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OF THE

Selectmen and other Town Officers

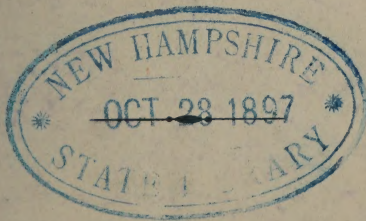
OF

CLAREMONT, N. H.

INCLUDING THE REPORT OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEES,

For the year ending March 1st, 1884.



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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

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 Hall in said Town on Tuesday, the eleventh 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 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 a sum of money not to exceed seventy-five dollars for decorating 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 what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for sewers.

17th. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the proper officers of the Town to effectually cause to be removed the several Slaughter Houses, or any of them so as to fully comply with the Statute Laws.

18th. To see if the Town will vote to dis-annex the Homestead of Albert Dean from District No. 11, and annex the same to District No. 12.

19th. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise to be expended for improving the New Cemetery and appoint agents whose duty it shall be to perform said work.

20th. To see if the Town will vote to buy a steam fire engine and raise money therefor.

21st. 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.

Given under our hands and seal this twenty-third day of February, A. D. 1884.

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

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF CLAREMONT,

For the year ending March 1, 1884.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

VALUATION.

Real Estate,	\$ 1,513,560	
Mills and Machinery,	268,400	
Personal Estate,	490,510	
Toll Bridge and Ferry,	6,000	
Aqueducts,	4,600	
1027 Polls,	102,700	\$ 2,385,770

The rate of taxation was \$ 1.45 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
Highways,	3,000 00
Town Officers,	1,400 00
Fire Department,	1,400 00
Incidental Expenses,	1,500 00

For Decoration,	100 00
To Pay Debts and Interest,	4,000 00
Street Lights,	300 00
Fiske Free Library,	250 00
Support of Poor,	400 00
Repairs of Cemetery,	500 00
Hose and Carriage,	1,000 00
Add Percentage,	1,408 13
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	\$ 34,597 77

Tax on 229 Dogs,	258 00
Special Tax in District No. 1,	336 15
“ “ “ “ 3,	181 97
“ “ “ “ 4,	20 56
“ “ “ “ 17,	496 03
“ “ “ “ 18,	102 69
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	\$ 35,993 17

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Funded Debt.

Bonds outstanding March 1, 1883,	\$ 120,400
Bonds drawn Jan. 1, 1883, and paid July 1, 1883,	2,000
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Bonds outstanding March 1, 1884,	\$ 118,400
Amount of Coupons outstanding, due, and unpaid on Claremont Town Bonds, March 1, 1884,	294
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Total Debt,	\$ 118,694

ASSETS.

Due from County on pauper acc't,	\$ 180 55
“ “ State Bounty on Woodchuck,	10
Money in Collector's hands,	238 22
“ “ Treasurer's “	219 67
Due from rent of school lands,	26 25
Wood, posts and plank,	100 00
Due from Arthur Chase, Chairman of Truant Com.,	10 00
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	\$ 774 79
Net indebtedness of the Town,	\$ 117,919 21

PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWN.

Stevens High School building and lot,	\$ 25,000
Town Hall,	12,000
Selectmen's Building, Lobby and furniture,	1,500
Engine House,	1,500
Engines and Hose,	3,500
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 still believed that the longer this property is kept the more valuable it becomes.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury, March 1, 1883,	\$ 194 91
From A. T. Cowles, for cemetery house,	227 50
M. S. Rossiter, on pauper account,	1704 94
For Fines,	105 00
From Lewis, for barn on cemetery lot,	25 00
Rent of cemetery house,	26 00
Bounties on crows,	30 90
Wm. B. T. Smith, for old hearse house and hearse,	15 00
A. C. Stone, error in bill,	11 00
A. T. Cowles, for boards,	3 00
O. J. Brown, cash refunded on crossing,	8 63
State Railroad tax,	483 59
Savings Bank Tax,	5,220 42
Literary fund,	401 88

Interest on Tappen Fund,	1,830 00
Interest on Stevens High School Fund,	600 00
School land rents,	18 75
Rent of Library building,	419 21
Rent of Town hall,	234 61
From Henry C. Sanders, balance on reservoir acc't,	7 92
From Henry C. Sanders, brick and mortar " "	6 00
From Henry L. Hubbard, tax collector,	36,219 51
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	\$ 47,793 77

DISBURSEMENTS.

Support of schools,	\$ 5,953 44
Incidentals,	4,084 87
Fire Department,	2,559 01
Highways and bridges,	4,027 95
Support of poor,	1,907 68
Damage by Dogs,	72 75
Bounty on crows and woodchucks,	25 90
Ringin' bells and sexton's services,	264 00
Town officers,	1,492 64
Paying debts and interest,	9,071 00
Building and repairing school-houses.	950 12
Tappan Fund,	1,830 00
Stevens High school,	2,801 88
Fiske Free Library,	250 00
School tax in District No. 1,	150 00
Discount on taxes,	376 57
Abatement of taxes,	140 15
State Tax,	5,684 00
County tax,	5,932 14
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	\$ 47,574 10
Cash in hand of the Treasurer,	219 67
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	\$ 47,793 77

INCIDENTALS.

John W. Hammond, damage to sleigh,	\$ 3 00
Claremont M'f'g Co., printing Town reports,	62 00
J. F. Pinard, sawing wood for Town Hall,	14 90
A. R. Cummings, M. D., ret. of bir'hs & d'ths,	7 25

L. J. Graves, M.D., ret. of births and deaths,	75
C. W. Tolles, " " "	9 50
S. G. Jarvis, " " "	5 75
F. L. McIntosh, " " "	5 50
Estate of C. A. Volk, " "	3 00
L. A. Genereux, " " "	2 25
O. B. Way, " " "	8 25
Claremont Manuf. Co., printing department cards and school reports,	4 73
R. E. Mussey, pub. warrant and notice to taxpayers,	6 00
C. L. Severance, dec. soldier's graves,	100 00
H. C. Fay, print'g tax bills & pub. war'ts, etc.,	19 50
Laurence Gaffney, setting trees in park,	7 00
J. S. Walker, land dam. for ext. of East St.,	75 00
C. H. Long, freight on road machine,	5 32
E. W. Tolles, expense going to Windsor,	2 50
John Mc Grath, repairing roof Town Hall,	2 30
Est. of A. Burrill, books & chart of new cem'y,	125 00
Mrs. A. K. P. Butterfield, dam. on highway,	26 35
E. F. M. Sanders, copying taxes and writing collector's book,	15 00
R. E. Mussey, pub. rules of Board of Health and advertising buildings,	6 50
J. B. Haven, damage on highway,	5 00
H. C. Fay, print'g auction bills, & Treas. rec'pts,	3 00
Louis Courtier, sawing wood and piling in Town Hall cellar,	16 21
W. D. Morgan, mowing W. Clarem't cem'y.,	4 00
Sullivan Machine Co., rep. Town clock & lawn mower,	17 73
George Tyler, Pennock road machine,	159 68
E. M. Gowdey, repairing fence new cem'y,	75
Adam R. Leet, watering trough,	3 00
S. H. Hurd, dam. to garden by firemen,	5 00
Jewett & Peabody, broom and barrels,	60
C. W. Carey, damage on highway,	5 00
J. B. O'Neil, painting & gilding Town clock,	38 00
" " two guide boards,	2 00
M. Oliver, lab. on Park & around Town House,	3 45
John Tyler, water rent for Town House,	10 00
C. W. Tolles, M. D., exam. Mrs. H. Mace,	5 00
Jacob Robie, labor in old cemetery,	6 75
M. P. Bailey, moving fence on East St.,	2 00

Claremont Manuf. Co., school report, posters and certificates,	9 25
Clarem't M'fg Co., Board of Health circulars,	9 00
G. W. Fitch, gas for Town Hall,	36 90
Burt Chellis, service running Town line,	3 50
A. C. Stone & Co., work on cem. aqueduct,	1 65
" " match boxes and work on clock hands,	1 10
A. C. Stone & Co., ladder,	2 00
Clarem't St'y Co., paper, envelopes, pencils, pens, ink, etc.,	5 25
" " blank receipts,	5 00
" " record book, blank juror notices,	2 50
" " school books,	4 77
F. C. Kelsey, ashes for park,	3 75
A. D. Howard, surveying Town line,	5 00
C. Jones & Co., brooms for Town Hall,	70
J. B. & D. O'Neil, part payment for painting Town Hall, fence and band stand,	120 00
J. A. Dunsmore, damage on highway,	35 00
Patrick Reynolds, damage on highway,	3 00
Freeman & O'Neil, door for Town House,	75
John Tyler, filling reservoirs,	10 00
Gill Lenven, runners for hearse,	40 00
John Mc Grath, repairing roof and cementing gutters, Town House,	6 80
S. G. Allen, M. D., exam. of C. N. Nichols,	25 00
C. W. Tolles, " " "	20 00
Geo. O. Johnson, damage on highway,	5 00
J. B. Sanborn, for five vol. N. H. Reports,	23 50
I. H. Long, witness fees paid in Nichols case,	4 50
John Blanchard, water trough,	3 00
H. L. Brooks, "	3 00
Benjamin Ager, "	2 50
R. C. & H. S. Osgood, Ins. on Town Hall,	125 00
" " H. School B'd'g,	225 00
" " Gilmore Bridge,	15 00
C. O. Eastman, Ins. on Library Building,	67 50
" " Library,	45 00
Francis Whitcomb, for water trough,	3 00
G. H. Stowell, hay rake, steel rake, lawn mower,	9 90
" piano casters, key blank, tacks and oil,	98

