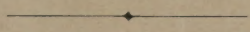


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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

THE WHOLE AMOUNT OF ASSETS.

Taxes assessed for 1884 were as follows: —

State, County, Town, and School tax,	\$7,582 66
Dog tax,	151 00
School-house tax, District No. 5,	27 26
“ “ “ “ No. 6,	279 64
“ “ “ “ No. 7,	59 86
Received from the County,	357 10
Railroad tax,	362 22
Savings-bank tax,	350 27
Literary fund,	144 48
Received for Town Hall,	8 00
Received on Highway tax list, 1883,	4 87
Non-resident Highway tax,	109 52
Bounty on woodchucks,	5 40
Rec. from D. M. Thom one half fine <i>State v. Boardman</i> ,	25 00
N. G. Abbott, collector for 1881,	180 23
“ “ “ “ 1882,	278 34
“ “ interest,	25 25
C. T. Maxwell, collector, for 1883,	1,117 00
“ “ interest,	25 00
Received of J. C. Silver,	250 00
Land redeemed for taxes on tax list, 1879,	59 20
“ “ “ “ 1882,	35 97
Cash in Treasurer's hands,	909 87
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	\$12,348 14

EXPENDITURES.

Paid on account of Schools :—			
District No. 1, Town appropriation,	\$177	20	
Railroad money,	36	23	
Literary fund,	89	96	
Dog tax,	10	00	\$313 39
2, Town appropriation,	42	03	
Railroad money,	36	22	
Literary fund,	22	37	
Dog tax,	10	00	110 62
3, Town appropriation,	35	47	
Railroad money,	36	22	
Literary fund,	19	09	
Dog tax,	10	00	100 78
4, Town appropriation,	89	04	
Railroad money,	36	22	
Literary fund,	45	87	
Dog tax,	10	00	181 13
5, Town appropriation,	75	35	
Railroad money,	36	22	
Literary fund,	39	03	
Dog tax,	10	00	160 60
6, Town appropriation,	267	09	
Railroad money,	36	22	
Literary fund,	134	90	
Dog tax,	10	00	448 22
7, Town appropriation,	65	61	
Railroad money,	36	22	
Literary fund,	34	16	
Dog tax,	10	00	145 99
8, Town appropriation,	75	95	
Railroad money,	36	22	

Literary fund,	\$39 33	
Dog tax,	10 00	\$161 50
9, Town appropriation,	86 21	
Railroad money,	36 22	
Literary fund,	44 41	
Dog tax,	10 00	176 84
10, Town appropriation,	48 55	
Railroad money,	36 22	
Literary fund,	25 63	
Dog tax,	10 00	120 40
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		\$1,919 47

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF CONTINGENCIES.

W. W. Merrill, public watering place, for 1879,	\$ 3 00
John C. Ewins, public watering place, for 1883,	3 00
George C. Gordon, insurance,	75 00
J. D. P. Wingate, printing town reports,	40 00
R. Coburn, dinners for town officers,	11 20
E. C. Eastman, books,	20 27
Charles Bartlett, advertising,	50
J. W. Spurr, damage to wagon,	2 25
A. Hobbs, varnishing North Salem hearse,	16 00
N. H. Paul, taking hearse to Haverhill, and back,	4 00
Champion road-machine,	250 00
George S. Merrill, check lists,	10 00
R. A. Tilton, freight,	9 75
Eliphalet Coburn, interest,	650 00
Charlotte A. Dustin, interest,	100 00
Ebenezer Dustin, interest,	100 00
Florence A. Merrick, interest,	50 00

Samuel T. Newell, interest,	\$ 75 00
W. N. Dow, county tax,	764 99
O. G. Woodbury, school tax, District No. 5,	22 50
Samuel M. Kelley, damage to wagon,	5 00
R. A. Tilton, express,	1 40
Samuel T. Newell, note,	1,502 50
George W. Taft, two edges for road-machine,	12 00
School District No. 2, interest on note,	29 00
School District No. 6, special tax,	50 00
Walker Haigh, glass and setting,	2 17
Wiggin & Fuller, advice on Atwood Pauper Case,	5 00
Solon A. Carter, State tax,	1,100 00
H. M. Richardson, for District No. 7,	50 00
School District No. 6, special tax,	48 00
School District No. 3, interest on note,	6 88
James M. Presby, recording births and deaths,	9 50
N. G. Abbott, notifying town officers,	11 85
J. C. Ewins, public watering place,	3 00
N. G. Abbott, labor on old cemetery,	5 00
Charles Rogers, public watering place,	3 00
Peter Batchelder, preambulating town line between Methuen and Salem,	3 00
Peter Batchelder, use of team,	15 47
J. Will Kelley, public watering place,	3 00
C. T. Maxwell, collector, non-resident land bought for taxes of 1883,	8 92
Eben B. Wells, for District No. 6,	160 00
Charles E. Knight, preambulating town line between Methuen and Salem,	3 00
Charles Bartlett, printing tax bills,	4 50
Charles E. Knight, postage and paper,	2 17
“ “ “ settling with County Commissioners,	5 00
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	\$5,256 82

