

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

FINANCES

OF THE

TOWN OF CAMPTON,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1886.

PLYMOUTH, N. H.:

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1886.

Report of Treasurer.

MOODY C. DOLE, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF
CAMPTON.

1885.		<i>Dr.</i>	
Mch.	10.	Rec'd G. S. Bartlett,	\$85 46
		Lyman Lucas, lease money,	3 00
		Mrs. C. H. Rogers, lease money,	3 00
		E. H. Keniston, Collector, 1884,	393 00
	14.	John M. Blaisdell gave note,	200 00
	17.	Jefferson Durgin “	300 00
	19.	C. M. Pulsifer, lease money to March 1, 1885,	5 00
	24.	E. H. Keniston, Collector, 1884,	250 00
Aprl.	13.	E. H. Keniston, Collector, 1884,	300 00
	10.	Moses W. Merrill gave note,	100 00
	18.	Clara K. Rowe “	50 00
		Mary E. Rowe “	50 00
May	7.	O. M. Page “	350 00
	15.	E. H. Keniston, Collector, 1884,	250 00
	16.	Moses Spokesfield gave note,	852 06
		J. M. Johnson “	226 00
	18.	M. C. Pulsifer “	200 00
	28.	Stephen Avery, Overseer Poor,	200 00

\$3,817 52

		Amount brought over,	\$3,817 52
May	28.	E. H. Keniston, Collector, 1884,	150 00
June	6.	E. H. Keniston, " "	100 00
		C. M. Pulsifer gave note,	900 00
	10.	Moses A. Hall " "	450 00
	13.	D. B. Pulsifer " "	550 00
	15.	T. S. Pulsifer, Collector, 1885,	65 00
	24.	Julia M. Cass gave note,	400 00
July	1.	John F. Sanborn " "	2,000 00
June	24.	Ann F. Cox " "	200 00
July	1.	Phebe Stickney, " "	174 00
		Laura A. Stickney " "	52 50
		Daniel C. Hill " "	100 00
		B. F. Stickney " "	265 00
	3.	J. M. Pulsifer " "	100 00
		Moses W. Merrill " "	306 00
		Harris B. Page " "	100 00
		E. H. Keniston, Collector, 1884,	220 18
		James D. Sanborn gave note,	1,300 00
		John F. Sanborn " "	702 66
	9.	Pemigewasset Nat. Bank gave note,	400 00
	13.	State Treasurer, bounty,	73 07
	28.	E. H. Keniston, Collector, 1884,	100 00
	14.	Moses A. Hall gave note,	50 00
	21.	Thomas S. Simpson gave note,	500 00
	27.	Geo. E. Pulsifer " "	100 00
Aug.	1.	E. H. Keniston, Collector, 1884,	406 00
	4.	J. M. Blaisdell, lease money, 1883-4,	12 00
	3.	Geo. M. Coffin gave note,	50 00
		Selectmen, bal. C. H. Marsh, Highway book, 1884,	1 89
	14.	Selectmen, for old cemetery fence,	1 00
	29.	Lizzie P. Batchelder gave note,	50 00
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			\$13,696 82

		Amount brought over,	\$13,695 82
Aug. 31.		State Treasurer, bounty,	\$14 90
		E. J. Young gave note,	750 00
		Relief R. Sanborn gave note,	100 00
Sept. 2.	\	Geo. O. Brown “	100 00
	5.	William M. Knowles “	200 00
	9.	Nettie Page “	554 90
		Emily J. Coffin “	100 00
	10.	J. Frank Smith “	100 00
	16.	Moody C. Dole “	1,000 00
	29.	Cong. Society “	125 00
	30.	Elizabeth Blaisdell “	400 00
Oct. 5.		E. E. Coffin, “	50 00
	17.	Relief R. Sanborn “	100 00
		C. M. Pulsifer “	900 00
		M. C. Pulsifer “	205 00
		D. B. Pulsifer “	761 36
		J. M. Pulsifer “	101 73
		T. S. Pulsifer, Collector, 1885,	711 82
		T. S. Pulsifer, “	275 00
July 21.		Betsy R. Avery gave note,	300 00
Oct. 26.		Warren Straw “	400 00
Nov. 5.		Relief R. Sanborn “	150 40
	9.	T. S. Pulsifer, Collector, 1885,	100 00
	10.	Phebe Dole gave note,	208 20
		J. M. Pulsifer “	50 00
		G. E. Pulsifer “	50 00
	11.	T. S. Pulsifer, Collector, 1885,	322 00
	12.	Stephen Avery, Overseer Poor,	200 00
	5.	F. M. Maloon gave note,	50 00
	12.	Barron O. Dearborn gave note,	100 00
	14.	Henry G. Coffin “	200 00
	20.	Rhoda Rutherford “	75 00

