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→\*ANNUAL REPORT\*

—OF THE—

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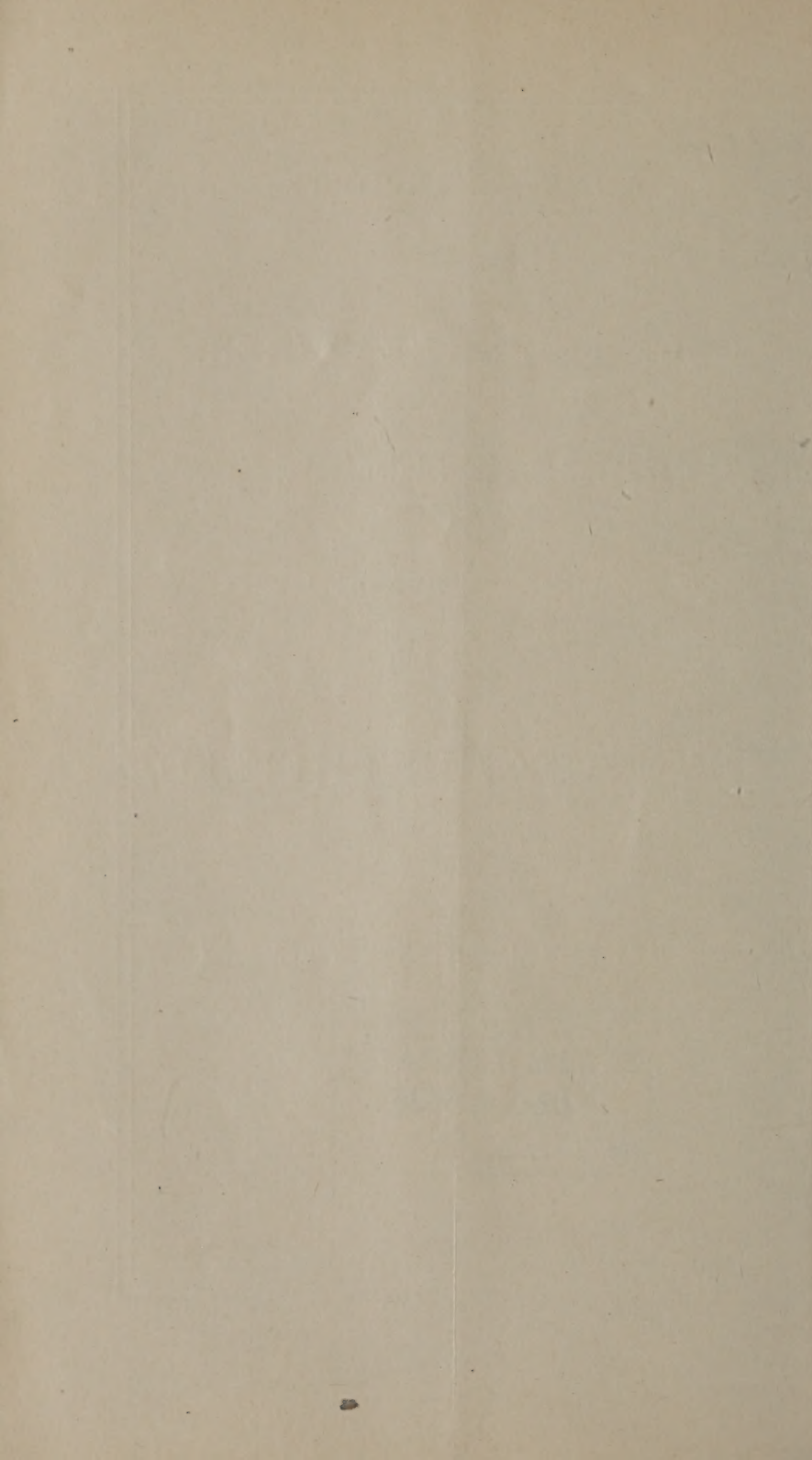
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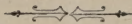




# ANNUAL REPORT

— OF THE —

## TOWN OF NORTHFIELD.



*Account of Money furnished Franklin J. Eastman, Treasurer.*

The Selectmen charge the Treasurer as follows :

Cash balance, March 1, 1884,	\$732 57
Received of City of Concord,	75 00
Mrs. Dr. Lamson,	52 00
Jason Foss,	1 00
State Treasurer, R. R. Tax,	369 02
“    “    Savings Bank tax,	885 09
“    “    Literary Fund,	100 24
“    “    Bounty on Woodchucks,	56 50
Rev. John Lambert,	11 00
Rev. M. Galvin,	15 00
Iona Savings Bank,	15 70
County of Merrimack,	348 84
Granite Mills, Highway tax,	113 75
G. S. Abbott, Collector, on Highway lists,	53 62
“    “    back taxes,	124 00
“    “    1884,	5,234 65
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	\$8,187 98

### CREDIT ACCOUNT.

Coupons paid by the Treasurer,	\$654 00
Coupons outstanding, Mar. 1, 1884,	9 00
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	\$663 00

Orders have been given, by the Selectmen, on the Treasurer, to pay bills and claims against the Town, as follows :

NOTES AND INTEREST.

