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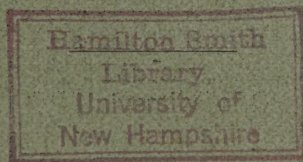
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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

1885.			
March	2.	By balance in favor of the town on settlement March 2, 1885,	\$1,119.78
April.		By amount of state, county, town, and school taxes assessed upon the polls and ratable estates of residents for the year 1885,	9,690.18
		By amount of state, county, town, and school taxes assessed upon the ratable estates of non-residents for the year 1885,	228.93
		By amount assessed upon persons owning or keeping dogs for the year 1885,	105.00
		By amount of school-house taxes assessed upon the polls and ratable estates of residents and estates of non-residents of school-district No. 4, for the year 1885,	20.70
		By amount of school-house taxes assessed upon the polls and ratable estates of residents and ratable estates of non-residents of school-district No. 8, for the year 1885,	102.14
		By amount received from the state treasurer, as follows:	
		Insurance tax,	\$88.50
		Railroad tax,	421.39
		Savings-bank tax,	2,942.43
		Literary fund,	246.44
		Bounty on woodchucks,	28.50
			<hr style="width: 10%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> \$3,727.26
		By amount received from Lewis Labell, being his taxes for 1884 and uncollected,	.81

April.	By amount received from George Tyler, less rebate and express on collection for freight and storage of road machine,	\$17.77
	By amount received from the county of Merrimack for the support of paupers, as follows :	
	Sylvanus Adams,	\$30.00
	P. Larondeau,	90.50
	Jerry Currey,	16.85
	Sarah Bean,	22.86
	Sarah Prescott,	22.80
	John McGuinness,	12.57
	Henry Bushway,	55.36
	Mary McLaughlin,	48.54
	Malvina Cota,	78.20
	James B. Fife,	33.93
	Otis Chandler's child,	15.00
	Andrew Shortsleve,	26.97
	Paul Brusere,	12.75
	Rose Russell,	97.70
	Joseph Facto,	29.42
	Ann Logan,	33.23
	Mary Baker's children,	108.00
	Edmund Palmer,	53.22
	Oliver Ploud,	33.50
	Julia Radigan's child,	25.00
	Ann Collins,	94.67
	Ann McDaniels,	56.25
	W. H. Hall,	35.82
	Frank Stone,	26.32
	Syl. Cullen,	20.85
	Maggie Forcier,	22.50
	Jonas Dugdale,	16.57
	Charles Sleeper,	12.00
	Jane Wade,	6.30
	Dolphus Martell,	39.93
	Mrs. Damase Perault,	23.25
	Mary Cardin,	12.73
	Rock Martell,	21.71

Edward Larou,	\$38.44
Thomas Gemo,	10.00
Mrs. T. Reynolds,	24.98
Moses Bennet, Sr.,	12.44
William Forceir,	24.60
J. Halstron,	6.55
William Connors,	9.29
Isaac Lamoureux,	45.06
Mary Donlette,	115.00
Mary Fannie,	67.49
Fred Fannie,	11.50
William F. Drew,	14.69
Maggie Castles,	86.00
Ann McLaughlin,	13.43
Addison Hartford,	91.25
Sarah Johnson,	91.25
Jane Fisher,	77.75
Transients,	219.66

\$2,194.72

By amount received from John B. Haselton
over and above his salary as police justice,

16.00

Amount of receipts, \$17,223.29

EXPENDITURES.

1885.

Paid:

March 28. Emeline Palmer, for board and care of Julia Radigan's child eight weeks to date,	\$10.00
C. C. Sampson, for services as S. S. Committee, ending March 1, 1885,	50.00
G. H. H. Silsby & Son, for blank appointments,	.75
Edson C. Eastman, for paper, blanks, and books,	10.87
Mrs. Driver, for board of Otis Chandler's child four weeks to date,	5.00
Mrs. Cayer, for care of Mrs. P. Larondeau two weeks,	5.00

Paid:

