REPORTS
OF THE
Selectmen & other Town Officers,
of
CLAREMONT, N. H.
INCLUDING THE REPORT OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEES,
For the year ending March 1st, 1881.
PRINTED BY THE
CLAREMONT MANUFACTURING COMPANY,
CLAREMONT, N. H.
State of New Hampshire.

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 Hall in Said Claremont on Tuesday the eighth day of March next at nine o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
2nd. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.
3rd. To choose a Committee for the Stevens High School for the ensuing year, also a board of trustees.
4th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of schools the present year.
5th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of the Stevens High School.
6th. To see if the town will vote to choose an agent to look after the interest of the town in the legacy bequeathed to the town by the will of the late Paran Stevens, with instructions to procure said legacy if possible.
7th. To determine how the school money shall be divided among the several school districts the ensuing year.
8th. To see what sum the town will vote to raise for the repairs of highways and bridges the ensuing year and determine whether the same be paid in money or labor.
9th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay the legal expenses of said Town the current year.
10th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay the debts of the town.
11th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to pay firemen the ensuing year.
12th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of street lights.
13th. To see how much money the town will vote to raise for the support of Fiske Library.
14th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of the poor.
15th. To determine the rate of discount the town will vote to allow to persons paying their taxes within such periods as the town may designate, in conformity with Section 17, Chapter 58, of the general Statutes.

16th. To see if the town will vote to sustain a public reading room, raise and appropriate money for the same.

17th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to defray the expenses of decorating the graves of soldiers who lost their lives in the late Rebellion.

18th. To see if the town will vote to abolish the town liquor agency.

Given under our hands and seal this 19th day of February 1881.

WILLIAM CLARK, \{ Selectmen \\
JOHN W. JEWETT, \} of \\
ISAAC H. LONG, \} Claremont.
Reports of the Officers

OF THE

TOWN OF CLAREMONT,

For the year ending March 1, 1881:

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

Valuation.

Real Estate, $1,484,364
Factories and Machinery, 228,800
Personal Estate, 511,236
Mills and Carding Machines, 36,600
Toll Bridges and Ferries, 6,000
Aqueducts, 4,600
1055 Polls at $100 each, 105,500
———$ 2,377,100

The rate of taxation was $1.50 in cash on $100.00 and eleven cents in labor on highways.

Amount of Taxes.

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

For State tax, 5,684.00
County tax, 6,500.20
Schooling, as required by law, 5,923.50
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<td>Highways</td>
<td>500 00</td>
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<td>Town Officers</td>
<td>1,300 00</td>
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<td>Incidentals</td>
<td>1,200 00</td>
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<td>Firemen</td>
<td>1,500 00</td>
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<td>Street lights</td>
<td>200 00</td>
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<td>Fiske Free Library</td>
<td>200 00</td>
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<td>Support of poor</td>
<td>200 00</td>
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<td>Paying debts and interest</td>
<td>9,814 00</td>
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<td>Repairs on Stevens High School building</td>
<td>200 00</td>
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<td>School house tax in Dist. No. 15</td>
<td>105 00</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$36,030 57</strong></td>
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**Liabilities of the Town.**

**Funded Debt.**

Bonds outstanding March 1, 1880, $126,400

Bonds drawn Jan. 1, 1880, and paid July 1, 1880, 2,000

Bond No. 90, drawn but not paid, and interest ceasing July 1, 1880, 100

Amount of coupons outstanding, due and unpaid, on Claremont town bonds, March 1, 1881, 318

**Total** $124,818

**Assets.**

Due from County, on pauper acc’t., $182 85

State for bounties, 3 80

Mrs. C. Peck, 9 50

Prescott Putnam, school land rents, 15 00

Money in Collector’s hands, 4,100 65

Money in hands of Treasurer, 1,267 72
## PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWN.

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<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Stevens High School building and lot</td>
<td>$25,000 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Town Hall</td>
<td>10,000 00</td>
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<td>Selectmen’s Building and Lobby</td>
<td>1,500 00</td>
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<td>Engines and Hose</td>
<td>3,500 00</td>
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<td>House on Cemetery Lot</td>
<td>1,600 00</td>
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<td>Library Building</td>
<td>7,000 00</td>
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<td>Spring of Water</td>
<td>300 00</td>
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<td>One Piano</td>
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<td>Two Hearses</td>
<td>250 00</td>
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<td>Town Safes and Furniture</td>
<td>250 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fiske Free Library</td>
<td>3,000 00</td>
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<td>Estimated value of Lease Lands</td>
<td>750 00</td>
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<td><strong>$ 54,950 00</strong></td>
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## TREASURER’S ACCOUNT.

