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Selectmen and other Town Officers

OF

CLAREMONT, N. H.

INCLUDING THE REPORT OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEES,

FOR THE

Year ending March 1, 1876.

CLAREMONT, N. H.

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1876.

WARRANT

For the Annual Meeting of the Legal Voters of the
TOWN OF CLAREMONT.

March 14, 1876.

L. S. To the inhabitants of the town of Claremont, in the County of Sullivan in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs :

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Town, on Tuesday, the 14th day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects :

1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
2. To bring in your votes for Governor, Councillor, Senator, one County Commissioner, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds, and one Railroad Commissioner.
3. To determine the number of Representatives the Town will choose, the present year.
4. To choose one or more Representatives to represent the town in the General Court to be holden at Concord on the first Wednesday of June next.
5. To choose a High School Committee for the Stevens High School for the year ensuing.
6. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
7. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the support of Schools the present year.
8. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the repairs on highways and bridges the ensuing year, and determine whether it be paid in money or labor.
9. To raise, by vote, the necessary amount of money to defray the legal expenses of the Town the ensuing year.
10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to pay the debts of the Town.
11. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to pay the Engine Men.

12. To determine how the school money shall be divided among the several school districts of the Town the ensuing year.

13. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the support of street lights the ensuing year.

14. To determine, by vote, the rate of discount, if any, the Town will allow to persons paying their taxes within such periods as the Town may limit, in accordance with section 17, chapter 54, of the General Statutes.

15. Is it expedient that a Convention be called to revise the Constitution ?

16. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fiske Free Library.

17. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the support of Stevens' High School.

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money to purchase a collection of Specimens of Natural History, and determine the amount.

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money to erect a suitable building for the Fiske Free Library, and determine the amount.

20. To see if the Town will vote to repair the Stevens High School building, and raise or appropriate a sum of money sufficient therefor.

21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the preparation and publication of a History of the Town from its first settlement, and appropriate money therefor.

Given under our hands and seal this 25th day of February, A. D. 1876.

STEPHEN F. ROSSITER, } Selectmen
WILLIAM CLARK, } of
HOSEA P. SHEDD. } Claremont.

Claremont, February 29, 1876.

REPORTS

OF THE OFFICERS OF THE

TOWN OF CLAREMONT

FOR THE YEAR

Ending March 1, 1876.

Report of the Selectmen.

Valuation.

Real Estate, including Factories and Machinery,.....	\$ 1,621,416
Personal Estate,.....	467,464
1047 Polls at \$ 100 each,.....	104,700
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	\$ 2,193,580
Less amount exempt,	70,082
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	\$ 2,123,498

The rate of taxation was \$ 1.74 on one hundred dollars in money, and fifteen cents in labor on highways.

Amount of Taxes.

The amount of tax required to be assessed, by law and the vote of the town, was as follows.

For State Tax,.....	\$6,388 00
County Tax,.....	6,841 16
Schooling, as required by law,	5,589 50
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Amount carried forward,	\$ 18,818 66

Amount brought forward,	\$ 18,818 66
Stevens High School,.....	1,500 00
Legal expenses, including Fire Department,.....	4,000 00
Debts of Town,.....	10,300 00
Street Lights,.....	300 00
Fiske Free Library,	200 00
Repairs of High School build- ing,.....	200 00
Percentage, about 4½.....	1,631 14
Tax on Dogs,.....	254 00
School House Tax in District No. 1,.....	209 20
School House Tax in District No. 4,.....	40 42
School House Tax in District No. 9,.....	26 20
Non Resident Highway Tax,	2 80
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	\$ 37,482 42

Funded Debt.

Town Bonds outstanding March 1, 1875,.....	\$138,000 00
Town Bonds drawn Jan. 1, 1875, paid July 1, 1875,.....	2,000 00
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Remaining outstanding,	\$136,000 00
Accrued Interest to March 1, 1876,	1,360 00
Coupons due and unpaid,.....	231 00
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Total Indebtedness,	\$ 137,591 00

Assets.

