

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF EXETER,

FOR THE

Financial Year Ending March 1, 1882,

WITH THE REPORTS OF THE

CHIEF ENGINEER, THE TREASURER OF THE ROB-
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TOWN OFFICERS.

SELECTMEN,

WILLIAM B. MORRILL.
JEWETT CONNER,
JOSIAH J. FOLSOM.

TOWN TREASURER,

JOHN E. GARDNER.

TOWN CLERK,

WILLIAM H. BELKNAP.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES,

JACOB CARLISLE.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

NICHOLAS E. SOULE,
HEZEKIAH SCAMMON,
ROBERT F. PENNELL.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

NICHOLAS E. SOULE,
ALBERT C. BUZELL,
JOHN J. BELL.

LIBRARIAN,

ANNIE PALMER.

HEALTH OFFICERS,

CHARLES C. ODLIN,
GEORGE W. WIGGIN,
WILLIAM B. MORRILL.

JANITOR,

JOHN H. TAYLOR.

ENGINEERS,

GEORGE M. PERKINS, CHIEF.
JACOB CARLISLE,
ANDREW J. FOGG,
GEORGE W. GREEN,
GEORGE W. WIGGIN, CLERK.

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS,

STEPHEN C. GRAY, Supt.
MADISON SLEEPER,
JEFFERSON MAXWELL,
ORVILLE R. DREW,
EDMUND THURSTON,
ALBERT L. RANKIN,
ANDREW J. CURRIER.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts and expenditures made by the Treasurer of the
Town of Exeter, for the year ending March 1, 1882 :

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Town bonds and coupons,	\$5122 00
Salary of Collector,	411 87
Discount on taxes,	715 28
John W. Getchell, sewer pipe,	518 17
Joseph R. Staples, damages,	4 25
Non-resident taxes worked out,	3 47
James W. Bowker, land damages,	300 00
Parna Towle, " "	
and interest, " "	390 30
Nancy G. Lovering, " "	40 00
Daniel Sanborn, " "	9 00
Thomas Conner, " "	6 00
Charles Conner, " "	3 00
Charles Haley, sheep killed by dogs,	5 00
Lewis L. Lamprey, " "	20 00
John T. G. Haley " "	8 00
Wm. M. Hunnewell, " "	8 00

\$7564 34

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid Prudential Com., Dist. No. 1,	\$5903 92
“ “ No. 3,	158 90
“ “ No. 4,	140 40
“ “ No. 5,	252 42
“ “ No. 6,	160 52
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	\$6616 16
Appropriation, Railroad Tax, &c.,	<u>6616 16</u>

TOWN LIBRARY.

Paid Library Committee,	\$500 00
Appropriation,	<u>500 00</u>

EXETER GAS LIGHT CO.

Paid W. W. West, Superintendent,	\$600 00
Appropriation,	<u>600 00</u>

MOSES N. COLLINS POST.

Paid F. E. Rollins,	\$100 00
Appropriation,	<u>100 00</u>

STATE TAX.

Paid Solon A. Carter, Treasurer,	\$5512 00
Appropriation,	<u>5512 00</u>

COUNTY TAX.

Paid George E. Lane, Treasurer,	\$8239 61
Appropriation,	<u>8239 61</u>

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Engineers,	\$78 00
Fountain No. 1,	519.00
Union No. 2,	407 00
Eagle Steamer,	180 00
Pioneer,	101.00
Hook and Ladder,	120 00
James Boyd & Son, hose,	900 00
Perkins Express,	22 83
J. Carlisle & Son,	8 20
Brown & Warren,	33 60
Exeter Machine Works, labor,	18 58
George Elliott,	6 00
Frank Ferns,	8 00
L. D. Shaw, relief valve,	113 00
William Flanigan,	7 00
J. D. Gilmore,	2 00
Merrill Brothers,	24 07
J. Barker & Co., rope,	11 54
John Atherton, Steward,	15 25
W. W. West,	1 50
Kelly & Gardner,	3 00
A. J. Currier,	16 80
Charles E. Currier, Fireman,	50 00
Charles J. Smith, Engineer,	114 00
A. J. Currier,	11 50
Jerry Flynn,	2 00
Kelly & Gardner,	2 60
James Bruce,	3 00
N. E. Thompson, Steward,	17 75
Frank Drew,	3 00
John Noveaux,	2 00
John Howard,	3 00
J. W. Tilton,	3 00
J. I. Watson,	5 00
Henry Murray,	3 00