### RECEIPTS.

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<td>Balance in Treasury March 1st, 1880</td>
<td>$4,193 91</td>
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<td>Rent of Library Building</td>
<td>472 00</td>
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<td>&quot; House at the Cemetery</td>
<td>100 00</td>
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<td>Hermon Holt, Fines</td>
<td>2 00</td>
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<td>License on Billiard Tables, etc.</td>
<td>28 50</td>
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<td>William Clark, Showman’s License</td>
<td>10 00</td>
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<td>State for Bounty on hawks</td>
<td>4 80</td>
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<td>&quot; Fines for Assault</td>
<td>3 00</td>
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<td>County for Support of Poor</td>
<td>1,997 44</td>
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<td>Received of Selectmen, Liquor Prosecutions</td>
<td>8 00</td>
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<td>State Literary Fund</td>
<td>274 91</td>
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<td>&quot; Rail road Tax</td>
<td>459 98</td>
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<td>&quot; Savings Bank Tax</td>
<td>4,881 81</td>
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<td>School Land Rents</td>
<td>18 75</td>
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<td>Rec’d of Selectmen, Interest on Tappan Fund</td>
<td>360 00</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; abatement on tax refunded</td>
<td>23 28</td>
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<td>&quot; J. P. Upham, School Land Rent</td>
<td>42 50</td>
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Rec'd of Liquor Agent, 163 21
"  Tax Collector, 33,847 07
"  Alfred Burrill for use of Town Hall, 299 63

**Disbursements.**

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<td>Support of Schools,</td>
<td>$5,978.60</td>
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<td>&quot;  &quot;  Poor,</td>
<td>2,102.91</td>
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<td>Ringing Bells, and Sexton's Services,</td>
<td>351.00</td>
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<td>Highways and Bridges,</td>
<td>442.54</td>
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<td>Incidental Expenses,</td>
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<td>Bounty on Hawks,</td>
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<td>Town Officers</td>
<td>1,334.50</td>
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<td>Debts of the Town,</td>
<td>14,114.00</td>
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<td>Fire Department,</td>
<td>1,584.75</td>
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<td>Schoolhouse Tax in Districts 9 and 15,</td>
<td>115.00</td>
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<td>Tappan Fund,</td>
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<td>Stevens High School,</td>
<td>2,882.36</td>
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<td>Fiske Free Library,</td>
<td>200.00</td>
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<td>Abatement of Taxes,</td>
<td>236.91</td>
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<td>Discount on Taxes,</td>
<td>526.86</td>
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<td>State Tax,</td>
<td>5,684.00</td>
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<td>County Tax,</td>
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**$45,923.07**

**Incidental Expenses.**

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<td>Paid Mechanics' Brass Band,</td>
<td>$100.00</td>
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<td>J. W. Sanborn, Invoice and other books,</td>
<td>7.65</td>
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<td>Geo. L. Damon, for exchange of safe,</td>
<td>175.00</td>
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<td>Thomas Burns, moving safes,</td>
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<td>L. J. Graves, for births and deaths returned,</td>
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<td>C. C. Ellis,</td>
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<td>A. R. Cummings,</td>
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<td>Carl A. Volk,</td>
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<td>H. P. Grandy, posters, tax receipts, etc.,</td>
<td>14.75</td>
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Paid H. G. Sherman, for decoration purposes, 69 78
J. Weber, printing town warrant & notices, 9 00
Henry W. Allen, surveying, 8 00
John Tyler, water rent, 5 00
J. B. Porter, cleaning office, 2 50
Claremont Manuf'g Co., printing reports, 52 00
C. Jones & Co., road scraper, 5 50
James H. Caffrey, damage on highway, 200 00
Alfred Bur rill, for 7 days work at town hall, 7 00
Henry Judkins, telegraphing, 66
F. Knights, cleaning lobby, 25
Jewett & Peabody, soap for cleaning, 09
Dudley T. Chase, witness fees, 2.45
J. W. Jewett, expense at Newport, 1 50
Chambers boy, piling wood, 25
L. W. Watriss in Coty suit, 4 00
G. O. Woodcock, furnace and repairs on
town hall, 276 58
S. H. Hurd, 12 stone hitching posts, 15 75
C. A. Benton, setting posts, 2 62
Sullivan Machine Company, lobby keys, 12 94
H. P. Grandy, printing warrant, 5 00
John Tyler, water rent, 5 00
W. B. Henry, work on fountain, and wrench, 1 75
C. Sanderson, repairing chairs, 1 00
E. T. Ayers, ¼ cord of wood for office, 2 37
S. S. Rand, 6½ hours' work on town hall, 1 60
Dudley T. Chase, surveying, 12 50
Claremont Manuf'g Co., check lists, 31 00
H. H. Roundy, for wood, 4 00
Paid B. F. French, for wood, 5 00
Joseph Weber, for printing, 5 00
Geo. W. Dole, damage on highway, 10 00
H. P. Shedd, rent of cemetery land, 6 00
H. W. Parker, for legal services, 40 00
Ira Colby, 40 00
Alfred Burrill, wood and repairs of town hall, 72 38
Claremont Stationery Company, school books, etc., 8 45
John M. Barnard, for repairing windows in lobby, 2 09
C. Harwood, sawing and splitting wood, 2 00
G. Marshall, one cord of wood, 4 25
J. W. Jewett, expenses to Newport, and copying taxes, 13 40
Truman L. Heath, for painting fire buckets, 1 00
Gas for town hall, 75 90

$1,558 27

WATERING TROUGHS.