Amount due from County,.....	\$ 97 22
Balance in Treasury,.....	2,837 47
Balance in hands of Treasurer of Stevens High School Committee,...	735 82
Taxes uncollected, for 1875,.....	3,436 09
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Indebtedness, less assets,.....	\$130,484 40

Treasurer's Account.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in the Treasury March 1, 1875,.....	\$ 358 92
Rent of Cemetery land,.....	125 00
Rent of School lands,.....	66 25
License from Burket & Leonard,.....	50 00
Circus License,.....	30 00
From Wm. Clark on County Pauper account, due March 1, 1875,.....	74 15
do. Due in Jan. 1876,.....	26 00
Trustees of the Stevens High School,.....	1,990 68
State Savings Bank Tax,.....	5,065 65
Railroad Tax,.....	393 73
Literary Fund,.....	245 10
County, for 1 cord wood for Probate Court Room,	7 00
Money borrowed of Claremont Bank,.....	600 00
L. C. Kelsey, part of Road damage,.....	20 00
Use of Town Hall,.....	377 00
Henry L. Hubbard, Collector,.....	34,046 31
Town Liquor Agent,.....	176 34
Amount refunded by Selectmen, reward mon- ey, not paid,.....	100 00
	\$ 43,752 13

DISBURSEMENTS.

Support of District Schools,.....	\$5,820 30
Support of Poor,.....	377 17
Interest on Town debt,.....	8,082 00
Ringing Bells, and Sexton's services,	242 00
Highways and Bridges,.....	1,276 38
Damages by Dogs,.....	123 50
Incidental Expenses,.....	1,462 55
Town Officers,.....	1,524 49
Paying debts of the town,.....	2,607 92
Repairing School Houses,.....	343 66
Abatement of taxes,.....	334 39
Discount on taxes,.....	608 07
Amount carried forward,	22,802 43

Amount brought forward,	\$22,802 43
Fire Department,.....	1,392 39
Stevens High School and Fiske Free Library,..	3,490 68
State tax,.....	6,388 00
County tax,.....	6,841 16
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	\$40,914 66

Balance in hands of Treas. Mar. 1, 1876, \$2,837 47

Edwin W. Tolles, Town Treasurer.

Incidental Expenses.

Paid George Gregg, $\frac{1}{2}$ cord maple wood for office,	4 50
Claremont Manuf'g Co., Printing Ch'k List, &c.,	45 00
L. J. Graves, return of births and deaths,....	2 75
A. R. Cummings, ".....	3 75
C. A. Volk, ".....	5 50
Nathaniel Tolles, ".....	7 25
John Bell, damages on highway,	2 00
T. J. Lasier, for Printing, Reports &c.,.....	50 00
Ralph Emerson, damages on highway,	8 75
Joseph Weber, printing,	29 00
G. A. Bradford, cedar posts,.....	4 00
Freeman & O'Neil, turning posts, &c.,	6 00
Benj. Severance, shingling hearse house,.....	9 55
L. E. Cole, damage on highway,.....	20 00
County Commissioners, costs in road case,...	39 45
Austin Perry, work on tomb at W. Claremont,	11 15
J. W. Lane, concreting walks in Park,.....	132 66
H. P. Shedd, lumber for tomb,.....	10 73
G. H. Stowell, 2d, land damage,.....	50 00
N. C. Bancroft, stone work, &c.,.....	4 50
William B. Henry, repairing snow scraper,...	3 00
James Barker, gate for Cemetery.....	1 50
A. C. Stone, roofing, repairs &c.,.....	31 91
C. H. Swain, lumber for tomb,.....	6 92
William Clark, chairs for office, & sawing wood,	3 30
R. L. Smiley, printing posters,.....	1 50
W. Breck, repairs on flags,.....	16 25
J. T. Little, painting tomb,.....	2 02
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Amount carried forward,	512 94

Amount brought forward,	\$ 512 94
H. W. Parker, counsel fees,.....	33 00
E. D. Baker, ".....	25 00
William C. Hart, damage on highway,.....	40 00
Stowell & Welcome, team for Little,.....	1 00
H. P. Shedd, rent on Cemetery land,.....	6 00
Geo. H. Stowell, lamps, scrapers, spikes, &c.,.	48 01
A. Burrill, wood, care, and repairs on Town Hall,	106 32
Claremont Stationery Co.,.....	22 59
Colby & Batchelder, F. Clark suit,.....	3 00
Walter Ainsworth, damage on highway,.....	15 00
Samuel Elwell, shades & burners for Town Hall,	10 00
H. C. Sanders, kerosene oil, &c.,.....	15 12
Haskell & Tolles, wicks, chimneys, &c.,.....	8 65
R. L. Smiley, advertising,.....	2 75
Joseph Weber, ".....	5 50
Marshall S. Rossiter, advertising.....	3 00
W. H. H. Allen, settling Tappan account,....	5 00
Chester Albee, repairs, and ice chisel,.....	3 50
S. F. Rossiter, to pay reward offered by town,	100 00
H. C. Fitch, gas burners, &c.,.....	16 62
J. G. Harriman, damage to plow,.....	2 00
Ira Proctor, labor on fence,.....	1 25
George Wright, wood,.....	13 50
S. F. Rossiter, expenses to Newport & Concord,	7 50
S. L. Farman, watering trough,	3 00
F. S. Chellis, " ".....	3 00
Russell Jarvis, " ".....	3 00
John Blanchard, " ".....	3 00
T. K. West, " ".....	3 00
R. W. Farwell, " " two years,	6 00
T. B. Fletcher, " ".....	3 00
H. L. Brooks, " ".....	2 00
John M. Ager, " ".....	1 50
Francis Whitcomb, " ".....	3 00

STREET LIGHTS.

