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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen and Treasurer respectfully present to the town of Lyndeborough their annual report of the receipts and expenditures for the financial year ending March 1, 1884.

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| Amount of taxes assessed April 1, 1883, and ordered into the treasury, | \$2,547 26 |
| Dog tax, | 59 00 |
| School-house tax, | 20 37 |
| | \$2,626 63 |

RECEIPTS.

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| Balance in the Treasury March 1, 1883, - | \$872 65 |
| Received State Savings Bank tax, | 249 01 |
| State Literary Fund interest, | 84 15 |
| State Railroad tax, | 18 67 |
| State bounty on crows, | 10 20 |
| of County as by last report, | 3 00 |
| Interest on Israel Cram fund, | 24 00 |
| Interest on town Literary fund, | 39 03 |
| on Joel H. Tarbell's note, | 50 00 |
| of Edgar A. Danforth in full on his collection of 1882, | 1,048 45 |
| of Edgar A. Danforth, tax interest on tax-list of 1882, | 15 00 |
| of Edgar A. Danforth, resident Highway tax, | 10 73 |
| of Edgar A. Danforth, on collec- tion of 1883, | 2,038 43 |
| of Fred A. Richardson, for use of town hall, | 3 50 |
| | \$4,466 82 |

EXPENDITURES.

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Paid State tax, | \$604 00 | |
| County tax, | 460 78 | |
| | | \$1,064 78 |
| Paid School District No. 1, | \$128 00 | |
| " " " 2, | 112 20 | |
| " " " 3, | 260 00 | |
| " " " 4, | 71 34 | |
| " " " 5, | 71 00 | |
| " " " 6, | 119 05 | |
| School-house tax, | 12 50 | |
| School District No. 7, | 110 61 | |
| " " " 8, | 54 00 | |
| " " " 9, | 74 00 | |
| " " " 10, | 19 64 | |
| | | \$1,032 34 |
| Paid interest on town bonds, | \$300 00 | |
| Interest on notes, | 53 18 | |
| N. T. McIntire, for support of poor, | 131 07 | |
| | | \$484 25 |

BREAKING ROADS IN 1883.

| | |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Paid Edwin H. Putnam, | \$15 53 |
| Jotham S. Stephenson, | 9 37 |
| William N. Ryerson, | 14 32 |
| Asher Curtis, | 14 85 |
| Eli C. Curtis, | 1 95 |
| George E. Spalding, | 20 30 |
| Fred M. Hill, | 11 00 |
| John H. Goodrich, | 15 31 |
| Jotham Hildreth, | 11 68 |
| Charles L. Avery, | 10 50 |
| William P. Holt, | 8 67 |
| Moses C. Fuller, | 11 55 |
| Andy Holt, | 19 42 |
| Rufus Chamberlain, | 6 00 |
| Aaron Russell, | 12 31 |
| William W. Burton, | 11 40 |
| Cyrus Jaquith, | 16 71 |

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|----------------------------|---------|----------|
| Paid Daniel B. Whittemore, | \$16 65 | |
| William H. Clark, | 17 85 | |
| Everett E. Lowe, | 2 92 | |
| | <hr/> | \$248 29 |

BREAKING ROADS IN 1884.

| | | |
|-------------------------|--------|---------|
| Paid Charles L. Perham, | \$0 60 | |
| Franklin Senter, | 3 75 | |
| Fred A. Richardson, | 2 47 | |
| Jotham S. Stephenson, | 2 00 | |
| Levi P. Hadley, | 6 96 | |
| Merrill T. Hadley, | 6 32 | |
| Edwin D. Wilder, | 7 50 | |
| | <hr/> | \$29 60 |

EXTRA REPAIRS ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Paid Emery Holt, labor on road, | \$10 00 | |
| “ “ “ “ “ with ma- | | |
| chine, | 59 87 | |
| Emery Holt, road machine plate, | 6 90 | |
| George G. Sargent, bridge plank, | 8 03 | |
| Horace D. Gage, labor on bridge, | 13 10 | |
| Lewis Marden, bridge timber, | 16 00 | |
| Franklin H. Kidder, repairs on road, | 22 75 | |
| Chas. A. Bales, repairs on machine, | 6 00 | |
| Chas. H. Senter, freight on machine, | 6 15 | |
| “ “ “ on road case, | 8 00 | |
| Chas. L. Perham, repairing bridge, | 5 00 | |
| Horace D. Gage, labor on road, | 4 25 | |
| John Hadlock, for road machine, | 250 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$416 05 |

TOWN OFFICERS.

