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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER

AND

BOARD OF EDUCATION,

OF THE

TOWN OF DURHAM,

FOR THE

Year Ending Mar. 1, 1887.

DOVER, N. H.:

ARTHUR F. HOWES, PRINTER, HAM'S BLOCK,
1887.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Solon A. Carter, State tax	\$1,520 00
Charles S. Cartland, County tax.....	1,047 60
Total.....	<u>\$2,567 60</u>

SCHOOL MONEY.

School money, by law	\$1,330 00
Literary fund for 1884	90 16
Unpaid school money for 1885	33 61
Total	<u>\$1,453 77</u>

SCHOOLS.

C. E. Tasker, School money due Dist. No. 9..	\$ 33 61
Board of Education	1,420 16
Total	<u>\$1,453 77</u>

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

T. Moriarty, labor on road, Dist. 20.....	\$	6 00
T. Wiggin, " " " " 20.....		3 90
E. M. Davis, " " " " 24.....		6 00
L. F. Chesley, " " " " 24.....		1 95
George W. Palmer, labor on road, Dist. 8....		7 90
F. J. Bunker, " " " "		3 46
C. P. Chesley, " " " "		22 70
Darius Stevens, " " " "		2 25
E. T. Emerson, " " " "		7 38
D. T. Woodman, " " " "		7 25
George Fowler, " " " "		8 18
Levi Davis, " " " "		7 05
D. A. Stevens, " " " "		9 25
George W. Tebbetts, road machine.....	250 00	
W. B. Holt, freight on machine		7 15
Stephen P. Chesley, 100 loads gravel and labor on road.....		63 00
Wm. B. & C. A. Langmaid, labor on culvert.		13 00
S. E. Demeritt, for gravel 1885-6		5 00
D. B. Foss, labor on culvert		12 68
Albert Adams, freighting gravel		30 00
Total.....	\$	424 10

DAMAGE BY DOGS 1885.

George W. Burnham, 1 sheep killed	\$	5 00
Moses W. Woodman, 1 " "		5 00
J. G. Carr, 1 " "		5 00
Total.....	\$	15 00

NEEDY SOLDIERS.

A. D. Lathers, supplies.....	\$	62 00
Joshua Pinkham, "		226 07
John Bride, "		258 92
Daniel Mathes, "		88 00
J. Bown, "		190 49
Samuel Robinson, "		311 69
James Stevens, "		84 00
Samuel Thompson, "		72 00
Total	\$	1,293 17

SUPPORT OF POOR.

David Stevens, keeping transients.....	\$	36 50
Emily F. Buzzell, board of Israel Wentworth .		22 00
J. B Chesley, \$1.00 per week to March 1, '87 .		52 00
supplies, house rent, etc.....		29 50
B F. Emerson, supplies.....		52 44
bal. due, cash.....		25 56
A. Corson, supplies		22 76
C. E. Hoitt, services as Overseer of Poor.....		25 00
County of Strafford, support of J. Watson....		89 25
Total	\$	355 01

ABATEMENTS ON LIST OF 1883.

Abel S. Amazeen, Poll	\$	85
Frank A. Moring, "		85
Andrew W. Moring, "		85
Horatio Hunt, "		85

Frank H. Ranson, Poll.....	85
Samuel D. Langley, “	85
George E. Langley, “	85
George A. Merrill, “	1 06
Charles H. Place.....	1 06
Samuel D. Robinson	1 06
Joseph Dame.....	1 15
David Rand	2 30
Total	\$ 12 58

OUT-STANDING BILLS.

John C. Walker, cutting brushes on road.....	\$ 8 40
Marston & Eastman, legal advice in regard to school district.....	3 00
S. H. Bartlett, 22 loads gravel.....	2 20
S. H. Barnum, salary of Board of Education 1885.....	50 00
J. Dennison, express charge from Dover.....	55
cash paid J. Bride.....	1 00
Total	\$ 65 15

BREAKING ROADS IN 1887.

