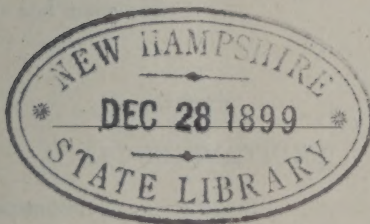


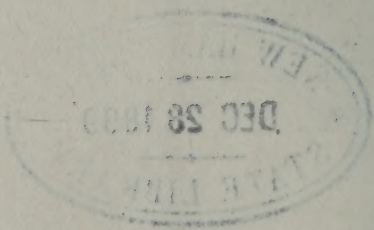
ANNUAL REPORT
—OF—
SELECTMEN, TREASURER,
—AND—
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE
—OF THE TOWN OF—
North Hampton, N. H.

For the Year Ending March 1st, 1883.



EXETER, N. H.:
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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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VALUATION.

Taxable polls,	217	\$21700 00
“ lands and buildings,		402472 00
“ Horses,	262	17008 00
“ Oxen,	78,	4615 00
“ Cows,	727,	21551 00
“ Other Neat Stock, 23,		409 00
“ Carriages, 41,		4430 00
“ Sheep, 69,		229 00
“ Money on hand at interest, or on deposit,		16018 00
“ Stock in trade,		6300 00
“ Mills and machinery,		3548 00
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		\$498280 00

APPROPRIATIONS.

For Town expenditures,		\$3500 00
Schools, by law,		912 75
School house repairs District No. 2,		400 00
“ “ “ “ “ 1,		50 00

State, County, Town and School tax, \$9 00 on a thousand,
Highway tax, 25 cents on \$100 dollars.

ACCOUNT OF SELECTMEN,

For the year ending March 1, 1883.

Amount of money committed to Abbott Norris, Collector for all purposes,	\$5168 77
Raised by law for Schools,	\$912 75
Extra school tax for repairs District No. 2,	387 80
" " " " " " 1,	51 15
Dog tax,	40 00
Received from State Treasurer, Savings Bank tax,	\$672 34
" " " " Railroad "	70 90
" " " " Literary fund,	50 60
" " " " Bounty on crows,	9 50
" " County " Account of paupers,	52 75
" " Sale of old Pound,	42 00
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	\$6066 86

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Otis S. Brown, non-resident highway tax,	\$62 93
E. L. Dalton. " " "	22 07
Geo. W. Hills, land taken for road at L. B. Head,	20 00
Alvado Leavitt, railing bridge,	15 00
Richard Taylor, labor on highway,	10 00
Geo. F. Marston, damage passing over land,	10 00
James Marden, for gravel,	7 30
Simon D. Page, non-resident highway tax,	4 68
Simon D. Page, breaking roads,	4 00
Geo. O. Moulton, labor on road,	3 50
John W. Berry, breaking roads, 1882,	3 00
Simon H. Leavitt, breaking roads, 1882,	2 54

Paid Charles E. Seavey, repairs on road scraper, 1882,	75
O. B. Leavitt, breaking roads, 1882,	2 96
“ “	3 00
Abbott Norris, Collector, non-resident high- way tax worked,	91 02
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	\$262 75

DISCOUNT.

Paid Collector, 4 per cent.,	\$129 77
“ 2 per cent.,	6 93
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	\$136 70

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid Sarah J. Rand, on acct. of John Smith,	\$32 00
Simon H. Leavitt, on acct. of Mrs. Mowe,	6 25
John L. Smith, “	4 50
M. Gay, for coffin per order Com. Johnson,	10 00
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	\$52 75

ABATEMENTS.

Paid Nathaniel Marden, Garland school tax,	\$4 25
Samuel D. Lane, loss of sheep,	10 00
Simon D. Page, “	6 00
Charles E. Morrison, over tax on potatoes,	7 00
H. B. Marston, loss of cows and dog,	1 58
Harry Fernald, moved out of town,	92
Paid Thomas L. Marston, “	92
John Brown, “	2 09
Geo. H. Dunbrack, “	1 38
Wm. Jones, “	92
J. Everett Brown, loss of buildings,	5 00
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	\$40 06

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid Geo. E. Dalton, interest on note,	\$100 00
John S. Hobbs, “	45 00
Geo. D. Cotton, “	40 00
Heirs of Ruth T. Sleeper, note and interest,	1020 44
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	\$1205 44

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid John W. Berry, refreshments and use of horse and wagon,	\$15 00
Wingate & Shaw, printing,	3 00
A. A. Hanscom, printing town reports, 1882,	17 00
Willis G. Myers, stationery, 1882,	3 95
Dr. Merrill, record of births and deaths, 1882,	4 00
Dr. Jenkins, “	1 25
Dr. J. W. Odell, “	1 25
John W. Hobbs, broom,	35
John W. Berry, maintaining water trough,	3 00
H. B. Lamprey, “	3 00
Nathan Brown, wood for Town House,	3 00
Simon D. Page, refreshments,	2 00
Albert Batchelder, refreshments,	3 00
Thompson & Batchelder, stationery,	90
John S. Hobbs, bounties on crows,	4 50
A. Batchelder, bounties on crows,	5 00
Mercer Goodrich, stationery,	1 68
Thompson & Batchelder,	1 07
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	\$72 95

OFFICIAL.

