880</td>
<td>$81.00</td>
<td>19.00</td>
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**Total** $232.57
The state tax for 1881 will be $1,324.00.
The town received $268.62 less as railroad tax in 1880 than in 1879.
So far as we know there are only two or three bills outstanding against the town.

One of these is the bill of Robert B. Chalmers. The tax on Mr. Chalmers' highway surveyor's book had been cancelled by him. One of the roads in his district needed repairs. Two of the board examined it, and thought that no more than $15 should be expended upon it. He was to repair the road, expending not more than that sum. His bill was almost $44. The selectmen refused to pay the excess, made him a tender of the $15, and, upon notice to him, deposited it with the treasurer.

This claim and another stand upon the ground that after a surveyor has cancelled the taxes on his list, he has the power, as a matter of law, to expend as much money as he sees fit on the highway, and that the selectmen have nothing to do about it except to draw their order on the treasurer for the bills he brings in.

The supreme court of this state have more than once decided exactly the opposite. The law may be found on page 10, section 2, of every surveyor's book. It is as follows:

"Surveyors may purchase timber, plank, and other materials necessary for the repair of highways and bridges in their districts, and cause the same to be surveyed at the expense of the town; but the surveyor cannot charge his services in procuring the materials or his labor in drawing them, or working them into a bridge or highway, to the town. He must do this with the money in his hands or the labor he is entitled to command on his warrant." (Gen. Laws, chap. 72, sec. 16, p. 183; 46 R. 414; 16 R. 56, 48 R. 35, 81.)
TREASURER'S REPORT.

The town treasurer submits the following report of the receipts and expenditures, for the year ending March 1, 1881:

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<td>Balance in treasury,</td>
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<td>Estate of Watson Dickerson, on note given by the town</td>
<td>100.00</td>
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<td>Estate of Watson Dickerson, on note given by the town</td>
<td>900.00</td>
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<td>July 7</td>
<td>Solon A. Carter, State Treasurer, interest on bonds from January 1 to July 1, 1880</td>
<td>270.00</td>
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<td>John Proctor, one year's interest on note</td>
<td>119.70</td>
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<td>Sept. 7</td>
<td>John P. Carr, on note given by the town</td>
<td>500.00</td>
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<td>Town of Troy, for the support of Martha M. Currier and child,</td>
<td>64.39</td>
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<td>Dec. 25</td>
<td>Solon A. Carter, State Treasurer, for Railroad tax</td>
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12. Henry W. Kilburn, as overdrawn on order No. 151, to pay Ira Greeley estate for board of Geo. Brown, 1.50

19. William E. Melendy, error in drawing order No. 165, 2.00

24. John Graves, collector 1875, in full, 11.00

25. Selectmen, for rent of town hall, 5.00
    George J. White, collector for 1879, 159.45
    Sidney M. Cilley, collector, 5,280.00
    Sidney M. Cilley, collector, interest collected on taxes, 12.50
    Henry W. Kilburn, collector 1878, on taxes, 44.59
    H. W. Kilburn, 50 lbs. iron sold
    E. P. Yeaton, 1.75
    H. W. Kilburn, for 3/4 M. shingles, 1.58 3.83

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EXPENDITURES.

Paid orders issued by selectmen, 9,689.31
Paid outstanding orders of last year, 31.82
Balance unexpended, 1,376.82

$11,097.95

ASSETS.

Cash on hand, $1,376.82
Note of John Proctor, $1,000.00
Interest on same from January 1 to March 1, 1880, 10.00 1,010.00
State bonds, 9,000.00
Interest on same from January 1 to March 1, 1881, 90.00 9,090.00
Daniel M. Davis, note and interest to March 1, 1881, 5.77

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DANIEL B. WEYMOUTH, Treasurer.

I have carefully examined the foregoing accounts of Daniel B. Weymouth, treasurer of the town of Andover, for the political year ending March 1, 1881, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOHN W. KENISTON, Auditor.
REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee.

In many respects there has been marked improvement in the condition of your schools. Greater interest on the part of parents; more intelligent work on the part of teachers; unusual promptness and regularity in attendance.