G. H. Stowell, turf-cutter, grass-hook and scythe stone,	1 40
" axle grease and cord,	60
" hoe, peck of lime and cord for clock,	5 15
" drawer lock, hooks and staples,	1 15
" faucet for oil, screws, paint and brushes,	2 90
" screw-driver, hasps, gimlets,	75
" door-pull, lantern globe, broom,	75
" coal for Selectmen's office,	24 56
" plow points and spikes,	1 64
E. C. Pope, for water trough,	3 00
I. H. Long, for cash paid Dr. Brooks for examining deaf and dumb child,	1 00
I. H. Long, for postage and telegrams,	1 30
Claremont Stationary Co., for school books,	4 18
" " paper, envelopes, pens, ink and rubber bands,	5 80
Clarem't Sta'y Co., for tax book and record book,	1 42
E. M. Gowdey, work on Park,	29 25
M. S. Jackson, damage to carriage & harness,	6 50
Huntley & Dane, team to Windsor,	1 75
T. B. Fletcher, water trough,	3 00
Monadn'ck Mills, for lum'r for Town Hall, 1882,	46
H. W. Parker, for legal services,	75 00
" " expense to New York,	25 60
Ira Colby, for legal services,	77 00
" " expense to New York,	26 10
W. H. H. Allen, for expense to New York,	25 00
Geo. Murphy, for repairs in Town Hall,	6 30
H. F. Nichols, for teams to Junction West Claremont and about town,	4 25
H. F. Nichols, for teams to Cornish, County Farm, Newport line and Bellows Falls,	13 75
M. S. Rossiter, for cash pd. M. Oliver, trucking,	50
" " " post on Corn'h line,	1 00
" " " collector's book,	1 00
" " " Frank Freeman,	
cleaning privy,	75
" " " exp. to Concord,	5 00
" " " " three times to Newport,	4 20

M. S. Rossiter, for cash pd. for telegraphing	
and telephoning,	1 45
" " " postal cards and	
stamps,	1 25
" " " chairs, ladder and	
step-ladder for Town Hall,	4 65
" " " bar, nail-box and	
ladder,	1 22
" " " laying waterpipe,	3 65
" " " H.L. Hubbard sell-	
ing building at auc.,	2 00
" " " exp. in Nichols suit,	4 50
" " " exp. to Westmorel'd,	4 90
" " " lantern and mat for	
Town Hall,	71
" " " Wm. B. Henry, re-	
pairs on hearse,	1 15
team to Newport,	3 00
" " " J. Winch, damage	
to sleigh,	5 00
H. C. Sanders, exp. to Newport two times,	1 60
" Wm. Nevers, washing floor	
Selectmen's room,	75

STREET LIGHTS.

Paid J. F. Pinard, ex. w'rk on lamps & alcohol,	2 75
" lighting street lights,	15 00
J. Burns, mater'l furnished and labor,	34 65
A. C. Stone, lamps and tunnel,	1 60
" " repairing lanterns,	1 10
" " lanterns and frames,	27 75
J. G. Briggs, lamp burner and chimneys,	3 20
C. Jones & Co., oil, wicks and chimneys,	4 80
Jewett & Peabody, oil, wicks & chimneys,	22 79
G. H. Stowell, burn'rs, wicks & chimneys,	2 95
" " glass and repair'g lanterns,	6 45
Cass Lamp Works, two Chicago lamps,	5 00
S. J. Harbro, lighting street lights lower	
village,	22 50
Freeman & O'Neil, lamp posts,	9 00
G. W. Fitch, for gas for street lights,	189 38
E. M. Gowdey, for oil can, pole & meas.,	1 25

Paid E. M. Gowdey, for extra work on street lights and cash paid for alcohol,	21 38
E. M. Gowdey, lighting street lights,	148 00
Wm. H. Farwell, lighting street lights and oil,	26 00
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BUILDING RESERVOIRS.

Paid A. C. Stone, for lead pipe, stopcocks, labor,	6 63
Geo. D. Walker, labor,	102 30
Marshall Harlow, for 9 1-10 M. Brick,	68 25
Welch & Sleeper, for 18 1-2 “	127 00
H. R. Beckwith, 1030 brick,	7 47
Freeman & O'Neil, for boards & timber,	2 03
G. H. Stowell, for 36 bbls. cement,	81 10
“ “ 17 bbls. lime,	23 80
“ “ rope, nails, hose and basket,	4 99
“ “ pulley & box,	90
H. C. Sanders, cash pd. for lab. on reservoir, on East Pleasant St.,	91 15
“ “ cash pd. for lab. on reservoir, cor. Pearl & Summer Sts.,	119 77
“ “ cash pd. for lab. on reservoir, on North Street,	147 01
“ “ cash pd. S. T. Coy & J. Duns- more, for millstones,	11 00
“ “ R. Messer, for lab. on millstone,	6 65
“ “ sundry items,	9 03
“ “ Balance cash paid into Town Treasury,	7 92
	<hr/> \$ 817 00

FOR REPAIRS AT WEST CLAREMONT CEMETERY.

Paid William D. Morgan, for cutting trees and brush,	\$ 4 13
A. P. Bradbury, for work on fence,	7 50
R. L. Howe, “ “	6 00
Simon Morton, “ “	1 50
F. H. Marshall, “ painting fence, etc.,	10 05
I. H. Long, for cutting brush and making fence,	12 25

Paid I. H. Long, for cash pd. for mend'g gate hinges,	20
“ “ for cash paid for freight on boards,	32
A. C. Stone, for wire for fence,	81
C. Jones & Co., for nails, bolts, hinges, screws and paint brush,	3 53
C. Jones & Co., for paint and oil for fence,	11 25
I. F. Chandler, for boards for fence,	22 00
G. H. Stowell, for nails for fence,	80
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	\$ 80 34

REPAIRS AT NEW CEMETERY.

Paid C. E. Boyce, for 200 stone posts,	\$ 250 00
D. G. Fowler, for rails and pickets for fence,	67 12
Orlando Newton, for work on fence,	34 97
R. B. Tenney, for painting fence,	26 67
Francis Locke, for cash paid for labor,	36 15
“ “ “ cash paid John Tyler for bolts,	10 00
“ “ for service self and horse,	23 00
H. C. Sanders, for cash paid for labor and dirt filling cellar,	18 13
C. Jones & Co., for paint and oil for fence,	35 85
“ “ “ nails and washers,	8 95
“ “ “ padlocks and staples,	5 35
Thomas Burns, for drawing posts,	15 47
L. P. Fisher, for cash for hinges, screws, bolts and irons,	11 66
L. P. Fisher, for cash for work,	7 50
“ “ “ “ labor self,	10 00
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	\$ 555 82
Total,	4,084 87

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Firemen,	\$ 1,411 29
H. A. Willard, services as steward,	23 00
T. R. McQuaid, “ “ “	5 87
B. E. Griffin, “ “ “	2 50
Frank Rafferty, coffee for firemen,	2 00

Paid Sullivan Machine Co., work on hose,	4 20
Samuel Eastman & Co., suction hose,	24 00
George H. Stowell, material and labor, painting Engine No. 3.,	28 52
New York Belting & Packing Co., 1000 ft. hose with couplings and freight,	786 90
New York Belting & Packing Co., coupling washers,	1 73
Allen Fire Depart. Supply Co., for couplings, spanners reducers, expressage, etc.,	96 55
John Burns, for labor changing hose couplings and material,	31 37
E. J. Bowen, making belts for firemen,	4 00
George H. Stowell, coal for Engine Houses,	52 02
“ “ “ lamp, oil and chimneys,	1 50
“ “ “ wrench, ticking and sperm-oil,	1 50
“ “ “ nails, shovels, rubber springs,	2 68
“ “ “ Hhd., rope and axes,	8 65
“ “ “ Cash paid for banking Engine house No. 3,	60
“ “ “ Cash paid for shovelling snow from reservoirs,	1 00
A. S. Jackson, Hose carriage and freight,	50 00
Huntley and Dane, drawing engines to fires,	11 50
C. S. Eastman, for coffee, crackers, cheese, etc., R. Jarvis fire,	6 13
M. S. Rossiter, paid for blacksmithing,	1 50
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	\$ 2,559 01

