REPORTS

OF THE

Selectmen and other Town Officers

of

CLAREMONT, N. H.

INCLUDING THE REPORT OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEES,

For the year ending March, 1st, 1883.
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Cheaper work in proportion.

Look up the numbers and bring them in.
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

LS. 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 Town on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:—

1st. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

2nd. To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing.

3rd. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the support of Schools the ensuing year.

4th. To determine how the school money shall be divided among the several School Districts the ensuing year.

5th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of the Stevens High School.

6th. To choose a Committee for the Stevens High School for the ensuing year.

7th. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the repairs of Highways and Bridges the ensuing year, and determine how it shall be paid.

8th. To raise by vote the necessary amount of money to pay the legal expenses of the Town the ensuing year.

9th. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to pay the debts of the Town.

10th. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for Street Lights.

11th. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the Fiske Free Library.

12th. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the Support of the Poor.

13th. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise to pay firemen.

14th. To see if the Town will vote to raise one hundred dollars for the purpose of decorating the Soldiers' graves.

15th. To determine the rate of discount the Town will allow to persons paying their taxes within such periods as the Town may designate.

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 pay for sprinkling the streets of the village.

18th. To see what action the Town will take in regard to improving and repairing the highway leading from the West Claremont Bridge, so-called, by the house of Lucien Jones to Claremont Junction.

19th. To see if the Town will vote to build a Reservoir near the corner of East and Pleasant streets, and raise money therefor.
20th. To see what action the Town will take in regard to erecting a new fence around the New Cemetery, making new walks and otherwise improving the same, and raise and appropriate money therefor, and appoint agents whose duty it shall be to perform said work.

21st. To see if the Town will vote to sell the house in the new cemetery and cause the same to be removed.

22d. To see if the Town will vote to have the Town Bell rung twice a day and have the faces of the town clock painted and gilded.

23d. To see if the Town will vote to extend Green Street in Claremont village from Bond Street through the land of Myra B. Harris, William Breck, the Misses Cossitt and John S. Walker, to Broad Street to intersect with Chestnut Street.

24th. To see if the Town will vote to have an agent for the sale of spirituous liquors, and reconsider all action of the Town heretofore in voting to dispense with the liquor agency.

25th. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the benefit of a brass band, and determine the amount.

26th. To see if the Town will vote to exempt from taxation any and all establishments proposed to be erected or put in operation for the manufacture of fabrics of cotton, wool, wood, iron, or any other material, and the capital used in operating the same, for a term not exceeding ten years, agreeably to Sec. 10, chapter 53 of the General Laws.

27th. To see if the Town will vote to exempt from taxation for a term not exceeding ten years any establishment erected by Freeman & O'Neil for the manufacture of wood, iron, or any other material, and the capital used in operating the same, agreeably to Sec. 10, chapter 53, of the General Laws.

28th. To see if the Town will vote to buy a steam fire engine and raise money therefor.

29th. To see if the Town will vote to purchase one thousand feet of hose with carriages, and provide a suitable place to keep the same at the Lower Village, and raise money therefor.

30th. To see if the Town will vote to accept of the provisions of the will of the late Miranda S. Fisk and agree to discharge the trust imposed thereby and authorize the trustees of the Fiske Free Library to receive and receipt for any and all sums of money that may be due the town of Claremont in trust under said will.

31st. To see what action the Town will take in regard to the unpaid legacy of Paran Stevens to the town of Claremont.

Given under our hands and seal this twenty-fourth day of February, A. D. 1883.

ISAAC H. LONG,
MARSHALL S. ROSSITER,  Selectmen
HENRY C. SANDERS,  of
                        Claremont.
REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF CLAREMONT,
For the year ending March 1, 1883.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

VALUATION.

Real Estate, $1,505,038
Mills and Machinery, 258,800
Personal Estate, 508,028
Toll Bridge and Ferry, 6,000
Aqueducts, 4,600
1069 Polls, 106,900
\[\text{Total Valuation} = 1,505,038 + 258,800 + 508,028 + 6,000 + 4,600 + 106,900 = 2,389,366\]

The rate of Taxation was $1.31 on 100.00.

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, 5,932 14
Schooling, 5,923 50
Stevens High School, 1,800 00
" " for furnace, 300 00
Highways, 3,000 00
Town Officers, 1,400 00
Fire Department, 1,500 00
Incidental Expenses, 1,500 00
Decoration, 75 00
\[\text{Total Taxes} = 5,684 + 5,932 + 5,923 + 1,800 + 300 + 3,000 + 1,400 + 1,500 + 1,500 + 75 = 23,893.66\]
For To pay Debts, 2,000 00
Street Lights, 300 00
Fiske Free Library, 200 00
Support of Poor, 300 00
Add Percentage, 1,392 36
School Tax in Dist. No. 1, 104 65
School House Tax in Dist. No. 12, 104 12
Tax on 238 Dogs, 268 00 $ 31,783 77

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Funded Debt.

