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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TREASURER

OF THE TOWN OF

WOLFEBOROUGH,

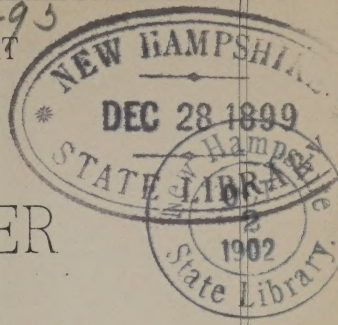
Together with the report of the

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1, 1881.

WOLFEBORO',
F. W. PRINDALL, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER.
1881.



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TREASURER

CHAS. F. PARKER, Treasurer, in acco

FOR THE YEAR, END

Receipts

TO AMOUNT RECEIVED

From Treasurer of 1879	6,810 09
“ Town Bonds Sold,	45,800
“ Wolf boro' Savings Bank	627 65
“ Interest on same	50 16
“ Savings Bank Tax	460 07
“ Railroad Tax	43 52
“ Insurance Tax	2 25
“ Literary Fund	167 98
“ Geo. F. Horn, license on Bil [iards and Bowling	22 50
“ L. T. Haley's Tax List 1878	1,112 05
“ L. T. Haley, interest on same	35
“ Geo. W. Bassett, Tax list 1879	1,360 28
“ “ “ int., on same	12
“ Carroll County Poor Bills	1,557 33
“ Am't of Resident Tax	17,527 59
“ “ of Non-Resident Tax	2,589 25
“ H. W. Furber, on note	800
“ “ “ int., on same	4
“ Sale of Maleham Cow	28
“ Miriam Bickford for support in '79	15
“ Town of Rochester, for Dudley [Pike	29 25
“ R. W. Hill, Maleham pasture '79	8
“ H. Willand for J. Brown,	6 87
“ J. H. Wiggin, Kimball pasture	28
“ G. W. Brown, Maleham past'r '80	5
“ J. C. Beacham, “ hay	9
“ Interest on Orne note	2 62
“ L. T. Haley, Tax List 1875,	65
“ L. T. Haley, Tax List 1874,	54 35

\$ 79,232 81

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MARCH 1st. 1881.

Expenditures.

Paid	State Tax	2,572
"	County Tax	3,771 26
"	Notes of the Town	52,258 73
"	Interest on same	3,934 21
"	Interest on Town Bonds	1,730 58
"	School Districts	2,672 15
"	School house taxes	590
"	County Poor Bills	1,438 36
"	Town Poor Bills	409 68
"	Fire Companies	656
"	Summer Highway Bills	463 99
"	Non-Resident " "	229 82
"	Winter highway bills	584 02
"	Lumber for Bridges	262 52
"	Expenses of Town Officers	987
"	Miscellaneous	255 17
"	Abatements	510 55
"	Religious Societies	68 39
"	Public water	19
"	Dog damage	31 50
	Balance on G. W. Bassett's	
	[List for '80	1,679 44

BALANCE CASH in Treas. hands 4,108 44

\$ 79,232 81

CHAS. F. PARKER, *Treasurer.*

Expenditures.

Paid State Tax	2 572	
“ County “	3 771 26	
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		\$6 343 26

Notes of the Town.

Paid Notes	\$52 258 73
“ Interest on same	3 934 21
“ “ on Town Bonds	1 730 58

School Districts.

Paid No 1	\$154 15	
“ “ 2	282 21	
“ “ 3	122 84	
“ “ 4	134 16	
“ “ 5	94 89	
“ “ 6	122 57	
“ “ 7	56 03	
“ “ 8	187 47	
“ “ 9	64 92	
“ “ 11	29 34	
“ “ 13	188 56	
“ “ 15	129 46	
“ “ 17	990 31	
“ “ 18	107 36	
“ Brookfield	3 41	
“ Ossipee	4 47	
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		\$2672 15

School House Taxes.