Paid H. B. Lamprey, for Auditing, 1882,	1 00
John Leavitt, for Auditing, 1882,	1 00
Jonathan Rollins, Town Clerk,	20 00
Charles A. Watson, Supervisor,	12 00
H. B. Lamprey, “	8 00
Samuel G. Caswell, “	8 00
Thomas V. Haines, School Committee,	15 00
Abbott Norris, Collector,	25 00
John Bachelder, Treasurer,	10 00
Albert Bachelder, Selectman,	41 75
John S. Hobbs, “	46 25
John W. Berry, “	46 00
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	\$234 00

March 7, 1883.

ALBERT BACHELDER,	} Selectmen of No. Hampton.
JOHN S. HOBBS,	
JOHN W. BERRY,	

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

DR.

Received Cash on hand from Treasurer,	\$708 24
from Selectmen, sale of Pound,	42 00
from State Treasurer, R. R. tax,	70 90
" Savings Bank tax,	672 34
" Literary fund,	50 60
" Bounties,	9 50
County Treasurer,	52 75
Abbott Norris, Collector,	5168 77
Interest on money on deposit,	15 55
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	\$6790 65

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Paid State tax,	\$1048 00
County tax,	1321 23
District No. 1, school tax,	567 30
" school-house repairs,	50 00
" No. 2, school-house tax,	396 05
" school-house repairs,	389 69
Bills per order of Selectmen,	2004 65
Cash on hand,	1013 73
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	\$6790 65

JOHN BACHELDER, Treasurer.

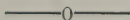
AUDITORS' REPORT.

We, the undersigned, having examined the books and accounts of Selectmen and Treasurer find them correctly cast with proper vouchers. We also find that the town indebtedness is as follows :

Notes held by sundry persons,	\$3400 00
Interest due on same,	62 00
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	\$3462 00
Cash on hand in Treasury,	1013 73
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Leaving a balance of	\$2448 27
Decrease of debt since March 8, 1882,	\$1318 49

H. B. LAMPREY, }
 JOHN LEAVITT, } Auditors.

REPORT OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON.



Boastful of our educational system, we claim that every child may be instructed in the first principles of knowledge, and thus be started upon the highway to usefulness and eminence. Prevailing ignorance cannot be the fault of the State, since the school-house door is open to all classes, and facilities are provided by which all pupils of ordinary intelligence may go forth with confidence into spheres of business, or into academic and professional institutions. More than a smattering of education may now be obtained. The root of things is laid bare, and carefully examined; its flavor tasted and its virtues extracted. Then by illustration, careful arrangement of facts, and close reasoning the scholars mind is safely led along to just conclusions, and so disciplined as to knock authoritatively at many of the doors of mystery. Teaching in our common schools has really risen to the rank of a profession. What was called proficiency fifty years ago, would be found wanting if weighed in the balance of the present day. But since our educational system is deeply vitalized and well developed, more is expected from the teacher and more is accomplished by the scholars.

During the past year the children and youth of this town have had good opportunities for improvement in study.

DISTRICT NO 1. CENTRE.

JOHN LEAVITT, *Prudential Committee.*

As the greater portion of the scholars of the town belong in this district, the two departments—Grammar and Primary—have been well-filled, and since the same teachers have been continued from year to year, no radical changes have taken place in the schools.

In the Grammar department Mr. L. W. Fogg has continued his accustomed earnestness and faithfulness, and by such assiduity he has a *first class* well disciplined every year, and seems to inspire a noble emulation among many of the others. The school was well managed without great apparent effort by the teacher, and the classes generally were able to give the reason of things. Some of the higher branches of study were satisfactorily pursued, and although the grade of the school is not all we desire, yet it is the best we can have with our present system and means. The respectfulness of the scholars, and their polite deportment are subjects of pleasing interest.

In the Primary department Miss C. E. Warner continued to exercise her patience and strength. Her scholars were not of an age to evince great ambition in study, yet some acquitted themselves very commendably, and all did well. Much of the teaching in such a school must be oral; for this reason the teacher's ingenuity was often severely taxed to keep the little ones busy. With so many small children, perfect quiet in the school-room is not expected, nor would it be wise to compel the little nervous Yankees of this generation to sit "bolt upright" during the hours of school. Could the smaller children go home unaccompanied, one session a day would be more profitable. No small child should spend more than three or four hours a day in the school room,

and then with frequent recesses. Too much pressure in the tender years may occasion a life long evil.

The amount of money required by law for this district is not sufficient to continue the school as many weeks as would be profitable. The Committee would urge the importance of raising a considerable sum in addition to what the law requires. The district is so large that the increase of one hundred and fifty dollars would but lightly effect the annual tax of any one individual.

