

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF—

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

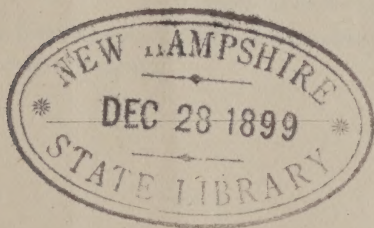
—AND—

Superintending School Committee

—OF THE—

Town of Brentwood,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1882.



EXETER, N. H.:
THE GAZETTE STEAM PRINTING HOUSE.
1882.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

For the year ending March 1, 1882.

Selectmen to Town of Brentwood,	DR.
Received from State Treasurer, railroad tax,	\$47 76
“ “ “ savings bank tax,	356 19
“ “ “ literary fund,	72 67
“ “ “ bounties on hawks,	20 00
Received from Rockingham County, for supplies furnished county pauper,	8 42
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	\$505 04

Selectmen to Town of Brentwood,	CR.
Paid Town Treasurer,	\$505 04

FRANK H. ROWELL, }
WARREN D. ROBINSON, } Selectmen
HERMAN W. VEAZEY, } of
Brentwood.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Treasurer to Town of Brentwood,	Dr.
Received from the Treasurer of 1880,	\$304 57
" Selectmen,	505 04
" Otis Bartlett, collector,	3432 83
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	\$4242 44

Treasurer to Town of Brentwood,	Cr.
Paid public taxes,	\$1866 21
Support of schools,	804 21
" Poor,	211 98
Roads and bridges,	218 65
Miscellaneous expenses,	417 62
Town officers,	154 10
Abatements,	40 26
Balance cash on hand,	529 41
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	\$4242 44

WILLIAM MORRILL, Treasurer.

EXPENDITURES IN DETAIL.

PUBLIC TAXES.

Paid State tax,	748 00
County tax,	1118 21
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	\$1866 21

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid District No. 1,	259 06
“ “ 2,	169 13
“ “ 3,	188 36
“ “ 4,	117 65
“ “ 5,	20 01
“ “ 1, school house tax,	50 00
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	\$804 21

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid J. W. Merrill, clothing for Walter Morse 1880,	\$5 00
J. M. Morse, for boarding Walter Morse five and one-half weeks,	6 87
G. L. Sanborn & Co., for supplies furnished James N. Hoyt,	59 75
D. O. Waldron, for supplies furnished County pauper,	8 42
D. O. Waldron, for cloth furnished Morse boy,	1 74
“ for supplies furnished F. P. Hoyt,	13 50

Paid Dr. M. W. Caverly, for medical attendance on Mrs. Morse,	3 50
Dr. M. W. Caverly, for medical attendance on J. N. Hoyt's family,	11 00
Jonathan Robinson, for boarding Samuel J. Morse 12 weeks,	12 00
J. W. Smith, for boarding Walter Morse 46 weeks,	46 00
J. W. Smith, for clothing and school books for Walter Morse,	4 20
Emma H. Sinclair, for support of Hollis Sinclair,	40 00
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	\$211 98

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid L. B. Smith, repairing carriage, damaged on highway,	3 00
F. Ellis, for damage on highway,	6 00
H. Gilmore, " "	5 00
L. B. Smith, for stone and teaming for bridge,	9 00
B. F. Woodman, for labor on bridge,	6 00
G. W. Bryant, gravel,	7 56
G. P. Shaw, for labor on highway,	62
J. A. Robinson, 483 feet bridge plank,	6 28
W. Rhodes, for 3 1-2 days labor on bridge,	5 25
W. Rhodes, labor on highway,	1 50
J. A. Robinson, 1-2 days work on bridge,	75
D. F. Fellows, 40 loads gravel,	3 20
E. A. Morse, labor on highway,	6 25
S. S. Dudley, " "	5 00
A. G. Dudley, 162 feet bridge plank,	2 43
C. G. Robinson, labor on highway,	34