No. 15. Assessment	40	
“ 17 “	550	
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		\$590

Fire Companies

Paid Engine Co. No. 1	360	
“ “ “ “ 2	296	
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		\$656

County Poor Bills.

Paid for Johnson Brown	41 55
“ “ Chandler Giles	60 50
“ “ Mahala Kimball	110 48
“ “ C. E. Gerald	100 79
“ “ Daniel Copp	77 93
“ “ Wm. Ricker	53 60
“ “ Betsy Birdstead	35 77
“ “ Sally Avery	58 50
“ “ John Maleham	4 50
“ “ John Tibbetts	23 19
“ “ Joseph Dockham	10 54
“ “ Betsy Sargent	66 50
“ “ Uriah Johnson	38
“ “ Polly Leavitt	100
“ “ Albert W. Meserve	54 90
“ “ Geo. F. Meserve, Reform School	78
“ “ Geo. E. Wentworth	173 90
“ “ Dorcas Shepherd	81 59
“ “ Richard Chase	75 50
“ “ Leonard Loud	12
“ “ J. A. Fullerton	104
“ “ Lydia A. Whittier	18 50
“ “ James Welton	58 12

\$1438 36

Town Poor Bills.

Chas. E. Cerson	78
Daniel Deland	96
William Clark	53 18
Josephine Garland	13
Dudley Pike	29 25
David Witham	2 50
Mrs. Stoddard's son	12 75
Almira Copp	120
Alonzo Nutt	5

\$409 68

Summer Highway Bills.

Dist. No. 4		5 35
" " 6	J. W. Abbott, Surveyor	4 50
" " 7	Frank Abbott	87 15
" " 8	Frank B. Horn	1878 1 25
" " 9	John C. Beacham	14 36
" " 10	Joseph Brummitt	11 49
" " 13	I. B. Manning	25 60
" " 14	D. E. Morgan	12 14
" " 15	S. M. Garland	42 95
" " 16	Chas. W. Young	10 74
" " 18	Simon Philbrick	1875 8 85
" " 19		6 13
" " 22	Mark T. Wiggin	10 40
" " 23	Samuel Getchell	25
" " 25	J. H. Chamberlain	14 80
" " " "	" " " "	1878 11 60
" " 27	Geo. E. Mason	9 50
" " 28	Chas. F. Burke	26 26
" " 29	J. C. Chamberlain	7 77
" " 32	J. F. Edgerly	14 86
" " 35	Jas. A. Goldsmith	5 50
" " 36	J. L. Goldsmith	33 76
" " 37		2 75
" " 38	Geo. W. Nute	76
" " 40	Daniel Libbey	23 62
" " 42	Thomas J. Bickford	12 20
" " 43	A. A. Horn	8 75
" " 44	Alonzo Tibbetts	2 16
Wiley Mill Road, C. H. Bennett		5 00
[Summer and winter		
Paid Back Bills for 1879		18 79

\$463 99

Dog Damages.

Paid Alvin Weeks	1879	4 50
" Asa Beacham	1878	10 00
" John E. Ayers	1879	5 00
" J. A. Stockbridge	1879	12 00

\$31 50

Winter Highway Bills of 1879 and 1880.

