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REPORTS OF THE

TREASURER, SELECTMEN,

— AND —

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

— OF THE —

TOWN OF LANGDON, N. H.,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1877.

John Currier, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Langdon, ending March 1, 1877.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in the Treasury March 1st, 1876,	\$83 49
“ Savings Bank tax,	520 68
“ Literary fund,	32 40
“ Taxes, 1866,	8 96
“ “ 1874,	81 17
“ “ 1875,	221 04
“ Interest on taxes, 1875	7 90
“ Taxes, 1876,	2,575 79
“ From county for paupers,	10 50
“ For apples in pound,	2 00
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	\$3,543 93

DISBURSEMENTS.

Cash paid State tax,	\$800 00
“ “ County tax,	753 94
“ “ Orders,	1,720 84
“ In treasury March 1st, 1877,	269 15
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	\$3,543 93

The undersigned has examined the account of the Treasurer, from March 1st, 1876, to March 1st, 1877, and finds it correctly cast and properly vouched.

SAMUEL L. SLADER, *Auditor.*

## REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

## ORDINARY TOWN CHARGES.

John Currier, tolling bell, 1875,	\$3 00
Fred W. Ramsey, sweeping town hall,	50
A. N. Swain, printing reports,	12 00
R. A. Lucas, abatement taxes,	1 04
Morrill & Silsby, books and stationery,	15 05
T. & C. Winch, insufficiency of highway,	5 57
Edmund Holden, abatement taxes, 1874,	13 39
Henry Wiley, abatement taxes, 1875,	20 66
John Currier, work in cemetery and tolling bell,	10 00
John Currier, cash paid out,	1 75
Henry Wiley, cash paid for blanks, &c.,	4 00
R. A. Lucas, building fence,	20 00
John S. Walker, services as selectman,	65 00
Henry Prentiss, " "	53 50
Edmund W. Holden, " "	46 00
Nathaniel L. Kennedy, Superintending School Committee,	20 00
Julia E. Kennedy, " " "	17 00
Samuel L. Slader, services as Clerk,	20 36
John Currier, " Treasurer,	25 00
Henry Wiley, " Collector, 1875,	25 00
R. O. Ball, for new Hearses,	192 50

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

William Condon, snow bill,	\$10 95
Patrick Condon, "	2 25
John Condon, "	3 60
Arthur Wilson, snowing bridge,	2 00
John Hosmer, snow bill,	4 95
John Hanning, "	1 50
Amariah P. Fish, "	1 15
L. F. Parker, snowing bridge,	3 00
Andrew Hyde, snow bill,	90
Geo. H. Kennedy, "	90
Chas. A. Holden, "	12 97

John W. Holden, snow bill,	\$2 10
John W. Holden, work on culverts,	5 50
Robert C. Huntley, snow bill,	6 00
Martin Bascom,                   “	2 55
James Willard, work on culverts and wall,	11 37
Ceylon P. Smith, snow bill, *	2 40
Wilson E. Harris, work on bridge,	1 50
John L. Palmer, work on culverts,	4 81
Oscar S. Holden, work on wall,	6 00
L. F. Parker, work on culverts and wall,	25 75
George R. Holden, snow bill,	7 11
Riley Goodell,                   “	5 05
Joseph B. Russell,               “	2 40
A. M. Bragg, lumber for railing,	3 00
Sidney Wiley, plank and work on bridge,	8 22
Calvin Smith, stone for wall,	4 00
Wm. J. Holden, plank, work on railing and snow bill,	4 93
T. & C. Winch, timber for bridge,	1 84
Noah Allen, snow bill,	3 00
George H. Kennedy, snow bill,	13 20
Ira Davidson,                   “	3 50
James H. Baldwin, work on highway,	1 73
Edmund W. Holden, snow bill,	7 30
Edmund W. Holden, timber and culvert stone,	6 80
R. A. Lucas, snow bill,	4 95
N. L. Kennedy,               “	10 27
Riley Goodell,               “	19 05
John Currier,               “	4 80
Eleazer Porter, logs for railing and snow bill,	11 93
Martin Bascom, snow bill,	4 50

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PAUPERS.

Mrs. Joseph Porter, boarding Patrick Willson children,	
County paupers,	\$10 50
Ira Holmes, support of A. Holmes,	60 00

## SCHOOLS.

District No. 2, Ira Davidson,	\$158 48
“ “ 3, Edward Holmes,	158 48
“ “ 4, Sidney Wiley,	172 48
“ “ 5, Daniel P. Davis,	162 48
“ “ 6, Charles A. Holden,	159 48
“ “ 6, “ “ Money not drawn, 1874,	4 08
“ “ 6, “ “ “ “ 1875,	6 81
Samuel G. Baldwin's share paid Charlestown,	8 27
Burge & Angier's share paid Alstead,	8 73

## RECAPITULATION.

Highways and Bridges,	\$239 73
Town Charges,	378 82
New Hearse,	192 50
Schools,	839 29
Paupers,	70 50
State Tax,	800 00
County Tax,	753 94
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	\$3,274 78

## ASSETS.

Cash in Treasury, March 1st, 1877,	\$269 15
Taxes of 1874, uncollected	28 23
“ 1876, “	334 84
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	\$632 22

## INDEBTEDNESS.

School money not drawn,	\$257 74
Orders given not paid,	16 16
Joseph Davis note not paid,	66 94
Outstanding accounts estimated,	275 00
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	\$615 64
Balance in favor of Town,	\$16 38

All of which is respectfully submitted,

HENRY M. ELWELL, } *Selectmen*  
 EDMUND W. HOLDEN, } *of*  
 LEONARD F. PARKER, } *Langdon*

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,  
OF LANGDON, N. H.,  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 13, 1877.