\$22,452 13

	Amount brought over,	\$22,452 13
Nov. 20.	James S. Avery gave note,	\$50 00
Dec. 4.	James Keeble, amt. execution and cost,	14 73
5.	T. S. Pulsifer, Collector, 1885,	385 00
	A. P. Rowe gave note,	300 00
14.	Jane C. Homans "	200 00
15.	Hattie E. Durgin "	100 00
18.	T. S. Pulsifer, Collector, 1885,	228 00
26.	T. S. Pulsifer, "	316 00
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Jany. 2.	Moses Spokesfield gave note,	50 00
	State Treasurer, Railroad tax,	77 13
	" Savings Bank tax,	513 32
	" Literary fund,	151 89
	Moody C. Dole gave note,	71 84
	T. S. Pulsifer, Collector, 1885,	110 00
14.	T. S. Pulsifer, "	325 00
23.	T. S. Pusifer, "	310 00
Feb. 11.	Emily J. Coffin gave note,	100 00
	G. W. Coffin "	50 00
13.	Moses C. Spokesfield gave note,	50 00
	Mrs. C. H. Rogers, lease money, 1884,	3 00
	Cong. Society,	10 00
	Mark Spokesfield, old bolts, branch bridge,	3 00
	A. H. Cook, bal. tax, 1878-9,	300 00
	T. S. Pulsifer, Collector, 1885,	600 00
20.	Mary E. Rowe gave note,	51 66
	Clara K. Rowe "	51 66
	Emily Marvin "	76 13
	T. S. Pulsifer, Collector, 1885,	440 00
22.	Relief R. Sanborn gave note,	126 87
	Nettie Page "	564 88
	Geo. O. Brown "	101 88

\$28,184 12

	Amount brought over,	\$28,184 12
Feb. 25.	E. H. Keniston, Collector, 1883,	67 75
	E. H. Keniston, Collector, 1884,	224 94
	T. S. Pulsifer, Collector, 1885,	270 00
	Archie Robie, Collector, 1876-7,	10 53
Mch. 1.	S. M. Stickney, satisfaction of execution,	52 56
	T. S. Pulsifer, Collector, 1885,	400 00
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		\$29,209 90

EXPENDITURES.

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid Moses Spokesfield, end. A. Dearborn note,	\$100 00
J. Frank Smith, note in full, March 1, 1884,	111 50
J. R. Watson, note in full, Sept. 1, 1884,	138 83
G. W. Chase, end. on note, Dec. 10, 1884,	30 00
Moses Spokesfield, end. A. Dearborn note,	852 06
J. W. Johnson, end. A. Dearborn note,	226 00
Moses Spokesfield, A. Dearborn note in full,	75 66
Sally Luce, end. note, March 1, 1883,	24 55
C. W. Pulsifer, end. on note, June 6, 1885,	100 00
John F. Sanborn, note in full, July 1, 1885,	2,002 66
Pemigewasset Nat. Bank note, July 9, 1885,	400 00
G. W. Chase, note in full, Dec. 10, 1884,	76 82
Julia E. Sanborn, note in full, Dec. 10, 1884,	242 52
Pemigewasset Nat. Bank, interest on note,	2 00
Langdon Foss, end. on note, Jan. 1, 1883,	25 00
Abigail Lawrence, end. on note, Jan. 1, 1883,	5 00
Nancy Steele, end. on note, February 16, 1884,	30 00
J. D. Sanborn, note in full, July 8, 1885,	1,313 00
O. U. Page, note in full, May 2, 1885,	354 90
Moses Spokesfield, note in full, May 16, 1885,	863 23
J. F. Sanborn, note in full, July 8, 1885,	713 62
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	\$7,687 35

