

ANNUAL REPORT,
OF THE
FINANCIAL AFFAIRS
OF THE
Town of Chichester,

INCLUDING A REPORT FROM THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDING
MARCH 1, 1887.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

Report of Treasurer of the Town of Chichester, for
the year ending March 1, 1887.

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To balance in favor of Town, March 1, 1886.	\$ 706 36
Received of J. K. Towle, collector,	3,280 00
" " State Treasurer, railroad tax,	219 69
" " " savings bank tax,	1,024 76
" " " literary fund,	111 36
" " County Treasurer, pauper account,	271 53
" " Union School District,	125 66
" " A. A. Groves, rent of hearse,	14 00
" " A. M. Drake,	82
	\$5,754 18

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By paid amount of Town orders during past year, numbered from 1 to 170 inclusive,	\$4,020 06
" Matured Town Bonds,	1,000 00
" Accrued Interest unpaid in 1886,	24 00
" " " due Feb. 1, 1887,	260 00
	\$5,304 06
Amount of Receipts,	\$5,754 18
" Expenditures,	5,304 06
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	\$450 12

CHARLES A. LANGMAID, *Treasurer.*

We hereby certify we have examined the accounts of the Town Treasurer for the fiscal year, ending March 1, 1887, and find them correctly cast and supported by proper vouchers.

D. T. BROWN,	}	Auditors.
C. C. SHAW,		
N. G. EDMUNDS,		

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen respectfully submit the following report for the year ending March 1, 1887.

RECEIPTS.

Received of A. M. Drake,	82
Cash in hands of Treasurer, March 1, 1886,	\$ 706 36
Resident money taxes, non-resident money taxes and non-resident highway taxes of 1886,	3,322 22
Tax on dogs,	50 00
Savings Bank taxes,	1,024 76
Railroad tax,	219 69
Literary fund,	111 36
County for pauper account,	271 53
Received of Loudon, on Union school houses,	125 66
A. A. Groves, use of hearse.	14 00
	\$5,846 40

EXPENDITURES.

Paid state tax,	\$ 700 00
County tax,	675 02
for support of schools,	1,201 59
Religious societies,	51 88
County pauper bills,	271 53
Town pauper bills,	7 25
repairs of roads and bridges,	224 54
Town of Epsom on Union school house,	32 53
incidental expenses,	203 11
abatement of taxes,	48 71
Town officers,	465 74
damage to sheep by dogs,	19 00
matured Town bonds,	1,000 00
coupons on Town bonds,	260 00
coupons due in 1886,	24 00
Literary fund,	22 27
breaking roads,	100 91
	\$5,308 08

EXPENDITURES ITEMIZED.—RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES.

Paid Congregational, interest on parsonage fund,	\$23 89
Methodist, " " "	16 51
Baptist, " " "	7 48
Advent, " " "	4 00
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	\$51 88

COUNTY PAUPER BILLS.

Paid George P. Haines, supplies for D. Mathes,	\$49 88
Charles H. Carpenter for wood for Mathes,	18 25
Dr. M. F. Smith, medical aid for Mathes,	5 75
E. Bailey, board of Sally Brown,	91 00
" one pair of shoes for Sally Brown.	2 00
True Sanborn, Jr., board of Moody,	3 00
Joseph Morse, supplies for Martha Maston,	39 00
Charles C. Shaw, one cord of wood for M. Maston,	3 50
Dr. M. F. Smith, medical aid for M. Maston,	1 15
George M. Munsey for board of Hannah Morgan,	18 00
Hannah Morgan aid,	40 00
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	\$271 53

REPAIR OF ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid John K. Towle, non-resident tax receipt.	\$	3 34
George W. Towle, " " "		7 62
George M. Warren, " " "		1 05
John F. French, " " "		2 86
Hosea B. Langley, " " "		2 62
Charles C. Shaw, " " "		1 86
Charles H. Elliott, agent on turnpike,	100	00
Stephen Perkins, agent on centre road,	15	00
John K. Towle, repair of road in Dis., No. 21,	2	56
S. D. Edgerly, " " " 2,		60
A. M. Drake, " " " 9,	10	00
F. Brown, " " " 23,	6	70
C. B. Meserve, " " " 2,		60
N. S. Maston, " " " 2,	2	50
C. H. Towle, " " " 10,	2	00
James B. Clifford, " " " "	2	25