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

N. H. Paul, labor and gravel,	\$ 1 50
“ “ work on Bailey's hill,	30 00
Isaac Thom, fixing guide-boards,	3 77
J. P. Stackpole, work on road,	8 00
Horace B. Silver, “ “	173 50
John Q. A. Kelley, “ “	267 37
J. B. Colby, “ “	75
James L. Brown, team and work,	4 50
J. W. Storer, “ “	2 00
Frank E. Robie, “ “	4 00
Joseph Gage, “ “	6 00
“ “ “ “	8 00
Isaac Thom, work on causeway bridge,	7 27
“ “ “ bridge near G. Kelley's,	5 00
Milton Goodwin, gravel,	3 00
Samuel Woods, “	6 00
Richard Taylor, plank for bridge, in 1883,	4 80
Stephen Currier, work on highway,	2 73
Tobias Foss, “ “	65
E. B. Hall, gravel,	1 40
Lawrence Lumber Co., stringers,	31 08
Horace B. Silver, work on road,	125 00
Elijah Dunning, “ “	52
Charles S. Woodbury, repairs on road,	3 66
Jerome Kelley, work on culvert,	5 25
N. H. Paul, work on Bailey hill,	20 00
“ “ repairing road,	4 15
John Webber, “ “ non-resident highway tax,	3 12
Horace W. Hunt, gravel,	5 00
Taylor & Co., plank,	61 20
George H. Colemau, work on road,	6 07

James H. Cullen, fixing bridge,	\$ 2 70
Peter Batchelder, labor on bridges, in District Nos. 3 and 4,	15 81
M. H. Taylor, drawing 5,000 feet plank,	5 00
Edwin Dustin, gravel,	2 00
W. H. Clark, repairing roads,	1 60
Horace B. Silver, repairing bridge,	5 68
Charles Rogers, gravel,	9 32
John Webber, for Field's estate, for 1883,	3 50
Philip Ayer, labor on highway,	6 28
Reuben R. Wheeler, labor on highway,	55
J. Will Kelley, gravel,	1 32
Williard W. Merrill,	17 20
Mark A. Blood, non-resident highway tax,	1 04
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	\$877 29

SNOW PATHS.

E. E. Rice,	\$3 30
James L. Brown,	2 25
John F. Smith,	1 95
George Wilson,	3 00
W. H. Clark,	72
Peter Batchelder,	2 10
Mathew H. Taylor,	3 90
George W. Frost,	1 35
J. B. Colby,	1 80
Richard Taylor,	45
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	\$20 82

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF TRANSIENT POOR.

Edith Woodbury, for support of C. E. Woodbury,	\$147 09
(The above bill will be paid by the County hereafter).	
Elijah Jennings, for support of George Jennings,	5 00
Hattie A. Dunlap, for support of Rosie Gile,	66 00
Belinda J. Blake, for support of Reynolds child,	24 50
L. W. Taylor, goods for Reynolds child,	4 92
James M. Presby, attendance on Jacob Dunlap,	4 00
James M. Presby, attendance on Reynolds child,	1 50
Messer Crossing, baby,	9 98
Moses D. Rowell, for support of Joseph F. Rowell,	25 00
Joseph Webster, going to County Farm with • Jones boys,	5 00
James Ewins, goods for D. Jones,	78
J. M. Presby, medical attendance on D. Jones,	3 50
Aaron G. Bartlett, care of A. Redfield,	8 50
Coffin, robe, and burial of D. W. Jones,	19 50
Coffin, robe, and burial of A. Redfield,	20 50
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	\$345 77

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Joshua Conant, for services to April 1, for the year 1883,	\$50 00
Joshua Conant, for services from April 1 to April 15, 1884,	10 00
Franklin Goodhue, for hay,	7 00
Grain and groceries,	37 25

Frank M. Upton, blacksmith work,	\$12 00
Jessie C. Silver, moved to almshouse, April 15, 1884,	
One pair cart wheels, bought of J. Conant,	6 00
Wheels for hay wagon, bought of J. Conant,	8 50
J. C. Silver, supplies for almshouse,	54 40
Shorts and meal of L. W. Taylor,	86 80
Hay of Frank M. Upton,	49 90
F. M. Upton, blacksmithing,	2 35
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	\$324 20

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

John C. Webster, overtax in 1883,	\$1 69
Town Farm,	35 32
C. T. Maxwell, abatement of taxes, 1884,	38 86
“ “ discount,	373 08
“ “ abatement of taxes for 1883,	14 26
N. G. Abbott, abatement on tax list of 1881,	2 12
“ “ “ “ 1882,	1 95
C. T. Maxwell, abatement poll taxes,	16 48
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	\$483 76

TOWN OFFICERS.

Benjamin R. Wheeler, recording marriages, births, and deaths,	\$12 80
Thomas M. Taylor, services as supervisor from Nov., 1882, to March 12, 1884,	8 00
D. M. Thom, services as liquor agent, 1883 and 1884,	61 20

Peter Batchelder, services in part as selectmen,	\$25 00
M. N. Reed, services in part as superintendent of schools,	30 00
Charles E. Knight, services in part as selectman,	50 00
Thomas M. Taylor, " " "	50 00
M. H. Taylor, services as moderator, 2 days,	4 00
M. N. Reed, sup'g school com., balance of salary,	45 00
Charles T. Maxwell, services as collector for 1884,	175 00
Joseph Webster, auditor for 1884,	2 00
Benjamin R. Wheeler, services as town clerk for 1884,	50 00
Levi Cluff, services as town treasurer for 1884,	40 00
Expenses paying state and county tax,	5 00
Peter Batchelder, services in full as selectman,	71 35
Jesse C. Silver, services as superintendent of almshouse, in part,	250 00
Thomas M. Taylor, services as selectman, in full,	18 00
Charles E. Knight, services as overseer of poor,	15 00
" " " " in full as selectman,	64 00
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	\$976 35

BOUNTIES.