March 28.	Victor Gilbert, for railroad tickets for Mrs. D. Martell, to Canada,	\$8.50
	Victor Gilbert, for bread and railroad tickets furnished P. Larondeau and family,	31.25
	Victor Gilbert, for railroad tickets for Mrs. Damase Perault and family to Canada,	23.25
	Louis Labonta, for taking care of Mrs. P. Larondeau, three days and two nights, and assistance rendered as per bill,	12.50
	Geo. P. Little, for cash paid for repairing lock on safe at selectmen's office,	12.00
April 8.	Otis Cole, for services as S. S. Committee for year ending March 1, 1885,	50.00
	9. Thomas Hook, for breaking out roads in January and February, 1885,	3.87
	Knowles Steam Pump Works, for pump valves, as per bill on file,	16.00
	13. Mrs. Driver, for board of Otis Chandler's child, ending April 1, 1885,	5.00
	17. Charles S. Adams, for breaking roads in January and February, 1885,	4.00
	21. David D. Richardson, for labor and cash paid for labor breaking roads in winter of 1884 and 1885,	21.00
	25. John Welch & Co., for goods furnished paupers in February and March, 1885, as per bill,	239.46
	Charles Bliss, for labor on highway district No. 6 to date,	5.50
	Charles N. Glidden, for labor and cash paid for labor in district No. 11 to date,	7.97
	Emeline Palmer, for board of Julia Radigan's child four weeks to date,	5.00
	H. Dennison, for railroad tickets furnished transient persons,	7.55
	John F. Drew, for labor on highway to date,	3.50

Paid :

April	25.	Henry E. Payson, for labor on highway to date,	\$7.05
		Hugh M. Warren, for labor and cash paid for labor on highway, winter of 1884-'85,	24.51
		Edward Castles, for lighting street lamps to date,	10.50
	29.	Geo. S. Blanchard, for dinners for selectmen,	10.50
		A. N. Osgood, for services as supervisor, ending March 10, 1885,	10.00
May	9.	Frank J. Batchelder, for printing town reports for 1884-'85,	40.00
		Mrs. J. Nolan, for board and care of Mary Cardin,	5.00
		S. S. Ordway, for pipe and labor on watering-trough in 1884,	57.23
	12.	Mrs. Driver for board of Otis Chandler's child to May 1, 1885,	5.00
	14.	Lewis A. Hyatt, for labor and cash paid for labor, district No. 1 to date,	132.23
	30.	Harriet Johnson, for board and care of Sarah Johnson to date,	29.75
		Mrs. Nicholas Hartford, for board and care of Addison Hartford to date,	29.75
		Emeline Palmer, for board and care of Julia Radigan's child to date,	6.25
		Harvey Dennison, for railroad tickets for Mrs. James B. Fife and family,	3.00
		Fred G. Evans, for time and team to county sealer, with weights and measures and cash paid for sealing same,	7.75
		Dubey & Lamprey, for goods furnished paupers to date, as per bill,	62.22
		Eugene Lane, for printing notices, etc., as per bill on file,	9.25
		George W. Gordon Post, G. A. R., for Decoration Day, as per vote of town,	50.00

		Paid :	
June	15.	Lewis A. Hyatt, for labor and cash paid for labor on highway, district No. 1, to date,	\$202.97
	27.	Moses W. Lancey, for labor and cash paid for labor to June 2, in district No. 15,	43.85
		John A. Drew, for labor and cash paid for labor on highway, district No. 9, to date,	19.90
		George B. Colby, for labor and cash paid for labor on highway, district No. 7, to date,	50.25
		Mailand E. Prescott, for labor and cash paid for labor on highway, district No. 16, to date,	42.89
		R. S. Fife, for labor and cash paid for labor on highway, district No. 12, to date,	21.12
		Willie G. Stone, for labor and cash paid for labor on highway, district No. 18, to date,	26.25
		Daniel S. Jones, for teams for funerals of Edmund Palmer's wife and Jas. B. Fife's child, February, 1885,	4.50
		Horace Robinson, for labor and cash paid for labor on highway, district No. 1, January and February, 1885, as per bill,	9.10
		H. Dennison, for railroad tickets for Esther Lameroux and family to Springfield,	10.65
		Victor Gilbert, for railroad tickets for Moses Bennett, Sr., to Canada,	7.50
		Emeline Palmer, for board and care of Julia Radigan's child to date,	3.75
July	2.	Geo. Mack, for house-rent for Sarah Prescott to June 16, 1885,	4.00
	17.	Charles N. Glidden, for labor on highway, district No. 11,	16.25
	25.	Victor Gilbert, for railroad tickets for Joseph Lenwitt to Canada,	8.00
		Harriet Johnson, for board and care of Sarah Johnson to date,	14.00