During the winter the schools under the management of the teachers gave a very acceptable entertainment to the public, the proceeds of which were used to purchase needful books of reference. Other similar books would add to the interest and profit of the school.

DISTRICT NO. 2. EAST.

STEPHEN B. TARLTON, *Prudential Committee.*

School has been taught more weeks in this district than in No. 1, and in proportion to the number of scholars, considerable more money is raised and expended.

An early Spring term of eight weeks was taught by Mr. L. W. Fogg who entered into the work with vigor, and awakened a good degree of interest among the scholars. Of course, no great progress could be witnessed in that short period. But a good beginning was made, and the school appeared well at the close.

The summer and autumn terms were taught by Miss A. A. Robinson of Deerfield, who came with the purpose to do her best, and, barring some few deficiencies, she acquitted herself well. The order was all that could be desired, and apparent progress was made. The Committee noted a want of positiveness on the part of the scholars, concerning what they have studied. Attainment does not consist so much in the *many* facts and principles *passed over* as in the *mastering of even a few.*

The closing examination was creditable to teacher and scholars.

The winter term was taught by Mr. J. S. Rand of Portsmouth, a teacher of many years experience, possessing sufficient energy and governing tact, who aimed to secure a practical application of the studies pursued, although, perhaps, to the partial neglect of memorizing the rules and formulas.

Mr. Rand helped his scholars too much in the class recitations by answering the questions for them when they should have known, and even when they did know. Such a course creates a slovenly habit of study on the part of the scholars, and fails to cultivate self-reliance or to awaken a spirit of sharp enquiry. As the mother bird pushes the fledgeling from the nest compelling it to fly, so the pupil should be put largely upon his own resources—directed in his studies and helped only where he is really perplexed. Yet a good winter's work was accomplished. The most of the older scholars were studious, and some are prepared for a higher course of study.

During the year the school-room in this district has been re-modeled at an expense of several hundred dollars, so with the new furniture and other adornments it is tasteful, inviting and comfortable. It reflects much credit upon the people. Evidently the scholars appreciate the improvement by the care which they have shown in keeping the desks. If any of the children grow up in ignorance, it will not be for the want of good educational privileges in this district. It is to be feared that many in the town fail to appreciate their opportunities for learning. Although the ordinary child to-day is far better informed than was the ordinary child two generations ago, yet he has not improved proportionate to his increased advantages. The self-denial which our fathers were obliged to make in gaining an education tended to develop an heroic spirit. If some scholars now had to *scratch* more, they would be more practical in their studies.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

DISTRICT.	No. 1		No. 2
Money raised by law.	\$537	50	\$375 25
Literary fund.	29	80	20 80
Money above what the law requires,	50	00	400 00
Amount for each district,	\$617 30		\$796 05
	Gram. School.	Pri. School.	
Wages of male teachers,	\$45 00		\$50 00
“ female “		\$22 00	30 00
No. of weeks taught in Spring,			8
“ “ “ Summer,	9	9	7
“ “ “ Autumn,	9	9	11
“ “ “ Winter,	11	11	14
No. of scholars in Spring,			26
“ “ Summer,	41	32	29
“ “ Autumn,	39	32	23
“ “ Winter,	45	22	22
Average attendance in Spring,			22
“ “ Summer,	36	25	18
“ “ Autumn,	33	29	20
“ “ Winter,	39	19	19
No. of scholars in Reading,	48	32	23
“ “ Spelling,	48	14	22
“ “ Penmanship,	48		19
“ “ Arithmetic,	48	22	22
“ “ Geography,	38	10	17
“ “ Grammar,	43		9
“ “ History,	4	6	1
“ “ Composition,	43		9
“ “ Physiology,	10		
“ “ Algebra,	10		1
“ “ Philosophy.	6		
No. of scholars on the roll of honor,	10	3	13
No. of visits by citizens,	20	15	22
“ “ Prudential committee,	3	3	
“ “ School “	9	8	11
Number of scholars in town between 5 and 15 years of age, not attending the district schools,			7

GENERAL REMARKS.

Your Committee is pleased with the common school advantages in the town, with the general methods of instruction and with the proficiency which the majority of the pupils have made during the year, especially with the high average attendance, the uniform good deportment, and the number of names upon the roll of honor. No changes have been made in the prescribed text books. Generally the parents have co-operated with the teachers, chronic grumblers have been few, and the majority of the citizens are encouraging a higher educational standard. A small private school has been taught in the north part of the town for several months during the year by Miss G. A. Norton. Some of the more advanced scholars are taking a higher course of study at Newburyport.

Hoping that the religious element which our fathers made the corner stone in the temple of knowledge may never be touched by vandal hands, that a profound sense of inculcating moral truth while training the young may be obtained by all the citizens, that the future efforts in our schools may be an improvement upon the past, your Committee submits his report with the consciousness of having tried to do his duty.

T. V. HAINES,

School Committee.

North Hampton, March, 1883.

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