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OF THE

TOWN OF HAMPSTEAD, N. H.,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1877.

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TREASURER'S ACCOUNT

OF THE

Town of Hampstead, N. H.,

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RECEIPTS.

By cash, received of C. W. Bailey,	
Treasurer for 1875,	\$ 538 57
received, dog tax,	80 00
J. C. Eastman, note and int.,	128 07
Henry Putnam, Coll. in 1875,	1,099 40
" " " for 1876,	5,540 00
interest for 1875 and 1876,	39 18
Wm. A. Emerson, Coll. in 1874,	117 94
" " int. "	23 88
Wm, C. Little, Coll. in 1873,	30 00
R. K. Brickett, " 1872,	8 08
State Treas., R. R. tax,	107 94
" " Savings Bank tax,	443 36
" " literary fund,	93 60
County of Rockingham,	82 85
for use of Town Hall,	19 50
F. A. Pike, int. on money paid	
before due,	3 00
Isaac Tewksbury, for land,	81 00
Henry Putnam, bal. of cost	
advertising non-resident	
land in 1875,	17 03
	<hr/> \$8,453 40

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid state tax,	\$ 884 00
county tax,	898 35
schoolhouse tax, Dist. No. 1,	75 00
" " " " 6,	75 00
	<hr/> \$1,932 35

SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid School District No. 1,	\$ 252 34
" " " 2,	350 20
" " " 3,	152 01
" " " 4,	277 37
" " " 5,	122 79
" " " 6,	161 41
" " " 7,	154 15
	<hr/> \$1,470 27

SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

Paid for support of A. W. Ayer,	\$156 00
" " Wm. P. Brown,	46 00
" " Jacob Hunt,	92 12
" " Clark Durgin,	87 75
" " David McLaren,	15 00
" " Priscilla Ames,	5 10
" " Charles H. Lang,	18 10
" " Otis Woodward,	8 75
" " Tramps,	8 75
	<hr/> \$437 57

PUBLIC WATERING PLACES.

Paid Frederick A. Pike,	\$ 3 00
George Allen,	3 00
Daniel Nichols,	3 00
James Ricker,	3 00
William Griffin,	3 00
	<hr/> \$15 00

UNDERTAKERS.

Paid Ithamer Eaton,	\$12 00
George Keezer,	3 00
	<hr/> \$15 00

SNOW PATHS.

Paid District No. 1,	\$19 55
“ “ 2,	24 06
“ “ 3,	22 93
“ “ 4,	12 75
“ “ 5,	30 33
“ “ 6,	28 62
“ “ 7,	20 26
“ “ 8,	15 85
“ “ 9,	22 79
“ “ 10,	56 24
“ “ 11,	5 66
	<hr/> \$259 04

REPAIRS ON HIGHWAYS.

Paid J. D. Ordway, widening Smith road,	\$231 48
T. M. Arnold, rep's on Brown Hill r'd,	25 17
Luther Webber, repairs in Dist. No. 9,	2 00
Wm. Griffin, bridge plank “ “	12 24
Geo. Allen, cutting bushes “ 10	1 19
Caleb Moulton, repairs “ 3,	2 00
Jos. G. Brown, rep's 1873, “ 8,	1 21
C. W. Brown, cut'g bushes Smith r'd,	7 50
	<hr/> \$282 79

NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAX.

Paid the several districts, and expended,	\$72 17
	<hr/> \$72 17

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid F. A. Pike, Treas. H. H. school fund,	\$1,146 00
Lucretia L. Jefferson, interest,	13 26
Laura E. Spaulding, “	50 00
Hannah T. Howard, “ part prin.	534 91
Horace Bailey, “ “	493 21
F. A. Pike, int. on H. H. school fund,	375 56
	<hr/> \$2,613 68

DAMAGE BY DOGS.

