

ANNUAL REPORT

2407

OF THE

SELECTMEN AND TREASURER

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF MADBURY,

FOR

THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1881.

DOVER, N. H.:

DOVER ENQUIRER PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT.

1881.



TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURES FOR 1880.

SCHOOLS.

Paid Ira T Jenkins, Pru. Com. Dist. No. 1, in part,..	\$54 00
George W Kelley, " " 2, " ..	125 00
Charles W Hayes, " " 3, in full, ..	158 71
Martin V B Felker, " " 4,.....	164 74
City of Dover, for Hayes & Hill proportion of School money,	20 98
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	\$523 43

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid State Tax,.....	\$628 00
County Tax,.....	738 34

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Jonathan Jenkins, Selectman,.....	\$25 00
Charles R Meserve, "	25 00
Ira T Jenkins, "	25 00
Jacob D Young, Treasurer,.....	15 00
Albert Varney, Collector,.....	30 00
Charles E Perkins, Superintending School Com.,..	16 00

Paid John H Griffin, Town Clerk,.....	\$10 00
John H Griffin, for enrolling militia, and making return of births, marriages and deaths,.....	6 00
John H Griffin, stationery and postage,.....	1 00
Jonathan Jenkins, one day settling with County Commissioners, pauper bill,.....	2 00
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	\$155 00

DAMAGE BY DOGS.

Paid Charles W Hayes, to one lamb,.....	\$1 25
John L Kinkman, to one Corset sheep,.....	5 00
Charles R Cockins, to flock Turkeys,.....	8 00
Martin V B Felker, to one sheep,.....	3 00
Mrs. Ann Cole, to flock of sheep,.....	3 00
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	\$20 25

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Ira A Locke for board of John and Ellen Church one year,.....	\$130 54
Jonathan Jenkins, looking up the residence of Mi- chael Marden,.....	5 75
George A Reynolds, 1 pair boots for John Church 2 50, one pair shoes for Ellen Church, 1 25,....	3 75
D Lothrop & Co, clothes for John Church,.....	4 30
T J Smith, advice in regard to residence of Mi- chael Marden,.....	3 00
Charles R Meserve, one day looking up M. Mar- den's residence,.....	1 50
Timothy O'Brien for board of Michael Marden 48 weeks,.....	36 21
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	\$185 05

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Joseph F Berry for work on road and on Davis's bridge at 12c per hour,.....	\$8 89
Henry C Wiggin for two days work on road in Ivory H Kelley's Dist. with two horses, \$8 00, 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ days hauling stone for Gerrish bridge, \$5 00, 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ days for Davis Bridge, \$13 00,.....	26 00

Paid Andrew Hanson for stone for Davis's bridge,	\$3 00
Jonathan Jenkins for 448 ft. of bridge plank at \$16 per M,	7 16
Alfred Demeritt for stone for Davis's bridge,	6 00
George W Meserve, one day on Tallant's bridge with one horse, \$2 50, for lumber and railing for Tallant's bridge, \$2 39, work on Gerrish bridge, \$14 25,	19 14
Mary E Kingman, $5\frac{3}{4}$ days work on Davis's bridge,	7 08
James Tobin, 9 days work on Davis's, Tallant's and Gerrish's bridges,	11 25
Ivory H Kelley, work on road and Davis's bridge,	13 16
David S Hanson for lumber for Davis's bridge, . .	2 50
Jackson Shaw for use of derrick and work on Gerrish's and Davis's bridge,	37 91
Boston & Maine R R for 10 R R ties for Davis's bridge,	1 00
Jonathan Jenkins, work Gerrish's bridge $6\frac{1}{4}$ days, \$9 37, Davis's bridge 9 days, \$13 50, for pow- der and use of tools, \$1 75,	24 62
Charles R Meserve, work on Tallant's, Gerrish's and Davis's bridges and sharpening drills, at \$1 25 per day,	15 28
Ira T Jenkins, work on Gerrish's and Davis's bridges, \$17 25. for use of hoisting tub, \$1 00,	18 25
Edward Pendexter, stone for Gerrish's bridge, . . .	5 00
Charles R Cockins, work on Davis's bridge,	8 37
Herbert Swallow, work on road,	4 20
Albert Varney, work on Tallant's bridge,	6 17
E L Jenkins, work on road,	1 80
Chas E Demeritt, $8\frac{3}{4}$ days work on Gerrish's and Davis's bridges,	10 93
Joseph H Fernald, one day on Gerrish's bridge, . .	1 25
N D Meserve, " " " " . .	1 25
Jacob W Miles, work on road 13 hours,	1 56
A B Tallant, work on Tallant's bridge 4 days, . . .	5 00
William H Buzzell for lumber and plank for Tal- lant's and Gerrish's bridges at \$16 per M,	88 48
Thomas W Fernald, one day on Gerrish's bridge,	1 25
E E Demeritt, two days on Gerrish's bridge, \$2 50, for lumber for said bridge, \$2 50,	5 00

