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ACCOUNT

OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE

TOWN OF MONT-VERNON,

TOGETHER WITH

THE SCHOOL REPORT

FOR

THE YEAR END

SELECTMEN OF MONT VERNON IN ACCOUNT WITH  
SAID TOWN.

DR—To cash in Treasury Feb. 24, 1868,	\$1,948 19
“ Amount of Taxes assessed,	5,281 76
“ Money borrowed	1,050 00
“ Cash received from M. G. Rotch	15 04
“ “ “ “ Town Farm	30 00
“ “ “ “ Banks	98 12
“ “ “ “ State	283 50
“ “ “ “ Liquor Agent	176 74
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	\$8,883 35

CR.—By cash paid out as follows :

State Tax \$1,412 50 ; County Tax 482 69 ;	\$1,895 19
A. W. Raymond, note, 347 93 ; F. Trow, note, 373 37 ;	721 30
Judith Sargent 109 91 ; R. Smith 150 00 ;	259 91
C. Shipley 400 00 ; J. Trevitt 520 00 ;	920 00
G. G. Batchelder 150 00 ; J. H. Tarbell 217 30 ;	367 30
G. H. Smith 297 22 ;	297 22
Interest on sundry notes	417 34
J. Wright, damage, 10 00 ; L. P. Clark, 5 00 ;	15 00
Andrew Burnham, damage on sheep 5 00 ; A. A. Trow 5 00 ;	10 00
M. G. Rotch, sexton, 30 21 ; watering place 3 00 ;	33 21
Tolling bell 4 76 ; Town Treasurer 18 ;	22 76
Printing Town Reports 12 00 ; Town Clerk 20 00 ;	32 00
Collector 60 00 ; Constable 1867, and 1868, 4 00 ;	64 00
Extra repairs on highway, Dist. 11, 166 ; Dist. 13, 21 00 ;	187 00
District No. 4, 29 20 ; District No. 5, 14 75 ;	43 95
Books, stamps, stationery and blanks	10 80
“ of paupers	97 00
“ 2 50 ; Liquor Agent, 1867, \$30 00 ;	32 50
“ for journeys to Concord and Manchester to make	
“ for L. J. Wallace	10 41
“ purchases of liquor	50 00
“ for services, 1867	20 00
	650
	12 00
	14 75

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15 77  
4 19  
64  
12  
49  
3 29  
7 86—92 72  

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\$5,872 85



Amount brought up . . . . . \$5,872 85

### SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Centre District 250 00 ; South 114 00 ;	364 00
East 80 00 ; North 62 00	142 00
West 49 57 ; Amherst 15 00 ;	64 57
Superintending School Committee and expenses	30 00—600 57
School Tax East District	58 00

### BREAKING ROADS.

District No. 1, 7.75 ; No. 2, 7.25 ; No. 3, 13.05 ; No. 4, 27.29 ; No. 5, 19.50 ; No. 6, 10.28 ; No. 7, 6.10 ; No. 8, 16.28 ; No. 9, 3.47 ; No. 10, 25.66 ; No. 11 — ; No. 12, 11 91 ; No. 13, 41.40 ; No. 14, 13.26 ; No. 15, 7.03 ; No. 16, 14 50 ; No. 17, 27.62 ;	257 35
Non-Resident Highway Receipts	55 39

### SELECTMEN'S SERVICES.

J. Trevitt 59 00 ; H. H. Trow 49 00 ; C. J. Smith 52 00 ;	160 00
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### NOTES AGAINST THE TOWN.

Wm. Bruce 1038 17 ; P. Smith 1273 00 ; E. Upton 124 15 ; Literary Fund 150 70 ; L. Smith 493 00 ; A. W. Bragg 1,209 00 ; J. Smith 410 76 ; A. Whittemore 491 38 ; T. Baldwin 84 27 ; A. A. Gerrish 109 32 ; E. Batchelder 1,200 00 ; P. Batchelder 212 00 ; H. E. Kittredge 105 00 ; C. Green 472 50 ; N. Harwood 968 60 ; J. Perkins 307 70 ; C. Kendall 1,140 00 ; J. Underwood 130 34 ; H. Clark 443 13 ; W. O. Lamson 636 00 ; Appleton Academy 167 20 ; A. Upton 300 00 ; G. G. Batchelder 55 00 ; J. F. Crosby 227 50 ; R. D. Upton 198 28 ; A. Wilkins 610 00 ; C. Shipley 138 21 ; W. G. Bruce 476 40 ; S. Jones 324 36 ; E. Heald 522 50 ; B. Crosby 561 00 ; B. Trow 233 50.	
Total—	14,313 52