Paid B. F. Robinson,	"	"		1	50
E. G. Brackett,	"	"		10	71
J. H. Taylor,	"	"		14	66
J. W. Robinson,	16	hours	labor on highway,	2	00
C. C. S. Stevens,	17	1-4	days labor on highway,	25	88
G. D. Hanson,	16	hours	labor on highway,	2	00
W. M. Veasey,	56	"	"	8	40
"	"	32	"	4	06
"	"	500	feet bridge plank,	7	50
John Kimball,	390	"	"	5	46
D. R. Parshley,			labor on highway,	1	33
C. R. Miles,	"	"		3	37
Samuel Thyng,	16	hours	labor on highway,	2	00
"	"	32	"	4	80
"	"	412	feet bridge timber,	6	15
D. D. Cook,	12	hours	labor on highway,	1	57
F. H. Rowell,	1	days	labor on bridge,	1	00
"	"	1	"	5	16
"	"		highway,		
W. D. Robinson,			labor on bridge,	10	10
H. W. Veazey,	1	days	labor on bridge,	1	50
Josiah Robinson,	1800	feet	bridge timber,	25	00
Orin Sanborn,	47	hours	labor on highway,	5	87
					\$218 65

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Wingate & Shaw, for printing reports,	\$13	00
Dr. C. C. Odlin, for returning birth,		25
Mary A. Sanborn, for note,	87	00
Joanna S. Bean, note,	38	00

Paid W. M. Veasey, sheep bill,	5 00
T. S. Gordon, “	10 00
John Gordon, “	5 00
John Kimball, “	5 00
L. G. Hoyt, for services in State vs. D. B. Gilman,	3 00
Interest on notes,	41 00
W. Rhodes, 2 journeys to Fremont,	3 00
“ For boarding B. F. Woodman,	1 00
Dr. M. W. Caverly, for returning births and deaths,	4 50
C. G. Robinson, for 5 lbs. spikes,	25
B. F. Robinson, for 13 journeys with hearse,	16 25
“ For care of town hall,	3 00
J. H. Taylor, for use of watering trough,	3 00
M. L. Lyford, for use of watering trough,	3 00
Dr. A. C. Buzzwell, for returning birth,	25
G. E. Lane, for blank books &c.,	3 12
Wiggin & Fuller, for legal advice,	4 00
Bounties on hawks and crows,	5 80
Non-resident taxes worked out,	163 20
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	\$417 62

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid F. H. Rowell, services as selectman,	25 00
W. D. Robinson, “ “	25 00
H. W. Veazey “ “	25 00
George R. Rowe, services as town clerk,	16 00
“ “ recording births and deaths,	5 75
Rev. George Ober, services as Superintending School Committee,	16 00
Otis Bartlett, for collecting taxes, 1880 and '81,	25 00
“ “ printing and stationery,	2 25

Paid William Morrill, services as Treasurer,	12 00
“ “ expenses paying state tax,	2 10
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	\$154 10

ABATEMENTS.

Paid John Brown,	\$3 00
George Fellows,	94
Simon Gordon,	1 16
J. C. Wadleigh,	1 07
Heirs of J. C. Robinson,	2 00
W. W. Wilder,	2 25
Laura A. Smith,	2 98
George Smith, poll tax, 1880,	97
M. L. Henry, “ “	97
E. O. Nay, “ “	97
G. N. Hatch, “ “	97
M. Daley, “ “	97
F. P. Hoyt, “ “	97
R. Hill, “ “	97
G. P. Randall, poll tax, 1879 and 1880,	1 97
N. Gordon,	7 50
B. C. Clark,	7 60
Robert Elkins,	3 00
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	\$40 26

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We, the undersigned, have this day examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer for the year ending March 4th, 1882, for money received and paid out as per bills and receipts shown us and find them correct and properly entered in the town books.

We find in the hands of the Treasurer five hundred and twenty-nine dollars and forty-one cents, (\$529 41.)

Also due from Otis Bartlett, Collector, five hundred and seventy-three dollars and seventy-five cents, (573.75.)