John E. Thompson, breaking roads Dist. No. 2	\$ 1 80
Charles P. Chesley, “ “ “ “ 8	11 40
James E. Pendexter, “ “ “ “ 8	2 88
William A. Cate, “ “ “ “ 8	3 60
Jonathan Brown, “ “ “ “ 28	4 35
Joseph Bunker, “ “ “ “ 18	2 10
Daniel B. Foss, “ “ “ “ 21	4 05

Darius Stevens,	breaking roads Dist. No. 9	1 50
Richard K. Edgerly,	“ “ “ “ 16	5 62
Mark H. Mathes,	“ “ “ “ 17	4 50
J. B. Griffith,	“ “ “ “ 11	16 20
Stephen P. Chesley,	“ “ “ “ 7	25 34
Eben T. Emerson,	“ “ “ “ 12	6 30
Frank E. Doc,	“ “ “ “ 5	
and	“ “ “ “ 29	6 25
William F. Jones,	“ “ “ “ 8	16 35
J. E. Kent,	“ “ “ “ 14	14 40
Edward Pendexter.	“ “ “ “ 3	2 10
John B. G. Dame,	“ “ “ “ 25	
and	“ “ “ “ 13	13 95
John P. Emerson,	“ “ “ “ 6	1 43
George P. Emerson,	“ “ “ “ 6	83
Charles A. Mathes,	“ “ “ “ 27	10 35
Fread M. Bunker,	“ “ “ “ 6	90
George Fowler,	“ “ “ “ 6	4 05
Levi Davis,	“ “ “ “ 20	3 30
Peter McKone,	“ “ “ “ 22	1 74
T. H. Wiswall,	“ “ “ “ 19	1 80
D. A. Stevens,	“ “ “ “ 20	2 10
E. M. Davis,	“ “ “ “ 24	6 00
H. F. Fogg,	“ “ “ “ 23	12 84
Demeritt & Burnham,	“ “ “ “ 1	11 35
George Amazeen,	“ “ “ “ 1	5 25
Walter C. Davis,	“ “ “ “ 1	1 00
Total		\$ 205 63

GENERAL EXPENSE.

E. B. Lane, blank books and stationery.....	\$ 7 70
Libbey and Scales, printing town reports.....	22 50

Abial Young, services on hall	6 85
P. J. Connor, cutting trees, Dist. 8	1 50
George D. Stevens, services election day, Nov. 1886.	2 00
A. F. Howes, printing 500 blank orders	2 50
S. H. Barnum, salary of School Board, 1886. .	50 00
George A. Carr, services as Supervisor 1885-6.	18 00
Hilliard F. Fogg, " " "	12 00
Luceen Thompson, " " "	12 00
C. E. Hoitt, services as Selectman	40 00
F. E. Doe, " " "	40 00
Samuel Runlett, Jr., services as Selectman . . .	40 00
Town Clerk	40 00
H. A. Mathes, services as Town Treasurer. . . .	40 00
J. E. Buzzell, " Tax Collector.	65 00
C. E. Hoitt, expense to Concord to settle state tax	5 00
expense on road with road machine	30 00
Samuel Runlett, Jr., expense on road with road machine.	45 00
F. E. Doe, expense on road with road machine .	18 00
Selectmen, extra services for school district and making school house taxes.	50 00
Charles E. Tasker, for election notices.	1 25
H. A. Mathes, wood for lobby and office.	4 00
F. H. Pinkham, printing 25 checklists.	5 00
Total	\$ 558 30

MISCELLANEOUS.

Nicholas Drew, clearing road of bent trees. . . .	\$ 2 93
David Stevens, cleaning lobby.	3 00
as police officer.	20 00

W. S. Meserve, part of appropriation for town history	50 00
C. E. Hayes, school books furnished indigent children	2 54
H. H. Dame, over-taxed in 1886.....	2 26
Albert Young, B. & A. dividend due George Ffrost Temperance Association.....	456 75
Peter McKone, over-taxed in 1886	1 02
E. Jenkins, posting warrant and attending district meeting, 1884	2 50
S. H. Barnum, postage, telegrams	1 25
J. Smith, legal advice for Supervisors	2 00
D. G. Thompson, over-taxed in 1884-5-6.....	2 90
Town of Madbury, share of No. 2 school house	10 00
Total	\$ 257 15

RECAPITULATION.

