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ANNUAL
FINANCIAL REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN
OF THE
TOWN OF BARNSTEAD,
For the Year Ending March 1, 1881.
WITH THE
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The taxes assessed for the year are as follows :

State tax.....	\$1,216 00
County tax.....	1,900 92
School tax.....	1,200 00
Town tax.....	4,502 46
Tax on dogs.....	64 00
School-house tax, District No. 1.....	30 91
	\$8,914 29

Selectmen in account with the Town of Barnstead, Dr.

To cash received from the County of Belknap.....	\$51 81
Literary fund.....	97 31
Savings Bank tax.....	812 75
Cash hired.....	500 00
Bonds sold.....	3,022 56
	\$4,484 43

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By cash paid George W. Emerson, Town Treasurer,
as per receipts..... \$4,484 43

RECEIPTS.

GEO. W. EMERSON, TOWN TREASURER, Dr.

To amount in Treasury, March 1, 1880.....	\$906 24
To cash received of Collector, interest.....	12 60
From Collector's list of 1880.....	8,839 64
From Selectmen.....	4,484 43
	\$14,242 91

EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR 1880.

Damage done by Dogs.

Paid Joseph F. Kaime.....	\$6 00
Thomas S. Straw.....	4 00
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	\$10 00

Support of Poor.

Paid George W. Huse, aid to Geo. F. Burroughs...	\$6 54
Dr. G. H. Hawley, doctoring Burroughs' family	21 00
John F. Chesley, aid to Mrs. Randall.....	1 77
Mrs. E. Burroughs, aid G. F. Burroughs' family	9 50
Geo. F. Blake, casket for Burroughs child.....	7 00
John T. Pitman, aid to Samuel Penneveyre...	6 00
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	\$51 81

Repairs on Bridges.

Paid Daniel Chesley, labor and lumber.....	\$8 16
Jonathan Pickering, bridge plank.....	4 02
Chas. H. Pickering, labor and lumber.....	3 50
James K. Stevens, labor.....	2 92
Chas. H. Reynolds, labor.....	4 80
David B. Davis, labor and lumber.....	7 68
Chas. W. Foster, " "	6 25
Martin V. B. Nutter, labor	15 96
Isaac H. Clark, labor and money paid out.....	6 90
William H. Shackford, labor	2 50
Albert Downs, bridge plank	21 67
T. K. Proctor, "	1 94
Oscar Foss, labor and lumber.....	23 44
John T. Pitman, "	1 50
Ezekiel Babb, bridge plank.....	3 25
Eben Hanson, labor.....	1 50
Chas. S. George, 330 ft. bridge plank.....	2 64
David E. Avery, labor and lumber	4 10
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	\$122 73

Notes and Interest.

Paid Ellen H. Colbath, note and interest.....	\$82 41
A. Johnson, "	1,014 89
John Pendergast, "	131 12
Geo. H. & J. N. Colbath, "	946 46
John Tasker, "	506 77
Addie S. Walker, "	523 49
Jane Pickering, "	104 08
Martin V. B. Nutter, "	308 67
Mary Foss, "	51 75
John B. Garland, notes and interest.....	395 16
Geo. F. Nutter, "	125 23
Sophonria Tasker, note and interest.....	29 40
Joel Clark, "	103 66
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	\$4,323 09

Miscellaneous.