John S. Winslow, trustee, interest,	\$20 00
“ “ note and interest, in full,	1,0020 00
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	\$1,040 00

TAXES.

State tax,	1,032 00
County tax,	1,015 48
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	\$2,047 48

PARSONAGE INTEREST.

Benjamin A. Winslow, Union Church,	\$22 00
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SCHOOL MONEY.

Dist. No. 1 Mrs. Sarah J. Stevens, Committee,	\$102 92
“ 2 Harry Shaw, “	108 56
“ 3 Byron Shaw, arrearage, \$99.18	168 75
“ 4 James N. Forrest, Committee,	81 87
“ 5 Morrill Moore, “	89 40
“ 6 Mrs. Marinda F. Brown, Committee,	81 05
“ 7 William H. Keniston, “	35 25
“ 7 Benjamin A. Winslow, “	40 70
“ 8 Lewis D. Haines, “	39 00
Union District, Albert C. Lord, “	338 33
Marden Settlement, Horace W. Hancock, “	5 71
“ “ J. Warren Ham, 1883 “	5 54
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	\$1,097 08
Mrs. L. R. H. Cross, Part of Literary Fund,	\$10 00
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	\$1,107 08

SCHOOL HOUSE TAX.

Dist. No. 7, Benjamin A. Winslow, Committee,	\$10 00
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## STATE vs. TOWN.

A. J. Shurtleff, costs,	\$42 75
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## BOUNTIES.

Bounty on Woodchucks.	\$57 20
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## DAMAGE TO SHEEP BY DOGS.

John Roberts,	1 54
John B. Yeaton,	9 62
Bryon Shaw,	28 87
John S. Dearborn, 1882,	6 00
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	\$46 03

## REPAIRS ON TOWN HOUSE.

G. Cook & Son, 8 M. shingles, @ \$5.75,	\$46 00
A. C. Tilton, 1½ " 4.00,	6 00
Benjamin Glines, shingling,	10 00
Hiram H. Cross, labor,	2 00
E. L. Sanborn & Son, "	75
Jason Foss, labor on foundation, drawing shingles, etc.	5 00
A. E. Goodale, material and painting,	74 57
Philbrick & Hill, nails, etc.	3 73
Smith & Smith, repairing stove pipe,	1 00
Tilton Furniture Co. repairing settees,	2 50
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	\$151 55

## HIGHWAYS.

B. P. Simonds, bridge plank,	\$20 00
Edwin D. Forrest, breaking Misery road,	4 00
J. K. Hancock, breaking Fellows road,	15 00
Frank Collins, breaking roads,	1 00
C. J. Chamberlain, "	3 00
Frank M. Smith, labor,	90
Joseph S. Lang, "	5 00
C. A. Hueber, breaking roads.	18 13
" " labor,	5 70
Otis C. Wyatt, breaking roads, Dist. No. 16.	5 80

John Chamberlain, labor,	\$3 00
J. M. Thompson, breaking roads,	1 87
W. H. Plummer, " "	2 63
H. L. Cram, labor,	1 40
A. H. Tebbetts, "	8 12
George Allen, "	1 25
Frank A. Glines, labor,	2 50
S. G. Wadleigh, "	5 00
Walter Moody, "	6 37
Herbert Dow, "	3 75
Fred Glines, Surveyor, labor,	5 00
W. C. French, " "	3 35
Otis C. Wyatt, " "	16 58
Francis Stevens, " breaking roads.	1 00
M. F. Winslow, labor,	3 50
Joseph S. Lang, breaking roads,	3 00
J. H. Dinsmore, labor,	3 00
C. J. Chamberlain, labor,	60 00
E. B. Calef, "	1 65
A. G. Cook, bridge plank and lumber,	68 92
John S. Dearborn, breaking roads in 1881-82-83,	20 50
E. O. Downing, labor,	1 25
Herbert Dow, "	9 25
Frank M. Smith, "	1 25
George M. Riley, "	2 50
" " covering stone,	2 50
E. B. Calef, labor,	1 25
A. G. Cook, bridge plank,	62 80
Thomas R. Payson, labor,	1 25
James T. Downing, "	1 60
Benj. Glines, labor,	2 00
C. A. Huber, building water course,	13 00
Gawn E. Gorrell, labor,	35 00
R. S. Whicher, labor, and bridge timber,	2 75
M. V. B. Davis, labor,	3 00
Asa K. Osgood, "	1 25
Geo. W. Corliss, "	1 25
W. C. French, "	3 67