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| Paid Rev. T. P. Sawin, S. S. Committee, | \$50 00 |
| George Rose, services as Selectman, | 48 25 |
| Chas. H. Senter, “ “ “ | 38 25 |
| Everett E. Lowe, “ “ “ | 49 50 |

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| Paid Chas. F. Tarbell, Town Clerk, | \$20 00 | |
| " " " Supervisor and Auditor, | 7 00 | |
| N. T. McIntire, services as Town Treasurer, | 25 00 | |
| N. T. McIntire, Overseer of the Poor, and cash paid out, | 24 00 | |
| Edgar A. Danforth, Collector, | 70 00 | |
| Jacob A. Woodward, S. S. Committee, | 50 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$382 00 |

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

| | |
|--|--------|
| Paid Charles F. Tarbell, record book and stationery, | \$5 76 |
| O. C. Moore, printing town reports, | 20 00 |
| Express on town reports, | 25 |
| William B. Raymond, sexton service, | 6 00 |
| William H. Bowin, " " " | 3 00 |
| Rufus Chamberlain, " " " | 26 50 |
| John Dalliver, " " " | 2 00 |
| Dr. G. W. Hatch, return of births and deaths, | 1 75 |
| Dr. S. H. Partridge, return of births and deaths, | 50 |
| Dr. J. Fleeman, return of births and deaths, | 1 50 |
| Ward N. Cheever, repairing hearse, | 2 37 |
| William H. Clark, care of hearse, | 2 00 |
| Jacob A. Woodward, services as Supervisors, | 3 00 |
| Chas. H. Raymond, damage to sheep by dogs, | 6 00 |
| F. H. Curtis, damage to sheep by dogs, | 4 00 |
| P. S. Holt, " " " " " | 2 50 |
| M. V. B. Greene, blanks, | 1 44 |
| John H. Goodrich, watering trough, | 1 50 |
| Fred A. Richardson, caae town house, | 2 00 |
| Bounty on crows, | 10 20 |

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| Abatement on E. A. Danforth's list of 1882, | 8 82 | |
| Erwin D. Wilder, committee on re- pairs of town house, | 200 00 | |
| Selectmen for stove and fixtures for town house, | 36 40 | |
| Selectmen, lamps for town house, | 6 65 | |
| for table for Selectmen's room, | 4 00 | |
| for working out non-resident highway taxes, | 129 06 | |
| | <hr/> | \$487 20 |

DEMANDS AGAINST THE TOWN.

| | | |
|---|------------|------------|
| Town bonds, | \$5,000 00 | |
| Interest on town bonds, | 140 00 | |
| Notes with interest to March 1, | 992 50 | |
| Charles H. Senter, services as Selectman, | 60 00 | |
| Everett E. Lowe, " " " | 51 00 | |
| Charles L. Perham, " " " | 49 00 | |
| Charles F. Tarbell, services as Town Clerk, | 20 00 | |
| N. T. McIntire, Treasurer, | 25 00 | |
| N. T. McIntire, Overseer of the Poor, and cash paid out, | 20 00 | |
| Edgar A. Danforth, on completing his col- lection of 1883, | 70 00 | |
| Due School Dist. No. 1, | 8 24 | |
| " " " " 1, school-house tax, | 13 21 | |
| " " " " 2, | 4 74 | |
| " " " " 3, | 6 79 | |
| " " " " 6, school-house tax, | 7 79 | |
| " " " " 9, | 8 31 | |
| | <hr/> | \$6,476 58 |

NOTES DUE THE TOWN.

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|----------------------|----------|
| Luther Cram, | \$719 86 |
| George E. Spalding, | 686 88 |
| Lois Holt, | 203 00 |
| Benjamin G. Herrick, | 53 00 |

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| Due on Edgar A. Danforth's list of 1883, | \$588 20 | |
| Literary fund interest, | 12 00 | |
| Cash in the treasury, | 322 31 | |
| | | <hr/> \$2,585 25 |

AMOUNT OF TOWN DEBT.

| | |
|--|------------|
| Total amount of town debt, | \$6,476 58 |
| Amount due from collectors and others, | 2,585 25 |
| Town debt, less available means, March 1, 1883, | 2,729 74 |
| Town debt, less available means, March 1, 1884, | 3,891 33 |
| Town debt increased in the year ending March 1, 1884, | 1,161 59 |

The note of A. & J. Putnam, of seventy-five dollars, is left out of the assets of the town as there is no prospect of its ever becoming available. This was seventeen hundred and thirty-one dollars and eighty-two cents less money raised April 1, 1883, than the year 1882.

Submitted March 1, 1884.