\$341 50

BREAKING ROADS.

Paid Ivory H Kelley, Surveyor,	\$9 72
Stephen Reynolds, shoveling snow,	78
John C Hanson, Surveyor,	19 86
Henry C Wiggin, "	16 38
James Dailey, "	32 70
Wm S Hayes, "	22 56
David H Evans, "	17 76
Edward Taylor, shoveling snow 10½ hours' in Henry Wiggin's Dist.,	1 26
Edward Pendexter, Jr., Surveyor,	22 92
Herbert Swallow, "	32 04
James J Griffin, "	35 26
Martin V B Felker for path across his land this winter, \$5 00, for shoveling snow 24 hours, 2 88,	7 88
Ira T. Jenkins, Surveyor,	12 27
Charles R Meserve, Surveyor,	18 36
Oliver Waldron, "	25 08
George W. Meserve, "	38 76

\$313 59

EXPENSE OF BERRY LAW SUIT.

Paid Daniel Emerson, witness, 3 days' fees and milage to Exeter,	\$5 67
Charles W Hayes, ditto	5 61
E E Demmeritt, ditto	5 19
John C Hanson, ditto	5 19
George W Bodge, ditto	5 55
Joseph H Fernald, ditto	5 55
Ira A Locke, ditto	5 55
John B Huckins, witness, 4 days, ditto	7 40
Andrew Hanson, " 3 " ditto	5 55
Ivory H Kelley, ditto	5 55
Isaac G Felker, ditto	5 55
Albert Varney, ditto	5 79
Henry S Nealley, witness 1 day ditto	3 29
Joseph Jones witness 4 days, ditto,	7 04
John J Hanson, ditto	7 04
Oliver K Hayes, witness 2 days, ditto	4 54
Andrew H Young, witness 1 day, ditto	3 29
Dr. A H Quint, ditto	3 29

Paid Edmund B Lane, ditto.....	\$1 25
Samuel P Hoitt, witness 2 days, ditto.....	4 30
Hosea B. Snell, ditto,.....	4 30
Lydia C Snell, ditto.....	4 30
John W Hill, witness 3 days, ditto.....	5 67
Dr. Caleb W Hanson, ditto.....	44 90
Joseph A Cate, ditto.....	6 87
George W Tasker, ditto.....	6 15
William Tasker, ditto... ..	6 15
Thomas W Morrison, ditto.....	6 15
William H Furber, witness 1 day, ditto.....	3 41
Alfred Hoitt, ditto.....	2 69
Dr. Perry, ditto	1 25
Car fare of jurors to Madbury and back,.....	11 70
Thomas J Smith, counsel fees in full,.....	125 00
Gen. Marston, counsel fees on account,.....	100 00
Dr. J R Ham, witness fees,.....	30 00
Benjamin Collins, surveying the road, making plan and attending Court,.....	29 00
J D Young, 4 days,.....	7 29
J D Young, use of horse to Dover after witnesses, Charles R Meserve, 9 days at Exeter and expenses and 2 days summoning witnesses,.....	25 00
Ira T Jenkins, two days at Northwood, one day at Portsmouth and attending trial,.....	16 50
Jonathan Jenkins, 2 days at Northwood, 7 at Exe- ter to Court, and 1 at Portsmouth and expenses,	24 50
Stephen Reynolds and wife, witness 2 days each and other expenses,.....	6 00

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid E J Lane for Law book, pamphlet laws, blank books and stationery,.....	\$8 75
E L Jenkins for town officer,.....	2 50
Libbey & Co, printing town accounts March, 1880,	10 50
P O Box one year,.....	2 00
Jacob D Young, interest for money hired to pay school bills,.....	1 65
Forrest S Smith, damage to sleigh,.....	2 50
E L Jenkins, Supervisor for Nov. 1880, three days 3 00, for March, 1881, 3 days, 3 00,.....	6 00
Albert Vamey, Supervisor for Nov., 1880, 3 days,	3 00

Paid E A Hutchins, Supervisor for Nov , 1879, & Nov.	
1880, 6 days,	\$6 00
Ephraim Jenkins, taking affidavit,	50
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	\$43 40

BOUNTIES.

