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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen and Treasurer,

AND

Superintending School Committee,

OF THE

TOWN OF DURHAM,

For the Year ending March 1, 1876.

DOVER, H. H. :
LIBBEY & CO., BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS.
1876.

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT.

DAMAGE BY DOGS.

Paid John E Thompson, loss on two sheep,	\$7 50
Dudley P Meader, " seven turkeys,	7 50
John W Durgin, " one sheep,	3 75
William A Jenkins, " " "	3 75
Joseph Young, " seventeen turkeys,	10 50
George P Doeg, " ten ducks,	3 75
Fred B York, " one sheep,	3 75
Levi McDaniel, " " "	3 75
John Sullivan, " nine turkeys,	2 75
	\$47 00

ABATEMENTS.

List for 1874: Frank Stevens 1 05, P Chesley 21, C H Boston 1 05, C M Davis 42, Richard Follett 1 05, James Bickford 52, Frances Demeritt 13 15,	\$17 45
List for 1875: Mark Roland 1 00, Horatio Manson 1 40, Martha J Demeritt 4 00, Geo W Place 1 50, Edwin M Pinkham 1 00, John W Berry 1 00, Samuel R Thompson 1 00, James Butler 2 00, Joseph L Pindarsheirs 5 60, Aaron Corson 50, John H Edgerly 1 00, Frank Focia 1 00,	\$21 00

HEARSE.

Paid Tolman, Russell & Co., Worcester,	\$406 60
Freight bill,	14 25
J B Smith, fare to Worcester,	7 20
Jeremiah Langley, fare to Worcester,	7 20
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	\$428 65
State Tax,	\$1408 00
County Tax,	\$1373 44
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	\$2781 44

SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid David O Davis, District No. 1,	\$278 00
Winthrop S Meserve, " 2,	116 20
Mary E Smith, " 3,	91 33
William Tuttle, " 4,	198 06
Charles H Tuttle, " 5,	162 10
William J. Channel, " 6,	36 86
Mark H Mathes, " 7,	163 17
John Drew, " 8,	130 37
Charles E Tasker, " 9,	39 68
Hilliard F Fogg, " 10,	119 00
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	\$1347 77

SUPPORT OF POOR.—TOWN.

Paid J C Demeritt for board and clothing of Nathaniel Demeritt to July 1st,	\$47 00
Dr S H Greene for attendance and medicine for same,	2 00
Joseph Woodman, board and attendance of Robert Bickford at Great Falls,	48 00
J Woodman, other expenses & clothes for same,	15 75
Dr C A Elliott, medical attendance and medicine for same,	12 00
Insane Asylum, board of William K Chesley,	130 00
County of Strafford, board of R Bickford 27 weeks,	40 50
J Langley, time and ex. to County Farm, twice,	6 00
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	\$301 25

NOTES PAID.

Paid Hilliard Fogg,	\$1,127 00
Rebecca McDaniel,	500 00
Thomas Wiggin,	200 00
Sarah A Wentworth,	750 00
	130 00
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	\$2,707 00
Received of Hilliard F Fogg, as Guardian,	\$1,000
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	\$1,707 00

POOR.—COUNTY.

Paid C E Stevens, keeping transients,	\$4 25
L H Goodwin, " "	25 75
J B Smith, transporting "	9 25
Jere Langley, wood for Mathias Edgerly,	13 00
H D Davis, digging grave for Mathias Edgerly,	1 00
Jere Langley, sickness and burial expenses of Mathias Edgerly,	10 75
J McDaniel, 1 cord wood for J C McDaniel,	4 00
Dr Moulton, 2 visits & medicine, J C McDaniel,	1 50
V Mathes, supplies 11 weeks, " "	11 00
E T Emerson, wood for " "	4 50
M G Woodman, " " "	11 50
J C Demeritt, board of N Demeritt to January,	26 50
V Mathes, supplies for C M Davis,	1 00
G & W P Frost supplies for C M Davis,	1 06
V Mathes, clothing for A S Doe,	1 00
Dr Moulton, attendance and medicine for John E Doe's family,	30 00
Dr Moulton, other expenses,	3 00
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	\$159 06

BREAKING ROADS.