Paid S. B. Knowles, providing watering-trough, 1879-80	\$4 00
John Haywood, breaking roads, years 1878 & 79	20 00
D. T. Neal, printing Town and School Report.	27 50
H. O. Huntress, damage on carriage, 1879....	4 00
Dr. O. F. Ham, return of births and deaths...	3 25
Julius Gardner, labor on road	12 90
John D. Hill, labor breaking road, 1878 & '9..	1 68
John B. Garland, abatement on money taxed..	7 07
Chas. E. Edgerly, labor on road.....	12 77
Moses J. Canney, "	5 00
Morrill & Silsby, books and stationery	15 18
John Pendergast, proportion Parsonage fund at Centre, year 1879.....	8 64
Dr. John Wheeler, return of births and deaths.	1 75
John L. Nutter, abt. on money taxed.....	17 01
John Pendergast, labor on road.....	19
N. S. Nutter, proportion Parsonage fund, years 1879 & '80, Parade.....	17 28
Chas. C. Nutter, labor drawing stone.....	2 50
Melvin E. Babb, table and guide-boards	10 00
William S. Nutter, damage on plow.....	2 00
Geo. Chesley's heirs, abatement	3 00
Oscar S. Aiken, labor on road.....	5 17
R. C. Palmer, labor and materials for railing ..	7 70

Paid Jacob Aiken, providing watering-trough	2 00
William H. Pierce, abatement	5 00
Preston P. Caswell, "	8 65
Herbert Glidden, "	6 80
M. V. B. Nutter, labor on road	13 09
Wm. P. Nutter, abatement, cow lost	42
Eli H. Foss, damage on plow	4 00
Albert Downs, labor on road	5 36
Albert Downs, abt. Jesse Downs' poll-tax	1 70
F. O. M. Tibbetts, providing watering-trough	2 00
Addie S. Walker, abt. on money taxed	8 50
Chas. W. Foster, abatement	5 10
Chas. W. Foster, abt. on cow lost	50
John L. Piper, providing watering-trough	2 00
John L. Piper, labor on road	2 50
Chas. Worcester, labor on road	6 21
Chas. Worcester, abt. on horse lost	60
John G. Stearns, abt. poll-tax	1 70
N. Aiken, labor on road	5 45
Abram Bunker, labor on road	3 43
Seth Shackford, labor on road	5 16
Daniel Bickford's heirs, abt.	3 40
Geo. F. Saunders, putting up guide-post	50
John T. Pitman, labor on road	3 50
James C. Locke, providing watering-trough	2 00
C. W. Blanchard, expenses and printing check-lists	9 75
Chas. F. Emerson, labor on road	4 95
Hanson H. Young, labor on road	6 75
Salome Chesley, abatement	2 55
John S. Rand, "	8 50
Levi F. French, mistake on poll-tax	1 70
S. H. Clark, abt. poll-tax paid in Lynn	1 70
Geo. A. Hall, providing watering-trough	2 00
H. R. Wentworth, abt., paid in Dover	1 36
Amos G. Hill, labor on road	1 87
Samuel Webster's heirs, lumber	3 50
H. N. Colbath, proportion Parsonage fund, North	8 64
O. W. Evans, providing watering-trough	2 00
N. C. Huntress' heirs, abt.	4 00
John S. Aiken, abt.	3 40
William A. Jenkins, abt.	10 00
Hiram Rand, abt. on horse lost	85

Paid Mary C. Nutter, abt.	5 00
Miranda Parsons, abt.	5 00
Geo. W. Nutter, for books,	1 89
Wm. S. Nutter, providing watering-trough....	2 00
David E. Lougee, abt.....	10 00
A. J. Wentworth, labor on road	5 55
J. Q. Adams, mistake on poll-tax.....	1 70
T. J. Dudley, abt. poll-tax paid in Alton	1 70
Isaac Tuttle, abt.	1 00
John M. Young, abt.	3 00
Mary E. Jacobs, abt.	1 70
Plummer O. Berry, abt. horse lost	85
Daniel E. Tuttle, providing watering-trough ..	2 00
William Tuttle, abt.	4 00
Ira L. Berry, team and money paid out of town	15 50
Ira L. Berry, taking affidavits and stationery..	4 75
Peter P. Ackerman, for one cord wood	3 75
David E. Avery, labor on road.....	8 90
William C. Berry, damage on plow.....	1 00
Geo. W. Emerson, over tax.....	1 50
Eliza Moore, abt. on tax	3 00
John Q. Crosby, labor on road	1 90
James Nutter, mistake on poll-tax.....	1 70
Jacob W. Evans, providing watering-trough...	2 00
John George, books furnished Smith children..	1 80
Chas. Thompson, damage on carriage	5 00
Geo. M. Wentworth, labor on road	3 45
Abbie Hill, abt.....	1 77
Joel Clark, money paid out	11 91
John Tasker, labor on road	3 08
James C. Ham, over-tax	3 00

 \$481 08

The abatements on Joel Clark's list of 1880, amounting to \$44 75, were made to him on the Selectmen's books on settlement.