William E. Thompson, 3 00
Geo. H. Severance, for two years, 6 00
Adam R. Leet, 3 00
Russell Jarvis, 3 00
John Blanchard, 3 00
Freman S. Chellis, 3 00
Francis Whitcomb, 3 00
Thomas Bailey, 3 00
H. L. Brooks, 3 00
T. B. Fletcher, 3 00

33 00

STREET LIGHTS.

Henry S. Parmalee, for lighting street lights, 9 00
Gas, 12 00
Gas, 6 00
Henry S. Parmalee, work on street lights, 7 20
John W. Burns, for pipe, coupling &c., 40 57
  " labor, 23 70
Gas, 20 70
Henry S. Parmalee, for lighting street lights, 50 00
Jewett & Peabody, for oil for North street lights, 40
Henry S. Parmalee, lighting street lights and oil, 50 00
Geo. W. Fitch, for gas, 58 50

$ 278 07

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Engine men, $1,234 37
H. S. Parmalee for services as steward, 2 36
Henry L. Redfield, " " 7 75
Edgar H. Stevens, " " 2 00
Geo. H. Stowell, building reservoir, 186 07
Sullivan Machine Co., repairing engine and hose, 17 93
Sullivan Machine Co., repairing engine and hose, 54 52
Wm. B. Henry for repairs on hose carriage, 1 50
G. H. Stowell, for coal, rubber-coats, &c., 46 35
H. S. Parmalee, keeping fire in engine house, 17 15
Stowell & Welcome, moving engine, 1 50
H. A. Willard, services as steward, 13 25

$1,584 75

Town Officers.

Paid O. B. Way, services as moderator, 20 00
M. S. Rossiter " supervisor, 24 50
W. H. Redfield, " police, 6 00
C. M. Bingham, " auditor, 5 00
William Clark, " selectman, 266 00
John W. Jewett, " " 262 50
Isaac H. Long, " " 211 75
John W. Jewett, overseer of poor, 50 00
E. W. Tolles, town treasurer, 90 00
F. F. Haskell, town clerk, 100 00
Paid Henry L. Hubbard, tax collector, 200 00
Stephens H. Hurd, policeman, 10 00
Ira Colby, for services as supervisor, 21 00
Wm. E. Tutherly, for services as auditor, 3 75
John M. Barnard, " " policeman, 12 00

$1,282 50

**HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.**

Paid E. C. Pope, for work on lottery bridge, 21 92
D. N. Bowker, for building railing, 2 00
J. W. Jewett, for plow, 5 00
Albro Proctor, for breaking roads, 6 47
P. M. Rossiter, for nails, lumber and labor on lottery bridge, 16 25
Charles H. Swain, plank and railing, 21 54
B. F. Severance, work on highway, 10 29
Homer E. Grannis, " 14 93
Stephen J. Harboro, painting iron bridge, 10 00
W. H. Ellsworth, plank for bridge, 31 36
H. W. Clapp & Co., sewer caps, 13 00
J. W. Hunter, for stone, 3 00
Solon Lear, plank, $23.00; labor, $2.00, 25 00
W. H. Ellsworth for plank, 42 11
D. N. Bowker, for labor and posts, 5 50
Ira F. Chandler, for plank and lumber, 55 47
Monadnock Mills, " " 8 96
Geo. H. Stowell, for nails, oil and paint, 15 37
Chester A. Benton, work on road, 2 50
Geo. O. Johnson, for work breaking roads, 15 00
Charles M. Knight, for work on road, 6 89
Arthur Chase, labor, gravel and scraping walks, 34 19
James E. Cassidy, for breaking roads, 9 35
Harvey Case, " " 3 12
Homer E. Grannis, " " 10 40
T. B. Fletcher, for plank and labor on highway, and breaking roads, 9 11
Ingalls E. Heath, labor on highway, and for breaking roads, 10 00
Paid Daniel N. Bowker, for breaking roads, 1 50
A. H. Towle, " " 3 00
B. F. Severance, " " 6 70
John F. Jones, for labor on highway, 13 61
C. P. Rossiter, " breaking roads, 9 00

$ 442 54

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Amount of money raised by vote of town, $ 5,923 50
School land rents, 40 00
Railroad tax, 15 10
Interest on Tappan Fund, 1,830 00

$ 7,808 60

Paid Superintendents, 125 00

$ 7,683 60

Paid prizes from Tappan Fund, 1,830 00
Total amount expended for Schools, $ 5,853 60

Which by vote of Town was divided $ 75 to each District and the remainder by the scholar, giving to 1,342 scholars $3.30 each, in addition to what is given to the District, the whole amount to each District being shown in the following

TABLE.

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<th>Tappan Fund</th>
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<td>406</td>
<td>1,414 80</td>
<td>553 62</td>
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<td>207 00</td>
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1,342 5,853 60 1,830 00
PAUPER ACCOUNT.