Whole amount of claims against the Town	\$21,817 68
Amount of Dr. from second page	8,883 35

Leaving a balance against the Town	\$12,934 33
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NOTE.—Four notes amounting to \$636 50 having been accidentally omitted from the report of last year accounts for the *apparent* small decrease of the Town Debt from last year.

Respectfully submitted—

JOHN TREVITT,	} Selectmen of Mont Vernon.
HENRY H. TROW,	
CHARLES J. SMITH,	

The Auditors notice that a different mode of stating the Town Debt at the close of the Selectmen's Report, from that of former years has been adopted. For a series of years an incorrect mode of presenting the indebtedness of the Town has prevailed, for instance, in 1867 the indebtedness of the Town was stated as, \$13,-

715 07 while the real balance was \$14,811 08 with some notes against the Town not included. In the Report of 1868 it was stated as \$12,099 48 while the real debt was \$14,047 67 liable to be increased by notes omitted as stated above. The present Report states our Debt as \$12,934 33 which if it embraces all notes against the Town shows a considerable reduction of the debt.

FEBRUARY 24, 1869.—We have this day examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

GEORGE E. DEAN, }  
A. TRAVIS, } AUDITORS.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer of the Town of Mont Vernon submits the following Report :

DR.—To cash in the Treasury March 1868	1,009 30
Note for uncollected taxes for 1866	13 00
“ “ “ 1867	938 89
Literary Fund Note	150 00
Received from J. Kidder, Agent, selling liquor last year	176 74
Money Borrowed	1,050 00
“ Received from Souhegan Bank	32 63
“ “ “ Francestown “	65 49
“ “ “ the State	283 50
Rec'd of M. G. Rotch for lots sold in cemetery	15 04
“ of Overseer Poor for rent of Town Farm	30 00
“ of Collector for 1868	4,631 76
Note for uncollected Taxes 1868	650 00
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	\$9,047 05
CR.—By paying the following :	
State Tax	1,412 50
County Tax	482 69
Literary Fund Note	150 70
Gardner H. Smith, note and interst,	297 22
Note for uncollected taxes for 1867	163 89
“ “ “ 1868	650 00
103 orders of the Selectmen	4,805 60
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	\$7,962 60

Whole amount of Receipts,	\$9,047 05
“ “ “ Bills Paid,	7,962 60

Balance in Treasury,	\$1,084 45
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All of which is respectfully submitted—

D. R. BAKER, TOWN TREASURER.

FEB. 24, 1869.—We have this day examined the Treasurer's Report and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

GEORGE E. DEAN, }  
A. TRAVIS, } AUDITORS.



## REPORT OF THE OVERSEER OF THE POOR,

From Feb. 21, 1868, to Feb. 21, 1869.

DR.—To cash received as follows :

From County	90 30
Rent of Town Farm	128 70
From sale of old clock, lead and iron	3 59
“ “ “ Chestnut Logs	28 00
“ Town Treasurer	67 00—317 50

CR.—By cash paid out as follows :

J. Knights for shingles and boards	14 00
H. Powers “ iron sink and pipe	4 80
C. L. Wilkins whitewashing	5 00
M. G. Rotch repairing pump	50
C. E. Hopkins and J. Trevitt shingling shed	4 87
N. D. Foster & Co., lead pipe and faucetts	4 50
S. B. Melendy repairing aqueduct	2 50
Nails and lime \$1 78 ; grass seed \$1 80	3 66
Cutting timber and teaming logs and shingles	14 40
Clothing for Levi Averill	12 74
1 pr. boots “ “ \$5 ; Repairing shoes \$1 25	6 25
1 pr. shoes for Miss Stearns \$2 30 ; 1 pr. shoes for S. Holt \$1 75	4 05
Insurance on Farm buildings \$1,500 for 5 years	19 75
For board & clothing of Lucy J. Wallace at Insane Asylum from Feb. 1, 1868 to Feb. 1, 1869, at 1.75	91 00
Express on money sent quarterly	85
Board of Sally Holt from Feb. 20, '68 to Feb. 20, '69	31 04
Board of L. Averill from Feb. 20, '68 to Feb. 20, '69	63 56
S. Bunton medical attendance on Sally Holt	8 50
Overseers services	19 00
Board of transient paupers	6 53—317 50
Rent due from J. D. Brown	21 30
Due from county	4 50—25 80

There are 3 paupers in charge of the Town : Levi Averill, Lucy J. Wallace (Insane) and Sally Holt (County pauper).