Bonds outstanding March 1st, 1882, $ 122,400
Bonds drawn Jan. 1st, 1882 and paid July 1st, 1882, 2,000

$ 120,400

Amount of coupons outstanding, due and
unpaid, on Claremont town bonds,
March 1st, 1883,

$ 120

$ 120,520

ASSETS.

Due from county, on pauper acc’t, $ 127 62
Bounty on Crows, 5 10
Money in Collector’s hands, 464 56
Money in Treasurer’s hands, 194 91
Sewer Caps, Posts and Plank, 120 00

$ 912 19

Net indebtedness of Town, $ 119,607 81

PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWN.

Stevens High School building and lot, $ 25,000
Town Hall, 12,000
Seletmen’s Building, Lobby and furniture, 1,500
Engine House, 1,500
Engines and Hose, 3,500
House on Cemetery lot, 1,200
Library Building, 7,000
Spring of Water, 300
One piano, 300
Two Hearses, 250
Town safes and furniture, 250
Fiske Free Library, 3,000
Estimated value of lease lands, 750
Whiskey, rum and brandy, etc., without making allowance for "leakage and evaporation," 432

For which the Town has been offered One Hundred and thirty five dollars. It is believed that the longer this property is kept the more valuable it becomes.

**TREASURER'S REPORT.**

**RECEIPTS.**

Bal. in treasury, Mar. 1, 1882, $1,543 01
From Ayers & Stockwell for lots in cemetery, 20 00
For fines, 48 00
Subscriptions for Tremont Square improvement, 1000 00
Bounties on crows, 24 30
M. S. Rossiter, on pauper account, 1,427 61
Costs in Dickinson Suit, 51 53
Bal. of costs in L. D. Patten Suit, 9 22
State railroad tax, 481 38
Savings Bank Tax, 4,628 64
Literary fund, 454 02
Interest on Tappan Fund, 630 00
Interest on Stevens Fund, 600 00
Rent of Library building, 372 00
Rent of house at cemetery, 88 00
Rent of Town Hall, 309 30
License of billiard tables, 14 17
School land rents, 71 25
Showman's license, 10 00
Stone, sand and wood, 4 60
Money returned by O. D. Blood, 1 00
Stove, 3 00
Tax Collector, 34,319 21

$46,110 24
DISBURSEMENTS.

Support of schools, $5,989.00
Incidentals, 5,750.28
Fire Department, 1,338.54
Highways and bridges, 3,223.78
Support of poor, 1,561.64
Damage by dogs, 72.50
Bounty on crows, 27.70
Ringing bells and sexton's services, 301.53
Town officers, 1,389.37
Paying debts and interest, 8,558.00
Building and repairing school houses, 166.06
School tax in Dist. No. 1, 100.00
Tappan Fund, 1,830.00
Stevens High School, 3,154.00
Fiske Free Library, 200.00
Abatement of taxes, 287.32
Discount on taxes, 349.47
State tax, 5,684.00
County tax, 5,932.14