Town of Claremont in account with John W. Jewett, overseer of the poor.
Due from the County, March 1st, 1880, $111.23
Drawn from the town treasury, 2,102.91

Due from the County, March 1st, 1881, 182.85
Cash received from the County and paid into the town treasury, 1,997.44
Town aid, William Bingham’s family, 27.80
Austin Perry, 6.05

JOHN W. JEWETT,
Overseer of the Poor.

LIQUOR AGENT’S REPORT.

Liquor on hand March 1st, 1880, $474.90

Contra.

Liquor on hand, March 1st, 1881, 410.19
Cash paid treasurer, 163.21

573.40

Deduct liquor on hand March 1st, 1880, 474.90

98.50

Agent’s Salary for 1880-1, (order) 50.00
Net profit to town, 48.50
Amount of Sales for year end. Mar. 1, 1881, 1,029.87

Contra.

Cash paid for liquor, $841.66
“ U. S. License, 25.00
“ Treasurer, 163.21

1,029.87

C. S. ALLEN,
Town Agent.
Bounty on Hawks.

Paid by Isaac H. Long, for Hawks,  .80
" John W. Jewett, "  3.80

$ 4.60

Damage to Domestic Animals by Dogs due April 1st 1880 and Paid.

Paid James E. Cassady,  5.00
H. N. Hunton,  3.00
Fred. Jones,  4.00
T. B. Rossiter,  8.00
A. B. Stone,  2.50
F. P. Smith,  3.00
Francis Whitcomb,  42.75
G. F. Whitcomb,  29.25
E. P. White,  4.00
C. P. Breck,  32.00
D. W. Barney,  16.00
William Conley,  8.00
Silas A. Sabine,  8.00

$ 165.50

Ringing Bells and Sexton's Service.

Paid Josiah Smith for ringing bell one year.  25.00
Wm. D. Morgan,  6.25
" " "  10.00
Alfred Burrill,  193.50
Wm. D. Morgan,  12.50
" " "  2.50
Alfred Burrill,  101.25

$ 351.00


Receipts.

Balance in hand March 1, 1880, from last year's Acc't,  $172.21
Received from Rents of Library Building, 472 00
Fines, and Catalogues sold, 48 06
Town Treasurer, Appropriation for Library Expenses, 200 00
Total Receipts, $892 27

Disbursements.
Paid into Town Treasury, from Rents, 472 00
Abbie Field, Librarian, 150 00
J. Tyler for water, 10 00
Geo. Murphy for Book Case, 23 75
Freeman & O'Neil for Post and Rail in Library Room, 6 00
Claremont M' F' G. Co. for Cards, Binding Books, &c., 17 10
G. H. Stowell for Coal, 24 00
For Cleaning, Postage, Paper, Express, &c., 8 18
Repairs of Building, 8 40
Cash in hand March 1, 1881, 172 84
$892 27

Fiske Fund.
In January, 1880, the Trustees received from the Estate of the late S. P. Fiske, for the Library, $5,194.68. During the life of Mr. Fiske, he expended for books $3,805.32—making a total gift of $9,000.00. There has been added, since January of last year, $187.33, from interest; and $703.71 have been expended for new books during the year. The amount now in the hands of the Trustees, is $4,680.28. Of this sum $4,000.00 is a Fund, securely invested at 6 per cent. interest, the income from which is to be expended for the purchase of books. The balance $680.28, is also for the purchasing of books, at such times as the Trustees deem advisable.

OSMON B. WAY,
Financial Agent.

March, 1, 1881.
The removal of the Library from the hall of the Stevens High School building to the Library Building; the change of management from the High School Committee to a board of trustees; the difference of the new and old book cases, and the addition of about five hundred new books, necessitated an entire change in the system of classifying, cataloguing, giving out, and keeping the register of books, and the adoption of new rules. This was not accomplished without considerable time and labor. The system and new rules adopted have proved efficient and quite satisfactory. While the rules in relation to the management of the Library, the giving out, care and return of books, and the penalties for damage of and neglect to return books within the prescribed time have been rigidly enforced in every instance, they have proved to be salutary; just, and, almost without exception, acceptable.

The whole number of names entered upon the register, since the removal of the Library, is 1595. A portion of these have been constant readers, while another portion have taken books occasionally, or at certain seasons of the year. The average number of books out at a time is about seven hundred. The average number exchanged each day is about one hundred, or not far from sixteen thousands a year. In the last year no book has been lost. With but few exceptions the books have been carefully used and only suffered from ordinary wear.

During the last year about six hundred volumes have been added to the Library, paid for out of money left for that purpose by S. P. Fiske, Esq. There is still remaining of that fund about seven hundred dollars, to be used in the discretion of the Trustees, for the purchase of new books. The income from the permanent fund of four thousand dollars, bequeathed by Mr. Fiske, it is thought, will pay for about two hundred and fifty volumes of the current literature of the day, annually, which will
in a few years give the town a collection of no insignificant proportions, the educating and refining influence of which, it would be difficult to estimate.

The Library is well supplied with cyclopedias, biographical dictionaries and other books of reference, selected with considerable care, which are daily consulted by students and others in pursuit of specific information.

The Trustees feel that the fondest hopes of the founder and friends of the Fiske Free Library, when the Library building was purchased and fitted up, have been more than realized in every way.