Interest on Town Bonds.

Paid Mary Foss ... \$40 00	Paid Nancy T. Chesley.. \$4 00
J. W. Ayers ... 132 00	Abigail Bickford ... 4 00
D. L. McDuffee 40 00	Wm. E. Jenkins ... 6 00
D. E. Lougee .. 22 00	John B. Garland... 36 00
J. Downs' heirs. 160 00	Eliza Canney..... 31 00

Paid E. A. Glidden..	64 00	Paid Wm. O. Carr.....	25 00
Cong. Soc. Parade	15 00	Herbert A. Garland	2 00
Ellen H. Colbath	20 00	Ellen A. Ham.....	15 00
Sarah Whittier .	32 00	Geo. E. Greenleaf .	5 00
Sarah P. Garland	30 00	Mary A. Haskell ..	1 00
Lizzie E. Garland	1 00	Jacob W. Evans...	12 00
Abbie D. Clark.	17 00	John D. Clark.....	8 00
C. H. Sanborn .	80 00	Paul J. Canney....	4 00
Helen M. Drew.	16 00	Clarissa Carr.....	12 00
Henry Chesley .	36 00	Moses H. Rand....	40 00
Mary Hodgdon .	10 00	Sarah O. Nutter ...	1 00
Fred Dow	10 00	T. W. Hatch.....	17 00
Addie S. Walker	16 00	Mary A. Sanborn..	40 00
Ezekiel Clark ..	22 00	Betsey Hoitt	3 00
Susan A. Dore .	16 00	John Hobbs.....	20 00
Samuel Ham ...	19 00	Seth Shackford	2 00
C. Chesley's heirs	16 00	First Cong. Soc....	8 00

\$1,110 00

Schools.

Paid District No. 1, Chas. L. Thomas, agent	\$99 26
“ 2, John Dow, “	90 17
“ 3, John L. Piper “	122 30
“ 4, David L. Aiken, “	78 20
“ 5, Hannah A. Brown, “	106 47
“ 7, Melvin E. Babb, “	82 45
“ 8, Lewis Clark, “	61 02
“ 9, Chas. W. Foster, “	124 45
“ 10, Geo. H. Hawley, “	119 30
“ 11, Chas. F. Emerson, “	81 76
“ 12, John H. Young, “	129 03
“ 13, O. A. Dennett, “	95 57
“ 14, Frank S. Jenkins, “	134 55
“ 15, Julius Gardner, “	94 77
“ 16, Jacob W. Evans, “	87 15

\$1,506 45

State and County Taxes.

Paid State tax.....	\$1,216 00
County tax	1,900 92

\$3,116 92

School-house Taxes.

Paid Lyman H. Jenkins, bal. Dist. No. 12, year 1879,	\$6 50
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Officers' Salaries.

Paid H. G. Willey, services as Auditor	\$2 50
James Bodge, " "	2 50
John Dow, Supervisor and Selectman <i>pro tem</i> ..	13 50
Cyrus W. Blanchard, Supervisor	10 50
Chas. F. Jenkins, "	12 00
Geo. W. Nutter, services as S. S. Committee ..	40 00
Albert F. Shackford, " Town Clerk	35 00
Geo. W. Emerson, 2d, " Town Treasurer ...	30 00
Joel Clark, " Collector	135 00
Ira L. Berry, " Selectman	85 00
Isaac H. Clark, " "	46 00
Albion P. Nutter, " "	45 00
	\$457 00

SUMMARY.