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Edwin Vaughan, services as Moderator,	\$ 10 00
H. W. Parker, “ Auditor,	3 00
C. M. Bingham, “ “	5 00
E. J. Tenney, “ “	4 50
S. H. Hurd, “ Policeman,	15 00
N. B. Frye, “ “	17 50
F. F. Haskell, “ Town Clerk,	100 00
H. L. Hubbard, “ Tax Collector,	200 00
G. N. Farwell 2nd, “ Treasurer,	90 00
H. W. Parker, “ Board of Health,	37 00
O. B. Way, M. D., “ “ “	22 00
C. W. Tolles, M.D. “ “ “	26 00

H. L. Brooks,	"	Supervisor,	20 00
Ira Colby,	"	"	13 00
G. H. Stowell,	"	"	21 00
I. H. Long,	"	Selectman,	274 75
M. S. Rossiter,	"	"	292 25
H. C. Sanders,	"	"	265 14
M. S. Rossiter,	"	Overseer of the Poor,	50 00
John W. Collins,	"	Policeman,	26 50

\$ 1,492 64

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

	1883. Winter work.	1883. Summer work.	1883-4. Winter work.	
A. P. Messer,	2 25			2 25
F. E. Freeman,	2 75	6 25		9 00
W. N. Bartlett,	48 45			48 45
J. W. Chaffin,	14 44			14 44
C. E. Houghton,	5 70			5 70
Josiah Wilson,	4 25			4 25
Dr. S. G. Jarvis,	5 00			5 00
Mitchell Oliver,	15 01	1 00	10 00	26 01
J. Mc C. Ayer,	5 92			5 92
Louis Meno,	5 32			5 32
W. C. Williams,	1 50			1 50
C. M. Judd,	5 00			5 00
W. P. Bartlett,	3 00	11 50		14 50
Peter Haubrich,	13 95			13 95
F. P. Smith,	2 40			2 40
W. E. Ainsworth,	10 50	1 50		12 00
A. B. Stone,	20 00	2 50		22 50
John Martin,	7 50		15 00	22 50
Sylvester Glidden,	16 60			16 60
A. D. Johnson,	3 75	7 15		10 90
W. H. Ainsworth,	3 50			3 50
L. E. Jones,	10 00	5 00		15 00
S. J. Roberts, Jr.,	12 00			12 00
B. F. Severance,	3 60		4 65	8 25
L. Gaffney,	4 10	3 60		7 70
C. L. Severance,	2 68	3 40		6 08
Albro Proctor,	9 22			9 22
Sanford Colburn,		8 60	4 35	12 95
Alvah Sprague,	80		3 50	4 30

	1883.	1883.	1883-4.	
	Winter work.	Summer work.	Winter work.	
Martin Merrill,			2 00	2 00
Jonathan Winch,			5 80	5 80
A. Q. Evans,		1 70	5 95	7 65
E. W. Tolles,	3 50		8 00	11 50
H. H. Hart,			5 71	5 71
Louis Coutier,	17 62	196 73	15 30	229 65
Rollin Stimpson,		35	7 26	7 61
E. C. Lewis,		7 00	3 00	10 00
H. C. Sanders,	7 05		11 10	18 15
H. C. Freeman,		15 00		15 00
Harvey Case,	11 45	10 34	3 50	25 29
I. H. Long,		21 90		21 90
Lewis H. Colby,	15 59	17 35	1 80	34 74
J. H. Rugg,		16 00		16 00
T. B. Fletcher,	7 00	29 14		36 14
F. H. Dole,		136 13	12 75	148 88
J. E. Cassady,	5 40	36 85	9 45	51 70
Geo. P. Rossiter,		10 70		10 70
H. E. Grannis,	30 74	61 40		92 14
G. G. Clark,		38 37		38 37
D. M. Bowker,		24 50		24 50
C. P. Rossiter,	21 00	72 43		93 43
Prescott Putnam,		20 25		20 25
F. W. Johnson,		43 50		43 50
Joseph Fogg,		28 75	3 75	32 50
Alvah Proctor,		43 75		43 75
G. D. Kenyon,	26 15	12 45 (1882)		38 60
L. N. Pike, for crossing from Library building,				51 00
“ “ sidewalk on Pleasant St.,				427 00
“ “ “ Main St.,				78 80
“ “ crossing on Pleasant St.,				15 00
A. C. Stone, for drain pipe and labor,				89 12
Freeman and O'Neil, for lumber,				33 18
Hammon Walker, building road, extension of East St.,				150 00
I. F. Chandler, for bridge plank and timber,				181 73
Monadnock Mills, “ “				44 68
L. W. Watriss, repairing tools,				1 75
Peter Millett, “ “				2 00
Wallace & Huntly, for team,				1 00
Welch & Sleeper, jug,				30
Moody Hook, for gravel,				2 50
Fred A. Scoby, repairing tools,				2 70

Henry Judkins, express,	35
I. D. Hall, for nails,	1 40
L. B. Farr, for dirt,	1 80
Thomas Dart, gravel,	2 10
Arthur T. Fairbanks, gravel,	7 50
Arthur Chase, “	2 30
Henry Willard, repairing road machine,	75
C. Jones & Co., 2 shovels(2.00) 1 pick(1.25) nails (5.88)	9 13
George H. Stowell, shovel(1.00), 3 plough points(3.00), nails (7.40), cement (1.80), iron (98),	14 18
M. S. Rossiter, cash paid for labor,	4 40
S. J. Roberts, Jr. for stone,	2 75
Amos A. Watson, “	75
Ira F. Rowell, for gravel,	25
Lemuel Dole, for stone,	2 75
A. P. Messer, for lumber and railing,	18 74
Frank W. Johnson, bridge plank,	19 41
M. L. Jewett, lumber,	5 50
Charles P. Ellis, dirt,	15 87
B. P. Martin, curbing stone (15.10), and stone for culverts (11.50),	26 60
“ labor and team,	24 00
Henry Cossett, stone and labor,	5 00
C. E. Baker, gravel,	2 50
Jonathan Winch, stone for culverts,	2 25
E. D. Baker, curbing stone,	1 60
Henry S. Silsby, for labor,	1 15
James Hunter, “ with team,	4 53
James B. Bartlett, “ “	174 50
John Martin, “ “	206 40
L. N. Pike, “ “	4 20
E. C. Watson, “ “	2 50
Thomas Burns, “ “	48 00
Foster Knights, “ “	50
George O. Johnson, “ “	28 00
A. C. Dodge, “ “	13 78
John Alden, “ “	4 80
R. B. Ellis, “ “	4 67
L. A. Tolles, “ “	8 03
M. A. Nott, “ “	5 75
H. G. P. Cross, “ “	2 50
Geo. J. Ainsworth, “ “	14 40
Wm. E. Thompson, “ “	7 65
Warren Mason, “ “	5 00

Russell Jarvis,	for labor,	18 64
John Crowly,	"	56 10
Charles P. Bailey,	"	5 00
James Clark,	"	2 50
Jesse Ledeau,	"	6 45
George Le Page,	"	2 50
Hyacinth Johnson,	"	58 72
Louis Peran,	"	55 72
Norbert Gefreon,	"	18 60
Fred Darling,	"	3 30
John St. Louis,	"	23 25
Thomas J. Fitch,	"	2 85
Daniel Shea, Jr.,	"	1 50
Moses Bono,	"	2 95
Elyeir Boulett,	"	25 37
John Brooks,	"	4 00
Edward Ainsworth,	" and lumber,	2 30
R. R. Bunnell,	"	25
Daniel Murphey,	"	66 85
Jacob Sanborn,	"	1 35
Richard Messer,	"	6 20
Stephen Harbro,	"	18 13
Garwin Gilmore,	"	2 85
Robert Dasey,	"	2 25
Frank Bush,	"	7 55
Charles Ross,	"	8 75
Walter H. Foss,	"	2 00
E. M. Gowdy,	"	1 75
John Letendaux,	"	33 60
J. F. Pinard,	"	2 40
Alfred Carpenter,	"	1 75
James Mc Laughlin,	"	51 90
Henry Grow,	"	6 00
Edward Carey,	"	12 00
N. B. Frye,	"	50
Louis Le May,	"	1 50
Fred Farwell,	"	1 50
Warren Whitmore,	"	1 00
Grovner Putnam,	"	1 50
Willie Kimball,	"	1 00
J. Benson,	"	2 00
S. C. Strong,	"	25
E. C. Williams,	"	8 66
John Bailey,	"	5 25

A. P. Bertran,	för labor,	1	50
H. H. Seaver,	"	3	00
Simon Collins,	"	1	20
Charles Sharkey,	"		33
B. F. Mayo,	"	1	50
Paul Paulette,	"	2	00
C. A. Fisher,	"	1	70
Alvin Childs,	"	2	25
Samuel H. Andrews,	" and stone,	6	50
Geo. W. Silsby,	"	2	12
Leander Bordo,	"	2	56
Lebreck,	"	1	35
John Wolcott,	"		75
Zoel Roe,	"		38
William Nevers,	"	1	45
Peter Perry,	"	1	85
Moses Mercer,	"	1	20
Daniel Canty,	"		80
Daniel Harris,	"	1	95
Albian H. Towle,	"	4	50
Frederick Smith,	"	1	28
George W. Smith,	"		75
James Lake,	"		60
Truel,	" laying stone,	6	00
H. C. Sanders,	for curbing stone, Oil, Board of Truel,	4	40
"	" team,		76 00
"	" services,	180	60

MONEY RECEIVED.