Amount brought over,	\$7,687 35
Paid Ann F. Cox, note in full, June 24, 1885,	203 20
Julia U. Cass, note in full, June 24, 1885,	406 60
Geo. Cork, note in full, October 17, 1884,	360 50
C. W. Pulsifer, note in full, June 6, 1885,	818 60
W. C. Pulsifer, note in full, May 18, 1885,	205 00
E. G. Warden, end. on note, Aug. 4, 1884,	16 35
Jonathan Spokesfield, end. on note, May 9, 1883,	25 00
D. B. Pulsifer, note in full, June 13, 1885,	561 36
J. W. Pulsifer, note in full, July 3, 1885,	101 73
C. W. Pulsifer, end. on note, Oct. 17, 1885,	650 00
Relief R. Sanborn, note in full, October 17, 1885,	100 40
John R. Foss, end. on note, Dec. 1, 1884,	175 00
C. W. Pulsifer, note in full, Oct. 17, 1885,	250 93
Alice J. Southmayd, note in full, end. note, Jan. 1, 1885,	25 00
Amanda P. Taylor, end. on note, Mar. 1, 1888,	17 00
J. R. Watson, note in full, Dec. 8, 1884,	489 13
Mary A. Marsh, note in full, Jan. 1, 1883,	545 92
E. G. Marvin, note in full, Oct. 14, 1884,	46 64
E. G. Warden, note in full, Aug. 4, 1884,	25 20
Cong. Society, end. on note, Sept. 29, 1885,	10 00
Alice J. Southmayd, note in full, Jan. 1, 1885,	129 84
Emily J. Coffin, note in full, Sept. 9, 1885,	101 66
G. W. Coffin, note in full, Aug. 3, 1885,	51 04
Ambrose Caldon, end. on note, Nov. 1, 1883,	26 90
Ambrose Caldon, end. on note, Dec. 24, 1883,	9 63
Moses W. Merrill, end. on note, Oct. 19, 1882,	20 00
Jesse S. Wallace, note in full, May 30, 1883,	33 01
Mary E. Rowe, note in full, Apr. 18, 1885,	51 66
Clara K. Rowe, note in full, Apr. 18, 1885,	51 66
Emily Warrin, note in full, Jan. 1, 1883,	66 13
W. C. Pulsifer, note in full, Oct. 17, 1885,	207 80
J. W. Pulsifer, note in full, Nov. 10, 1885,	50 55

\$13,538 59

	Amount brought over,	\$13,538 59
Paid G. E. Pulsifer, note in full, Nov. 10, 1885,		50 55
Moody C. Dole, note in full, Jan. 2, 1886,		72 12
Phebe Dole, note in full, Nov. 10, 1885,		210 51
Relief R. Sanborn, note in full, Aug. 31, 1885,		101 87
Wm. M. Knowles, note in full, Sept. 5, 1885,		203 73
B. Sanborn, W. E. Rowe, note in full, Dec. 1, 1884,		162 84
Geo. O. Brown, note in full, Sept. 2, 1885,		101 88
Nettie Page, note in full, Sept. 9, 1885,		564 88

\$14,990 17

LABOR AND LUMBER FOR HIGHWAY.

Paid E. R. Calley, labor,		\$27 55
F. A. Avery, "		46 08
G. F. Homans, "		7 56
E. E. Coffin, "		60 18
W. P. Garland, labor and plank,		34 00
Henry Kelley, labor,		15 28
F. W. Maloon, "		6 00
J. F. Rutherford, labor,		8 39
Lyman Lucas, "		20 20
J. A. Blaisdell, "		18 10
D. W. Ames, "		15 18
Geo. W. Plummer, "		27 93
S. T. Page, "		24 13
Archie Robie, "		6 47
John M. Ames, "		9 27
D. B. Pulsifer, labor and plank,		4 55
O. R. Rowe, labor,		1 00
J. W. Johnson, "		8 75
J. T. Rowe, "		17 07
Geo. H. Little, "		8 95
C. B. Caldon, "		23 75

\$390 40

Amount brought over,	\$390 40
Paid Rufus R Swett, plank,	11 50
O. R. Rowe, labor,	1 50
Philip Keniston, labor,	9 50
B. F. Stickney, plank and gates,	4 00
Walter H. Dow, lumber,	36 72
A. J. Lovett, labor,	5 00
Archie Robie, lumber,	43 66
Geo. Smith, labor,	1 00
Geo. O. Brown, plank,	11 00
Geo. W. Plummer, plank,	4 60
Archie Robie, labor,	11 79
Alfred Webster, timber new highway W. Campton,	4 00
R. H. Avery, rails for Livermore and Bay bridges,	5 00
L. L. Smith, lumber,	8 30
J. F. Rutherford, "	7 54
Dustin Moulton, lumber,	16 97
" " "	72
A. H. Cook, labor and lumber,	24 14
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	\$597 32

BRANCH BRIDGE.