$45,915.33

Cash in hands of Treasurer, 194.91

$46,110.24

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid R. E. Muzzey, for printing Town Warrant, 5.00
Claremont Manuf. Co., printing reports etc., 62.55
Rollin Stimpson, for piling 12 cords of wood in Town Hall, 4.80
Geo. N. Farwell, clapboards for Town Hall, 6.00
Robert Clark, work on Town Hall and making desk, 47.31
R. B. Tenney, for painting and kalsomining Town Hall, 24.25
Wm. B. Henry, work on Town Hall, 75
Samuel M. Wood, for printing bills and repairs on lobby, 2.75
Joseph Mackey, work on Town Hall, 3.10
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<td>Jas. P. Holt, returns of births and deaths</td>
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F. L. McIntosh, M. D., returns of births and deaths, 1 75
Charles J. Cross, damage on highway, 9 00
Amos P. Bradbury, for building steps and materials for the same for Town Hall, 16 75
Ira F. Chandler, lumber for Town Hall, 3 63
Sullivan Machine Co., for work on lightning rod on Town Hall, 2 50
Adam R. Leet, use of watering trough, 3 00
S. D. Norrington, white-washing cemetery fence, 1 50
Samson Sankee, cooking stove for Town Hall, 12 00
R. C. & H. S. Osgood, insurance on Town Hall, 20 00
Otis F. R. Waite, taking deposition and witness fees in Dickinson and Patten cases, 12 57
Sarah J. Parmalee, lamps and ladder for street lights, 8 50
Chas. H. Swain, boards for cemetery fence at West Claremont, 13 20
William Clark, cash paid for witness fees in Dickinson suit, and commissioner's report in Patten case, 42 24
F. J. Pierce, ladder to light lamp at Sheriden's, 1 25
Dudley T. Chase, for surveying street, 4 00
Henry C. Sanders, for work on Peaslee's dump, 24 72
Isaac H. Long, expenses to Boston, 8 50
Wiggin & Wood, for services, 23 50
Ira F. Chandler, lumber for Town Hall, 3 41
Alfred Burrill, labor and sundries for Town Hall, 20 40
Heywood & Co., coal for Selectmen's office, 7 67
A. R. Cummings, for examining Mrs. Dimond, 5 00
C. W. Tolles, 5 00
Freeman & O'Neil, material for Town Hall and box for town chain, 7 84
Henry C. Sanders, cash paid Joseph Pinard for sawing wood and posting bills, 4 05
C. L. and G. H. Severance water trough for two years, 6 00
C. L. and G. H. Severance, Land damage, 2 00
George Murphy, work on Town Hall and on piano, 1 25
Milton P. Bailey, for use of water trough, 3 00
Paid Chas. O. Eastman, insurance on cemetery house, 4 75
C. W. Dodge, damage to sleigh, 4 00
R. C. & H. S. Osgood, Insurance on Gilmore bridge, 15 00
Hira R. Beckwith, plans for Town Hall, 8 50
Frank Whitcomb, use of water trough, 3 00
Hannah T. Dimond, damage on highway, 25 00
John Blanchard, use of water trough, 3 00
Solon E. Gould, 30 cords of wood for Town Hall, 120 00
H. L. Brooks, use of water trough, 3 00
Stephen J. Harboro, for lighting street lights and furnishing oil etc., 45 40
O. B. Way, returns of births and deaths, 6 25
John Burns, for labor on Town Hall, 3 81
C. Jones & Co., for well bucket for cemetery house, 1 10
Ira Colby, legal services, 50 00
Hosea W. Parker, for legal services, 50 00
T. B. Fletcher, use of water trough, 3 00
Jewett & Peabody, for lanterns, oil, etc. 1 91
James B. O'Neil, for painting safe and kal-somining and painting Selectmen's office, 10 00
Chas. H. Clark, for copying papers for committee on Steven's legacy, 10 00
Geo. H. Stowell, expense painting fence round High School lot, 47 10
Geo. H. Stowell, Sundries for Town Hall, 18 62
" " Coal for Selectmen's Office, 20 14
" " Nails .90, glass 3.45, hammer .60, pail for lobby .40, 5 35
Geo. H. Stowell for cash paid for repairing lock and expressage, 2 00
Geo. H. Stowell cement for fountain .40 tape measure .45, 85
Geo. H. Stowell key blanks .95 pad lock for "Pound" .60, 1 55
Geo. H. Stowell eave spout .51 rope .72, 1 23
A. C. Stone for work on aqueduct, 2 50
" burners, lamps and lanterns for Street lights, 4 50
Paid A. C. Stone stove and boiler for Town Hall, 10 85
" work, stove pipe, zinc, tin, etc. 8 25
for Town Hall,
Clarem't Sta. Co., school books for poor children, 12 04
" Invoice books and school laws, 4 65
" highway time books, 2 94
" paper, pens, ink, envelopes and pencils, 8 33
H. C. Fay, publishing warrent, printing bills and advertising bonds drawn, 8 25
H. F. Nichols, teams, 15 75
Frank E. Willey, for oil and lighting a street light, 3 55
John M. Ager, water trough, 2 00
H. P. Shedd, rent of cemetery land, 6 00
B. F. Severence, work on Town spring, 9 95
Albert A. Moore, lightning rod-couplings and express, 1 15
Fred A. Scoby work on lightning rod, 50
Geo. E. Dame referee fees, 2 00
William Bradbury for sawing wood for lobby, 40
M. S. Rossiter, land damage, 1 00
E. D. Baker, land damage, 1 00
I. H. Long, cash p'd for rubber bands .40, keys .58
mending window .20, stamps .18, oil-can .12 1 48
Joseph Pinard, lighting street lights and furnishing oil. etc. 105 00
Joseph Pinard for work on lanterns, 3 20
" shoveling snow, sawing wood
" cleaning lobby, etc. 8 15
Frank Freeman for cleaning privy, 75
Albert Parmelee for keys, 75
John Mc Grath for patching Town Hall, 1 00
Mitchell Oliver for trucking, 1 85
Nathan Gould for 1 cord wood for Town Hall, 5 25
" " " Lobby, 5 25
Ransom Hall " " " Town Hall, 4 75
Fred Gould " " " 3 75
F. & G. W. Jewett for alum, 40
M. S. Rossiter cash p'd for stamps and postal cards, 2 00
C. A. Volk for examining Mrs. Dimond, 5 00
Freeman S. Chellis for use of water-trough, 3 00
Paid R. E, Muzzey, advertising, 3 50
Hermon Holt for legal services in 1880, 10 00
" " trav. exp’s 1880, H. A. Greene, 10.00, O. B. Wood 1.00, C. B. Eddy magistrate 2.23, cash paid for expenses taking depositions in Dickinson suit, 15 03
E. C. Pope, use of water trough, 3 00
H. C. Sanders, cash p’d for cord of wood, 3 50
A. P. Bradbury for work in Selectmen’s office, 1 00

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**FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