Paid :

July	25. Cynthia A. Curtis, for assistance rendered to Mrs. Sarah Prescott,	\$3.00
Aug.	22. C. A. Bailey, for stone furnished district No. 1, as per bill,	202.17
	29. C. B. Hildreth, for house-rent furnished Mrs. Fisher and family,	15.00
	C. L. Baker, for moving goods for paupers to depot as per bill on file,	7.00
	Martha J. Woods, for nursing Jane Wade as per bill,	2.00
	George P. Cofran, for labor, cash paid out, and services in part as selectman for 1885,	94.35
	Harvey Dennison, for tickets furnished paupers, as per bill,	11.08
	L. A. Hyatt, for labor and cash paid for labor on highway, district No. 1, to July 23,	250.50
	Mrs. N. Hartford, for board and care of Addison Hartford thirteen weeks to date,	22.75
	John T. Dodge, for labor and cash paid out on highway in district No. 3,	67.19
	Jesse Holt, for labor and cash paid out for labor on highway, district No. 13,	27.00
	William A. Smith, for milk furnished Ann Collins to date,	4.16
Sept.	26. Madison Palmer, for sawing wood for W. H. Hall,	2.00
	George Mack, for three months' rent for Sarah Prescott, ending Sept. 16,	3.75
	Bliss Charles, for labor and cash paid for labor on highway, district No. 6,	42.11
	J. C. Fowle, for taking care of cemetery on Pembroke street to date, as per bill,	7.50
	Warren D. Foss, for labor and cash paid for labor on highway, district No. 5, to date,	54.02

Paid :

	Jacob P. Leavitt, for labor and cash paid for labor on highway, district No. 10,	\$25.00
	O. S. Ball, for damage done horse on highway near Chichester line,	15.00
	William Fife, in part for labor and cash paid for labor on highway, district No. 2,	10.00
	George P. Little, for bounty on woodchucks, and chairs for selectmen's office,	12.00
Oct.	1. Edward Castles, for lighting and taking care of street lamps five months,	35.00
	S. S. Ordway, for pipe and labor on watering-trough and fountain,	32.36
	3. Louis Labonta, for services as police officer, Jan., Feb., and March, 1885, as follows :	
	State vs. McVey,	\$15.37
	“ Graham,	7.79
	“ Prescott,	8.54
	“ Freeman,	7.92
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	5. Fellows & Cofran, for house rent furnished county paupers as per bill,	39.00
	10. C. A. Bailey, for two watering-troughs, and covering-stone for bridges on highway,	188.17
	31. Milton G. Emery, for labor on well in town-house yard,	12.00
	Stephen Hook, for labor on police station,	11.00
	Thomas Hook, for labor on highway, district No. 17;	26.75
	A. F. Burbank, for complaints and warrants in 1884-'85, in the following cases :	
	State vs. J. Manning,	\$1.50
	“ Hannah Finley,	1.50
	“ George Goulette,	1.50
	“ Victor Demarte,	1.50
	“ Martha Palmer,	1.50
	“ Arthur Drew,	1.50
	“ Daniel Freeman,	1.50

Paid :

	State <i>vs.</i> James Marshall,	\$1.50
	“ Turk Smith,	1.50
	“ Michael Griskell,	1.50
	“ E. Duckwith,	1.50
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		\$16.50
	Addison N. Osgood, for services in part as selectman,	100.00
	George P. Little, for services in part as selectman,	100.00
Nov.	4. Harriet Johnson, for board and care of Sarah Johnson 14 weeks, to Oct. 31,	24.50
	12. G. O. Lock, for balance due for snowing bridges,	4.25
	23. Moses R. Lake, for milk furnished William H. Hall,	4.00
	28. Bartlett & Dalton, for goods furnished S. Adams,	5.25
	A. B. Foss, for labor on highway in district No. 4, to date,	35.16
	George N. Simpson, for brick for police station and highway,	4.50
	James Dodge, for maintaining a public watering place one year to date,	3.00
	John A. Drew, for labor on highway, district No. 9, to date,	6.00
	R. S. Fife, for labor on highway to date,	11.75
	John B. Doe, for sawing wood, setting glass, and taking care of town-house for the years 1884 and 1885,	11.25
	George Mack, for rent of room for Sarah Prescott two months,	2.50
	William Fife, for labor on highways and bridges, and stock furnished as per bill,	35.11
	Addison N. Osgood, for cash paid for rent of pest-house,	14.00
	C. B. Whittemore, for labor on highway in winter of 1884-'85,	22.65