Paid R. P. Thomson,	2 00
Frank E. Dearborn,	70
W. M. Frazier,	3 75
A. H. Glover,	3 00
Chas. K. Fifield, Steward,	10 00
Frank E. Darling, “	7 20
Brown & Warren, hose tower,	240 00
F. W. Chase, coal,	60 00
J. Stickney,	9 00
Shadrach Drew,	2 74
E. Folsom & Co.,	2 00
Hunneman & Co.,	14 50
D. A. Gammon,	4 00
J. Baker & Co., rope,	11 47
A. J. Currier,	11 80
Burditt & Williams,	3 60
D. A. Shaw,	3 00
Edward Ford,	2 00
J. F. Clark,	2 00
A. J. Fogg,	18 25
Tilton & Fleming,	3 00
Tilton & Fleming,	4 30
B. G. Kelly,	4 00
Exeter Mfg. Co.,	5 70
Exeter Gas Light Co.,	4 88
James I. Watson,	26 10
L. G. Towle,	35 00
B & M. Railroad, rent.	1 00
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	\$3,311 21
Appropriation, ✓	\$2,000 00
From contingent fund,	1,311 21
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	\$3,311 21
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HIGHWAYS, SIDEWALKS AND BRIDGES.

Paid J. W. Tilton,	\$7 25
John S. Palmer,	27 00
F. F. Thing,	5 00
Humphrey Machine Co.,	24 00
F. F. Thing, Surveyor,	32 23
E. N. Gilman, breaking roads, 1880,	20 00
D. F. Hayes, gravel, 1879,	12 25
Dr. C. C. Odlin, sidewalk,	17 50
A. Merrill & Sons, 1880,	35 46
Gilman Barker, 1880,	8 00
John M. Wadleigh, 1880,	11 80
John F. Towle, plank,	99 95
A. Merrill & Sons, Dist. No. 10,	569 75
Gilman Barker, plank,	87 84
James Manix,	4 00
E. N. Gilman, Surveyor,	51 83
W. F. Currier,	8 75
John C. Dutch, breaking roads, 1880,	51 31
George W. Furnald, breaking roads, 1880,	9 75
F. F. Thing, Surveyor,	23 00
John Flanigan,	7 25
A. W. Dudley,	6 00
B. G. Purinton, painting bridges,	28 49
H. C. Ackerman, Surveyor,	39 87
Jewett Conner, Surveyor,	120 00
John Gilman, plank,	43 60
Daniel Smith, Surveyor,	27 50
Jewett Conner, Surveyor,	50 00
Newell S. Tilton, lumber,	73 29
John M. Wadleigh, 1880,	17 40
James W. Brown,	13 00
H. C. Ackerman, Surveyor,	10 13
S. S. Fletcher,	6 25
L. M. Jenness, Surveyor,	14 32

Paid L. M. Jenness, Surveyor,	90 75
John Flanigan, concrete walks,	244 00
E. N. Gilman, gravel.	35 70
F. L. Buxton,	8 67
Jewett Conner, plank,	12 45
John C. Dutch, Surveyor.	35 00
E. Batchelder,	7 53
Samuel Holmes, cement,	13 00
Weeks & Staples,	11 86
Weeks & Staples,	3 25
Brown & Warren, plank,	209 94
John M. Wadleigh,	10 00
John M. Wadleigh, labor on bridge,	40 75
Newell S. Tilton, Surveyor,	84 39
Roswell Peavey, Surveyor,	11 87
Stephen M. Towle,	35 40
John S. Hayes,	221 10
J. O. Marsh, Surveyor,	18 87
A. Merrill & Sons, Middle St. sewer,	47 51
A. Merrill & Sons, gravel,	132 30
A. Merrill & Sons, Dist. No. 10,	180 50
A. Merrill & Sons, gravel,	33 90
N. T. Batchelder & Son,	29 25
Estate G. S. Yeaton, gravel,	6 50
S. S. Perkins, breaking roads,	21 25
S. S. Perkins, Surveyor,	11 75
John S. Hayes, “	41 71
John S. Hayes, “	30 76
L. M. Jenness, “	37 27
F. F. Thing, “ breaking roads,	47 75
Henry Broughton,	5 00
H. C. Ackerman, breaking roads,	32 25
William Conner,	25 75
J. J. Folsom, breaking roads.	10 50
John F. Palmer.	4 37

Paid Granville B. Rollins,	3 00
L. B. Smith,	9 00
Edward Giddings, Surveyor,	115 12
Edward Giddings, timber,	66 31
Edward Giddings, breaking roads,	30 64
Roswell Peavey, " "	41 15
A. Merrill & Son, " "	94 38
John C. Dutch, " "	73 37
John M. Wadleigh, " "	17 75
L. G. Towle, " "	45 00
C. W. Young,	12 75
J. H. Kimball,	19 05
Noah Barker,	12 57
Noah Barker, breaking roads,	23 48
Charles Lane,	14 00
Jewett Conner, breaking roads,	22 88
Joseph O. Marsh, " "	47 50
E. N. Gilman, " "	39 38
John H. Kimball, Surveyor,	61 00
E. N. Gilman, "	98 00
Milton Read,	100 00
Noah Barker, Surveyor,	60 87
John S. Hayes, "	169 09
S. S. Perkins, "	48 25
John M. Wadleigh, "	40 00
Joseph O. Marsh, "	97 52
Roswell Peavey, "	39 30
John C. Dutch, "	68 61
" " "	30 62
Daniel Smith, "	16 50
Newell S. Tilton, breaking roads,	31 87
J. W. Robinson, " "	3 00
William M. Frazier,	11 50
Daniel F. Hayes, gravel,	71 25
Daniel F. Hayes, breaking roads,	18 36
Daniel Smith, " "	30 00

Paid Geo. W. Wiggin, brick for sewers,	91 86	
Marcellus Day & Co., sewer pipe,	135 00	
		\$5267 55
Appropriation,	\$4000 00	
From contingent fund,	\$1267 55	
		<u>\$5267 55</u>

POLICE AND CONSTABLES.