Paid E. S, Carlton, for work on engine house, $ 9 75
H. L. Redfield services as steward, 8 00
W. B. Henry, work on hook and ladder and hose carriages, 2 50
Engine and hook and ladder men, 1,094 98
Henry S. Parmelee, keeping fire in engine house, 4 00
Sullivan Machine Co., work on engines, 4 25
Otis D. Dana, hose, couplings and express, 60 76
Gell Lenvin, work filling reservoir, 6 14
Freeman & O’Neil, hose bar, 1 50
Lewis Courtier, banking up engine house No. 3, 50
H. L. Brooks, refreshments for firemen at Freeman and O’Neil fire, 4 00
Wallace & Huntley, teams to draw engines, 16 25
T. R. McQuaid, services as steward, 19 96
" " " cash paid, 2 67
G. H. Stowell, fireman’s coats, caps and mittens, 26 80
" " " glass, putty and glazing, 1 66
" " " ax, helves, and hanging, 1 75
" " " shoveling snow, 3 90
" " " sheathing paper, 50
" " " snow shovel, 60
" " " coal for engine house, 40 79
" " " paid Watriss .50, refreshments for firemen 3.50, drawing engine 25, 4 25
Paid G. H. Stowell paid for work at Freeman & O'Neil's fire, 10 75
John Tyler, for filling reservoir, 5 00
F. B. Danforth, refreshments for firemen, 5 78
F. J. Ingalls for drawing engine to fires in 1879 and 1880, 1 50

$ 1,338 54

TOWN OFFICERS.
Sam. M. Wood, services as policeman, $ 25 00
F. J. Ingalls, “ “ “ 2 50
John W. Collins, “ “ “ for two years, 12 00
John W. Jewett, services as Selectman, 20 12
Wm. Clark, “ “ “ 21 00
C. M. Bingham, “ “ Auditor, 4 00
Joel F. Day, “ “ Policeman, 7 00
Geo. P. Rossiter, “ “ Selectman laying out road, 3 50
Henry E. Bailey, “ “ Treasurer, 82 50
O. D. Blood, “ “ Policeman, 3 00
Francis F. Haskell, “ “ Town Clerk, 100 00
O. B. Way, “ “ Moderator, 15 00
H. W. Parker, “ “ Auditor, 3 00
H. L. Hubbard, “ “ Tax-Collector, 200 00
Isaac H. Long, “ “ Selectman, 273 00
M. S. Rossiter, “ “ 288 75
Henry C. Sanders, “ “ 242 50
M. S. Rossiter, “ “ Overseer of Poor, 50 00
A. P. Bradbury, “ “ Policeman, 8 00
Ira Colby, “ “ Supervisor, 21 00
Geo. N. Farwell, 2d “ “ Treasurer, 7 50

$ 1,389 37

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.
John G. Harriman bal. for work, $ 12 00
Walter H. Ainsworth for breaking roads in Feb., 1882, 4 50
R. B. Ellis, bal. for labor in 1881 and 1882, 6 00
Chas. H. Long, freight on posts, 28 25
G. A. Bradford, for expenses buying posts, 9 25
Adam R. Leet, for work on highway, 3 21
Wolfred Ostigui, for posts, 67.50
Alvah W. Proctor, plank, logs and labor on Red 16.75
Water Brook bridge,
Sylvester Glidden, for scraping sidewalks winter of 8.67
1881 and 1882,
H. W. Clapp & Co., sewer caps, 33.15
Ira F. Chandler, lumber for highway, 94.56
Freeman & O'Neil, 3.19
Geo. H. Stowell, plow point, 1.00
A. D. Johnson, S. work, $346.3, W. work, 15.50 50.13
Isaac H. Long, " 32.85, " 6.00 39.45
W. E. Ainsworth, " 43.39, " 7.25 50.64
Peter Haubrich, " 33.50, " 28.20 61.70
C. P. Rossiter, " 93.25, " 93.25
W. N. Bartlett, " 73.50, " 73.50
J. E. Cassidy, " 45.59, " 25.30 70.89
A. B. Stone, " 37.87, " 16.13 54.00
Harvey Case, " 15.13, " 9.60 24.73
A. W. Proctor " 60.12, " 8.00 68.12
L. H. Colby, " 32.77, " 22.82 55.59
H. C. Freeman, " 53.75, " 1.50 55.25
H. E. Grannis, " 148.26, " 148.26
S. J. Roberts, " 20.62, " 20.62
D. N. Bowker, " 61.50, " 61.50
T. B. Fletcher, " 62.78, " 4.00 66.78
J. W. Chaffin, " 34.34, " 34.34
J. H. Rugg, " 15.00, " 15.00
A. A. Watson, " 92.25, " 92.25
A. R. Sanborn, 10.60 10.60
J. W. Sanborn, " 7.00 7.00
G. N. Heath, " 1.50 1.50
B. F. Ruffle, " 2.95 2.95
R. W. Jarvis, " 5.00 5.00
H. F. Nichols, " 3.25 3.25
L. Gaffney, " 7.00 7.00
B. F. Severance, 11.10 11.10
John Alden, " 1.00 1.00
M. Leclair, " 3.50 3.50
C. E. Houghton, " 5.48 5.48
Albro Proctor, " 35.60 35.60
M. Oliver, " 20.34 20.34
John Martin, W. work, 1300 1300.
E. W. Tolles, " 10 00 10 00
H. H. Seaver, " 175 5 00 6 75
H. C. Sanders, p’d out, " 23 16 23 16
" " " for lab. 1,150 05 1,150 05
" " " lumber, stone, nails, etc., 234 20
Henry C. Sanders, for services and team, 269 20 269 20
2,412 10 310 38 3,244 71
Cash from sale of posts, etc., 20 93
$ 3,223 78
Deduct material on hand 120 00
Actual exp. of highways and bridges for the year, $ 3,103 78