H. C. Fitch, gas for street lights,	194 00
H. C. Parmelee, lighting St. lights,	90 00
Stone & Co., repairing street lanterns,	8 80
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	\$ 292 80
Amount carried forward,	1,330 55

TOWN HALL.

Amount brought forward,	\$ 1,330 55
H. C. Fitch, gas for Town Hall,	132 00
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Total for Incidentals,	\$ 1,462 55

Fire Department.

Paid John H. Rugg,.....	\$ 39 65
Jesse Sparling,.....	85 30
Hook and Ladder Co.,.....	122 50
Engine Company, No. 4,.....	245 50
“ “ “ 3,.....	198 74
Premiums at Fires,.....	40 00
O. D. Blood, filling reservoirs, &c.,.....	18 25
Jacob Robie,.....	1 50
Marshall S. Rossiter,.....	1 50
E. H. Jacques, Engine No. 1,.....	5 00
H. W. Parker, rent of No. 3 house,.....	20 00
Francis Locke, repairs of Reservoir,.....	20 92
George B. Farrington,.....	13 50
S. Mitchell,.....	6 70
Ichabod Hitchcock,.....	6 00
A. C. Stone,.....	6 21
Frederick Haubrich,.....	18 48
George H. Stowell, 2d., hose,.....	245 50
George Murphy, repairs on engine house,.	12 93
George W. Howe,.....	8 38
Sullivan Machine Co.,.....	37 21
W. H. Brown,.....	6 25
L. B. Farr, for brick,.....	100 00
E. C. Watson, drawing brick,.....	23 63
Robert L. Smiley,.....	8 00
John Tyler, filling reservoirs,.....	10 00
O. D. Blood,.....	2 50
W. E. Tutherly, wood, 1874,.....	4 00
George H. Stowell,.....	20 10
Citizens for work at Perry fire,.....	6 89
E. J. Bowen, repairs on hose,.....	5 00
Engineers,	52 25
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Total for Fire Department,	\$ 1,192 39

Town Officers.

F. P. Smith, services as auditor.....	\$	9 00
George B. Farrington, police of 1874.....		7 50
Albert Bradbury, " "		5 00
E. L. Goddard, auditor.....		9 00
N. W. Brown, constable.....		22 00
R. C. Pike, "		15 00
William E. Tutherly, selectman.....		15 75
Geo. P. Rossiter, "		18 00
C. G. Buel, "		16 87
C. S. Allen, police.....		12 00
Aurelius Dickinson, auditor.....		9 00
Henry C. Sanders, town clerk,.....		53 50
" " liquor agent.....		200 00
Edwin W. Tolles, treasurer.....		100 00
Marshall S. Rossiter sup. school committee,..		125 00
W. H. H. Allen, moderator.....		10 00
Henry L. Hubbard, collector.....		200 00
Stephen F. Rossiter, selectman.....		247 50
William Clark, selectman.....		218 25
" overseer of the poor.....		50 00
H. P. Shedd, selectman.....		181 12
Total for Town Offices,		\$1,524 49

Highways and Bridges.

Paid Jesse Sparling, labor on Highway,		3 00
A. M. Wilder, " "		10 00
A. A. Watson, " "		55 86
Luke Perkins, " "		8 75
A. S. Spearin, " "		31 74
Harvey Case, " "		8 10
Peter Haubrich, " "		33 70
J. G. Harriman, " "		23 50
Henry Colby, " "		9 93
L. W. Randall, lumber.....		30 23
G. A. Bradford, posts.....		15 75
A. R. Leet, labor.....		6 98
Amount carried forward,		237 54