Financially, the report is not as good. With the exception of $125 raised by the Mooseum district, no money was appropriated for school purposes other than that required by law. This amounted to $1,158.64.

The recent decisions of the supreme court have wrought an entire revolution in the various school funds. We have in the past drawn large sums from the railroad. The higher our own taxes, the more the railroad had to pay to the town. The amount of money received from the railroad tax during the past ten years has averaged about $900 per year. A small portion of this has been assigned to the support of schools, and the rest has been used to defray the current expenses of the town. The supreme court has just decided, in what are commonly known as the railroad cases, that this tax is unconstitutional; and you will therefore be deprived of this source of revenue, unless some new law is passed. At the
March meeting, it would be well to make an appropriation to meet this deficiency. The court also decided, in School District v. Morrill, that the dog tax and literary fund could not be assigned by the selectmen to the support of schools until the town has voted that the money should be so appropriated. This money is now in the hands of the treasurer, awaiting the action of the town.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEES.

In my last report I called your attention to the fact that it lay almost entirely in the hands of the prudential committee to say what the character of a school should be. Theoretically, it is the duty of the superintendent to ascertain whether a person is qualified to teach; practically, this is frequently impossible. For when the superintendent finds that the applicant is qualified in the eye of the law, he cannot refuse her a certificate merely on the ground that he has a suspicion that she will not make a first-class teacher; yet it is not how much a teacher knows, but how well she can impart that knowledge. There are many "deep versed in books, but shallow in themselves." The district committee should refuse to hire any one unless he knows that the applicant has been successful in this profession, or is satisfied that she possesses good natural abilities, such as render her of suitable temper and disposition. If this is done, you can be reasonably sure of obtaining competent teachers.

PARENTS.

The success of a school depends, in a great degree, upon the moral support and cooperation a teacher receives from parents. It is for you to see that your children are punctual and regular in attendance; that they are taught to obey their teacher; and that if punished they will receive no sympathy at home. It is the teacher's duty to govern as well as to instruct, and in exercising this right, she has the same power that you have. She is, in fact, for the time being, in the place of a parent. Punishment may be severe, it must be reasonable.

The position of a teacher in a district school is at best a trying one. This parent thinks the lessons are too short, that parent, hav-
ing a child in the same class, thinks they are too long. One praises what the other blames. All bear with fortitude another's grief, and are in favor of strict discipline in case of their neighbor's children.

Stop and bring the light of reason to bear upon your troubles, and in most instances you will find that they are but the fitful glimmerings of a diseased imagination. In any event, do not wrong your children on account of some petty strife or difficulty. Keeping one's children out of a good school because of some fancied or even real grievance, is much like a man's refusing to eat his dinner in order to spite his neighbor,—he alone is injured. Do not constantly complain of the teacher in the presence of your children; for if they find that you have no confidence in her, they will have none. Either go to the teacher and have a quiet talk with her, or else bring the matter before the superintendent. He ought to know enough to act properly in regard to it.

Remember that you must yield a little for the public good; that teachers are human and liable to err; and that justice itself is only a constant disposition to render to every man his due.

TEXT-BOOKS.

Monroe's Readers,—with Franklin's Sixth,—Wilson's Spellers, Eaton's Arithmetics (an introduction in some districts of Greenleaf's New Practical), Harper's Geographies, Greene's Grammars, Warren's Physical Geographies, Robinson's Algebra, and Mayhew's Book-keeping, are used as text-books in most of the schools.

The tendency at the present day is to dispense with text-books as far as practicable. In fact, in some of our best schools the text-books on geography and English grammar have been removed, and the entire work of instructing pupils in these branches has been laid upon the teacher. This is as it should be. For children beginning either of these studies, will learn but little unless they are properly taught by the teacher.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

The school houses at the center and west part of the town, in most respects, are in good condition; and a little money judi-
ciously expended in making a few repairs, in furnishing maps for some schools, and a blackboard or two for others, is all that is at present required. No improvements have been made at the east part of the town since my last report.