D. W. JOHNSON,
OTIS F. R. WAITE,
O. B. WAY,
H. W. PARKER,

Trustees.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE TAPPAN FUND.

Collected and paid to Town Treasurer three hundred and sixty dollars interest on notes secured by mortgage on real estate. As the fund now stands there is invested

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WILLIAM CLARK,
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ISAAC H. LONG,
JAMES P. UPHAM,
DANIEL W. JOHNSON,
EDWARD J. TENNEY.

Committee.
CHIEF ENGINEER’S REPORT.

It is a matter of congratulation to the town that we have passed through the year and have had but one fire, and that it caused less than one hundred dollars damage. The engines are manned with two good companies, with able officers, and we have everything necessary to make an efficient Fire Department. The reservoirs throughout the village are in good condition, the one at the upper end of Broad street having been re-built within the past year.

GEO. H. STOWELL,
Chief Engineer.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE STEVENS HIGH SCHOOL FUND.

The amount of this fund in the hands of the Trustees is the same as reported last year, viz., $10,000 in cash on hand. The income for the year 1880, $600, has been paid into the town treasury. The $40,000 legacy bequeathed by Mr. Stevens remains as heretofore.

The Alden Literary Prize Fund

consists of the real estate bequeathed by the late Mrs. Mary J. Alden, and $428.11 deposited in Sullivan Savings Institution. Since the fund came into the hands of the Trustees there has been received for rents and interest the sum of $506.82, and there has been paid for repairs, etc., $72.42, and for prizes, $275.

G. N. FARWELL.
Surviving Trustee of Stevens High School Fund.

Claremont, N. H., March 1, 1881.
Claremont, March 1st, 1881.

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 Stevens High School committee, the financial agent of the Fiske Free Library, and the committee on the Tappan Fund, and find the same correct, with proper vouchers.

C. M. BINGHAM,  
H. W. PARKER,  
WILLIAM E. TUTHERLY.  
Auditors.

Selectmen's Estimate for the Year 1881.

State and County taxes $11,616 14
Interest on Town debt, 7,404 00
To pay towards Principal of Town debt 2,000 00
Support of Stevens High School, 1,600 00
Town Officers, 1,400 00
Fire Department, 1,500 00
Incidental Expenses, 1,000 00
Street Lights, 200 00
Repairs on Highways, 3,000 00
Fiske Free Library, 200 00
Common Schools, amount required by law, 4,973 50
Support of Poor, 300 00

WILLIAM CLARK,  
JOHN W. JEWETT,  
ISAAC H. LONG.  
Selectmen of Claremont.

Report of Stevens High School Committee.

The Committee of Stevens High School report that there were seventy-two pupils connected with it in the spring term, ninety-three in the fall term, and in the term now in session, eighty-four, making an aggregate of two hundred and forty-nine for one term, an average of eighty-three who have claimed membership throughout the year. The aggre-
The school building will accommodate one hundred pupils and we have three teachers, who are able to instruct that number; an average attendance of eighty-three for the year would be too many scholars for two teachers. The average attendance has been sensibly less for the past two years.

The age of pupils entering the school ought not to be less than fourteen years, in our opinion. Some High Schools in New England require the age of fifteen years.

Some years the scholars have been admitted on merit, irrespective of age, into our High School. We learn from the books of the Secretary of the Stevens High School Committee that different committees have not been agreed upon this question since the school was organized, some requiring a certain age as indispensable in a candidate for admittance to the school, others contending that a candidate ought to be admitted on merit, irrespective of age.

The course of study laid out requires that scholars should be more than eleven or twelve in order to comprehend different branches. Furthermore, scholars admitted at this early age are not physically nor mentally strong enough to endure the thorough training which they receive in a school of this grade; it has a deleterious effect upon their health.

During the last few years the school has been trying to do the work belonging to the last year of the Grammar Schools.

The course of study in the High School requires four years. It now requires some of the pupils five to complete it.

These scholars had better remain longer in the Grammar school where the expense is not so great as in the High School.

The standard of admission should be high, in order that the school may sustain the public reputation which it has enjoyed. We trust that parents and guardians of pupils will cooperate with the committee in sustaining a higher grade for admission to the High School.

The people of the town are interested in their High School; it is a blessing and an honor to the town. It has graduated one hundred pupils since it was organized, many of whom have been admitted into Universities and Colleges where they have ranked high in their classes; many are now successful teachers in our common schools.
There have been two changes of teachers in the High School during the year. Miss M. L. Moore, a graduate of New Hampton N. H. Literary Institution was elected to take the place of Miss C. E. Caldwell, who resigned at the close of the summer term.

Miss Moore has been a successful teacher for twelve years, during most of this time in high schools in Massachusetts. She commenced teaching in our school at the commencement of the fall term.

At the commencement of the school year we elected A. J. Swain A. M. as principal, for another year, but, owing to declining health, he thought it advisable to change his occupation. He resigned in the early part of the fall term, having been a very successful teacher in our High School for more than ten years.