Amount brought forward,	\$ 237 54
Geo. G. Clark, “	9 25
Schuyler Johnson, labor,	21 75
Albin Pierce, “	3 20
G. H. Leet, “	4 00
L. H. Colby, “	15 90
Bela Chapin, “	1 20
J. F. Tasker, “	410 00
T. W. Alden, “	11 05
Jonathan Densmore, “	6 20
Reuben Johnson, “	27 55
O. C. Hart, “	5 00
H. G. P. Cross, “	16 36
John Alden, “	17 20
B. P. Martin, for stone,	2 50
Geo. Whitcomb, for labor,	8 05
Jeduthan Emerson, “	36 75
H. C. Freeman, “	12 00
Ira F. Chandler, for lumber,	31 90
Frank Charon, for labor,	2 00
H. E. Grannis, “	33 00
C. H. Swain, “	7 00
G. L. Balcom, lumber and nails,	45 00
Prescott Putnam, lumber,	6 00
Freeman S. Chellis, labor and stone,	20 62
E. A. Stearns, labor,	7 35
N. W. Brown, “	6 00
G. H. Stowell, 2d., “	6 75
Geo. H. Stowell, “	5 00
Monadnock Mills Co., lumber,	122 98
E. C. Watson, labor,	12 75
Samuel Wood, “	3 50
Charles Ball, “	6 76
John Lovering, “	1 25
E. W. Tolles, for gravel,	7 37
Sylvester Glidden, labor,	10 00
Heber Jackson, “	78 20
Silas A. Sabine, stone,	2 50
H. V. Freeman, labor,	13 00
S. F. Rossiter, material,	1 95
Total for Highways and Bridges,	\$ 1,276 38

Public Schools.

Amount of money raised by law,	\$5,589 50
“ Literary Fund,	245 10
“ Railroad Tax,	65 70
“ School land rents,	45 00
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	\$5,945 30
Paid Sup. School Committee,	\$125 00
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Total amount to be expended for Schools,	\$5,820 30

Which, by vote of the town, was divided \$75 to each district and the remainder by the Scholar; giving to 1274 Scholars \$3.45 each, in addition to what is given to the District, the whole amount to each District being shown in the following

TABLE.

Dist. No.	Scholars.	Amount.	Dist.	Scholars.	Amount.
1	382	\$1,392 90	11	41	216 45
2	51	250 95	12	12	116 40
3	28	171 60	13	18	137 10
4	29	175 05	14	15	126 75
5	53	257 85	15	142	564 90
6	21	147 45	16	11	112 95
7	36	199 20	17	309	1,141 05
8	10	109 50	18	32	185 40
9	57	271 65	19	14	123 30
10	13	119 85		<hr/>	
				1274	\$5,820 30

STEPHEN F. ROSSITER,	}	Selectmen of Claremont.
WILLIAM CLARK,		
HOSEA P. SHEDD,		

Pauper Account ;

Showing the net cost of supporting the Town Poor for the year ending March 1, 1876, including the Overseer's salary.

Town of Claremont in account with

William Clark, Overseer of the Poor,

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By cash received from the County, balance due as per Report of March 1, 1875,	\$ 74 15
Cash received from Town Treasurer, for support of Poor,	363 21
Cash received from Town Treasurer for support of 217 Tramps,	13 96
Cash for Services,	50 00
	\$501 32

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To cash paid Town Treasurer due from County, March 1875,	\$74 15
To cash paid Town Treasurer due from County, Jan. 1876,	26 00
Due from County, March 1, 1876,	97 22
To Overseer's Services,	50 00
Aid furnished Poor in Town,	253 95
Net cost of supporting Town's Poor,	\$501 32

WILLIAM CLARK,

Overseer of the Poor.

Liquor Agent's Report,

For the year ending, March 1, 1876.

Amount received from sale of Liquors & Casks,	\$1,604 97
Amount paid for Liquors and freight,	\$1,403 42
" " Revenue Tax,	25 21
" " Town Treasurer,	176 34
	\$1,604 97
Value of Liquor on hand March 1, 1876,	\$376 48
Paid Town Treasurer,.....	176 34
Carried forward,.....	\$552 82

Brought forward.....	\$552 82
Value of Liquor on hand March 1, 1875,	\$302 82
Agent's Salary,.....	200 00
	\$502 82
Profit to the Town,.....	50 00

HENRY C. SANDERS,
Town Agent.

Report of the Stevens High School Committee.

The Stevens High School Committee presents the following report.

Stevens High School has enjoyed a high degree of prosperity during the past year. The Teachers have been faithful and laborious, and have fully maintained the previous high standing of the School.

