

REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN
AND
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF BRISTOL,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1866.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen credit the town for the year ending March 1, 1866, as follows:

By list of taxes assessed April 1, 1865,	\$8.844 28
balance of taxes 1864,	518 01
U. S. Bounty,	500 00
State note,	511 16
Railroad Tax, 1865,	348 15
Railroad Tax, 1864,	267 70
Non-resident Highway Tax,	2 50
Literary Fund,	29 00
cash from State, for State Aid,	1.365 15
License,	30 00
Use of Town Hall,	4 00
cash from Savings Banks,	19 23
	\$12.439 18

Money hired of—

L. C. Bailey,	\$150 00
J. F. Morrill,	200 00
Calvin D. Sanborn,	850 00
Harriet S. Darling,	100 00
Mark G. Dustin,	400 00
Stephen S. Brock,	150 00
C. P. George,	300 00
D. S. Follansbee,	100 00
Moses Gordon,	200 00
Hiram Heath,	100 00
John Atwood, 2d,	600 00
Moses W. Merrill,	300 00
Stephen Nelson,	100 00
Major J. Nelson,	443 75
A. D. Lock,	82 00
Miss S. A. Fowler,	100 00
Mary A. Heath,	400 00
J. M. R. Emmons,	450 00
Wm J. Muzzey,	100 00

John Hastings,	67 75	
Gustavus A. Hastings,	100 00	
Arial Dickinson,	85 00	
Cynthia A. Peaslee,	500 00	
Mary Mudgett,	100 00	
Sarah Cheney,	60 00	
William Mudgett,	135 00	
Lewis F. Pattee,	865 00	
Henry Morrill,	100 00	
Hannah E. Tibbetts,	600 00	
George W. Atwood,	100 00	
Pliny E. Heath,	300 00	
Martin Davis,	200 00	
Mrs. Freeman A. Calley,	100 00	
Jonas R. Hayward,	300 00	
Frederick Kidder,	100 00	
Whittemore,	119 23	
David W. Welton,	100 00	
Betsey Ladd,	150 00	
H. M. Emmons,	1.000 00	
	<hr/>	\$10.207 73
Whole amount received,		<hr/> \$22.646 91

Disbursements of the Selectmen.

Paid State Tax,	\$1.927 50	
County Tax,	716 94	
	<hr/>	\$2.644 44

Abatement of Taxes.

Soloman Cavis, 1864,	\$19 85
Daniel S. Chase, 1864,	15 62
Samuel Smith, 1865,	4 14
Mary J. Kidder, 1865,	2 12
George H. Heath, 1865,	4 25
B. F. Sanborn, 1865,	69
O. P. Gurdy, 1865,	2 14
Mrs. Benj. Sanders, 1865,	2 57
George McLin, 1865,	6 18
John W. Sargent, 1865,	7 18
G. P. Gibbs, 1865, dog,	1 00
Henry W. Drake, 1863-4,	4 89
Levi S. Rollins, 1864,	4 08
D. C. Willey, 1863,	5 09
Railroad, 1863,	2 34

S. M. Plumer, 1864,	5 80	
George Alexander, 1864,	4 08	
A. Lovejoy, 1863-4,	17 00	
David S. Simons, 1864,	4 08	
Ira S. Chase, 1863-4,	43 32	
Edward Marden, 1863-4,	7 11	
J. A. Kendall. 1864,	16	
T. P. Nutting,	9	
E. N. Worthen,	16	
E. F. Woodman,	16	
S. S. Fellows,	4 35	
	<hr/>	\$168 45

Support of the Poor.

Clark Fuller,	\$21 25	
Celinda Emmons,	38 00	
Helen F. Emmons and child,	66 30	
Mrs. Bohanon, 1864-5,	179 80	
William Sanborn,	89 72	
Mrs. J. W. Sargent,	5 90	
William Flanders,	102 00	
Susan Hardy,	12 00	
Mary Swett,	79 19	
	<hr/>	\$594 16

School Money.

District No. 1,	\$31 42	
" 2,	174 43	
3,	33 03	
4,	26 56	
5,	28 82	
6,	39 90	
7,	14 68	
8,	52 50	
9,	44 00	
10,	166 88	
11,	72 14	
Levi Roby,	1 72	
	<hr/>	\$686 08

Town Officers' Bills.

Samuel H. Rollins, Selectman,	\$72 00
John W. Sanborn, "	69 00
James T. Sanborn, "	72 00

Levi D. Johnson, S. S. Committee,	30 00
Levi D. Johnson, Town Clerk,	25 00
James M. Bishop, Treasurer,	25 00
Levi Lock, Collector,	85 00
Samuel Berry, Toller of bell,	4 75
M. G. Edgerly, care of Town Clock,	16 00
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	\$398 75

Aid to Families of Volunteers.

