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ANNUAL REPORTS

TREASURER AND OTHER TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

OF THE

TOWN OF BRADFORD

FOR THE

Year ending March 1, 1880.

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REPORT

OF THE

TREASURER OF THE TOWN OF BRADFORD,

FOR 1880.

JOHN W. MORSE, Treasurer, In account with the Town of Bradford, Dr.

1879. March 1. To cash on hand,

\$1,970 38

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Received of s	selectmen-		
Interest on money	•		\$20.07
Jesse Marshall's	note,	A. S.	205 13
C. P. Pike's	"	6	102 00
T. A. J. Jones's	««		21 04
D, F. Hoyt's	"	A Cart	11 47
M. C. Bartlett's			111 69
W. Thorndike & (Jo.'s note,		$273 \ 16$
D. M. Morse, Jr.'s	s		$165 \ 14$
R. Bates's	"		481 00
Wm. Wilson's	"		311 85
J. & R. Colby's	"		$31\ 12$
Bartlett Brothers'	"		101 10
A. B. Blood's	"		101 10
Railroad tax,			301 02
Savings Bank tax,	1		
Literary fund,			$78 \ 44$
Rent of pasture, E	. Nichols,		
Support of county			393 63
Use of hearse, J.			200
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Hay sold from W. S. Ward farm, Apples """ Rent of pasture " School money over-paid, Bixby, Hay sold from Jackman place, Use of town hall, E. H. Eaton, on 1879 taxes, "interest " Rent pasture of J. M. Hoyt, Land redeemed by G. C. Sargent, Sales of lots in P. H. Cemetery, 1878, Interest on money loaned,	$\begin{array}{c} \$63 \ 24 \\ 1 \ 40 \\ 5 \ 00 \\ 6 \ 21 \\ 8 \ 00 \\ 6 \ 00 \\ 6,407 \ 02 \\ 6 \ 29 \\ 3 \ 00 \\ 11 \ 50 \\ 9 \ 50 \\ 10 \ 51 \end{array}$
Total amount received for the year	·, ⁻ \$11,640 05
 JOHN W. MORSE, Treasurer, In account with the Town 1879. March By cash paid out to— Edmund J. Ring, auditor, C. P. Piko, money loaned, Serano Newton, breaking road, 10. G. L. Mitchell, H. & F.'s bill of town 12. John W. Morse, for 5 bonds, Nos. 14 17. E. M. Fifield, expense of A. Cheuey 20. J. W. Morse, for 1 bond, No. 223, 25. B. W. Sanborn, General Laws, 26. E. H. Eaton, books and stationery, 29. Job Atkins, expense of Bumford chill 	\$1 00 100 00 3 25 1 reports, 29 25 11 to 145, 520 92 and child, 13 50 52 16 5 00 17 70
April	\$ 754 78
 H. C. Brockway, breaking road, N. A. Knight, breaking and repairing Charles F. Davis, supervisor, Jona. Peaslee, killing 4 foxes, Mason Putney, sawing for Atwood, Jona. Peaslee, damage to sheep by d N. A. Knight, breaking road, Israel Andrew, " J. H. Martin, certificate of deaths an J. O. Nichols, breaking road, 	6 00 2 00 4 00 3 00 6 00 6 29

Apri	1, 1879.		
16.	Sullivan G. Stevens, breaking road,	\$7	20
	Wm. D. Wilson, money loaned by town,	300	
	D. U. Sawyer, breaking road,	12	54
	Silas Sawtell, supervisor,	6	00
17.	E. M. Fifield, expense A. Cheney and child,	15	
19.	H. K. Martin, supervisor,		00
21.	School district No. 1, money loaned by town,	32	
	A. S. Howlett, potatoes for C. B. Wyman,		00
	H. Jackman, house-rent for M. Putney,	20	
24	H. F. Presby, breaking road,	16	
25.	Albert Sargent, "		15
29.	U . D . U (a)	20	
30.	J , U . Iticitolo,		87
	John W, Morse, town bond No. 146,	104	75
		\$ 615	12
May			
1.	Horace Hale, breaking road,	\$1	
2.	A. W. Rowe, wood for M. V. B. Davis,		50
~	D. M (W004)	12	
5.	F. H. Patch, damage to wagon,		50
6.	W. G. Roach, groceries for W. S. Ward, 1878,		00
10.	James Cressy, repairing road,		00
18.	George T. Dunfield, "		75
16.	Jackson Dowlin, breaking and repairing road, E. M. Fifield, expense of A. Cheney and child,	0 15	75
$\frac{20.}{22.}$	W. Thorndike & Co., money loaned by town,	300	
22. 27.	P. B. Richards, doctoring C. B. Wyman's wife.	000 9	75
21.	" repairing road,		80
29.	John Colby,	- - 81	
30.	George L. Mitchell, mife for R. machine,		65
31.	Job Atkins, expense of Bumford children,	15	
01.	B. W. Sanborn, stationery,		37
	J. Madison Colby, over-tax,		00
	······		
_		\$ 418	57
June		ው1 ፖ	00
2.	N. A. Knight, school money,	\$1 5	
4.	M. C. Bartlett, board A. S. Howlett, " C P Pike.		00
E	0. 1. 11109	18 \27	
5.	Timothy Morse, school money,	23	
	P. D. Ward, "	20	00

9.	e, 1879. A. S. Howlett, potatoes for C. B. Wyman,	\$3	50
12.	Hiram Nichols, school money,	30	
13.	Prescott Colby, work on the road,	15	
14.	G. S. Morgan, building 2 bridges,	$\overline{32}$	
	M. E. Smith, expense of J. M. Presby's child,	21	
16.	A. S. Howlett, cash, and labor on road,		$6\overline{2}$
10.	Jackson Dowlin, labor and repairing road,	5	
18.	H. M. Dow, school money,	- 38	
2 0.	S. P. Ward, labor and plank on bridge,		65
$\frac{20.}{20.}$	S. P. Ward, school money,	12	
$\frac{20}{21}$.			00
ZI.	Mason Putney, repair road, Jackson Damlin support of Many Stiles		
04	Jackson Dowlin, support of Mary Stiles, P. B. Bisharda, destoring D. C. Howt	- 30 91	
24.	P. B. Richards, doctoring D. C. Hoyt,	21 15	
07	E. M. Fifield, expense A. Cheney and child,		
25.	Mason Putney, repair road,		00
0.0	Ethan Piper, "		00
26.	E. H. Hadley, school money,	100	
27.	W. A. Carr, over-tax,	27	
~~	J. W. Morse, "	26	
28.	P. B. Richards, doctoring C. B. Wyman,	-	00
	" Mason Putney,	- 3	
	B. F. Putney, repair road,	14	
	Selectmen, for building Massasecum bridge,	91	
30.	Wm. O. Heath, repair road,		25
	E. G. Hoyt, stone for bridge,	-3	90
3.5		\$610	69
July			••
2.	H. M. Craige, repair road,	\$19	20
	O. D. Cram, " and bridge,	, 1	
3.	Jesse Marshall, money loaned by town,	150	
9.	J. Y. Mugridge, legal counsel,		20
0.	F H Eston stationary		30
21.	Selectmen, balance for Mass'cum bridge,	$\overline{21}$	
$\frac{21}{23}$.	E. M. Fifield, expense of A. Cheney and child,		
20.	13. M. Fillerd, capende of H. Oneney and enhag	<u> </u>	
£.,		\$211	07
Aug			
1	A. S. Cressy, repair bridge,	\$ 12	75
2.	Job Atkins, expense of Bumford children,	13	
4. 4.	W. A. Carr, over-tax,		$\tilde{78}$

Aug., 1879.