CHARLES H. SENTER,
EVERETT E. LOWE,
CHARLES L. PERHAM,

Selectmen of Lyndeborough.

N. T. McINTIRE, *Treasurer.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing report, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

BENJ. J. BOUTWELL, *Auditor.*

REPORT OF
COMMITTEE ON TOWN HOUSE REPAIRS.

| | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Expended, | | \$528 30 |
| Received of the town, | \$200 00 | |
| " by subscription, | 198 48 | |
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| Balance due the Committee, | | \$398 48 |
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| | | \$129 82 |

E. D. WILDER,
A. S. CONANT,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

of Lyndeborough, for the year ending March 1, 1884.

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Received of the County, | | \$178 80 |
| Paid for board of Sarah S. Fish, | \$79 50 | |
| expense of Hannah Fish, | 22 30 | |
| board of L. Herrick, | 31 00 | |
| Dr. G. W. Hatch, attending C. Knott, | 5 00 | |
| Dr. J. Fleeman, " " " | 15 00 | |
| for supplies furnished Gratia Bishop, | 16 25 | |
| " " " Mary Raymond, | 6 75 | |
| town, as by last report, | 3 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$178 80 |

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR TOWN'S POOR.

| | | |
|---|---------|----------|
| Received of the town, | | \$131 07 |
| Paid for board of L. Herrick, | \$55 00 | |
| for clothing, | 4 12 | |
| for supplies furnished May Raymond, | 11 25 | |
| town of Francestown, for supplies furnished John A. Burnham's family, | 60 70 | |
| | <hr/> | \$131 07 |
| I have expended for the past support of | | |
| Ida M. Boutwell, | \$66 00 | |
| And there remains in my hands and bank | | |
| deposit as trustee, | 234 00 | |
| Credit to her of | <hr/> | \$234 00 |

At the June session of the General Court the Pauper Laws of the State were so altered that it made it necessary to gain a settlement after 1870 instead of 1860. By this change the County assumes the support of all that we have aided.

Submitted March 1, 1884.

N. T. McINTIRE,
Overseer of the Poor.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing report, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

BENJ. J. BOUTWELL, *Auditor.*

MORTUARY RECORD FOR 1883.

| | | YEARS. | MOS. |
|-----------|--------------------------------|--------|------|
| March 30, | Ebenezer Fish, | 73 | |
| April 17, | John F. Holt, | 75 | |
| May 4, | Infuat child of Frank Gardner. | | |
| | 18, Sarah Stephenson, | 91 | |
| June 2, | Timothy T. Putnam, | 65 | |
| July 21, | Allie A. Holden, | 24 | 10 |
| Sept. 3, | Nathan P. Cummings, | 55 | 2 |
| Oct. 14, | Jotham Stephenson, | 78 | 8 |
| Nov. 24, | Abbie J. Spalding, | 40 | 11 |
| Jan. 17, | Charles F. Allen, | 25 | 8 |
| Feb. 1, | Charlotte M. Holt, | | 7 |

R E P O R T
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE
For the year 1883-4.

FELLOW CITIZENS OF LYNDEBOROUGH:

For many years your attention has been called, in the reports of Supt. School Committees, to the subject of our schools, and I find as a rule that our citizens are fully alive to their interests and importance. I shall therefore confine myself in this report to a statement of fact, with such suggestions as may seem needed. We have cause for congratulation that the general health of teachers and pupils has been so good during the year, and that death has not entered their ranks. Appropriation of school money, \$1,019.73; whole number of pupils attending two weeks or more, 170 boys, 93 girls; aggregate number of weeks of school in town is 164.

We call your attention to the change made in the law relating to text books at the last session of the legislature. Books must remain in use now five years instead of three as formerly. Also to an amendment which provides that in addition to the studies previously named in the law, "teachers shall be examined in physiology and hygiene, with special reference to the effects of alcoholic drinks and narcotics upon the human system." This study shall be prescribed in all schools sufficiently advanced, and the school committee may make suitable rules and regulations, etc. It will readily be seen that to realize the beneficent purpose of the law the text book used must be clear and accurate in statement, and the teacher competent to instruct, and interested in the subject.

Believing writing to have been somewhat neglected in our schools, we have endeavored to advance it to its proper place as a

study, and with the active co-operation of the teachers very much improvement has been made. Many of our schools are small and there is plenty of time to instruct the pupils in general knowledge outside of the regular studies. One of the teachers used a book the title of which has escaped our mind, but we think it was called a "Book of Common Things." The scholars were questioned from it at the closing day, and we found they had acquired considerable useful information.

We ask your attention to the following summary by districts.