John L. Kelley, covering stone,	\$3 00
Isaac H. Healey, covering stone,	1 00
C. W. Whicher, breaking roads,	8 00
J. M. Thompson, " "	2 37
H. P. Sewell, " "	4 12
Jason Foss, labor,	7 00
Clough Gorrell, Ox labor,	4 00
James N. Forrest, bridge timber,	4 50
" " breaking Misery road,	6 75
" " " Belmont "	6 00
" " labor	38 00
Daniel M. Page, labor, &c. in 1881,	2 50
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	\$533 73

## CURRENT EXPENSES.

Jason Foss, Auditor,	2 00
Otis C. Wyatt, Auditor,	2 00
Lyman B. Fellows, "	2 00
Frank Aytis, damage to sleigh,	1 00
Wm. Davis, shoveling path to Town Hall,	50
Frank Miller, " " "	50
Otis C. Wyatt, Supervisor, and blanks,	5 75
O. P. Sanborn, "	5 00
G. B. Munsey, printing reports,	28 00
" " " orders, &c.,	2 50
G. H. H. Silsby, blanks and books,	4 25
S. T. Holmes, Constable in 1883,	5 00
C. P. Herrick, Record book, stationery, &c.,	1 85
C. W. Davenport, Decoration appropriation,	25 00
W. C. French, freight on books for library,	83
G. B. Munsey, printing tax bills, receipts, &c.,	3 25
" " printing orders,	1 25
J. W. Wells, services perambulating Belmont line,	1 25
W. H. Plummer, water tub,	3 00
H. B. Philbrook, damage to team,	10 00
Obe G. Morrison, Supervisor, March and November,	10 00
Otis C. Wyatt, " and blanks,	5 67

O. P. Sanborn, Supervisor,	\$5 00
Hill & Fletcher, wood for Town House,	12 50
W. C. French, water tub,	3 00
C. R. Gould, M.D., Certificates of Births and Deaths,	3 00
W. P. & J. Hill, settees for Town House,	12 50
Hiram I. Glines, water tub,	3 00
Z. C. Perkins, board bill, (Gorrell.)	3 50
W. D. Hardy, Professional Services in 1883,	8 50
L. D. Miller, care of Town House, &c.,	9 00
C. W. Tilton, reporting Births, Marriages and Deaths,	3 90
C. P. Herrick, School books for poor children,	3 90
Mrs. Lucy R. H. Cross, Services S. S. Committee,	35 00
C. W. Tilton, services as Town Clerk,	35 00
F. J. Eastman, " Treasurer,	30 00
Jason Foss, services Selectman, and expense,	50 00
Charles J. Chamberlain, " "	75 00
Gawn E. Gorrell, " "	103 00
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	\$516 40

## SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

N. H. Asylum, for Julia M. Whicher,	\$129 66
J. J. Prescott, board of Ruhamah Prescott,	19 00
C. P. Herrick, medicine for Benj. Collins,	75
Isaac H. Healey, for transient persons,	1 50
H. K. Thompson, Coffin, &c., for Mrs. Keniston,	14 50
Moses Garland, opening grave for "	3 00
Lorenzo Davis, board and care of "	15 00
J. L. Loverin, Hearse and team at funeral,	4 00
Caroline G. Clark, board and clothes for Mrs. Bennett,	26 50
Benj. Glines, for J. B. Glover and wife,	5 50
" board of "	36 00
Philbrick & Hill, for "	32 31
" " for Mrs. Prescott,	53 68
Hill & Fletcher, for Fanny Dinsmore,	53 25
Dr. C. R. Gould, Medical attendance County paupers,	82 40
Sylvester H. Lambert, for George Glines,	9 00

H. P. Sewall, for Hiram Hill,	10 50
J. J. Prescott, keeping transient person,	1 00
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	\$497 55

*Statement of Account with Gardner S. Abbott, Collector, for the year ending March 1st, 1885.*

Amount of Tax committed,	\$ 5,606 62
Paid Treasurer,	\$5,234 65
Non-resident highway receipts,	50 44
Fees for Collecting,	86,13
Abatements and errors,	53 68
Uncollected,	181 72
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	\$5,606 62

Collected on List of 1883,	124 00
Non-resident highway receipt,	3 00
Collected from Highway Surveyors' books, tax of 1883,	53 62

INVOICE, APRIL, 1884.