For the remainder of the school year we secured the services of R. S. Bingham, A. M., graduate of Hamilton College, Clinton, N. Y. He has been engaged in teaching for fifteen years, coming to us with the very best recommendations as a teacher. He commenced teaching in our High School Nov. 4, 1880.

Miss R. A. Barker, A. B. of the University of Vermont, at Burlington, is spending her second year with the school.

We trust we have a thoroughly competent board of teachers and one entirely satisfactory to the friends of the school.

It was thought advisable by many of our citizens that the school house should be repaired. The roof has been in a leaky condition for several years, so that the brick walls were injured by the water. The committee, deeming it indispensable that the repairs should be made, removed the felting and gravel from the deck of the roof and covered this portion with tin, and painted the same with two coats of paint. We removed the copper gutter, and extended the roof in a curve over the jet of the building, some six feet, which required new lumber and slate to complete the work. We are confident that the roof will now protect the house as long as the walls remain standing. We painted most of the wood work of the exterior of the building with two coats of paint. We have built and painted a line fence between Judge Allen's lot and the High School lot, Judge Allen incurring half of the expense. We have expended about $407.00 for repairs.
We submit the report of our treasurer which we trust will prove satisfactory to all as exhibiting a reasonable degree of economy.

ALVAH R. CUMMINGS, OSMON B. WAY, IRA COLBY, HERBERT BAILEY, HERMON HOLT.

Treasurer's Report.

Receipts.

From Treasurer of former year, 295.96
Selectmen's orders on Town Treas., 2,882.36
A. C. Stone & Co. for old copper from roof of S. H. S. house, 40.72
W. H. H. Allen for one half cost of new fence at S. H. S. house, 17.10
Tuition of non-resident pupils, 274.75
Total Receipts. $3,510.89

Disbursements.

For Salaries of teachers, 2,132.97
Fuel, 162.42
Janitors, 115.36
Cleaning school building, 12.00
" well at school house, 4.25
Repairs, 478.28
Incidental expenses, including Catalogues, Books, &c., 89.10
Total expenditures, 2,994.38
Cash on hand for use towards defraying expenses of remainder of school year, 516.51

This report embraces the expenditures from the middle of the winter term of 1880—to which time the treasurer had paid the teachers their salaries—up to the middle of the winter term of 1881—to which time teachers and janitors are now likewise paid.

HERMON HOLT, Treasurer,

Stevens High School Committee.
The Superintendent respectfully reports that he has attended to his duties, during the year past, using the powers and means of influence afforded by the statute, to the best of his ability, for the advantage of the public schools under his charge.

To say that he is satisfied with the results of his own work, or that of all the others, connected with the schools, would be incorrect. There have been a few schools of a high order, more of medium quality and several which were no credit to any one concerned. However it should not be assumed that decay has set in nor that our schools are, on an average, worse than heretofore. On the contrary there is reason to believe that, from year to year some measure of improvement is gained. The country is certainly more entirely alive to the educational needs of the times; teachers are coming up to the general demand for more thorough preparation; and everywhere enquiry is rise as to better ways and methods in the education of youth. All this is, perhaps, most noticeable in villages, but the remote districts have felt the new life and it must daily grow in them.

There is an urgent need for the growth, among the people, of correct ideas as to what constitutes a good school. Numbers of our best citizens, public spirited, who would look after this interest, if they could, confess that they know hardly anything about the matter. Consequently the talking,
and the doing also, is left to a few, some of whom, probably, are mere quacks and theorists in this most practical of our public concerns—very much to the injury both of the people and the schools.

The important event of the year, in this department, was the holding of an educational Institute, which was attended by a large number of teachers from this and the neighboring towns. The exercises were of the highest character and were participated in by prominent teachers, superintendents and others. A most cheering incident was the interest taken by our own citizens, who completely filled the capacious town hall, throughout the sessions, listening attentively and, there can be no question, receiving much good thereby.

There are several points in which our school system is open to improvement. Prominent among these is a change in the districting of the town or an abolition of the district altogether. Respecting both there has been, heretofore, no lack of able discussions. It is evident, however, that until a sentiment in favor of such changes prevails, there should be no slackening in efforts to make the best of the present facilities. The district system is extravagantly wasteful but there is no insuperable obstacle in the way, with enlightened administration, of very fair results in the matter of scholarship. During several years pupils have come to the village grammar schools from the neighboring districts, paying moderate tuition fees for the privilege. This is a tax which ought not to lie upon individuals. Under the statutes, by proper vote, at the school meeting, any district may make an arrangement with the agent for such village school as it desires, by which advanced pupils can be admitted to the school and tuition paid by the district which sends them. In districts 9 and 15 extra teachers have been employed with good effect, but at serious disadvantage, during a portion of the year past. A better result could be obtained by sending their highest classes to High St., or the Bluff, and probably at a less expense. This plan involves some of the best features of consolidation, without being open to the objections alleged against it.