Paid :

	Philander A. Fife, for labor on highway, district No. 14, winter 1884-'85,	\$5.25
	Mrs. N. Hartford, for board and care of A. Hartford to date,	22.75
	30. Frank S. Whitehouse, for labor on highway, district No. 8,	61.55
Dec.	14. Edward Castle, for lighting street lamps from Oct. 1 to Dec. 1,	14.00
	24. L. A. Hyatt, for labor and cash paid for labor on highway, district No. 1,	109.75
	26. H. Dennison, for tickets and freight for Mary McLaughlin and family, and Mrs. T. Reynolds and family,	24.50
	R. H. Paine, for services as supervisor in March, 1885,	10.00
	C. L. Cleaveland, for services as inspecting officer at depot,	20.25
	A. N. Osgood, for lumber furnished the several highway districts to date, as per bills on file,	188.55
	Moody K. Wilson, for abatement of taxes, being overtaxed,	2.40
	Ellsworth Clark, for cutting bushes in Buck street cemetery,	1.00
1886.		
Jan.	1. R. M. Weeks, for insurance on town-house,	22.50
	2. S. S. Ordway, for use of water for drinking fountain and trough to March 1, 1886,	24.06
	14. Henry S. Peabody, for paying state tax,	3,072.00
	30. C. P. Morse, for services as undertaker and goods furnished town from Jan. 12 to April 1, 1885,	59.20
	Emery Brothers, for goods furnished paupers, as per bill,	73.00
	John Welch & Co., for balance of goods furnished paupers, as per bill,	97.25
	Henry S. Peabody & Co., for goods furnished paupers,	20.15

Paid:	
Mary Donnelett, for care of Ann Logan two months,	\$18.00
Mrs. Peter White, for board of Mary Baker's children 12 months,	\$108.00
Maggie Forcier, 10 weeks,	22.50
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	130.50
E. Baker & Co., for goods furnished paupers, as per bill on file,	492.19
George P. Cofran, for goods furnished paupers, as per bill on file,	169.24
Charles P. Morse, for services as undertaker, and goods furnished town, as per bill,	140.89
I. G. Russ, for goods furnished paupers, and cash paid digging grave for Mrs. E. Palmer, as per bill,	12.25
I. G. Russ, for labor and cash paid for labor on highway, as per bill,	5.62
John D. Hoit, for teams furnished funerals of paupers, as per bill,	5.75
H. C. Jones, for books furnished poor children by order S. S. committee,	13.75
Mary Sharron, for nursing Mrs. Donnelett two weeks,	9.00
H. C. Jones, for books and stationery for town use,	2.10
George H. Larabee, for 253 vaccinations, by advice of State Board of Health,	63.25
Mrs. S. F. Drew, for assistance rendered at burial of Mrs. J. Halstron,	2.00
Mrs. N. Hartford, for board of A. Hartford 9 1-7 weeks to Feb. 1,	16.00
John Welch, for taking Mrs. P. Larondeau to county farm in February, 1885,	5.75
C. A. Bailey, for stone furnished town, as per bill,	64.38
Truesdell & Blodgett, for goods furnished paupers, as per bill,	3.50

Paid :

