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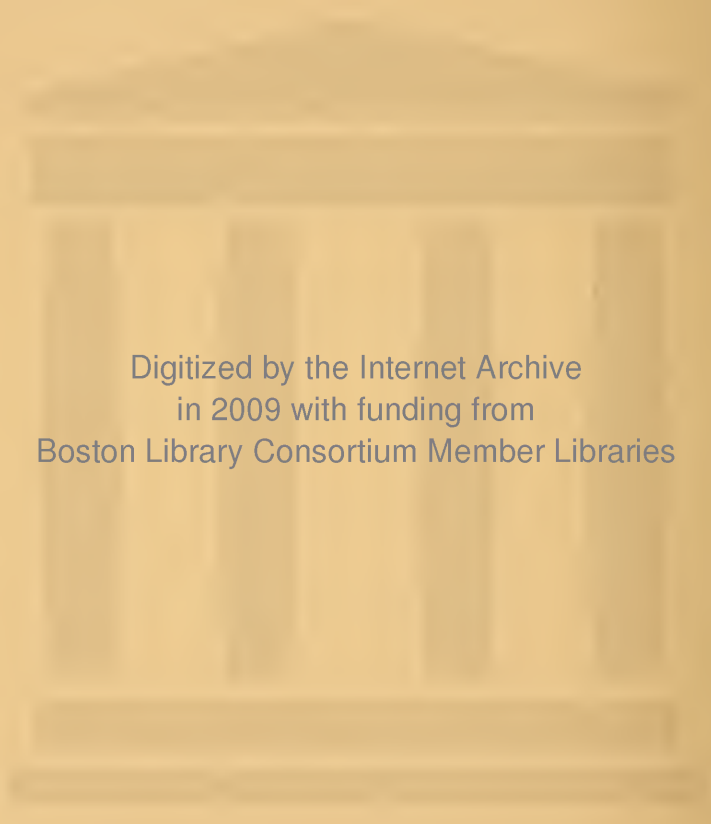
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TREASURER'S REPORT.

JOSEPH P. DEARBORN, *Treasurer.*

Rec'd of former treasurer,	\$656 05	
“ J. S. Elkins, temporary loan,	150 00	
“ Moses J. Hayes, temporary loan,	50 00	
“ Rufus Boynton, from town of Northfield,	4 35	
“ railroad tax,	214 58	
“ savings bank tax,	1,625 11	
“ literary fund,	180 18	
“ Merrimack County,	769 28	
“ of C. F. Elliott, grass in ceme- tery,	6 00	
“ Geo. H. Gale, 1-2 causeway bill,	5 25	
“ A. H. Brown, highway tax,	2 58	
“ Chas. Peverly, burial lot,	5 00	
“ highway receipts and abate- ments,	71 32	
“ of collector Davis,	3,618 33	
“ subscription for water pipe,	13 50	
“ bounty on grasshoppers,	6 00	
	\$7,377 53	
Paid state tax,	1,465 00	
“ county tax,	1,129 98	
“ outstanding order,	3 00	
“ sheep bills,	107 30	
“ J. S. Elkins, note and interest,	156 27	
“ selectmen's orders,	3,877 99	
“ highway receipts and abate- ments,	71 32	
“ balance in treasury,	566 67	
	\$7,377 53	

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid B. K. Neal, watering trough for 1888,	\$ 3 00	
C. N. Clough, non-resident high- way tax for 1887,	6 25	
Orrin J. Randall, for 700 feet of rails in 1888,	7 00	
John A. Beck, for breaking roads in 1888,	7 00	
George W. Fletcher, for break- ing roads in 1888,	2 25	
J. F. Nichols, damage to wagon in 1888,	4 50	
W. F. Sargent, breaking roads in 1888,	13 35	
P. H. Jones, building water course,	9 90	
S. C. Moore, labor on highway,	9 00	
John Snyder, breaking roads in 1888,	4 00	
Total amount paid by former Selectmen after report,	—————	\$66 25
Paid Chas. Smith, services and expen- ses on checklist,	8 00	
Chas. Smith, lumber for, and building fence at Penacook bridge,	15 80	
Chas. Smith, moderator, March, 1889,	1 25	
N. H. Democratic Press Co., printing reports and checklists,	31 50	
W. Sargent, non-resident high- way tax for 1888,	7 01	
C. E. Berry, damage by reason of insufficiency of highway,	25 00	