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
Am’t of money raised by vote of Town, $ 5,923 50
School land rent, 42 50
Railroad tax, 23 00
Interest on Tappan Fund, 1,830 00 $7,819 00
Paid Superintendent, 175 00
Paid prizes from Tappan Fund, 1,830 00
Total amount expended for schools, 5,814 00 $7,819 00

Which by vote of, Town was divided $75 to each District and the remainder by the scholar, giving to 1,330 scholars $3.30 each in addition to what is given to the District, the whole amount to each District being shown by the following

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PAUPER ACCOUNT.

Town of Claremont in account with Marshall S. Rossiter,
Overseer of the Poor.

Due from the County March 1st, 1882, $ 164.40
Drawn from the Town Treasury, 1,561.64 $1,726.04

Contra.

Due from the County March 1st, 1883, $ 127.62
Cash received from the County, and paid into the Town Treasury, 1,427.61
Town aid, 101.37
17 46-128 cords of wood on hand, 69.44 $1,726.04

MARSHALL S. ROSSITER,
Overseer of the Poor.

DAMAGE TO SHEEP BY DOGS.

Erastus C. Bailey, 9.50
Stephen J. Roberts, Jr., 8.00
T. J. Fitch, 6.00
John G. Harriman, 24.00
H. B. Converse, 2.00
Walter H. Ainsworth, 5.00
Russell Jarvis, 15.00
Henry A. Cossitt, 3.00

$ 72.50

RINGING BELLS AND Sexton’s Services.

F. C. Bailey, 25.00
Henry S. Parmelee, 16.67
Alfred Burrill, 230.86
Wm. D. Morgan, 29.00

$ 301.53
BUILDING AND REPAIRING SCHOOL HOUSES.

Paid District No. 1, balance for last year, $57 29
   "   10, "   "   "   "   "   "  7 61
   "   13, "   "   "   "   "   "  1 16
   "   1, "   "   "   "   "   "  100 00
   "   12, "   "   "   "   "   "  100 00

$ 266 06

STEVENS HIGH SCHOOL.

Paid $3,154 00

FISKE FREE LIBRARY.

Paid $200 00

ABATEMENT AND DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

Paid Abatement $287.32 Discounts $349.47 $636 79

STATE TAX.

Paid $5,684 00

COUNTY TAX.

Paid $5,932 14

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE TAPPAN FUND.

Collected and paid to the Town Treasurer six hundred and thirty dollars interest on notes secured by mortgage on real estate.

The interest on the twenty thousand dollars worth of town bonds amounting to $1,200. does not pass through the hands of the committee but is paid directly from the treasury to the prudential committees.

As the fund now stands there is invested,

In town bonds, 20,000
In notes secured by mortgage on real estate, 10,500

$30,500

ISAAC H. LONG,
MARSHALL S. ROSSITER,
HENRY C. SANDERS,
JAMES P. UPHAM,
DANIEL W. JOHNSON,
EDWARD J. TENNEY,

Committee.
SELECTMEN'S ESTIMATE FOR THE YEAR 1883.

State Tax, 5,684 00
County Tax, 5,932 14
To pay debts and interest, 3,000 00
Support of Stevens High School, 1,800 00
Town Officers, 1,400 00
Fire Department, 1,500 00
Incidental expenses, 2,500 00
Street Lights, 300 00
Repairs of Highways, 3,000 00
Fiske Free Library, 200 00
Common Schools am't required by law, 4,973 00
Support of Poor, 300 00

ISAAC H. LONG, MARSHALL S. ROSSITER, HENRY C. SANDERS, Selectmen of Claremont.

CLAREMONT, March 6, 1883.

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

H. W. PARKER, C. M. BINGHAM, E. J. TENNEY, Auditors.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL AGENT OF FISKE FREE LIBRARY TRUSTEES FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1883.

Received: $153 51
S. I. L. Woodbury for rent of store, 185 00
R. D. Kellogg " " " 100 00
H. W. Parker " " office, 62 00
From L. M. Blood for rent of basement, 25 00
Abbie Fields for Fines and Catalogues, 42 99
Town Appropriation, 200 00

Total, $ 768 50

Disbursed:

To Abby Fields, Librarian, 150 00
" " Cataloguing Books, 15 00
" " Incidentals, 11 82
G. H. Stowell, 5905 lbs coal, 22 43
H. C. Fay, and R. E. Mussey, Advertising, 4 50
G. W. Fitch, Gas, 6 00
Claremont M'f'g Co., Re-binding 48 vol., 20 00
" " 1000 Supplemental Catalogues, 23 00
" " 66 Cards, 3 75
J. Tyler, Water, 10 00
C. P. Bailey and others, Platform, 24 07
Deposited in Town Treasury for rents, 372 00
Balance in hands of Financial Agent, 105 93

Total, $ 768 50

Fiske Fund.