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The school year has closed, and the Superintendent gathers all the facts of importance or interest connected with the schools into his annual report.

The report shall be as truthful as it can be made. Nothing of importance shall be blanded or omitted, and nothing set down in malice. The citizens of the Town have a right to know the exact condition of the schools. In one or two districts the work of teaching has been less successful than it ought to have been; but in most of the schools the teaching has been satisfactory and with excellent results.

MISS J. E. KENNEDY was chosen at the beginning of the year to assist in the Superintendance of the schools. During the summer terms I had the entire charge of the schools, but the last of August I removed to Windsor, Vt.

I have had charge of the fall and winter schools in a measure, but was able to visit but two schools during the winter in No. 3 and 5. Mr. Kennedy had charge of the other schools, and I rely wholly on his judgment in making out the reports.

DISTRICT NO. 1.—There has been no school during the year.

DIST. NO. 2.—This school was taught through the year by MISS BELLE H. MARVIN, of Alstead. There were three terms, in all twenty-seven weeks. A great deal of work was done in this little school. The scholars were small, but always seemed like a happy family. The ambition and interest of the scholars in their several studies was very marked; the order was excellent.

Miss Marvin is an energetic and competent teacher. There was no mark of absence in the winter school.

DIST. No. 3.—MISS J. E. KENNEDY, S. S. C., had charge of the summer school. MR. WESLEY C. FOSTER, of Walpole, the winter school. We regret to report that through the actions of some of the larger boys and girls for the last two or three years, this school has lost its good reputation.

The winter term was a failure. When we speak of a failure in a school, there are many who think the cause of it must be the *inefficient* teacher. The failure here was *not* in the teacher, but in the scholars. They failed to *study*, failed in *obedience* and failed in *gentlemanly* and *ladylike* behavior. The teacher was not sufficiently determined and inflexible, but in other respects was competent and has many good qualifications as a teacher. We would not hesitate to recommend Mr. Foster to any school where the scholars were of ordinary behavior, three of the oldest scholars' deportment were marked below mediocrity, a thing *very* rarely seen.

DIST. No. 4.—The summer and fall terms of this school were taught by MRS. M. C. MACK, of New York. Mrs. Mack's method of instruction was excellent for young children, and the little ones in this school made good progress. The order was not good.

MISS M. A. SIMPSON taught the winter term in a very acceptable manner. The teacher was faithful and diligent to her duty in the school room. Miss Simpson has many qualifications that recommend her as a teacher.

DIST. No. 5.—The summer and fall terms of this school were taught by MISS MARY A. SIMPSON, of Langdon. Miss S. is an earnest worker in the school room. The order was good. Miss Simpson was interested in her work, and interested the scholars, and made the school a very successful one.

The winter term was taught by MISS GEORGIE E. RANDALL, of Alstead. This school was a failure on account of the incompetency of the teacher. Little or no progress was made in the studies pursued, and it was difficult to tell when the school had been called to order. We seldom visit a more confused school than this one.

DIST. No. 6.—The summer term was taught by MISS JULIETTE A. OSGOOD, of Acworth. This is the most advanced and important school in town. We seldom have in our schools teachers who accomplish more or better work than Miss Osgood. It was a pleasure to go into this school. Every branch that the pupils studied



seemed to be thoroughly understood. We heard better recitations here than in any other school. The order, the spirit, the instruction, were all of the very best.

The fall and winter terms were taught by MISS SARAH A. PORTER, of Langdon. Miss Porter has been long and favorably known as a teacher, to the people of Langdon. The school always appeared well, the pupils were interested, and made rapid progress. This year has been a most successful year in this school.

It is customary for the Superintendent to append to his report many important suggestions for the people to read and forget.

The citizens are earnestly requested to do more for the schools; manifest more interest. The parents are reminded of the importance of visiting the school, and seeing for themselves how their children are taught. In most instances teachers who fail would do well if supported, and sustained by parents and citizens. There is a great deal of unfair and unnecessary criticism of teachers. There are always enough ready to find fault, pick flaws, and to throw stones. It is easier to criticize a school, than it is to teach one. Censure is cheap and common; good teaching rare and difficult. But these suggestions are not much heeded, and do not carry much weight with them. We all know our duty; let us see how faithfully, tirelessly and well we can do it. It is a saying, "that man becomes what he is, principally by his education."

Of all the men we meet, nine out of ten are good or evil, dangerous or useful members of society, according to their education. Education is the most sacred, the most useful, and at the same time the most *neglected* thing in every country.

Respectfully submitted,

JULIA E. BATCHELDER, }  
N. L. KENNEDY. } *Supt. of Schools.*

TABULAR STATEMENT OF THE SCHOOLS, 1876-77.

	Wages of Teacher per month including board.	\$20
	No. of visits by other citizens.	112
	No. of visits by Pruden'l Com	20
	No. of visits by Supt. S. Com.	24
	No. in Composition.	22
	No. in Analysis.	34
	No. Book keeping.	22
	No. in Algebra.	24
	No. in Physiolgy.	26
	No. in U. S. History.	22
	No. in Grammar.	20
	No. in Geography.	28
	No. in Arithmetic.	23
	No. in Penmanship.	29
	No. in Reading & Spelling.	
	Av. attendance of Scholars.	
	Whole No. of Scholars.	
	Length of School in weeks.	
	Term.	
1	No School.	
2	Summer,	8
	Fall,	9
3	Winter,	10
	Summer,	12
4	Winter,	14
	Summer,	10
5	Fall,	12
	Winter,	8
6	Summer,	11
	Fall,	10
	Winter,	17
	Summer,	11
	Fall,	19
	Winter,	16
	Summer,	11
	Fall,	14

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