Paid C. H. Calkin,	\$2 00
H. A. Shute, notifying town officers,	20 00
N. F. Batchelder, labor on Lockup,	12 87
Joseph A. Palmer,	2 68
Brown & Warren, labor on Lockup,	29 45
Frank Drew, Special Police,	2 00
C. K. Fifield, " "	3 00
B. G. Kelly, " "	3 00
G. F. Conner, " "	2 00
B. G. Kelly, " "	2 00
Granville B. Rollins, Special Police,	3 00
B. G. Kelly, 1880, " "	3 00
Clarence Gray, " "	2 00
Jairus A. Tilton, " "	2 00
J. P. Elkins,	6 50
Fred S. Hatch,	35 00
S. C. Gray, Police,	72 90
Orville R. Drew, Police,	76 31
Jefferson Maxwell, Police,	50 64
Joseph Willis, Special Police,	2 00
Madison Sleeper, Police,	36 16
John F. Palmer, Special Police,	2 00
John Conner, " "	9 00
Estate Alva Wood, rent,	100 00
Exeter Gas Light Co.,	16 13
John J. Bell, Police Judge,	200 00

Paid Albert Rankin, Police,	79 65	
A. J. Carrier, on account Police,	50 00	
Edmund Thurston, Police,	78 50	
John G. Atherton, Special Police,	2 00	
Geo. E. Lane, " " Jus-	12 00	
tice,		
		<u>\$917 79</u>
Appropriation,	\$600 00	
Fines, &c., Police Court.	256 96	
From contingent fund,	60 83	
		<u>\$917 79</u>

EXPENSES OF TOWN HALL.

Paid John H. Taylor, Janitor,	\$241 40	
Exeter Gas Light Co.,	138 03	
Exeter Coal Co.,	175 00	
Balance carried to contingent fund,	77 57	
		<u>\$632 00</u>
Received for use of Town Hall,		<u>\$632 00</u>

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Auditors,	\$12 00
I. M. Watson,	7 35
A. W. Dudley,	7 00
Smith's Express,	50
Stephen P. Sharples,	10 00
Dr. C. C. Odlin, recording births and	
deaths,	13 00
Brown & Warren,	203 69

Paid Exeter Machine Works,	15 09
Kelly & Gardner,	63 96
Wingate & Shaw,	56 00
Dr. E. Bartlett, recording births and deaths,	2 75
W. H. C. Follansby,	37 40
Tolling bells,	8 00
Boston and Maine Railroad, freight,	18 26
Insurance,	130 00
Dr. W. G. Perry, recording births and deaths,	8 50
W. O. Perkins,	8 23
Supervisors,	30 00
A. J. Fogg,	46 10
Hannah Brown, rent of land,	8 00
Geo. E. Lane,	14 78
J. J. Folsom,	32 38
John E. Gardner, Treasurer,	200 00
Dr. C. C. Odlin, vaccination,	41 00
Exeter Gas Light Co.,	8 00
Superintending School Committee,	80 00
D. M. Quimby,	26 50
Exeter Coal Co.,	27 50
Walter C. Harriman,	100 00
Jewett Conner,	15 75
Selectmen,	375 00
Marseilles & Morrill,	135 75
Boston and Maine Railroad,	1 25
John Johnston, ringing bell,	75 00
Marston & Wells,	30 35
William H. Belknap,	4 50
Marseilles & Morrill,	28 50
Granville B. Rollins,	3 00
William B. Morrill,	15 56
Health Officers,	30 00
Robert C. Thompson,	18 68

Paid Dr. W. G. Perry, vaccination,	7 00	
John H. Taylor,	48 75	
William H. Belknap, Town Clerk,	145 25	
		<u>\$2150 33</u>
Appropriation,	\$1500 00	
From contingent fund,	650 33	
		<u>\$2150 33</u>

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Insane Asylum,	\$594 95
A. S. Wetherell,	3 70
Dr. E. O. Otis,	23 00
Chas. Haley,	5 38
Kelly & Gardner,	4 55
Dutch & Staples,	4 50
Joseph W. Merrill,	8 35
Geo. S. Cutts,	90
Mrs. McLane,	141 00
John A. Sinelair,	144 39
Dr. E. Bartlett,	35 00
A. R. Wiggin,	12 25
Geo. W. Wiggin, wood,	159 60
L. B. Smith, wood,	69 25
Mrs. Mingo,	52 00
Mehitable Daniels,	39 00
Mrs. John Leavitt,	104 00
George W. Lane,	52 00
Mrs. Betsy O. Marsh,	65 00
Mrs. Sarah Pollard,	46 50
Board of Alfred A. Staples,	106 42
County Farm,	9 00
Mr. and Mrs. J. L. White,	48 73
J. J. Folsom, wood,	13 00
Hannah Blossom,	9 56