Of course, no one expects that school houses will be built with reference to the comfort of the scholars; but I would suggest that some of them at least be put in such a condition as not to work a permanent injury to mental and bodily health.

As the result of a process of alternate freezing and thawing, I found on my last visit to the Flaghole District that a number of the scholars were then, and at other times had been, unable to give proper attention to their studies. Seated upon rickety benches fastened to an inclined plane, with feet dangling toward, but not reaching the floor, the exercise that the little ones obtain in endeavoring to retain their balance, is their only protection against the currents of cold air that sweep the room in every direction.

As a curiosity, No. 12 may be valuable; as a school house, it has outlived its usefulness.

No. 10 has boards that are black, but no blackboards. The prudential committee did what he could to make the old ones suitable. You need blackboards of slate, like those in No. 4.

A peep into the school house on Boston Hill would gladden the heart of the most radical conservative. The light of modern architecture has never entered here; the benches that might have been fashioned by the Spanish Inquisition, are arranged about the room after the manner of a Roman amphitheatre. This enables the scholars to keep a sharp eye on the teacher. Chairs and other furniture correspond with the desks. I understand that the citizens of this district would have repaired their school house had it not been for the fact that they desired to unite with No. 7; and at the last annual meeting a vote was passed to this effect. Taunton Hill, by a unanimous vote, rejected a similar proposition. The citizens of No. 7 are well aware that there are too many districts at the east part of the town; they wonder at the stupidity of Kear-sarge in not uniting with Cilleyville; but when urged by an adjoin-
ing district to consolidate,—"A man convinced against his will, is of the same opinion still."

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Under the law regulating our present district system, Selectmen must judge at their peril in regard to the legality of school meetings. It is notorious that in this, as in other towns, a large proportion are defective from want of proper attention to observances prescribed by law. There ought to be a united effort to correct this evil. Every district officer should have a copy of the Digest of School Laws, which is replete in forms, and minute in directions. It would be still better if the whole duty of calling school meetings, hiring and examining the teachers, was put into the hands of a competent Board of Education, and thus free the Selectmen and all other officers from a great deal of embarrassment and annoyance. Nor is this the only benefit to be derived from adopting a Town System, and uniting the offices of Superintendent and Prudential Committee in a Board of Education. The town can then do what the districts will not do,—consolidate. You will have better school houses, well-qualified, competent, and permanent teachers; for the superintendent, who visits the schools and sees the different teachers engaged in their work, can make a better choice than a prudential committee, who seldom visits the school, knows nothing about the teacher except from reputation, and sometimes hires an entire stranger, for no other reason than that she was the first one who applied.

To be sure, your schools will compare favorably with those of other towns. Taken as a whole, they are in excellent condition, and are, perhaps, as good as they can be under the present defective system. But, if you want to make a great improvement in them, allow the superintendent to employ the teachers, and hold him strictly accountable for the exercise of this power.
SPECIAL REPORT.

At the beginning of the school year, in each school where there was a considerable number studying geography, I offered a prize to be given to that scholar who should pass the best written examination in geography. In doing this I had two objects in view: to secure a livelier interest in this study; but chiefly for the purpose of making a partial introduction of the system of written examinations.

The following is a copy of the questions given in one school:

WRITTEN EXAMINATION IN GEOGRAPHY.

What causes day and night?
Why is it warm in summer and cold in winter?
Name three of the most important conditions that determine the climate of a place.

Why are the British Isles and the countries of Western Europe warmer than countries in the eastern part of North America having the same latitude?
What is,—a volcano, mountain range, river system, oasis?
What are the principal uses of rivers?
Name four that flow into the Mississippi River.
Name eight states that border on the Mississippi River.
Bound Pennsylvania. Name its capital and largest city.
What are some of the productions of Pennsylvania?
Name eight of the largest cities in the United States, and the state in which each is found.
Name four of the principal agricultural states.
Name four of the principal manufacturing states.
Name three of the principal mining states.
Name three of the principal cotton states.
Name two of the principal tobacco states.

What are some of the principal imports of the United States?

Name five cities in New Hampshire. Which is the largest?