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6.	Charles Gillis, for manure. W. Ward farm,	\$5 00
8.	M. H. Felt, surgical aid to D. C. Hoyt,	1 3 0(
23.	A. S. Howlett, supplies for W. S. Ward,	13 80
	C. A. Cressy, expense of M. Millen,	40 50
27.	E M. Fifield, " A. Cheney and child,	15 00
28.	James M. Hoyt, repair road,	28 50
80.	D. F. Hoyt, cutting bushes and repair road,	10 00
	Geo. Nichols, "	6 00
	Mason Putney, cutting bushes,	4 00
	-	\$1 65 8 8
Sep	L. V.	
6.	D. F. Muzzey, care of T. B. Palmer,	\$10 48
	N. A. Knight, expense of D. C. Hoyt,	31 50
8.	Sharon Jameson, repair bridge,	4 50
12.	D. F. Hoyt, cutting bushes,	3 00
	Mason Putney, " and repair road,	5 00
13.	J. F. Buswell, clothing for W. S. Ward,	250
		1,348 14
17.	J. B. Sanborn, stationery,	2 25
18.	G. W. Tucker, lumber for bridge,	86 75
23.	L. M. Rowe, over-tax,	2 56
24.	E. M. Fifield, expense of A. Cheney and child,	12 00
25.	John Howlett, repair road and cutting bushes,	3 15
26.	Mason Putney, "	7 50
27.	C. P. Pike, cash paid out for town,	3 18
	A. S. Howlett, cash paid and repair road,	11 75
	Albert Sargent, cutting bushes,	5 00
	" damage sheep by dogs,	5 00
	R. C. Colby, " ¹ y ange,	2 00
	C. P. Pike, journeys to Concord and Newport,	10 75
30.	Squire Chase, expense G. A. Abbott,	23 60
Oet.		1,530 61
	Three b D. D. Jan metric and	M1 10
1. 4	Frank B. Bagley, repair road, E. H. Eaton, services as collector	\$1 40 50 00

E. H. Eaton, services as collector,	50 0 0
Town of Bradford, amount of tax,	6 60
Job Atkins, expense Bumford children,	16 50
L. H. True, repair bridge,	2 10
	Town of Bradford, amount of tax, Job Atkins, expense Bumford children,

Oct., 1879.

000	, 1010.	
7.21.24.25.29.	 D. F. Muzzey, case of T. B. Palmer, Henry Bixby, school money, E. M. Fifield, expense of A. Cheney and child, J. W. Morse, town bond No. 38, E. H. Hadley, school money, "school-house repairs, 	\$19 50 38 85 18 00 107 37 119 69 118 46
	H. F. Presby, school money,	26 75
Nov.		\$525 22
1.	J. W. Morse, for coupons town bonds, \$1	,750 61
1.	" town bonds, Nos. 53 and 208,	151 50
	C. M. Newman, repairs road machine,	4 57
	D. R. Marshall, goods furnished Bumford	
	children,	2 01
	D. R. Marshall, goods, Mason Putney,	8 13
	" M. V. B. Davis, " W S. Ward and N	$1 \ 70$
	W. S. Walu and N.	10.04
A	Sargent,	$\begin{array}{r}18\ 94\\2\ 64\end{array}$
4. 6.	Robert Colby, school money, H. M. Carr, lumber for bridge,	3 64
υ.	T. N. Goodale, perambulating town line,	2 50
	Mason Putney, cutting bushes,	.3 37
	" banking house for Atwood,	50
	C. F. Davis, cutting bushes,	2 00
	" 10 cords of wood for W. S. Ward,	
14.	Mrs. M. E. Smith, expense of J. M. Presby's child	l, 16 50
	Mason Putney, cutting bushes,	2 50
15.	S. P. Ward, repair bridge,	2 28
21.	Jackson Dowlin, cutting bushes,	250
27,	C. M. Fletcher, attending A. Cheney's funeral, E. M. Fifield, expense of A. Cheney and child,	$\begin{array}{c} 2 \ 00 \\ 15 \ 00 \end{array}$
Dec.	卷2	,017 89
11.	Job Atkins. expense Bumford children,	\$13 50
12.	J. W. Morse, state tax, for 1879, 1	,912 00
15.	Wm. Trow, pork for Dolly Dudley,	11 64
	" " J. Atwood,	11 16
16.	Edmund Burke, legal counsel,	5 00

Dec., 1879.

16.	P. D. Ward, school money,	\$38	
17.	W. G. Hoyt, beef for Asa Maxfield,		55
	Wm. G. Hoyt, beef for J. Atwood,		20
18.	Mason Putney, cutting bushes,		50
22	Israel Andrew, beef for W. S. Ward,		48
23.	Blood & French, bridge stringer,		32
29.	Sarah L. Dunfield, school-money,		85
31.	N. H. Insane Asylum, expense of T. B. Palmer	, 62	
	Timothy Morse, school-money,	39	82
	\$1	,256	82
Jai	n., 1880.	,	
1.		\$2 5	93
4.	H. M. Dow, "		94
٤.	N. A. Knight, "		78
5.	Fred. H. Gould, legal counsel,		50
7.	Rozilla Jameson, pork for W. S. Ward,		00
8.	J. Greely, Jr., goods for A. Cheney and child,	ĩĩ	
	J. R. Smiley, doctoring "		00
	E. M. Fifield, expense for "		õõ
9.	M. R. Hoyt, damage to himself and sleigh,		00
17.	D. G. Peaslee, school-money,		88
20.	L. B. Wood, meal for C. B. Wyman,		25
2 .	C. P. Pike, beef for M. Sculley,		65
	" journey to Concord and Boscawen,		5 4
	" keeping cow for M. Putpey,		64
24	Hiram Nichols, school-money,		70
$\overline{26}$	Marshall Eaton, painting guide-boards,		93
.	Robert Colby, school-money,		29
28.	Mason Putney, sawing and housing wood for	. "	40
	Atwood,	3	00
29.	Alburton Peaslee, beef for M. V. B. Davis,		73
30.	A. S. Howlett, cash paid for town,		66
31.	C. P. Pike, supplies for J. Atwood,		57
	Job Atkins, expense for Bumford children,		00
	W. A. Carr, goods for D. F. Hoyt,	10	
	" " M. V. B. Davis,		75
	J. W. Morse, goods for J. Atwood,		82
	" M. V. B. Davis,		22
	" Dolly Dudley,	26	
	" " D. Bumford children,		40
		•	

Jan., 1880.

