ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
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OF THE
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FOR THE YEAR ENDING
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TREASURER'S REPORT.

R. BROWN, TREASURER OF GOFFSTOWN FOR 1879.

Dr.

Cash on hand March 1, 1879 . . . $170 13
Received of town of Weare . . . 10 03
interest on school-fund notes . . . 26 50
D. M. Taggart, license for show . . . 2 00
D. M. Taggart, bounty on hawks . . . 6 30
grange for use of town-hall for 1879 . . . 56 00
D. M. Taggart, money refunded on abatement of taxes . . . 7 20
D. M. Taggart, by order of county, for support of paupers . . . 269 67
E. & F. Johnson, balance for use of town-house for 1878 . . . 3 25
city of Concord . . . 68 55
railroad tax . . . 248 33
savings-bank tax . . . 1,895 40
literary fund . . . 123 58
Charles Morgrage, collector for 1877, 1878, 1879 . . . 10,953 52

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In treasurer's hands at time of settlement with auditors: $296.38

ROBINSON BROWN,  
Treasurer.
SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Orders drawn after settlement with auditors March 1, 1879, to March 1, 1880.

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

1879.

March.  S. P. Gage to S. J. Tenney, labor on roads in 1878 . $10 40

April.  G. W. Hunkins, breaking roads . 2 00

2.  Benj. Dow, breaking roads . 5 75

May.  5.  S. J. Tenney, labor on roads 7 95

7.  B. Dow, paid road bills . 30 00

June 11.  Samuel R. Fillebrown, labor on roads . 1 25

1.  George Pattee, building new highway . 50 00

11.  B. F. Hazen, labor on roads. 2 50

H. S. Merrill, " " . 7 15

S. J. Merrill, " " . 7 15

Chas. Tebbetts," " . 1 25

13.  A. J. Phelps, " " . 3 75

14.  Wm. Lyman, " " . 3 75

14.  Jefferson Jones," " . 3 75

14.  J. C. Brown, " " . 6 25

16.  L. J. Gillis, " " . 3 5

17.  L. Bidwell, paid road bills . 60 88

18.  H. F. Martin, " " . 50 00

21.  A. J. Phelps, labor on roads 10 00

21.  John Greer, " " . 10 30

21.  Nicholas S. Merrill, labor on roads . 11 25
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25. N. E. Kimball, labor on road ..... 5 35
26. Geo. Pattee, building new road ..... 50 00
26. Benj. Greer, bridge-plank ..... 34 12
26. Chas. Morgrage, sundry road bills ..... 137 88
28. C. Stowell, labor on road ..... 13 12
28. Jas. Stiles, " ..... 3 00
28. Chas. Morgrage, sundry road bills ..... 32 88
28. N. L. Richards, road bills ..... 45 35
28. G. F. Farley, " ..... 5 00
28. J. M. & D. A. Parker, plank for bridges ..... 22 75

1879.
Mar. 13. A. W. Russell, work on cemetery fence, 1878 ..... $15 00
G. L. Hooper, recording births and deaths, and town officer's book ..... 14 00
George Cox to A. J. Gillis, cleaning town-house ..... 2 42
Stephen Tebbetts, work on grave-yard fence, 1878 ..... 6 25
22. David M. Taggart, stationery and bounty on hawks ..... 13 00
May 12. J. A. Cline & Co., eight copies state map ..... 40 00
20. John G. Hutchinson, painting hearse, 1878 ..... 5 00
24. D. M. Taggart, expenses to Gloucester, Mass. ..... 7 50
June 7. Mrs. Sally Parker, interest on note one year ..... 49 08

MISCELLANEOUS.

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Total: $3,298.67
SUPPORT OF POOR

From Jan. 1, 1879, to Jan. 1, 1880.