Why does the water in Pleasant Pond flow into the Merrimack, while that of Sunapee flows into the Connecticut?


Describe the Gulf Stream.

Name some of the principal colonies or foreign possessions of Great Britain.

What country in Europe is the most mountainous?

What European states have a republican form of government?

To what three races do the inhabitants of Asia belong?

What nation has the greatest foreign commerce?

Name some of the animals natives of North America; Asia.

Draw a map of the United States indicating the principal mountains, lakes, and rivers.

In Cilleyville, John K. Bates passed the best examination, answering correctly 90 per cent. of the questions; Nancy E. Tucker was second, obtaining 86 per cent.; the average percentage of the school was 78 per cent.
Mooseum District, Charles Bridgman was first, 90 per cent.; Carrie Dodge was second, 85 per cent.; average, 72 per cent.

Boston Hill, Harvey C. Sawyer was first, 88 per cent.; J. E. Sullivan and G. C. Merrill were second, 86 per cent.; average, 74 per cent.

East Andover, primary department, Charles R. Pevare was first, 84 per cent.; Issa M. Tuttle and Grace H. Eastman were second, 78 per cent.; average, 70 per cent.

Higher department, Nettie C. Emery was first, 94 per cent.; Anna Marston was second, 92 per cent.; average, 85 per cent.

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No. 1.—KEARSARGE.

Teacher, Miss Annie A. Watson.

Possessing good natural abilities, kind, faithful and willing to aid her pupils, this teacher had a quiet and profitable school. The scholars are young, and should have better advantages than a term of five or six weeks can afford. You should raise more money, or better still, unite with the Cilleyville district.

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No. 2.—CILLEYVILLE.

FALL TERM.

Two persons claimed the office of prudential committee. This dispute was not settled in season for a summer term. Miss Hattie B. Little taught in the fall. A teacher of some experience, well-qualified in many respects, yet wanting energy and tact in government, she had good success for the first few weeks; but during the last half of the term the scholars became restless and noisy. Lack of discipline and poor order acted as a brake upon the wheels of progress, though the examination showed that some classes had made decided improvement.

WINTER TERM.

Teacher, Mrs. Elzira A. Downes.

This teacher has confidence in her own abilities, is strong-willed, practical, and energetic. She saw what was required, and soon
brought the school into good working trim. Then it grew steadily. Excellent classes in English grammar and geography; penmanship was well attended to, and much improvement observed. Substantial progress in every branch. Order for the most part good, but hardly perfect.

No. 3.—WEST ANDOVER.

Teacher, Miss Lill E. Philbrick.

Three terms, twenty-five weeks in all. A large school, a majority of the scholars young, and most of them engaged in primary work. Considerable difficulty was experienced in obtaining anything like a uniformity in text-books. Teacher patient, accurate, and thorough. She brings into the school-room much information that is of a practical nature, and thus awakens a keen and lively interest. Geography maps were drawn with a good degree of skill and neatness; constant drill in reading; proper attention given to mental arithmetic. Attendance quite irregular, but much better than last year. Good order.

No. 4.—MOOSEUM.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT. SUMMER TERM.

Teacher, Miss Sarah E. Sawyer.

She is a graduate of the Normal School, is a hard-working, painstaking teacher, with solid acquirements. She does not make much display, but goes quietly about her work. The school is well classified, and has good blackboards, maps, charts, and other apparatus for illustration. The best recitations were those in mental arithmetic. Progress all that could be expected. Order in general good.

FALL TERM.

Teacher, Miss M. Lizzie Emery.

Miss Emery is one of our youngest and best teachers. This is the first school she has ever taught outside of her own district, where there are only three or four scholars. Wide-awake and active
herself, she succeeds in infusing her pupils with a like spirit. Owing to sickness that compelled both departments of the school to take a recess of two weeks, the attendance was not as good as usual. In other respects the school was better than it has been for some time past. I always found the scholars quiet, prompt and attentive. Progress and order good.

HIGHER DEPARTMENT. SUMMER TERM.

Teacher, Mrs. Jennie P. T. White.