Josiah P. Staniels, range road, (so called)	35 50
R. W. Dame, " "	3 60
Charles C. Shaw, in District No. 6,	4 55
Charles H. Carpenter, " " 5,	2 58
Charles Stanyan, looking after turnpike,	50
Charles H. Carpenter, for bridge plank,	16 25
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	\$224 54

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid Ira C. Evans, printing town reports,	\$20 00
N. M. Batchelder, for watering tub four years,	12 00
John K. Towle, for certificate of birth,	25
John Shaw, journey to Concord and back for chest,	2 00
W. S. Parker, damage to wagon,	1 15
Auditors, March 1, 1886,	3 00
Charles C. Shaw, for six feet of wood fitted for stove,	3 38
For board of town officers,	3 75
M. F. Smith, for returning births and deaths,	3 00
David T. Brown, for insuring town house,	5 00
Charles Lake, as auditor in 1885,	1 50
G. H. Haines, for blacksmith work in 1884,	1 50
Samuel W. Langmaid, for cleaning town house,	1 50
N. G. Edmunds, for getting town reports printed,	1 50
M. S. Batchelder, for taking deposition,	50
A. W. Perkins, for damage to sleigh,	1 50
Abraham M. Drake, for money paid out in 1885,	1 10
Abraham M. Drake, for journey to Concord,	1 50
N. W. Beane, returning deaths and birth,	2 50
George M. Warren, for watering tub,	3 00
To tax payers in South district No. 6 for the digging of a well,	30 00
Abraham M. Drake, for journey to Manches- ter and Concord,	2 60
N. G. Edmunds, one certificate of birth,	25
John Shaw, two journeys to Concord and two to Loudon,	4 50
J. B. Sanborn, for stationery,	60

E. C. Eastman, for stationery,	70
“ “ “	54
“ “ inventory book,	1 00
G. H. H. Silsby & Son, for stationery,	44
“ “ “ “	9 30
“ “ “ “	80
A. A. Groves, charges of hearse,	26 00
Chase & Streeter, for legal services,	16 00
David T. Brown, for services in appointing health officers,	1 00
John Shaw, journey to Pittsfield and appoint- ing health officers,	2 00
John S. Sherborn, for services in appointing health officers,	1 50
Abraham M. Drake, for services in appoint- ing health officers,	2 50
Charles A. Langmaid, two days at town house,	3 00
Samuel W. Langmaid, for board of town officers,	30 75
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	\$203 11

DAMAGE TO SHEEP BY DOGS.

Paid Charles H. Carpenter,	\$ 4 00
C. F. Lane,	2 50
James F. Towle,	3 50
Josiah P. Staniels,	6 00
Jeremiah N. Staniels,	3 00
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	\$19 00

BREAKING ROADS.

Paid George W. West, District No. 22,	\$ 4 62
Jonathan D. Leavitt, “ 6,	6 21
George A. Hill, “ 7,	11 51
N. S. Maston, “ 3,	5 55
S. A. Brown, “ 2,	4 08
John W. Joy, “ 2,	60
Richard Liscomb, “ 23,	4 62
James F. Towle, “ 15,	6 64
Charles C. Shaw, “ 6,	1 62

Charles B. Meserve, District No. 2,	60
W. S. Langmaid, " 8,	4 80
George W. Murdough, " 4,	2 89
George W. Murdough, " 4,	1 44
James B. Clifford, " 1,	5 10
M. S. Batchelder, " 13,	9 90
M. S. Batchelder, " 13,	2 87
Philip C. Hutchinson, " 13,	11 08
Lewis W. Towle, " 14,	8 75
Samuel W. Langmaid, breaking center road,	1 50
Charles C. Shaw, " "	78
John Shaw, " "	1 50
Steven Perkins, cutting bushes on center highway,	2 25
Charles D. Langmaid, breaking road on turnpike,	2 00
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	\$100 91

TOWN PAUPER BILLS.