R. B. Tenny,	for posts,	33
Joshua Booth,	"	1 40
F. Jewett,	"	62
H. Baker,	"	16
T. Martin,	"	33
J. B. Ellis,	"	3 67
Mrs. D. D. Marsh,	"	1 00
George Silsby,	for plank,	25
E. H. Jacques,	"	50
George Stevens,	old plank from Iron Bridge,	1 50
E. D. Baker,	" " "	1 80
Senaca Sweet,	" " "	2 00
C. E. Baker,	" " "	50
Thomas Burns,	" " "	1 50

Albert Hale,	"	"	"	50
B. P. Martin,	Scraper,			2 75
B. A. Lewis,	Lumber,			1.50
E. Peasly,	Stone,			40

\$20.71

Amount drawn from Treasury, \$4027 95

\$ 4,048 66 \$ 4,048 66

The expense for highways was increased about six hundred dollars on account of the July freshet.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Am't of money raised by vote of Town,	\$ 5,923 50	
Rent of school lands,	18 75	
Railroad tax,	11 19	
Interest on Tappan Fund,	1,830 00	\$ 7,783 44
Paid Superintendent,	\$ 150 00	
Paid prizes from Tappan Fund,	1,830 00	
Amount paid the several school districts for schools,	5,803 44	\$ 7,783 44

Which by vote of Town was divided \$ 75. to each District and the remainder by the scholar, giving to 1,364 scholars \$ 3.21 each in addition to what is given to the District, the whole amount to each District being shown by the following

TABLE.

No. of District.	No. of Scholars.	School Money.	Tappan Fund.	No. of District.	No. of Scholars.	School Money.	Tappan Fund.
1	366	\$ 1,249.86	\$ 491.05	11	35	\$ 187.35	\$ 46.96
2	43	213.03	57.69	12	9	103.89	12.08
3	24	152.04	32.20	13	20	139.20	26.83
4	37	193.77	49.64	14	11	110.31	14.76
5	44	216.24	59.03	15	190	684.90	254.91
6	11	110.31	14.76	16	8	100.68	10.73
7	29	168.09	38.90	17	371	1,265.91	497.75
8	18	132.78	24.15	18	42	209.82	56.35
9	83	341.43	111.35	19	12	113.52	16.10
10	11	110.31	14.76		1,364	\$ 5,803.44	\$ 1,830.00

PAUPER ACCOUNT.

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

Due from the county, Mar. 1, 1883,	\$	127	62	
Drawn from the Town Treasury,		1,907	68	
To 17 46-128 cords of wood on hand Mar. 1st, 1883,		69	44	\$ 2,104 74

Contra.

Due from the county, March 1st, 1884,	\$	180	55	
Cash received from the county, and paid into the Town Treasury,		1,704	94	
Town Aid,		149	81	
By 17 46-128 cords of wood on hand March 1st, 1884,		69	44	\$ 2,104 74

MARSHALL S. ROSSITER,

Overseer of the Poor.

DAMAGE BY DOGS,

From April 1, 1882, to April 1, 1883.

C. C. Cook,	damage to sheep,	\$ 4 00
Fred M. Brown,	" turkeys,	6 00
Elijah Whittemore,	" sheep,	13 75
Carlos S. Porter,	" "	3 00
Schuyler Johnson,	" "	12 00
Charles P. Breck,	" "	8 00
Amos D. Johnson,	" "	5 00
W. H. Ainsworth,	" "	12 00
Melvin Proctor,	" "	5 00
H. B. Converse,	" "	4 00
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		\$ 72 75

RINGING BELLS AND SEXTON'S SERVICES.

William D. Morgan,	\$ 42 00
Estate of Alfred Burrill,	67 25
Chester E. Benton,	122 50
Jacob Robie,	4 50

E. M. Gowdy,	3 00
Frank C. Bailey for ringing bell,	18 75
H. F. Nichols, use of horses for hearse,	6 00

\$ 264 00

SPECIAL TAX IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Paid District No. 12, balance for last year,	\$ 4 12
“ “ 17, “ “ year of 1881,	1 00
“ “ 1,	325 00
“ “ 3,	175 00
“ “ 4,	20 00
“ “ 17,	475 00
“ “ 18,	100 00

\$ 1,100 12

STEVENS HIGH SCHOOL.

Paid	\$ 2,801 88
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FISKE FREE LIBRARY.

Paid	\$ 250 00
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ABATEMENT AND DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

Abatements \$ 140 15	Discounts \$ 376 57	\$ 516 72
State Tax,		\$ 5,684 00
County Tax,		\$ 5,932 14

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TAPPAN FUND.

Collected and paid into the Town Treasury eighteen hundred and thirty dollars—the same being from \$20,000 in registered town bonds, and \$10,500 in notes secured by mortgage on real estate.

As the fund now stands there is invested :

In Town Bonds,	\$ 20,000
In notes secured by mortgage,	10,500

ISAAC H. LONG, MARSHALL S. ROSSITER, HENRY C. SANDERS, JAMES P. UPHAM, DANIEL W. JOHNSON, EDWARD J. TENNEY,	} Committee.
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SELECTMEN'S ESTIMATE FOR THE YEAR 1883.

State Tax,	\$ 5,484 00
County Tax,	5,889 04
To pay debts aud interest,	4,000 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,	500 00
Repairs of Highways,	3,000 00
Fiske Free Library,	250 00
Support of Poor,	300 00

ISAAC H. LONG,	} <i>Selectmen</i>	
MARSHALL S. ROSSITER,		of
HENRY C. SANDERS,		Claremont.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL AGENT OF THE FISK FREE
LIBRARY TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDING
MARCH 1, 1884.

Receipts.

Balance from last year's accounts,	\$ 105 93
Town Appropriation,	250 00
Rents from Library Building,	419 21
From Fines and Catalogues sold,	43 75
Total,	<hr/> \$ 818 89

Expenses.

For Librarian's Salary,	187 50
Repairs of building,	25 75
Incidentals,	7 00
Gas,	8 10
Water,	10 00
3 tons Coal,	22 75
Catalogues and Binding Books,	27 00
Total expenses,	<hr/> \$ 288 10
Deposited in Town Treasury from Rents,	419 21
Cash in hand,	111 58
	<hr/> \$ 818 89

O. B. WAY.

March 1, 1884.

REPORT OF CHIEF ENGINEER.

The Chief Engineer of Fire Department, presents the following report for the year ending March 1, 1884.

There have been during the year seven alarms, resulting in only four fires, doing but a small amount of damage, less than four thousand dollars altogether, the one at West Claremont being larger than all the rest. There have been built the past year, three large reservoirs, in different sections of the village, there has been added to the department one thousand feet of rubber-lined cable-laid cotton hose, with screw couplings, and screw couplings put on to one thousand feet of old hose, in place of the old slide coupling, which fit the couplings of the hose belonging to the Mon. Mills Co., also Herbert Bailey Mills. If the others using the old slide coupling, would replace them with the screw coupling, it would be of great advantage to themselves, also to the fire department. There has been a new Hose Carriage purchased, which contains about 800 feet of hose, to be used in connection with the force pumps of the different manufactories. The intention is, to build a small house near the lower village bridge, to keep the same in, thereby making the force pumps effective for a good distance each side of the river, and covering the business portion of the town. The apparatus of the department, is in good condition, and as effective as can be made under the present system. No doubt the department could be run cheaper with a steamer, (providing we should dispense with both hand engines) than it is at present, and would be more effective, and in saying this, I am saying nothing derogatory to the firemen, who in the twenty-four years I have been connected with the fire department of Claremont, I have always found ready and willing under all circumstances to do their whole duty, it making no difference whether it was midnight—with the mercury 20° below, or under more favorable circumstances; and I believe they do not perform this, for the small amount that they receive for the same, but that they have a higher motive in view; the good of the town, and its business interests. If the town should think best to purchase a

steamer, it would require an outlay of four thousand dollars, or perhaps a little more, to make the change, and this would give Claremont a first class fire department, all of which is respectfully submitted.