Paid Archie Robie, lumber,	\$60 52
Dustin Moulton, lumber,	11 56
Moulton & Watson, nails,	7 03
Arthur P. Rowe, iron and freight,	7 83
John R. Foss, iron work,	11 25
Elijah Mitchell, labor,	152 50
Archie Robie, lumber, Feb. 26, 1885,	85
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Cost of bridge,	\$335 69

LIVERMORE BRIDGE.

Paid S. N. Stickney, agent,	\$7,021 00
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MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Lease and literary money,	\$162 00
C. H. Kimball, printing Town Report,	30 06
Burleigh & Adams, bal. legal services,	114 28
G. F. Blaisdell, painting Cemetery fence,	25 84
S. F. Hill, damage on highway,	200 00
P. Fox, Inventory Books and Stationery,	4 98
Stephen Avery, Overseer of Poor,	100 00
C. H. Kimball, printing blanks,	1 00
R. H. Avery, labor on Cemetery fence,	5 14
C. H. Kimball, printing blanks,	1 00
F. Johnson, breaking plow and abatement of tax,	2 30
B. F. Stickney, non-resident highway tax,	5 10
Selectmen, bounty on woodchucks,	21 50
E. F. Emerson, lumber for Cemetery,	12 91
G. F. Blaisdell, painting Cemetery fence,	21 73
F. U. Moulton, watering trough,	1 50
John H. Plummer, watering trough,	3 00
F. S. Batchelder, repairs on hearse, 1884,	1 75
Stephen Avery, Overseer of Poor,	100 00
Selectmen, bounty on woodchucks,	14 90
R. H. Avery, labor on E. Cook's Cemetery lot,	5 00
John U. Calley, witness on bridge hearing, 1884,	3 00
Stephen Avery, Overseer of Poor,	250 00
D. E. Cook, abatement overtax,	7 60
W. C. Pulsifer, non-resident and abatement on horse lost,	7 07
M. W. Hazeltine, printing,	2 50
M. Spokesfield, abatement tax on A. Dearborn estate,	2 28
Dr. T. Rogers, recording births and deaths,	1 00
Burleigh & Adams, execution in favor S. V. Cass,	52 56
Selectmen, perambulating town line,	5 25
C. W. Pulsifer, expenses to Concord and Wentworth,	9 95

\$1,114 14

	\$1,114 14
Paid G. Homans, abatement taxes, 2 cows lost,	76
W. C. Pulsifer, watering trough,	1 50
Mrs. C. H. Rogers, watering trough,	3 00
A. B. Cook, watering trough,	1 50
Mark Spokesfield, land damage,	3 00
Allan Willey, watering trough,	3 00
J. A. Blaisdell, non-resident highway tax,	6 79
Stephen Avery, watering trough,	3 00
Stephen Avery, overseer of poor,	175 00
Washington Dearborn, watering trough,	3 00
B. B. Southmayd, land damage,	2 00
Hardy Merrill, watering trough,	3 00
William H. Stickney, watering trough,	1 50
Moulton & Watson, paint,	16 81
L. L. Smith, non-resident tax,	2 89
J. F. Rutherford, non-resident tax,	7 42
A. H. Cook, non-resident tax,	5 61
Dr. W. A. Smith, returning births and deaths,	3 50
C. W. Pulsifer, postage and expense,	5 90
A. P. Rowe, expense and cash paid out,	11 80
T. S. Pulsifer, abt. taxes in col., 1885,	26 03
G. W. Merrill, abt. over tax,	4 22
G. S. Bartlett, watering trough,	1 50
D. G. Bartlett, recording births and deaths,	6 30
E. A. Sanborn, abt. sheep tax,	2 08
E. H. Keniston, abt. taxes, Collector, 1883,	3 66
E. H. Keniston, abt. taxes, Collector, 1884,	33 77
P. Downing, abt tax on horse lost,	93
E. H. Keniston, non-resident highway tax, 1884,	2 70
T. S. Pulsifer, non-resident highway tax, 1885,	35 44
E. H. Keniston, abt. on taxes, Collector, 1883,	9 80
F. A. Avery, non-resident tax, 1884,	3 59

\$1,616 24

Amount brought over,	\$1,616 24
Paid B. J. Philbrick, for lighting bridge,	14 85
D. B. Pulsifer, money paid out,	1 79
G. H. Little, board bill and watering trough,	35 75
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	\$1,668 63

SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid District No. 1.	William Wallace, agent,	\$ 56 86
2.	G. S. Bartlett, "	151 51
3.	H. P. Mitchell, "	187 16
4.	T. P. Clark, "	127 88
5.	S. S. Mitchell, "	63 81
6.	Chas. Webster, "	84 05
7.	R. D. Page, "	58 10
8.	Henry R. Garland, "	71 30
9.	G. F. Homans, "	98 09
10.	F. A. Avery, "	59 84
11.	H. H. Brown, "	63 60
12.	George Plummer, "	92 32
13.	M. Abbie Caldon, "	42 01
14.	F. P. Heath, "	43 47
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		\$1,200 00

SCHOOL-HOUSE TAX.

Paid F. A. Avery, school-house tax, Dis. No. 10,	\$ 12 00
H. P. Mitchell, school-house tax, Dis. No. 3,	100 00
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	\$112 00

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.


Paid F. L. Hughes, Treas., County tax, 1885,	\$711 82
Solon A. Carter, Treas., State tax, 1885,	708 00
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	\$1,419 82

SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS.

Paid Jonathan P. Wason,	\$40 00
Isaac T. Johnson,	12 00
Archie Robie,	7 00
Mark Spokesfield,	6 75
John S. Bump,	4 00
S. N. Stickney,	4 00
Moses Spokesfield,	6 00
Henry L. Clark,	4 00
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	\$83 75

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Erastus Dole, services as Supervisor.	\$4 50
E. H. Keniston, services Collector of taxes, 1884,	75 00
Stephen Avery, Overseer Poor,	47 00
D. G. Bartlett, services Town Clerk,	25 00
Moody C. Dole, services Town Treasurer,	40 00
Charles Cutter, services School Committee,	50 00
C. W. Pulsifer, services Selectman,	72 00
A. P. Rowe, services Selectman,	55 50
D. B. Pulsifer, services Selectmen,	42 00
A. D. Muchmore, M. D., services Health Officer,	2 00
Benj. Sanborn, services Auditor,	1 50
Chas. Cutter, " " "	1 50
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	\$416 00

 The above Selectmen bills do not include time and expense in Livermore bridge hearing.

SUMMARY.

Notes and Interest,	\$14,990 17
Labor and lumber for highway,	597 32
Branch bridge,	250 69
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	\$15,838 18

Amount brought over,	\$15,838 18
Livermore bridge,	7,021 00
Miscellaneous,	1,620 53
School money,	1,200 00
School house tax,	112 00
State and County taxes,	1,419 82
Sheep killed by dogs,	83 75
Town officers,	416 00
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	\$27,711 28

Taxes assessed for the year are as follows :

Town tax,	\$2,904 44
State “	708 00
County tax,	711 82
School “	1,200 00
School house tax. Dist. No. 3,	100 00
“ “ “ “ “ 10,	12 00
Dog tax,	85 00
Highway tax not worked,	40 82
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	\$5,762 08

TOWN OF CAMPTON.

Dr.

To notes and interest outstanding against town,	\$25,148 21
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By notes in favor of town,	450 99
Uncollected taxes, 1883,	111 87
“ “ 1884,	166 36
“ “ 1885,	904 26
Due from city Nashua,	92 00
“ “ County,	207 38
Cash in overseer's hands,	76 45
Cash in treasury,	1,498 62
Balance of indebtedness,	21,640 28
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	\$25,148 21

This certifies that as Treasurer of the town of
Campton for the year 1885, I have received
from all sources, sums amounting to \$29,209 90

Paid out by order of Selectmen, 27,711 28

Balance in Treasury, 1,498 62

\$29,209 90

MOODY C. DOLE, Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. PULSIFER, } Selectmen
A. P. ROWE, } of
D. B. PULSIFER, } Campton.

Having examined the foregoing accounts, we find them properly
vouched and correctly cast.

BENJ. SANBORN, }
CHAS. CUTTER, } Auditors.

Livermore Bridge.

REPORT OF S. N. STICKNEY, J. R. FOSS, AND A. P. ROWE, AGENTS,
TO BUILD THE LIVERMORE BRIDGE.

Dr.

By cash of Town Treasurer on order,	\$200 00
" "	2,500 00
" "	500 00
" "	330 00
" "	3,467 00
Bridge Company, to fasten the iron columns to foundations	5 00
Tompkinson, for old bridge,	10 00
Town Treasurer, on order,	24 00

\$7,036 00

Cr.