There has been expended for new books during the year, $ 638 05
Of the money donated by Mr. Fiske for the purchase of books, there remains, $ 93 23

The annual interest from the fund of $4,000.00 amounting to $240.00 has been paid, which added to the above makes, in the hands of trustees, for the purchase of books, $333.23.

There are assurances that the sum of $1,000.00, donated by Mrs. Fiske, will soon be added to the fund of $4,000.00 left by Mr. Fiske. The interest from this joint fund of $5,000.00 is to be appropriated for books for the Library, at such times as seems advisable.

O. B WAY,
Financial Agent,

March 5, 1883.
The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department presents the following report for the year ending March 1, 1883:

For the past year Claremont records an unusual number of fires, having fortunately escaped with few losses for several years. The following are the fires and alarms which have occurred:

May 11, Fire at R. B. Lull's.
May 28, Fire at "Round Building," very little damage.
Aug. 21, Alarm at Sugar River Paper Mill.
Aug. 27, Fire at Charles Mason's dwelling house.
Dec. 5, Alarm at Sugar River Paper Mill.
Dec. 27, Fire at Freeman & O'Neil's.
Jan. 26, 1883, Burning of ice house at the "Love" place.

I would recommend the purchase of a few hundred feet of hose, to be kept at the lower village, to connect with the pumps there, in case of fire, and the building of one or two reservoirs. Aside from this, no special outlay is needed for the coming year, unless the Town should vote to change from hand engines to a steam fire engine, which would necessitate an outlay for steamer, hose carriage, hose, etc., of about $5,000. The apparatus is all in good condition. The firemen have performed their duties with alacrity and faithfulness, and deserve the greatest praise for promptness and for efficient services rendered.

GEO. H. STOWELL,
Chief Engineer.

REPORT OF STEVENS HIGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Stevens High School is in a highly prosperous condition. At no time since its foundation has it been more so. We believe it to be in better working order than ever before. During the past year some valuable changes have appeared
in the methods of the school and the courses of study. We congratulate ourselves that we have had a year of real and solid growth and improvement. We feel that we were especially fortunate in securing the services of the present principal. He has brought to his work great skill and good judgment as well as enthusiasm and love for it. We are confident the school is steadily gaining in strength and usefulness under his management. In our judgment the advantages for education here are of a very superior character.

We earnestly urge it upon all to allow, as far as possible, their children to enjoy the benefits of the High School, to see that the preparation for it is thorough and complete, and to steadily and heartily cooperate with the teachers in their efforts for its good order and advancement. The home influence is a strong force either for or against the highest success.

There has been no change of teachers during the year except in the employment of Miss J. E. Wells as an additional instructor during a portion of each day. This change has been highly satisfactory in its results, and we think should be continued. The other assistants, Miss R. Annie Barker and Miss M. L. Moore, are the same as for several years past. They are both graduates of high institutions of learning, and thoroughly prepared by education and experience for the duties of their profession. They have been constant, laborious, conscientious and successful in their work, and have received the repeated commendation and approval of the friends of the school.

During the year the furnaces at the school building have been renewed, making the school rooms much more comfortable at a much less expense of fuel. The old ones were thoroughly worn and burnt-out. There are other things that ought to receive attention, among which, one of the most
needful is the introduction of running water into the basement of the building for the use of the school.

The following table shows the attendance during the several terms, the number of tuition scholars, the average age of the graduating class at the present time as well as of the school.

Attendance for the year ending March 26, 1883.

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IRA COLBY,  
HERMON HOLT,  
ARTHUR CHASE,  
H. W. PARKER,  
GEO. H. STOWELL,  

Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount in Treasury March 1st, 1882, $ 706 98
Orders on Town Treasurer given by Selectmen, 3,154 00
Tuition from non-resident pupils, 205 00
Damages paid, 25

4,066 23

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid salaries of teachers, 2,538 52
Janitor 102 55
for fuel, 202 77
for cleaning school house, 12 00
" new furnace and setting same, 339 95
Incidental expenses, including books, stationery, school and chemical apparatus and sundry items of repairs, 100 04

Total expenditures, 3295 83
Cash in Treasury March 1, 1883, for use in defraying expenses of remainder of school year, $4,066 23

This report covers all receipts and expenditures from March 1, 1882, to March 1, 1883, and includes payment of salaries of teachers and janitors from middle of the winter term of 1882, to which time they had been paid, up to the middle of the winter term of 1883, to which latter time they are now also paid.

HERMON HOLT,
Treas. of Stevens High School Committee.
REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF STEVENS HIGH SCHOOL FUND.