Paid Geo. W. Wiggin, wood,	257 87	
F. W. Chase, coal, 1880,	44 40	
Dr. E. Bartlett,	21 00	
F. W. Chase, coal,	105 91	
Boston and Maine Railroad,	2 25	
John Johnston,	4 00	
Stephen C. Gray,	2 00	
Salome B. Norton,	69 00	
Overseers,	150 00	
Leonard B. Smith, wood,	26 50	
Dr. Ezra Bartlett,	2 00	
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		\$2436 96
Appropriation,	\$1200 00	
County of Rockingham,	840 72	
From contingent fund,	396 24	
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		<u>\$2436 96</u>

 RECEIPTS.

Taxes for the year 1881, including		
highway and dog taxes,	\$33,952	56
Cash received from Selectmen.	6,513	75
Outstanding taxes,	1,646	30
Fines and costs from Police Court.	256	96
Cash on hand March 1, 1881,	6,552	17
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		\$48,921 74

 AUDITORS' REPORT.

EXETER, N. H., MARCH 7, 1882.

We, the undersigned, have this day examined the accounts of the Town Treasurer, as exhibited to us by him, and find them well vouched and correctly cast, and find a balance of nineteen hundred and ninety-nine dollars and forty-eight cents (\$1999.48) in his hands.

T. R. DAVIS,
 JOHN L. SMITH, } Auditors.
 B. J. PERKINS, }

RECAPITULATION OF EXPENDITURES.

Paid State tax,	\$5512 00
County tax,	8239 61
Town bonds and coupons.	5122 00
Discount on taxes,	715 28
Exeter Gas Light Co.,	600 00
Moses N. Collins Post.	100 00
Town Library,	500 00
Support of Schools,	6616 16
John W. Getchell,	518 17
Joseph R. Staples.	4 25
Land damages,	748 00
Sheep killed by dogs,	41 00
Non-resident taxes worked out.	3 47
Salary of Collector,	411 87
Fire Department,	3311 21
Highways and Bridges.	5266 55
Police and Constables,	917 79
Town Hall,	554 43
Miscellaneous,	2150 43
Support of the Poor,	2436 96
Abatement of taxes, 1879,	80 19
" " 1880,	408 16
" " 1881,	208 88
Outstanding taxes, 1879, 1880 and 1881,	2456 65
Cash,	1998 75

\$48,921 71

JOHN E. GARDNER, Town Treasurer.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

DR.

United States, rent.	\$150 00
Railroad tax,	2181 21
Savings bank tax.	2055 95
Literary fund,	186 62
Insurance tax,	18 75
County of Rockingham.	990 72
Rent of Town Hall,	632 00
Plank sidewalk, Portsmouth avenue.	76 50
School District No. 1.	30 00
Lumber,	2 00
Outstanding taxes prior to 1879.	3082 54

\$9406 29

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Paid Town Treasurer, as per receipts,	\$6513 75
Abatement of taxes, 1871,	14 09
“ “ 1874,	268 18
Outstanding taxes, 1874,	106 20
“ “ 1875,	133 08
“ “ 1876,	1195 42
“ “ 1877,	787 97
“ “ 1878,	387 60

\$9406 29

WILLIAM B. MORRILL, } Selectmen
 JEWETT CONNER, } of
 JOSIAH J. FOLSOM, } Exeter.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

EXETER, N. H., March 7, 1882.

We, the undersigned, have this day examined the accounts of the Selectmen, as exhibited to us by them, and find them well vouched and correctly cast.

T. R. DAVIS, }
 JOHN L. SMITH, } Auditors.
 B. J. PERKINS, }

TOWN INDEBTEDNESS.

Town bonds, 6 per cents,	\$15,000 00
“ “ 4 “ “	24,000 00
Oliver L. Giddings, land damages,	20 00
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	\$39,020 00

ASSETS.

Outstanding taxes, 1871,	\$106 20
“ “ 1875,	133 08
“ “ 1876,	1,195 42
“ “ 1877,	789 97
“ “ 1878,	387 60
“ “ 1879, 1880 and 1881,	2,456 65
Cash,	1,999 48
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	\$7,068 40
Town debt reduced in 1879,	\$5,959 78
“ “ “ “ 1880,	8,730 00
“ “ “ “ 1881,	3,320 00
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Reduction in 3 years,	\$18,009 78

In 1878 the Selectmen, upon petition, widened and straightened Water street, and awarded Parna Towle \$300 as damages. Shortly after the award they were enjoined from paying that amount to Parna Towle, and the money remained in the Treasury of the town until February, 1882, when \$390.30 was paid Benjamin R. Perkins by order of the Supreme Court. \$90.30 of that amount was for interest and costs, which the Selectmen paid under protest, believing the town

was not liable for interest or costs. Three thousand dollars for town bonds, nine hundred dollars for hose for the steamer, and two hundred and forty dollars for lengthening the hose tower on the steamer engine house, have been paid without any tax being assessed therefor.