To paid Berlin Iron Bridge Co.,	3,000 00
" "	3,467 00
A. Robie, for lumber,	150 00
A. Robie, "	119 17
S. Eastman, for labor and materials,	86 50
H. S. Blake, for labor,	32 50
A. P. Melindy,	21 75
F. P. Heath, filling east abutment,	15 00
P. Russell, filling west abutment,	12 00

To paid M. R. York, for labor,	\$10 00
D. S. Burnham, foundation stones,	10 00
S. N. Cass, for labor,	3 00
T. S. Pulsifer, "	3 00
D. B. Pulsifer, "	3 00
Smith Rowe, "	3 00
Webster Russell & Co., cement and lime,	2 60
P. Fox, bolts,	70
J. & R. Tompkinson, sharpening tools, etc.	7 90
C. A. Tobey, labor, foundation to abutment,	4 50
J. F. Merrill, for stone,	1 00
J. B. Holmes, for lumber,	32
S. N. Stickney, services as agent, labor and cash paid out,	67 00
A. P. Rowe, services as agent,	6 00
J. R. Foss, services as agent and cash paid out,	10 00
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	\$7,036 00

S. N. STICKNEY, }
 JOHN R. FOSS, } Agents.
 A. P. ROWE, }

Having examined the foregoing accounts, we find them properly
 vouched and correctly cast,

BENJ. SANBORN, }
 CHARLES CUTTER, } Auditors.

Campton, March 1, 1886.

Report of Overseer of Poor.

TOWN OF CAMPTON IN ACCOUNT WITH STEPHEN AVERY. OVERSEER
OF THE POOR.

1885.		<i>Cr.</i>	
March 1.	By balance of cash brought over,		\$ 50 08
May 2.	Received cash Town Treasurer,		100 00
13.	“ County Treasurer,		269 87
Aug. 31.	“ Selectmen,		100 00
Oct. 23.	“ Town Treasurer,		250 00
Nov. 11.	“ County Treasurer,		229 07
1886.			
Feb. 13.	“ Town Treasurer,		175 00
			\$1,174 02

Dr.

To bill of A. Robie to date,	\$ 4 00
C. W. Cook, for affidavits,	3 00
A. P. Rowe, searching town records,	25
D. G. Bartlett, searching town records,	45
Bills for H. P. Fisher and family,	158 76
Naomi Percival,	79 00
O. R. Bowers,	9 03
Mary Hutchins,	54 00
Cummings Annis,	73 65
Salome Hanscom,	54 00

To Bills for David Philbrick,	\$52 00
Elmira Palmer,	56 00
Town Treasurer,	400 00
Bills for Benjamin Colman,	51 13
C. A. Pierce and family,	92 90
A. Hall for team to Bristol,	2 70
Paid for car fare,	30
City Clerk of Nashua searching records, stamps, etc.,	80
Paid S. Avery for cash paid out,	6 50
Feb. 27. Cash to balance,	76 45

\$1,174 02

STEPHEN AVERY, Overseer of the Poor.

Having examined the foregoing accounts we find them correctly
cast and properly vouched.

BENJ. SANBORN, }
CHARLES CUTTER, } Auditors.

Report of Superintendent Cemetery

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1886.

<i>Cr.</i>	
Received of E. H. Sanborn,	\$12 24
G. Bartlett,	5 00
W. N. Moulton,	5 00
L. C. White,	14 00
W. G. Brown,	10 00
Charles Johnson,	5 00
James Nelson,	5 00
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	\$56 24
<i>Dr.</i>	
Paid to J. G. Burbank, labor,	\$12 00
H. K. Smith and R. Avery, labor,	4 25
C. J. Gould, sundries,	70
H. K. Smith, services,	1 00
J. C. Blair, Jr., "	1 00
J. C. Blair, postal cards,	1 04
R. H. Copittrorn, labor,	75
M. N. Davis, sundries,	7 95
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	\$28 69
Cash on hand,	27 55

Amount due on lots sold,	
Philip Keniston,	\$5 00
William Gilpatrick,	5 00
J. L. DeMott,	5 00

\$15 00

MARD. N. DAVIS, Superintendent.

NUMBER BURIED AND ENTOMBED IN CAMPTON CEMETERY.