To G. G. Bumpus, at county farm,—
Lorinda Jameson, Phebe Worthley,
and H. W. Tewksbury. . . . $345 00

To Mrs. S. B. Davis, Manchester,—
Daniel, Frank, and Allie Jameson. 216 85

To the city of Concord,—
For Mrs. Delia Sippet’s board and
nursing while at the insane asylum,
from April 23, ’79, to July 22, ’79,
13 weeks, $5 per week . . . . 65 00.
For clothing furnished . . . . 30
board from Aug. 28, ’79, to Sept.
15, ’79, 24 weeks, at $5 per
week . . . . 12 86
board from Sept. 15 to Nov. 15,
8½ weeks, $4 per week . . . . 34 86
board from Nov. 15, ’79, to Jan.
3, ’80, $1 per week . . . . 7 00

$681 87

DIVISION OF SCHOOL MONEY.

District No. 1, S. M. Christie . . . $804 38 $459,486
2, Frank Pierce . . . . 61 16 34,700
3, S. D. Johnson . . . . 99 74 59,461
4, A. J. Hazen . . . . 77 94 45,372
5, H. T. Grace . . . . 140 50 82,602
7, G. I. Blaisdell . . . . 116 15 68,777
8, J. G. Taggart . . . . 84 96 51,061
9, C. F. George . . . . 233 32 135,292
10, H. F. Martin . . . . 147 83 86,763
11, C. B. Smith . . . . 166 24 97,210
12, W. B. Underhill . . . . 56 86 32,281

Total . . . . . . . . . $1,989 08 $1,153,005

SCHOOL-HOUSE REPAIRS.

District No. 7, G. F. Farley . . . . $160 00
3, S. D. Johnson . . . . 50 00

$210 00
SHEEP BILLS.

Oct. 29. Mrs. G. Blaisdell, one sheep killed by dogs. $5.00
Feb. 13. Amos W. Whipple, damage to sheep by dogs. 15.00
23. Edwin Kidder, damage to sheep by dogs. 5.00
A. H. George, damage to sheep by dogs. 5.00
28. Mrs. G. Blaisdell, for B. Page, one sheep killed by dogs. 3.00

$33.00

LIST OF ABATEMENT OF TAXES.
Charles Morgrage, collector for 1877 $40.20
" " " " 1878 81.42
" " " " 1879 56.54
Dudley Gilman, over-tax, 1879 32.93
E. Richards, over-tax 23.14
Charles Morgrage, discount on taxes, 1879 275.36
Horace Hazen, over-tax 19.58

$529.17

TOWN OFFICERS’ BILLS.
David M. Taggart, selectman $185.00
George Cox, selectman 18.00
George Pattee, selectman 65.00
Robinson Brown, treasurer 40.00
George L. Hooper, clerk 20.00
George P. Hadley, 2d, superintending school committee 37.50
C. F. George, superintending school committée 37.50
Charles Morgrage, collector of taxes 50.00
Auditors 6.00

$459.00

AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAX, 1879.
State tax $2,180.00
County tax 2,160.35
School tax 1,907.50
Highways and bridges 2,264.52
New highway (Gage road) . . . 800 00
To defray town charges . . . 300 00
To decorate soldiers' graves . . 25 00
On the above, 4\% per cent . . 462 55
Repairing school-house, in district
   No. 7 . . . . . . . . . 168 00
In district No. 3 . . . . . 52 50
Dog tax . . . . . . . . . 137 00

We have assessed on the above . . . $10,457 42

DAVID M. TAGGART,

GEORGE PATTEE,

Selectmen of Goffstown.
AUDITORS' REPORT.

Due the town from the counties of Hillsborough and Merrimack . $57 91
Due from D. M. Taggart, collector for 1875 . . . . 65 86
Due from Charles Morgrage, collector, 1878 and 1879 . . . 1,500 00
In hands of treasurer . . . . 296 33

-------- $1,920 15

Less outstanding bills (believed to be due) . 200 00

Balance in favor of town . . . . $1,720 15

JOHN M. PARKER,
WILLIAM H. WEEKS,
KENDRICK KENDALL,

Auditors.
EXPLANATORY.