William E. Janes, one	woodchuck,	\$ 10
Frank E. Adams, one	"	10
" " " "	"	10
William E. Janes, two	"	20
Harry D. Kelley, one	"	10
Frank Brown, one	"	10
Frank Lundburg, one	"	10
Charles Bradford, one	"	10
J. Will Kelley, ten	"	1 00

Charles Bradford, one	woodchuck,	\$ 10
John A. Peabody, four	“	40
Albert Palmer, one	“	10
Charles Choate, two	“	20
Oliver G. Woodbury, jr., thirteen	“	1 30
Charles Choate, five	“	50
Page A. Long, three	“	30
“ “ “ one	“	10
Frank Haigh, one	“	10
Loren L. Hunt, one	“	10
“ “ “ “	“	10
O. Dustin, one	“	10
George W. Dustin, one	“	10
George J. Pattee, two	“	20
M. Y. Quimby, two	“	20
Oliver G. Woodbury, jr., five	“	50
Frank Emerson, one	“	10
Burt M. Hoyt, three	“	30
Asa Kelley, five	“	50
Benjamin E. Chase, one	“	10
Charles S. Lundburg, three	“	30
Charles W. Bradford, one	“	10
George M. Cross, nine	“	90
Charles A. Pinkham, one	“	10
Charles Frank Smith, one	“	10
S. D. Jones, seven	“	70
Edward G. Kimball, one	“	10
George J. Pattee, one	“	10
Simeon Dustin, one	“	10
John H. Taylor, five	“	50
Tom Dustin, three	“	30
Edmond Chaplin, one	“	10
George W. Dustin, five	“	50

Fred. Dustin, one	woodchuck,	\$ 10
John B. Pattee, one	“	10
Simeon Dustin, one	“	10
Page A. Long, three	“	30
William A. Merrill, one	“	10
Daniel Tilton, one	“	10
Franklin A. Goodhue, two	“	20
Frank E. Robie, five	“	50
James H. Ayer, two	“	20
George Rines, one	“	10
James Ewins, one	“	10
Willie E. Lancaster, one	“	10
Otis A. Hunt, fifteen,	“	1 50
“ “ four,	“	40
Stephen Bailey, eleven	“	1 10
Elmer G. Bailey, fifteen,	“	1 50
John A. Peabody, one	“	10
Joseph I. Thom, one	“	10
George P. Cross, three	“	30
Harry D. Kelley, one	“	10
J. Will Kelley, three	“	30
John Peabody, one	“	10
Albert Littlefield, three	“	30
John Roberts, two	“	20
Asa Kelley, three	“	30
Linus Chase, two	“	20
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		\$19 70

RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount of assets,		\$12,348 14
Paid on account of Schools,	\$1,919 47	
Contingencies,	5,256 82	
Roads and bridges,	877 29	
Snow paths,	20 82	
Transient poor,	345 77	
Abatement of taxes,	110 68	
Town officers,	976 35	
Bounties,	19 70	
Discount,	373 08	
Alms-house,	324 20	
Due from N. G. Abbott, Collector, 1881,	74 68	
“ “ “ “ 1882,	238 07	
“ C. T. Maxwell,	990 00	
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	821 21	
		—————\$12,348 14

OUTSTANDING NOTES AGAINST THE TOWN.

Eliphalet Coburn,		\$13,270 85
Charlotte A. Dustin,		2,041 66
Ebenezer Dustin,		2,041 66
Florence A. Merrick,		1,020 83
School District No. 10,		220 60
“ “ “ 2,		206 24
“ “ “ 3,		144 40
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		\$18,946 24

DUE THE TOWN.

N. G. Abbott, Collector of taxes, 1881,	\$ 74 68
“ “ “ “ 1882,	238 07
C. T. Maxwell, “ “ 1884,	990 00
Due on land bought for taxes, on tax list, 1879,	44 78
Interest on same,	2 68
Due on account of land bought for taxes, on tax-list of 1883,	8 92
Interest on same,	45
Due from State, for bounties,	14 30
“ “ County of Rockingham,	54 50
Cash in Treasurer's hands,	821 21
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	\$2,249 59
Leaving a balance against the town of	\$16,696 65
Reduction of the town debt,	1,136 90

CHARLES E. KNIGHT, } *Selectmen*
 PETER BATCHELDER, } *of*
 THOMAS M. TAYLOR, } *Salem.*

AUDITORS' REPORT.

SALEM, N. H., Feb. 28, 1885.

We, the undersigned, have this day examined the accounts of the Selectmen, as exhibited to us by them, and found them well vouched and correctly cast.

WILLIAM R. WHEELER, }
 JOSEPH WEBSTER, } *Auditors.*
 SAMUEL K. ABBOTT, }

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR.