Dist. No. 1	Moses Thompson, Surveyor	11 20
" "	4 Henry D. Cotton	5 24
" "	6 David W. Fullerton	9 28
" "	7 Woodbury P. Horn	19 83
" "	8 Samuel Reynolds	8 55
" "	9 John C. Beacham	29 46
" "	10 Joseph Brummitt	8 35
" "	11 Chas. I. Ayers	14 17
" "	12 Geo. E. Nute	12
" "	13 Israel B. Manning	25 45
" "	14 Daniel E. Morgan	11 81
" "	15 Sidney M. Garland	13 16
" "	16 John Tibbetts	51 07
" "	17 Orrin Dixon	9 80
" "	18 James W. Kendall	5 64
" "	19 Chas. H. Tibbetts	13 35
" "	20 Jeremiah T. Cotton	16 38
" "	21 Walter A. Sherburne	27 36
" "	22 Mark T. Wiggin	14 94
" "	23 John H. Rust	3 72
" "	24 James E. Avery	28 15
" "	25 Franklin M. Avery	13 65
" "	26 V. B. Willey	6 97
" "	27 Geo. E. Mason	7 44
" "	28 Chas. F. Burke	46 94
" "	29 J. C. Chamberlain	8 22
" "	30 Martin A. Libbey	4 55
" "	31 W. D. Hersey	7 60
" "	32 J. F. Edgerley	6 93
" "	33 N. T. Brewster	7 50
" "	34 George C. Avery	17 40
" "	35 John W. Bickford	17 53
" "	36 John L. Goldsmith	18 50
" "	37 Chas. H. Nute	23 82
" "	38 Geo. W. Nute	3 89
" "	39 Frank B. Horn	25 25
" "	41 John C. Canney	7 32
" "	42 Thos. J. Bickford	5 76
" "	43 A. A. Horn	2 63
" "	44 Alonzo F. Tibbetts	13 21

\$584 02

Non-Residents Highway Tax worked out.

229 82

\$229 82

Lumber for Bridges.

Paid	John Clow	3 30
"	S. W. Clow	4 45
"	A. W. Wiggin	30 91
"	Libbey, Varney & Co.,	113 42
"	Mill Village Lumber Co ,	81 07
"	V. B. Willey	21 01
"	J. H. Bickford	2 00
"	W. D. Hersey	6 36

\$262 52

Expenses of Town Officers.

Paid	C. E. Stackpole, Supervisor	20
"	James Stevenson "	24
"	Chas. F. Parker, Treas.	100
"	C. W. Young, Supervisor	25
"	Suaner Clark, S. S. Committee	60
"	L. T. Grant, Police '78	6
"	D. W. Ham " '80	8
"	Selectmen services on dividing	
	[School money and making	
	[School house taxes	36
	Making Inventory to Sect'y State	12
	Recording Inventory and making	
	[Coll's Book	5
"	Overseers of Poor	66
"	J. W. Piper, Selectman	114
"	Jas. H. Martin "	80
"	Chas. F. Chase "	102
"	Levi T. Haley, Coll'r '78 in full	104
"	G. W. Bassett, " '79 "	25
"	" " " '80 in part	125
"	Geo. F. Horn, Town Clerk, '80	75

\$ 987

Miscellaneous.

Paid	C. H. Parker, Printing Town Reports for '79	35
"	John G. Cate expense selling Town Bonds	3
"	Dan'l Horn damage on wagons' 79	5
"	W. H. Varney, damage &c.	5 60
"	H. R. Parker, school book	30
"	I. B. Manning, Books, Town	6 75
"	B. Folsom, stove, nails &c. for Town House,	27 34
"	E. D. Barker powder	5
"	H. J. Colman, cleaning T. House	2
"	Henry E. Horn, wood	2
"	Stephen W. Clow, nails	67
"	S. A. Libbey, damage to wagon	2
"	C. H. Parker, printing notices	6 50
"	J. E. Lucas, Guide boards	7
"	G. B. Clark, hauling plank '78	2
"	D. Horne, board of Selectmen	10 75
"	E. C. Banfield, Att'y fees	25 62
"	Dan'l Colman. board and office for Selectmen	62 50
"	Selectmen horse hire	18
"	For travelling expenses Select'n	14 40
"	B Folsom office rent	5
"	J. W. Piper, postage & stationery	2 34
"	Rounty on Hawks	6 40
"	Cash balance in Treasurer's hands March 1st '81	4,108 41
	By balance on G. W. Bassett's Tax list for '80	1,679 44
		\$ 6,043 05

Abatements.

L. T. Haley's List	1874	54 35
" " " "	1875	65 00
" " " "	1878	199 93
Geo. W. Bassett	1879	133 17
" " "	1880	58 10

\$510 55

Religious Societies.