267 Polls,	\$26,700 00
200 Horses,	11,923 00
98 Oxen,	5,322 00
364 Cows,	8,912,00
222 Other Neat Stock,	4,07400
505 Sheep,	1,469 00
8 Hogs,	77,00
22 Carriages,	1,254 00
Bank Stock,	2,800 00
Money at Interest,	17,270 00
Stock in Trade,	19,550 00
Machinery,	16,500 00
Real Estate,	373,105 00
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	\$488,956 00



## TAX AUTHORIZED.

Warrant of State Treasurer,	\$1,032 00
“ County “	1,015 48
Vote of Town, March, 1884,	2,000 00
Decoration Appropriation,	25 00
Parsonage Interest,	22 00
School Fund, interest,	42 00
School money required,	903 00
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	\$5,039 48
Five per cent, added,	251 97
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	\$5,291 45

## AMOUNT OF TAX AS COMMITTED TO COLLECTOR.

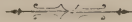
Resident, money,	\$4,257 83
Non-resident, money,	927 35
Dog tax,	61 00
Non-resident highway tax,	349 82
School House tax, District No. 7,	10 62
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	\$5,606 62

Rate of taxation, \$1.06, money, and .40 Highway.

Respectfully submitted,

GAWN E. GORRELL,	} SELECTMEN	
CHARLES J. CHAMBERLAIN,		OF
JASON FOSS,		NORTHFIELD.

# TREASURER'S REPORT.



The debt of Northfield, above assets, is \$10,043.77. The indebtedness is in 6 per cent. bonds, falling due in May, 1888 and 1893. The reduction the past year was \$1,817.49.

In the mean while there has been a proper regard and care for highways, bridges and water courses, inclusive of those in districts sparsely settled, calling for expenditures beyond that derived from highway tax bills.

About \$150. has been paid for desirable and needed repairs on the Town House, inside and out. It is now a building which will compare most favorably with similar structures in flourishing towns throughout the state.

There are no out-standing orders, and but few claims, if any, remaining unsettled.

The vigilance and capacity of our Collector is again, as usual, made apparent in the close collection of his tax bill. We declare the sentiment of his townsmen when we state that his commission is the best earned money in the town service.

An expense of only \$328. for the official management of town affairs, the quantity and quality of the work performed, is an exhibit which will challenge favorable comment when compared with similar service in other places.

A claim alluded to in our last years' report, but not valued, against the City of Concord, was successfully prosecuted by J. N. Forrest, Esq., and \$75. turned into the treasury.

It is the judgement of your treasurer that appropriations which will not increase the present rate of taxation (\$10.60 on each \$1,000. of valuation) with ordinary good luck, will be sufficient to provide for current expenses and accumulate a fund substantially ample to meet the obligations maturing in 1888.

Town expenditures for the poor have been transferred to the County, to some extent, in the last two years; and it is among the probabilities that further relief may come in this direction.

The permanent repairs to bridges and Town House, and the cost of indictments may not be duplicated for some time, and the amounts thus saved, can be made to increase the sinking fund for 1888.

The proceeds from the tax bills of April, 1885, 1886 and 1887, at the valuation and rate of the last two years, in the light of past experience, will not only liquidate the 1888 obligations, but leave generous provision towards payment of the next series.

The strong and steady purpose of the citizens of Northfield, in reducing their indebtedness, the willingness with which all degrees of ability have assumed the visits of the Collector, is worthy of mention.

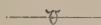
The low rate of the present, compared with the past, has a value beyond the relief to the individual tax payer, in that it is an incentive to new-comers.

Nearly three-fourths of the maximum debt has been paid, and more than that, if interest is considered. The amount remaining will soon disappear, and then the day of low taxes will gladden the hearts of those who have so manfully borne their burden.