Cash on hand, March 1, 1884,	\$909 87
Rec'd of N. G. Abbott, land sold for taxes,	35 97
Rec'd bounties on woodchucks,	5 40
Rec'd of State Treasurer, railroad tax,	362 22
" " savings	
bank tax,	350 27
Rec'd of State Treasurer, library fund,	144 48
Rec'd of D. M. Thom, one half of liquor fine in case of State against Boardman,	25 00
Rec'd of County of Rockingham,	357 10
Rec'd of C. T. Maxwell, rent of town hall,	8 00
" " unworked high- way taxes for the year 1883,	4 87
Rec'd of Jesse C. Silver, Supt. of alms- house,	250 00
Rec'd of J. S. How, for land redeemed for taxes, on tax list of 1879,	59 20
Rec'd of N. G. Abbott, on tax list of 1881,	112 00
" " " 1882,	55 00
" " abatements,	4 07
C. T. Maxwell, on tax list 1883,	1,112 74
" " abatements 1883,	14 26
" " on tax list of 1884,	6,771 20
" " abatements " "	90 66
" " discount on tax list,	373 08
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By orders of Selectmen,	\$10,224 18
Cash in Treasurer's hands,	821 21
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LEVI CLUFF, *Town Treasurer.*

AUDITORS' REPORT.

SALEM, N. H., Feb. 28, 1885.

We, the undersigned, have this day examined the accounts of the Town Treasurer, as exhibited to us by him, and find them well vouched and correctly cast, and find a balance of eight hundred twenty-one dollars twenty-one cents (\$821.21,) in his hands.

WILLIAM R. WHEELER, }
 JOSEPH WEBSTER, } *Auditors.*
 SAMUEL K. ABBOTT, }

 REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF ALMS-
 HOUSE.

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Cash paid for Grain,		\$329 21
Hay,		18 70
Groceries,		129 59
Butter,		11 49
Dry goods,		19 74
Tobacco,		13 37
Pigs,		9 00
Standing grass,		3 00
Blacksmithing,		8 50
Repairing harness,		25
Filing saws,		1 00
Use of bull,		5 00
Nails,		88
Doors,		2 50
Scythe,		70
Garden seeds,		50
Butchering,		3 00

Brooms,	\$ 40
Apples,	1 75
Boots,	12 50
Medicine,	3 22
Soap,	3 00
Fish,	3 18
Salt,	4 75
Leather,	49
Pasturage,	17 00
Meat,	40 07
Hardware,	3 23
Champion rake,	28 30
Seed corn,	50
Iron seat,	50
Curtains,	2 00
Mending tin,	50
Cleaning house,	2 00
Sawing lumber,	3 70
Butter,	90
Town Treasurer,	250 00
Balance in Superintendent's hands,	6 13
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	\$940 55

DR.

Cash received for Milk,	\$638 74
Cows,	184 38
Pork,	81 83
Potatoes,	7 60
Calves,	13 50
Eggs,	12 40
Tomatoes,	85
Vinegar,	1 25
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	\$940 55

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

DR.

Paid Joshua Conant, for services as Superintendent of almshouse, to April 15, 1884,	\$ 60 00
J. B. Silver, services in part as Superintendent, 1884,	250 00
On account of transient poor,	345 77
" " almshouse,	324 20
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	\$979 97

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Cash received from County of Rockingham,	\$357 10
" " " J. B. Silver, Superintendent of almshouse,	250 00
Due from county,	54 50
Cash in Superintendent's hands,	6 13
Balance against the town,	312 24
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	\$979 97
Due Superintendent of almshouse, April 15, 1885,	50 00
" " for use of horse, " "	10 00

CHARLES E. KNIGHT,

Overseer of the Poor.

PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ALMSHOUSE.

Thirteen tons English hay,	\$286 00
Two and one-half tons meadow hay,	25 00
Eight bushels corn,	5 20
Fifteen bags meal,	18 00
Seven and one-fourth barrels flour,	44 50

Twenty-two hundred lbs. shorts,	\$ 22 00
One horse,	100 00
Seven cows,	280 00
Three heifers,	75 00
One set blocks,	2 50
Ten bags,	2 50
One wagon,	60 00
One set harness,	10 00
" double harness,	20 00
Five hay-forks,	1 00
Four shovels,	2 00
" manure-forks,	2 00
Three crowbars,	3 00
Four wood-saws,	2 00
One hand-saw,	25
Ten chains,	4 00
One manure-hook,	50
Five rakes,	1 00
Four hoes,	1 00
Measures,	50
Five cords wood,	14 00
Thirteen and one-half cords prepared wood,	67 50
Twenty-three fowls,	14 00
Whiffletree,	25
Stone hammer,	1 00
Three pigs,	13 00
One mowing machine,	35 00
" harrow,	3 00
" cultivator,	2 50
Scythes and snaths,	2 00
Bush scythe and snath,	1 50
Four plows,	20 00
One wrench,	50

Two ox-yokes,	\$ 2 00
One wheelbarrow,	4 00
Two brass kettles,	3 00
Three tubs,	50
Sixty lbs. ham,	7 20
Two hundred and eighty lbs. salt pork,	28 00
Three pork barrels,	1 50
Forty-five lbs. lard,	4 50
One hundred and fifty lbs. ham, leans and heads,	12 00
Four lbs. butter,	1 20
Two barrels vinegar, and three casks,	16 00
Oil and can,	1 50
Saddles,	5 00
Garden rake,	75
Two baskets,	50
Seventy bushels potatoes,	35 00
Twenty-four bushels small potatoes,	6 00
Soap and barrel,	2 00
Two wash-boards,	50
One sleigh,	12 00
Sugar,	6 75
Tea,	80
Churns and pails,	5 00
Butter box,	1 00
Tray and bowl,	50
Tinware,	6 00
Two lanterns,	1 00
Stone jars,	1 00
Flat-irons,	2 00
Steel-yards,	50
Mortar,	50
Fourteen feather beds,	35 00
Seventeen quilts and comforters,	12 50