In addition to the foregoing report, we desire to call attention to a very important item in town expenses,—the repairing of highways and bridges. In former years a warrant was committed to the several highway surveyors through the town, whose duty was to cause to be worked out by labor the amount assessed against individuals within their prescribed limits. By this method many districts could not be kept in repair without calling upon the treasury for assistance, while others had more at their command than could be judiciously expended. In order to rectify this defect, for the last season (1879) we adopted a somewhat different method, by raising a money tax of twenty cents on a poll and other property in proportion, to be paid into the treasury, surveyors appointed as formerly, whose duty was to make all necessary repairs, produce vouchers for their expenditures, and when approved of by the selectmen to be paid from the treasury; the result of which is as follows:

Whole amount raised to defray ordinary road expenditures . . . $2,264 52
Expended for ordinary highway repairs, 1879 . . . . $2,942 93
For building Gage road . . . . $480 00
George Pattree road . . . . 100 00
Dr. A. F. Carr, hard-pan lot . . . . 50 00

630 00

$3,572 93

The amount expended as a labor tax,
1878 . . . . $3,546 44
Amount drawn from treasury, 1878 782 53

$4,328 97

Taking the amount of ordinary road expenditures, we find a balance in favor of 1879 of . . . . . $1,386 04
In view of the above facts, a question may arise, Are our roads in as good condition as in former years? Our answer is, by the faithful supervision of our surveyors our roads are in a superior condition, never better, and in addition many valuable improvements have been made which were much needed: the new road through the East cemetery, grading Blaisdell hill, filling and railing the bridge over Catamount brook, also the bridge near Dr. Little's thoroughly repaired throughout, the improvements near the Center depot and Mast road by the use of hard pan, while in other localities there appears to be no lack on the part of the surveyors.

D. M. TAGGART,

GEORGE PATTEE,

_Selectmen of Groffstown._
REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1880.

Your committee in presenting this report feel that they labor under this disadvantage, that the report is seldom read and the subjects presented are but lightly considered. The duty of making this report, however, devolves upon us by law, and being ever so distasteful cannot be passed over. We will condense and make it as short as possible, making a few suggestions and criticisms, hoping thereby to attract your attention and obtain your approval.

The schools throughout the town have been blessed with a fair amount of success during the past year; in many instances great improvement has been made over previous years. The teachers have seemed to realize their responsibilities, and, on the whole, have done a good, conscientious work.

The school buildings have in some instances been thoroughly repaired and renovated; and where this has been done, your committee can see, so soon, a decided change in the habits and deportment of the scholars. We have always advocated that a good, clean house and pleasant surroundings beget habits of neatness, industry, and good conduct in the scholars; we would be glad to see every school-house in town put in a clean and healthy condition.
During the past year the committee placed in several of the schools a map of the State of New Hampshire, directing the teachers to use their ingenuity in "getting up" an exercise that should be at once interesting and profitable; in several instances the teachers prepared such exercises and had daily recitations. At the final examination all present, parents, committees, and others, were highly pleased and considered it to have been one of the most profitable studies in the schools. Two of the schools in this particular were very noticeable,—Kennedy Hill and Mast Road.

The prudential committees have shown a proper discrimination in the selection of teachers, in many instances retaining the old teachers in the district, which we consider to be a very proper course. To this wisdom in the selection of teachers are we indebted, in a great measure, for the success of the schools. We would suggest a continuation of that care and forethought, retaining old teachers when possible, and exercising a due amount of caution and judgment in the selection of new ones,—remembering that true economy is not always connected with small wages. A cheap teacher may be cheap indeed.

At the examinations of the schools by the committee every parent should make it a point to be present, and they should see to it that every scholar should be in his place. It is too often the case in this town when a term of school is near closing, that some of the children are allowed to quietly withdraw; some slight ailment is most always the excuse. The parents reason something like this: "There isn't any use of going to school the last week, only a review. Time thrown away; besides, Johnny is getting tired, poor boy." And so it is with Tom, Dick, Harry, and Susan; one-third or more of the scholars absent on examination-day. It is all wrong, and should be corrected. It is not only an insult to the teacher, but an absolute injury to the child. We trust the people of this town will see to it that this growing evil is eradicated.
The citizens of a town, having children or not, should take a proper interest in the schools. Parents should at least *appear* to think as much of the welfare of their children as they do of their young cattle when out to pasture. The cattle are salted and fences are looked after to prevent straying. So do with your children. Visit the school often; they need the *salt* of your presence to encourage them. You must needs look after them occasionally to see that none are straying from the steady paths of learning; and as you show your interest, so will your teachers show theirs, and a sure success will follow.