Paid Daniel H. Emerson, damage to sheep,	\$34 71	
John T. Little, " "	6 56	
A. W. Chandler, " "	4 10	
Luther Chase, " "	6 16	
Nancy R. Eastman, " "	3 28	
Caleb Moulton, " steer,	8 19	
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		\$63 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid C. C. Morse & Son, print. reports, 1875,	\$72 00	
Morrill & Silsby, books, blanks, &c.,	6 85	
C. H. Wood, painting guide board,	3 50	
F. A. Pike, post for guide-board,	1 25	
J. W. Garland, painting and setting post,	75	
Ithamer Eaton, painting tomb door,	60	
" " cleaning hearse, &c.,	2 50	
J. J. Tabor, ringing bell and care of Town Hall,	49 25	
J. J. Tabor, sawing wood, sweeping hall, lamps, glass, &c.,	5 17	
D. H. Emerson, repairs on Town Hall, in 1875,	1 00	
Caleb Moulton, making deed from town to Dr. Tewksbury,	50	
Caleb Moulton, wood for Town Hall,	6 50	
J. D. Ordway, services as auctioneer,	1 00	
Smiley Bros., five bracket lamps,	2 50	
H. Putnam, land purchased by town, sold for non-payment of taxes,	97 95	
H. Putnam, cost of advertising non- resident land illegally taxed,	1 76	
Job J. Tabor, sawing wood, broom, wire, work on funnel,	1 65	
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		\$254 73

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid J. D. Ordway, services as Moderator,	\$ 4 00
A. M. Moulton, " Town Clerk,	28 00
J. W. Garland, " Treasurer,	25 00

Paid J. W. Garland, time and expense to Concord to pay state tax,	5 00
Caleb Moulton, services, Superintending School Committee,	30 00
Henry Putnam, percent. for coll. taxes,	66 07
J. D. Ordway, services as Selectman,	46 00
J. W. Garland, " " "	62 00
T. M. Arnold, " " "	49 00
Luther Webber, " Constable,	5 00
J. D. Ordway, on pauper business,	5 50
J. W. Garland, " " "	5 50
T. M. Arnold, " " "	2 00
J. D. Ordway, for horse hire,	2 50
J. W. Garland, " " "	5 75
T. M. Arnold, " " "	4 00
H. Putnam, postage, stat'y and tax bill,	2 75
" settling with Selectmen, &c.,	1 50
J. D. Ordway, postage and stationery,	1 50
Auditors for services,	7 50
	<hr/> \$358 57
Cash in Treasury,	679 23
	<hr/> \$8,453 40

JOHN W. GARLAND, TREASURER.

Hampstead, Mar. 1, 1877.

The undersigned, having examined the foregoing accounts, find them correctly cast and satisfactory vouchers corresponding with the same.

WM. C. LITTLE, }
JOHN MILLS, } Auditors.
MOSES B. LITTLE, }

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Dr.

Total amount of taxes assessed for 1876,	\$6,607 81
Received of county, support of paupers,	82 85
" for use of Town Hall,	19 50
" of Isaac Tewksbury, land,	81 00
	<u> \$6,791 16</u>

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By taxes committed to H. Putnam, coll.,	\$6,607 81
funds committed with Treasurer,	183 35
	<u> \$6,791 16</u>

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

On Wm. A. Emerson's book, 1874,	\$21 90
Henry Putnam's " 1875,	11 28
" " " 1876,	18 03
R. K. Brickett's " 1872,	8 08

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Amount of indebtedness being notes with accrued interest to March 1, 1877,	<u> \$22,527 38</u>
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ASSETS AS FOLLOWS :

Due from Henry Putnam, Coll. for 1876,	\$1,029 74
" " " 1875,	6 36
Wm. A. Emerson, " 1874,	82 15
Wm. C. Little, " 1873,	20 00
United States bounties,	776 40
Cash in Treasury,	679 23
Resident land sold for taxes assessed in 1875, and purchased by the town in 1876,	\$64 67
Non-resident land sold for taxes assessed in 1876, and purchased by the town in Feb, 1877,	31 98
	<u> \$2,690 53</u>
Balance being town debt March 1, 1877,	\$19,836 85
Reduction of town debt during the past year,	\$538 82

JOHN D. ORDWAY, } Selectmen
JOHN W. GARLAND, } of
THOMAS M. ARNOLD, } Hampstead.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF HAMPSTEAD, N. H.,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1877.

In obedience with the laws of the state, and in compliance with my duties as committee, I herewith present a report of the condition of our schools during the present school year.

HIGH SCHOOL.

TRUSTEES—Amos Buck, Tristram Little, William C. Little, Frederick A. Pike, Daniel H. Emerson, Nelson Ordway, and Rev. Albert Watson, *ex officio*.