81.	Jackson Dowlin, expense of M. C. Stiles, A. P. Colby, wood for J. Atwood, J. H. Martin, doctoriug M. V. B. Davis, ""D. F. Hoyt, ""J. Atwood, ""Asa Maxfield, L. B. Wood, meal for D. F. Hoyt,	\$48 00 9 00 16 50 5 25 2 00 5 25 1 35
Fe	ebruary.	\$462 49
6.	S. M. Welch, certificate of insanity of T. B. Palmer,	2 50
7.	Hannah J. Ward, milk and work for W. S. Ward,	5 30
	Silas Colby, goods for J. Atwood,	30
	A B. Jenney, goods for D. F. Hoyt,	64
	A. W. Rowe, wood for J. Atwood,	3 00
	" repairing road,	6 65
	J. M. Hoyt, "	7 00
	L. B. Wood, meal for D. F. Hoyt,	
11.	J. W. Sanborn, stationery,	1 80
14.	G. W. Ewins, bridge stringers,	10 00
	Trueworthy Piper, expense of Willie G. Hart, J. C. Bailey, watering-trough,	40 00 3 00
	" casket and box for A. Cheney,	15 50
	" guide-boards and schedule of	10 00
	bridge,	7 20
	A. S. Howlett, goods for W. S. Ward,	$21\ \tilde{41}$
	W. B. Fifield, repairing road,	150
	G. W. Tucker, lumber for bridge,	1272
	Silas Colby, goods for W. S. Ward,	6 99
	D. U. Sawyer, repairing road,	2 80
	W. A. Carr, goods for W. S. Ward,	978
	Fred Cheney, cutting bushes and repairing road	
	Mary E. Smith, expense of J. M. Presby's child	, 11 25
	J. H. Martin, doctoring T. B. Palmer,	2 00
	" C. B. Wyman's family	, 20 50
	" Mrs. Mason Putney,	8 75
20.	E. H. Hadley, school-money,	226 79
21.	C. B. Osgood, services as town-clerk,	47 39
	H. M. Craige, repairing road,	2 81

Feb., 1880. 21 Squire Chase, expense of G. A. Abbott, **\$15**.65 T. A. J. Jones, repairing bridge. 5 15 D. G. Peaslee, watering-trough, 2 00 E. M. Fifield, expense of L. E. Cheney, 7 50 26.W. A. Carr, goods for M. Sculley, 1 30 4 4 58 stationerv. Charles Gillis, board of A. S. Howlett, 3 00 Malinda Palmer, board of D. Muzzey. 7.50 Elbridge Pepper, services as S. S. committee, 50 00 J. W. Morse, services as treasurer. 40 00 " goods for C. B. Wyman. 4 74 John Withington, " " 6 31 " Mason Putney, " 5 67 M. Sculley, .. " 3 88 " " 1 37 nails for bridge, " " 4 bonds,-Nos. 165, 166, 167, and 168, 407.00 Silas Colby, board of A. S. Howlett's horse, 3 00 A. S. Goodwin, repairing bridge. 3 75 12 50 Charles Gillis, board of selectmen. 27. George C. Sargent, snowing bridge, 3 50 E. H. Eaton, discount on taxes, 53 08 balance on collecting taxes, 44 25 00 44 non-resident highway receipts, 21 25 44 abatements,-1878 and 1879, 18 65C. P. Pike, services as selectman, 137 56 Ruloph Bates. " 93 75 A. S. Howlett, " 117 30 Eben Cheney, watering-trough, 2 00 Sharon Jameson, digging grave for A. Cheney, 3 00 M. C. Bartlett, board of selectmen. 8 50 Total amount paid out for the year, \$10.125 81 28. Cash on hand in the treasury, 1,514 24 \$11,640 05

JOHN W. MORSE, Treasurer.

Your committee have examined the several items of receipts, coupons, and expenditures embraced in the foregoing report of the treasurer, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

H. K. MARTIN,E. J. RING,Auditing Committee.

Bradford, Feb. 28, 1880.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Liabilities of the Town March 1, 1880. -

Total bonded debt of the town, Interest on bonds to date, Outstanding orders estimated at	\$28,200 564 85	
	\$28,849	00
Assets.		
Cash in hands of treasurer, Taxes uncollected on T. P. Jones's books of 1870 """""""""""""""""""""""""""""""""""""	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{c} 96 \\ 78 \\ 51 \\ 35 \\ 31 \\ 00 \\ 41 \\ 30 \\ 03 \\ 95 \\ 45 \\ 00 \\ 00 \end{array}$

1 rock machine,	\$25	00
Hearse and hearse-house,	600	00
Town hall and fixtures,	800	00
1 road machine,	125	00
Due on notes considered doubtful,	146	50
Due from U. S. government, "	1,870	00
Amounting to the sum of	\$9,186	02
Which being deducted from the above amount of liabilities leaves the town indebted in the sum of	\$19,662	98
Deducting the above liabilities from the liabil-		
ities of March 1, 1879, shows a reduction of the		
town debt the past year of	\$360	73
CHARLES P. 1		
RULOPH BAT	ES,	
ALMON S. HO	WLETT	١,

Selectmen of Bradford.

Your committee have examined the books of the selectmen for the past year, and find them in good order; have compared their vouchers, cast their figures, and find them correct.

H. K. MARTIN, E. J. RING, Auditing Committee.

Bradford, March 1, 1880.

SCHOOL REPORT.

In this customary report, it may be proper to state that there are in town nine entire and two fractional districts, owning in whole and in part twelve school-rooms. These rooms, except in No. 1, are large enough for present purposes. No. 1 needs for its attendance a few additional feet in front, so as to increase its floor room for guest and recitation seats, to give more volume of air, and for the better working of the school. The room in No. 11 would be greatly improved by introducing modern desks. Board blinds, for No. 10, to fasten upon the inside, might protect its windows. For nearly all these rooms, a few dollars in paper and paint, rendering them more cheerful and homelike, would give a better return, in educational results, than twice the amount expended in third rate teaching. These rooms all have blackboards, one a globe, none outline maps, and few, if any, a complete set of text-books for the teacher's desk.