Paid Thos. Tucker, drawing rubble,	\$20 00
Geo. P. Morrill, Dec. appropriation,	15 00
Moses Haynes, temporary loan and interest,	51 75
P. C. Clough, watering trough to Jan. 30, 1890,	3 00
Chas. Peverley, watering trough to Mar. 1, 1890,	3 00
J. G. Clough int. on B. Whidden fund for one year,	12 00
J. P. Dearborn, sawing wood for town house,	1 00
Robt. Smith, non-resident highway tax,	5 00
John James, lighting Boscawen bridge to Oct. 1, 1889, and repairs on lamp,	18 00
J. B. Sanborn, stationery, etc.,	3 37
C. E. Morrill, wood for town house,	2 00
Nicholas Briggs, watering trough for year 1888,	3 00
John French, oil and chimneys for town house,	2 81
J. P. Dearborn, justice work,	50
A. H. Brown, chimneys and oil in 1888,	41
C. E. Morrill, fuse and powder,	1 30
Freight on road machine edges,	25
C. E. Morrill, postage,	64
Abraham Sargent, sawing town house wood in 1888,	1 00
Express on surveyor's warrants,	15
Frank Chase, non-resident high-	

way tax for 1888,	\$6 00
Paid D. W. Morrill, stock and painting fence,	8 04
E. M. Lyford, repairs on road machine,	60
J. Hadlock & Co., Victor Edges,	16 50
G. H. Gale, repairs on road machines, sharpening tools, etc.,	2 22
George Fletcher, housing road machine, winter of '88 and '89,	2 00
J. B. Sanborn, per bill,	3 07
A. S. Bronson, returning births and deaths,	3 00
J. L. Adams, labor in cemetery,	3 50
H. L. Clough, services as selectman after report,	6 00
O. W. Dow, services as selectman after report,	5 00
H. L. Clough, non-resident highway tax for 1888,	5 57
F. W. Morrill, burial permits,	4 35
C. N. Clough, supervisor 1889,	2 25
Charles Peverly, watering trough,	3 00
Frank Davis, breaking roads in 1888,	12 00
J. P. Dearborn, work on old drain,	2 25
Byron Ingalls, damage to wagon,	3 00
C. F. Elliot, completing old drain on common, and labor by cemetery,	34 50
J. R. Pattee, returning births and deaths,	1 50
C. E. Morrill, paper and incidentals,	3 17

Paid Doddridge Wheeler, breaking roads, 1888,	\$3 00	
	<hr/>	\$363 26

BOUNTIES.

Osborne Colby, for grasshoppers,	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$6 00

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

E. L. Batchelder, lumber for Taylor bridge,	52 72	
J. G. Clough, repairing highway,	1 50	
J. H. Evans, repairing "Misery Road,"	108 11	
Rufus Boynton, repairing highway,	27 00	
E. R. Marston, running road machine,	28 50	
Geo. E. Tucker, running road machine,	39 75	
E. S. Pickard, repairing highway,	15 07	
Prescott Webber, drawing lumber to Taylor bridge,	14 00	
C. H. Fellows, drawing stone to Taylor bridge,	3 50	
J. H. Scales, repairing highway and railing,	9 46	
Warren Pickard, repairing highway,	14 50	
B. P. Ingalls, repairing bridge,	7 20	
" " " " " highway,	14 35	
A. T. Grover, labor on Taylor bridge,	82 00	
Rufus Boynton, labor on bridges,	3 15	
C. F. Jones, repairing causeway,	4 50	
A. G. Chase, labor on Taylor bridge,	5 87	

Paid H. L. Clough, labor on highway,	\$15 62	
C. N. Clough, labor on highway and 50 posts for railing,	18 62	
C. N. Clough, oxen at Taylor bridge,	5 00	
Osborne Colby, board of team and use of tools at Taylor bridge,	2 50	
William R. Lake, labor on high- way,	3 00	
C. F. Elliott, repairing causeway,	7 50	
Robert Bennett, work on cause- way,	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$486 42

COMMON.

Paid C. F. Elliott, labor on common,	46 50	
A. G. Chase, labor on common,	7 00	
James Bennett, labor on common,	11 25	
Louis Durand & Fred Fontaine,	42 75	
Chas. Fellows, labor on common,	56 00	
Abram Sargent, labor on com- mon,	13 50	
A. T. Grover, raising sewer heads,	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$183 00

TEAMS FOR ROAD MACHINE.

Paid Frank S. Davis,	30 00
C. F. Elliott,	18 00
P. C. Clough,	4 50
F. W. Morrill,	20 00
C. J. Sargent,	9 00
Cyrus Brown,	1 50
W. D. Pickard,	6 50

Paid Byron Ingalls,	\$ 4 25	
A. J. Dearborn,	4 50	
P. H. Jones,	3 00	
C. F. Jones,	2 50	
Daniel Ingalls,	75	
C. E. Morrill,	3 00	
Lowell Beck,	3 75	
Geo. Blanchard,	7 00	
	<hr/>	\$118 25

REPAIRING WATER WORKS ON COMMON.