Martha T. Randolph,	\$24 00
Lucinda Prescott,	4 00
Ermina Swett,	17 00
Maria B. Wallis,	87 00
Alexander Hutchinson,	16 00
Clarissa B. Damon,	24 00
Emily J. Marden,	48 00
Almira L. Huse,	60 00
Margaret A. Lancy,	62 53
Julia A. Danforth,	19 00
Gilman Sanborn,	18 33
Jennie Hutchinson,	16 00
Thomas E. Osgood,	67 60
Susan B. Howe,	56 40
Susan Heath,	36 00
Uriah H. Kidder,	48 00
O. Porter Hall,	48 00
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	\$651 86

Highways and Bridges.

J. E. Sleeper,	\$328 15
D. G. Hight, carting,	1 80
John S. Nelson, carting,	7 50
Abel Crosby, lumber,	30 80
Albert Blake, masonry and lumber,	535 02
Carr Huse, surveying,	5 00
Butrick & Sumner, spikes, etc.,	6 80
Levi Gurdy, castings for bridge,	15 27
C. D. Cass, plank,	4 91
G. W. Sumner, work,	8 00
Stephen Nelson, plank,	1 72
J. A. Haynes, bolts,	35 95
David S. Fowler, plank,	14 23
B. Q. Fellows, work,	1 00
Samuel Dustin, bridge timber,	45 92
Wm. H. Folsom, boards,	21 00

O. Smith Hall, work,	3 00	
H. Webster, work,	9 53	
Joseph Kidder, work,	6 45	
Gilman Sanborn, work,	30 41	
Cheney Bridge,	329 50	
B. E. Blackstone,	81 93	
J. Corliss, bridge stringers,	52 50	
Building wall,	80 00	
R. B. Rollins, work,	11 00	
John Hastings, work,	6 50	
R. B. Rollins, plank,	164 56	
I. K. George, bridge timber,	10 00	
S. H. Rollins, plank,	14 92	
Dana Woodman, plank,	2 50	
Cyrus Taylor, nails and spikes,	17 77	
J. T. Sanborn, work,	18 00	
J. Corliss, work on road,	80 00	
New road west part of the town :		
Alexander McMurphy,	25 50	
Nason Cass,	28 00	
I. K. George,	13 50	
Clark Merrill,	14 00	
Sanders Simons,	44 75	
George M. Wooster,	17 88	
O. E. Eastman,	17 88	
Jonathan Corliss, for work on new road at Slab Village,	40 00	
	<hr/>	\$2.183 15
Outstanding orders and claims 1864,		\$801 13

Miscellaneous Expenses.

Levi Bartlett, stamps,	\$ 80
Books and stationery,	9 38
J. F. French, land damage,	25 00
Moses Cheney, “	37 50
Joseph S. Chase, “	30 00
D. S. Mason, “	400 00
Cost of referees in D. S. Mason v town,	36 34
S. H. Rollins, cash paid for surveying road, expenses at New Hampton and to Concord,	18 49
James H. Brown, land damage,	88 75
S. Page, office seats,	2 45
Building Committee District No. 2,	555 00
Reports, 1864-5,	30 00
Ministerial Fund 1864-5,	12 00

J. W. Sanborn, expenses to Danbury,	40
Lewis W. Fling, services as counsel,	44 00
S. K. Mason, services as counsel and expenses to Lebanon,	68 00
Joseph Kidder,	1 00
Paid J. M. Bishop, Treasurer, balance of account 1864,	20 45
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	\$1.379 56

Paid Debts of the Town.

Jane C. Bailey, note,	\$104 10
Major J. Nelson, “	204 00
C. P. George, “	309 20
S. Woodbury Sleeper, note,	263 77
O. F. Merrill, “	170 56
Levi Nelson, “	109 63
Mechanicks Bank, “	1.715 00
Jona. F. Morrill, “	207 20
O. F. Morse, “	271 08
John Peaslee, “	202 60
S. K. Mason, “	301 80
Moses W. Merrill, “	55 25
Gustavus Bartlett, “	1.076 63
David Calley, “	317 70
Daniel S. Hutchinson, “	241 41
Daniel Sleeper, “	86 40
John F. Cass, “	240 82
B. Q. Fellows, “	530 85
A. D. Locke, “	83 64
Wm. Green, “	385 06
Jane Bartlett, “	426 12
Moses Gordon, “	209 60
O. P. Gurdy, “	542 76
M. J., D. P. & A. D. Nelson, note,	243 75
Samuel Smith, note,	119 23
L. C. Bailey, “	86 00
E. Kendall, “	10 24
S. S. Fellows, “	60 65
H. W. Drake, “	240 51
S. S. Fellows, “	64 10
O. S. Hall, “	109 01
C. N. Drake, “	373 20
G. M. Fellows, “	45 00
E. W. Cheney, “	600 00
Amanda J. Rollins, note,	60 00
B. Q. Fellows, “	50 00