Greater uniformity in books than exists, by retaining those mosterin use, if the best, and having others out, is desirable. Frequent change fruits in annoyance, confusion, and expense. The greatest improvement in any book is a live, competent teacher, in place of a dullard. Books like Monroe's Readers, Greenleaf's Mathematics, Harpers' Geographies, Swinton's Grammar, and Wilson's Spellers, ought to prove effective for years to come.

Five male and ten female teachers have served during the year, eight with no previous, ten with more or less, experience in teaching. No one of these had attended a normal school. Three were reëmployed in the same school for a second term. Others, with an equal measure of success, might have been.

These teachers have had under their care, of those living in town, one hundred and nine-five different pupils, of whom one hundred and forty-nine were between five and fifteen years of age, four less than five, and thirty above sixteen. Most of these have made good improvement. One hundred and eighteen nonabsent credits are made.

All attempts at correctness in money matters have failed. No one of the register reports is consistent with itself.

By especial request, the prudential committee of District No. 5 has supplied, in place of "nothing," as given, the following: "Received of town treasurer, \$26.75; from Henniker, \$14.52; contributed, \$1.06. Paid for teaching and board, \$40; for miscellaneous expenses, \$1.95." This account will balance. If other committees will provide the like, accounting for every cent received and paid out, a truthful report can be made. Such the state superintendent exacts. From want of reliable figures, a full financial statement fails to appear in the statistical table.

The selectmen report our town school tax to be \$885.50; Literary fund, \$77.70. From register reports, there has been contributed in board, and otherwise raised, enough to make the total \$1,075.00, not including appropriations from Newbury and Warner.

In order to induce teachers and pupils to give special attention to reading, honorable mention in this report was promised to that scholar making most improvement during the term, in this most difficult and desirable part of one's education. This appears in connection with the credit-roll of attendance given in the following separate district reports.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Horace M. Dow, Prudential Committee.

Emma Bell Colby, an experienced teacher, was employed for the summer term. With thirty-two pupils to instruct and keep in order, many of whom were young and not far advanced, Miss Colby was compelled to well earn her wages, and deserves due credit for her faithful service.

Charles W. Ward succeeding to the winter term, became teacher of the largest school in town, ten of whose thirty-nine pupils were fifteen years or more of age. The closing examination showed good work. Martin A.-Davis was named for improvement in reading.

Not absent for the year : Bertha J. Cressey, Lilla M. Dow, and Nellie J. Sargent;—for the first term : Mary Smyth, Josie S. Smyth. Georgie A. Dow, May B. Dow, Mary G. True, Annie F. Smyth, Abbie J. Hoyt, Mary J. Sawyer, Etta A. Hoyt, Hiram Hoyt, George A. Cressey, Bertie J. Hall, John W. Cressey;—second term : Bell B. True, Merrill True, and Scott Hall.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Prudential Committee, Hiram Nichols.

Fannie G. French taught the summer term. She gave good satisfaction, and is highly approved.

Willie M. Knowlton was hired for the winter, which was his first experience in teaching. This school was good for the entire year. Its closing exercises were appropriate and interesting, the concert reading being especially good. For improvement in reading, Fannie A. Moon and Addie M. Sawyer are named. For nonabsence during both terms: Emily R. Moon and Fannie A. Moon; in summer: Ella C. Smith, Minnie K. Nichols, Stsie M. Moon, and Bertie A. Nichols;—in winter: Gilman S. Nichols and Addie M. Sawyer.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Proctor D. Ward, Committee.

Belle E. Davis was hired for both terms. It was her first attempt at teaching. This school, in reading, gave highest promise at the opening of the year. Its first class used a U. S. His_ tory instead of a suitable reader,—*i. e.*, attempted to do its harrowing with a plow. The last term closed with a token to the teacher of her pupils' friendly feeling.

Sarah M. Cheney is credited in reading. For non-absence: Emma E. Piper for the year; Sarah M. Cheney, Isora M. Colby, Ida C. Davis, Eliza J. Ward, Arthur W. Davis, Willie S. Hart, in summer, and Fred O. Howlett for the fall term.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Henry Presby, Prudential Committee.

This school, taught by Emma Bell Colby, had but one (a fall) 2

term of eight weeks, and was our shortest school of the year, yet not least in results. Life, order, correctness, and good feeling characterized the closing examination. Large credit is due to both teacher and pupils. Nellie F. Ward is named in reading; Flora W. Colby, Frank H. Ward, and Lula E. Presby for non-absence.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Timothy Morse, Committee.

Louisa L. Eaton, a teacher of last year in this school, and so at home and able to go on with least loss of time, taught the summer term with praiseworthy results.

Willie N. Davis succeeded her in his first attempt at teaching, and with general approval. Maud F. Forsaith and William Lawson take the honors in reading;—in non-absences for the year: Edmund Forsaith, Mary E. Morse, and Mary B. Cofran;—for the summer: Ardell Eaton, Anah Gillingham, Lydia H. Ring, Mary A. Wells, Maud F. Forsaith, and Charles Wells;—for the winter: Frank P. Craig, Henry A. Colby, Joseph H. Trow, and Alberton N. Trow.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Nathan A. Knight, Committee.

Clara Page and Ardell Eaton earned here their first laurels in teaching, the one in the shortest, the other in the longest term of the year. The improvement during the summer school of twentyone days, especially in reading, was a surprise to all. Miss Eaton showed energy and a determination to succeed which rarely fail. Fred G. Holt and Fannie E. Craig are named in reading; and Walter H. Craig, Fred G. Holt, and Fannie E. Craig for nonabsence during the first term.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Samuel P. Ward, Bradford Committee.

This is a fractional district, in which Warner has much the larger interest. Bertha F. Pierce was hired by our committee for the summer term, and proved a success. A want of experience was more than compensated by her superior scholarship, her enthusiasm, and especial gift for imparting instruction. She won the love of all, and secured for herself a wider, broader field of service.

George Q. Pattee taught the winter term with acceptance and success. Only three names in this school are credited to Bradford. Warner takes the honors,—Grace Spaulding and Burton Bagley in reading.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Henry Bixby, Committee.

Addie F. Bixby, teacher. This school is like to the reputed short horse, it having but two pupils. Eddie F. Hoyt is credited in reading.

DISTRICT No. 11.

Mrs. Sarah L. Dunfield, Committee.

Clara J. Nichols, teacher. This school registered four pupils. It was Miss Nichols's first term in teaching, but showed that her services are to be in demand. Fred W. Dunfield is named in reading.

DISTRICT No. 12.

Daniel E. Peaslee, Bradford Committee.

This is our second fractional district, in which Bradford and Newbury about equally share. H. M. Eaton, an approved teacher, added to other excellences of her school vocal music, which ought to be taught in more of our schools.