Paid	2d	Free Baptist Society,	1879	1 93
"	"	"	" 1880	3 98
"	1st	Cong'l	" "	18 09
"	2d	"	" 1879	3 79
"	"	"	" 1880	4 18
"	1st	Free Baptist	" "	16 24
"	1st	Christian "	" "	4 96
"	2d	"	" "	12 16
"		Methodist	" 1879	1 21
"		"	" 1880	1 85

\$68 39

Public Water.

Paid	C. E. Lucas	3 00
"	B. F. Mason	3 00
"	Lydia J. Jackson	2 00
"	H. D. Cotton	2 00
"	A. B. Tibbetts	3 00
"	J. C. Edgerly	3 00
"	Sam'l Getchell 1878	3 00

\$19 00

The undersigned have examined the books and accounts of the Treasurer for the financial year ending March 1st, 1881, and find the foregoing statement of the receipts and expenditures of the town to be properly vouched and correctly cast.

E. C. BANFIELD, }
JOSEPH H. BICKFORD, } Auditors.

CHAS. F. PARKER, Treasurer.

JONAS W. PIPER, }
JAMES H. MARTIN, } Selectmen of
CHAS F. CHASE, } Wolfeborough.

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

STATEMENT OF TOWN DEBT. MARCH, 1st, 1881.

Assets.	Liabilities.
Cash in Treasurer's hands.....	Due on notes to sundry persons.....
L. T. Haley's tax list '78.....	Int, " " ".....
G. W. Bassett " " '79.....	Bonds sold.....
" " " '80.....	Int, due and unpaid on bonds Jan. 1 '81
Garroll Co., Poor Bills.....	" " 2 mos. to Mar. 1,.....
W. C. Fox's Precinct Tax list '77.....	Parsonage Funds.....
Due from J. A. Gerald's rent from	School Funds.....
Malcham Farm.....	Unpaid bills about.....
\$6,492 96	\$88,992 97

Decrease of debt during year, \$3,376 30.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

For the Year ending March 1, 1881.

TO THE CITIZENS OF WOLFEBOROUGH:—

THE time has again arrived for presenting facts and suggestions respecting the public schools of the town. In so doing, a method will be adopted similar to that of the year previous — a brief notice first of the several Districts, followed by remarks concerning the schools as a whole.

DISTRICT No. 1.

The summer term, of eleven weeks, was taught by Miss Clara A. Bassett. She succeeded in awakening and sustaining a good degree of interest, and commendable progress was made in the studies pursued.

The winter term of fourteen weeks was under the charge of Mr. John A. Edgerly. As in his school of last season, in another part of the town, he exhibited special earnestness and zeal in his work. The recitations of different classes were generally such as to denote diligent preparation for lessons assigned.

DISTRICT No. 2.

The schools here are now under the direction of a Board of education.

Statements in relation to them by Charles H. Parker, Esq. *To the School Committee for the Town of Wolfborough for 1880. The Board of Education submit the following report from*

DISTRICT No. 2.

THE system of grading adopted last year was continued through the present, with satisfactory results. The district also, at its annual meeting in March 1880, voted to elect a board of education, agreeably to the provisions of Chap. 87, Sect. 17 and 18 of the General Statutes, and in accordance therewith proceeded to make choice of six persons to constitute such a board of education. The object of this movement was understood to be to increase the general interest in the schools in the district and thereby promote their efficiency. How well the experiment will meet the hopes of the citizens of the district it is, perhaps, too early to determine. The several school terms were less in number than was anticipated at the commencement of the year, in consequence of the smaller amount of money appropriated for school purposes by the town than in previous years. The terms were two for each grade, as follows :

The first term of the Grammar School, eight weeks, was taught by Mr. Charles W. Haley. Mr. Haley has had considerable experience as a teacher, which served him well in this school. The scholars appeared to make good progress in their studies. The attendance was not all that it should have been. Parents should remember that it is of little use to tax themselves for school purposes unless they send their scholars to the schools.