Respectfully submitted—

JOHN TREVITT, OVERSEER OF POOR.

FEBRUARY 24, 1869.—We have examined the above account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

GEORGE E. DEAN, }  
A. TRAVIS, } AUDITORS.

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

I am gratified to be able to report that the schools in this town during the past year, without exception, have been successful. None have failed to meet the reasonable expectations of those interested. I have recognized different *grades* of *merit* among teachers. While some of the schools have been more profitable than others, valuable results have been secured in all. Too frequently is occasion furnished by parents, to censure their ill-judged interference with the discipline of our schools. I am happy to state, that in all our schools, the relation of teacher and parents have been harmonious during the year under review.

Obedient to the spirit of the age, our State legislation tends to more liberal appropriations for Common Schools. In 1867 the law of N. H. was so changed as to require each town to assess \$250 instead of \$200 for the support of schools, for every dollar of State tax apportioned to such town. Consequently in 1863, the Selectmen, in compliance with the statute assessed about 12 per cent. in excess of the \$500 voted by the town at our last annual meeting. In this view, it behooves all concerned to see that the means drawn from a heavily taxed public for educational purposes, be faithfully and judiciously applied. Secure it from waste by selecting the proper persons to direct its expenditure. The office of Prudential Committee is a very important trust and it should not be allowed to go begging for an incumbent, as at least in one of our districts, it often does. Large tax-payers, who are parents, seek to avoid it. This is all wrong. A *live* man should be chosen and he should cheerfully accept, and devote the time and attention which the efficient performance of its duties requires, and if he be a good citizen he will find his reward in the consciousness that he has promoted an interest which is to the vital welfare of the community. *Parental interest* is a powerful stimulant.—The Registers show that our schools have been visited by parents to some extent, but an improvement in this respect would be desirable. In some of the districts not one-half the parents have entered the school room during the year. I regard this as a neglect of *duty*, and it will be universally so regarded whenever a community has attained to the *right* estimate of its relations to the public school.

Following the precedent of previous Reports I proceed to notice the schools separately :

CENTRE DISTRICT.—Summer, Fall and Winter terms were taught by Mrs. Clark Campbell. This school was under Mrs. C.'s instruction in 1859,—60, and '63. In two of these former years of her service, your present Committee had supervision of our schools. After an interval of six years, I perceive no



abatement of her excellence in this capacity. The same persistent energy, the same unsparing industry, which then won my approval are still conspicuous. In rendering my report in 1861, I said that, "The instruction has been most thorough, the recitation most accurate, the precision and system has been remarkable, and the uniform and lively interest of the children in their various exercises has rendered my visits occasions of unalloyed pleasure." This I would repeat as justly applicable here. Your Committee of last year remarked of the teacher who so admirably conducted this school through 1867, "She was mistress of the school-room; competent to teach and to govern. \* \* Her equals are few, her superiors none." The same high praise I accord to the labors of Mrs. Campbell. Certain I am that, in the elements that constitute a *valuable* teacher, she is very rarely surpassed. Where the *progress* in all branches has been so satisfactory, were I to particularize any for special mention it would be in those of writing and reading, in both of which a degree of improvement not often seen in schools of this grade, was made. The Academy being closed, lads of larger growth than have of late years been pupils here, attended the Winter Term. Their quiet and scholarly behavior in the school-room, and their manly bearing without, should not be forgotten. The same deportment characterizing their future career will not fail to ensure for them public respect and favor. The seats in the school-room of this District are neither commodious or comfortable for the scholars. I suggest that in future repairs of the building a "reconstruction" of these should be next in order.