Paid Abraham M. Drake in taking two affidavits in the Moody case,	\$ 50
John Shaw for journey to Epsom and proving affidavit in Moody case,	75
Abraham M. Drake for journey to Canterbury and Epsom in procuring affidavits in the Moody case,	2 50
John S. Sherburne, transient pauper,	3 00
David T. Brown, one affidavit in Moody case,	50
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	7 25

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid Charles L. Buzzell, poll tax in 1885,	\$1 21
Herbert T. Sanborn " pension soldier,	1 21
John H. Marden, " "	1 21
N. H. Wright, " "	1 09
C. F. Lane, on untaxable property,	3 74
Charles M. Knowles, poll tax,	1 21
Stephen Perkins, over tax in 1885,	10 00
James B. Tennant, over tax on land near Epsom line,	76

Richard W. Liscomb, on horse died in 1885,	50
Charles W. F. Spiller, over tax,	1 21
George W. Towle, loss of dog,	1 00
Charles Lake, on untaxable property,	1 31
Steven Perkins, over tax in 1886.	3 30
Benjamin Lake, over tax on account of fire.	2 79
Malvina Brigham, over tax,	2 75
Oliver G. Maston, abatement of poll tax,	1 10
Steven Perkins, over tax in 1885.	2 00
On William Lake farm in 1885,	4 26
L. D. Place, abatement,	46
John Moses, poll tax paid in Concord,	1 10
Robert McConnell, abatement,	3 24
William P. Moulton, abatement,	2 10
Joseph G. Cate, tax on dog paid in Loudon,	1 00
E. Hill, on horse died,	16
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	\$48 71

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Samuel A. Kendall, member of school board,	\$ 45 00
O. T. Maxfield, “	30 00
C. Lake, “	25 00
F. E. Towle, clerk of school board,	2 00
Geo. W. Murdough, board of health officers,	9 50
John F. French, “	3 00
Samuel W. Langmaid, “	1 50
John K. Towle, collector of taxes,	48 00
W. S. Langmaid, town clerk,	15 00
D. T. Brown, services as supervisor,	7 00
M. S. Batchelder, “	7 00
A. A. Groves,	7 00
John Shaw, for services appraising school houses, and making out tax under the new school law,	23 00
John S. Sherborn, “	12 00
Abraham M. Drake, “	16 50
John Shaw, services as selectman,	60 00
John S. Sherborn, “	53 10
Alvah M. Drake, “	59 00

Charles A. Langmaid, town treasurer,	35 00
Abraham M. Drake, correcting school house tax,	4 90
John K. Towle, collecting school house tax,	2 24

\$465 74

TOWN FUND.

Parsonage Fund, loaned to town,	\$864 66
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TOWN PROPERTY.

Town house at cost,	\$475 00
Hearse and hearse house,	500 00

\$975 00

DUE THE TOWN.

Cash in hands of treasurer,	\$450 12
Uncollected taxes,	57 70
Amount of summer taxes unworked, 1882,	14 95
" " " " 1883,	1 15
" " " " 1885,	4 51

\$528 43

INDEBTEDNESS OF TOWN.

Outstanding town bonds,	\$8,250 00
Parsonage fund,	864,66

\$9,114 66

Deduct amount due the town,	\$528 43
Total indebtedness of town,	\$8,586 23

JOHN SHAW,	}	Selectmen of Chichester
JOHN S. SHERBURNE,		
ABRAHAM M. DRAKE,		

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the selectmen for the fiscal year ending March 1st, 1887, and find them correctly cast and supported by proper vouchers.

D. T. BROWN,	}	Auditors
C. C. SHAW,		
N. G. EDMUNDS,		

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

OF CHICHESTER, FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1887.