You know what her qualifications are. She understands how, and is in the habit of teaching good schools. This was no exception. The recitations were conducted in a spirited manner that relieved them of anything like monotony. The classes in English grammar and history passed the best examination. The scholars wrote often, and took pains to keep their writing-books neat, and free from blots. In most branches they went over a good deal of ground, and were thorough.

FALL TERM.

Teacher, Miss Sarah E. Sawyer.

What this teacher lacks in enthusiasm, she makes up in earnest and persistent work, constantly laboring to aid her pupils in every way she can. The school was somewhat broken up by scarlet fever, or a fear of scarlet fever; but the examinations at the close were much better than I had reason to expect. In arithmetic, the questions asked were promptly and correctly answered; they seemed to understand and could clearly explain the examples given. Manifest improvement in each study.

No. 5.—BEECH HILL.

Both terms were taught by Miss Edna H. Emerson. It was the best school in town. "The why is plain." Your committee considered that it was his duty to hire a good teacher instead of a cheap teacher; the parents were united and earnest in support of the school; the scholars did not stay away when they had a mind to, nor were they kept at home to work. While engaged in teach-
ing, Miss Emerson cares for nothing else. Strong in reasoning power, apt in illustration, clear in explanation, she does not regard the text-book as a substitute for brains. Full of nervous energy and ambition, she awakens in her pupils an unusual degree of interest. Animation and force were prominent in every exercise. Excellent classes in book-keeping; rapid and thorough progress in arithmetic. Everything was well done. Perfect order maintained without effort.

No. 7.—TAUNTON HILL.

SUMMER TERM.

Teacher, Miss Mary A. Stevens.

"Wars and rumors of wars" without, peace and quiet within. In literary qualifications, in temper and disposition, Miss Stevens is superior to most teachers. With a little more animation and enthusiasm she can succeed in any school. The few pupils attending found the teacher willing and able to instruct. They were constantly engaged either in recitation or in study, and no time was lost.

FALL AND WINTER TERMS.

Teacher, Miss Ella M. Kilburn.

During the first few months of the school year, this district was hissing hot over the question of prudential school committee. Half of the people in the district knew that the acting officers were legally chosen, the other half knew they were not. In consequence of this, five or six children did not attend the summer term. After the selectmen had recognized the authority of the committee, a better feeling existed, and most of the scholars were present the second and third terms.

The teacher has had some experience, is capable, shrewd, and ready to do a hard day's work. She has a practical, business-like way of managing a school that is refreshing. At each visit, I found the scholars quiet, studious, and making satisfactory progress. The most advanced scholar was very thorough in everything. The prize for improvement,—including deportment and attendance,—was awarded to Stella M. Downes.
No. 8.—BOSTON HILL.

SUMMER TERM.

Teacher, Miss Caro T. Gordon.

A school of bright, active boys and girls. Whether engaged in study or in play, an earnest, restless spirit is the leading characteristic. A poor teacher can do nothing, a good teacher has here a broad field in which to exercise every faculty.

Miss Gordon was capable, energetic, faithful. A fine scholar, clear-headed, and ready in illustration, she taught in a manner creditable to herself and profitable to the district. Her only fault was an inclination to be a little lax in discipline. The scholars were attentive and prompt in their recitations; arithmetic and reading classes, in particular, showed the effect of good drill. The citizens gave the teacher their hearty support, and subscribed money to lengthen the school two weeks.

FALL TERM.

Same teacher. A larger school than last term and more difficult to govern. Near the beginning of the term a little trouble arose growing out of the punishment of a scholar by the teacher. Owing to a natural tendency to magnify a mole-hill into a mountain, many reports were circulated not one tenth part of which were true or had any foundation in truth. It was a clear and simple case of school discipline, where a pupil received severe but reasonable punishment. As is usually the case, the only real difficulty was outside the school house; and for this in no proper sense was either teacher or scholar to blame. There was intelligent work, a good examination, and a decided improvement in attendance.

No. 9.—FLAGHOLE.

SUMMER TERM.