**SOUTH DISTRICT.** — Miss Esther Tuten taught the Summer Term. Miss T. is a lady of excellent scholarship and accomplished manners, qualifications for a successful teacher, and she kept a good school, acceptable, I believe, to the district. The attendance towards the close, somewhat diminished, but I could not learn that this was due to any deficiency in the teacher.

Mr. David A. Stiles was employed for the Winter Term. Mr. S. is a young teacher, but of ample promise of usefulness in this vocation — He has good scholarship, a high moral tone and an earnest purpose to succeed. He is a *working* teacher, painstaking, and faithful. Good order was maintained and the school kept at work. The proficiency made was marked, especially in Arithmetic. This was taught in the best manner, drilling, and illustrating every point in the lesson until the scholar could explain with a readiness and clearness of statement that indicated a thorough knowledge of the subject. There was no mere surface work. The advance made under such instruction the pupil will hold secure.

**EAST DISTRICT.** — Summer Term Miss Mary L. Kelso teacher. Miss K. is young with but slight experience in teaching. She had fair qualifications for her work. She was mild in manner, gentle and patient with her young charge and some progress was made during her brief term of six weeks.

Miss Sara E. Richardson taught the Winter Term. A young teacher with about the same previous experience as Miss Kelso. I found at my opening visit that the number of scholars had doubled from the

summer term, and included those considerably advanced in study.—The teacher exhibited a self possession in her school and an ability to govern which assured me of her success. On my subsequent visit I was pleased with the superior condition of the school, all was quiet and orderly, and evidence abounded of lively interest, and good progress.—There was a group of eight boys in this school whose average ages were 16 1-2 years. Their good conduct merits recognition. The language used in speaking of a similar class in the Centre school is equally applicable here. Several attended to Book-keeping, a branch of the widest practical utility. Their books were kept with a regularity and exactness, and in a style of penmanship very creditable.

**NORTH DISTRICT.**—Miss Lizzie C. Kendall was employed for the Summer Term. Miss K. is a veteran teacher, and her reputation as a good one is well established wherever she has taught. She found here a good district and a good school, and her value was fully appreciated. Miss Kendall having a previous engagement elsewhere, the Committee was fortunate in being able to secure the services of Miss Sarah L. Cochrane for the Winter Term. Miss C. is also a teacher of much experience, having in past years taught here most acceptably for many terms. I can do no better than to quote from the "Teacher's Remarks" submitted by Miss C., the language of which I most fully endorse, as discriminating and true to the letter: "For the scholars much may be said by way of commendation. Their untiring application, and scholarly deportment—eschewing that rudeness so often manifested by pupils in our common schools—with an apparently studied desire to aid and please their teacher, are traits to commend them to any instructor of youth. But much as may be said in favor of the pupils, as much or more may be said with equal justice of the parents.—Ever willing and anxious to second if not suggest all movements tending to the advancement and good of their children, ready with words of sympathy and encouragement for the teacher, it is no wonder that among them school-teaching is robbed of its IMAGINARY, or alas, too frequently, REAL trials, or that they should feel a degree of justifiable pride in the advanced position, both mentally and morally, of the scholars in District No. 4."

**WEST DISTRICT.**—Summer and Fall Terms were taught by Miss Lena M. Wilkins. This was the teacher's first school, and she acquitted herself so satisfactorily that she was retained for the Fall term. She is a young lady of high moral rectitude, a good scholar, and I was impressed by her quiet dignity of manner. The condition of her school at the close of each term denoted good discipline and good instruction.

#### STATISTICS.

District.	Length of Schools.	Wages*	Tot'l at.	Aver.
Centre District	Summer Term 11 weeks	24 00	40	30
	Fall " 11 "	24 00	43	35
	Winter " 12 "	28 00	35	30
South District	Summer " 10 "	12 00	17	11
	Winter " 10 "	25 00	16	13
East District	Summer " 6 "	17 00	11	10
	Winter " 9 "	21 00	17	17
North District	Summer " 10 "	10 00	20	17
	Winter " 12 "	16 00	21	18
West District	Summer " 8 "	13 00	10	9
	Fall " 7 "	13 00	7	6

\*Including board.

Amount of money raised by the town, \$565.00. Centre District, \$250.00; South, \$114.00; East, \$80.00; North, \$62.00; West, \$49.57; Amherst, \$15.00.

C. J. SMITH, SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COM.