Paid Alfred Hoitt,	Dist. No. 1, 53 3-4 hours,	\$10 75
J B Smith,	" 1, 8 3-4 "	1 75
J B Sanders,	" 2, 17 "	3 40
M B Foss,	" 3, 42 "	8 40
Nathan Walker,	" 4, 41 "	8 20
Dan'l T Woodman,	" 5, 24 "	4 80
Wm H Bunker,	" 6, 21 "	4 20
Jeremiah Drew,	" 7, 115 1-2 "	23 10

Paid Daniel Chesley,	“	8, 53	“	10 60
J M Pendexter,	“	8, 12	“	2 40
Wm Tuttle,	“	10, 142 1-2	“	28 50
Geo S Chesley,	“	11, 8	“	1 60
W S Meserve,	“	12, 35 1-2	“	7 10
Joseph Young,	“	13, 40	“	8 00
J Langley,	“	14, 87 1-2	“	17 50
N Edgerly,	“	14, 78	“	15 60
F B Stevens,	“	15, 10	“	2 00
J S Burnham,	“	15, 18	“	3 60
D Stevens,	“	15, 12	“	2 40
Clarence I Smart,	“	15, 18	“	3 60
John Mathes,	“	15, 40	“	8 00
M H Mathes,	“	15, 15	“	3 00
Nicholas Drew,	“	16, 35	“	7 00
Wm B Langmaid,	“	17, 47	“	9 40
T H Wiswall & Co.,	“	19, 20	“	4 00
Geo S Chesley,	“	19, 60	“	12 00
E J Coffin,	“	20, 43	“	8 60
H F Fogg,	“	23, 38	“	7 60
Eben'r M Davis,	“	24, 55	“	11 00
F B Stevens,	“	1, 10	“	2 00

\$240 10

INTEREST.

Paid Sarah Thompson to March 15, 1875,	\$26 64
Sarah F Wright to November 5, 1875,	60 00
Hilliard Fogg in full,	40 88
Rebecca McDaniel in full,	27 50
Samuel Emerson “	5 62
Thomas Wiggin “	10 50
Sarah A Wentworth “	53 00
Irene C Wiggin to January,	30 00

\$254 14

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid J J Bunker for 1 day on Mill road bridge,	\$2 75
J S Cate, 2 “ “ “	4 00
J B Sanders, 2 “ “ “	4 00
J B Smith, stringers and railings for same,	15 50
J Drew, labor on Bunker's bridge,	2 00
Wm Drew, drawing plank, and labor on Laskey bridge,	2 00

Paid Stephen Meader, relaying culvert,	10 00
Wm Meader, " "	8 00
Henry E Ford, " culverts,	18 67
Joseph Bunker, railing bridge,	10 30
W S Meserve, expense of new culvert,	14 00
J C Abbott, covering-stone for same,	13 00
E J Coffin, repairs on N M Road,	11 70
M B Foss, labor on Madbury road,	2 10
J H Edgerly, " road	4 00
Nathaniel Edgerly, " "	4 00
E H Brown, " B Hill Road,	4 00
Daniel Chesley, " Dover Road,	11 27
Wm F Jones, " "	39 00
Stephen Meader, " Dist. No. 14,	35 30
William Meader, " " 13,	20 00
E J Coffin, " road and culverts,	26 10
H E Ford, " "	1 70
T H Wiswall & Co., sawing railing,	3 66
W S Meserve, labor on road,	10 41
W F Jones, " " No. 6,	12 20
Wm B Langmaid, labor on road,	12 00
Wm H Bunker, use of scraper 4 days,	2 00
S Gerrish, " " 3 1-2 days,	1 75
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	\$201 19

SMALL POX.

Paid J F Ham & Son, supplies for T K Perkins,	\$16 50
Mathes & Loine, " " "	27 82
Geo L Dearborn, medicine,	9 78
A S Furber, medicine,	3 10
Mrs J Laskey, 39 days service,	191 00
Dr J L Elkins, 47 " attendance,	402 00
Dr Elkins, cleansing house,	25 00
T H Wiswall & Co, supplies,	13 49
" " board of two Perkins boys 8 wk's,	24 00
" " damage to house,	30 00
James H Long, services rendered,	5 00
Thomas K Perkins, goods destroyed,	159 00
" " " time lost & services rendered,	130 00
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	\$1,036 60

By cash rec'd from town of Brentwood, \$560 00

\$476 60

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Dr S H Greene, vaccinating 69 persons,	\$17 25
C H Smith, service in Perkins' case,	2 00
Assessors, " September,	175 00
Nathan Walker, abatement on oxen,	80
T M Thompson, two days on wood lot surveys	4 00
C Sanders, making deed of wood lot,	3 00
J J Bunker, repairing runners to Hearse,	1 20
E Jenkins, material & labor on runners to Hearse,	1 50
C Sanders, service in Perkins' case,	3 00
J B Smith, expenses to Brentwood twice,	7 50
J B Smith, cash paid to sundry persons in Sept.,	8 75
C Sanders, making deed of assignment to G & W P Ffrost,	1 00
G & W P Ffrost, powder and fuse delivered to W B Langmaid in 1874,	3 20
J B Smith, services in sale of wood lot,	5 00
Jere Langley, " " " "	2 00
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	\$245 28