The attention of the town is invited to a practice, which prevails in some quarters, of considering the school money apportioned to the several districts as a fund from which the citizens thereof, in turn, as prudential committee, may gain
personal advantage, under the form of hiring and boarding the teacher. The teacher is engaged under the express condition of boarding with the committee; thus robbing alike the teacher and the school by charging an exorbitant price for the accommodation. The teacher is the loser, in that a large portion of the wages supposed to be paid are arbitrarily sequestered, under penalty, in case of protest, of failure to obtain an engagement, or a cutting short of it if made. And the school loses in this, that the agent hires as cheap and poor a teacher as will do, in order to pocket the larger share of the "wages." The demoralization caused is out of all proportion to the small sums thus improperly gained. The speculation is carried on unblushingly and with the sanction of ancient precedent. The degradation of public sentiment which allows such methods is beyond belief. It opposes itself to all improvements and stands as a lion in the way against reasonable and highly desirable changes in district lines; because, forsooth, the hundred dollars, or more, which now "comes into the district" would be lost or diverted to another neighborhood. If the man who proposes to himself this method of making money would come to the village and break into a store the moral guilt would be no greater and the evil effect, otherwise, very much less. No names are mentioned, for the abuse is an old one, and offenders are entitled to room for repentance.

The price charged for board, outside of the village, is considered much too high. It is demonstrable, in the opinion of the Superintendent, that one dollar would more than cover the expense of keeping the teacher during the four or five days per week of her entertainment; and if a proper spirit could prevail, with a desire to overcome so far as possible the evil effects of isolation and sparseness of population, it is believed that a very low price for board could be established, thus affording higher pay for better teachers, and securing longer terms of school. A very large proportion of the teachers of our suburban schools have homes where their assistance is reckoned as full equivalent for their board, consequently what such receive during term time by way of living is not considered—the amount of cash actually received is the measure of wages. This is likely to continue so, for, as a rule, persons whose boarding place is their only home will not teach six or seven months for barely money enough to
pay board bills for the rest of the year. It is absurd to ex-
pect and in vain for the Superintendent to ask for a high
grade of teachers while their real pay ranges at from two to
three and a half dollars per week—the rate paid household
servants, and that without the regular, permanent employ-
ment which the servant enjoys. Not less than three dollars
per week ought ever to be offered to a person competent to
teach, however small the school, with increase proportioned
to the greater importance of the work. It is true there are
now plenty of applicants for schools, there might be no more
with higher pay, but the quality could surely be improved.

The School houses in town vary greatly. Some, it is true,
are poor, but, nevertheless, not strikingly inadequate to the
demands upon them. In view of the changes in district
lines, which the good sense of the people directly interested,
must shortly call for, it would be considered unfortunate
should extensive repairs be entered upon, or new houses
built, at these points.

The prevailing lack of small repairs is noticeable. Patches
of plastering off in many places, windows broken, doors
broken, their fastenings out of order, or thresholds gone, are
too frequently seen. These repairs are most cheaply attend-
ed to at the moment they are needed and never mend by
waiting. Blackboards need better care than they usually get
—they should have a coat of proper paint once in a year or
two. A teacher with life in him needs a good blackboard
for illustration about as much as the schoolhouse needs win-
doors. Maps and reference books should be provided to the
utmost extent of the district's ability. It is believed that
wall maps can be found which would answer a very good
purpose, at a small expense.

District No. 1 has, within the year added, another story to
its building on High St., thus providing a room for the gram-
mar department which is not surpassed in beauty and con-
venience of location, thorough finish and intelligent adapta-
tion to the use intended, by any other in the town, or perhaps
in the county. District No. 15 has made needed repairs
upon its building; there being now two very comfortable
rooms. The accommodations are inadequate, and it is not easy
to see how they can be improved unless by an additional
building or by the method already recommended in this
report.
The influence of the "Tappan Fund" is believed to be good, especially upon the punctuality and regularity of attendance, as the Roll of Honor shows. More careful discrimination in the distribution of prizes in some of the districts would make it still more useful.

The table appended gives names of teachers, length of schools, wages and other particulars. It is not deemed best to give analytic criticism here of the several schools. If simply couched in general terms of praise or blame it would be nearly worthless, and if adequate explanations were made this report would be extended beyond reason. Teachers should not look to this paper for recommendations while adverse statements might be entirely unjust unless accompanied by long and wearisome qualifying remarks. Authorities of districts and others interested are invited and urged to consult the Superintendent personally: if this be done before hiring teachers the interest and convenience of all would be essentially conserved.

Respectfully submitted.

ARTHUR CHASE,
Superintendent.

THE REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT NO. 17.

The Superintendent of District No. 17. would respectfully report that the schools of that district have each had the usual three terms of school. The names of teachers, wages per month, length of schools, whole number of scholars and average daily attendance are reported in the accompanying table. The Grammar and Primary schools have each been favored with the services of the same teacher through the year, and where the teacher is fitted to the place the continuance of that teacher in the same position from term to term and from year to year will give a growing value to the school. The frequent change of teachers is in many ways injurious, and is miserable economy. Miss Fannie A. Spencer has had charge of the school on the Terrace for five years, and the good influence of this continued and faithful service is manifest in the order of the school, the ease and pleasantness with which she is able to manage it, and the quickness of thought displayed in some recitations.
The Primary School on Pearl St. which has been taught four terms in succession by Miss Annie H. Dow, a pupil of the State Normal School, perhaps has shown clearer indications of improvement, because at the beginning of the year there was so much more room for improvement, so much more need of it. A happy change has gradually been affected in the general order and spirit of this school which promises well for the future. Gentleness and decision combined to work harmony for confusion.