DISTRICT No. 1.

The Summer term was taught by Miss Annie M. Curtis. Miss Curtis had acquired a good reputation as a teacher, and she fully maintained it in this school. The discipline was good and the classes made rapid progress in their studies. She is practical in method and earnest to succeed.

Miss Nellie M. Atwood taught the Winter term. From a hurried examination at the close of this term we cannot speak so confidently. Some of the classes made fair progress, and the school appeared well at the closing day.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Miss Jennie F. White taught the Summer term in this, and also the Summer term in Dist. No. 6. The pupils in both schools made fair progress in their studies while under Miss White's charge.

Mr. W. M. Mason, of Milford, was engaged to teach the Winter term. Mr. Mason has fine scholastic attainments and clear ideas of the best methods in teaching, and we believed he would teach a good school. Many obstacles were thrown in his way however, and he failed to govern the school. We found it at the beginning of the fifth week in a condition which made it unprofitable to go on, and we therefore closed it.

Miss Charlotte Wallace was engaged to finish the term. Miss Wallace is a teacher of experience, and sought to gain the good will and respect of the pupils, but the order was deficient. Some of the classes made good progress in their studies however, but the number of tardy marks for the year in this school (189) as shown by the register, speaks volumes.

DISTRICT No. 3.

This school was under the charge of Miss Emma J. Nahor during the school year, being the second year she has taught this school. With a rare talent for winning the love and respect of her pupils, with an untiring energy in the performance of her arduous duties, Miss Nahor made this, the largest school in town, a model of discipline. The scholars took great interest in their studies, and the exercises at the closing day were very pleasing. The school-room was made attractive and cheerful with pictures and mottoes. While differing with Miss Nahor in some of the methods employed, we believe she gave entire satisfaction to the district.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Miss Emma H. Lamson, of New Boston, taught both the Summer and Winter terms. This was Miss Lamson's second year in this district. They were successful and profitable schools, and this lady maintained her reputation as a good teacher acquired the previous year.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Miss Grace B. Hutchinson taught the Summer term, and it was her first experience as a teacher. The scholars made some progress, but their teacher would have been more successful if she had given her mind more fully to the work.

The Winter term was taught by Miss M. Jennie Child. This was Miss Child's first attempt at teaching, and she proved to be well adapted to the work. The scholars made a rapid advance in their studies, and we call the term very successful. There were too many classes however, and we respectfully call the attention of the district to the desirability of uniformity of text books.

DISTRICT No. 6.

The Winter term in this district was taught by Miss Emma F. Wyman. This was not Miss Wyman's first experience in this school. Some of the pupils attending this term are well advanced in the higher branches. The explanations of the examples given the classes in arithmetic at the examination of the school were clear and intelligent, and we were much impressed with the skill displayed by some of the pupils in map drawing. Although we were unable to remain through all of the closing exercises, we were satisfied that this had been a thoroughly good school. We

call attention to the Roll of Honor in this district — nineteen out of twenty-four pupils were neither absent nor tardy. This is a good index of the character of the school.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Miss Jessie F. Crosby, teacher. The pupils in this school have done very well indeed during the year and are to be congratulated upon having been so fortunate as to have had the services again of Miss Crosby. It is perhaps superfluous to add anything to the above. Miss Crosby taught both terms, and her skill as a teacher is too well known to need any comment.

DISTRICT No. 8.

This is the smallest school in town. The Summer term was taught by Miss Hannah J. Herlihy, and the Winter term by Miss Nellie E. Ordway. Miss Herlihy had previously given good satisfaction in this district. Her ability as a teacher is worthy of a wider sphere of usefulness. Miss Ordway was without experience as a teacher, and although this school is not a fair test of a teacher's ability, we believe she was faithful to her small trust, and the scholars made continued progress under her care.

DISTRICT No. 9.

The school in this district was very successful. Although Miss Mabel Hadley had never taught before, she succeeded admirably in awakening an interest in her little pupils and winning their love and obedience. The windows of the school-room were filled with growing plants and looked cheerful and pleasant.

DISTRICT No. 10. — UNION DISTRICT.

Miss Ann F. Langdell taught the Summer term, and Miss Julia L. Langdell the Winter. We visited this school twice each term. The examinations showed fair progress, but there seemed to be a lack of earnestness in the work. Four of the names in the Roll of Honor were of Lyndeboro' pupils.

☞ For statistics see table.

In concluding this report, we urge parents to furnish the pupils with the text books approved by the School Committee, that uniformity may be secured, the number of classes lessened, and the time employed to the best advantage.

J. A. WOODWARD,
Supt. of Schools.

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