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Paid E F Doe, insurance on town house,	12 50
M B Langley, cleaning hall,	1 00
Libbey & Co., printing town accounts,	24 25
Libbey & Co., tax bills and produce blanks,	4 50
E J Lane & Co., books and stationery,	11 60
H W B Grover, making guide boards,	13 00
C Sanders, examining records and making cer- tificates,	4 00
J Langley, posts for guide boards, and labor,	4 00
S H Fuller, stove, zinc and funnel for town hall,	15 70
J B Smith, expense in changing stoves,	3 00
Selectmen, ordinary services,	90 00
Selectmen, extra " in April,	9 00
G & W P Ffrost, fuel for office,	90
J B Smith, " "	1 50
G & W P Ffrost, brush & lock for learse house,	83
Tax on land in Barrington,	2 41
C E Stevens, services at annual meeting,	2 00
S Runlett, plank for hearse house,	1 00
G & W P Ffrost, repairs on store,	2 31
J Smart, wrench and oil for hearse,	1 00

Paid J J Bunker, repairs on settees,	8 03
E Jenkins, " "	6 10
J B Smith, services as health officer,	10 00
John Langley, repairs on hearse house,	2 75
Calvin Sanders, services as S S Committee,	40 00
C Sanders, " " Town Clerk,	25 00
J B Smith, " " Town Treasurer,	25 00
John Drew, " " Police Officer,	10 00
John Drew, " " annual meeting,	2 00
C Sanders, school notices,	1 00
C Sanders, postage and elastics,	93
J B Smith, services as overseer of poor,	30 00
J B Smith, fare to Concord to settle with State,	3 00
Hilliard F Fogg, services as collector,	75 00
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	\$443 31

RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury March, 1875,	\$315 53
Literary fund,	102 77
Railroad tax,	337 33
Savings Bank tax,	1,375 94
Rent of store,	80 00
Rent of Wharves,	7 00
Town of Madbury for plank,	23 20
Old hearse and harness,	8 50
Highway taxes,	2 70
Isaac Sherburne for wood-lot,	230 00
Town Hall,	7 00
Taxes on dogs,	40 00
Resident taxes,	3,819 60
Non Resident taxes,	356 66
Non-Resident Highway taxes,	142 67
Balance of tax list for 1874,	100 00
County of Strafford,	152 23
Town of Newmarket,	300 00
G & W P Frost, Butler & Chesley note,	1,763 87
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	\$9,165 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Damage by dogs in 1874,	\$47 00
Abatements, 1874, \$17 45 ; 1875, \$21 00,	38 45
Expense of Hearse,	428 65
State and County taxes,	2,781 44

School money,	1,334 77
Support of Poor,	460 31
Breaking roads, 187 ^f ,	240 10
Interest,	25 414
Roads and Bridges,	30 541
Small Pox,	476 60
Miscellaneous,	245 28
General expense,	443 31
N R Highway tax worked,	116 54
Auditors,	4 00
Notes Paid,	1,707 00
Balance,	282 00
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	\$9,165 00

Durham, N. H., March 1, 1876.

JOSHUA B. SMITH,	} Selectmen of Durham.
DANIEL T. WOODMAN,	
JEREMIAH LANGLEY,	

We have carefully examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correctly cast and well vouched.

W. S. MESERVE,	} Auditors.
J. R. MEADER,	

NOTES STANDING AGAINST THE TOWN.

Sarah Thompson,	\$444 00	
Hilliard F Fogg, Guardian,	1,000 00	
Sarah F Wright,	1,000 00	
Irene C Griffin,	370 00	\$2,814 00
Due from Newmarket,	\$2,214 00	
In Treasury,	282 00	2,496 00
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Balance against town,		\$318 00

BREAKING ROADS,

Per last year's report.

Wm F Jones, 39 hours,	\$7 80
N Walker, 50 hours,	10 00
J B Sanders, 9 hours,	1 80
T H Wiswall & Co., 8 hours,	1 60
J M Pendexter, 25 hours,	5 00
E J Coffin, 5 hours,	1 00
Wm Tuttle, 31 3-4 hours,	6 35
H F Fogg, 10 hours,	2 00
D Chesley, 6 hours,	1 20
A Demeritt, 15 3-4 hours,	3 15
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	\$39 90

SCHOOL REPORT.