Also due from Chester C. Smith, Collector for 1875, one dollar and forty-two cents, (1.42.)

CHESTER C. SMITH,	}	Auditors.
ORIN SANBORN		
JOHN F. BARTLETT,		

Brentwood, March, 4th, 1882.

STATEMENT OF TOWN DEBT.

Whole amount of outstanding notes against the town including interest to March 4th, 1882,	1370 17	
Unsettled claims against the town,	212 00	
		\$1582 17
From which deduct cash on hand,	529 41	
Due from Otis Bartlett, Collector,	573 75	
" C. C. Smith, "	1 42	
		\$1104 58
Leaving a balance against the town of		\$477 59

REPORT OF THE
Superintending School Committee.

FELLOW CITIZENS:—Coming to our work unexpectedly and reluctantly, an utter stranger to your schools' teachers and school system, we hope at least to be able to speak impartially. With faithful teachers, industrious scholars, kind, generous and helpful home influences, we believe the investment of time, money, anxious care and labor has not failed to pay well, not simply in the pages committed, problems solved, truth of science understood, but we trust also in training the mind to take care of itself; information of habits of virtue, temperance, application and perseverance that make the intelligent, reliable citizen;—the Websters and the Greeleys of New Hampshire children.

We are glad that some of our scholars, grateful for the stepping stone you have provided them, have from

our teachers and text books caught an aspiration for "something better," and will prosecute their studies in higher institutions. We may say here, the interests of education call for some provision for a school of a higher grade, for the advanced scholars of several of the schools, and for the accommodation of some who are already compelled at great expense to study away from home. Might we not perhaps afford some stimulus to ambitious youth by paying the tuition at least at some distinguished school for those whom a competitive examination shall prove exceptionally worthy.

We feel confident that a Board of School Committee of three, renewed by the election of a new member to serve three years, that should take the entire management of all the affairs of all the schools, would secure much more harmony, uniformity and efficiency.

We have had unbounded enthusiasm at Crawley's Falls; splendid scholarship at Marshall's Corner; veteran service at the North; all the advantages of private tuition at the South, and remarkable order and neatness and progress at the County Farm, and reasonable success everywhere under the circumstances. Under the present system everything depends upon the teacher. But we do not make them or choose them. Scarcely one of our teachers know anything of Normal School or professional training for their work. To keep school is one thing, but to educate children by the wisest methods is quite another. Until the Legislature by proper committees of experts shall see fit to provide the best text books, we may expect to be bored with agents, waste time and money, and perhaps make mistakes. We have introduced Robinson's Comprehensive Arithmetic to the mutual satisfaction of our most experienced teachers and a cash saving to the people. We have put in a great variety of miscellaneous children's picture books, "Nurserys," etc., to the great delight and profit of the little ones.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Crawleys Falls school has been unfortunate in being so full, and again in being badly broken up by mumps, chicken pox, etc. None but a teacher of large experience and resources of judgment, tact and energy, could well take a very large ungraded school like this from little tots to young people of almost marriageable ages, and achieve the success Miss Eastman has, without sacrificing something of order to long, hard, faithful work. Some teachers are satisfied with nothing but motionless statues in scholars and think that order is success. Where there are Alps to climb it cannot always be done with the utmost system of order and regularity. We frequently surprised this school with test questions, reading at sight from strange books, etc., and were delighted with the promptness, fullness and the tone of the replies. We seldom hear better recitations. There are some real students in this school. The work done, and well done, shows this. The essays, commercial papers and extra preparation for special occasions, are highly commended.

The North School has had the service of Miss E. B. Rowe, a veteran teacher. We have not always found that sort of order and discipline prompt and careful recitations in the school room we expected to. The examination unfortunately came on one of the most blustering days of the winter, only a half dozen present, but they stood the fire nobly. Miss Rowe has been especially industrious in inculcating principles of virtue, temperance and honor, too much neglected everywhere.

Something in the way of repairs, furniture and embellishments, would make this school room more attractive.