Mary J. Eaton, a former teacher, and in high esteem, was employed for the winter. She well sustained her reputation. The year's improvement in this school was especially marked. Guy Barnard and John L. Flander's are credited in reading; for nonabsence during the year, Nettie A. Hoyt, Minnie B. Peasleee, Fred G. Hoyt, Charles Flanders, John L. Flanders; in summer, Olla Eaton, Ardell Eaton, Carrie A. Hoyt, Laura A. Flanders; in winter, Emily A. Peaslee.

Herewith is submitted the report of Union District No. 1, by its especial committee; also, a statistical table, some of whose figures may require your grain of salt.

E. PEPPER,

S. S. Committee.

UNION DISTRICT No. 1.

Prudential Committee, E. H. Hadley, J. H. Blaisdell, E. J. Ring.

Primary Department, summer term, taught by Miss Addie I Butman. This being Miss Butman's first term, she lacked experience, but gained the good-will of her scholars.

The fall and winter terms were taught by Miss Bertha F. Pierce. Miss Pierce is "apt to teach." No efforts of hers were spared to make her schools a success. Her scholars made thorough advancement in their studies. Scholars in this school are not so respectful and obedient as they should be; but we would have the parents equal burden-bearers. That sympathy is mistaken, which interferes with the dignity of the school-room; that love a misplaced affection, which listens to the whims of our children when it conflicts with the authority of their instructors.

Roll of Honor. Progress in reading, Jennie Sargent, George A. Blaisdell; non-absence during two terms, Belle R. Gillis, Carrie Hadley, Emma B. Felch; during one term, Mary E. Sargent, Willie McKimm, Annie Rowe, Dura Rowe, Willie Maney, Charlie Abbott, Walter Abbott, Fred. G. Hadley, Mabel Roby, George Perkins, John Emerson.

Grammar Department. Summer and fall terms were taught by Miss Mary E. Whittemore. Highly qualified for the work, ambitious and thorough, taking pains to interest the scholars in every branch, her schools were prosperous and progressive. The universal satisfaction which her labors produced is a sufficient guaranty of her ability. We think the examination of the fall term the most thorough and satisfactory we ever attended in this school. It showed the wisdom of employing this teacher a second term. We hope her services in this school may be secured for the coming year.

Winter term taught by the veteran teacher, Stephen S. Bean. On examination day Mr. Bean's schools always speak for them selves. Marked evidence of improvement was seen in many of the scholars. A few are impatient of restraint, and, we regret to add, seem to take more pleasure in annoying the teacher and disturbing the school, than in benefiting themselves by study. We fear a dark spot in the future for them.

ROLL OF HONOR.

For progress in reading, Julia Mussey; for non-absence during three terms, Clarabelle Bates, and Effie Johnson; two, Belle Bartlett; one, Bertha Eaton, Carrie M. Gould, Emma Hopkins, and Nellie Coburn.

In conclusion, permit your committee to state that we cannot approve of admitting scholars from out the district into our schools. Our boys who cannot attend school save in winter need extra time, and this cannot be given them if we have more scholars than our own. Too much time is lost in absences and tardiness. No one but the teacher knows the derangement and general mischief from these faults. Parents, see to it that your children are promptly on time and attend school every day, and provide needed books. A multiplicity of text-books has made it difficult to classify the scholars, but we have in a measure succeeded ; and we think, as a whole, our schools never ranked higher than to-day.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HELEN H. W. FELCH, FANNY S. MARTIN, ELBRIDGE PEPPER.

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Newbury		Winter.	Mary J. Eaton	13	12	*9	*8	6		11	1	2 4			

STATISTICAL TABLE.

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REPORTS ---- OF THE BOARD OF -----SELECTMEN, TREASURER, SCHOOL COMMITTEE, — OF THE — N OF BRADFORD, TON -FOR THE ----YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1881, CONTOOCOOK, N. A.: HOPKINTON TIMES JOB'PRINT. 1881.

REPORTS

---- OF THE BOARD OF ----

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

----- AND SUPERINTENDING ----

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

-OF THE ----

TOWN OF BRADFORD,

---- FOR THE -----

YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1881,

CONTOOCOOK, N. H.: HOPKINTON TIMES JOB PRINT. 1881.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

MISCELLANEOUS TOWN ORDERS.

Horace K. Martin, auditor	2	00
E. J, Ring, auditor,	2	00
A. B. Blood, drawing load of manure		
to W. S. Ward	3	00
Cummings Pierce, damage to sheep	6	00
A. W. Sargent, loss of horse	25	00
H. S. Chase, town report for 1879.	24	00
Silas Sawtelle, supervisor	8	00
H. K. Martin, "	8	00
Chas F. Davis, " and mod-		
erator	13	00
Geo. W. Tucker, over-tax in 1879	5	92
Chas. C. Pearsons, printing new		
$town bonds \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots$	30	00
David M. Morse, abatement for 1879	1	30
A. B. Sanborn, for stationery	12	00
J. H. Martin, for abatement	$\overline{7}$	85
A. S. Cressey, plank and labor on		
road 1879	2	00
Chas. P. Eaton, town tax	7	85
C. P. Eason, for guide board	1	00

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H. Martin, certificates births and deaths
llsboro' Messenger for bond no-
tice
m. W. Muzzey, damage to wagon 3 00
J. Gage, for share of stone monu-
ment 4 17
lectmen report to Washington,
D. C
H. Eaton, cash loaned by town 200 00
as. F. Davis, supervisor 8 00
K. Martin, " and sta-
tionery 12 00
as Sawtelle, supervisor and jour-
ney to Eaton
H. Trow, work in graveyard
(centre) 3 75
K. Martin, state tax 1,036 00
hn McIlvin,money loaned by town 100 00
ram Nichols, land sold town 7 50
ward Osgood, county tax 1,165 50
H. Eaton, expense to Concord 4 00
ml. Andrews, over tax on mill in
1879 4 92
hn H. Collins, over tax on money
out of state
G. Peasley, watering trough 2 00
en Cheney, " " … 2 00
M. Newman " " … 2 00
C. Bailey, " " 3 00
C. Bailey, repairs on town house 1 50
lectmen, bounty on hawks 2 80
J. Hastings, over tax on land of
J. C. Jones, 1877 6 40