As we come to the close of another school year it devolves upon us to render an account of our stewardship. Under the operation of our new law, the labors and responsibilities of your school officers have been largely increased, and these cares have been still further augmented by the change from two terms in each school, to the three which have been enjoyed by reason of the wisely liberal appropriation of last year. If any are tempted to reduce educational expenditures on the score of economy, let them remember that "there is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." Physical poverty is bad enough, mental poverty is far worse, and moral poverty is the worst of all. Against these three forms of poverty our schools are, or may be, our principal defence. Let us spare neither time, money nor diligence to bring them up to the highest possible standard.

New ideas are constantly being broached, and many experiments made. Those methods which prove practical and more effective become in time universal. The free common school system of America has not yet reached perfection, either in theory or in practice.

Even its most fundamental purposes have not yet been entirely realized. For instance, it was the purpose of the founders of this system that every child should have equal advantages under it. Theoretically they do, in fact they do not. Our forefathers thought that, when they had provided that school houses and teachers should be furnished at the public expense, then certainly every child would have equal opportunities.

Years of experience have proved that something more is needed. Every scholar in school has two principal sources

of information,—the teacher and the text-book. From which of these does he learn the most? Surely both are indispensable. Then why should *one* be furnished with perfect regularity, while the *other* is left at hap-hazard? The same rule should apply to both, hence both must be provided at the public expense before it will be true “that every scholar has an equal opportunity.”

The law of New Hampshire authorizes any town or city to expend money for the purchase of all necessary text books for the scholars in its schools. This is only permissive, but as was the case in regard to town management of schools, if our citizens are not shrewd enough to see its advantages and adopt its provisions, it will probably not be long before a general law will render this matter compulsory, as it is already in several of the neighboring states. This subject is coming up for discussion at our next school meeting. Let us settle it, and settle it right. Other important propositions will come before said meeting, and we hope that all our citizens (this includes the ladies) will manifest their interest by their presence.

After due deliberation it is thought best to omit the special reports of each school, as far as relates to success of teachers, etc.

We believe that all our teachers have done faithful work in the school room. It has also come to our knowledge that some of them have devoted much extra time to their scholars, thus showing indisputably their interest in, and fitness for, the work of teaching.

To attempt to pick flaws in the methods of our teachers by contrasting one with another, might serve a good purpose when glaring faults were to be noted. But in the absence of such faults it would be a mere waste of words.

Of our scholars, we can say in general, there has been a commendable show of ambition, and in many cases noteworthy efforts to excel. Some schools have suffered seriously from the inroads of sickness. In two instances teachers have been compelled, by illness, to leave their schools. Another was called home by serious illness of near relatives, and the remaining two weeks of the term were filled out by another teacher.

An inspection of the various Registers shows that in the aggregate a vast amount of time is lost by reason of absences, amounting in some cases to nearly one-half the term. Parents cannot be too careful about this matter, and trivial difficulties ought never to be deemed a sufficient reason for irregular attendance. The whole number of scholars registered this year has been one hundred and seventy-one, (171) of which number all but three have been in our own schools during one or more terms.

The number of children between the ages of five and fifteen is reported by the Selectmen as follows: Boys, forty-nine; girls, fifty-two.

None are reported of school age who have not been in school, nor any between the ages of fourteen and twenty-one who cannot read and write.

We gladly note the fact that the desire for a better education is yearly becoming more manifest. This demand must be rightly met or its first result will be an injury. The tendency now in our country towns is to intrude the so-called higher branches into our primary or common schools to the detriment of all who especially need a thorough elementary training. In such a school the increased attention given to the higher branches must be directly at the expense of the lower. It is robbing the foundation to build the edifice higher; in short it is a rank folly. Every town should have within its borders a "higher school," as centrally located as possible, where its more advanced pupils may have the individual attention of a suitable instructor.

It is hoped that these suggestions, briefly but candidly offered, may commend themselves to the good sense and public spirit of our towns-people, so that ere long progressive action may be taken in this direction, or in any other which may be of equal or greater importance.

On the "roll of honor" are recorded three names as not having been tardy or absent during the whole year: Cora S. Brown, Edna M. Brown, Gertie M. Brown.