Paid George D Nute for 3 hawks,		\$60
C W Hayes	1 "	20
J B Hayes	1 "	20
Ira T Jenkins	2 "	40
Alonzo Pitman	2 "	40
Herbert T Jenkins	1 "	20
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		\$1 80

ABATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1880.

John W. Cole, in part for his tax,	\$50
Samuel Brown, on poll,	1 15
Eli Demeritt's heirs, on bank stock,	6 90
Hiram G. Giles, on poll,	1 15
Albert Kimball, "	1 15
Thompson Brothers, on steam mill,	4 60
George Berry, on dog taxed by mistake,	1 00
George Jones, " " "	1 00

ABATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1879. 1745-

Robert Drew, on poll,	\$1 04
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ABATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1878.

Samuel N Robinson, on poll,	\$1 10
" " school house tax,	34
James W Meserve, on poll,	83
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	\$21 59

TOWN OF MADBURY IN ACCOUNT WITH JACOB D. YOUNG, TREASURER.

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By amount in Treasury March 1st, 1880,	\$515 23
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Outstanding in James J Griffin's list,.....	\$5 70
" Albert Varney's list,.....	29 10
State, County, Town, and School taxes,.....	2,076 70
Dog tax,.....	57 00
Highway tax collected in money,.....	68 66
Interest collected on list of 1880,.....	2 48
" " " 1879,.....	1 28
Received of State Treasurer, Savings Bank tax, ..	650 71
" " " Railroad tax,.....	73 07
" " " Literary Fund,....	23 68
" " " Interest on literary fund formerly in S Jenkins's hands, now in government bonds,.....	9 25
Received from rent of Town Hall,.....	2 00
Received from County for support of paupers,..	174 26
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	\$3,689 12

TOWN OF MADBURY IN ACCOUNT WITH TREASURER.

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Paid for Schools,.....	\$523 43
State tax,.....	628 00
County tax,.....	738 34
Town officers,.....	155 00
Damage by Dogs,.....	20 25
Miscellaneous Bills,.....	43 40
Support of Poor,.....	185 05
Repairing roads and bridges,.....	341 50
Breaking Roads,.....	313 59
For Lawsuit,.....	570 02
Bounties,.....	1 80
Abatements,.....	21 59
Outstanding in A Varney's list for 1880,.....	18 22
Paid Auditors,.....	2 00
In Treasury March 1, 1881,....	126 93
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	\$3,689 12

JACOB D. YOUNG, TREASURER.

JONATHAN JENKINS,	} SELECTMEN OF MADBURY.
CHARLES R. MESERVE,	
IRA T. JENKINS,	

We, the undersigned, certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts of the Town Treasurer and find them correctly cast, and all payments charged against the town properly vouched.

Madbury, March 1st, 1881.

E. E. DEMERITT, }
A. D. NUTE, } AUDITORS.

OUTSTANDING BILLS AGAINST THE TOWN.

George W Kelley, school bill in part, about		\$140 00
Ira T Jenkins, " " " "		52 00
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		\$192 00
In Treasury,	\$126 93	
Outstanding in Collector's list,	18 22	145 15
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Balance against town,		\$46 85

The Courts, Belamy River, and old Vennor have about cleaned us out.

TREASURER.

ANNUAL REPORT

*Of the Superintending School Committee of the Town of
Madbury, for the year ending March 1, 1881.*

DISTRICT No. 1.—Mr. Ira A. Jenkins, Prudential Committee. Summer, Fall and Winter terms, were taught by Miss Lydia Jenkins. Summer term—No. of pupils, 6; average attendance, 5 79-90; length of school in weeks, 9, commencing May 3, and ending July 2. Wages of teacher per month, \$28. Names of pupils on the roll of honor: First term—Edgar H. Gerrish, Charles E. Jenkins, Herbert L. Jenkins, Fannie L. Emery and Mattie A. Swallow.