	George W. Mack, house rent for S. Prescott to Feb. 1,	\$2.50
	Harriet Johnson, for care of Sarah Johnson 13 1-7 weeks, to Feb. 1, 1886,	23.00
	Fellows & Cofran, for rent for M. Cota 4½ months, to Feb. 1,	8.67
	Kate Drought, for care of Ann McDaniel 2½ weeks, to Feb. 1, 1886,	2.50
	C. Charron & Co., blacksmith work, as per bill,	27.28
	C. A. Bailey, for setting edgestone on Main street in 1884, as per bill,	11.40
	A. N. Osgood, for wood furnished paupers, as per bill,	33.50
	A. N. Osgood, for snowing bridge and labor on highway, as per bill,	57.00
	H. T. Simpson, for goods furnished paupers, as per bill,	9.29
	M. L. Fowler, for damage done horse on highway,	15.00
Feb.	1. M. H. Cochran, cash paid for books furnished poor children,	95
	Osgood & Sargent, goods furnished W. H. Hall,	1.85
	W. A. Jenness, milk furnished paupers,	4.96
	Sullivan Brothers, goods furnished paupers, as per bill,	37.50
	C. L. Baker, moving goods for paupers, as per bill,	4.00
	5. John Marden, for labor on police station and bridges,	12.00
	13. Chase & Streeter, for legal advice in 1884,	\$15.00
	Legal advice in 1885,	13.25
		—————
		28.25
	Amount of school money appropriated and paid the several school-districts, includ-	

ing literary fund and additional money,
as by vote of town March, 1885, viz. :

Paid :

District No. 1,	\$256.56	
“ 2,	215.66	
“ 3,	182.20	
“ 4,	139.78	
“ 5,	99.78	
“ 6,	170.97	
“ 7,	113.64	
“ 8,	1,669.94	
“ 9,	116.89	
Union district,	18.45	
		————— 2,983.87

Feb. 13.	Amount of school-house taxes assessed and paid to school-districts No. 4 and No. 8 as follows : Dist. No. 4, \$20 ; Dist. No. 8, \$100,	\$120.00
15.	Henry S. Peabody, for paying county tax,	2,972.45
16.	J. E. Chickering, for cash paid out for winding town clock as per bill,	9.50
	Geo. P. Cofran, for oil, wicks, and globes for street lamps and streets during repairs, crackers and cheese for tramps, and cash paid for bounty on woodchucks,	65.55
	J. G. Fellows & Son, for hardware, &c., furnished police station, and highways as per bill on file,	40.07
	T. R. Holt, for labor on highway, district No. 14,	5.63
	G. C. Belisle, for services as interpreter,	4.00
25.	Eugene Lane, services as town-clerk, and recording 57 births, 29 deaths, and 23 marriages,	41.35
	C. F. Hildreth, for ink, &c., for town use,	1.70
	G. W. Lane, for time perambulating line between Epsom and Pembroke,	2.50
	William Fife, for labor and cash paid out for labor on highway, district No. 4,	53.06

Paid :	
Feb. 27. Edward Castles, for care of street lights 3 months ending March 1, 1886,	\$21.00
Geo. P. Cofran, time and team to Epsom settling highway damage, time examining bridges, taking affidavits, looking after paupers, time and team to Concord at sundry times on town business, time attending road hearings, and cash paid for digging graves for paupers and sawing wood for police station, posting notices, time and expense to county farm, time regulating jury box, copying taxes, making appointments, making copies of town reports for printer, perambulating lines between Epsom and Pembroke, making out pauper bills, expense to Concord settling with commissioners, 12½ days at town-house settling town bills, and balance of services as selectman,	79.05
John T. Dodge, for labor and cash paid for labor on highway to date,	46.75
J. C. Fowle, for care of hearse and graves in cemetery on Pembroke street to date,	8.00
Jacob Noyes, for abatement of the following taxes assessed in the year 1885, as follows :	
Adams, Sylvanus (pauper),	\$0.80
Adams, Charles, overtaxed,	.80
Bushard, Barnard, over 70,	.81
Bryant, David, pauper,	.81
Bushway, Henry, pauper,	.81
Baker, Josiah, over 70,	.80
Come, Joseph, taxed as Joseph Vaine and paid,	.81
Charron, Napoleon, taxed as Paul Sharron and paid,	.81
Charron, Augustus, paid in Allenstown,	.81
Dean Patrick, dead,	.81

Paid :

Emery, Willie O., paid in Allenstown,	\$0.81
Farrell, John, taxed as John W. Farrell, and paid,	.81
French, Irvin, over 70 years,	.80
Flurey, Henry, dead,	.81
Grenier, Francis, taxed as Fred Greene,	.81
Hutchinson, Sarah, paid in Chichester,	4.00
Greenwood, Manuel, taxed as John Green- wood and paid,	.81
Mulligan, Edward, twice on list,	.81
Pauline Philerbert, taxed as Philip Pauline and paid,	.81
Strickford, Emmie, paid in Hooksett,	.81
Sharron, Duffee, taxed as Theophil Sharron and paid,	.81
Linsey, Sarah E., taxed to Lizzie A. Davis and paid,	5.69
Montie, Moses, taxed as Moses Mochey,	.81
Sweat, Geo. W., overtaxed,	.80
Villars, William E., left the state,	.81
Welch, William, paid in Mass.,	.81
	\$29.08