G. H. STOWELL,
Chief Engineer.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THE TOWN OF CLAREMONT, ENDING MARCH 1, 1884.

The undersigned, members of the Board of Health, would respectfully say that immediately after their election in March 1883, they met and organized by the election of a Chairman and Secretary. The Board then adopted Rules and Regulations under Chapter 111 of the General Laws. These Rules and Regulations were printed and promulgated and thereby became legally binding upon the inhabitants of the town. They were extensively circulated and posted throughout the village and other parts of the town.

In enforcing these rules, the Board in most instances have had the coöperation of nearly all citizens who take an interest in the affairs of the town. The physicians have cheerfully complied with the rule requiring reports to be made at once in all cases of contagious diseases, and it is believed by the Board that much good has been accomplished by this practice, and the spread of scarlet fever and diphtheria has been prevented in several instances.

The Board adopted a rule requiring all complaints to be made to them in writing by persons aggrieved, and a very large number of these complaints have been made, and in nearly every instance action was taken. In most instances where individuals were in fault they have shown a willingness to remove the cause, although in some instances unnecessary and unreasonable delay has taken place.

It is believed that the subject of vaccination should receive more attention. Children ought not to be permitted to attend our public schools without bringing a certificate that they have

been vaccinated by a qualified physician within a reasonable time.

The subject of drainage should receive the careful attention of the town.

The sewerage of Claremont village is in a dangerous condition, and the foulest odors are frequently given out in business portions of the village, endangering the health of our citizens. There are several places in the village where suitable drains should be constructed at once to convey away surface water which stands in stagnant pools. This is particularly true from Tremont street extending in the rear of the Sullivan House, and is dangerous to all in that vicinity.

The Board call the attention of the citizens of the town to the Rules and Regulations which have been adopted, and recommend a more rigid enforcement of the same in the future.

H. W. PARKER,	}	<i>Health Officers.</i>
O. B. WAY,		
C. W. TOLLES,		

Dated March 1, 1884.

REPORT OF STEVENS HIGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The present school year began August 19th, 1883, and excellent work has thus far been done. It is believed that the pupils as a body, have shown a better appreciation of the opportunities offered by our school, and a more earnest purpose to make the most of their advantages than ever before. There has been a marked improvement in the general deportment of the school, both in and about the school building and upon the street. In a town school of this kind where pupils are at their usual homes, and therefore not in the custody nor under the control of teachers or the committee outside of school hours, the efficiency of the work done depends largely upon the constant watchfulness of parents and their cordial co-operation with the school officers and instructors. This has been given the present year and the result is manifest. The experience of all teachers the world over, will bear us out in saying that the best

facilities and the best instruction avail little with pupils whose minds are given to other matters, or who attend school merely for purpose of passing the time or escaping less inviting work, or who fall into the habit of idleness, indifference and consequent fault-finding with teachers and others ; and we desire to impress upon parents the fact that in every such case there is something radically wrong in the pupils which *they alone can remedy*. We believe that we have an exceptionally patient, faithful, conscientious and efficient board of teachers, and yet there has been during the present year, a small number of pupils, much less we are happy to say than ever before, who have no appreciation of the advantages so generously offered, them and who ought to have the good sense to voluntarily separate themselves from an institution in which they take no interest and in which they only serve to hinder others, and annoy the teachers by their indolence and inattention.

We congratulate the town and ourselves in having Mr. Hastings at the head of our school, believing that he is doing a most valuable work among those connected with the school, and feeling, that as a man and as an instructor he has few equals and no superiors. Miss Trask came to us well recommended and thoroughly equipped, and has succeeded in doing very satisfactory work in this, her first attempt in teaching. In Miss Cushman we secured a teacher of experience and rare scholarship to whose brilliant success during the fall term and the first part of the winter term, all who knew her and of her work will cheerfully bear witness. We only regret that she was unable to remain longer, as a change of teachers during a term is always most unfortunate.

Miss Chellis who temporarily takes her place, although inexperienced and laboring at great disadvantage in being called thus suddenly to take up the thread of Miss Cushman's work which had been largely independent of text books, is thoroughly competent, and is succeeding we believe better than could have been expected under such circumstances.

There is more work to be done than our present board of

teachers can accomplish, and we recommend the employing of another assistant teacher. We have managed to get along with some assistance for the past year or two, from persons who could give us a portion of their time, but we believe the town can ill afford to have the working force of teachers less than it should be.

We wish to call attention to the fact that the efficiency of our school is greatly impaired by insufficient preparation for admission; we find each year a considerable number of our new class ought to have remained in the other schools at least a year longer, and we are compelled to do in the High School work which cannot be omitted, but should have been done in the grammar school. This is poor economy on part of both pupils and public, such scholars being a constant drag and hindrance to the progress of their classes, and often becoming utterly discouraged after a few terms of unsatisfactory work, and finally abandoning their plan of further school attendance.

Attendance for the year ending March 25, 1884.

	<i>Spring Term.</i>	<i>Fall Term.</i>	<i>Winter Term.</i>
Whole number,	85	91	87
Average attendance,	72	87 1-2	86
Percentage,	84 7-10 %	96 1-5 %	98 8-10 %
Tuition scholars,	9	9	7

HERMON HOLT,	} <i>Committee.</i>
ARTHUR CHASE,	
H. W. PARKER,	
GEO. H. STOWELL,	
OSMON B. WAY,	

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount in Treasury, March 1st, 1883,	\$ 770 40
Orders on Town Treasurer during the year given by Selectmen,	2,801 88
Tuition from non-resident pupils,	177 50
Damage paid by pupil for breaking mirror,	75
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	\$ 3,750 03

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid towards salaries of teachers,	\$ 2,608 30
Janitors,	101 56
for fuel,	216 33
for cleaning school house and yard,	23 31
for repairing concrete walk in school yard,	65 00
Incidental expenses, including books, stationery, school and chemical apparatus, tuning piano, music for graduating exercises, sundry items of repairs, etc., etc.,	156 78
Cash in Treasury, March 1, 1884, for use toward expenses for remainder of school year,	578 75
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	\$ 3,750 03

This report covers all receipts and expenditures from March 1st, 1883, to March 1st, 1884, and includes payment of teachers and janitors for a period of two weeks more than a year, they having been paid, at the time of last year's report, up to the middle (six weeks) of the winter term, and they now have received six-tenths of their year's salaries, which covers about eight weeks of the present term.

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. Hon. Wm. M. Evarts has been employed by the committee appointed by the town, to urge in 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 \$ 666.22 deposited in the Sullivan Savings Institution. There has been received during the last year for rent \$ 144. interest, \$ 25.07 ; and there has been paid out for prizes, \$ 120. and rent Tyler water, \$ 7.50.

GEO. L. BALCOM,	}	Trustees Stevens High School Fund.
JNO. L. FARWELL,		
WILLIAM BRECK,		

Claremont, N. H., March 5th, 1884.

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 Fisk Free Library, the Committee of the Tappan Fund, and find the same correct, with proper vouchers.

H. W. PARKER,	}	<i>Auditors.</i>
C. M. BINGHAM,		
E. J. TENNEY,		

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

For 1883-84.

The public schools of the Town have completed the terms of another year, and the time has come for summing the results. The usual number of terms of school has been kept in the several districts, and with quite an average degree of success. Some have done better work than last year.

Among the things impressed on the superintendent as needful for the best management of the public schools is this; that prudential committees, parents and guardians should better understand, on whom rests the duty and responsibility of directing the studies to be pursued, the text books used, the advancement of scholars from one grade or book to another, the methods of teaching and the general discipline to be exercised. If he has read the school laws of the State aright, this duty and responsibility have been laid exclusively on the superintendent and teachers. Directions or suggestions as to methods of teaching or government of schools, on expounding school laws, form no part of the duty of the prudential committees. Any interference on the part of prudential committee or parents in these matters become a hindrance to the best management of a school. If a teacher fails to do his duty, a kindly suggestion in regard to the failure may be well, and help to remedy the deficiency. But the lawful way for prudential committees or parents to deal with the incompetence of teachers, is to enter a complaint with the superintendent which will require him to have the case fairly investigated and decided as the evidence and the interests of the school in his judgment may require. In this way a poor teacher may be removed without unnecessary abuse.