Teacher, Myron P. Dickey, the same as last year. The school year was divided into three terms, which commenced the second Tuesday of April, last Tuesday of August, and the second Tuesday of December; the last term being still in session to close March 10th.

The number of students is limited to 30 and the school has been full during the year. The whole number connected with the school during 1876 and 1877 is 42. Number admitted during the year 16. Number in attendance from the commence-

ment 14 The mode of instruction has been as classical, systematic, and thorough as possible. The discipline is considered good, and trustees and parents both appear to be well satisfied with the proficiency made in the various studies generally.

While the school is now in a prosperous condition, it may be proper to inquire why have more than one-half of the students who entered at the commencement of the school left it before the end of the second year. Can there be a want of interest in parents and a proper ambition on the part of the students? If not, why should so many leave the school? It was hoped at the commencement that a large majority of the students would be disposed to pursue a regular course of study, and graduate with honor for themselves, the school, and the town that had contributed so liberally to help establish it.

While yet in its infancy, defects should be remedied and every serious obstacle in the way of the success of the school should be removed; and it is not unreasonable to ask parents to give this question their serious consideration, and to exert a healthful influence in favor of a regular and full course of study in this free institution of learning.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

WILLIAM AYER, PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

Teacher during the year, Miss Sophia Moulton of Hampstead. The first term of school commenced on the 10th of April. and closed on June 30th. The second term commenced September 4th, and closed November 24th. Third term commenced on December 11th, closing February 16th.

The average attendance during the year was very good. Number of tardy and dismissal marks small. No pupils were dismissed until all their lessons were recited. At every visit the school has appeared well. The teacher's long experience in teaching, an increased interest on the part of the parents, as well as the pupils, have combined to make this school a profita-

ble one. Good progress was made in all branches of study. The pupils commenced in earnest, and seemed to have retained a considerable degree of ambition until the close of the school.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

HORACE R. SAWYER, PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

Teacher, Miss Annie E. George.

The school was opened on April 17th, and continued ten weeks. Average attendance, 54. The next term commenced August 28th, and closed November 11th. Average attendance, 51. The third term commenced December 4th, and closed the 14th of February, with an average attendance of 37. The whole number of names entered upon the teacher's register is 47. On account of the depth of snow and the inclemency of the weather, several small children, living at a distance, have been deprived of the privilege of attending school during a portion or the whole of the winter term. A very large proportion of the pupils are small, while the number in the district at present is quite too large for one teacher. With so many classes, but a few minutes at best can be devoted to a recitation. The teacher has been industrious, and managed as well as could reasonably be expected under the circumstances.

More than common progress has been made in the important branches of reading, spelling, and geography. Composition and declamation have received proper attention. The order of the school was well sustained throughout, and proper attention was given to all the classes. On account of sickness, your committee was unable to make a very thorough examination at the close of the last term, but the appearances were all favorable as far as noticed.

Some means should be devised, by changing district lines or otherwise, to lessen the number of pupils, that they may receive greater benefit. With the large amount of school

money and the high wages paid for teachers, the rank of scholarship in this school ought to stand higher than at present.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

DR. J. C. EASTMAN, PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

Both the summer and fall terms were taught by Miss Mary D. Webster, of Chester.

The school opened on the 24th of April, under favorable circumstances, and the teacher entered upon her duties in earnest; and, at the close of the first term, a very commendable progress was perceptible.

The fall term closed on the 24th of November. Attention was given to every study; but, at the closing examination, some questions were not answered with quite as much promptness, fullness, and correctness as was desirable. Probably a few pupils had taken advantage of the teacher's extreme kindness, and neglected their studies, in a measure to their own injury.

The teacher appeared to have labored assiduously throughout, and fair progress was attained. The moral department was very good.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

JACOB TOWNSEND, PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

Teacher for the year, Miss Ella E. Webster, of Chester.

The first term commenced May 8th, and continued ten weeks. Second term, from August 14th to November 24th. The third term is still in session, and will close the second week in March.

Miss Webster has the benefit of several years' experience in teaching, which has been turned to good account, both as

to government and modes of instruction. Her kind yet firm and impartial treatment of her pupils has secured their confidence, and her faithful and accurate manner of teaching ought to have secured a much greater improvement in this school. At every examination, some classes have recited remarkably well, while others, or perhaps more properly, particular pupils, have not appeared to quite so good advantage.