State and County taxes.....	\$2,567 60
Schools	1,453 77
Support of poor.....	1,648 18
Damage by dogs, 1885.....	15 00
Breaking roads.....	205 63
Roads and bridges.....	424 10
Miscellaneous bills	257 15
Abatements on list of 1883	12 58
Non-resident highway tax worked.....	67 54
General expenses.....	558 30
Auditors	4 00
Out-standing bills	65 15
Out-standing on Collector's lists.....	446 91

Cash in treasury.....	1,660 87
Total.....	\$9,386 78

CHARLES E. HOITT, } *Selectmen*
 FRANK E. DOE, } *of*
 SAMUEL RUNLETT, JR. } *Durham.*

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

We, the undersigned, certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen, and find them correctly cast, and all payments against the Town properly vouched.

ARIOCH W. GRIFFITHS, { *Auditors.*
 ANDREW E. MESERVE, }

TREASURER'S REPORT.

TOWN OF DURHAM IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TREASURER.

Treasurer to the Town Debtor for Receipts:—

To Cash in treasury March 1, 1886.....	\$ 542 67
Out-standing in Collector's list for 1883....	24 73
" " " " " " 1885....	134 28
Resident taxes.....	4,037 85
Non-resident taxes.....	255 70
Non-resident highway.....	85 28
Dog tax....	75 00
Railroad tax.....	301 06
Saving bank tax.....	1,713 84
Literary Fund.....	92 16
Newmarket share school house No. 6.....	81 04
" " " " " " 9.....	284 49
Town of Madbury, for use of road machine	47 50
J. W. Coe, highway tax.....	126 00
Store Rent.....	42 50
Rent of Town wharves.....	3 50
Plank sold.....	90
Received from County for poor.....	1,341 43
George Frost Temperance Association....	156 75
Excess of assessment over remittance on school house property.....	40 10
Total.....	<hr/> \$9,386 78

REPORT OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION.

TO THE PARENTS AND GUARDIANS OF OUR CHILDREN, AND
TO THOSE WHO PAY TAXES FOR THE SUPPORT OF OUR
PUBLIC SCHOOLS, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION BEG
LEAVE TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING REPORT:—

The Board feel that the schools have been as successful as they have been in previous years. They feel that, on the whole, they have been somewhat better than they were last year, and yet there is room for improvement, for we have not come to that period when old district dislikes and personal prejudices have not an influence on some of our schools. Although, when we consider how much excitement there was in the district last spring, in regard to school affairs, we can but feel that the Board have been well supported by those who have children to send to school, and that very many of our parents have had more interest in what their children have learned, than they have had in perpetuating the old time district feuds.

TEACHERS.

Teachers who have been employed, have been employed to teach the children. They have not been employed until the Board have made dilligent inquiries of their success and qualifications as teachers, if they had had experience, and of their moral standing and scholarship if they have never taught before. They have been found to be able to explain their work in a clear and concise manner as well as to pass a good examination; and the Board feel that they have been remarkably successful in securing good teachers who have given their very best efforts to instruct the youth committed to their care. And the interest of the scholars demands that some of them be secured for the coming year if possible. If some of the teachers have not given entire satisfaction, it requires but little penetration to see that it is not the fault of the new school system.

SCHOOLS.

The schools at the village and at Durham Point need no comment, except to say, that, if their management can be continued as now started, they will accomplish that end for which the common school was established, viz.: To give the scholars thorough instruction in reading, writing, geography, history, English grammar, and a good start in some of the higher branches.