F. J. EASTMAN, TREASURER.



## TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.



*Town of Northfield in account with F. J. Eastman.*

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March 1, 1884.	
By cash on hand,	\$ 732 57
“ Received from City of Concord,	75 00
“ Savings Bank tax,	885 09
“ Literary Fund,	100 24
“ Railroad tax,	369 02
“ Sale of old shingles,	1 00
“ Reimbursement from County,	348 84
“ Mrs. John Keniston's B. Book,	15 70
“ Use of Town Hall,	26 00
“ Granite Mills Co. highway tax,	113 75
“ Other highway taxes,	53 62
“ Woodchuck bounties refunded,	56 50
“ Taxes from 1883,	124 00
“ Received from Mrs. Dr. Lamson,	52 00
“ G. S. Abbott, collected from tax of '84,	5,234 65
	\$8,187 98

	DR.
Paid State tax,	1,032 00
“ County tax,	1,015 48
1883 outstanding Coupons,	9 00
1884 May Coupons,	336 00
1884 Nov. Coupons,	318 00
Paid Note J. S. Winslow, trustee,	1,020 00
On orders of Selectmen,	3,004 29
Cash on hand, March 1, 1885,	1,453 21
	\$8,187 98

## FINANCIAL STANDING.

## LIABILITIES.

Bonds due May, 1888,	\$6,100 00
Bonds due May, 1893,	5,100 00
Dog tax,	50 00
Due School Dist. No. 3,	144 98
Coupons outstanding,	18 00
Accrued interest,	224 00
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	\$11,636 98

## ASSETS.

Cash on hand,	1,453 21
Taxes, uncollected,	140 00
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	1,593 21
Debt, over resources, March 1 st, 1885,	\$10,043 77

## PAID TOWN OFFICERS.

Gawn E. Gorrell, Selectman,	\$103 00
Chas. J. Chamberlain, "	75 00
Jason Foss, "	50 00
Chas. W. Tilton, Town Clerk,	35 00
Mrs. L. R. H. Cross, S. S. Committee,	35 00
F. J. Eastman, Treasurer,	30 00
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	\$328 00

*Statement of Receipts, for 1883, 1884 and 1885, from Savings Banks, Railroads, and Literary Funds.*

Savings Bank, 1883,	\$792 39
"    "    1884,	849 17
"    "    1885,	885 09
Railroads, 1883,	358 62
"    1884,	374 50
"    1885,	369 02
Literary Funds, 1883,	65 78
"    "    1884,	65 79
"    "    1884,	100 24

## WHEN TAXES ARE COLLECTED.

	1883-4.	1884-5.
May,	\$ 88 00	\$ 106 00
June,	174 00	237 00
July,	257 00	257 00
August,	313 00	324 00
September,	504, 00	278 00
October,	825 00	643 20
November,	536 00	620 00
December,	809 00	901 00
January,	565 00	639 00
February,	1,285 16	1,229 45
	<u>\$5,356 16</u>	<u>\$5,234 65</u>

## HIGHWAY TAXES TURNED INTO THE TREASURY.

	1884.	1885.
	\$ 153 01	\$ 167 37
Uncollected, (good)	130 00	140 00





## AUDITORS' + REPORT.



We, the subscribers, having examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer, for the year ending March 1st, 1885, respectfully submit that we find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

The following is a statement of the financial condition of the Town :

The Selectmen charge the Treasurer with having rec'd \$8,187 98

*Of this amount the Treasurer discharges himself as follows :*

Paid State tax,	\$ 1,032 00
County tax,	1,15 48
Parsonage interest,	22 00
For School purposes,	1,107 08
Highways,	533 73
Support of the poor,	497 55
Current Expenses,	516 40
State vs. Town,	42 75
Coupons,	663 00
Note and interest,	1,040 00
Repairs on Town House,	151 55
Damage to sheep by dogs,	46 03
Bounty on Woodchucks,	57 20
School House tax,	10 00
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	\$6,734 77
Leaving a balance in hands of Treasurer,	<hr/>
	\$1,453 21

*The Liabilities of the Town are as follows:*

Town Bonds,	\$ 11,200 00	
Interest, from Nov. 1st, 1884, to date,	224 00	
Dog tax collected,	50 00	
Due School District No. 3,	144 98	
Coupons, outstanding,	18 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 11,636 98

## AVAILABLE MEANS.

Cash in hands of Treasurer,	\$ 1,453 21	
Taxes estimated good,	140 00	\$ 1,593 21
		<u>          </u>
		\$ 10,043 77

Liabilities,	\$ 11,636 98	
Available means,	<u>1,593 21</u>	
Present indebtedness,		\$ 10,043 77
Indebtedness, March 1st, 1884,		\$ 11,861 26
Reduction of debt,		\$ 1,817 49

Respectfully submitted,

OTIS C. WYATT,	}	BOARD OF AUDITORS.
JAMES N. FORREST,		
FRANK W. SHAW,		





# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## BOARD OF EDUCATION.

—FOR UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT.—

Our schools, during the year now closed, have been in a reasonably fair condition, but there is still opportunity for great improvement.