Paid A. G. Chase, pipe and expenses,	46 50	
Humphrey, Dodge & Smith, balance of pipe,	3 19	
Robert Bennett, labor on ditch,	7 50	
C. F. Elliott,	29 25	
	<hr/>	\$86 44

AID FOR THE POOR.

Paid on acc't of Hattie Robinson,	76 25	
" " Lizzie Weston,	173 00	
" " Alvoria Battis,	20 00	
" " David Battis,	25 50	
" " Louis Durand,	21 23	
" " J. B. Carter, Jr., and family,	282 78	
" " Mary Miller,	79 00	
" " Susan Pickard,	4 50	
" " A. C. Bennett,	79 52	
" " A. C. Bennett, after settlement with commissioners,	26 25	
" " transients, '87 and '88,	6 00	
" " transients, '89,	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$795 53

FOR THE SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid Lowell T. Mason, treasurer of school board,	\$1,325 50	
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TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid F. W. Morrill, clerk,	25 00	
F. S. Davis, collector,	79 79	
C. E. Morrill, overseer of poor,	42 25	
C. E. Morrill, selectman,	65 52	
A. G. Chase, selectman,	64 53	
Rufus Boynton,	58 00	
J. P. Dearborn, treasurer,	25 00	
Lowell T. Mason, member of school board,	37 62	
C. F. Emery, member of school board,	44 63	
	<hr/>	\$442 34

SHEEP BILLS.

Dodderidge Wheeler, 4 sheep,	16 00	
John Glines, " "	5 00	
C. H. Ayers, Jr., 7 " "	21 00	
W. W. Wheeler, 1 " "	4 50	
Ai J. Smith, 2 " "	8 00	
Paul H. Jones, 4 " "	19 80	
Robert S. Morrill, 4 " "	17 00	
Chas. E. Morrill, 4 " "	8 00	
E. M. Lyford, 3 " "	10 00	
Frank S. Davis, 1 " "	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$112 30

RECAPITULATION.

Total receipts,		\$7,377 53
Paid by former selectmen,	\$66 25	
miscellaneous bills,	363 26	
bounties,	6 00	

Paid roads and bridges,	\$486 42
common bills,	183 00
teams for road machine,	118 25
repairing water-works at com- mon,	86 44
aid for poor,	795 53
support of schools,	1,325 50
sheep bills,	112 30
state tax,	1,465 00
county tax,	1,129 98
outstanding order,	3 00
J. S. Elkins, loan and interest,	156 27
highway receipts and abatements,	71 32
town officers,	442 34
Cash in hands of treasurer,	566 67
	<hr/> \$7,377 53

JOSEPH P. DEARBORN, Treasurer.

CHAS. E. MORRILL, }
 ALFRED G. CHASE, } Selectmen
 RUFUS BOYNTON, } of
 } Canterbury.

Canterbury, March 1, 1890.

REPORT OF AUDITORS.

The undersigned have carefully examined the fore-going accounts and find them accurately cast and properly vouched, and a balance due the town of \$566.67 in the hands of the treasurer.

S. K. BOYCE, }
 T. L. LINDSAY, } Auditors.

FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN OF
CANTERBURY, MARCH 1, 1890.

Due March 1, 1889, from Frank S.	
Davis, collector,	\$ 909 99
Tax list committed to collector,	3,989 82
	\$4,899 81
Paid in cash receipts and abate-	
ments,	\$3,689 65
	\$3,689 65
	\$1,210 16

ASSETS.

Due from Collector Lyford,	\$ 19 26
" " Davis,	1,210 16
" E. L. Millikin, cemetery lot,	5 00
" W. P. Small, 2 " lots,	9 50
" Moses Emery, 2 " "	12 00
" Estate of F. P. Chase, ceme-	
tery lot,	5 00
Cash in hands of treasurer, March 1,	
1890,	566 67
	\$1,827 59

LIABILITIES.

Sally and Eliza Randall, note,	\$888 76
Mary E. Heath, note,	271 77
	\$1,160 53
Assets above liabilities,	\$667 06

DOG TAX.

Dog tax on hand March 1, 1889,	\$127 50	
Dog tax for 1888,	91 00	
	<u> </u>	\$218 50
Paid sheep bills,	112 30	
	<u> </u>	\$112 30
Balance on hand March 1, 1890,		<u>\$106 20</u>

FUNDS HELD IN TRUST BY THE TOWN.

