

ANNUAL REPORTS

—OF THE—

SELECTMEN,
TREASURER,
COLLECTOR,
OVERSEER ^{OF THE} POOR,
SUP'G SCHOOL COM.

—AND—

LIBRARIAN

—OF THE—

Town of Ashland

—FOR THE—

Fiscal Year ending March 1,
1875.

ASHLAND, N. H.:

F. E. SHAW, JOB PRINTER

1875.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

265 Polls,	\$26,500
22 Carriages,	1,410
524 Sheep,	2,010
318 Cattle,	12,300
115 Horses,	10,770
Money at interest,	13,800
Stock in trade,	41,200
Factories and their Machinery,	110,000
Real Estate,	195,500

The total valuation of the Town of Ashland,
April 1st, 1874,

\$414,300

Rate of taxation on \$100, \$1.30

Amount of State, County, Town and School taxes,	\$5,344
Highway tax, 50 cts. on a Poll.	
Amount of Highway taxes,	2,071
Non Resident tax,	40
Non Resident Highway taxes,	15
Dog tax,	75
	\$7,546

OUTSTANDING BILLS.

Paid by orders on Town Treasurer:

James L. Wilson, for services on Police and Liquor cases,	\$38
Francis M. Hughes, Police services,	5
“ “ for Auditing accounts for 1873,	5
Dexter Sanborn, “ “	5
Martin A. Haynes, for Tax bills and Police regulations for 1873.	6

Estate of Wright Shepard,	1 25
J. D. Woodman, balance of School money for 1871—72,	112 97
Charles Shepard for breaking roads 1873,	10 50
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	\$188 97

TOWN EXPENSES.

Paid D. L. Gurnsey, for Books and Stationery,	\$9 00
F. E. Sbow, for printing Town Reports,	30 00
M. A. Haynes, for Tax bills,	3 00
Fred. S. Crawford for binding books,	24 00
Francis M. Hughes, expence in Lougee case	16 12
F. E. Shaw, printing Police Regulations,	1 25
James L. Wilson, damage to wagon on highway,	15 99
David B. Baker, Moderator, Town Meeting,	2 00
Town of New Hampton for support of James Rowe,	15 00
Barnet Hughes, board of Selectmen.	8 00
Frank L. Hughes, car fare to Concord,, to settle State Tax.	1 90
Thomas N. Hughes for selling State Bonds,	5 00
Enoch Rogers bills for transient postage and express.	9 11
John A. Dana for registering Births,	2 75
Hiram Hodgdon, School Books. &c.	6 76
Joseph A. Baker, damage on Sheep,	15 00
Barnett Hughes, Selectman,	40 00
Enoch Rogers, "	40 00
Edward P. Warner, "	36 00
Frank L. Hughes, Town Treasurer,	30 00
Benjamin B. Worthen, Town Clerk,	40 00
Horatio N. Smyth, Overseer of the Poor,	55 00
John A. Dana, Sup'g School Committee,	30 00
Sarah J. Brown, Librarian,	25 00
John R. Willoughby, Collector,	55 00
William F. Harris, Police services,	3 00
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	\$518 86

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Sanborn & Blair, for Stone.	25 50
Joseph Lambert, for repairing road.	6 75
David H. G. Fogg, " "	3 87
James B. Hughes, for Lumber.	3 00
Rufus Foster, for examining bridge.	5 00
James B. Hughes, for Timber.	6 00
Allen B. Shepard, land damage	5 00
Gardner F. Rogers, " "	10 00
Anna Dean, " "	3 00
Ruth B. Rollins, " "	30 00
Charles H. Dow, " "	2 00
Albert Willoughby, " "	10 00
William D. Bateman, " "	5 00
Benjamin B. Worthen, " "	2 00
Charles Shepard, road bill.	6 40
Enoch Rogers, for repairing bridge near Post Office.	5 25
Asa Drew, for breaking roads.	11 93
H. N. Smyth, for surveying,	2 00
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	\$147 21
Paid Overseer of the Poor,	\$218 15

REPORT OF THE AGENT FOR THE REPAIRING OF UNION BRIDGE.

Received of Town Treasurer, by order of Selectmen,	\$503 93
" Cash from J. F. Keyes, Highway taxes.	400 00
" " " the sale of Plank,	12 83
To Highway tax, 1873,	12 52
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	\$929 28

	Dr.	
paying for one-half of labor on Bridge,		\$347 68
" " bills for materials used on		
the Bridge,		581 61
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		\$929 29

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremiah M. Calley.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

John R. Willoughby, in account with the		
Town of Ashland:	Dr.,	\$5,475 16
	Cr.	
cash paid Town Treasurer,		\$5,191 00
Abatements,		122 04
Uncollected,		156 62
Highway receipts,		5 50
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		\$5475 16

All of which is respectfully submitted,

John R. Willoughby, *Collector.*

COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR 1871-72--73.