March 1. James Dodge, for damage done sheep by dogs, agreeably to Laws of 1885, chap. 31, sec. 1,	46.12
John H. Sullivan, for damage done sheep by dogs, agreeably to Laws of 1885, chap. 31, sec. 1,	39.77
Geo. P. Little, for time and team taking inventory, fixing road tax, delivering agents' books, examining bridges, at- tending road hearings, settling town bills, attending committee meetings, looking after paupers, perambulating town lines between Epsom and Pembroke, and bal- ance of services as selectman,	50.00
Addison N. Osgood, for cash paid for sta- tionery, &c., wood furnished town-house	

and police station, cash paid for tramps, bounty on woodchucks, and balance due for services as selectman,	\$92.20
Paid :	
Henry S. Peabody, for services as treas- urer,	25.00
James Fellows, for services as auditor,	2.00
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	\$15,185.57
Amount of receipts,	\$17,223.29
Amount of expenditures,	15,185.57
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Balance in favor of the town March 1, 1886,	\$2,037.72

ADDISON N. OSGOOD,
GEORGE P. LITTLE,
GEORGE P. COFRAN,

Selectmen of Pembroke.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I hereby certify that I have examined the selectmen's book of accounts and find the same duly vouched and correctly cast, and a balance in favor of the town of twenty hundred and thirty-seven dollars and seventy-two cents (\$2,037.72).

JAMES G. FELLOWS, *Auditor.*

Pembroke, March 1, 1886.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Following is the report of the Treasurer of the town of Pembroke for the year ending March 1, 1886 :

	DR.
To balance in favor of the town March 1, 1885,	\$1,119.78
amount of assessments, state, county, town, and school taxes,	9,690.18
assessments on non-residents,	228.93
assessments on persons owning or keeping dogs,	105.00
assessment school-house tax district No. 4,	20.70
assessment school-house tax district No. 8,	102.14
amount received of state treasurer, viz. :	
savings-bank tax,	2,942.43
insurance “	88.50
railroad “	421.39
literary fund,	246.44
bounty on woodchucks,	28.50
amount received of county treasurer,	2,194.72
amount received of selectmen, it being money re- ceived of Louis Labell, tax for 1884, and uncollected,	.81
amount received from selectmen, it being money collected by them of George Tyler for freight and storage on road machine sent on trial in 1883,	17.77
amount received from selectmen, being money received by them from John B. Haselton, amount being over and above his salary as police justice,	16.00
	\$17,223.29

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By paid amount of town orders during the year, numbering from 1 to 176,	\$12,081.70
paid school-house orders Nos. 1 and 2,	120.00
school orders Nos. 1 to 24,	2,983.87
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	\$15,185.57
amount of receipts as above,	17,223.29
amount of expenditures,	15,185.57
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Balance in favor of the town,	\$2,037.72
including amount in hands of James G. Fellows, collector for 1883,	\$35.16
including amount in hands of Jacob Noyes, collector for the years 1882 and 1885,	461.55
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	\$496.71

HENRY S. PEABODY, *Treasurer.*

Pembroke, March 1, 1886.

I hereby certify that I have examined the treasurer's book of receipts and disbursements, and find the same properly vouched and correctly cast, and a balance in favor of the town of twenty hundred thirty-seven dollars and seventy-two cents (\$2,037.72), including thirty-five dollars and sixteen cents (\$35.16) in hands of James G. Fellows, collector for the year 1883, and four hundred sixty-one dollars and fifty-five cents (\$461.55) in hands of Jacob Noyes, collector for the years 1882 and 1885.

JAMES G. FELLOWS, *Auditor.*

Pembroke, March 1, 1886.

In submitting the annual report of the schools for the year ending March 1, 1886, your committee have thought best not to particularize either districts or teachers, for the reason that we are to have an entire new system in the management of our schools. I fear if your committee should make the attempt to speak of the several districts and teachers in detail I might withhold praise in some cases where it is in some degree deserving, while in others I might fall into the other and more common error of praising overmuch.