Twenty-eight pillows,	\$ 8 00
Twenty pillow-cases,	3 00
Three bolsters,	2 00
Twenty-two sheets,	11 00
Wearing apparel,	40 00
Chairs and table,	10 00
Ten towels,	1 50
Nine bedsteads,	9 00
Nine straw beds,	4 50
Two clocks and mirrors,	2 50
Trunks, chests, and drawers,	7 00
Six jars,	1 00
Crockery ware,	5 50
Warming and bed pans,	2 00
Cranberry rake,	1 00
Six axes,	3 00
Forty flour-barrels,	6 00
One cross-cut saw,	1 00
Clothes wringer,	2 00
One broad axe,	1 00
Lot carpenter tools,	2 00
Four brooms,	68
One sideboard,	2 00
Stove and funnel,	40 00
Clothes line,	20
Rubber Cushion,	2 00
Clothes basket,	50
Tubs,	1 00
Blankets,	3 00
One horse-blanket,	50
Three picks,	2 50
One-horse sled,	20 00
Farm wagon,	15 00

Cart-body and wheels,	\$12 00
Horse rake,	28 30
Seven bushels beans,	12 60
One hundred and fifteen bushels of corn on the cob,	34 20
Twenty-one lbs. tobacco,	6 30
Two thousand feet of lumber,	20 00
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	\$1,681 38

CHARLES E. KNIGHT,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
PETER BATCHELDER,	
THOMAS M. TAYLOR,	

of
Salem

APPRAISAL OF PROPERTY OWNED BY TOWN.

Townfarm,	valued at	\$5,000 00
Woodland,	“ “	200 00
Town house,	“ “	1,000 00
Town safe,	“ “	200 00
Town hearses,	“ “	700 00
Road machine,	“ “	250 00
Personal property at almshouse,		1681 38
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		\$9,031 38

SCHOOL-HOUSE TAX.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Whole amount assessed,	\$23 04
Collection and abatements,	54
Paid the district,	22 50
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	23 04

DISTRICT No. 6.

Whole amount assessed,		\$265 70
Collection and abatement,	\$ 7 70	
Paid the district,	258 00	
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DISTRICT No. 7.

Whole amount assessed,		52 50
Collection and abatement,	\$ 2 50	
Paid the District,	50 00	
	<u> </u>	52 50

CHARLES E. KNIGHT, } *Selectmen*
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 THOMAS M. TAYLOR, } *Salem*

PINE GROVE CEMETERY.

Cash received of former Board,	\$13 85	
“ for lots,	34 00	
	<u> </u>	\$47 85
Paid N. G. Abbott,	\$25 00	
Cash on hand,	22 85	
	<u> </u>	47 85

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 PETER BATCHELDER, } *of*
 THOMAS M. TAYLOR, } *Salem*

APPROPRIATION ON ROAD

(FROM J. W. WHEELER'S).

Total appropriation,		\$300 00
H. B. Silver,	\$78 75	
Perley T. Robie,	13 50	

Frank Robie,	\$37 00	
John C. Roberts,	17 75	
Frank Robie,	31 50	
Andrew Coleman,	12 00	
L. B. Pattee,	12 00	
George Coleman,	17 75	
Alfred Page,	1 50	
Andrew Coleman,	10 50	
George Coleman,	13 50	
John R. Wheeler,	4 50	
Clinton Ewins,	5 00	
John C. Roberts,	13 50	
Jerome Kelley,	7 00	
Newell H. Tilton,	17 75	
John Roberts,	3 00	
Nelson Emerson,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$298 50
In Treasurer's hands,		\$1 50
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		\$300 00

APPROPRIATION ON TURNPIKE.

Total appropriation,		\$300 00
John Q. A. Kelley,	\$120 00	
Edward Cookson,	43 12	
Archibald Gall,	36 00	
D. Jones,	12 00	
Charles Rogers,	15 75	
Clay Boardman,	40 50	
J. P. Stackpole,	8 00	
Joseph Gage,	8 00	
Isaac Thom,	5 00	

Milton Goodwin, gravel,	\$3 00	
Samuel Woods, gravel,	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$297 37
In Treasurer's hands,		2 63
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		\$300 00

ALMSHOUSE.

Received for county paupers at almshouse to Jan. 17, 1885 : —

Jacob Dunlap, board,	\$65 00	
Clothing,	7 90	
Medical attendance,	4 00	
Lizzie Davis, board to May 22,	17 50	
Martha Campbell, board,	65 00	
Clothing,	2 00	
Daniel W. Emerson, board,	48 00	
Clothing,	12 30	
George Jennings, board,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$231 79

Due March 1, 1885, from county : —

George Jennings,	\$8 50	
Jacob Dunlap,	8 50	
Martha Campbell,	8 50	
	<hr/>	\$25 50
Supplies furnished for D. Jones,		34 00
Lodgings for twenty-five tramps,		10 00

REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF
SALEM, N. H.

In submitting his report for the school year ending March 10, 1885, the committee would present the following facts:

**I. STATEMENT OF WORK DONE IN THE
SEVERAL SCHOOLS.**

In most of the schools the work throughout the year has progressed pleasantly, and with slight interruptions. Consequently, gratifying results have attended the co-operative efforts of teachers and pupils.

The technical qualification of the several teachers has been good, and all but three have brought to their work the experience of other years. Five of these served schools in town the previous year.

DISTRICT No. 1.