Edwin B. Currier in account with the Town of Ashland:	Dr.	
Taxes uncollected for 1871,		\$33 40
" " 1872.		16 15
" " 1873,		391 75
	Cr.	
paying Town Treasurer tax of 1872.		1 70
" " " 1873,		360 92
Abatements,		1 80

Respectfully submitted,

Edwin B. Currier.

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SCHOOL MONEY.

Dis. No. 1;	\$760 72	Dog Tax, \$27 87	Lit. Fund, \$53 73	\$842 3
2,	19 41	27 87	5 60	52 8
3,	39 37	18 94	8 60	56 9
4,	59 70	27 87	6 40	93 9
5,	9 80	18 95	1 60	25 8
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	\$889 00	\$111 50	\$70 93	\$1,071 43

Respectfully submitted,

BARNETT HUGHES. } *Selectmen of*
 ENOCH ROGERS. } *the Town of*
 EDWARD P. WARNER. } *Ashland.*

We the undersigned, hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

DEXTER SANBORN, } *Auditors of the*
 F. M. HUGHES. } *Town of Ashland.*

Treasurer's Report.

Frank L. Hughes in account with the Town
 of Ashland, for the year 1874.

To Cash received of Ambrose Scribner Treas., 1873,	Dr.
for sale of Municipal War Bonds,	\$3,507 40
Interest due on War Bonds,	8,500 00
R. R. D. Dearborn, Librarian, 1873,	189 98
Edwin B. Carrier, Collector, 1872,	4
" " " 1873,	1 70
F. M. Hughes, use of Town Hall,	360 92
Savings Bank Tax,	24 57
Rail Road Tax,	529 84
Literary Fund,	50 97
B. E. Plaisted, use of Tomb, 1873,	70 93
	3 00

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1874 AFTER MARCH 1.

Ambrose Scribner in account with the town of Ashland,	Dr.	
To balance of cash on hand placed to new account,		\$2,949 80
Municipal War Bonds,		8,500 00
Cash received of Franklin Scribner Adm'r of William P. Drake's estate, as per bill on settlement by Selectmen,		715 94
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		\$12,165 74
	Cr.	
By Cash paid Frank L. Hughes,		\$2,949 80
Municipal War Bonds,		8500 00
Paid Franklin Scribner, Adm'r for safe and interest,		66 80
Cash paid Franklin Scribner as per order. It being for services as per bill and interest rendered in the year 1871.		92 00
Paid Frank L. Hughes, Cash to balance account.		557 04
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		\$12,165 74

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Ambrose Scribner. *Treasurer.*

We the undersigned hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

DEXTER SANBORN, } *Auditors of the*
F. M. HUGHES, } *Town of Ashland.*

Report of the Overseer of the Poor.

Horatio N. Smyth in account with the town of Ashland :	Dr.	
Received of Selectmen, by orders on the town, Treasurer,		\$218 15
Thomas P. Cheney, for Hiram Harris,		18 00
the County of Grafton,		52 70
Town of Thornton, support of J. W. Tucker,		94 25
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		\$383 00

Cr.

aid James Corlis, for board and nursing Mrs. Isabelle Harris,	\$56 00
Hiram Hodgdon, for Mrs. Harris,	5 00
Dr. J. A. Dana, for professional services,	17 50
Frank V. Dana, for Medicine,	1 55
Mary Gilman, for the support of Mrs. James Drew, from March 16, 1874 to March 15, 1875,	158 00
Enoch Rogers, for Sheeting for Mrs. Drew,	2 10
J. H. Barry, for Horse and Carriage to move Mrs. Drew,	1 50
Hiram Hodgdon, for Supplies, furnished John W. Tucker.	87 00
Benj. Piper, for Potatoes, for J. W. Tucker.	3 40
Potatoes sold to J. W. Tucker.	1 80
Cash paid Tucker.	2 00
aid Nathan A. Smith, for digging grave for Wm. Ballard,	2 00
John W. Fogg, for assisting Smith,	2 00
Hiram Hodgdon, for Camphor and Spirits,	90
Charles W. Smyth, for moving James Rowe,	1 00
Charge for Keeping and furnishing Supper and Break- fast for twenty-eight transient persons,	20 00
Money lying in the hands of the Overseer of the Poor,	21 30
	\$383 05

aid the Town Treasurer, \$21.30, to balance the above amount in
the hands of the Overseer of the Poor.

Respectfully submitted,

HORATIO N. SMYTH.