The Grammar School has continued under the care of Miss Marion E. Lyford.

The progress made in many of the branches taught, by some of the pupils, was excellent. There was a lack of thoroughness in the important branches of reading, writing and speaking, and the general discipline was below the desired standard.

She labored ardently for the good of the school, has a happy faculty of winning the love of her pupils, but less dependence upon the aid of the teacher, and more self-reliance, would cultivate better thought and greater accuracy in the scholar.

The middle school, for the first term, was taught by Miss Nettie F. Ainsworth. It was a cause of regret on the part of the Board, that her valued services could not be longer retained.

She possesses experience, special training for her vocation, and did much toward bringing the school to the desired condition of excellence and proficiency.

The last two terms were under Miss Lizzie W. Titcomb, who came well recommended, and fully met the expectations of the Board. Her Normal School training admirably fitted her for the position, and she did splendid work.

The Primary has been in the hands of Miss Alice P. Wyman, who for four years has done good work in this school. She has a happy way of interesting and holding the attention of the children, arousing their ambition and inspiring them with a love for the work of the school-room.

The new furnaces were found to be well adapted to the wants of the district, and worked satisfactorily.

A few reforms in the management of the schools are much needed, in order to bring them up to such a degree of efficiency as is desired, and we respectfully make the following recommendations.

1. The law now permits the appointment of truant officers. Such an officer is much needed here. The Board, who serve without compensation, ought not to be expected or required to perform that service.

2. A carefully prepared course of study should be arranged for each school, with monthly written and oral examinations, conducted by some member of the Board, acting as superintendent.

3. Some competent person should be employed in one of the schools—say the Grammar—to have a general supervision over the government and discipline of all the departments, and the care of the building, under the direction of the superintendent.

4. The amount of school money now at our command will enable us, in the future, to obtain first-class teachers.

None but those trained, and specially fitted, by experience, and knowledge of the best methods, should be employed.

All those intending to enter upon the work or profession of teaching, should be required first to qualify themselves for the occupation, by a course in some Normal or training school, after the usual course in the preparatory school. With the facilities now within their reach, there is no excuse for a neglect of this all-important pre-requisite. (This district cannot afford to maintain a training school for teachers, when those already qualified can be easily obtained.)

This is something too little understood by those not acquainted with the improved system of teaching.

The difference in its lasting results to the children, between a good school, conducted by a bright and active teacher, under Normal methods, and a poor school, without system and proper discipline, is too little understood and appreciated. And yet the better costs no more than the poorer.

C. C. ROGERS,	}	BOARD OF EDUCATION.
L. C. HILL,		
A. C. LORD,		

## PRIMARY SCHOOL.

## FIRST TERM.

Length, 10 weeks. No. scholars, 53. Av. attendance, 46.

## ROLL OF HONOR.

Ellen Howe.	Alice A. Howe.
Alice E. Haslam.	Gracie Ingalls.
Mabel Stevens.	Guy M. Lord.
Herbert S. Rogers.	Earnest Nelson.
Flora B. Wyatt.	Leon Locke.
Alice E. Dennis.	

## SECOND TERM.

Length, 10 weeks. No. scholars, 45. Av. attendance, 37.

## ROLL OF HONOR.

Alice E. Dennis.	Alice E. Haslam.
Ellen F. Hill.	Grace T. Hill.
Gracie Ingalls.	Guy M. Lord.

## THIRD TERM.

Length, 11 weeks. No. scholars, 35. Av. attendance, 32.

## ROLL OF HONOR.

Nellie G. Corey.	Herbert S. Rogers.
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## MIDDLE SCHOOL.

## FIRST TERM.

Length, 11 weeks. No. scholars, 37. Av. attendance, 35.

## ROLL OF HONOR.

Nellie Dolly.	Florence Dolly.
Metta Wilkins.	Josie Wyatt.
Nellie Hanaford.	Charlie Avery.
Harry Gould.	Fred Wyatt.

## SECOND TERM.

Length, 10 weeks. No. scholars, 22. Av. attendance, 21.

## ROLL OF HONOR.

Etta Dolly.	Mabel Hanaford.
Hattie Flanders.	Mabel Stevens.
Stella Wilkins.	

## THIRD TERM.

Length, 11 weeks. No. scholars, 24. Av. attendance, 20.

## ROLL OF HONOR.

Herbert Dolly.	Willie Broadley.
Hattie Flanders.	Charley Avery.

## GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

## FIRST TERM.

Length, 10 weeks. No. scholars, 21. Av. attendance, 18.89

## ROLL OF HONOR.

Charles Fletcher.	Lewis H. Nutter.
Mertie B. Tucker.	Ellen G. Moore.
G. Belle Wilkins.	Maud L. Irving.
Belle M. Peabody.	

## SECOND TERM.

Length, 10 weeks. No. scholars 29. Av. Attendance 28.3

## ROLL OF HONOR.

Charles Fletcher.	Lewis H. Nutter.
Geo. B. Rogers.	Maud E. Moore.
Sarah A. Kane.	G. Belle Wilkins.

## THIRD TERM.

Length. 11 weeks. No. scholars, 29. Av. Attendance, 25.6

## ROLL OF HONOR.

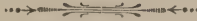
Lena M. Morrison.	Mertie B. Tucker.
Metta O. Wilkins,	Charles Fletcher.
Geo. B. Rogers.	



# ANNUAL REPORT

— OF THE —

## Superintendent of Schools.



### CITIZENS OF NORTHFIELD :

In reporting the schools for the past year, I am happy to say that although there has been a wide range of qualification among the teachers, no one of them has failed to work up to the ability possessed ; have all discharged honestly and faithfully the duties of the school-room as far as they understood them.

Our schools lack some things that must be supplied in the near future, or we shall find to our shame that we are hopelessly behind the times.

First, we need teachers who have passed through extended courses of professional training such as are required in other departments of labor, who understand the most approved methods of illustrating the sciences ; who not only are proficient themselves, but who know how to make their pupils proficient.

We have had teachers the past year, who have never seen a training school ; not even a single session of a Teachers' Institute ; take no educational magazine ; and have not drawn a single volume for reference from our free library during the whole year. Now let us see what is required of these teachers.

Says the law (Revised Statutes, Chapter 73, Sec. 16) "It shall be the duty of all persons intrusted with or engaged in the instruction of the young, dilligently to impress upon their minds, the principles of piety and justice ; a sacred regard for truth, love of country, humanity and benevolence ; sobriety, industry and frugality ;

chastity, moderation and temperance, and all other virtues which are the ornament and support of human society ; and to endeavor to lead them into a particular understanding of the tendency of all such virtues ; to preserve and perfect a republican form of government, to secure the blessings of liberty, and to promote their future happiness ; and the tendency of the opposite vices to degradation and slavery." In view of all this we are led to ask "Who is sufficient for these things." It surely can never be more than begun in a single term, and so long as our teachers change in most districts *every year*, and in two instances the past year every term, the outlook is far from promising. This is the *second* great fault.

I fail to see the benefit arising from the custom of passing a good teacher from district to district year after year.

By referring to my registers I find that the normal teachers employed the past four years have been paid no more than our most indifferent ones.

Our teachers will avail themselves of the benefits of the normal and training schools when it is made a condition of service.

Now I ask you, citizens of Northfield, will you not put a trained teacher in every school-room, and retain them there until there is some good reason for setting them aside ?

With a part of the literary fund I purchased a set of seven outline maps for District No. 3, like those furnished the other schools in 1881, by Messrs Goodale and Cass.

The subject of abolishing school districts is being freely discussed and your committee hopes to see the town system successfully inaugurated at once.

We are indebted to Mr. Chase, of Boston, for temperance literature, as well as tracts on manners, morals, cruelty to animals, &c., which were distributed among the scholars during the fall term.

We hope the number of such friends will increase with every coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCY R. H. CROSS,  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

## DISTRICT NO. 1.—CENTER.

Miss Ella M. Hersey, a normal graduate of much experience and good methods, after a summer term of six weeks, was succeeded by Miss Stella Prince, a recent graduate of one of our best institutions.

Neither of these teachers, though eminently qualified, had time to make any lasting impression on this school.

The regular routine work, which is but a small part of education, went on, however, and good progress was made.

Miss Hersey should have been retained the second term.

A change of teachers is always a costly experiment, and once a year, is quite as much as most districts can afford.

## DISTRICT NO. 2.—BAY HILL.

Both terms taught by Miss Grace A. Shaw.

We would like to see a little more life and energy than Miss Shaw shows in the school-room, but she is a faithful worker in the common routine of school work.

Some of these pupils have a bad habit of guessing at their answers. Pupils who can guess correctly the third trial should be made to omit the first and second, and give the proper answer at once. "A Yankee school teacher used to tell her class of western pupils "I guess if you guess again you will guess it."

Guess work might be in order in such a school, but it is quite out of place at Bay Hill.

## DISTRICT NO. 3.—HODGDON.

Both terms, 26 weeks, taught by Miss Annie O. Drake.