The spring and fall terms were taught by Miss Hattie M. Ellis, of North Andover, Mass. She was a conscientious and faithful teacher, and soon gained the confidence and

respect of all. Few teachers, if any, have tried harder to do their whole duty to those under their charge. Her aim was to do thorough work, and not simply to have the school appear well on examination days. If there was a lack of order, it was not due to indifference on her part. The most apparent lack in her administration consisted in her doing for her pupils the work they should have been made to do for themselves. Good results, however, were obtained.

The winter term is still in progress, and is taught by Miss Susan C. Eastman, of Henniker, N. H. Miss Eastman has had an extensive and varied experience as a teacher. In her work thus far during the term, she has given the school an excellent drill in most of the studies pursued. The committee has been especially gratified with the thorough work done in intellectual arithmetic; also in practical arithmetic. The teacher is well received by the people in the district. The examination took place Feb. 20, two weeks before the close of the term, and was very satisfactory. Those most personally interested in the school feel that a profitable year's work has been done.

DISTRICT No. 2.

The patrons of this school were fortunate in continuing the services of Miss Mary A. Haseltine, of Salem, whose work the previous year was a promise of success this year. In this school are found some of the best readers in town, considering their age. A good degree of proficiency in other branches has been secured. These results were due, not alone to earnest work on the part of the teacher, but also to ready co-operation by parents and pupils. After closing the year, as they had supposed, it was found that money was due them, by which they were able to add a third term of six weeks.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Miss Anna C. Hemphill, of Derry, taught this school the entire year. She also made good use of her previous acquaintance with the families in the district, having taught here the year before. Miss Hemphill is one of the quietest of teachers, but is earnest and persevering, and has the excellent faculty of inciting her pupils to co-operative action. Good results will invariably follow where the conditions are thus favorable.

The committee was not able to attend the examination at the close of the second term, having been taken suddenly ill.

DISTRICT No. 4.

This school had but one teacher throughout the year, Miss Mary D. Webster, of Chester, N. H. Miss Webster's qualifications are good; and having had an experience of several terms as teacher, good results were expected. The first and second terms, especially, were very satisfactory.

No school in town has shown so thorough a drill in intellectual arithmetic as was evinced in this school. The committee makes special mention of this fact, as this form of teaching a ready use of the principles of arithmetic is too generally neglected. The committee, not being able to attend the examination at the close of the second term, secured the services of Rev. H. H. Colburn, who was well pleased with the condition of the school.

Some irregularities deserve to be mentioned. Miss Webster commenced her school without first obtaining a certificate of qualification from the Superintending Committee, which was a violation of the statute. She also closed her school without an examination, which was irregular, to say the least. The committee would urge that it is always best to conform to the law *as nearly as possible*.

DISTRICT No. 5.

The first term was taught by Miss Isabel D. Kelly, of Bradford, Mass. Miss Kelly came well recommended, and was fully qualified, in education, to teach the school. It was her first school, however, and some of the larger scholars, nearly or quite her equals in age, took advantage of this fact, and by impudent remarks sought to annoy the teacher and to damage her influence in the district. But, despite these discouraging features of her work, most of the classes made creditable progress in the studies pursued.

The winter term is taught by Mrs. Senie S. Mason, of Salem, and is progressing well at the time of this writing. Mrs. Mason also taught the fall term with excellent results. In this school, as in No. 7, Mrs. Mason is an acknowledged success.

DISTRICT No. 6.

(*Primary.*)

For two years Miss Emma F. Goodhue, of Derry, has had charge of this school. During this time she has proved herself well adapted to a school of this grade, although qualified, without doubt, to teach our most advanced schools. She is kind and patient, but generally firm in her government of the little ones, and has done her work with marked interest and success. It would probably be difficult to find another so well adapted as she to *all* the interests of this school.

DISTRICT No. 6,

(*Grammar.*)

Miss Georgia A. Brown, having taught this school the two terms immediately preceding, was engaged to teach the first term of this year. Miss Brown possesses many ex-

cellent qualifications as a teacher. These, with her experience and success the previous year, should have insured excellent results. It was known that she preferred a position in a city school, and in a few weeks it was apparent that she did not wish to teach this school longer than to complete the then current term.

But even the rarest fitness for such a calling can not insure the best results, except one continues with unabated interest in the work undertaken, even to the last week and day and hour of the term of service.

The fall and winter terms were taught by Miss Alice H. Jenks, of Vermont. She possessed good qualifications, besides being an experienced teacher. She commenced her work as governess as well as teacher. The effect of these disciplinary measures was on the whole beneficial. The school soon settled down to earnest and successful work. The term closed with good results.

Her second term was even more successful than her first. The committee was detained from the last examination on account of sickness in his family, but Rev. J. D. Folsom kindly consented to take his place, and reported excellent work done. There was no "cut and dried" arrangement of topics for examination.

DISTRICT No. 7.

This is a small, but very pleasant school. Mrs. Senie S. Mason, of Salem, was teacher. Possibly she is a fixture in this district, though it has not yet been decided which has the stronger claim upon her services, this school or No. 5. She taught two terms in each during the year. She has done good work in this school, and merits, as she has received, the perfect confidence of every patron.

DISTRICT No. 8.

This school was taught each term by Miss Mary A. Taylor, of Salem. She has made an excellent record here, as in other schools where she has taught. Early in the fall term she was taken sick with typhoid fever, and for five weeks was detained from her work. Many feared that serious effects might follow this interruption, and appear in the year's work to the disadvantage of the district. But on resuming her duties, the teacher devoted herself earnestly to repairing all losses sustained by her absence. And probably no school in town, of like grade, has closed the year with better results.