By reference to the teacher's register, it is found, that, during the first term of ten weeks, the number of days absence is found to be 201. Second term, 287. More than one half of the pupils have been more or less absent—some for days and weeks together, to the injury of themselves and others in their classes. On this account the school has not made the progress which was anticipated, but it appears to have been no fault on the part of the teacher.

This matter of non-attendance is, of course, in the hands of the parents in the district, who can see that in order to receive any great benefit from a school, pupils must attend it regularly. It is hoped that parents will give the question due consideration in the future.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

HORACE ADAMS, PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

The first term of ten weeks, closing July 8th, was taught by Miss Anna Hazelton, of Chester. This was her first attempt at teaching, and considering the number of pupils, only three, she had ample time to assist them, and as much progress was made as could be expected.

The fall term of twelve weeks was taught by Miss Fannie R. Hazelton, a sister of Anna, who had taught here last year. The number of pupils was increased to seven, who were pretty regular in attendance, and more interest was manifested and the school on the whole was more profitable. Considering the number, both teachers and the pupils deserve considerable credit.

Unless some means can be devised by which the number can be considerably increased, no remarkable interest can be expected on the part of the teachers or pupils. It would be unreasonable to look for a manifestation of any great ambition or rivalry among so few.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

EVERETT MOULTON, PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

Teacher, spring and fall, Miss Flora Gordon, of Danville. The school opened on May 1st, and continued nine weeks. Miss Gordon at once won the confidence of her pupils and succeeded well in the government of her school. She exerted a good influence, morally and intellectually, over her pupils, and under her instruction a fair advancement was made.

The last, or fall term, commenced August 28th and continued sixteen weeks. Notwithstanding the extreme length of the term, the interest was well sustained to its close. Good success attended the teacher's labors throughout and all interested seemed to be well satisfied. The closing examination was interesting to all.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

EZRA W. FOSS, PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

Teacher, both terms, Miss Susie M. Clifford, of Danville. The first term continued nine and the last fourteen weeks. The first term was well attended and the teacher labored hard to bring the pupils up to her standard of discipline; and in this respect, the school appeared much better at the close than at the commencement. The teacher was industrious and the closing examination gave evidence of considerable improvement.

The last term commenced September 4th and closed December 8th. The school was visited a few weeks after its commencement and to all appearances fair progress was being made. Sickness and a severe storm prevented a visit at the close of the term; therefore your committee cannot speak particularly as to the success of the school during the last few weeks.

PRIZES AWARDED.

For the greatest improvement in penmanship, as follows:

In District No. 1, to John E. Mills; No. 2, Lillian R. Griffin; No. 3, Amanda Wilson; No. 4, Myra C. Townsend; No. 5, Willie L. Hall; No. 6, Mamie S. Bailey; No. 7, Moses C. Morse.

Concerning the above named prizes it may be proper to state in explanation, that your committee having on hand about three dollars, received of Rev. G. O. Jenness, late S. S. Committee, to be expended for educational purposes, being aware that penmanship was being too much neglected in all of our district schools, deemed it advisable to contribute the remainder and to offer a prize of one dollar for the greatest improvement in penmanship during the year. The effect is seen in every school. Two or three times as much has been written—books have been very neatly kept, and a very decided interest and enthusiasm has been created, resulting in a general marked improvement in this branch of study. The most sanguine expectations have been fully realized in every district.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Under this head is inserted the names of those who have not been *absent* from school or *tardy* during the year. This list is furnished for their credit and for the benefit of all pupils in the future,

District No. 1—LILLIE E. NOYES,
JOHN E. MILLS.

District No. 2—ABBIE M. CORSON,
R. ANNIE EMERSON,
BERTIE A. SHANNON.

District No. 3—NELLIE BRAGDON.

District No. 4—WILLIE S. PIKE.

District No. 6—LIZZIE H. JOHNSON,
MAMIE S. BAILEY,
ALBERT W. R. VERBURGT,
BERTIE VERBURGT,
JOHN W. ARNOLD.

District No. 7—FRANK KEEZER,
WALTER A. ALLEN,
EMMA PEARSONS.