Arthur J. Swain, A. M., has been continued as Principal, at a salary of \$ 1500. Miss Lucia F. Clark, was an assistant teacher until the close of the Spring term, 1875, at a salary of \$ 700. Miss Sarah A. Vinton has been continued as an assistant teacher, with a salary of \$ 600. Miss Abbie E. Reed was an assistant teacher during the Winter and Spring Terms, being employed but half of each day, with a salary of \$ 234. Miss Ellen E. Hamilton, has been employed as an assistant teacher, commencing with the Fall Term, 1875, at a salary of \$ 500. Mrs. Charles Taylor was the teacher of vocal music, during the Winter and Spring Terms, 1875, at a salary of \$ 156 per year.

The position of Janitor has been filled by one of the scholars, at a salary of \$ 150 per year.

The scholars of the School have been, generally, diligent and studious, regular in their attendance and deportment, and have merited the approbation of their teachers and of the Committee. It is believed that they realize and appreciate their superior opportunities for mental improvement.

The following donations have been received, during the past year.

From Hon. Hosea W. Parker, useful maps and public documents. From the State of New Hampshire, public documents. From Prof. Reiley, of Rutgers College, valuable minerals. From Teachers and Scholars, portrait of Prof. Longfellow, books and apparatus. From the managers of a Spelling match, the sum of fifty dollars and thirty-five cents, for the purchase of books of reference &c.

The school is well supplied with books of reference, apparatus &c.

The defects in the roof of the School building have not been entirely remedied, and some further attention in that direction is needed.

The widening of Middle St. will require the removal of the hedge on that street; and the hedge on Summer St., being worthless, should also be removed and the whole be replaced by a substantial fence.

The average attendance of Scholars, during the first year of the School, was eighty-eight, and the average attendance for the past year has been about one hundred.

About two hundred volumes of valuable books have been added to the Fiske Free Library, by the generosity of Samuel P. Fiske, Esq. Charles G. Stevens, Esq., a former resident, has presented bound volumes containing the complete file of the "National Eagle" for the first nine years of its existence—to which T. J. Lasier has added the entire file of the same while he was its publisher, which have been bound and placed in the Library, without expense to its fund. It is hoped that some one will yet be found who can complete the series.

The shelves are now nearly full, and no further additions of books can be made until adequate provision shall be made for their reception.

It is understood that the founder of the Library stands

ready to aid, liberally, in the erection of a suitable building for the reception of the Library, in addition to his original donation.

The Report of our Treasurer will be found below, and show our financial condition.

Claremont N. H., March 1, 1876.

DUDLEY T. CHASE,	} Stevens High School Committee.
EDWARD D. BAKER,	
JAMES P. UPHAM,	
WM. E. TUTHERLY.	
GEORGE G. IDE.	

Treasurer's Report.

PAID OUT.

Cash paid teachers,.....	\$ 2,827 00	
janitor,	150 00	
for coal and wood,.....	252 65	
catalogues and printing,.	43 50	
for incidentals,.....	47 77	
for Fiske Free Library,..	207 00	
in hands of Treasurer....	735 82	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,263 74

RECEIVED OF TOWN.

Appropriation by town,.....	\$ 1,500 00	
Interest on Stevens fund,.....	922 00	
Deposit in Sull. Savings Institution	1,068 68	
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Total amount from Town,...		
Received for tuition,.....	\$ 204 00	
Cash in hands of Treas., March 1875,	569 06	
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		\$ 4,263 74

Fiske Free Library.

PAYMENTS.

Paid A. J. Swain, Librarian,	\$ 123 25
for printing, rebinding books, &c.,.....	73 50
Claremont gas company,.....	11 00
F. J. Rugg, janitor,.....	10 00
for incidentals,.....	5 25
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	\$ 223 00

RECEIPTS.

Cash received for catalogues and fines,.....	15 75
“ from Stevens High School, appro.,..	207 25
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	\$ 223 00

E. D. BAKER, Treasurer.

Report of the Trustees of the Tappan Fund.

Your Committee have received of William Clark, executor, the sum of thirty thousand, five hundred dollars; twenty thousand dollars of which is in Claremont Town bonds; the remainder, which was paid in money, amounting to the sum of ten thousand five hundred dollars, is loaned, on call, to the Sugar River Paper Mill Co., at six per cent interest.

STEPHEN F. ROSSITER,	} Trustees.
WILLIAM CLARK,	
HOSEA P. SHEDD,	
E. L. GODDARD,	
JAMES P. UPHAM,	
D. W. JOHNSON,	
E. J. TENNEY,	}

We the undersigned, Auditors of the town of Claremont, have examined the foregoing accounts of the Town Treasurer, Selectmen, Overseer of the Poor, Liquor agent, Treasurer of the Stevens High School Committee and Fiske Free Library, and the Trustees of the Tappan fund, and find the same correct, with proper vouchers,

Claremont, N. H., March 6, 1876,

DUDLEY T. CHASE,	} Auditors.
H. W. PARKER,	
JONATHAN DENSMORE,	

Report of the Trustees of the Stevens High School Fund.