DISTRICT No. 9.

As reported last year, this school is the smallest of the eleven now supported by the town. But if thorough work entitles a school to our recognition and support, then this one rightly claims the hearty support of each of its patrons. Miss Carrie A. Smith, of Manchester, Mass. taught both terms, but did not allow the smallness of her charge to make her dilatory in duty. It was her first school, but was very successful.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Miss Clara J. Bond, of Derry, was teacher the entire year, and devoted herself earnestly to the needs of the pupils under her care. It was her first experience, however, in teaching, and being new in the work it required a little time and a good deal of persevering effort to become mistress of the situation. She served the district faithfully and unselfishly; and notwithstanding she encountered many hindrances which prevented the highest success, yet good results were obtained. The teacher should be encouraged to persevere in her calling.

II. TEXT BOOKS INTRODUCED.

Early in the year the committee introduced a new series of arithmetics, Bradbury's Eaton's series, to take the place of the stale editions of at least three different series, then used in the schools. His object was twofold: 1st., to furnish the patrons of our schools with a series of text books *as good as the best*. 2d, to facilitate the work of grading the classes studying this important science.

Later in the year, he introduced Prof. W. T. Smith's Elementary Physiology, for intermediate classes. This is a new work, prepared especially to meet the provisions of the new law requiring to be taught in all schools of sufficient grade, "Physiology and Hygiene, with special reference to the effect of alcohol and narcotics upon the human system." The committee thought to let the introduction of a Temperance Physiology pass over to next year. But, in his correspondence with the Superintendent of Public Instruction, he was instructed as follows: "The Physiology is put into the schools by the Legislature, and is not affected by Sec. 12, of Chap. 89, G. S.", which relates to a change of text books by school committees and Boards of Education. Respecting the adaptation of this book to the needs of our schools, the committee received the following endorsement from the State Department: "There is no better book than Smith's for your schools."

III. RECOMMENDATIONS.

The committee would offer the following recommendations:

1st. That the teachers and several Prudential Committees observe with greater care the requirements of "General

Statutes, Chap. 89, Sections 6 and 16 (See School Register, first page of cover).

2d. That conveniences be provided in the several school-rooms, for protecting the eyes of the pupils from the glare of the sun, without excluding needed light. Suitable roller-shades can be procured at a slight expense, to the incalculable advantage of the pupils.

3d. That the patrons of our schools coöperate with the committee in any reasonable changes he may propose in school text books. The study of any book, to the greatest advantage of the learner, must become a pleasure. Too often, however, it becomes drudgery, through prejudice awakened by unreasonable objection on the part of parents and guardians.

4th. That the voters of Salem consider the propriety and need of electing a "Board of Education," consisting of three or five members, instead of committing to a single individual, however competent, the responsibility of directing the educational interests of our town. In recommending this action, the committee firmly believes the change here proposed to be necessary, in order to secure the highest degree of efficiency in the government and instruction of our children and youth while in school.

Respectfully submitted,

MILES N. REED,

Superintending Committee.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Including the names of those pupils who have not been absent or tardy during the year.

District No. 2. — Cora M. Haseltine, Gertrude E. Haseltine.

District No. 3. — Luey A. Nichols, Charles B. Nichols.

District No. 4. — Cora F. Taylor, Eva B. Taylor, Laura E. Taylor, Alice A. Jackson, Lizzie E. Goodhue, Mabel Peabody.

District No. 6. Grammar. — Albert J. Wells.

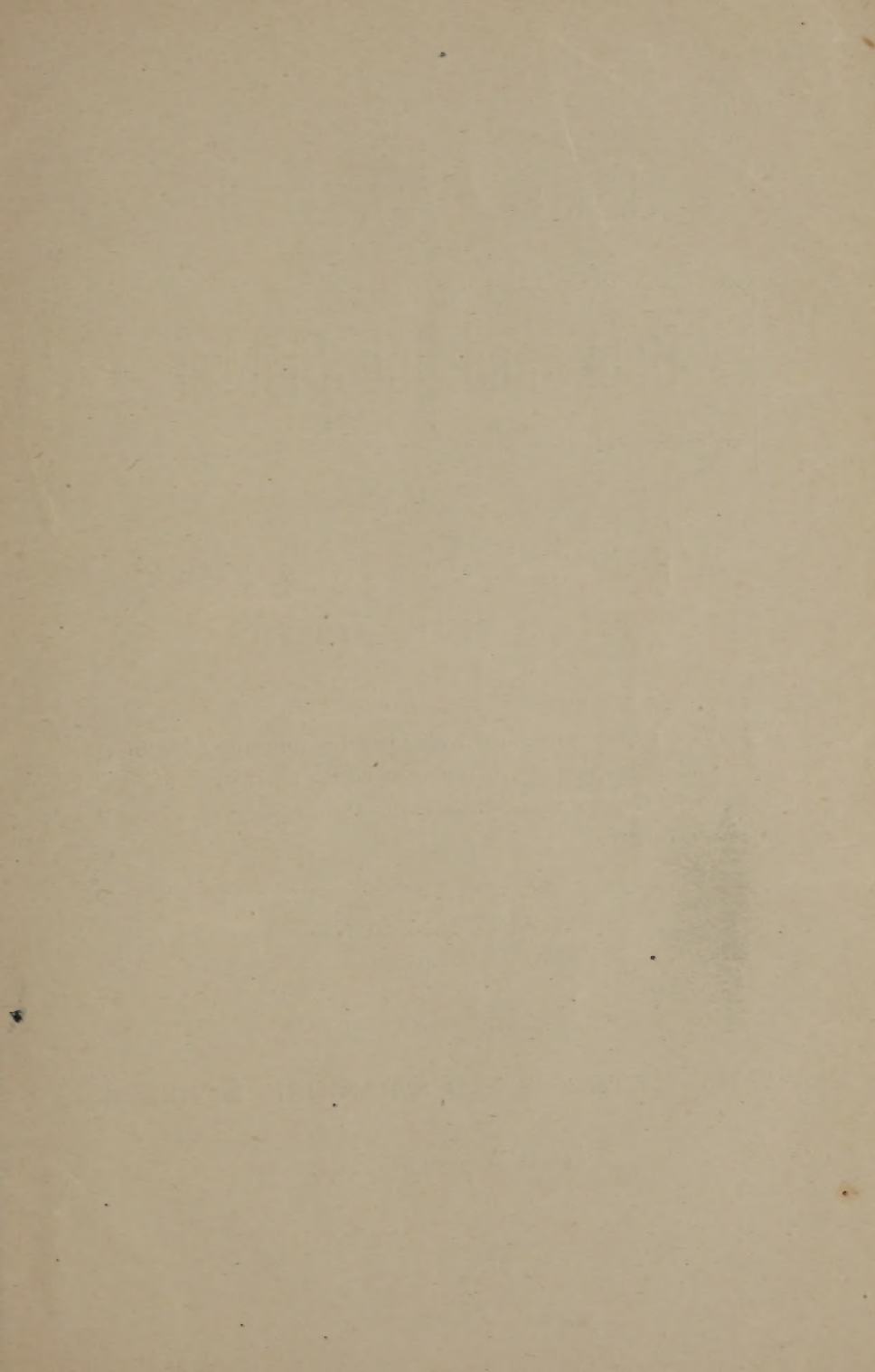
District No. 7. — Freddie Woodbury.