The schools for the past year (as a whole) have been fairly successful, and some as good as can be found in any country town in the state. I do not mean to say our scholars are as far advanced as some others, but we have teachers that are as well qualified in all that pertains to a good teacher as can be found.

Some have the happy faculty of imparting and making plain and simple their illustrations, and still lack discipline, while others have discipline and lack in illustration. What we want for teachers are those who have all of those good qualifications combined, some of which we have. And let me quote right here the remarks of some of our former superintendents, in which I fully concur. They say,—“Your committee are of the opinion that all persons proposing to teach in town should, before entering upon such duty, be required to pass a written examination, which shall fully comply with a reasonable standard. This requirement is in accordance with the spirit of our time, and if it is enforced, our teachers will, without doubt, enter upon their labors better prepared.”

Every one is adapted to some special work, but not every one finds the particular field in which he is to labor. Teachers should be judged, not so much by their great acquirements as by their ingenuity and tact in imparting to others those ideas and facts without which future progress is difficult.

Books of reference should be supplied to every school-room according to their several wants, such as maps, charts, globes, dictionaries, &c., also “Good Morals and Gentle Manners,” by Alex. M. Grow, A. M., which latter book should be read aloud daily before the whole school by the teacher. One very pleasant feature of the exercises in some of our schools is singing,

many of the scholars of which have become quite proficient. It ought to be a daily exercise in every school-room.

A uniformity of text-books is very desirable, as every one will readily see. A multiplicity of classes causes the teacher to labor incessantly without accomplishing her great object, viz., the advancement of her pupils; and scholars going from one school to another will always be in readiness to commence the exercises without the trouble of procuring new books.

In conclusion, I would say, as others have well said, there is no interest in which the citizens of the town ought to be more engaged than in the education of its youth. "There is no object on which money should be more liberally bestowed, or more judiciously expended."

MARTIN H. COCHRAN,

Superintending School Committee.

Pembroke, March 1, 1886.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Scholars who were not absent or tardy during the term.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

First term.—Arthur Walker, Emma E. Ruggles.

Second term.—Alma H. Collins.

Third term.—Lizzie M. Hayward, Emma E. Ruggles, Bert D. Robinson.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

First term.—Josie M. Bennett, Emma F. Drew, Edith M. Simpson.

Second term.—Josie M. Bennett.

Third term.—Harry Hobbs.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

First term.—May E. Bachelder, Alice M. Pettingill, Grace A. Pettingill.

Second term.—May E. Bachelder, Alice M. Pettingill, Georgie Bennett, Jennie Bennett, Willie Bennett.

Third term.—May E. Bachelder, Georgia E. Bachelder, Alice M. Pettingill, Grace A. Pettingill, Jennie Bennett, Edith G. Stevens, Florina A. Stevens.

DISTRICT No. 4.

First term.—Addie Lakeman, Verta Lakeman, Henry Lakeman, George A. Robinson, Clara W. Dearborn.

Second term.—George A. Robinson.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Second term.—Emma F. Drew, Kate B. Robinson, Karl L. Robinson, Ida J. Edgerly.

DISTRICT No. 6.

First term.—Evelyn E. Fife, Henry W. Fife, Frank D. Fife.

Second term.—Una M. Kimball, Clara E. Robinson, French A. Baker, Frank D. Fife, Henry W. Fife.

Third term.—Carrie H. Fowler, Milton P. Holt, Frank D. Fife, Henry W. Fife.

DISTRICT No. 7.

First term.—Orrin L. Byron, John H. Robinson, Timothy A. Robinson, Lizzie H. French, Ida L. Lakeman, Emmie M. Robinson, Lilla M. Robinson, Jennie Robinson.

Second term.—Orrin L. Byron, Sidney J. Byron, John A. French, Charles Robinson, John Robinson, Timothy A. Robinson, Lura B. Byron, Lizzie H. French, Jennie Robinson.

DISTRICT No. 8.

First Primary.

First term.—Eugenie Auger.

Second term.—Alfred Auger, Georgie Bates.

Third term.—Eugenia Auger, Alfred Auger, George H. Millard, George Bates, Camilla Parmentier.

Second Primary.

First term.—Frank L. Aldrich, Jennie Cox, Blanche S. Porter.