The pride of New England is her Common Schools, and well may she be proud of them, for in no other part of the world is there found a school system which equals that of New England in excellence, thoroughness, and completeness of detail, and where a knowledge of the common branches of study can be acquired so cheaply—almost without money and price. The youth in indigent circumstances is here in the common school the peer of the youth surrounded by affluence and plenty, and it is his fault alone if he does not choose to improve the privileges which are so free and easy of access. Teachers and books are but helps. There is no royal road to knowledge, it is gained only by intense application, hard and well-directed labor, and the earnest desire of those who seek it. A child ought never to have the knowledge of books whipped into his mind; if he has no mental adaptation for books do not censure the teachers, it is not their fault; rather make the effort to discover in what particular direction his mind is bent and help him to develop those traits for which he has a natural capacity and inclination.

Teachers ought not to be obliged continually to reform their scholars of bad habits. That duty ought to be performed in the home of the child, and not left to the teacher to do. The discipline of home always shows itself in the school-room. The

child that is obedient at home is very likely to be obedient at school, and will strive to give the teacher unnecessary labor as much as possible. The child that is taught habits of neatness and cleanliness at home carries those habits to the school-room, and they make him neat and careful there. We are inclined to think it is those unwashed faces and uncombed heads that are careless about the neatness of the school-room, and it is those little dirty and unwashed hands that cut and disfigure the school-room furniture. Ah! my fellow citizens, don't throw your own responsibility off upon the teachers. See to it that your children go to the school-room carrying with them good habits; don't expect that your children who do not obey you at home are going to be transformed by some sudden and incomprehensible method into obedient and well-behaved children in the school-room. You cannot reasonably expect that the bad habits formed and fostered at home are to be corrected and thrown off in the school-room. The labors of the teacher are arduous and severe enough in developing and training the mental capabilities of the scholar without the additional task of correcting bad habits being imposed upon her;—in brief, it is almost an impossibility if not quite so, for a teacher to overcome home influences. To our mind, the parents in expecting the teacher not only to instruct their children in mental acquirements, but also to counteract home influences, are decidedly wrong and unreasonable.

Home and school are two separate and distinct institutions. Let the parents discharge their duty faithfully at home, by encouraging their children to cultivate good habits and entertain correct notions of their relation to those who have charge of them; having done this, if parents, by visits to the school-room, become convinced that the teacher is in fault, they have their remedy; but parents ought never to allow their judgment to be too easily influenced by the recitals which their children may give of the school. They should, as it is their privilege, and we might say duty, visit the school-room, and from personal inspection and knowledge learn how the school is progressing—whether there is anything wrong or not—kindly and in a spirit of friendship give their advice and encouragement to the teacher. There are some parents, we are sorry to say, who never visit the school-room from the beginning of the school year to the end thereof, but they are frequently carping about the man-

agement of the school. Do they make their statements from personal knowledge, or do they, believing, without one atom of allowance, all that is told by their children, form their opinions hastily from their children's statements? The children being interested parties are liable to be biased and to make their statements in such a manner that the blame will fall exclusively upon every one but themselves. Fond parents should beware of this and endeavor to gain a personal knowledge of the facts as they exist.

The town has had this year as good a corps of teachers, with a few exceptions, as will be found in any similar town in our Commonwealth. The most of the teachers brought to the discharge of their duties experience in teaching, a love for the business, aptitude for the vocation, and patient and earnest effort to make their respective schools successful and beneficial to all concerned. Some of the teachers having never taught school before, of course were without experience, but they manifested a desire to discharge faithfully the duties of their position, and earnestly sought to make their respective schools profitable to all. Many of the teachers lament the unco-operative spirit of the parents, and, we fear, with reasonable cause; for some of the teachers, coming as they did from other towns, are strangers, and they expect as a matter of course, a kindly reception and an interest on the part of the parents in their welfare and the successful accomplishment of the duties assigned them. But we do not believe that the true and best interests of a school are promoted by the visits of parents, citizens or ex-officials who go there not for the purpose of aiding, encouraging and stimulating teacher and scholars to renewed effort, but to find fault, censure and magnify every little error that their extraordinary acuteness may discover, and forgetting what belongs to common civility, overstep the bounds of good taste.