There has been a great improvement in *tardiness* during the year. We hope parents and teachers will continue to give this matter attention.

And, finally, to all concerned in this matter, strive by word and deed to inculcate a love of truth and right in the minds of the young. Avoid all cheap "grocery gossip" or hearsay evidence of any kind, to the detriment of the school. Support all just and healthy rules laid down by teacher or others; indulge in no harsh criticisms until you *know* the facts of the case. Support, but do not tear down. Judge with candor and reprehend with exact justice.

The following is the report of the Board of Education in District No. 1.

**District No. 1.**

Again it becomes our duty to give a report of our schools, and it is with great pleasure that we report that there has been a very good degree of progress made the past year in each department. The scholars, generally, seem to be wide-awake to the importance of securing an education. And we are glad also to observe an advancing interest in the cause of education throughout the district, especially on the part of the parents, as is attested by their frequent visits during the sessions of the school.

Each succeeding year proves the superior advantages of
the graded system, and although it may not yet have been brought to a state of perfection, yet we think we may be justified in expressing a feeling of pride in our school system and the advancement of our scholars. And we can see no reason why our children may not all obtain an education sufficient to fit them for the ordinary business of life, without the inconvenience and expense of going away from home to obtain it.

We decided at the commencement of the year to try the experiment of employing a female teacher in the higher department at a less price than we had been paying, and thus lengthen the school, and we can now say the experiment has proved a decided success.

Miss Lilla O. Cressy, a graduate of the Manchester High School, was employed in this department, and has been retained through the three terms of the year, and she seems to have given general satisfaction. She has proved herself fully competent to govern as well as to instruct; and the good order, thoroughness of comprehension, and prompt answers to review questions, were especially noticeable to those present at the close of the term.

MIDDLE DEPARTMENT.

The summer and fall terms were taught by Miss Mary J. Brown; the winter term by Miss Carrie E. Paige. From the appearance on examination-days, both the teachers and scholars had made good use of their time, and the district had received their full value for the money expended in this department. A marked degree of advancement was visible in this school, showing that the teachers had been faithful to their trusts.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

This department has had three teachers during the past year. Miss Anna M. Rowell, "who had taught this school since the time the third department was first instituted," commenced the summer term, but, her health failing, she
was obliged to suspend her labors before its close, and employed Miss Carrie E. Paige of Weare to finish the term for her. It was with much regret that we were compelled to accept the resignation of so faithful and efficient a teacher.

The fall term was taught by Miss Carrie E. Paige with most excellent success. Miss Paige's extensive experience as a teacher has fitted her to do good service in the schoolroom.

The winter term was taught by Mrs. George Hooper, an experienced teacher. She seemed to have won the love of her pupils, and the examination at the close showed a good degree of improvement. It was very pleasing to the visitors to listen to the singing of the little ones. Singing is a very pleasant diversion in school, and we most heartily commend it.

There are several little boys and girls in this department that we predict will make good scholars.

ROLL OF HONOR.

HIGH SCHOOL.


For two terms. — Etta S. French, Bell M. Hoyt.

For three terms. — John H. Gerould.

MIDDLE SCHOOL.

Winter term. — Eugene Phelps, Edith Hadley.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

For one term. — Willie Saxton, Freddie Moor, Mary Holt, Addie Hoyt, Freddie Dubois, Henry Stark.

For two terms. — Josie Phelps.

Twenty-four have not been absent or tardy during the several terms.
Whole number of visits of committees during the past year, 60; whole number of visits by other citizens during the past year, 418.

DAVID GRANT,
LEONARD ROWELL,
ROBINSON BROWN,
L. H. STARK,
S. M. CHRISTIE,

Board of Education.

DISTRICT NO. 2. — MOUNTAIN.

Only one term, taught by Addie S. Grant. This was Miss Grant’s first effort in teaching, and the results were such as to encourage further effort in that direction. In a school of twelve weeks, and only five scholars, all was realized we could expect.

DISTRICT NO. 3. — SHIRLEY HILL.

Summer term taught by Martha J. Newhall. Miss Newhall commenced school with a firm hand, and an orderly school was the result. We were pleased with the improvement at each visit. Her examination and school-room were both praiseworthy. Five were not tardy or absent; three from one family. Whole number, 19.