WILLIAM B. MORRILL, } Selectmen
JEWETT CONNER, } of
JOSIAH J. FOLSOM, } Exeter.

TO THE TOWN OF EXETER :

The Committee appointed at the last Annual Meeting to take into consideration the eleventh article in the warrant, viz: "To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to have the oldest records of the town copied for the purpose of preserving them, and what sum of money they will appropriate for that purpose, and also to see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to purchase a suitable safe for keeping the records of the town, and what sum of money they will appropriate for the purpose," having attended to that duty, recommend that the first volume of the town records be copied in a more legible hand, into a good leather-bound blank-book, said copying to be approved by Charles H. Bell and Bradbury L. Cilley, and that a sum not exceeding \$250 be appropriated for that purpose.

They also recommend that the small fire-proof safe, now in the Selectmen's room, be transferred to the office of the Town Clerk, in which to keep the latest records; and that, for the keeping of all the older records, a sufficiently large fire-proof safe be placed in the Selectmen's room, and that the Selectmen be instructed and authorized to carry these recommendations into effect.

EZRA BARTLETT, }
W. B. MORRILL, } Committee.

Exeter, N. H., March 6, 1882.

TO THE TOWN OF EXETER :

At the last annual meeting, the committee appointed to recommend what sums of money were necessary to be raised for the expenditures of the town for the year 1882, report that they have attended to that duty, and recommend that the town raise the following sums :

For the payment of the State Tax,	\$5512 00
" County Tax,	6949 06
Schools by law,	4823 00
" in addition,	1200 00
Town Bonds,	3000 00
Interest on the town debt,	1860 00
Fire Department,	2000 00
Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks.	1500 00
Police and Constables,	600 00
Miscellaneous,	1500 00
Support of the Poor,	1200 00
Town Library,	500 00
Decorating Graves of Union Soldiers,	100 00
Lighting the streets.	600 00
Highways.	2500 00
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	\$33844 06

Price of labor on the highways \$1.25 per day of 10 hours, and the pay of the Firemen one dollar per month.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM B. MORRILL.	} Committee.
GEO. W. FURNALD,	
JOSIAH BATCHELDER.	
SAMUEL HALL,	
W. N. DOW,	
B. L. MERRILL.	
THOMAS E. FOLSOM.	

CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT.

The annual report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department for the year ending March 1, 1882:

The department consists of Chief, and four Assistant Engineers, one Engineer and Fireman for steamer, and one hundred and fifteen active firemen. There are five companies in the department, namely, one steam fire engine, one hose carriage, one hook and ladder truck, one extinguisher, and two hand engines. All the apparatus, with the exception of the hand engines, are in good condition.

During the past year we have been very fortunate in regard to fires. The only fire of any consequence was that of D. F. Hayes. The department has been called for duty eight times during the year, at three fires, and five alarms. The estimated loss by these fires was about four thousand dollars, being partly covered by insurance.

As in my last report, I cannot recommend the two hand engines fit for service, as they are not reliable. They are old and have seen service, and cannot be relied upon in case of emergency.

The board of Engineers would recommend the purchase of a third-class steam fire engine to fill the place of the hand engines, and make the department sixty members, instead of one hundred and fifteen, thus saving to the town more than six hundred dollars annually, and insure a good and efficient fire department.

A good fire department not only gives confidence and a sense of security from danger by fire, but also proves a pecuniary benefit in very materially lessening the rates of

insurance. In these days when nearly all the property in cities and towns is insured, a reduction in the rate of from one-fourth to one-half on the amount which would be charged by insurance companies, in the absence of an efficient fire department, amounts to quite an item in the course of a year. This fact seems in many instances to have been lost sight of. It is the duty of every tax payer and voter to exercise an intelligent and judicious care over such an important matter; and to secure wise legislation and liberal provision for the benefit and advancement of the fire department, in enabling them to place themselves upon the best possible footing, procuring the latest improvements and appliances to add to their efficiency.

Refusal or neglect to take proper care of so important a factor in public affairs as a fire department, is not only unwise, but may possibly bring unwholesome fruits, when too late to remedy these errors.

I wish to return my thanks to the Assistant Engineers, the members of the fire department, and to all others who have given their aid and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. M. PERKINS,
Chief of Fire Department.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Town Library Committee submit the following account of receipts and expenditures for the past year :

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand from last year,	\$69 15	
Appropriation,	500 00	
Fines and catalogues,	19 39	
	<hr/>	\$588 54

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Librarian's salary,	\$150 00	
Insurance,	18 75	
Gas,	15 85	
Fuel,	18 45	
Stationery,	11 61	
Rebinding books,	40 51	
New books,	246 24	
Repairs,	12 75	
Supplement to catalogue,	30 00	
Sundries,	20 93	
	<hr/>	\$565 09
Cash in hands of Committee,		23 45

We respectfully recommend that five hundred dollars be raised for the support of the Library for the ensuing year.