The school at old District No. 4, at present can be abolished throughout the year as well as not, for the scholars can receive enough better instruction at the village, where they can be classed with more scholars of their own age than there are in their part of the district, to pay for the extra distance in travel.

We have thought it best to have two terms of school

each year at the Bridge, on account of the large number of small scholars. No school that we have been able to provide for that part of the town, for two years, has given the parents entire satisfaction, and we have become satisfied that the fault is not wholly with the teachers, as one young lady, employed there last year, has this year been teaching in an ungraded school in Dover, and is meeting with marked success. This success might have attended her work here had she been better supported by the parents.

The remarks made on the Bridge school, apply equally well to that part of the district where we have voted to erect a new school house; we might further add, that, where so much money has been expended as there has been in old District No. 10, within the last fifteen years, boys who cannot read or write, speak more for what the schools have been in that part of the district than any talk which the inhabitants of the district can make. And the register of the last term, shows very conclusively, that a teacher who will make scholars obey the common laws of courtesy, civility and respect, such as must go with a good school, is not very highly appreciated, and makes the rest of the district feel that the expense of a new school house in that part of the district may be thrown away.

Teachers are human, and like to have their work appreciated. They do not like to be found fault with any better than any other people. Before a good school can ever be held in either of these two places, that feeling of jealousy about who shall board the teacher, and how much more devoted she is to somebody's children, than she is to ours, must be laid aside, and parents must resolve that the school is a place where scholars must go with faith in its goodness, its morality and its usefulness, and where they must go every day. If they could only see the progress made by those scholars, whose names appear on the roll of

honor, the past year, and compare it with the progress made by those who have been to school when they choose, and then went with a feeling that the school was of no good, they would realize what we mean.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

The Board have been somewhat divided in their minds just what course to pursue in regard to the several school houses in the district, as, at the meeting called by the acting Board of 1885, there was a vote passed to raise one hundred dollars, with which to make necessary repairs, and, when it was decided that that meeting was not legal on account of the illegal election of the old Board, the Selectmen did not raise the money. But, believing that the health of the children demanded it, and that the district would be better off to have it done, we have made some necessary repairs, of which have been the following: In the spring we had all the plastering in the several school houses repaired and whitewashed, except that in the house at Packers Falls. We then had the houses thoroughly cleaned, the blackboards newly painted, all the broken glass set, and blinds and doors repaired and put on. This we thought necessary, as in the house at Durham Point repairs had to be made on the chimney, and the brick work about the stone had to be relaid. In every house many places had been broken in the plastering which let in draughts of air, and the house at the Bridge had to be repaired outside and inside to make it inhabitable for teacher and scholars.

With the exception of some accidental damage to the house at the village, which damage will be repaired by the ones who caused it, the houses are in better condition than

they were one year ago, except the natural wear and tear of time and school usage. The school demanded that a new door be cut through from the recitation room to the entry, in the house at the village, and we have had it done and find it a very great improvement.

We hope that at the annual school district meeting, the money appropriated at the last June special meeting will be raised by taxation, so that the new house at Packers Falls can be erected.

The school house at the Bridge is very much out of repair, and it is somewhat of a question just what ought to be done there. There are just now a large number of small children there and these must be taken care of somewhere. Whether it is best to repair that house or erect a new one, is not decided.

The house at the village ought to be enlarged, so as to have a better recitation room for the small scholars, and, as it is thought best by the Board to grade this school, this ought to be done soon.

By vote passed at the special meeting, provision was made for funds with which to insure the school houses, and this ought to be done as soon as the money can be raised.

SCHOOL BOARD.

The School Board have done their duty as they understood it under the law. We wish to thank those who have helped in any way to make our schools successful, which includes teachers, parents and scholars, and express a hope that this same friendly feeling will be extended to the new Board.

SAMUEL H. BARNUM,	} <i>School Board</i>
ALBERT DEMERITT,	
MRS. HATTIE S. WATSON,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Durham.</i>

ROLL OF HONOR.