Literary fund,	1,365 75
B. Whidden fund,	200 00

CHARLES E. MORRILL, } Selectmen
 ALFRED G. CHASE, } of
 RUFUS BOYNTON, } Canterbury.

SCHOOL REPORT.

BLANCHARD.

This school for the year was under the instruction of Miss Grace E. Colby, who entered the school under unfavorable circumstances, but being determined to succeed she labored faithfully for her pupils, and soon had the school fully under her control. Miss Colby has the happy faculty of gaining the love and respect of her pupils, and good order was maintained throughout the year. She deserves much praise for redeeming this school to its former standard, and we most heartily unite with the parents and pronounce this school a success.

HACKLEBOROUGH.

The summer term of ten weeks was taught by Miss Clara Pickard.

The fall term of ten weeks was under the instruction of Miss Leonora M. Dow, who fully sustained her reputation as a teacher, and, although the school was small, yet a marked improvement was made by all her pupils, and realizing the importance of good order, her school was a success, and deserved better support of the parents.

Blanchard and Hackleborough reported by **LOWELL T. MASON.**

HILLVILLE.

Summer term taught by Wm. D. Ingalls.

Teacher of fall and winter terms, Ella C. Hancock. Miss Hancock has taught several terms in this and other towns with good success. She labored hard for the success of this school. The reading and spelling were very creditable, and also the class in mental arithmetic. We believe this school might be made a success if it had the

advantages that it should have, but with the weariness that the pupils suffer from sitting in the hard seats, with the temptation to excel their predecessors in the carvings of the desks, and other disadvantages of an ancient schoolhouse, it is impossible for teacher or pupils to attain the high standard that they might under more favorable surroundings.

SHAKERS.

Teacher of summer term, Miss Jessie Evans, assisted by L. C. Fish. Miss Evans seems to have an aptitude for teaching. At the beginning of the term we expected a successful term, as we were unable to be present at its close, Asenath Stickney furnished us with a report of the school, which showed that the term was a very successful one.

Teacher of the fall term, Arthur Bruce. He stands very high as an instructor in the Shaker schools. The order was excellent, the recitations showed that teacher and pupils were united in their work; a very pleasant feature of the school was the vocal music. It would be well for the scholars of this town if there were more singing and less crying.

BAPTIST.

Teacher of summer term, Miss L. M. Dow, a teacher of experience in schools in this town. Good progress was made in all the branches taught.

Hillville, Shakers and Baptist reported by W. D. INGALLS.

EMERY.

No school has profited more by the "town system" than this. The past year it was fortunate in having the services of a successful and experienced teacher, Miss Nellie French of Northfield. The improvement of some

of the pupils in writing and reading during the fall term was quite marvelous.

The recitations were prompt and accurate, and the order unexceptionable.

The attendance is worthy of praise. Ten pupils were not absent or tardy during the summer term, and the percentage of daily attendance reached ninety-two for the winter term.

CENTRE.

This school was taught during the summer term by Miss Flora M. Adams, this being her sixth term.

Ten pupils were not tardy or absent, and the percentage of daily attendance was ninety-four, better than for three years.

The school was well classified, and each pupil was given all the work that he or she could accomplish with the utmost diligence. The results were, all the good effects that follow industry and perseverance. No time was wasted.

We were very sorry that Miss Adams decided not to continue in the school.

Miss Minnie T. Clarke had charge of the school during the fall and winter terms. A high standard of excellence in scholarship and deportment was not reached. Some of the older classes did good work and steadily progressed during both terms.

The pleasant friendship, existing between teacher and pupils, was a commendable feature of the school.

BOROUGH.

The teacher, Miss Mary M. Emery, found only two pupils at the opening of the school, but later three more came.

The teacher was faithful in her work and succeeded in awakening an interest in her pupils and in making them

happy in the school-room. The order was good and the progress commendable.

Mrs. Maude Gilman taught the school for ten weeks in the fall. The children continued the work so bravely commenced in the spring and made rapid progress. At the close of the term they entertained a half dozen visitors for two and one-half hours very pleasantly. These few children learned as much in the twenty weeks as many of the more fortunate learned in twenty-six weeks. They were prompt, accurate and courteous.

Centre, Emery and Borough reported by C. F. EMERY.

GENERAL REMARKS.

In the above report we have given you our views of the condition and success of our schools, as fully as the limited space at our disposal allowed.

We regret as sincerely the failures and rejoice as heartily in the successes, as any inhabitant of the district.

It is matter for congratulation, that in the number of weeks of school Canterbury stands seventh among the twenty-six towns of Merrimack county. Only sixty towns and cities of the state have as many or more weeks of school in the year. An additional annual expenditure of \$200 would place us among the first forty towns of the state, a position of which we might well be proud, considering our resources and the extent of our territory.