Fall and winter terms taught by Hattie L. Archibald. This was Miss Archibald’s first term of school, and, no doubt, she, like all who have never taught, found many things entirely new. Her school made a very creditable appearance at each visit, and passed a fine examination. School property should not be so disturbed by trespass as to discommodate the school. Whole number, 18.


DISTRICT NO. 4. — KENNEDY HILL.

Summer and winter terms taught by Miss Loella Pattee.
Miss Pattee, having taught this school for several terms, has during the year sustained her former character as a teacher. The final examination was of such a kind as to leave no doubt in the minds of the committee that this had been a profitable term. The exercise on the map of New Hampshire was first-class.

Roll of Honor.—Irving A. Goodwin, James McDougal, Grace M. Hazen, Ida M. Burres, Roscoe Hazen, George M. Goodwin.

District No. 5.—Mast Road.

Miss Cynthia Worthley, teacher. This school was in session three terms. Miss Worthley is one of Goffstown's best teachers. This school is in a very prosperous condition, and is one of the best in town. The exercises on the map of New Hampshire were tip-top. Miss Worthley is deserving of great credit for the ingenuity displayed in this lesson.


District No. 7.—East Part.

Summer term, Miss Mary F. Whitney, teacher. Fall term, Miss Clara A. Shaw, teacher. Winter, Frank H. Rowe.

This school has been in good hands during the year, and has made good progress, and each teacher has done credit to themselves. The school-house in this district has been thoroughly repaired inside and out, and is now in a nice condition. One more thing is needed,—a good, nice blackboard.

Roll of Honor.—Gertie Harriman, Sadie Harriman, Lizzie Blaisdell.

District No. 8.—Tebbetts Hill.

Summer and fall terms, Miss Flora M. Poore, teacher.
Miss Poore governed this school in her usual happy manner, and the scholars made good progress.

Winter term. Mr. John G. Hutchinson, teacher. This was Mr. H.'s first effort in the business, but if results are a criterion, he may reckon himself as a veteran.

This district has been greatly benefited by receiving several pupils from District No. 1 of Dunbarton, which tuition has lengthened the terms several weeks and added much to the interest of the school.


District No. 9. — Center.

Summer and fall terms, Miss Alice M. Hammond, teacher. Miss Hammond taught a very good school, and if hard work and an effort to please are to be commended, she certainly is deserving of it.

Winter term, Mr. Frank R. Lane, teacher. This was Mr. Lane's first appearance in town. The school was kept in a good, prosperous condition during the term, and the interest in studies did not flag. The teacher seemed to have a peculiar faculty of pleasing and interesting the scholars.


District No. 10. — Pattee Hill.

Three terms, twenty-six weeks, taught by Susie E. McLane. Miss McLane taught a fine school, and the district did well to retain her through the year. The order was good, and the scholars were interested in their studies. The life and ambition manifested by the teacher were very commendable. Twenty-one were neither tardy nor absent during some one of the three terms. Whole number, 24.

- DISTRICT NO. 11. — PARKER'S.

Summer term taught by Addie N. Colburn. Miss Colburn was master of the situation from the first. Her order was good, lessons well recited, and so as to be heard. The scholars obeyed from choice. We found some very well advanced scholars here, and those who well understood the studies pursued. Whole number, 15.

Winter term taught by Minnie J. Peaslee. When Miss Peaslee commenced this term we looked for a very prosperous school, she having taught the winter before with good success. She, however, failed to gain the good-will and confidence of the scholars, and with a universal lack of enthusiasm, the school was not what we expected. This and sickness reduced the school to seven. It is due to those present and the teacher to say they passed a very creditable examination. Whole number, 25.

DISTRICT NO. 12. — PAIGE'S.

Both terms taught by Nellie F. Junkins. On our first visit here we found a school of eleven small scholars, and that number was sustained through the year. Miss Junkins made a good beginning as a teacher, and had a very pleasant school. This little group seemed so earnest to answer, older ones would do well to copy from them. Seven were neither tardy nor absent. Whole number, 11.

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CHARLES F. GEORGE, M. D.,
Superintending School Committee.
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