Ages less than 1 year,	3
from 1 to 5 years,	0
“ 5 to 10 “	1
“ 10 to 15 “	0
“ 15 to 20 “	0
“ 20 to 25 “	1
“ 25 to 30 “	0
“ 30 to 35 “	0
“ 35 to 40 “	2
“ 40 to 45 “	2
“ 45 to 50 “	0
“ 50 to 55 “	1
“ 55 to 60 “	1
“ 60 to 65 “	2
“ 65 to 70 “	1
“ 70 to 75 “	3

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J. C. BLAIR, Sexton.

Campton, March 1, 1886.

School Report.

The Schools in town the past year have been in the main successful. The results of the labor of the teachers have for the most part been satisfactory and creditable to them. The scholars, among whom are found many bright minds, have been generally attentive to their studies and orderly. A few boys in some of the schools have not shown the respect and deference to the authority of the teacher that became them. They thought it brave, or smart, perhaps, to set at naught the regulations of the school. It was neither. Their ill-behavior only set forth their own rudeness and want of good sense. Most of the teachers at this day are young ladies. It is a difficult thing for them to manage rude and ill-disposed boys, and due consideration and sympathy ought to be extended to them. They are often physically incapable of inflicting deserved chastisement upon insolent and well grown boys. Parents, therefore, ought to supplement their authority by all the means in their power. They should carefully inspect department cards and, if not well up to the mark, call their children to account. A task at hard work for an hour or two after school, or removal supperless to bed, will often have a good effect as a penalty for any misdemeanor. In one case a father accompanied his son to school and said to the mistress that if he gave her any trouble he would take him out and set him to work. It is a good example to follow in all cases where a boy has come to an age when he can defy the authority of the teacher and is disposed so to do. One or two such boys will sometimes nearly ruin a school. They do not profit by it themselves, and they prevent others from

doing so. The best thing to do in such a case is to turn them out and not allow the whole school to suffer by their presence.

I have endeavored to impress upon teachers and pupils the importance of thoroughness of acquisition in their studies as far as they go. Some scholars are desirous of getting on fast, but are unwilling to make the effort necessary really to do it; so, they will rush through their books, rapidly but superficially, and, at the end, know but little about them. I often find a scholar in the Second Reader when he would make better progress in the first; in the advanced arithmetic before he has mastered the primary; and so on. In order to acquire this thoroughness there is need of frequent repetition and revision, of going through a text-book more than once, often, more than twice or thrice. Going over a subject once, a pupil will remember something of it; twice, he will retain still more; repeatedly, he will so fix it in his memory that he cannot forget it. A teacher said to me: "My class have now finished the arithmetic. What shall they do next?" "Go through it again," was my reply.

The schools have suffered much the past year from a want of uniformity in text-books. In consequence of this the teachers have been obliged to fritter away time in hearing some half dozen recitations that they could have devoted to one. I have been astonished in some cases at the number of recitations that could be gotten up in a school of five or six pupils. This comes in a measure from a too frequent change in text-books. I had resolved, whatever else I did, not to introduce a new book into the schools this year. But I found such a scarcity of spelling-books of any kind that it seemed a good time to introduce, as I could do so on very favorable terms, one that seemed to me very excellent and which some of our first teachers have pronounced the best they have ever used. I did not urge its adoption in one or two schools where a recent change had been made, but I think it will be well for them to have it ere long, in order to uniformity throughout the town.

The new school law will be in force the coming year, for better or for worse. For worse, many think; for better, I hope. I have not had opportunity from personal observation to become acquainted with

its working. It has been strongly advocated however by our superintendents of public instruction. It has been in operation for several years in Massachusetts, which is generally considered the foremost state in relation to education. It has been adopted in several other states. I think, therefore, it may prove advantageous and that it is best to give it a fair trial. Of the two systems, town and district, I presume each has certain advantages and disadvantages that the other has not. I am not fully satisfied that I would give the preference to the former, if certain modifications of the latter could be had that I will not here specify. I am fully satisfied that with either, in the future as in the past, there will be good schools and bad schools, fault finding and complaints, with reason and without reason.

I have felt in favor of the town system principally in the hope that it will lead to a reduction in the number of schools. The state of things in this respect in Campton for some years past has been preposterous. The town has raised twelve hundred dollars annually to maintain her dozen and more schools. I have no doubt that six or eight hundred would have done an equal amount of good could the children have been gathered into six or eight schools.

My greatest objection to the district system is, that within fixed limits the population is constantly changing, and at one time the school may be overrun with scholars, at another the number may dwindle down to ciphers. We have realized the latter in Campton the past year almost, and I could name six or seven districts where there have been less, or scarcely more, than half a dozen scholars.