N. E. SOULE, } Committee
A. C. BUZELL, } on the
JOHN J. BELL, } Library.

ROBINSON FEMALE SEMINARY.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

TO THE SELECTMEN OF EXETER :

The undersigned, Treasurer of the Robinson Female Seminary, submits the following report for the year ending February, 28, 1882 :

RECEIPTS.

Received dividends on stocks,	\$7233 50
Interest on bonds, etc,	2025 00
For exemption from taxation on New York bank stocks for the year 1881,	1340 13
Tuitions,	295 00
Rent of dwelling house,	291 70
For grass sold from Seminary grounds,	62 25
For bank stock sold,	6760 00
For school books sold,	24 10
Cash on hand March 1, 1881,	6990 67
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	\$25,022 35

PAYMENTS.

SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Teachers' salaries,	\$5353 92
Fuel,	490 17
Gas,	21 43
Janitor,	365 00

Music at Commencement,	50 00	
Town Hall expenses at Commencement,	16 07	
Class expenses,	25 00	
Diplomas,	4 15	
Christmas entertainment,	20 00	
Cleaning clocks,	3 75	
Printing,	35 25	
Printing and advertising, 1879, 1880.	28 50	
Books and Stationery.	54 03	
Sundries,	64 25	
		\$6531 52

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Treasurers' salaries to March 1,	\$420 83	
Bank stock report,	5 00	
Postage and revenue stamps,	2 85	
Travelling expenses on account of teachers,	19 60	
Box for papers,	3 00	
		\$451 28

DWELLING HOUSE.

Paints, etc.,	\$61 27	
For painting exterior.	97 14	
For painting, 1880,	2 00	
Repairing roof,	2 25	
Repairing furnace.	48 94	
Cleaning well,	3 00	
Repairing pipe.	99	
		\$215 59

SCHOOL EDIFICE.

Repairs of Heating apparatus.	\$167 45	
Repairs of closet and pipes.	16 75	
		\$184 20

 GROUNDS.

Printing,	\$2 00	
Plank and Fencing,	19 41	
	<hr/>	\$21 41

INVESTMENTS.

Paid for bonds purchased,	\$5215 00	
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LIBRARY AND APPARATUS.

New Books,	\$16 17	
Atlas,	3 00	
Apparatus,	41 95	
	<hr/>	\$91 12

RECAPITULATION.

School expenses,	\$6531 52	
School edifice,	184 20	
General Expenses,	451 28	
Dwelling house,	215 59	
Grounds,	21 41	
Library and apparatus,	91 12	
Investments,	5215 00	
Cash on hand,	12,312 23	
	<hr/>	\$25,022 35

Most of the cash on hand is on special deposit and earning three per cent. interest per annum.

The Delaware and Hudson Canal Co. resumed paying dividends June, 1881, since which time they have paid three (quarterly) dividends of 1 1-2 per cent. each. They have declared a dividend payable March 10, at 1 3-4 per cent.

All the other investments have paid regular dividends.

During the year the stock held in the Mechanics Banking Association, New York, has been sold.

Five bonds (\$1000 each) of the Water Works of Omaha, Neb., have been purchased.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. GARDNER, Treasurer.

Exeter, March 1, 1882.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In April, 1881, according to the statement of the Selectmen, the number of children between the ages of five and fifteen was five hundred and fifty-seven—two hundred and seventy-four boys, and two hundred and eighty-three girls.

The largest number of enrolled scholars in the public schools was four hundred and fifty-four. To this number, in order to make any just comparison with the statement made by the Selectmen, should be added the number of those between the above mentioned ages, now attending the Seminary.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

The schools in this District were kept for thirty-six weeks, divided into three terms of twelve, fourteen, and ten weeks respectively. The names of the teachers, all of whom have been employed throughout the year, are as follows: at the

High School, with an average attendance of forty-one, Mr. Albion Burbank.

Grammar School, with an average attendance of forty-six, Mr. Sperry French.

Sub-Grammar, with an average attendance of forty-five, Miss Fannie E. Smith.

Plains Intermediate, with an average attendance of forty-four, Miss Mary A. Burnham.

Hall Place Intermediate, with an average attendance of fifty, Miss Sarah Caverno.

Spring Street Primary, with an average attendance of thirty-nine, Miss Jennie R. Harvey.

Grove Street Primary, with an average attendance of twenty-eight, Miss Mary E. Calet.

School Street Primary, with an average attendance of forty-two, Miss Annie R. Dearborn.

Prospect Hill Primary, with an average attendance of thirty-six, Mrs. Kate H. Davis.