The amount of this fund in the hands of the Trustees is the same as reported last year, $10,000. The income for the year 1882, $600, has been paid into the town treasury. The Legacy bequeathed by the late Paran Stevens, $40,000, remains as heretofore and it is uncertain when the amount will be paid over to the town, as the affairs of the estate are in litigation. We have no doubt regarding the ultimate payment, as the several legacies in the will have been declared by the court a lien upon the real estate, the value of which is much more than the amount of the legacies. We would suggest the employment of attorneys in New York to urge the courts such action as shall hasten the settlement of the Stevens estate, and the payment of the legacy to the town of Claremont with interest.

The Alden Literary Prize Fund consists of the real estate bequeathed by the late Mrs. Mary J. Alden and $624.65 deposited in the Sullivan Savings Institution. There has been received during the last year for rent $144, interest, $24.04; and there has been paid out for prizes $120; repairs on building $34.77; and introduction of Tyler water $18.22.

Geo. L. Balcom, Trustees
Jno. L. Farwell, Stevens High School
William Breck, Fund.

Claremont, N. H., March 1, 1883.
REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.
For 1882-83.

The Superintending School Committee in his report would first call attention to the aim of public schools.

Very many doubtless think that the object of these schools is limited to the elementary knowledge gained from the books studied. The learning to read and write, and the elementary knowledge of Arithmetic, Geography and History are thought to be the main aim of education in the public schools. But, however valuable the knowledge thus acquired, and the power which it gives to gain more, does not this view of the object of our public schools lose sight of a higher end which gives chief value to enlarged intelligence.

A broader view regards our public schools as designed not simply to awaken thought and cultivate the intellect, but quite as much to mould the moral habits of children to live useful lives, and discharge faithfully the duties of good citizens in our free country. Good citizens are what the state seeks, and more than knowledge is needed to gain this end.

The elements of a right character are of chief account here. Moral instruction should have a high place in our schools. Children in early years need to be trained to habits of truthfulness, reverence, faithfulness, honor, self-control and obedience to rightful authority. They are trained to these habits in some homes. In some they are not thus trained. But it is desirable that the best home training should be supplemented by that of the schools. In our country and times right moral habits, far more than knowledge, are the real forces that form the character of good citizens.

For this reason, too great importance can scarcely be attached to the discipline of schools. Good order is indispensable to the true ends of the schools. Obedience to wholesome regulations of general conduct and the preparation of lessons must be insisted on for the formation of right habits no less than for the best progress in study. Faithfulness in the duties of the school room will lay a good foundation for usefulness
and prosperity in the work of life. The superintendent wishes to emphasize this moral element of education in the public schools, and to ask parents to give their hearty influence in its favor. There is some reason to fear that fidelity is becoming a lost virtue in our land.

The report of the last year called attention to the serious disadvantage under which the outlying districts of the town labor on account of the few children attending school. The present superintendent thinks it desirable to keep this fact before the minds of the people, that suitable means may be devised to overcome if possible this disadvantage. Eight of these schools average only 8.5 scholars each this year.

The cost of schooling each of these scholars averages about twice as much as it does in districts No. 1, and 17, while the schooling itself is worth scarcely half as much. The superintendent would say nothing to disparage these schools. Good work has been in some of them considering their disadvantages. But economy and the interests of education would be subserved if in the future changes some of these districts could be united at fairly convenient centers.

The report of the number of scholars in the different districts shows that in some districts the number of schools needs to be increased to accommodate the scholars that ought to attend. District No 15 reports 225 scholars within its limits, drawing money from the town and from the Tappan Fund for that number. Its school rooms are scarcely sufficient for 100 of these scholars. An additional room and an intermediate grade in the schools are needed to accommodate the scholars and elevate the standard of education.

A grading of the primary schools in district No. 17, putting the higher grade into a room suitably located for the whole district would be a valuable improvement, providing for the large number which have crowded these schools a part of the last year so that the teachers could not well care for them. It would also help raise the standard of the intermediate and grammar schools.

If the mixed school in district No. 9 was organized in two grades with a room suitable for the primary scholars it would better meet the wants of the 79 scholars reported within its limits, and contribute to a desirable orderliness.

It also seems desirable that effective measures be adopted to bring into the schools of these and other districts, children who do not attend school but ought to. The public schools are for all, and all need the education they are meant to give. The illiteracy of any class in a community is a curse, tending to vice and poverty. It is lawful and morally right to insist that every child attend some school at least twelve weeks every year.
The success of schools depends largely on the methods used in teaching children at first. Methods most effective in awakening interest, and setting minds to work aright at this early stage of education will do much to form habits of observation which will make future progress more rapid and thorough. The superintendent attaches much importance to primary schools, and the methods used with beginners in mixed schools. Improvement in our schools must begin at the bottom and work up. It is a great mistake to think that only small qualifications are needed to teach children to read. It needs the best of qualifications, a knowledge of mind, and skill to get the right hold of it. The method of teaching children by first showing them familiar objects, and afterwards the words which are the names of these objects, thus at the beginning associating the words with the object for which they stand, accords far better with the natural ways in which language is learned than the old method long used in our schools. The charts used in the primary schools of the village are prepared to aid in teaching children by this method. The use of these charts would be helpful in the mixed schools, and their purchase by the district would be good economy. Exercises on the black board also give additional facilities for this method, at the same time accustomed the children to read written as well as printed words. The most hopeful signs of future progress in our schools, perhaps, are to be seen in the use of this method of teaching in the primary schools of the village. Its effects will appear more and more in future years in the higher schools. The teachers of these primary schools are worthy of hearty approval for their faithful work and deserve a higher compensation. The graded schools with scarcely an exception have been well managed during the past year. The prudential committees are to be congratulated that they have been able to secure the services of such able and faithful teachers. The success of the schools is thought to be due very much to the fact that former successful teachers have been retained in places some of them have filled several years.