In the school report of last year, the superintendent emphasized the importance of moral instruction in our public schools, in the following language: "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. In our country and times, right moral habits far more than knowledge, are the real forces that form the character of good citizens." This year he feels called to give more prominence to the subject. The organic law of our State recognizes the fundamental value and need of moral and religious instruction, pledging its authority for its protection. The school laws enacted make prominent the same end. They require every person seeking a certificate of qualification to teach in the public schools, to give *satisfactory evidence of good moral character*. Good moral character, in the view of the law, stands first in the qualifications for a teacher. Without that, education and talent, however extended, do not entitle to a certificate for teaching in our public schools. To give one without such evidence is contrary to the law of the State. And this is right; for the welfare of the State, the civil prosperity of the people, depends far more on the fear of God and the righteousness towards men which he requires, than upon the education of the intellect apart from Christian morality. A person addicted to profaneness or licentiousness or indulgence in intoxicating drinks ought never to receive a certificate to teach in the public schools. Scholars found repeatedly to be guilty of lying, swearing and lewd talking may with very good reason be excluded from the privileges of our schools. Their influence is corrupting on others.

A difference of opinion is possible as to the method of teaching morals. In primary schools the only practicable method would seem to be oral teaching and by example or illustration. Children will learn best from seeing right conduct, and feeling its influence. The study of a text book on moral science would scarcely be helpful unless in the higher grades; and even then its utility may be doubtful, for want of the mental maturity necessary to understand it. This view is taken by some experienced educators.

The academic inspector of schools in Marseilles, France, says in a circular to teachers, "Moral instruction should be combined with everything, but insensibly, like those nutritive elements which the scientist finds reappearing in all sorts of food, but which are concealed under the infinite variety of color and form in which nature clothes animals and plants, and which man unwittingly assimilates without a suspicion. Thus moral instruction will enter into the various work of the class, the readings, recitations, dictations, the sto-

ries related by the teacher, the selections drawn from the poets and romances, the familiar and sprightly conversations, the grave reflections of history, the games, the promenades—being everywhere present, in short, without making its presence remarked.”

After saying that the theory should have only the smallest place, he adds, “But our teachers should not forget that the work of giving moral instruction imposes upon them a moral obligation to make their conduct accord with their instruction. Of all lessons the best is the living lesson, the example of the teacher himself.” These views are endorsed by the Hon. John Eaton, Commissioner of Education at Washington.

It may be proper and useful to say something in regard to the schools in the several districts.

DISTRICT NO. 1. The schools in this district have been conducted with better success than last year. Miss Lewis, the teacher of the 1st grade of the Primary schools has developed a singularly happy faculty to awaken and hold the interest of children, and guide their active minds in gaining knowledge. Constant progress has been perceptible through the five terms in which she has had charge of this school.

Miss Ide of the 2nd Primary, a teacher of longer experience, has shown her usual energy and faithfulness in her work, followed by like satisfactory results. It may be said here that no teachers do harder work than successful teachers of Primary schools, or deserve larger compensation.

Miss Walker, in charge of the Intermediate school, entering on her work with no experience in a graded school, has evidently gained power to hold her scholars to thorough work, though some have lagged and fallen out.

Miss Crane of the Grammar school came as a teacher of successful experience in that grade, and has proved herself fully competent. Her teaching was stimulating and thorough, her discipline firm but kind, winning a general respect and regard of the scholars. This school has shown a marked improvement from that of last year.

DISTRICT NO. 2. The first two terms of this school were taught by Miss Marvin. She exhibited interest, tact and energy in her school work, doing well in the main. But at the close of the second term, indications of lack of order were manifest. The winter term was taught by Mr. Davis, a graduate of Meriden Academy. The superintendent is disposed to think, from what he learned from the prudential committee, that the teacher exerted himself to do what he could for the good of the school, and the scholars were thought to learn well. But truth requires it to be said, that when the superin-

tendent visited the school near its close, a very painful disorderliness showed itself, making the appearance of the school quite unsatisfactory; this was attributed to a few large, unruly boys who took that occasion to make what disturbance they could. It is a pleasure to say there are some very good scholars in this school, and it is a great pity that evil minded boys should be permitted to annoy and hinder them.

DISTRICT NO. 3. The three terms of this school were taught by Miss Lord, who also taught the winter term of last year. This is a small school, but has some bright scholars. In former terms the superintendent thought the teacher lacking in energy, failing to wake up the interest of the scholars as she ought. But the last term the school gave evidence of more life and thoroughness on the part of the teacher and of a kindly discipline which gained respect and affection. The appearance of the school at the close was very satisfactory.

DISTRICT NO. 4. Miss Bryant, the teacher for the summer term of this school was educated in Normal methods of teaching, and showed skill in using them. Her work in this school proved their value. Miss Eggleston who taught two terms in one, has had varied experience and showed faithfulness in teaching, and firmness in discipline. The school was not visited at its close because the superintendent had no notice of its closing. But he feels confident that the school was more profitable than last year.

DISTRICT NO. 5. This school was taught two terms by Miss Osgood, a faithful, patient teacher who has proved and improved her qualifications by long practice. Some of the scholars of this school either from lack of application or something else, have not made the progress it would seem they might under the circumstances.

Mr. Houghton, who has taught many terms before, taught the winter term of this school, giving to it his best powers, and not without good results, though falling short of his hopes. It is encouraging that one scholar of this school hopes to enter the High School next year.

DISTRICT NO. 6. This is the smallest school in town, numbering only five scholars in the summer term and nine in the fall term, three of whom were present not more than four weeks out of fifteen. This was Miss Perry's first school. But she brought an aptness and faithfulness to the work which give large promise of success in future, and show her capable of taking charge a larger school.

DISTRICT NO. 7. The summer term of this school taught by Miss Phelps did not accomplish what it ought and might on account of prejudice and misunderstanding, growing out of a family feud and party feeling in the district. Miss M. Blanche Smith in the fall term

was fairly successful. The winter term gave pleasing evidence of thorough teaching and wholesome discipline under the tuition of Miss Luella F. Smith.

DISTRICT NO. 8. Miss Long has taught this school three years at least. The district are fortunate in retaining her services. A long and varied experience has added much to her natural and educational qualifications as a teacher, her moral and religious influence not less than her skill in methods of instructing, increases her worth as a teacher. But she was not a little hindered in her work by two or three unruly boys not controlled at home. If those boys continue their bad courses, the town authorities should see that they are trained in the State Reform School.

DISTRICT NO. 9. The summer term of this school was largely a failure, not from lack of moral and educational qualifications on the part of the teacher, Miss Marsh, but for want of health and energy to govern.

Miss Fanny Roberts in the fall term brought the school well under control and subjected them in a degree to orderly and studious habits—a work worthy of praise. The winter term taught by Mr. Smith, assisted by Miss Marvin in the primary department has shown quite satisfactory work. Mr. Smith is a thorough and laborious teacher and Miss Marvin displays a pleasant, winning skill with the little ones. Severity in the punishment of a little boy the last day left a painful impression of the teacher's lack of self-control.

DISTRICT NO. 10. This school, taught both terms by Miss M. Blanche Smith was pleasant and profitable. Miss Smith's modest and quiet ways united with a fair degree of firmness could not fail to have good influence on the school. Her readiness to receive suggestions for improvement and to profit by them give promise for the future.

DISTRICT NO. 11. The summer and fall terms of this school were taught by Miss Colby and were moderately successful, though not all that could be wished. Some insubordination showed itself on the part of some boys at the close of the summer term, revealing, perhaps, the secret of no better success. A graduate of Dartmouth College, Mr. Rush Chellis, made his first attempt at teaching a public school, in the winter term. He worked faithfully and with fair success, but the old spirit of insubordination on the part of some of the boys showed itself near the close of the term, injuring the usefulness of the school.

DISTRICT NO. 12. Only six scholars received the benefit of Miss Durant's teaching during the summer term of this school. Apparently interested and laborious in her work yet Miss Durant, for some reason, did not quite attain desirable success in this her first effort at teaching.

The winter term, taught by Miss Colby, gave evidence of thorough teaching and well directed discipline.

DISTRICT NO. 13. Miss Christina Smith, teacher of this school, has had experience and shows skill in imparting instruction, but the close of the last term showed a failure in government.

DISTRICT NO. 14. The same teacher, Miss Cross, had charge of this school the three terms. Her experience in Normal methods of teaching was apparent in the good progress of the school from term to term. She acquitted herself well.