The second term of this school was taught by Everett Remick, and was of eleven weeks duration. Mr. Remick has some excellent qualifications as a teacher, among those

particularly noted by the writer, was that of having scholars understand that when lessons are given out they to be studied and learned and will not be passed until comprehended. Also, unlike some teachers, he does not drown the noise of his pupils with his own. During this term the school labored under much disadvantage from the prevalence of whooping cough among the pupils; this, together with the extremely cold weather during the first part of the term, occasioned much sickness and inconstant attendance. Notwithstanding these unfavorable circumstances there was marked improvement in most of the branches taught.

During this term a change of Reading books was made; Appletons series of readers taking the place of Hilliards, the latter having been in use in the district many years.

THE PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

in this district was also limited to two terms. Each term was of ten weeks duration.

The spring term was taught by Miss Hattie E. Parker. The teacher appeared to succeed in interesting her pupils, and good progress was made. The fall term was taught by Miss Annie I. Warren. This was her first experience as a teacher. The interest of the school was much injured by the prevalence of whooping cough. Commendable progress was, however, made, and there is reason to hope that Miss Warren will be successful in her new vocation. Persons who have had no experience and little opportunity for observation, cannot readily comprehend the amount of patience, tact and skill essential to success in these primary schools, and teachers in this department generally get small pay and little credit for a large amount of hard work. The teachers in District No. 2, during the past year have been no exception to the general rule.

On the whole, we think there has been evident improvement in our schools, there is however room for

more. It is to be regretted that so many of our larger boys and girls leave attending school before the legal age, and thereby lose much intended for their benefit.

CHARLES H. PARKER,
for the Board of Education.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Summer term, eight weeks in length, Miss Alta M. Wiggin teacher. The school appeared well at both visits. The members of the school were unusually punctual in attendance.

Mrs. Emma S. Wiggin was the teacher for the winter term, of nearly ten weeks. Long experience enables her to instruct and manage schools which she undertakes in a satisfactory manner.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Mrs. Wiggin was also the teacher in this District during the summer. Length of school eight weeks. The winter term, of thirteen and one-half weeks, has been taught by Mr. Henry G. Horne.

The school in some particulars—for example reading and spelling—has made decided improvement since last reported.

DISTRICT No. 5.

The teacher of this school, one term of fifteen weeks, fall and winter, was Miss A. L. Horne. It was found in good condition, both at the beginning and near its close.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Miss V. A. Copp had charge of the summer term — eight weeks. The attendance was more than ordinarily regular. Nine finding a place in the Roll of honor, and a fair degree of animation was evinced in other respects.

The winter term, of thirteen weeks, was taught by Miss Burleigh. See No. 8.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Here is what is termed a Union District. The scholars mostly belong to Ossipee. Miss Mary A. Elwell was the teacher twenty-seven weeks.

This school has, for several years, held a high rank.

DISTRICT No. 8.

The Summer and Fall schools, of seven and nine weeks respectively, were instructed by Miss Emma E. Burleigh. In her schools, thus far, she has furnished proof of being well qualified for the stations occupied.

The winter term, of sixteen weeks, was taught by Mr. Charles J. Leavitt. He seemed to be very busy himself, and to possess the faculty of keeping his pupils constantly employed.

Indeed, this school always appears in good working order.

DISTRICT No. 9

Miss Ida L. Haley was the teacher for the summer term, six weeks, and Miss Etta F. Mason for the Fall term, of twelve weeks. They each began the experiment of teaching here, with the result in each case favorable. On the Roll of honor, Fall term, nine out of thirteen.

DISTRICT No. 11.

The teacher, one term, of eight weeks, only, was Miss Belle Brewster. She did well—all the circumstances would permit.

DISTRICT No. 13.

In the three different terms, twenty-five weeks in all, Miss Mary E. Avery was the teacher. She had charge likewise of the winter school one year ago, making four successive terms. This fact is of itself a recommendation for both teacher and the people of the District.

The larger pupils made good progress, and the smaller ones uncommonly good.