T. G. Carrier, note,	60 00	
Cynthia Peaslee, "	95 00	
Fred Kidder "	100 00	
D. Y. Emmons, "	102 60	
J. C. Draper, "	75 00	
Wm. J. Muzzey, "	63 75	
Mary A. Heath, "	250 00	
Mark G. Dustin,	100 00	
O. S. Hall,	35 00	
John M. R. Emmons,	426 12	
	<u> </u>	\$10.424 34
Money in hands of Collector,	\$1.609 01	
Money in hands of Treasurer,	1.106 00	
	<u> </u>	\$2.715 01

RECAPITULATION.

Paid out—

State and County Taxes,	\$2.644 44	
Abatement of Taxes,	168 45	
Support of the Poor,	594 16	
School Money,	686 08	
Town Officer's Bills,	398 75	
State Aid,	651 86	
Highways and Bridges,	2.183 15	
Outstanding orders and claims, 1864,	801 13	
Miscellaneous Expenses,	1.379 56	
Paid Debts of the Town,	10.424 34	
	<u> </u>	\$19.931 92
In Collector's hands,		1.609 01
In Treasurer's hands,		1.106 00
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Whole amount paid out and on hand,		\$22.646 93
Whole amount received,		\$22.646 91

Debts of the Town.

L. C. Bailey, note,	126 58
Calvin D. Sanborn, note,	899 77

Harriet Darling, note,	105 15
Mark G. Dustin, note,	320 40
Stephen S. Brock, note,	157 60
D. S. Follansbee, note,	323 28
Hiram Heath, note,	104 92
John Atwood, 2d, note,	627 40
Moses W. Merrill, note,	313 60
Stephen Nelson, note,	144 33
S. A. Fowler, note,	103 43
Mary A. Heath, note,	159 90
J. M. R. Emmons, note,	463 88
Wm. J. Muzzey,	103 08
John Hastings, note,	69 13
G. A. Hastings,	102 05
Arial Dickinson, note,	86 78
Cynthia A. Peaslee, note,	508 41
Mary Mudgett, note,	101 10
Sarah Cheney, note,	60 66
Wm. Mudgett, note,	136 46
L. F. Pattee, note,	876 47
Henry Morrill, note,	100 73
Hannah E. Tibbetts,	606 40
Geo. W. Atwood, note,	156 00
Pliny E. Heath, note,	301 70
Martin Davis, note,	201 13
Mrs. Freeman A. Calley, note,	100 56
Major J. Nelson, note,	244 03
Jonas R. Hayward, note,	300 00
Frederick Kidder, note,	101 00
Mrs. L. B. Whittemore, note,	121 14
David Welton, note,	101 60
Frederick Bartlett, note,	188 00
M. C. Mudgett, note,	246 12
Mrs. J. M. Fellows, note,	224 72
Miss Crawford, note,	613 46
Levi Bartlett, note,	675 89
Joseph Cass, note,	488 92
Jane Bartlett, note,	543 30
M. W. Haley note,	1.025 39
John Hastings, note,	408 53
Horace M. Emmons, note,	241 77
E. W. Cheney, note,	1.366 68
J. C. Draper, note,	1.099 12
David Mason, note,	3.028 30
Nathaniel Batchelder, note,	1.134 83
Peter Whittemore, note,	226 96
Hiram Heath, note,	226 96

John T. Whittemore, note,	113 48
Levi Roby, note,	2.643 05
Amos Brown, note,	952 93
H. B. Fowler, note,	217 30
Amos Damon, note,	244 94
O. Porter Hall, note,	225 84
O. Smith Hall, note,	225 84
Mary J. Fellows, note,	222 60
Geo. M. Fellows, note,	176 25
Euen Kendall, note,	209 71
S. S. Fellows, note,	557 22
Amanda J. Rollins, note,	1.035 00
Aaron Sleeper, note,	1.206 28
B. Q. Fellows, note,	607 76
Moses W. Merrill, note,	331 34
Rufus Eaton, note,	109 44
Geo. W. Berry, note,	65 50
Calvin Cass, note,	245 51
Harriet Whittemore, note,	138 39
Clark Merrill, note,	208 12
B. F. Robinson, note,	296 55
Calvin Swett, note,	354 83
A. D. Locke, note,	874 83
T. G. Currier, note,	1 000 00
Cynthia Peaslee, note,	437 46
Horace M. Emmons, note,	1.012 00
A. D. Locke, note,	1.166 00
H. A. Fellows, note,	115 54
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	\$35.387 43

Due the Town.