A school year of thirty weeks is none too long, and we can afford this for our children. The money would return to us in the increased prosperity of our town. Whatever gives the children a better opportunity to acquire an education profits every inhabitant of the town. The benefit to the children is incalculable.

The opening of the Kezer School is an important event in our town, and a subject for rejoicing. We sincerely

hope that parents will give their children the advantage of its opportunities for study. It is in charge of our own citizens who have been repeatedly trusted in public affairs, and the beautiful house, thoroughly furnished, proves their determination to give the best school facilities within their power.

As the question of what school system we shall use may be decided the coming year, a few statistics may be interesting. Not including the Shaker school, which has been practically unchanged, our average school year for the years 1883, 1884 and 1885, was 18.2 weeks. The Blanchard School averaged 29 weeks, Emery 17.3, Baptist 18.4, Center 28.6, Borough 19.9, Hillville 15.1, and the other three schools less than twelve weeks each. The years of 1887, 1888 and 1889 show an average school year of 27 weeks throughout the town—not held in all the school houses, but in such houses as were accessible to all the children. When the distance was too great for walking, the children were conveyed at the district's expense. A few pupils were provided with school privileges in the neighboring towns. Instead of maintaining a public school in the Hackleborough or Baptist houses, the last term of 1889, the tuition of twenty-three pupils was paid to the Kezer Seminary. In all the schools except the Center the wages paid to teachers averaged higher under the "town system." This gave opportunity for employing better teachers when they could be found. Unfortunately this was not always possible.

It is unnecessary to discuss the need of maps and school supplies, since a bill passed last summer gives the school board full power to furnish each school with all needed supplies. The introduction of free text-books opens a wide door for economy or wastefulness. The children should be taught at home to consider the books as a loan to be used carefully and returned in good con-

dition. A reckless use or abuse of public property is very demoralizing, and worse for a child than doing without proper books.

With the introduction of free text-books should be arranged a course of study, not an inflexible one, that would be absurd in ungraded schools, but a plan of study that will aid the teacher in classifying the school, and the advanced pupil in taking his subjects in the best order; that will insure the little ones learning more than reading and spelling during the first two years, and save the enormous waste of time that results from every change of teachers when the school has no plan of work. In the best schools of the country much attention is given to this, and the advice and aid of the best educators obtained. Here the matter is left to the whim of the pupil, the one person least qualified to decide. Perhaps the advice of the teacher is asked. If she proves inexperienced or lacks wide culture, she counsels taking a subject which she enjoys teaching. We urge our citizens to think of this and give the school board such encouragement that they will feel justified in introducing a carefully prepared course of study.

Whenever the schools are not administered entirely in the interest of the children, a grievous wrong is committed. Parents, as well as school officers, have a duty to perform. Children have a right to all the school time provided by the district. Whenever a parent or guardian detains a child from school for work, it is a wrong that can never be righted. It means, to the child, lost advantages and "opportunities that can never come again." It takes from the child's future fortune many times the value of his time for work, and he is robbed by his nearest friends.

The need of an appropriation for repairing the school

houses is so obvious that we will only ask you to inform yourselves of the condition of the houses.

In conclusion, we wish to express our cordial appreciation of the many kindnesses received from parents, pupils and teachers.

Respectfully submitted,

CAROLINE F. EMERY,

For the School Board.

Canterbury, March 3, 1890.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

L. T. MASON, *Treasurer,*

In Account with Canterbury School District.

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To cash rec'd from L. Sargent.					
“ “	Treasurer, 1887,	\$4	97		
“ “	C. F. Emery,				
“ “	Treasurer, 1888,	21	05		
“ “	Town treasurer, 1,325	50			
					\$1,351 52

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By cash paid for wages and board					
of teachers,		\$1,113	00		
school supplies,		6	40		
wood,		45	00		
tuition at Kezer Seminary,		76	20		
tuition to other towns,		22	50		
conveyance of pupils,		27	50		
repairs,		32	90		
janitors,		3	15		
record book,		1	50		
Penacook school tax for 1888					
and 1889,		6	15		

Amount of expenditures, \$1,334 30

Balance in hands of treasurer, 17 22

LOWELL T. MASON, Treasurer.

REPORT OF AUDITORS.

We the undersigned, appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Town School District for the year ending March 1, 1890, have attended to our duty and find said accounts correctly cast and properly vouched and a balance in the hands of the treasurer of \$17.22.

S. K. BOYCE, }
T. L. LINDSAY, } Auditors.