A. S. Goodwin, repairs to cemetery	1 61
Chas. H. Morrill, services as town	
clerk	35 85
C. M. Newman, shingling shed in	
Union Dist. No. 1,	7 88
Chas. B. Osgood, repairs to sleigh.	4 75
Elbridge Pepper, S. S. Committee.	50 00
Chas. P. Eaton, discount on taxes in	
1880	60 00
Chas. P. Eaton, salary for collecting	
taxes in 1880	60 00
Chas. P. Eaton, highway receipts.	28 63
" " " stamps, stationery,	•
etc	$2\ 50$
Chas. P. Eaton, abatements on taxes	
for 1880	15 36
Daniel G. Peaslee, damage to sheep	
by dogs	3 00
E. H. Eaton, services as selectman	62 25
" " signing new town bonds	6 00
" " care of paupers	5 00
care of paupers	$5 \ 00$ 5 15
cash paid for summers.	53 50
Wm. Trow, services as selectman	53-50 6-00
signing new town bonus	53 00
A. F. Smith, services as selectman.	00,00
signing new	6 00
town bonds	40 00
H. K. Martin, services as treasurer.	40 00
work on new town	10 00
bonds	$10 \ 00$
Saml. Andrews, overtax on meadow	11 67
E. H. Eaton, abatement on Geo. O.	0 11
Rowe for 1879	2 11
E. H. Eaton, damage to plow on road	0 40
1879 ,	2 40

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H. K. Martin, interest on old town		
bonds	$1,\!185$	56
B. F. Hoyt, damage to sheep by		
dogs	13	50
Chas. P. Eaton, uncollected taxes on		
book 1880	90	75
H. K. Martin, cash paid for old town		
bonds	$16,\!300$	
		\$17,592 21

COUNTY PAUPER BILLS.

Mary C. Stiles	\$79	50		
Dolly Dudly		95		
Elizabeth Atwood		95		
Daniel F. Hoyt	36	94		
Asa Maxfield		14		
David Bumford's children	79	50		
			\$338	98

TOWN PAUPERS.

Mathew Sculley	\$49 17	
Mason Putney	$65 \ 72$	
Levi W. Barnes	$61 \ 40$	
Thomas B. Palmer	$131 \ 75$	
Frank Cheneys' Child	√ 63 00	
James M. Presby's child	$18 \ 75$	
Willie G. Hart	$20 \ 00$	
A. Lillian Nichols and child	$36 \ 00$	
Waldon S. Ward and Nancy Sar-		
gent expended \$62.48 more than		
the use of the farm	$62 \ 48$	
		518 27

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SCHOOL ORDERS.

Union Dist. No. 1 Charles Numan.	468 22
Dist. No. 1 Lorenzo H. True	$111 \ 56$
2 Joe M. Currier	$84 \ 78$
4 George A. Sargent	$77 \ 41$
5 Henry F. Presby	$45 \ 17$
6 Alberton Peaslee	87 18
7 Parker B. Craig	$57\ 62$
10 Henry Bixby	$42 \ 66$
11 A. P. Colby	$60\ \ 65$
Half Dist. No. 8 Parker S. Whit-	
comb, with Warner	41 20
Half Dist. No. 12 George Bailey,	
with Newbury	$37\ 25$
Dog tax and literary fund amounted	
to \$16.29 to each school	

---- \$1,113 67

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REPAIRS ON HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

\$14 05
$15 \ 95$
$20 \ 25$
$15 \ 00$
$21 \ 00$
650
2 50
10 85
6 24
16 09

Dist. No. 26 Edwin Nichols, surveyor 20 09

- \$148 52

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

MARCH 1st, 1881.

Total bonded debt of the town	\$25,100	00	
Interest on bonds to March 1st	742	00	
Outstanding bills	140	00	
Outstanding orders	16	50	
5		\$25,998	50

ASSETS.

Cash in the hands of the treasurer	\$3,643	45		
Taxes uncollected on Charles P.				
Eaton, book 1880	90	75		
Due from U.S. Government	\$1,870	00		
Due on Hannah Stevens note	156	18		
T. A. J. Jones note	31	37		
J. G. Peaslee's note	63	33		
E. H. Eaton's note	204	73		
John McIlvin's note	101	26		
Deed of pasture land	300	00		
One rock machine	25	00		
Hearse and hearse house	600	.00		
Town hall and fixtures	800	00		
One road machine	125	00		
Due on notes considered doubtful	174	04		
			\$8,185	11
Deduct the above amount of assets from the liabilities, leaves the town			~ •	
indebted in the sum of	\$17.813	39		
Deduct the above amount of indebt-				
edness from the indebtedness of				
March 1st, 1880, shows a reduction				
of the debt the past year of	1,849	59		

Add to the above the amount releas-

ed by vote of the town on Timothy P. Jones books for the years 1870, 1871 and 1872 leaves the actual reduction of the debt the past year

337 25

- \$2,186 84

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

REFUNDING THE TOWN DEBT.

Old bonds redeemed and exchanged	\$211	0.0
Old bonds outstanding	71	00
New bonds issued at 4 per cent	180	00
E. H. EATON,		
WILLIAM TROW,		

A. F. SMITH,

Selectmen of Bradford.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the selectmen for the past year and find the books in good order with vouchers for every item, and the figures correctly cast.

E· J. RING, W. J. GILLINGHAM,

Auditing Committee.

Bradford, February 26, 1881.

TREASURER'S REPORT,

The Treasurer's account with the town of Bradford is as follows:—

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\$ 1,514	24
1,659	30 ^{- 1}
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13,128	79
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75	00
100	00
12	00
158	15
90	00
9	50
892	11
265	38
- 36	23
8	00
314	27
452	66
72	15
	892 265 36

	. .			\$26,647	44
	Jones' note	10	00		
	part pay on T. A. J.				
	on taxes	10	17		
	of Chas. P. Eaton, interest				
	for 1880	7,368	39		
	of Chas. P. Eaton, taxes				
	Atkins	1	55		
	for money overpaid Job				
	hall	17	87		
	of S. Sawlett. use of town				
	hearse	3	00		
	of J. C. Bailey, use of				
	tery	30	00		
	for 3 lots in G. H. ceme-			•	~
	for board of M. Sculley	10			
	Warde place	1	32		
	for old copper on W. S.				
	Warde place	6	00		
	Use of pasture on W.S.				
	place	31	50		
	Grass on W. S. Warde	000	•••		
	Support of county paupers	338			
necciveu	Interest on money loaned	00	84		
Received	Land sold near springs	30	00		

There has been drawn from the Treasury by orders from the Selectmen, as follows:—

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Miscellaneous orders	\$ 1,232	45
School orders	1,113	67
Support of the poor	822	29
Roads and bridges	148	52
State tax	1,036	00
County tax	1,165	50
Redemption of old bonds and inter-		
est	16,885	76

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Town Treasurer, and find the books in good order, with vouchers for every item, and the figures correctly cast.

E. J. RING,

W. J. GILLINGHAM,

Auditing Committee.

Bradford, February 26, 1881.

SCHOOL REPORT

That your committee has attended to his duties this report in part will show. What was said of school-rooms and text-books one year ago might again be affirmed. Teachers' generally express dissatisfaction with Wilson's Readers. Skilled workmen ought to know better of the tools they use than those looking at them over a fence. It is desirable to have in use text-books best adapted to the work to be done with them. But a live teacher always, if with a last year's almanac, is to be preferred before dullness with any latest invented patent reading machine. Such machines are being constantly pressed upon the public. Your committees expressed preference for flesh and blood, with the announced fact that no change for the year would be made, may account for no one of these specimen inventions, (for examination,) being left to decorate his shelves.