The original amount of the fund received was \$ 10,000, which is now invested in notes, secured by mortgage on land in the State of Iowa, at ten per cent., per annum. The income from the fund, for the seven months from December 1st, 1874, to July 1st, 1875, has been \$ 422.00; and for the six months from July 1st, 1875, to January 1st, 1876, \$ 500.00; which amount has been paid over to the Selectmen of the Town. The Trustees have also paid over to the Selectmen, the further sum of \$ 1,068.68, which sum represents the amount of gain on securities bought and sold, with the interest accrued thereon, in the Sullivan Savings Institution, and now withdrawn by the Trustees, in accordance with a vote of the, Town at their last annual meeting, and paid over to the Selectmen.

The Trustees would further say that they have received nothing from the estate of Mr. Stevens, either as principal or interest of the Legacy of \$ 40,000.00, which they had hoped to have obtained during the year.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

G. N. FARWELL,	} Trustees of the	
E. L. GODDARD,		Stevens High
A. DICKINSON,		School Fund.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Chief Engineer's Report.

The Chief Engineer respectfully reports the Fire Department to be in good order and condition, and ready, at any time, for active service.

There has been, during the past year, an unusual number of fires and alarms of fire among us—more than in any one year for many years before. These are as follows—

March 12, destruction of the house of Thomas Burns; an alarm from Walker's shop on North St.; one from the Sugar River Mill Co.'s Saw Mill; one from Hart's Steam Saw Mill, April 24; May 9, burning of Fisher's barn; May 13, alarm of fire at house of Albert Straw; from Dowlin's house on Sullivan St., May 28, and same day, from Hart's

Mill; one from Monadnock Flannel Mill, June 2; July 4, fire in basement of Rand's Block; Sept. 13, fire in Perry's Block; Oct. 19, fire in house of Otis F. R. Waite; Nov. 4, burning of house of William Hoban; Jan. 1, 1876, fire in tenement over shop of Blood & Woodcock.

At all times, when called upon, the department have been promptly on hand, and have done good service. They have been greatly aided by the hydrants operated in connection with the Monadnock Mills and the new Paper Mill. There has been purchased for the use of the department, during the year, two hundred feet of hose, and the two reservoirs, voted by the town at their last March meeting, have been located and the materials purchased for their construction. One of these is to be at the corner of Myrtle and Walnut streets, and one on what is known as Severance street.

We would recommend that offers of bounty money to the fire companies, such as have been voted by the town for the last two years, be dispensed with; as we are of the opinion that they have, upon the whole, operated injuriously. We also recommend that the compensation of firemen be increased to ten dollars besides the usual compensation for actual service at fires.

Claremont, N. H. March 6, 1876.

O. D. BLOOD, Chief Engineer.

Estimates for 1876.

The Selectmen recommend raising the following sums for the year ensuing, in addition to the amount required to be raised by law.

For repairs of highways and bridges,.....	\$ 3,000 00
Incidental Expenses,.....	3,000 00
Fire Department,.....	1,500 00
Street Lights,.....	300 00
Payment of debts and interest,.....	10,100 00
Stevens High School,.....	1,800 00
Support of poor,.....	500 00
Fiske Free Library,.....	200 00

STEPHEN F. ROSSITER,	} Selectmen of Claremont.
WILLIAM CLARK,	
HOSEA P. SHEDD,	

Report of the Superintendent

OF THE

COMMON SCHOOLS OF CLAREMONT.

For the year ending March, 1876.

In accordance with the provisions of the statute, the Superintendent of the Common Schools of Claremont presents the following report:

A school has been kept in each of the nineteen districts of which your Committee has supervision, for at least two terms, and in eight districts, there have been three terms in the year.

There have been sixty-four schools, the past year, taught in the nineteen districts. Thirty-three different teachers have been employed—thirty females and three males.

Nine teachers never had taught before. The teachers for the most part have been faithful. Whenever instances of failure have occurred it has been from want of proper government, rather than any lack of qualification to instruct. Book knowledge is but a small part of the material needed to make a successful teacher. In addition are needed firmness, patience, good judgment, and an ability to govern.

The fact that some of the poorest schools have been where teachers were best known, seems to relieve us of a part of the responsibility in the matter.