The following are reported as not having been absent or tardy for two terms: Eddie C. Batchelder, Josie P. French,

Courtland Ordway, Elzora I. Ordway, Rosa J. Ordway, Charlie A. Towle, Minnie A. Towle, Katie N. Towle, Christie S. West.

Twenty-four others are on record for *one* term, and although their names do not appear here, we trust they will try harder another year and so secure honorable mention.

Subjoined will be found the Treasurer's report and table of statistics.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

S. A. KENDALL,	} School Board of Chichester.
O. T. MAXFIELD,	
CHARLES LAKE,	

Chichester, N.H., Mar. 1, 1887.

No. of School,	No. of Term.	Names of Teachers.	Wages per Month,	No. Weeks School,	No. of Scholars,	No. in Reading and Spelling,	No. in Penmanship,	No. in Arithmetic,	No. in Geography,	No. in Grammar,	No. in Physiology,	No. in History,	No. in Algebra,	No. in Book-keeping,	No. in Philosophy,
1	1	Cora A. Emerson,	25.00	9	23	23	20	12	11	8	9				
1	2	“ “	26.40	10	24	23	20	14	13	9	10				
1	3	“ “	28.00	7	17	16	13	14	10	9	7				
2	1	Annie B. Whittemore,	20.00	9	13	13	5	8	5	4	4			2	1
2	2	“ “	20.00	9	13	13	5	9	1	2	4	1			
2	3	Etta Belle Perkins,	24.00	10	11	11	6	9	3	5	4	1	1		
4	1	“ “	20.00	8	17	17	17	14	13	5	4				
4	2	Addie K. Hale,	25.00	10	21	21	19	17	12	7	5		1		
4	3	{ Susie H. Lane, Mary A. Seavey, Josie B. Shaw, } Lizzie G. Langley,	28.00	10.08	23	23	19	19	10	10	5				
5	1	“ “	24.00	8	18	17	17	14	10	9	7	1	3		
5	2	“ “	24.00	8	21	20	20	18	14	9	7		3		
5	3	“ “	24.00	12	16	16	16	14	15	10	7		4		
6	1	Addie K. Hale,	30.00	8	32	32	26	28	21	12	12				
6	2	John P. Brown,	34.00	10	39	39	12	32	19	14	14	1	2		1
6	3	“ “	36.00	10	36	36	9	32	19	14	11				
8	1	Josie B. Shaw,	25.00	8	24	24	3	18	8	8	12		3	1	
8	2	“ “	26.40	10	23	23	11	18	5	7	14		6	1	1
8	3	“ “	28.00	10	21	21	9	21	9	7	13		5	2	1

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Charles Lake. treasurer of the school district of Chichester,
in account with said district for the year ending March 1,
1887.

RECEIPTS.

To cash received of Bear Hill district,	\$ 2 91
“ “ “ Lane “	78
“ “ “ Center “	5 00
“ “ “ town treasurer.	1,223 86
“ “ “ board of education of Loudon, for tuition of scholars,	15 26
“ “ “ board of education of Epsom, for tuition of scholars,	34 34
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Amount of receipts,	\$1,282 15
Amount of expenditures,	1,241 68
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Cash in hands of treasurer.	\$ 40 47

EXPENDITURES.

Paid expenses for the several schools as follows :

No. 1,	\$185 37
“ 2.	172 48
“ 4.	187 08
“ 5.	183 15
“ 6.	248 45
“ 8.	206 99
Paid Loudon school board for tuition of scholars in New Dover school,	37 81
Paid Loudon school board for tuition of scholars in Pleasant street school,	18 55
Paid for printing notices,	1 00
“ two record books,	80
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Amount of expenditures,	\$1,241 68

CHARLES LAKE, Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of
the treasurer of the school district of the town of Chichester,
State of New Hampshire, for the year ending March 1, 1887,
and find them correctly cast and supported by proper
vouchers.

NATHAN D. FITTS,
CHARLES A. LANGMAID, } Auditors.

Chichester, March 1, 1887.