A better selection than the sixteen teachers employed it were possible, perhaps, with the aid of omniscience to make. But the several committees are certainly to be commended for the discretion they have shown in their selection, and to be congratulated upon their good fortune. Two inexperienced teachers only were employed. Misses Ring and Kellom; and they were successful. One male teacher found employment; yet the larger part of him goes to Warner's account. Experienced female teachers have been the order of the year. Their average work has graded considerably higher than that done in the year past. Ten of the teachers employed belong to this town, and two others are from our union with Warner. This town has reason to feel honest pride in its teaching force. Teachers coming to us from other towns have proved equal to our own. Under these teachers' care there have been in all 193 pupils; 155 between 5 and 15 years of age; 2 less than 5; and 36 over 15 years. Except 3 all in town between 5 and 15 have attended school one term, and all, save 13 during the year.

The honor roll scores 93 credits. The visits of district committees amounts to 12; of the superintending school committee to 112; of parents and friends to 520. Somewhat better than this might be. Districts, showing greatest interest, grade highest in the rank of their schools. No.'s 5 and 7 are worthy of especial note. More money in most districts may be, and is, needed; but money were a poor substitute for that personal interest in school-room work, manifested by a few parents and friends in a part and, perhaps, most of the districts.

In attempting a financial statement of school funds the several committees have been applied to, and generally with success. The entire year's resources amount to \$1,320.50, including contributions in board, fuel, assessments for repairs, and other monies. Of this total, \$77.55 remains unexpended; \$26.44 was paid for repairs; \$90.25 for incidentals, and the balance for teaching and board. The division of these funds shows a wide variance upon paper than in the attainment of scholarship from its use. The happiest surprises of the year have been in districts receiving least funds; necessity compelling them to make most of their least.

The children of these districts being few, enjoy a larger share of their teacher's time and cure.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Prudential Committee, H. Z. True; Teacher of Sum-

mer School, Myra A. Perkins; of Winter School, Sarah B. Nelson.

Miss Perkins, proving a live and enthusiastic teacher, won success, and left with the esteem of parents and pupils. Miss Nelson, a veteran in teaching of nine terms, made a creditable record, leaving in good repute.

Honor roll, both terms: Annie E. Smith, Bertie J. Hall, George F. Cressey, Hiram Hoyt. summer; Mary True, Bertha Cressey, Scott Hall, winter; Mary J. Smith, Abbie J. Hoyt, Etta E. Hoyt, George H. Bumford.

DISTRICT No. 2.

J. M. Currier, committee; Ada E. Ring and Mrs E. Belle Currier, teachers

Miss Ring, in her first experience as teacher, succeded well, was promoted to another district.

Mrs Currier, graduating from the service a year ago, returned to it for further honors. Her work was an improvement upon that done in this school the previous winter.

Honor roll, both terms: Fannie A. Moon, Emily R. Moon, Susie M. Moon; one of them never having missed a d ay since beginning her school work years ago. Summer, Lizzie J. Frazer.

DISTRICT No. 4.

George Sargent, committee; Clara J. Nichols, teacher.

The experiment of one term was here attempted, instead of the usual spring and fall school. The whole school, being advertised as one term, your committee was not present at the close of the first half, which is spoken of as successful.

Only nine of the sixteen pupils in the district are registered for the winter. Of these, five were present at the close, showing thorough training. Their improvement was marked. It should be said, in justice to Miss Nichols, that she is not held in fault for what others may have thought

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best to do. Where means for schooling is limited, it should be made available to all. No censure is hereby implied.

It often requires experiment to determine what is best.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Henry Presby, committee; Ada E. Ring, teacher. It is a pleasure to report this school; as it was a pleasure to visit it. There are some things least, which are not last. This district is small in numbers and means; but nct in prudence and scholarship. It seems to know the advantage of securing a good committee and then retaining him. If all districts would elect their best man, and then continue to re-elect, instead of rotating him out of the office, which experience has fitted him to fill, in order to put a raw recruit in his place, there would be fewer mistakes in the selection of teachers. Miss Ring, from her experience in No. 2, justified the selection here made. Her work gave a good account of itself. The closing examination was a success.

Honor roll: Flora M. Colby, Lulu E. Presby, Etta Ward, Curtis A. Davis.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Alburton Peaslee, committee; Mrs H. M. E. Messer and Hattie R. Stanley, teachers.

Mrs Messer's previous school record gave assurances of good work to be done. Her severe and protracted illness was a disappointment to all. Miss Stanley, from her experience in the west, succeeded to this broken and shortest term of the year with the year's longest school; still in session. Miss Stanley's method indicates normal training. It would be to the advantage of our schools, if a few of our first-class teachers could avail themselves and introduce to our schools the improvement in school work, which our normal schools have ever in view. Miss Stanley's school if progressing well, and bids fair to close satisfactorily.

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Honor roll for the year: Mary E. Morse, summer; Mary B. Cofrin, Maud F. Forsaith, Winnie Pike, Mortimer Marshall. winter; Henry A. Colby, Eddie S. Forsaith, George B. Stanniels, Alburton N. Trow, Joseph H. Trow,

DISTRICT No. 7.

Parker Craig, committee; Mary E. Kellom and L. Belle Howlett, teacher.

This district is small, has limited means, procures inexperienced teachers at small wages; but usually so manages as to have quite lengthy schools, and good ones. The summer term was of this character. Miss Kellom did well. It would be a poor teacher who could do other with the pupils of this district. Miss Howlett succeeded to the winter school. She had the advantage of experience, and made it tell. What her pupils learned they knew thoroughly. They could not be easily tripped. Their singing was excellent. Miss Howlett is especially commended for her care in this, as in other directions. The register in part explains the great success made in No. 7. It is the cleanest your committee ever saw. There was but one absence for the winter, and this the teacher excused in advance, feeling that she ought to do it. A large share of credit is due to the parents in this district. They know it requires other than money to make a good school. They do not withhold this better part.

Honor roll, year: Hattie A. Knight, Fannie E. Craig, Walter H. Craig, Fred S. Holt, Charlos P. Craig; except one the entire school numbers of the year.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Parker S. Whitcomb, committee; Capitola M. Davis and Walter P. Melvin, teachers.

In her school-room duties, Miss Davis succeeded well, She had the care of but two pupils from Bradford.

Walter P. Melvin enjoys the distinction of being our

only male teacher for the year; and the larger fraction of him is credited to Warner. He held, in his own district, and at his own door, his position with dignity and honor.