The first term was taught by Miss Fannie E. Sawyer. Quiet, practical, and accurate, she was mild yet firm and decided in government. A spirit of thoroughness characterized the work. Scholars small, attentive, and busily engaged. Little improvement in
penmanship can be made while these benches remain. Good progress in other branches.

**FALL TERM.**

Teacher, Miss Morgia A. Shaw.

This was her first experience as a teacher. She was well qualified to instruct, was earnest and devoted to the interests of the school. She tried hard, and had good success. There were but few advanced studies, and most of the time was spent in reading and spelling. This teacher took pains to have her register neatly and correctly filled out.

Charlie A. Nowell, Henry P. Nowell, and Bertha M. Smith were neither absent nor tardy during the term.

**No. 10.—EAST ANDOVER.**

**SUMMER AND FALL TERMS.**

Teacher, Miss Ida A. Edmunds.

In this school, Miss Edmunds displayed even more than her wonted earnestness and vigor; her methods were better than usual; she dared often to trust to her own abilities and discard the textbook. The scholars always bright, this term were quiet. They left their play and sought their books.

Judging from examinations and reports of parents, this was the best ungraded school you have had for some time. Yet was the school all it might have been? Let us see. You told your prudential committee not to grade it. There were thirty-eight classes; this gives about nine minutes to a class. To do anything with a class beginning fractions or in English grammar, thirty minutes, *at least*, is required. Nor was the field less wide. Some were learning to spell "cat;" others were extracting the roots of quadratic equations. Under such circumstances, it is as impossible to give proper attention to the pupils, individually, "as for a camel to thread the postern of a needle's eye." The result is, "The great ones eat up the little ones." Twenty weeks with two teachers, is better than thirty weeks with one.
PRIMARY DEPARTMENT—WINTER TERM.

A graded school, with Mrs. Electa C. Flanders at the head. Quality not quantity, is the teacher's motto. She unites a clear and discerning mind with a rare faculty of securing the confidence and good will of her pupils. This was an active, growing school. Whatever was done, was well done. Solid work in arithmetic. One scholar in mental arithmetic was remarkably quick and accurate, surpassing any one of his years in town. Order just what it should be.

HIGHER DEPARTMENT.

Teacher, Miss Ida A. Edmunds.

An advanced school, well organized and well disciplined. The teacher had time to do justice to each recitation; no branch was neglected. Good classes in physical geography and algebra. The written examination in geography reflected credit upon all; not only were the questions correctly answered, but there was a general neatness and accuracy in spelling, punctuation, and penmanship. The parents have reason to be satisfied with this term's work.

No. 11.—TUCKER MOUNTAIN.

Teacher, Miss Julia F. Tucker.

This teacher exhibited the same earnestness and zeal that characterized her last term's work in this district. She labors in a quiet but effective way. The scholars are bright, studious, and well-disposed. Marked improvement in writing; commendable attention was given to blackboard work; good progress in most branches. Excellent order.

No. 12.—BACK ROAD.

SUMMER TERM.

Teacher, Miss Addie M. Stevens.

Possessed of good practical ability, of strong power of will, and having notions of her own in regard to the management of a
school, Miss Stevens spared no pains in her endeavors to secure the best results. Reading and spelling correctly taught. The younger pupils made decided progress in these branches.

FALL TERM.

Teacher, Miss Edna E. Scales.

Bright and sensible, though inexperienced and a stranger to the New England district school, this teacher met with fair success. The geography classes were the best; arithmetic was neglected. Those who have taught in this district say that they do not receive proper encouragement and aid from parents. Some always oppose the teacher because others support her. When Peace and Harmony reigned in this district, the Muse of History slept.

No. 13.—EMERY ROAD.

This school was under the charge of Miss M. Lizzie Emery. In every exercise the energy and ambition of the teacher was clearly manifest. Scholars young and few in number. Constant drill in recitations and at the blackboard. Steady progress, good order.

In this report, what was deserving of praise I have praised; where I have seen defects, I have pointed them out.

GEORGE W. STONE,
Superintending School Committee.
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- Average attendance is the average number of students present.
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- C. W. Tripp
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