It is the opinion of your committee that young teachers are apt to succeed better out of their own districts.

The law provides for one meeting annually, in each district, to provide for schools, elect officers, &c. These meetings should be more fully attended by the voters of the districts; and such measures should be discussed and adopted, as will ensure the advancement of the schools; and in the choice of committees less attention should be given to "ro-

tation" than to the securing of persons who are really interested in common schools.

Prudential committees do not exercise proper care in visiting the schools. Only five out of nineteen have made a visit during the year.

Nearly all the schools in town suffer very much from irregular attendance and tardiness. The average attendance is but little more than three-fourths of the whole number of scholars in school, while the registers this year report 2831 tardy marks.

Now this is a matter that the teacher cannot regulate nor remedy. Upon the parents devolve the duty and responsibility of seeing that their children are prompt at school every day.

In looking over the registers I find the names of one hundred and twelve scholars who have not been absent nor tardy during the term. Their names may be found under the "roll of honor."

District No. 17 carries the banner, having thirty-seven.

It is the opinion of your committee that districts No. 1, 17 and 15 ought to unite and form one district.

Your committee believes this can be tried for one year without any expense for building school houses.

There are in school districts No. 1, 17 and 15, nine school rooms, capable of accommodating all the scholars in these districts.

These three districts had \$3,098.88 to expend for schools the past year.

The foregoing, together with Roll of Honor and Statistical Table, is presented as my Report.

M. S. ROSSITER,
Sup't of Schools.

The following scholars having attended school one term, without having an absent or tardy mark on the register, are deserving of a place on the

ROLL OF HONOR.

District No. 1. Annie Barcume, Mary Barcume, Mamie Burns, Nellie Burns, Frank Brown, Arthur Chase, Charlie

Currier, Charlie O. Cummings, Ella M. Durant, Florence B. Davis, Nellie Dole, Freddie W. Flagg, Nelly Foss, Henry A. Haskell, Walter A. Jewett, Florence Kempton, Arthur Margrett, Etta Osgood, Willie Phelps, Elwin Proctor, Fred W. Robinson, Abbie Robinson, Louis S. Spencer, Bertie Spencer, Bertie Severance, Johnnie Whipple, Johnnie Wallace, Josie Willey, George Wolcott, Etta M. Wolcott, Lizzie Wagner.

District No. 2. Freddie Ayer, Fernando P. Ayer, Johnnie D. Ayer, Addie Chase, Frank Chase, Minnie Walker.

District No. 3. Kate F. Read, Chester P. Shedd.

District No. 4. Ella Cross, Gertrude Sargent.

District No. 6. Lizzie A. Cassady, Mary J. Caffrey,

District No. 7. Nettie Davis, Maria M. Stone, Martha L. Stone, Ernest E. Stone, Herbert G. Stone.

District No. 9. Nellie Carroll, Eddie Silsbee, Nellie Whitmore, Charlie Young.

District No. 10. Lillie M. Gaffney

District No. 11. Mary Reardon, Sydney Reed, Ora Reed, Eddie Reed, Arthur Stowell, Alton Stowell.

District No. 13. Edward Chaffin, Nettie M. Thrasher.

District No. 15. Minnie Back, Willie Bean, Emma Carey, Jennie Hall, Wyman Brase, George Pease, Charlie Rand, James Shannon.

District No. 16. Josie M. Bartlett.

District No. 17. Horace Atherton, Albro Blodgett, Carrie L. Caswell, Charles Darling, Dora Frister, Alwena Frister, Willie Frister, Irwin Ferry, Mary Fitch, Winnie Hoban, Lizzie Hale, Leonard Hurd, Lawrence Kittrick, Patrick Kittrick, Nellie Mc Carty, Richard Mc Carty, Eva Norman. Anson M. Pierce, Daisy Pride, Jennie Parks, Charley Perkins, George Papps, Alice Pride, Alice Pierce, Nellie E. Sandford, Henry Smith, Bertie Stevens, Anna Stowell, Nellie Spaulding, Maud Spaulding, Freddie Smith, Sheridan Stowell, Ida Stowell, Gratha E. Volk, Luna Whitmore, Charles I. Woodbury, Bertie Whitmore.

District No. 18. Ora D. Blanchard, Nettie Walker.

District No. 19. Carrie J. Hart, Effie M. Hart, Tracy B. Hart.