DISTRICT No. 15

Teacher during the summer, eight weeks, Miss Mary S. Hodgdon. For the winter term, eleven weeks, Mr. W. P. Horne. At all the visits made the recitations were fair. Some of the best scholars have removed from town.

DISTRICT No. 17.

This District embraces the four graded schools in the Academy building. They are under the supervision of the Board of education.

The Spring term commenced with a set of teachers entirely different from those having charge the preceding term.

Miss Seddie E. Haley was invited to become the teacher of the Primary Department. Mrs. Gage resumed the post formerly occupied in the Intermediate. The Grammar school has been taught by Miss Bell Parker.

The Principal of the High school for the past year has been Mr. W. E. Morang, a graduate of Colby University.

Last September a more definite "Course of Study" was introduced, subject to modifications by the Committee.

Eaton's Mathematics were adopted, instead of Olney's. The new Map of the State of New Hampshire was provided for some of the school rooms. Several other changes have been made from time to time.

At the beginning of the Fall term eight were promoted from the Primary to the Intermediate, and twelve from the Intermediate to the Grammar.

The purchase of Chamber's Encyclopedia, consisting of ten large volumes, may be viewed as a wise investment of funds. It is to be hoped these books of reference will serve as a nucleus for gathering at length a respectable library.

The Rhetorical exercises in all the schools, on Friday afternoons, are an attractive feature — drawing parents and friends to witness and encourage.

The number belonging to these schools is as follows:

High School,	1st Term,	.....	21	
Grammar,	“ “	.....	18	
Intermediate,	“ “	.....	43	
Primary.	“ “	.....	38	
				120
High School,	2d Term,	.....	18	
Grammar,	“ “	.....	29	
Intermediate,	“ “	.....	41	
Primary.	“ “	.....	44	
				132
High School,	3d Term,	.....	15	
Grammar,	“ “	.....	23	
Intermediate,	“ “	.....	38	
Primary.	“ “	.....	33	
				109

DISTRICT No. 18,

Summer term, of seven weeks, taught by Miss E. A. Sherburne. The attendance and order were excellent.

The teacher for the winter term, about eight weeks, was Mr. Mayhew C. Clark.

The school was carried forward successfully. A few days before the time appointed for closing, Mr. Clark felt obliged to leave on account of ill health.

STATISTICAL TABLES OF THE SCHOOLS.

With the exception of No. 7, full returns not received.

No. 11 — where there is but a single scholar. No. 17 —
Summary elsewhere.

	Whole No.			Average No. of Scholars.		
NO. OF DISTRICT.	SPRING OR SUMMER.	FALL.	WINTER.	SPRING OR SUMMER.	FALL.	WINTER.
1	18	....	24	17	....	21
2	22	....	30	20 $\frac{1}{2}$	....	26
Primary	27	23	....	23	16	....
3	24	....	19	20	....	17
4	23	....	16	21	....	13
5	....	8	....	....	4	....
6	18	....	23	17	....	19
8	23	20	26	21	17	17
9	10	13	....	9	10	....
13	30	33	34	24	31	30
15	20	....	23	15	....	17
18	14	....	20	12	....	14

It will be seen from the foregoing statements and figures that the time allowed for school privileges, in several of the Districts, was far too short. The most obvious source of relief is a larger appropriation for educational purposes.

Some changes have taken place in respect to text-books used, in a portion of the schools. And there may be occasion for other changes ere long. Particular attention has been given in quite a number of the schools to Reading and Spelling, the results were correspondingly marked. Arithmetic, as usual, is a prominent study in most of the schools, Geography receives a due share of notice, while Grammar is more easily slighted. What are styled the "higher branches" have found a place to some extent. A special favorite being Book-keeping.

In relation to our schools, during the year now closing, there is ground for believing a fair share of prosperity has attended them, and there is reason for anticipating a bright

er future. But continual effort is requisite for securing all the advantages within the reach. In order to do this we must be "Still achieving, still pursuing", earnestly laboring for a yet higher standard, and richer fruits.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. CLARK.

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