During the first two terms of the year the Intermediate school was not a success. It may not be easy to tell the whole season. The teachers, well educated and qualified to instruct in the branches taught, failed to awaken sufficient interest in many of the scholars to enable them to curb their restiveness and restrain their turbulance. The last term, Miss Mary Sumner from the State Normal School, has had the Intermediate School in charge, and has labored earnestly and by wise methods, as the Superintendent thinks, to introduce order and right habits of thinking and studying among these wayward scholars, and with a good degree of success. Marked improvement has been apparent. But much more needs to be done.

The Grammar school has done a good work under the guidance and stimulus of Miss Isophene K. Dow's teaching. She evidently has labored to use methods suited to the various wants of her scholars, and they have responded well to her faithful efforts, for the most part. Certainly it would not be easy to find a teacher who for months could fill her place.

The thanks of the district are due to the prudential committee who have secured for us such able and faithful teachers.

M. H. WELLS,
Superintending School Committee, District 17.

ROLL OF HONOR,


For three terms.—Rob. E. Burns, Emma A. Kempton, L. I. Macomber.

Second. Primary. For one term.—John Burns, Perley Griffin, Oscar Smith, Herbert Webb, George Fitch, Mabel Golden, A. Louise Ide, Flora Magown, Josie Bierwith, Katie Farrington, Clara Bell, Rena Langue.


For three terms.—Grace Burns, Mamie Keating.

1st. Primary: For one term.—Peter Coutcher, W. Farrington, J. Keating, Geo. Mitchell, Fred Pinard, Mary Duffany, E. Bergeron, Agnes Rafferty.

For two terms.—S. Bergeron.

For three terms.—Exzelia Bergeron.


District. No. 3. For one term.—A. A. Slate, C. F. Shattuck.

For two terms.—M. E. Shedd.

For three terms.—Katie F. Read.

District. No. 4. For one term.—Henry V. White, Chas. Norton, J. I. Farrington, James May, Vincent Fender.

For two terms.—C. S. M. Farrington, N. P. Pierce, Marion E. Pierce.
For three terms.—Ada A. Cowley, M. E. Cowley.

DISTRICT No. 5. For one term.—M. R. Canty, Rich Jones, B. H. Chatfield, F. T. Heath, Daniel Canty, F. D. Watton, N. M. Fitch, Kate Devanny, J. E. Watton, Kate Daly, Eliza Gocha.

For two terms.—C. E. Fletcher, C. E. Densmore, F. J. Heath.

For three terms—D. W. Daly, J. P. Daly, Hattie White.

DISTRICT No. 6. For one term—James W. Cassidy.


DISTRICT No. 8. For one term—James Sweeney, John Harris, Kate E. Sweeney. For two terms—Patrick Sweeney.


DISTRICT No. 13. For one term, Frank H. Seaver. For two terms, Flora G. Seaver.


DISTRICT No. 15. Grammar. For one term. Nathan Fay, F. Back, John Kemp, Chas. Nevers, Chas. Crowley, Jas. Shannon, Emma Carey, Eliza Mabel Farman, Mary Nev-

District No. 16. For one term—Vesta A. Piper, Annie M. Jones. For two terms—Chas. Rossiter, Neddie Rossiter. For three terms—Bertie H. Ainsworth.


For two terms.—Eugene D. Burbank, James C. Ide, Sheridan Stowell, Eva Colburn, Berdella Eastman, Bertha Pierce, Flora Spring, H. Webb Freeman.

For three terms.—Harry Eaton, Willie Putnam, Mary Jones, Susie Bailey, Myra Briggs, Evelyn Jenks, Alice Freeman, Emma Taylor.


For two terms.—Willie D. Frye, Mary A. Bailey, Alice E. Hall, Annie M. Hoban, Katie M. Hough, Eddie McCartney, John C. Howe.

For three terms.—Mary A. Putnam, Henry Sanders.

District No. 17. Terrace Primary. For one term.—Kate Carey, Jennie Carey, Nellie Mulhern, Eva Noley, Eugene Heath, Henry Hurd, George Noley, Fred Strong, Eben Willis, James Wood, Florence Hunter, Jennie Keyes, Bertha Leet, Ida Maley, Wilhelmina Stowell, Willie Bolster, Archie Day,
Charlie Day, Clinton Farwell, Clement Sargent, Austin Jenkins, Willie McClinton.


For three terms.—Mary Barry, Henry Levoy, John Martin, George Papps, Kate Papps, Frank Taylor.


For two terms.—Willie Hurd, Randolph Mosely, James Richardson, Walter Wooley, Florence Eastman.

For three terms.—Royal Hurd, Cathie Eaton, Lizzie Prouty, Estella Grandy, Minnie Tolles.


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