Marshall's Corner School was brought to a sudden termination for want of funds, the teacher having only a few hours notice, and your committee none at all of the close. We happened however, to call that day and re-

viewed the work as best we could. Miss Kimball has worked hard. We had no trouble in hearing recitations, and good ones they were. The advanced classes did themselves good credit. Some seem to have made but little progress.

SOUTH SCHOOL.

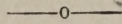
Faction and stalwartism have seriously defeated the success of this school. The few that attended the spring term had all the advantages of private instruction, and profited by their advantages. Your committee felt that better success would follow the employment of another teacher who should be reasonably ignorant of all feuds and independent of all factions. Miss Wadleigh resigned at the close of the Spring term. The question of authority for the action of your committee in reference to this school, and consequently of the legality of any other school since the resignation referred to is yet unsettled. We deeply regret the unpleasantness. We were serving the public, not ourselves. Much of the fault lies at the door of a system that makes such, and much worse things, possible.

The County Farm school has been a paragon of order and neatness and in no school of their ages and attainments has there been better work done. The children of intemperance, infecility and poverty, have found their teacher and school room a sunbeam upon their unfortunate path. Some are noble children and will make their mark.

GEORGE OBER, Supt. School Com.

Brentwood, March 7, 1882.

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Scholars present each half day for one or more terms :

Orrin N. Bean,	1	Clara A. Lane,	1
Ruth E. Waldron,	1	Mary G. Cilley,	1
S. Fordie Ober,	1	Lydia A. Cilley,	1
Geo. F. Waldron,	1	Gertrude Miller,	1
Jennie W. Brown,	2	Agnes M. Murphy,	1
Burton G. Sanborn,	2	Gertrude E. Lyford,	1
Annie C. Glidden,	1	Chas L. Rock,	1
Mary A. Allen,	2	Mary Caverly,	3
Walter H. Dunbrac,	2	Sherman Smith,	3
Chas. H. Hutchins,	2	Arthur Veazey,	2
Mabel Hutchins,	2	Albert H. Caverly,	1
Lizzie McCollister,	2	Johnny Rowe,	2
Annie E. Stobart,	2	Byron Snyder,	1
Sarah L. Stobart,	2	Nellie M. Smith,	3
Abbie Stobart,	2	Cora Bartlett,	1
George W. White,	2	Serena Caverly,	1
Susie A. White,	2	Mamie Dudley,	1
Charles H. White,	2	Sadie Dudley,	2
Herry O. Jones,	1	Mamie Meserve,	1
Alvan S. Lane,	1	Annie Rowe,	2
Roscoe M. Lane,	1	Josie Smith,	1

The register of school No. 3 shows the following have made a good record of scholarship having attained 90 in scale of one hundred for the year. Katie Orne, Annie Prescott, Sarah Smith, Mattie Stevens, Cora Swasey, Mary Swasey, Mary White, George Tuttle, 90 ; Sadie Robinson, Annie Swasey, 100.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE SCHOOLS.

District.	Teachers.	Wages.	Weeks.	Scholars.	Average.	Reading.	Spelling.	Writing.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Composition.	Singing.	Geology.	Book-keeping.	Algebra.	Natural History.	Chemistry.	
No. 1.	S. E. Eastman.	\$36	9	50	47															
			9	51	47															
No. 2.	E. B. Rowe.	\$22	11	42	35	52	52	51	42	28	30	7	30	52	4		3	5		
			9	28	26															
			10	29	24															
No. 3.	Clara E. Kimball.	\$32	11	21	17	29	29	25	27	20	15	5	4			3	1			
			11	37	34															
			10	39	34	41	41	26	28	25	13	0	13.				4	3	2	
No. 4.	Susie E. Wadleigh.	\$24	9	07	6	7	7	4	4	4	1	0								
No. 5.	A. S. Tucker.	\$20	12	22	19	16	16	8	25	4	1	0								
			9	21	26															

Visits by Superintendent, 35.

Visits by others, 285.

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