I should not satisfy myself or the company of intelligent citizens who witnessed the closing examination did I not express my fullest approval of this teacher's faithfulness, energy, manners, methods and discipline. She achieved a most abundant success.

The progress and proficiency shown, even by the smallest pupils was quite wonderful. It is greatly to be hoped that Miss Drake may long remain in the Northfield schools.

## DISTRICT NO. 4.—RAND.

This school tried the same experiment as No. 1 with no better success. Frank W. Stevens taught six weeks in the summer, and Miss Carrie E. Moore eight in the autumn.

Mr. Stevens was scholarly, dignified and pleasant; and, if he failed at all, it was from ignorance of the customary routine of country schools.

The introduction of some of the system and classification of city schools is what we most need, but it can only be accomplished by patience and repeated experiment. Six weeks is no trial.

Miss Moore was a hard working and experienced teacher and accomplished all, perhaps more than could reasonably be expected under the circumstances.

## DISTRICT NO. 5.—OAK HILL.

Both terms taught by Miss Cora E. Moore, who seemed anxious to advance her pupils.

Many of the classes appeared remarkable well, and though the school is large and difficult, she was in a measure successful.

## DISTRICT NO. 6.—BEAN HILL.

Both terms in charge of Miss Ida Prince, who taught here last year.

It gives me pleasure again to commend her faithfulness and consequent success. Miss Prince excels in object teaching.

## DISTRICT NO. 7.—POND.

Both terms taught by Miss Nellie S. French, who has taught many terms in our schools, and always with good success. She is energetic, and her pupils prompt and earnest.

## DISTRICT NO. 8.—TEBBETTS.

This is a very small and somewhat backward school, but Miss Lizzie A. Adams succeeded in keeping up a good interest that resulted in good attendance and slow but sure progress.

No scholar was either tardy, absent or dismissed the entire nine weeks of the summer term.



## Statistical Table.

No. of District.	Name of District.	No. of Pupils.	Length of School.	No. in Reading.	No. in Spelling.	No. in Penmanship.	No. in Arithmetie.	No. in Geography.	No. in Grammar.	No. in History.	No. in Composition.	No. in Physiology.	No. in Algebra.	Half day Absences.	Visits by Prud. Com.	Visits by Parents.
1	Centre. . .	17	16	17	17	17	17	7	5	4	8	4	4	130	2	35
2	Bay Hill, .	11	20	10	11	10	7	5	4	1	4	2	0	59	1	7
3	Hodgdon,	19	27	19	19	19	12	10	1	1	4	1	1	124	3	35
4	Rand, . . .	12	14	12	12	10	10	5	6	1	5	3	0	38	0	28
5	Oak Hill, .	20	17	20	20	18	16	9	3	2	5	18	0	159	1	37
6	Bean Hill,	8	14	8	8	8	8	8	1	0	0	1	0	34	3	23
7	Pond, . . .	9	15	9	9	7	6	3	3	0	3	3	1	69	1	15
8	Tebbetts, .	6	18	6	6	5	5	1	0	0	0	3	0	31	3	35

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 " 7 " 75.95 ÷ 9 = 8.44  
 " 8 " 39.00 ÷ 6 = 6.50

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## CENTRE.

### FIRST TERM.

Gale, Elmer  
Hall, Ora  
Rumsey, Emma  
Sanborn, Charles  
Sanborn, Alonzo  
Sanborn, Katie  
Stevens, Ina M.  
Dearborn, Charles  
Mooney, Wilbur

### SECOND TERM.

Gale, Elmer  
Hall, Ora  
Rumsey, Emma  
Sanborn, Charles  
Sanborn, Alonzo  
Sanborn, Katie  
Stevens, Ina M.

## BAY HILL.

### FIRST TERM.

Glines, John W.

## HODGDON.

### FIRST TERM.

Cook, Abbie M.  
Shaw, Albert B.  
Shaw, Alice G.

### SECOND TERM.

Palmer, Nellie  
Shaw, Albert B.  
Shaw, Alice G.  
Glines, Albert

## RAND.

### FIRST TERM.

Cram, Herbert S.  
Glines, Jeddie S.  
Downing, Bessie H.  
Downing, Mabel P.  
French, Mabel E.  
French, Flora T.

### SECOND TERM.

Cram, Herbert S.  
Corliss, Arthur H.  
Glines, Jeddie S.  
Newton, Albert E.  
Forrest, Annie R.  
French, Mabel E.  
French, Flora T.

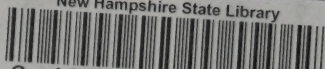








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