We, the undersigned, certify that we have examined the foregoing
account, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

DEXTER SANBORN, } *Auditors of the*
F. M. HUGHES, } *Town of Ashland.*

Superintending School Committee.

No. of District.

Summer & Winter.

Names of Teachers.

No. of weeks of School.

No. of Scholars.

No. in Grammar.

No. in Arithmetic.

No. in Geography.

No. 1	1st grade.	Sum.		Miss Jennett S. Knowlton,	10	29	14	29	17
		Win.	Sum.						
	2d grade.	Win.	16	"	16	34	25	84	13
		Sum.	11	Miss Fannie M. Keyes,	11	43	6	48	43
	3d grade.	Win.	15	"	15	40	10	40	40
		Sum.	10	Miss Mary E. Knowlton,	10	44	0	16	0
	No. 2.	Win.	16	"	16	44	0	25	13
		Sum.	6	Miss Mary Smyth,	6	15	2	18	6
	No. 3.	Win.	8	"	8	15	2	12	5
		Sum.	7	Augusta O. Sargent,	7	7	3	8	4
	No. 4 & 5	Win.	9	Miss Mary E. Kelley,	9	7	8	6	4
		Sum.	13	"	13	18	2	14	4
	No. 6, 17m	s & w.	9	Mrs. Mary E. Pease,	9	5	0	14	4
		s & w.	9	Miss Annie R. Cox.	9	5	0	14	4

DISTRICT NO. 1, FIRST GRADE.

This school was divided into three terms, twenty-six weeks in all. Here, the most advanced scholars of our district attended. The teacher was well qualified, and indefatigable in her efforts. The students, with a few exceptions, were faithful, and attentive, exhibiting good progress.

The opportunities our scholars might have in this grade, are not fully appreciated by our citizens; we have employed faithful and experienced teachers, who have devoted all their time to the advanced classes.

There should be something done for a better school room, and it could be better furnished.

DISTRICT NO. 1, SECOND GRADE.

Here also, we have had twenty-six weeks divided into three terms. The scholars are the middle classes, the same teacher has been employed each term, who has been thoroughly in earnest all the time, and the pupils have been well managed, and instructed. In this grade the scholars have to be held with a tighter rein, and experience and energy in the teacher are necessary to the best management of them. All of which we have had this year.

DISTRICT NO. 1, THIRD GRADE.

We had three terms in this grade, comprising in all twenty-six weeks. This is our Primary department, and this year, our little ones have had the best training I have ever seen. Every moment they have been busy, anxious for the next exercise, and ready to do their best. They have had frequent recesses, and the training has been of so varied a character as to exercise both mentally and physically. All this, without making the little one at all weary. With such a teacher, and proper rooms and surrounding, our children will have implanted the best ideas, and the best effects of the exercise of the whole body, for future mental, and bodily strength and vigor.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

This school has had two terms. The first was short. It was well set up, but I cannot report its progress as it closed without my knowledge. The second term was also, well started, and the scholars gave evidence of good training in their progress and deportment.

DISTRICT NO. 3

This is a union school with Holderness. We have but few scholars here, but their chance has been excellent. The school house is pleasant, and in a pleasant place, and the people of the district are able to furnish good and experienced teachers. The pupils have been kind and attentive, thus enabling the teacher to show in their good progress in studies and deportment.

DISTRICTS NO. 4 and 5.

Here, there has been but one term, this year, that, being taught by the same person employed last year. She is well qualified and faithful in every respect. The scholars have manifested a laudable desire to learn, and the teacher deserves much praise for her success.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

This is a union school with New Hampton and Centre Harbor, in which our town has only five scholars. There has been but one term. The scholars have been well instructed, and show good improvement for the time, the term being only nine weeks.

GENERAL REMARKS.

I have often urged upon our citizens, the very faulty condition of our schools; the want of proper school-rooms, and especially the lack of almost any real interest in the whole matter by the whole people. The law obliges the Selectmen to raise on our inventory, a certain amount of tax for schools; and the literary fund is distributed among the districts; but above this, we never raise more money, or appropriate even the Rail-road tax for educational purposes. Now when all will allow, that the education of our children is of vast importance, and has to do with their character and standing in all future life, how important that all good measurers should be adopted to secure a proper and thorough education

When we will provide as good accommodations as Meredith and Bristol have, we shall thrive, while in our present condition we are retrograding.

Please make these matters the subject of your thoughts.

JOHN A. DANA.

Superintending School Committee.

Librarian's Report.

Number of books in Library,	597
" " out,	54
" " added during the year.	2
Whole No. of Books,	653
Amount of fines collected,	\$3.02

SARAH J. BROWN, *Librarian.*