From United States,	\$2.506 00
From Collector,	1.609 01
From Collector 1864,	16 56
D. L. & C. M. Bennett's note,	25 76
Joseph Kidder's note,	20 56
From State for aid to families,	651 86
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	\$4.829 75

Balance against the town,		\$30.557 68
Debts of the town reported March, 1865,	\$27.204 71	
A. D. Locke's note not reported,	1.100 00	
O. F. Merrill's note not reported,	160 00	
Error of report of cash in hands of collector March, 1865,	398 43	
Actual debt March, 1865,	<u> </u>	\$28.863 14
Increase of debt,		<u>\$1.694 54</u>

SAMUEL H. ROLLINS,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
J. W. SANBORN,	
JAMES T. SANBORN,	

of
Bristol.

BRISTOL, March 3, 1866.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Superintending School Committee submits the following Report :

The schools during the past year have been unusually prosperous and well conducted. The Prudential Committees have aimed to secure the services of the best teachers, and in nearly every district, those well qualified and of long experience, have been employed. No teacher has been unsuccessful, and none have had sufficient trouble in school to require the services of the committee to maintain order, and in only one or two instances have any scholars manifested a disposition to disregard the requirements of the teachers.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

One term of 8 weeks, taught by Miss Annie M. Pierce. Miss Pierce reports an experience of twelve years, and her school showed that its advantages had been well improved. No school in town showed as much improvement in so short time as this.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

This school has been under the management of Miss Sara M. C. Musgrove during the year. The advantages of employing a tried teacher were very manifest, and could not escape the observation of those who visited the school. It appeared better at the close of the winter term, than at any previous examination during the time I have been committee, and gave evidence that it had been in charge of a live teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Both the summer and fall terms were taught by Miss Anna B. Cheney. Miss Cheney is well known as an energetic and thorough teacher, and I have to report this as one of the best schools in town.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

The summer term was taught by Miss Angie M. Yeaton, who has been employed in this district the most of the time during the past three years, and always with the best success.

The winter term by Miss S. Jennie Dearborn, was well conducted. This district has a nice school house, and the school is in excellent condition.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

One term of 5 weeks, taught by Miss Josephine Moore. Whole number of scholars 2. I was notified of the commencement of the school when it had been in session four weeks, and of its close, within a few days after it had closed.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

The summer term was taught by Miss Sarah E. Teale, who was quite young, and without any previous experience as a teacher. She succeeded well, and experience will make her an excellent teacher.

The winter school, under the instruction of Miss Sarah G. Sumner, was well conducted in every respect. The order was good, and rapid advancement was made. Some of the best scholars in town, notwithstanding their few advantages, are found in this district.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Only one term of 4 1-2 weeks, taught by Miss Ella J. Bartlett. This was Miss Bartlett's first effort, but she succeeded well, and accomplished as much as could be expected of any teacher in so short a time. I would suggest the propriety of the districts contributing the board and fuel, and thus lengthening the school.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

The summer school was taught by Miss Frances A. Plumer, a teacher of much experience, and one who has always borne the reputation of a superior teacher. The school as a whole was orderly and made good improvement, but a few of the larger boys seemed intent on doing all in their power to annoy and perplex the teacher, and destroy the order of the school. A little parental discipline of the right kind, applied in a few cases, would assist the teacher very much, and help make this one of the best schools in town.

The winter school was well conducted, by Miss Susy A. Pearson. I was very much pleased to note the improvement in the order of the school. Good advancement was made.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

A winter term by Miss Emma P. Dolloff, who gave entire satisfaction. The discipline was good and the school showed marked improvement.

DISTRICT NO. 10. (THREE TERMS.)

The first was taught by Miss Jane Rolfe Moore, a teacher of much experience. There seemed to be a want of kind feeling between the teacher and a part of the parents and scholars, very detrimental to the interest of the school. In the report Miss Moore says: "The school in literary attainments and refinement of manners, is much below what its advantages would give if rightly improved. This is evidently the result of a meddling spirit and unkind watchfulness on the part of many of the parents. Not one visited the school during the term only to complain, dictate, or disturb the school, which was carried to an unlawful extent. When an effort was made to secure protection against such disturbances, none had courage or interest to brave the danger of having their buildings burned. The natural abilities of the scholars are good—under correct cultivation superior scholarship might be attained by many of them. It is sad to see the means of education, provided by wise legislation, worse than thrown away, by petty jealousies and silly gossip."