No. of District.	Names of Prudential Committee.	Amount of money.	Department.	Summer, Fall and Winter.	Names of Teachers.	No. of scholars	Av. attendance	Length school in weeks.	No. of scholars in District.	Wages per month, including board.	
1	William Clark,	\$1392.90	Prim.	S	Mary W. Putnam,	41	34	12	382	32.00	
				S	Fannie B. Jones,	37	26	12		32.00	
				F	Mary W. Putnam,	41	32	12		32.00	
				F	Fannie B. Jones,	34	27	12		32.00	
				W	Rosa B. Allen.	58	45	12 $\frac{1}{2}$		28.00	
				F	Kate M. Rossiter,	44	40	12		32.00	
				F	"	40	37	12		32.00	
				W	"	38	34	12 $\frac{1}{2}$		32.00	
				S	Hattie W. Chase,	40	31	12		40.00	
				F	Marshall S. Rossiter,	45	40	12		50.00	
				W	Fannie B. Jones,	41	31	12 $\frac{1}{2}$		36.00	
				W	Flora E. Bailey,	22	20	10		22.00	
				F	"	22	16	12		23.00	
				W	Fred H. Rugg,	26	18	12		20.00	
2	L. R. Chase,	250.95	....	S	Edna J. Pope,	12	9	10	51	27.00
				W	"	14	11	10		32.00	
3	E. C. Pope,	171.60	....	W	Charlotte M. Lewis,	14	11	12	29	28.00
				S	"	14	13	11.		30.00	
4	B. A. Lewis,	175.40	....	W	Esma L. Bancroft,	23	18	12	53	24.00
				S	Herbert Deming,	24	18	12		42.00	
5	T. J. Fitch,	257.85	....	W	E. Lavoun Walker,	9	8	10	21	18.50
				W	"	10	9	12		26.00	
6	R. C. Buckman,	147.45	....	S	Christine F. Smith,	14	12	12	36	24.00
				W	Marshall S. Rossiter,	20	18	9		50.00	
7	F. P. Smith,	199.20	....	S	Alice A. Rogers,	17	11	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	10	16.00
				W	Katherine H. Deane,	9	6	9		24.00	
8	I. H. Long,	109.50	....	S	"	27	21	10	57	24.00
				F	Abbie E. Edson,	29	25	11		24.00	
9	Cutler Edson,	271.65	....	W	"	30	24	12	28.00	
				S	Josie Gaffney,,	8	6	10		13	20.00
10	Nich. Gaffney,	119.85	....	F	"	7	5	12	20.00	
				S	Flora A. Barton,	26	20	8		41	27.00
11	W. N. Stowell,	216.45	....	F	Ada G. Adams,	25	14	8	27.00	
				W	Clara M. Perkins,	26	20	11 $\frac{1}{2}$		30.00	
12	R. R. Bunnell,	116.40	....	S	Abbie E. Edson,	9	8	10	12	20.00
				F	Mary T. Young,	10	8	12		20.00	
13	W. J. Chaffin,	137.10	.....	W	Susie F. Osgood,	10	7	11	18	19.00
				S	"	15	9	15		20.00	
14	S. H. Andrews,	126.75	....	S	Mary E. Andrews,	12	8	10	15	20.00
				F	"	10	8	7		20.00	
15	Clark Randall,	564.90	Prim.	W	"	17	13	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	142	22.00	
				S	Marion Lewis,	52	43	10		32.00	
16	Jos. Bartlett,	112.95	....	F	"	51	40	11	11	32.00
				W	"	54	46	11		32.00	
				S	Luella Freeman,	16	14	11		32.00	
				F	"	24	19	10		32.00	
				W	"	21	20	12		32.00	
				S	Emma L. Cowles,	9	7	10		20.00	
				W	"	13	12	12		20.00	
				S	Virginia S. Marsh,	43	35	11		309	32.00
				S	Fannie G. Patrick,	32	28	10		32.00	
				F	"	49	43	10		32.00	
17	Alfred Whitney,	1141.05	Prim.	W	"	43	34	12	32.00		
				F	"	43	34	12		32.00	
				S	Ella B. Carroll,	33	29	11		32.00	
				W	"	37	31	10		32.00	
				F	"	36	30	12		32.00	
				S	Clara F. Randall,	26	22	11		32.00	
				F	"	33	28	10		32.00	
				W	"	34	27	12		32.00	
				F	"	23	20	10		32.00	
				W	"	23	20	9		26.00	
18	W. C. Vose,	185.40	....	S	Helen M. Vose,	21	17	10	32	26.00
				F	"	23	20	9		26.00	
19	Anson Burbee,	123.30	W	"	21	17	10	14	24.00	
				S	Martha A. Grannis,	12	11	9		24.00	
				F	"	7	6	10	24.00		

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