All these names are found in the reports of several years, and the present committee add another year's testimony to the value of the services of these teachers. Many visits have been made to all the schools, enough to furnish a pretty intimate knowledge not only of their general methods, but also of the success each has had with the various classes, and with single scholars in the classes. The average outcome of their work—and it is by this, and not by exceptional cases that a teacher's efficiency ought to be measured—is believed to be, on the whole, very satisfactory.

The class which graduated at the High School in June, numbered eight. The closing exercises were held in the lecture-room of the First Parish, and were highly enjoyed by a large audience.

Fourteen were admitted from the Grammar to the High School, after passing a written examination in Arithmetic, Grammar, and Geography. The examination papers were more neatly and accurately done than those of the two preceding years. This gain is to be ascribed largely to the fact that, now having only about forty-five boys to look after, instead of ninety-five, Mr. French is able to give more constant personal attention to each of them. It is this persistent, careful, searching drill which they need. There is good reason to hope that this year's examination will show even a better preparation than the last.

At the end of the school year in June, twenty boys were promoted to the Grammar School; twelve girls to the Seminary and twenty boys to the Sub-Grammar School from the

Intermediates ; and forty-two boys and girls from the Primaries to the Intermediates. The number of girls offered for examination for the Seminary was smaller than that of any previous year, and of those admitted two or three did not join their class.

The Night School, of which it is proper to make mention, although it was conducted by volunteer teachers, was begun early in November and ended February 28. The number of regular pupils was about thirty-five. The teachers who very generously attended, were, Mr. Burbank, Mr. French, Mr. Burley, Mr. Dow, Miss McIntyre, Miss Gardner, Miss Bell, Miss Hazeltine, Miss Robinson, Miss Harvey, Miss C. Smith, Mrs. Davis, Miss Moulton and Miss French. This school has heretofore proved to be of great service and deserves any contribution which may be asked for its support.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

The school in this district was taught for twenty-four weeks, divided into two terms of ten and fourteen weeks respectively, by Miss Carrie E. Ellison. It was her first experience as a teacher, but she readily adapted herself to the new situation. The children found in her a kind, competent and exact instructor. Their improvement was so well marked as to be very gratifying to all interested for them.

The number of scholars was, in the first term twelve, and in the second term thirteen, a larger number than in either of the two previous years.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

The school here was begun November 28th, and is still going on under the care of Mr. Jewett Swasey. Five scholars have been enrolled but four only have been present for any length of time. In addition to more elementary work, they have attended to book-keeping, history, and higher arithmetic.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

For the first term of nine weeks, with an attendance of sixteen, this school was taught by Miss Mabel F. Churchill. For the second term of fourteen weeks, with an attendance of twenty-one, and for the third term of nine weeks, with an attendance of seventeen, it was taught by Mr. Frank N. French. Mr. French has devoted himself with commendable zeal to his daily work, and the scholars, at the visits of the Committee have given excellent proof of intelligent interest in the studies on which they have been questioned. These have included, besides the lower branches, history, algebra, and physiology.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

This school was taught again this year by Miss M. A. Kimball, for twenty-six weeks. There were twelve pupils in the first term of eleven weeks, eleven in the second term of ten weeks, and ten in the third term of five weeks. No visits were made by the Committee in the last short term, but, earlier in the year, the results of several examinations were very creditable.

At the last session of the Legislature an act in relation to the appointment of truant officers was passed. It is inserted here for the information of all interested in promoting good discipline and thorough efficiency in the schools :

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

SECTION 1. The superintending school committees and boards of education in the several towns and cities of the state are hereby authorized to elect truant officers for said towns and cities, and to fix their compensation at a reasonable rate, which compensation shall be paid by the respective towns and cities.

SEC. 2. Said truant officers may be discharged by said committees for cause, but unless sooner discharged shall hold their offices for one year, or until their successors shall be appointed and qualified.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of said truant officers, under the direction of said committees, to enforce the laws of the state and the ordinances of said towns and cities, and the regulations of

said committees not repugnant to law, in regard to truants and children between the ages of six and sixteen not attending school and without any regular and lawful occupation, and to compel the attendance of such children at school in obedience to law and to the regulations of said committees.

SEC. 4. Said truant officers shall, also, if required by said committees, enforce the laws in regard to children employed in manufacturing establishments, without attending school as required, and shall perform such service in that behalf as may be required by said committees.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Approved August 4, 1881.

The Committee, by the above statute, having been given the authority, and in accordance with the opinion of other citizens, decided, a few weeks ago, to appoint a truant officer. Mr. John H. Taylor consented to serve. It is not to be expected that he will find much to do in this new position, but now and then of late years, it has happened, as very lately, that scholars have obstinately persisted in staying away from school, despite the remonstrances and best efforts of parents and teachers—sometimes, it is unpleasant to say, with the full consent and direction of parents. Such cases, it is believed, demand the interference of a truant officer. He can be easily reached by complaints from teachers, is likely to be readily listened to, because he speaks with the authority of the law, and also can be of great service indirectly, even when not actually appealed to.