GENERAL OBSERVATION.

It will be seen by reference to the subjoined table that no change of teachers has been made during the year, with the exception of District No. 5, where two sisters taught a term each. The course pursued by the Prudential Committee, in this respect, is highly satisfactory. Where teachers are well fitted for their places, no changes ought to be made during the year, and in some cases it is advisable to retain them much longer.

In some districts the schools have suffered from tardiness and irregular attendance, where no sufficient excuse could be given. Unless deterred by contagious diseases or prevailing epidemics, children of sufficient age and strength should be sent to school in *season* every day the school is in session. Any neglect on the part of parents to do their whole duty in this matter must result in injury to both parties.

Nothing is so much needed in our schools as *system*, or a regular course of study. Various courses have been recommended by popular educators, and various methods are being pursued at present, both in city and town schools. Prof. J. W. Simonds, late Superintendent of Public instruction, in his SCHOOL DOCUMENT, CIRCULAR No. 16, has with great care prepared a General Course of Study for the Common School, "the result of prolonged thought and investigation," to cover nine years, allowing twenty weeks of schooling annually. A want of space forbids an entire insertion, and short extracts would be of little account in this report. His General Directions, however, are so pertinent that I take the liberty to extract as follows :

“ Allow scholars time to think and answer.

“ Insist that all language in the school-room be plain, simple, expressive, accurate.

“ Assist the pupil cheerfully, when necessary.

“ Teachers should be supplied with an entire set of text-books and not borrow of the scholars.

“ Teach with care the definitions of the several subjects and principles in the studies pursued.

“ The classes in reading, spelling, writing, arithmetic, and grammar should recite daily.

“ Discourage mere memorizing as preparatory for reciting ; cultivate the understanding.

“ Make constant use of the board for examples, figures, and drawings in illustrating and explaining.

“ Review daily ; weekly and monthly reviews.

“ Hold a public examination at the close of each term.”

This CIRCULAR should be in the hands of every teacher.

Finally, it should be impressed upon the mind of every true friend of education in town, that, in order to raise our standard, or even to retain our present standing, the proper amount of *money* must be appropriated. Liberality has been shown in the past and we are hopeful of the future.

The fact that the Trustees of the High School find it so

difficult to find a sufficient number to fill the seats in their schoolroom, who are qualified to enter this Institution, ought to be sufficient to awaken a deeper interest and stimulate our citizens to greater efforts to sustain our common schools.

Respectfully submitted,

CALEB MOULTON,

Superintending School Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of district.	SUMMER, AUTUMN, AND WINTER.	Length in w'k.	No. of pupils.	Av. attendance.	Reading.	Spelling.	Penmanship.	Arithmetic.	Grammar.	Geography.	History.	Composition.	Drawing.	No. between 5 & 15 not at school	Wages per mo. including board.
1	{ 1st term.	12	15	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	15	15	10	13	5	5		5	2	1	\$29
	{ 2d " "	12	13	12	13	13	13	11	5	3	3	3	2	1	29
	{ 3d " "	10	10	9 $\frac{3}{4}$	10	10	10	9	6	3	3	3	1	1	29
2	{ 1st term.	11	61	54	61	61	34	43	10	33		11			38
	{ 2d " "	11	60	51	60	60	32	43	10	33		11	4		38
	{ 3d " "	10	47	37	47	47	32	39	11	27		12	4		38
3	{ 1st term.	10	22	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	22	22	17	17	8	14				1	30
	{ 2d " "	12	23	19 $\frac{1}{2}$	23	23	17	16	6	13	3	3		1	30
4	{ 1st term.	10	19	15	19	19	11	14	3	6		4	5	2	31
	{ 2d " "	15	21	17	21	21	12	17	3	5		3	4		31
	{ 3d " "		21		21	21	12								31
5	{ 1st term.	10	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2		1		2	20
	{ 2d " "	12	7	5	7	7	5	6	3	3					20
6	{ 1st term.	9	16	15	16	16	10	10	3	6					24
	{ 2d " "	16	18	16	18	18	12	12	4	5	2	4			24
7	{ 1st term.	9	27	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	27	27	22	23	4	9	2	4			26
	{ 2d " "	14	24	20 $\frac{1}{2}$	24	24	18	20	3	9					26



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