Paid for damage done by dogs	\$10 00
Support of poor	51 81
Repairs on bridges	122 73
State and County taxes	3,116 92
School-house taxes	6 50
Notes and interest	4,323 09
Schools	1,506 45
Miscellaneous	481 08
Officers' salaries	457 00
Interest on bonds	1,110 00
	\$11,185 58

Cash in Treasury	\$3,057 33
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\$14,242 91

TOWN OF BARNSTEAD,

Dr.

To amount of notes outstanding against the Town,	
March 1st, 1881	\$4,423 36
To amount of bonds	30,410 75
	\$34,834 11

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By notes in favor of Town	\$262 18
In Treasury.....	3,057 33
Balance of indebtedness.....	31,514 60
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	\$34,834 11

Respectfully submitted,

IRA L. BERRY,
ISAAC H. CLARK,
ALBION B. NUTTER,

Selectmen of Barnstead.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and of the Treasurer, and find them satisfactorily correct.

JAMES BODGE,
HORATIO G. WILLEY, } *Auditors.*

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

In submitting my report of the schools of Barnstead, as required by law, I shall take the liberty to depart from the ancient custom of giving a biographical sketch of each teacher, and shall call your attention to some of the defects of the schools during the past year, that you may remedy them in the future.

The appropriation made last March for the support of schools was \$1,200; School fund, \$138; Literary fund, \$105 45; Dog tax, \$63. Total, \$1,506 45. It was apportioned as follows:

District No. 1, . . . \$99 26	District No. 9, . . . \$124 45
“ 2, . . . 90 17	“ 10, . . . 119 30
“ 3, . . . 122 30	“ 11, . . . 81 76
“ 4, . . . 78 20	“ 12, . . . 129 03
“ 5, . . . 106 47	“ 13, . . . 95 57
“ 6, abolished.	“ 14, . . . 134 55
“ 7, . . . 82 45	“ 15, . . . 94 77
“ 8, . . . 61 02	“ 26, . . . 87 15

During the past year there have been 29 terms of school with an average length of 9 2-5 weeks. Three schools have been in charge of 21 teachers: 7 male and 14 female. Average wages of male teachers per month, \$25 80. Average wages of female teachers per month, \$20 31. I find enrolled on the registers the names of 268 pupils, being an increase of 5 over the number returned last year. The progress of the schools, during the school year just past, has been all that could be reasonably expected, though not as great as could be desired. This is partly due to the fact that some of the terms have been but six or eight weeks in length. In this short time the teacher and scholars just got fully acquainted and the school gets under good headway when it stops. Another thing that keeps the schools back is the frequent change of teachers. This is a thing very much to be deplored. When you get a good teacher, make it an object for her to stay. A good teacher is cheap at any price, and a poor one dear at any price.

In two or three of the schools there has not been that degree of improvement that I wished and expected to see. This lack of improvement was chiefly due to lack of discipline. Good discipline we must have if we wish to be successful. With it we may accomplish much; without it, but very little.

Any outside interference with the school is in my opinion highly detrimental. If your children complain of the doings of the teacher, be sure to hear both sides of the question before blaming any one. Do not sneer at, or make light of, any rule the teacher may make, for if you teach your child to disregard *one* of the rules he will soon disregard them *all*, and not only do this but lead others to do the same.

The rules relating to attendance and punctuality should receive the careful attention of all parents and guardians; remember "The child is father of the man." We consider promptness and punctuality in business transactions, virtue in any man, and if you wish your boys to become such men you must start them in the right direction. When a child attends school he should be there at the opening of the school, and should be taught that it is a misdemeanor not to be.

The pupil who is habitually irregular in attendance not only injures himself but also the whole class with which he is associated, by retarding its progress; and if he is separated from it, it will generally increase the number of classes. A faithful teacher can do considerable to remedy this irregular attendance, but the greater part must be done at home by the parents.

You cannot afford to let your children lose half of what little schooling there is, as some of you do. There is but a short time in which your children can attend school, and in that short time much is to be done.