It may, perhaps, be interesting to some persons to compare the number of scholars of this year with that in the schools twenty years ago. It is to be remembered, however, that this year's enumeration does not include the girls now at the Seminary, numbering one hundred and forty-two.

The items are taken from the School Report of March, 1862.

	1861.	1881.
Whole number of scholars in the town, ..	763	451
No. in 1st and 2d Districts.....	668	403
No. in 3d District.....	25	13
No. in 4th District.....	20	5
No. in 5th District.....	20	21
No. in 6th District.....	30	12

There were, twenty years ago, six primary schools in what is now the first district, and three grammar schools.

A table is added, giving, as the law requires, the number of scholars engaged in each study.

N. E. SOULE,
HEZEKIAH SCAMMON, } Committee.
R. F. PENNELL,

The following table shows the attendance, etc., for the year :

SCHOOLS.	TERMS.	No. of Weeks.....	No. of Scholars.....	No. in Reading.....	No. in Spelling.....	No. in Arithmetic.....	No. in Geography.....	No. in Writing.....	No. in Grammar.....	No. in U. S. History..
High School.....	First Term,..	12	40	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Second " ..	14	43	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Third " ..	10	41	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Grammar School.....	First Term,..	12	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	17
	Second " ..	14	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	17
	Third " ..	10	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	17
Sub-Grammar School....	First Term,..	12	43	43	43	43	43	43	24	..
	Second " ..	14	45	45	45	45	45	45	22	..
	Third " ..	10	48	48	48	48	48	48	24	..
Plains Intermediate.....	First Term,..	12	45	45	45	22	22	22	..	..
	Second " ..	14	44	44	44	20	20	20	..	..
	Third " ..	10	43	43	43	17	17	17	..	..
Hall Place Intermediate..	First Term,..	12	48	48	48	25	24	31	..	..
	Second " ..	14	54	54	54	30	25	34	..	..
	Third " ..	10	48	48	48	28	22	31	..	..
Grove Street.....	First Term,..	12	33	28	28	22	15	22	..	..
	Second " ..	14	29	18	18	18	6	17	..	..
	Third " ..	10	23	19	19	19	6	..	..	..
Prospect Hill.....	First Term,..	12	38	38	38	23	9	23	..	..
	Second " ..	14	35	35	35	24	8	24	..	..
	Third " ..	10	35	35	35	29	16	29	..	..
Spring Street.....	First Term,..	12	44	44	44	20	11	..	..	..
	Second " ..	14	40	40	40	18	13	..	..	..
	Third " ..	10	34	34	34	24	12	..	..	..
School Street.....	First Term,..	12	41	41	41	22	15	21	..	..
	Second " ..	14	48	48	48	19	12	21	..	..
	Third " ..	10	38	38	38	17	11	17	..	..
District No. 3.....	First Term,..	10	12	12	12	11	7	9	..	..
	Second " ..	14	13	13	12	10	7	10	4	..
District No. 4.....	.....	15	5	5	5	5	4	5	3	3
District No. 5.....	First Term,..	9	16	16	16	16	12	16	6	2
	Second " ..	14	21	21	21	21	12	21	6	2
	Third " ..	9	17	17	17	17	12	17	6	2
District No. 6.....	First Term,..	11	12	12	12	6	6	6	..	..
	Second " ..	10	11	11	11	5	5	8	..	..
	Third " ..	5	10	10	10	10	6	10	..	..

TOWN WARRANT.

{ L. S. }

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Exeter, qualified to vote in town affairs :

You are hereby notified to meet in the Town Hall, in said town, on the SECOND TUESDAY of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects :

1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
2. To choose a Town Clerk.
3. To choose all necessary town officers, Auditors, or committees for the ensuing year.
4. To choose one Trustee of the Robinson Female Seminary for the term of seven years.
5. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of schools ; for the maintenance of the poor ; for repairing the highways ; for repairing and building sidewalks ; for building and repairing bridges ; for building drains or sewers ; for the payment of the Town debt ; for lighting the streets ; for defraying the expenses of decorating the graves of Union soldiers ; and for other charges arising within the town ; and to fix the price of labor on the highways, and the pay of the firemen for the year ensuing.
6. To see if the town will vote to collect the highway taxes in money, and direct the manner the same shall be expended.
7. To see if the town will authorize the Trustees of the

Robinson Female Seminary to sell the Gill house, and, likewise, that portion of the original Seminary lot now lying west of Lincoln Street.

8. To see if the town will vote to appoint a committee to consider the expediency of placing a monument on Front Street, where Whitefield preached his last sermon, Sept. 29, 1770.

9. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint a night watch, upon the petition of H. Dow and 26 others.

10. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any votes relating thereto.

Given under our hands and seal this 28th day of February, 1881.

WILLIAM B. MORRILL, } Selectmen
JEWETT CONNER, } of
JOSIAH J. FOLSOM, } Exeter.