Fall term—No. of pupils, 5; average attendance, 4 33-35; length of school in weeks, 7, commencing Sept. 13, and ending Nov. 4. Wages of teacher per month, \$28. Names of pupils on the roll of honor: Herbert L. Jenkins, Fannie L. Emery and Mattie A. Swallow.

Winter term—No. of pupils, 6; average attendance, 5 3-11; length of school in weeks, 11, commencing Dec. 6, and ending Feb. 19. Wages of teacher per month, \$32. Names of pupils on the roll of honor: Not absent, Herbert L. Jenkins.

This school was taught, in the three terms, 27 weeks.

The parents may well congratulate themselves upon the fact that their children were in charge of one so enthusiastic, devoted and competent. The school has always seemed to be in admirable condition, showing excellent order, thoroughness, and as a natural consequence very gratifying progress in the pupils was made, and further comment in praise of the teacher and school from your Superintendent, would only fail to do them justice.

DIST. No. 2.—Mr. George W. Kelley, Prudential Committee. Summer term—Maggie S. Drew, teacher. No. of pupils, 13, average attendance, 9 49-50; length of school in weeks, 10, commencing April 26, and ending July 2. Wages of teacher per month, \$30. Names of pupils on the roll of honor: Mary S. Kelley; not absent, Clarence O. Pineo.

Miss Drew has the ability and aptness to teach a much larger school. The school made good progress under her excellent instruction. The first half of the term, through sickness, a part of the pupils were absent, therefore the remainder of the term was not so profitable to the District, as a whole; but those who were able to attend the whole term, made excellent progress.

Fall term—Miss Cora A. Locke, teacher. No. of pupils, 17; average attendance, 13 45-50; length of school in weeks, 10, commencing Sept. 6, and ending Nov. 12. Wages of teacher per month, \$30. Names of pupils on the roll of honor: Mary S. Kelley, Sarah F. Kelley, Annie F. Kelley, Clarence Pineo, Charles Pineo, Lydia Cole.

In this school, progress and discipline were good, and methods of instruction satisfactory. Commendable progress was made in all the branches of study.

Winter term—Mr. George B. Emerson, teacher. No. of pupils, 18; average attendance, 12 14-29; term commenced Nov. 30, and remains unfinished. Wages of the teacher per month, \$35. The Superintendent is unable to give the names of the pupils on the roll of honor, owing to the school remaining unfinished.

Mr. Emerson is a teacher of much experience, therefore he was able to give his little flock a good deal of oral instruction, which could not go amiss. It is only to be regretted that he had not more pupils, and those more advanced, to profit under his training, but this term, like the Summer term, was visited by sickness, necessitating their being absent, and some obliged to walk farther than is desirable in bad weather, and some were taken out by their parents, in order to make the school unpopular, therefore this term has been of very little profit to the District, as a whole, but the Superintendent is convinced that it was no fault of the teacher, for his past record as a teacher in former schools stands unblemished, and he is as good a teacher as could be induced to teach a country District school. Some persons in the District have seemed to strive from the beginning, to wound the feelings and create animosity and discord in the school.

DIST. No. 3.—Mr Charles W. Hayes, Prudential Committee. Summer term—Miss Emma E. Mathes, teacher. No. of pupils, 13; average attendance, 12 23-55; length of school in weeks, 11, commencing April 19, and ending July 2. Wages of teacher per month, excluding board, \$16. Names of pupils on the roll of honor: Elvin K. Varney, Albert Emerson, Arthur Fernald, Addie J. Evans, Rosa A. Emerson, Annie A. Varney, Nellie M. Hayes, Annie L. Hayes, Effie L. Varney.

Fall term was also taught by Miss Emma E. Mathes. No. of pupils, 13; average attendance, 12 34-49; length of school in weeks, 9 4-5, commencing Sept. 13, and ending Nov. 19. Wages of teacher per month, exclusive of board, \$16. Names of pupils on the roll of honor: Elvin K. Varney, Albert Emerson, Arthur Fernald, John E. Tobin, Addie J. Evans, Annie A. Varney, Nellie M. Hayes, Annie L. Hayes, Ida Mererve, Carrie Robinson.

This interesting school has always been found very quiet and orderly, yet full of life and enthusiasm. It has made great progress, as might be expected. Where parents, teacher and

pupils are all combined, the school could not fail to be a very profitable one.