DISTRICT NO. 15. The primary department of this school, has been in charge of Miss Upham through the year. She has shown herself well fitted for the position by her growing love for the work and by the firm discipline by which she brought order out of confusion, and at the same time won the regard of children. This promises much for the future if her services can be retained.

The higher department in charge of Miss Jackson for the summer term, has been a difficult school, but under her persistent, kindly discipline, gave signs of improvement. The fall and winter terms taught by Mr. Reardon indicated some progress in the right direction. The great thing needed in this school is the habit of honest, faithful study.

DISTRICT NO. 16. The first two terms of this school taught by Miss Towner attained a moderate success. A larger number of scholars would awaken interest, and arouse to higher mental activity. The superintendent was not seasonably notified of the close of the third term and cannot tell definitely of the progress made, but supposes that Miss Fannie Roberts the teacher, made her power and skill, displayed in other schools, felt for good in this.

DISTRICT NO. 17. The two Primary and Grammar schools of this district were favored with teachers who had two or more years' experience in the same schools. The primary schools were conducted no less skillfully than in former years. Both teachers did a good work, appreciated by scholars and parents.

The Intermediate school suffered some from a change of teachers. The popularity of the teacher who had charge of the school two years before, imposed a difficult task on her successor. Miss Copeland brought interest and energy to her work, which in other circumstances might have won a large success but which was not a little lessened by unfavorable comparison. Yet the school was managed fairly well the two terms which she taught.

Miss Morrill, who taught this school the third term, had already gained a good reputation as a teacher in a like position in this village, and exhibited energy, skill and thoroughness in teaching united with

decision in governing. Yet she was not able to make the machinery run quite smoothly. This may be due in part to the fact that the room was scarcely large enough to accommodate the scholars. The only fact needing to be stated in regard to the Grammar school, taught by Miss Isophene K. Dow, is that she has taught the same school twenty-two terms in succession, and with increasing acceptance. The conduct and scholarship of this school ranked high during the year.

The different school-rooms in this district have been repaired, and beautified and adorned with new maps. The great thing which the district now needs is another grade in the Primary schools, and a room for it. A hundred scholars and more have been connected with the Primary schools, at the same time, the past year, quite enough for a higher grade of the advanced scholars. Such a grading would also relieve the Intermediate school of its excess and enable it to do better work.

DISTRICT NO. 18. Miss Tolles taught the first two terms of this school with alike skill and success as in former years. She gave up her position for one in another State, and Miss Graves took it, for the third term. With good educational qualifications she gave promise of useful work. But for some reason the school failed to be what was hoped. Lack of tact on her part in adapting herself to the scholars or unreasonableness on the part of some parents may have caused the failure. Perhaps there was fault on both parts.

DISTRICT NO. 19. This school, one of the smallest in town has been taught two years by Miss Boucher. By her interest and skill and thoroughness, she has shown herself abundantly competent to teach a much larger school.

The superintendent is glad to know that another effort making to unite the five village districts into one. This is manifestly a step in the right direction both for the advancement of the schools and economy in maintaining them. It is to be hoped that soon the State will establish the town system as it is in Massachusetts.

The superintendent would also call the attention of those wishing to teach the next year, to a law enacted last year, that "Teachers shall be examined in physiology and hygiene, with special reference to the effects of alcoholic drinks and narcotics upon the human system." In accordance with this law it will be incumbent on the superintendent to examine teachers in physiology and hygiene as above indicated and to prescribe a suitable text book.

The foregoing report is respectfully submitted.

M. H. WELLS,
Supt. of Schools.

ROLL OF HONOR.

DISTRICT NO. 1. Grammar School. For one term.—Levi Judkins, Theseus Robbins, Frank Sherman, Louie Hawkes, Lillian Macomber, Earnest Jacques, Thomas Bailey, Minnie Golden. For two terms.—A. Louise Ide, Alger B. Allen, Herbert Webb, Josie Keating, Emily Lewis, Robert Burns, George Hall, Dora Tenney. For three terms.—John Burns, Don Colby, Perley Griffin, George Warner, Emma Kempton, Willie B. Clark, Ollie Lewis, Flora A. Magown.

Intermediate School. For one term.—Ralph P. Abbott, Clara J. Bell, Bessie D. Chase. For two terms.—S. Lulu Clark, John E. Allen, Ethel F. Taylor, Walter Woolley, Mary O. Keating. For three terms.—Georgia A. Baker, Hattie Magown, Amy L. McQuaid.

Second Primary. For one term.—Oscar C. Smith, Frank E. Willey, Jennie Halpin, Delia Leclair, Hattie E. Sternes, Louie A. Whipple, George Ducharme, Horton G. Ide, Alonzo J. F. Lewis, Frederic N. Ellsworth, Mary L. Colman, Kate Cuddehey. For two terms.—Alice G. Tenney, Francis Farnham, Effie M. McQuaid, Charles W. French, James R. Keating. For three terms.—Grace I. Burns, Herbert G. Rowell.

First Primary. For one term.—George Cadieux, Charles Easter, George Snow, Mabel Clark, Francis Ducharme, James Reynolds, Mary Duffany, Nellie Duffany, Alice Farnham.

DISTRICT NO. 2. For one term.—Ralph Bailey, Charles Vadney, Carrie Bailey, Hattie Hart, Julia Vadney. For two terms.—Fred Ayer, Fernando Ayer, Luna Nichols, Bessie Nichols.

DISTRICT NO. 3. For two terms.—Leonard Rossiter. For three terms.—Ola M. Pope, Willie A. Paddock.

DISTRICT NO. 4. For one term.—Minnie A. Conley, Marion E. Pierce. For two terms.—Urbane P. Pierce.

DISTRICT NO. 5. For one term.—David M. Daley, Kate Daley, Lottie Wotton, Susie S. Houghton, Hervey F. Houghton, Elizabeth M. Jones. For two terms.—James Daley, Frank J. Houghton.

DISTRICT NO. 6. For one term.—Alice J. Hart, Gladys E. Hart. For two terms.—Nettie A. Merrill,

DISTRICT NO. 7. For one term.—Florence B. Leet, Hayes U. Stone, Willie C. Dana, Henry R. Towle, Maud Towle, Charles Towle, Earnest Towle, Thomas Penniman, Flora Bell Penniman. For three terms.—Ella G. Leet, Carrie C. Leet, Arthur E. Richardson.

DISTRICT NO. 8. For one term.—Willie H. Putnam, Henry W. Sweeney. For two terms.—Stella E. Putnam.

DISTRICT NO. 9. For one term.—Alice D. Beatson, Kathie C. Beatson, J. Roy Densmore, Sherman D. Snow, Ethania A. Walker, Willie Whitcomb, Frank Wilson, Edward Silsby, Ada M. Stockwell. For two terms.—James Richardson, Willie Richardson, Myrtie Griffith, Nina M. Whitcomb, Henry S. Woolcott, Myra Ruffle. For three terms, Thomas Carroll, Murrie D. Griffith, Minnie S. Griffith, Joseph P. Mann, Hannah Carroll, Vernie Griffith, Fannie F. Wilson.

DISTRICT NO. 10. For one term.—Annie E. Gaffney, Willie D. Granis. For two terms.—Edwin A. Thomas, Mabel S. Thomas, Ada M. Weld.

DISTRICT NO. 11. For one term.—Delia Jerry, Stella M. Cutting, Hattie F. Goodwin, George H. Gamash, Bertie N. Gamash, Oscar E. Bartlett. For two terms.—Bertie M. Jewett, Lilla M. Bartlett, Stephen N. Goodwin, Charlie A. Goodwin.

DISTRICT NO. 12. For one term.—Frank G. Putnam, Annie L. Putnam, Annie M. Dean. For two terms.—Charles A. Evans.

DISTRICT NO. 13. For one term.—Jessie E. Thrasher, Linus S. Thrasher, Clarence E. Bailey, Bertie Bailey.

DISTRICT NO. 14. For one term.—Eva M. Perkins, Allen Messer, Fred W. Messer, Harry Rowell, John C. Freeman, Charlie Willard. For two terms.—James Colburn, John Colburn. For three terms.—Allen Freeman.

DISTRICT NO. 15. Grammar. For one term.—Nealy Connor, Mary Nevers. For two terms.—Charles Nevers, Maggie McLaughlin, Madge Crowley. For three terms.—Lizzie Connor, Annie Crowley. Primary. For one term.—Joseph Shannon, Eddie Cuddehey, Addie Bradbury, Ida Ewing, Aggie Ewing, Kittie McLaughlin, Eddie Stewart, Fred Thibodeaux, Allen Messer, Nina Messer, Mary Paulette. For two terms.—Maggie Egan, Thomas Marcott, Lewie Thibodeaux. For three terms.—Kate Cleary.