Scholars, your future prosperity or adversity depends in a great measure on how you spend your school-days; the habits now formed will cling to you through life. Improve what few advantages you have, and all will be well.

Now a few words to the voters of the town. Do not be niggardly in your School Appropriations; instead of cutting it down as you did last year, raise it from what it was before. When there is but ten weeks of school in a year, something is wrong.

Some may say "The schools are long enough now." This is true of some schools, but a good school is never too long. With more money we can hire better teachers and with better teachers we shall have better schools. Remember what is invested in this way is well invested and will yield a good income in some way or other. In your

School Meetings elect some one who will have the necessary courage to go outside of their line of relatives to secure a good teacher if necessary.

TABLE.

No. of District.	No. of Term.	Names of Teachers.	No. of weeks of School.	No. of Scholars.	Average daily attend'ce.	Amt. of money per scholar for the year.	Wages of Teacher, per month,	Reading,	Spelling,	Arithmetic,	Geography,	Grammar,	Different scholars 2 w'ks,
1	I.	Emma A. Rogers	7	17	15.3		\$18.00	15	16	13	4	6	
	II.	John George	10	19	17	\$3.97	30.00	18	19	15	4	8	25
2	I.	Hattie M. Dow	8	9	7		15.00	9	9	7	4	3	
	II.	Levi Clark	11	11	9.1	6.93	24.00	11	11	11	3	3	13
3	I.	Lucy A. Berry	12	6	4.8		20.00	6	6	6	3	4	
	II.	Lucy A. Berry	101-2	6	4.2	15.28	22.00	6	6	6	2	5	8
4	I.	Myra E. Berry	8	8	6.8		18.00	8	8	6	3	4	
	II.	Myra E. Berry	9	7	5.9	9.77	18.00	7	7	5	2	3	8
5	I.	George W. Nuttér	7	13	10.2		20.00	13	13	10	6	2	
	II.	Eunice S. Grace	16	13	10.9	6.65	17.00	13	13	12	8	4	16
7	I.	Henry E. Drake	122-5	13	11	6.34	27.00	13	13	12	9	7	13
8	I.	Levi Clark	10	3	3	20.50	24.00	3	3	2	0	0	3
9	I.	H. Ida Nutter	6	27	24.8		18.66	27	27	18	4	6	
	II.	George W. Nutter	14	31	26	4.01	28.00	30	30	20	5	10	31
10	I.	George W. Nutter	131-5	42	34		25.00	41	41	22	6	5	
	II.	Eddie Ederly	84-5	31	28.8	2.84	25.00	31	31	20	8	4	42
11	I.	Aura L. Emerson	8	8	7.6		14.00	8	8	6	4	3	
	II.	Mary E. Holmes	12	9	8.4	9.08	18.00	9	9	7	5	4	9
12	I.	Fannie A. Ham	8	19	16.5			19	19	13	3	6	
	II.	Solomon W. Young	121-5	21	16	5.37	28.00	21	21	15	5	9	24
13	I.	Nora M. Knowlton	8	9	8		19.00	9	9	6	3	1	
	II.	Nora M. Knowlton	11	11	10	8.68	20.00	11	11	8	5	3	11
14	I.	Alma E. Seavey	7	28	23.5		26.00	28	28	20	9	10	
	II.	Alma E. Seavey	7	33	27.2		26.00	33	33	21	8	10	
	III.	Alma E. Seavey	10	36	28.8	3.74	30.00	36	36	24	10	11	36
15	I.	Jennie B. Hanson	6	12	11.4		24.00	12	12	10	6	6	
	II.	Sarah E. Clarke	8	11	9.7	7.90	26.00	11	11	10	7	6	12
16	I.	Ada E. Emerson.	7	13	12.4		16.00	13	12	8	5	3	
	II.	George B. Emerson	91-2	17	15.6	5.13	27.00	17	15	13	7	4	17

GEORGE W. NUTTER,

Superintendent of Schools.

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