VILLAGE SCHOOL:— *First Term*: John H. Berry, Clara Bride, Fannie Burnham, Josie Connor, Julia Connor, Charles Giles, Leslie D. Hayes, Patsie Moriarty, Mary Mathes, Carrie R. Robinson, Hattie M. Robinson, Martha G. Stevens.

Second Term: George Bunker, Mabel Bunker, Ida Bunker, Fannie Burnham, Josie Connor, Herbert Davis, Inez Davis, Charles Giles, Leslie Hayes, Mabel Hayes, Annie Jenkins, Grace Ransom, Grace Stevens, Martha Stevens, Mark Willey.

Third Term. Fannie Burnham, Charles Brown, Walter Brown, Mary Mathes, Harold Rundlett.

BRIDGE SCHOOL:— *First Term*: Eddie L. Emerson, Ethel C. Watson.

Second Term: Mattie Card, Ivy Chesley, Ethel C. Watson, D. Albert Watson.

PACKERS FALLS SCHOOL:— *First Term*: Harry Corson, Martha Corson, Susie Corson, Sadie B. Fogg, John Griffiths, Alfred Woodman,

Second Term: Martha J. Corson, Forrest K. Dame, David F. Griffiths, Annie Heanne, Mamie V. Long.

POINT SCHOOL:— *First Term*: Mary E. Adams, Carrie A. Edgerly, Eliza A. Edgerly, Ira D. Glidden, Carrie A. Langley, Fred P. Meader, Jacob Mathes, Harry E. Rand.

Second Term: Mary E. Adams, J. Wilbur Emerson, Ira D. Glidden, Susie M. Kent, Effie M. Kent, Carrie A. Langley, Fred P. Meader, Jacob Mathes, Charles E. P. Mathes, John R. Page, Harry E. Rand.

Third Term: Mattie D. Emerson, John W. Emerson, John H. Glidden, Jacob Mathes.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	No. of Term.	TEACHERS.		Wages per Month	No. of Pupils	Avg. Attendance	No. not Absent	No. in Reading	No. in Spelling	No. in Penmanship	No. in Arithmetic	No. in Geography	No. in Grammar	No. in History	No. in other studies	Visits by Board	Visits by Parents and others.
Village,	1	Irving B. Hayes,		\$42	53	47	12	52	52	52	45	21	15	3	22	5	8
	1	Helen C. Bennett,		32													
	2	George A. Goodwin,		42	58	51	19	58	58	50	50	17	15	2	25	2	5
Bridge,	2	Helen C. Bennett,		32													
	3	George A. Goodwin,		45	64	54	5	61	61	64	55	23	11	6	22	5	32
	3	Helen C. Bennett,		32													
Mast Road, Falls,	1	Kate H. Thompson,		28	13	12	6	13	13	12	11	7	2	2	3	3	2
	2	Caroline M. Meserve,		28	13	12	6	13	13	12	12	7	3	4	1	3	11
	3	Caroline M. Meserve,		28	11	10	0	11	11	10	9	9	4	0	2	3	26
Point,	1	Mary C. Jones,		28	12	10	7	12	12	12	12	9	3	3	2	11	3
	2	Carrie R. Gage,		28	18	13	5	18	18	18	18	12	2	3	14	3	6
	3	Nellie B. Gordon,		32	17	8	1	17	17	14	16	13	2	2	1	7	6
Point,	1	Fannie M. Adams,		40	31	28	8	31	31	31	31	24	11	13	34	3	22
	2	Fannie M. Adams,		40	33	28	10	33	33	33	33	24	12	14	42	2	8
	3	Nelson G. Howard,		36	29	27	1	29	29	29	27	24	9	12	35	1	28

Number weeks of school: Spring term, 8; Fall term, 8; Winter term, 12; total 28.

Whole number of scholars of the town, not less than five years of age, who have attended not less than two weeks during the year, 144. Number of children between 5 and 15, reported by the Selectmen, 151.