The mixed schools also have generally been conducted with a fair degree of success, yet it is just to say that the management and improvement of the schools showed that some teachers were more competent than others. The superintendent does not think it needful at this time to name specially the more successful teachers. The compensation paid in these smaller schools is not sufficient to secure teachers so apt and well furnished for their work as the larger. It is a question worthy of careful consideration, whether teachers instructed in the best methods of teaching would not be a valuable gain in these schools even though the term of school should thereby be somewhat shortened.

The superintendent has noticed with pleasure the improvement of the school house in district No. 3. The house has been thoroughly repaired,
by putting seats of modern pattern in the place of the old ones, and neatly fitting it up in other respects. District No. 12 has painted its house outside and inside.

The superintendent would call the attention of prudential committees to the desirableness of so arranging the terms of school that the winter term shall close before the first of March, that the Registers may be returned seasonably for the annual report to the town.

In making up the roll of honor, when scholars have passed from a lower to a higher grade, they are reported in that school where they have been longest registered. This report of schools is respectfully submitted.

M. H. WELLS.

ROLL OF HONOR.


For two terms.—Ollie A. Lewis, Emily H. Lewis, Georgie A. Baker.


Second Primary. For one term.—Celia E. Laducer, Ethel F. Taylor, Ralph P. Abbot, George W. Dole, Fred G. Rowell.

For two terms.—Horton G. Ide, Grace I. Burns, Josephine I. Bierwith, Lulu S. Clark, Amy L. Mc Quaid, Rosanna Stone, John E. Allen, Frank E. Willey.

For three terms.—Oscar S. Smith, Hattie Mc Gown.

First Primary. For one term. Mary Duffany, Mary Stone, Charles Easter, Effie Mc Quaid.

DISTRICT NO. 2. For one term.—Addie M. Chase, Thomas A. Bailey, Flora B. Ayer, Mattie L. Hart, Carrie E. Bailey, Mary Case, Robert E. Case, Chester M. Sprague, Jason D. Sprague, Fred A. Sprague.

For two terms.—Frank E. Chase, Fernando P. Ayer, Fred E. Ayer, Ralph H. Bailey, Eddie N. Stockwell.

For three terms.—Luna J. Nichols, Bennie A. Nichols.

DISTRICT NO. 3. For one term.—Walter Kenyon, Katie F. Reed, Anna N. Cone, Ola M. Pope, Johnnie S. Hastings, Fred W. Densmore, Clifton E. Densmore.

For two terms.—Willie A. Paddock.
DISTRICT No. 4. For one term.—Elmer E. Davis, Charles F. Farring-ton, Charles E. Lovejoy. For two terms.—Marion E. Pierce, Urban P. Pierce.

DISTRICT No. 5. For one term.—Katie Daley, Frank Houghton, Charles Houghton, Hervey Houghton.

DISTRICT No. 6. For one term.—James W. Cassidy. For two terms.—Nettie A. Merrill.

DISTRICT No. 7. For one term.—Lawrence Leet. For two terms.—El-la G. Leet, Carrie C. Leet, Arthur E. Richardson.


DISTRICT No. 11. For one term.—Agnes Gamash, George Gamash, Delia Jeney, Willie H. Stearns, Maud A. Richardson, Bert J. Bartlett, Scott A. Richardson. For two terms.—Preston C. Reed, Oscar E. Bartlett. For three terms.—Bertie M. Jewett.


DISTRICT No. 13. For one term.—Flora G. Searer.


DISTRICT No. 15. Grammar School. For one term.—Eva Barron, Mary Frister, Maud Nevers, Jennie Thibodeau, Mabel Walker, Mary Brown, Fred Back, Harry Skinner, Maggie McLaughlin, Myrtie Fletcher, Fred Chambers, Clarence Reed. For two terms.—Flora Bush, Charles Nevers, Blanche Grow, Annie Crowley, Iola Taylor, Cornelius Crowley. For three terms.—Lizzie Connor, Madge Crowley.

Primary. For one term. Josephine Thibodeau, Kittie Mason, Emily Surratt, Charlotte Abbott, Edith Walker, Louis Thibodeau, Fred Thibodeau. For two terms.—Thomas Marcott.


DISTRICT NO. 19. For one term.—Carrie Hart, Clara B. Gocha, John B. Gocha, James T. Duff. For two terms.—Tracy B. Hart.
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