In the town system this matter is easily remedied by transferring pupils from one school to another, as their number may require. By uniting two small schools, the cost of one school house, furniture, and fuel for the same, is saved. The one school will be twice as long and just as good, or better, from the greater interest that can be excited in a school of considerable numbers.

It is objected that some scholars will have to travel a long distance to school. This is an objection, but not so great a bugbear as some may imagine. I once taught a school where scholars to the number of a dozen walked to school, a distance of two miles, every morning.

and home at night. I never heard that it hurt them. It is true that children of five or six years could not do this. Well, children of that age should not be sent to school. They take up the time and attention of their teacher that could be employed to better purpose in instructing older scholars. It would require twice the time and labor to teach them the alphabet at five that it would at seven. Begin at one scholar at five, and another of equal ability at seven, and at ten there will be no difference in their attainments. We do not set a child of five to saw or chop wood. We wait for their bodies to grow and develop the requisite strength before doing this. We should allow their minds to do the same before setting them at the tasks of the schoolroom. I therefore think that the legal age for compulsory attendance at school should be seven rather than five. I believe it is worthy of consideration by the town whether one school should not answer for West Hill, one for Beach Hill and the Bay, one for Pulsifer Hill and Livermore Bridge, one for New Discovery and Eastern Corner, one graded school for the two at the village; also, whether one term of a school of higher class might not be had at the Hollow each year, open to all advanced scholars in that part of the town; one also at the village, and one at West Campton. This for the benefit of such as have not the means to go out of town to acquire a higher than common school education. I do not urge that all these changes be made at once, or hastily, but only as time and circumstance may favor.

CHARLES CUTTER,
Superintending School Committee

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of District. Term.	Name of Teacher.	No. of weeks of School.		No. of Pupils attending the following studies.													
		Whole No. of Scholars.		Reading.	Spelling.	Writing.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Composition.	Singing.	Physiology.	Book-keeping.	Algebra.	Philosophy.	Botany.
1	1 Sarah K. Smith.....	14	6	6	6	2	4										
2	1 Annie G. Blakely.....	10	23	23	23	21	23	13	4	1		2	1				
2	2 Addie K. Hale.....	11	26	26	26	23	26	14	4								
3	1 Jennie M. Kinsman....	8	31	32	32	25	24	17	9			4		2	1		
2	" " ".....	9	37	37	37	28	28	25	9			3		2	1		
3	" " ".....	8	36	36	36	30	30	23	23			2		2	2		
4	1 M. Cora Clark.....	8	21	21	21	21	21	15	3	4	3	2		2			
2	Annie E. Shaw.....	9	24	24	24	24	20	10	5	4	5	1		2			
5	1 Mrs. L. R. Avery.....	9	9	9	9	9	9	6	4	2		9	1				
2	Mrs. A. E. Horner.....	9	10	10	10	6	10	10	7			4		2			
6	1 Carrie A. Avery.....	8	13	13	13	12	12	4	1	1							
2	Carrie A. Avery.....	9	13	13	13	12	12	4	1	1							
7	1 Alice C. Stickney.....	16	2	2	2	1	1	1	1								
8	1 L. G. Pulsifer.....	8	11	11	11	5	9	3	3			1					
2	L. R. Avery.....	11	14	14	14	8	11	6	3								
9	1 S. N. Stickney.....	8	9	9	9	7	6	2	1	6	1	6					
2	Gertrude M. Sanborn...	9	11	11	10	9	9	4	3	3	2		2				
3	Mrs. A. E. Horner.....	6	11	11	11	7	10	10	3	1		3					
10	1 Belle Philbrick.....	14	19	19	19	19	13	8	5			6					
11	1 Harry L. Brown.....	12	21	8	9	7	8	4	2			1	1				
12	1 S. N. Stickney.....	8	13	13	13	9	9	6	1		1	3	1				
2	" " ".....	9	12	12	12	9	9	9	1		1	1	1				
13	1 Etta I. Worthen.....	10	7	7	7	6	5	5	2	2							
14	1 Tillie F. Streetzer.....	7	6	6	6	6	6	3	1								1
2	Louise V. George.....	12	9	9	9	7	9	7	2			1		1			

Whole No. scholars attending more than 2 weeks.....226

Whole No. scholars between 5 and 15.....181

Reported by Selectmen, Boys.....103

" " " Girls.....113