District No. 8. — Nellie J. Hall, Lizzie A. Hall, Luey A. Jennings, Cora A. Joy, Lizzie E. Littlejohn.

District No. 9. — Frank D. Hoyt.

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 1.

DISTRICTS.	TERMS.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	NO. OF WEEKS.	NO. OF PUPILS.	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	NO. NOT ABSENT.	WAGES OF TEACHERS PER MONTH.	VISITS OF SUPPL. SCH. COMMITTEE.	VISITS OF PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.	VISITS OF OTHERS.	PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.
No. 1.....	Summer.....	Hattie M. Ellis.....	8	43	34	2	\$36.	5	3	22	Joseph Emerson.
	Fall.....	".....	6	36	29	1	36.	3	3	23	"
	Winter.....	Susan C. Pastman.....	17	43	38	2	26.	3	3	75	"
No. 2.....	Summer.....	Mary A. Haseltine.....	10	10	9.5	6	24.	2	0	12	William H. Haseltine.
	Fall.....	".....	12	9	9	4	24.	2	0	19	"
	Winter.....	".....	6	9	7.7	2	20.	1	0	0	"
No. 3.....	Summer.....	Anna C. Hemphill.....	9	18	14	2	24.	3	0	7	Charles E. Nichols.
	Fall.....	".....	9	22	11	2	24.	1	0	22	"
No. 4.....	Summer.....	Mary D. Webster.....	9	22	17	10	28.	2	0	12	Amos Dustin.
	Fall.....	".....	8	22	20	10	28.	2	0	7	"
	Winter.....	".....	6.8	18	16	10	28.	1	0	0	"
No. 5.....	Summer.....	Isabel D. Kelley.....	9	12	10	.....	20.	3	1	17	Oliver G. Woodbury.
	Fall.....	Senic S. Mason.....	5	9	8	2	27.	2	1	6	"
	Winter.....	".....	10	11	10	4	30.	2	1	6	"
No. 6.....	Summer.....	Emma F. Goodhue.....	10	30	26	5	28.	3	2	8	Eben B. Wells.
Primary	Fall.....	".....	10	35	21	7	28.	3	2	18	"
	Winter.....	".....	8.8	36	27	3	28.	2	2	2	"
Grammar	Summer.....	Georgia A. Brown.....	10	32	30	6	36.	4	3	15	"
	Fall.....	Alice H. Jenks.....	10	30	25	4	36.	3	3	22	"
	Winter.....	".....	8.8	23	20	4	36.	3	2	7	"
No. 7.....	Summer.....	Senic S. Mason.....	9	9	.....	2	25.	2	2	7	Isaiah Woodbury.
	Fall.....	".....	11	10	.....	1	27.	2	2	7	"
No. 8.....	Summer.....	Mary A. Taylor.....	10	16	15	13	26.	3	1	21	Baxter Hall.
	Fall.....	".....	6.06	17	14	6	28.	2	2	11	"
	Winter.....	".....	10.8	20	19	7	30.	2	2	21	"
No. 9.....	Summer.....	Carrie A. Smith.....	9	5	4	1	25.	2	1	12	Fred. M. Page.
	Fall.....	".....	13	9	4	1	25.	2	.....	11	"
	Winter.....	".....	8	7	4	1	25.	1	7	"
No. 10.....	Summer.....	Clara J. Bond.....	9	18	13	0	24.	3	0	14	Joseph E. Long.
	Fall.....	".....	8	16	12	2	24.	3	0	9	"



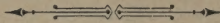


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