I would respectfully suggest to this teacher the propriety of devoting a little less time to pounding out the faults of school committees, and a little more to filling out her register correctly.

The second and third terms were both taught by Miss Harriet A. Pike. Miss Pike is a good teacher, and so far as I am able to learn, gave entire satisfaction.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

This school has been taught during the past two years by Miss Emma H. Dolloff. Miss Dolloff had the advantage of knowing the wants and requirements of her school, and we think succeeded better than any new teacher could. The school was orderly, and fine improvement was manifest. We were glad to see the prudential committee, and some of the parents present at the examination and rhetorical exercises at the close of the fall term.

When our village schools are graded, and provided with a good school house, instead of the three miserable ones which now disgrace the village, we may expect to see improvement in our schools. Till that time we must expect to see much of our school money thrown away.

I would suggest to Prudential Committees and to teachers, the necessity of having the school registers properly filled out and returned to the S. S. Committee.

The law provides that no teacher shall receive pay for their services until this is done. Yet many teachers do not return their registers in season for the S. S. Committee to make his report, unless he goes or sends for them. And when they are returned, some are so carelessly filled out, in some cases with almost unintelligible pencil marks, that it is impossible to make a correct report from them.

The registers are all preserved as a part of the records of the town, and teachers ought to be very careful to have them neatly kept and properly filled out. All the items should be carefully reported.

Let parents manifest a deeper interest in the school, let them provide comfortable school houses, and employ none but the best teachers, let them visit the school room often, and give the teacher their hearty co-operation and support, and they will greatly increase the usefulness of our schools and thereby confer a lasting benefit upon their dearest object of earthly interest—their own children.

LEVI D. JOHNSON,

S. S. Committee.

Bristol, March 7, 1866.

STATISTICS OF SCHOOLS.

No. of District.	Names of Teachers.	Term of school.	Number of weeks of term.	Whole number of scholars.	Average attendance during the year.	Whole number each term.	Average attendance each term.	Number not attending school.	No. of mo's each teacher has taught.	Wages of teachers per month including board.	Amount of money for each district.	Amount of money to each scholar.	Number of visits by S. S. Committee.	No. of visits by Prudential Com.	Number of visits by citizens.
1	Annie M. Pierce.	1	8	14	12	14	12	0	144	18.00	31.42	2.24	2	1	12
2	Sara M. C. Musgrove.	1	10	73	44	56	46	10	43	24.00	174.43	2.39	3	3	0
	Sara M. C. Musgrove.	2	12			55	42			28.00					
3	Anna B. Cheney.	1	7	22	18	20	17	0	19	16.00	33 03	1.50	1	1	0
	Anna B. Cheney.	2	9	1-2		20	17			16.00					
4	Angie M. Yeaton.	1	7	15	11	15	12	0	18	16.00	26.56	1 76	2	2	0
	S. Jennie Dearborn.	2	6			11	10			6 16.00					
5	Josephine Moore.	1	5	2	2	2	2	2	30	12.00	28.82	14.41	0	0	0
	Sarah E. Teele.	1	6	22	17	18	16	0	0	18.00					
6	Sara G. Sumner.	2	9	21	17	21	17	9	21.00	39.90	1.81	3	3	0	10
	Ella J. Bartlett.	1	4	9	8	9	8	1	0	14.00	14.68	1.63	2	1	8
8	Frances A. Plumer.	1	7	29	22	24	20	20	19.00	52.50	1.81	2	2	2	13
	Susy A. Pearson.	2	10	19	16	19	16	0	24	16.00	44.00	2.32	2	1	6
9	Emma P. Dolloff.	1	8	44	34	44	34	79	26.00	26.00	166.88	2.92	1	1	20
	Jane R. Moore.	2	8	57	32	37	30	10	54	26.00	28.00	2.92	3	1	15
10	Harriet A. Pike.	3	7	38	31	38	31			28.00	72.14	2.66	2	0	2
	Harriet A. Pike.	1	9	27	16	21	17	3	7	16.00					
11	Emma H. Dolloff.	2	11	18	14	18	14			18.00			2	1	9

RECAPITULATION.

Number of weeks school,	154
Whole number of scholars,	291
Whole number in town including those not attending school,	317
Whole amount of school money,	686.08
Average wages of teachers per month including board,	19.37
Number of visits of S. S. Committee,	38
Number of visits of Prudential Committee,	11
Number of visits of citizens and others,	232
Number of scholars residing in town attending school out of town, 2; money used for them, \$1.72; each, .86.	