The name Common School implies that every parent has a common interest in the school in his district, and he has the freedom of manifesting that interest by visiting the school in person. We are inclined to think some of the parents do their visiting by proxy, judging from the names entered upon the last page of some of the School Registers. We find there the names of many children from other districts who ought to be attending school and gaining knowledge for themselves.

And now we have to repeat the old story about the school edifices in some of the districts of the town. A number of the

school-rooms are deficient in proper ventilation. To be sure all the buildings have windows, but we contend that those are not proper ventilators. With the windows up and a strong current of air blowing upon a portion of the inmates of the building, does any sane man hesitate to believe that injury will result from exposure to cold puffs of air upon the uncovered head? Ventilate your school-rooms properly, this we entreat you to do for the health of the little ones you love. We might suggest the purchase of Maps, Globes and Furniture for those school-rooms that are deficient in that respect, while believing as we do that those things are of great benefit. There is something wrong when a school room contains but one chair, and that in a dilapidated condition.

The destruction of school apparatus should be stopped. Ascertain who the destroyer is and cause him or those who are responsible for him to repair what has been mutilated, and if it is beyond reparation, that it is replaced by new. It is a disgrace to the school districts that we have in mind, composed of so intelligent a class of citizens, and who are apparently so careful about their individual property, that property belonging to their school district should be allowed to be destroyed without one word of remonstrance. The destroyed property of which we speak we found destroyed when we assumed the office of Superintendent of schools. The notion may prevail among the children that property owned by so many is not to be kept inviolate, but may be kicked about at pleasure. See to it, Prudential Committees, that those who destroy, pay for what they destroy. The property of the school district of which you are committee is in your charge and the duty devolves upon you of preserving that property intact from ruthless hands. The district property during the tenure of your office is under your control and you are responsible for its preservation.

CALVIN SANDERS, Supt. of Schools.

The Superintendent of Schools for the town of Durham respectfully submits the following report for the school year, ending March, 1876:

TEACHERS.	Number of District.																				
	Number of Terms.	Wages of Teachers per month.	Number of Scholars	Average attendance.	Book-keeping.	History.	Number in Arithmetic.	Number in Grammar.	Number in Geography.	Number in Reading.	Number in Spelling.	Number in Penmanship.	Number in other studies.								
Miss I. K. Dow.	1	36	30	24	9	5	20	6	3	35	34	14	1								
Mr. George Coffin.*	2	49												2							
Miss Maggie Drew.†	3														3						
Mrs. M. L. DeMeritte.	1	30	13	9		11	5	4	12	12	11	2				4					
Miss S. M. Pickering.	2	34	9		1	9	4	4	9	9	9	2					5				
Miss Mary A. Clement.	1	29		14		10	5	9	15	15	9	2						6			
Miss A. R. Dearborn.	2	29	11	10		2	8	3	6	9	6								7		
Mrs. Sarah Ford.	1	30	19	16		13	4	13	19	19	13									8	
Mrs. Sarah Ford.	2	30	28	21		7	20	12	20	27	20										9
Mrs. M. C. Plummer.	1	34	27	25		2	16	7	10	30	30	13									
Miss Mary York.	2	36	33	29	1	22	9	16	33	33	8		1								
Mr. Daniel Snell.	3	36	40	35	1	3	25	9	14	40	40			2							
Miss Emma E. Mathes.	1	30	21	17		14	2	7	19	19	9				3						
Miss Emma E. Mathes.	2	30	24	21		1	16	4	7	24	24	18				4					
Miss B. A. Canney.	1	28	26	23		4	20	6	8	26	26	10					5				
Miss B. A. Canney.	2	28	23	22		6	20	6	4	23	23	19						6			
Miss Emma Chesley.	1	25	16	14		9	4	4	16	16	9								7		
Miss Emma Chesley.	2	25	13	10		8	3	4	13	13	6									8	

*Register not returned.

†Term not finished.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The names of scholars not absent during the school year:

Anna M. Rand, Eddie Langley, Charley Langley, Elmer L. Rand, Willie J. Drew, Georgie Langley. Mary B. Drew, Nellie Stevens, David H. Fogg, Elmer W. Fogg, Alice Fogg, Hattie Chesley, Herbert S. Tuttle, James Glidden, Johnnie E. Long, Mary H. Bunker, Lizzie E. Thompson, Annie Thompson, Eri Tibbits, George I. Bunker, Lorey Emerson, Mary A. Ransom, Winifred Smith.

Co. B. Phulbricht

" D. Geo. P. Bond

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