Winter term—Miss Emma S. Nealley, teacher. No. of pupils, 15; average attendance, 13 3-10; term commenced Dec. 13, and remains unfinished. Wages of teacher per month, exclusive of board, \$16. Names of pupils on the roll of honor: John N. Young, Addie J. Evans.

This school has been very profitable to the District, and Miss Nealley needs no remarks from the Superintendent, to give her a high rank as a teacher; suffice it to say that she is one of the best in town.

DIST. No. 4.—Mr. Martin V. B. Felker, Prudential Committee. Summer term, Miss Cora A. Locke, teacher. No. of pupils, 13; average attendance 11 59-80; length of school in weeks, 8, commencing May 10th and ending July 2d; wages of teacher per month, \$26; Names of pupils on the roll of honor, Mary A. Huckins, Ellery M. Felker.

The pupils of this school give good proof of their own progress, and of the capability and faithfulness of their teacher.

Wintertime, Mr. Henry L. Felker, teacher. No. of pupils, 18; average attendance, 15 17-44; length of school in weeks, 13 1-5, commencing Nov. 22d, and ending Feb. 25th. Wages of teacher per month, \$30. Names of pupils on the roll of honor, Sadie M. Felker, Mary A. Huckins, Frank W. Sanders, Ellery M. Felker.

This was Mr. Felker's first effort as a teacher, and was second to none in town either by old or young, hence this school was in all points a success.

GENERAL REMARKS

A review of the work performed in the schools during the past year entitles us to the belief that they have not deterio-

rated in comparative standing with those in surrounding towns.

Subsequently we will allude to some of their defects, but will now call attention to some of the changes effected. The old worn out arithmetics that our grandfathers years ago laid aside, have been taken up by your Superintendent and more modern ones have taken their places, without any expense to the parents. The other text books in use are not of so high an order, nor so well adapted to the wants of the schools as we desire, but frequent changes of school books are heavy burdens to some parents and not always beneficial to the schools. Therefore at this time, we have not deemed it advisable to make sweeping changes.

DEFECTS OF OUR SCHOOLS.

Many of the defects in the schools can be remedied if not obliterated, by an increase of interest in educational matters on the part of our citizens. When they realize the importance and value of an education to their children and act on the assurance that the greatest benefit can be had only when school officers, teachers, citizens and scholars are in unison working for the greatest success, then our schools will rapidly improve.

A failure of parents to co-operate with teachers is a barrier to good discipline, and their readiness to accept the colored statements frequently made by children concerning the teacher's inefficiency or partiality, creates discord in the school. The practice of teachers assisting the scholars at recitations by prompting and nods, and then giving them credit for perfect recitations, does great injustice to the scholars, thereby discouraging the ambitious student and encouraging the indolent one in his idleness. Much time is wasted by teachers in assembling the school, calling and dismissing classes. System in the school room economizes time and promotes harmony.

Whispering, although not tolerated, is much too prevalent in many schools.

TEACHERS.

Many entertain the opinion that knowledge of books is the only qualification necessary for a successful teacher, but greater delusions are seldom fostered. Although one of the essentials, a quick preception of scholar's natures and the capability of exciting their interest, are necessary gifts for a successful educator. He who believes the functions of a teacher to be six hours' work in the school-room, "doing sums," reading questions and hearing scholars say answers, will be quite as successful in some other occupation.

The teacher is the motive power and the guiding spirit of the school; and unless he is active the best results will not be obtained. No school, however well disposed the members of it may be, will regulate itself.

IMPROVEMENTS.

That our schools are susceptible of great improvements is a fact so apparent to the minds of all close observing people who are familiar with their working, that it here requires no argument. It is not possible to instantaneously elevate them to the standard of the city schools, but patient and persevering efforts, a judicious selection of teachers, an increase of interest in school affairs, and a co-operation with the efforts of the teachers, will prove to be some of the stepping stones.

Frequent examinations by the parents stimulate the scholars and encourage the teachers.

Undue importance should not be given merely to obtaining knowledge, but discipline of the mind should receive equal attention. The labors of the teacher can be greatly alleviated and the understanding of the learner more readily reached by object teaching aids, yet our school-rooms are, in this respect, scantily furnished. And some of them have not a proper supply of black-boards, charts, globes and wall maps. A small sum annually expended for illustrative apparatus, will be a judicious use of money.

C. E. PERKINS,

S. S. Committee.

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