Second term.—James Welch, Ethel Jenkins, Etta Cullen, Mamie Moulton, Blanche Porter, Edith Smith, Charlie Bates.

Third term.—Louis St. John, Willie M. Smith, Eda M. Smith, Blanche S. Porter, Etta Cullen.

Intermediate.

First term.—Mamie Bates, Edith Robinson, Belle Moulton, Lucy Moulton, Lulu Porter, Willie Welch, Herbert Willey.

Second term.—Mamie Bates, Lucy Moulton, Gracie Davis, Herbert Willey, Frank Aldrich, David Truesdell, Lulu Porter, Mamie Larone.

Third term.—Mamie Bates, Lulu Porter, Herbert Willey, Leona Ragan, Mamie Larone.

Grammar.

First term.—Annie Cofran, Lulu B. Herrin.

Second term.—Mabel Morgan, Gracie Morgan.

Third term.—Lulu B. Herrin, Mabel Morgan.

First Primary (Wilkins's Block).

First term.—John Plourde, Alphonse Nerborn.

Second term.—John Plourde, Annette Parmentier, William Verno.

Third term.—Annette Parmentier, Josephine Parmentier, Henry Felix.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Second term.—Harvey G. Colby, Eddie L. Nixon.

LAW PASSED, JUNE SESSION, 1885, RELATIVE TO
SCHOOLS.

AN ACT in amendment of chapter 86 of the General Laws relating to schools, and to establish the town system of schools.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court convened :

SECTION 1. The division of towns into school-districts heretofore existing is hereby abolished, and each town shall hereafter constitute a single district for school purposes: *Provided, however,* that districts organized under special acts of the legislature may retain their present organization.

SEC. 2. Each town shall forthwith take possession of all the school-houses, lands, apparatus, and other property owned and used for school purposes by the said districts hereby abolished, which said districts might lawfully sell or convey. The property so taken shall be appraised by the assessors of the town, and at the next annual assessment a tax shall be levied upon the whole town equal to the amount of the whole appraisal, and there shall be remitted to the tax-payers of each district the said appraised value of its property so taken. In the case of a union district, the fractional parts of which belong to different towns, the selectmen of such towns shall, acting together, appraise the school property of such union district, abolished under the provisions of this act, and shall make an equitable apportionment of the property and debts of such district, and find the balance equitably due from either of said towns to any of said towns, and order such balance to be paid within a time to be by them limited; and whenever such selectmen shall fail to agree upon the apportionment of the property and debts of

such union district, they shall choose a referee, whose decision shall be final.

SEC. 3. The records of the districts hereby abolished shall be preserved by the town, and returned to the several districts whenever the town shall vote to return to the district system, under the provisions of section 8 of this act.

SEC. 4. The duties heretofore devolving upon superintending and prudential committees shall hereafter be performed by a school board of three persons in each town, to be chosen by ballot at the annual school-meeting, and to hold office for three years: *Provided, however*, that at the first election under this act one person shall be chosen for three years, one person for two years, and one person for one year, and thereafter one person shall be chosen each year; and said board shall have power at any time to fill its own vacancies until the next annual meeting of the district.

SEC. 5. The first meeting of such district, so composed of the whole town by virtue of this act, shall be called by the selectmen of such town; and the clerk of such town shall act as the clerk of such district until the clerk of such district is chosen and qualified.

SEC. 6. The said school board of each town shall provide schools within the limits of said town, at such places and times as in their judgment shall best subserve the interests of education, and as shall give all the scholars of the town as nearly equal advantages as may be practicable; and said school board may use a portion of the school-money, not exceeding twenty-five per cent. thereof, for the purpose of conveying scholars to and from such schools.

SEC. 7. The provisions of this act shall not be applied to school-districts holding funds for school purposes, in such manner as to prevent said districts from retaining and enjoying the benefit of said funds.

SEC. 8. Any town, after five years from the time this act goes into effect, may, by a majority vote of all the voters of the district, reestablish the district system in such town, and shall thereafter be subject to the same laws as are now in force in this state in relation to school-districts.

SEC. 9. The provisions of the General Laws heretofore

enacted in relation to school-districts and schools shall be in force, so far as the same are consistent with this act; and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after March 1, 1886.

Approved August 13, 1885.