DISTRICT NO. 16. For one term.—Minnie L. Ainsworth, Albert H. Ainsworth, Clarence W. Ainsworth, Robert G. Rossiter, George A. Hart. For two terms.—Charles T. Rossiter, Edward J. Rossiter.

DISTRICT NO. 17. Grammar School. For one term.—Mary Whitmore, Anna A. Stowell, Edwin J. Heywood, Henry M. Hurd, Willie F. Jenkins, David McDuff, Lizzie Eveleth, Nathan Fay, Fred Mace, Albert Porter, Bessie Hodgson, Mary A. Bailey, Berdella B. Eastman, Mary E. Putnam, Maud Spaulding. For two terms.—Ella Carey, Alice Hall, Lizzie Hoban, Mabel Stafford, Herbert Eveleth, Vernie Harriman, James Martin, J. Gussie Briggs, Kate Hough, Gertrude Jones, Bertha Leet, Etta Robbins. For three terms.—John

Howe, Sarah Emerson, Agnes Hodgson, Rose F. Jenkins, Nellie Redfield, Harry Sanders.

Intermediate School. For one term.—Addie Starkie, Edward Mc Carthy, Eddie Gleason, Willie Redfield, Lizzie Prouty, Katie Papps, Tina Losson, James Hoban, Fred Currier, Clarence Gilman, John Martin. For two terms.—Mary Watriss, Mary Stowell, Eugenia Eveleth, Jennie Carey, Edith A. Gould, Maud A. Hunter, Fred Perkins, Henry Mace, Gracie Fifield, Nettie Frye, Grace Railey, Estella Grandy, Fred Weed, Cathie Eaton. For three terms.—Hattie Sanders, Minnie Tolles, Royal Hurd, Ernest Houghton, Wilhelmina Stowell.

Pearl Street Primary School. For one term.—George Keyes, Millie Locke, Harry Tilden, Grace Whitmore, George Daley, Perly Dowlin, George Eveleth, Charles Fagan, Willie Fagan, Arthur Gould, Minnie Bradford, Alice Daley. For two terms.—John Carey, George Hoban, Daniel Murphey, Ralph Sanders, Florence Eastman, Willie Hurd, Lilian Dean, Sarah Chamberlain, Agnes Dowd, Lennie O'Neil, Susie Houghton, Fred Eveleth, Rowland O'Neil, Adatelle Moodey. For three terms.—George Hurd, Gertrude Grandy, Bessie White.

Terrace Primary. For one term.—Tina Lossen, Elsie Currier, Henry Levoy, James Miln, Eugene Papps, Clarence Putnam, Willie Wood, Mary Dwyer, Clara Evans, Florence Hunter, Jennie Miln, Flora Noley, Lilian Sholes, Nettie Sholes, George Gould, Bertie Mc Clinton. Willie Noley, Charlie Perry, Mary Bryant, Ella Dwyer, Ida Maley, Allen Bryant, Lilla Briggs, Henry Prudhom, Fred Prudhom, Frank Pike. For two terms.—Flora Belle Noley, Florence Railey, Jennie Strong, Willie Martin, Reggie Papps, Abbie Railey, Lulu Thrasher. For three terms.—Robbie Briggs, Clinton Farwell, Rush Newell.

DISTRICT No. 18. For one term.—Fred Paulette, Ellen B. Nott, Nettie Walker, Jennie E. Walker, Florence M. Blanchard, Bertha M. Fisher, Henry A. Chapman, Cora Densmoor, Orlan P. Fitch. For two terms.—Alice A. Nott, Mary C. Nott. For three terms.—Arthur E. Blanchard, Mabel Tolles.

DISTRICT No. 19. For one term.—Effie Hart, Johnnie Gooche, Clara Gooche, Tracy B. Hart, Frank Aldrich. For two terms.—Carrie J. Hart.

No. of District.	Names of Prudential Committees.	School money.	Tappan Fund.	Department.	Summer, Fall and Winter.	Names of Teachers.	No. of Pupils.	Av. attendance	Length in weeks	No. of Pupils in districts.	Wages per month including board.
1	H. C. Deane, } A. W. Hawkes, }	\$1249.86	\$491.05	Gram. Inter. Primaries.	S	Nellie C. Lewis,	37	27	12	366	\$26.00
					F	"	43	35	12		26.00
					W	"	47	41	12		26.00
					S	Alice B. Ide,	34	29	12		28.00
					F	"	27	25	12		28.00
					W	"	27	25	12		28.00
					S	Addie M. Walker,	26	24	12		30.00
					F	"	25	22	12		30.00
					W	"	26	22	12		30.00
					S	Kate E. Crane,	27	22	12		40.00
					F	"	23	21	12		40.00
					W	"	28	26	11		40.00
2	J. M. C. Ayer,	213.03	57.69	....	S	Mary E. Marvin,	23	16	9	43	20.00
					F	"	22	15	10		23.00
3	Chas. P. Rossiter	152.04	32.20	....	W	Will E. Davis,	27	22	13		28.00
					S	Sara B. Lord,	8	6	8		17.60
					F	"	8	8	11		17.60
					W	"	9	8	11		19.60
4	John Farrington	193.77	49.64	....	S	Rebecca L. Bryant,	11	10	11	7	24.00
					F	Marion L. Eggleston,	19	11	15		27.00
5	F. C. Bailey,	216.24	59.03	....	S	Susie F. Osgood,	16	14	10	1	20.00
					F	"	18	16	10		20.00
6	M. V. B. Merrill,	110.31	14.76	....	W	C. E. Houghton,	16	13	10		30.00
					S	Ada E. Perry,	5	5	10	11	15.00
					F	"	9	6	14		16.00
7	Fred W. Johnson	168.09	38.90	....	S	Ellen F. Phelps,	9	7	10	29	20.00
					F	M. Blanche Smith,	13	13	8		20.00
					W	Luella F. Smith,	15	14	12		20.00
8	Isaac H. Long,	132.78	24.15	....	S	Charlotte B. Long,	9	8	10	18	18.00
					W	"	9	8	17		18.00
9	Joseph Prescott,	341.43	111.35	....	S	V. S. Marsh,	35	30	8	83	18.00
					F	Fannie Roberts,	38	33	11		24.00
					W	W. P. Smith & Mary Marvin,	39	37	12		53.66
10	Lawr'ce Gaffney,	110.31	14.76	....	S	M. Blanche Smith,	10	10	9	11	20.00
					W	"	10	10	12		20.00
11	M. L. Jewett,	187.35	46.96	....	S	Sarah B. Colby,	17	13	10	35	20.00
					F	"	15	14	8		20.00
					W	Rush Chellis,	14	12	10		30.00
12	Albro Q. Evans,	103.89	12.08	....	S	E. Belle Durant,	6	5	8	9	18.00
					W	Sarah B. Colby,	9	8	11		20.00
13	Fred Brown,	139.20	26.83	....	S	C. F. Smith,	13	12	9	20	20.00
					W	"	16	16	13		20.00
14	H. C. Freeman,	110.31	14.76	....	S	Nellie M. Cross,	13	8	8	11	20.00
					F	"	11	9	6		20.00
					W	"	11	9	7		22.00
15	J. Back,	684.90	254.91	Gram. Prim.	S	Stella E. Upham,	52	41	11	190	28.00
					F	"	53	46	11		30.00
					W	"	46	38	11		30.00
					S	Jennie L. Jackson,	33	25	11		34.00
					F	John M. Reardon,	30	24	12		40.00
					W	"	24	21	12		40.00
16	W. E. Ainsworth,	100.58	10.73	....	S	Helen L. Towner,	9	9	8	8	14.00
					F	"	10	9	9		15.00
					W	Fannie Roberts,	9	8	7		16.00
17	C. H. Weed, } E. F. Houghton } H. P. Hunter. }	1265.91	497.75	Gram. Inter. 2 Primaries.	S	Annie H. Dow,	47	42	11	371	26.00
					F	"	40	35	12		26.00
					W	"	37	34	9		26.00
					S	Kate A. Brooks,	58	52	11		26.00
					F	"	61	51	12		26.00
					W	"	63	59	12		26.00
					S	Meda Copeland,	40	36	12		32.00
					F	"	52	47	12		32.00
					W	Annie F. Morrill,	47	43	12		32.00
					S	Isophene K. Dow,	28	27	12		40.00
					F	"	27	27	12		40.00
					W	"	30	29	12		40.00
18	E. C. Fisher,	269.82	56.35	....	S	M. Evelyn Tolles,	19	18	10	42	20.00
					F	"	21	20	11		22.00
					W	Stella M. Graves,	26	18	11		20.00
19	Mrs. M. C. Hart,	133.52	16.10	S	Orinda A. Boucher,	9	7	10	12	24.00
					W	"	7	5	10		24.00

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