It is pleasant to know and say this to his credit. For the exhibition of his term's work either the afternoon was too short, or the two committees were too long.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Henry Bixby, committee ; Addie F. Bixby, teacher.

Only one member of this school exceeded seven years of age, and he was at school but a fraction of the time.

Parents and friends were present at the close; and with her four or five small children Miss Bixby was able to hold for two hours, without flagging, the attention of all. Her pupils showed a good term's work.

Honor roll: C. Frank Chase, Plummer D. Chase and Mary A. Chase.

DISTRICT No. 11.

A. P. Colby, committee; Nellie F. Cressey, teacher. The selection of Miss Cressey for this school was judicious. Her work proved the wisdom of the committee's choice. By a misunderstanding, your committee came an hour late to the close of her first term. The re-employment of Miss Cressey, and larger attendance of the second term, sufficiently attests the approval she had won. Her good repute was sustained to the close. Fourteen names are upon the school roll. This is well. Honor roll,—Carrie M. Ward, Fred W. Dunfield.

District No. 12.

Geo. P. Bailey, committee; Mary J. Eaton, teacher. Miss Eaton's work is worthy of commendation. That she is pre-engaged for the same position in two districts, year after year, and sought by others, sufficiently attests it. "Like people, like priest." Like school, like teacher. The best is the cheapest; the wise choose best. Honor Roll for the year,—Fred G. Hoyt, Nettie A. Hoyt, Carrie A. Hoyt, Laura A. Flanders. Summer, Charles Flanders, John B. Flanders, Jennie H. Chase, Minnie B. Peaslee, Emily A. Peaslee. Winter, Warren A. Hoyt.

One register out, and two coming to hand at a late hour, with anticipated errors in type, may require allowance for occasional inaccuracies.

ELBRIDGE PEPPER,

Superintending School Committee.

UNION DISTRICT NO. 1.

Prudential committee, Charles M. Newman, Hollis L. Blood, Frank M. Tappan.

Primary department,—Summer, fall and winter terms taught by Miss Emma Cheney.

The committee have much pleasure in reporting a decided improvement in this school, particularly in the deportment of the pupils.

Miss Cheney is eminently successful as a teacher, being a good disciplinarian and thorough and faithful in her work. The committee deplore the fact that many of the scholars of this school are unable to attend during the winter term. Of those who do attend, many are detained at home much of the time by colds and the severity of the winter weather, These facts suggest the question, why would it not be advisable to arrange the terms of the primary school without reference to those of the grammar? If the winter terms were shortened, and the time thus added to the summer and fall terms, it would be advantageous to a majority of the pupils.

Roll of honor. Non-absence during one term, Charlie Abbott, Robie Martin, Mabel Blood, Anna Lovejoy, Mary Newman, Ella Patch, Jennie Sargent, Mary Sargent.

Grammar Department.—Summer, fall and winter terms taught by Miss Mary E. Whittemore.

As Miss Whittemore taught this school with so much

satisfaction to all last year, she received a hearty welcome from parents and pupils at the commencement of the present school year. It is onlynecessary to state that she has ully sustained her well-earned reputation, and that under her thorough and efficient instruction the scholars have made much progress in their studies.

Roll of honor. Non-absence during one term, Belle Bartlett, Nellie Coburn, Bertha Eaton, Carrie Gould, Belle Gillis, Effie Johnson, Mary Smith, Fred Hadley.

We would respectfully call the attention of the parents to the fact that our school rooms are not properly heated or ventilated. It is impossible to beep an even temperature throughout the rooms as the stoves are now situated. In fact we think a small stove in addition to the one now in use, is needed in the large room to comfortably heat it in the coldest weather. If we require our children to attend school, ought we not to make their rooms as comfortable and healthful as possible?

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FANNY S. MARTIN, MARY MARTIN, ELBRIDGE PEPPER,

S. S. Committe.

DISTRICT.	No	TERMS.	TE ACHERS.	Weeks of School.	Pupils attending.	Average of Pupils.	Average Attendance.	Honor Roll.	t. of /	ipils froi	Higher	V Isits.	Prudential Com. Visits.	Parents & Friends Visits.	Months Wages & Board.	Receipts from Town Trea- sury & Other Sources.	Expenses for teaching, and other Purposes.	Unexpended Balance.
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SELECTMEN'S REPORT,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1884.

VALUATION OF THE TOWN, APRIL 1, 1883.

Real estate,	\$307,013.00	
264 polls,	26,400.00	
210 horses,	11,031.00	
168 oxen,	9,528.00	
413 cows,	10,544. 00	
404 other neat stock,	8,333.00	
1954 sheep,	5,629.00	
13 hogs (taxable),	83.00	
22 carriages,	1,360.00	
Stocks in banks and other corj	pora-	
tions,	10,987.00	
Stock in public funds,	6,800.00	
Cash on hand and at interest,	43,273.00	
Stock in trade,	16,045.00	
Mills and machinery,	3,500.00	
		\$460,526.00

TAXES ASSESSED AGAINST THE TOWN.

State tax,	\$1,036.00	
County tax,	1,165.45	
Town tax,	3,288.04	
Highway tax, paid in labor,	2,302.63	
Special tax in Union School Dist.I	No. 1, 125.93	
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\$7,918.05

CASH RECEIVED BY SELECTMEN.

The selectmen charged themselves with the following sums, amounting in all to nine thousand one hundred and three dollars and forty-six cents (\$9,103.46), which have been paid over to the town treasurer, as will appear by his report, to wit:—

1883.		Dr.
March 1.	To cash in hands of treas-	
	urer,	\$997.66
May 23.	cash of Alberton Peaslee,	
	for cow on Ward farm,	33.60
July 1.	cash of E. J. Ring for	
•	highway tax not worked	
	in Dist. No. 22,	2.01
	cash of Wm. Marsh for	
	highway tax not worked	· .
	in Dist. No. 29,	8.73
Dec. 10.	cash of state treasurer, lit-	
	erary fund,	103.53
	cash of state treasurer,	
	railroad tax,	315.95
	cash of state treasurer,	_
	savings bank tax,	594 .0 6
	cash of state treasurer,	
	bounty on crows, cash of J. C. Bailey for	21.20
	use of hearse,	3.00
	cash of J. C. Bailey for	•
	grass in cemetery,	5.00
	cash of Hollis Blood for	•
	cow on Ward farm,	35.00
	cash of Merrimackcounty	,
	for support of county	
	paupers,	646.03
	cash of Silas Sawtell for	•
	use of town hall,	21.00

1884.		
Feb. 22.	Cash of Silas Colby fo	rold
	bridge plank,	\$3.60
	cash of Alberton Peasl	ee,
	interest on taxes,	7.61
Feb. 28.	cash of J. C. Bailey,	for
	one lot in cemetery,	10.00
	taxes committed to A	Al-
	berton Peaslee for c	ol-
	lection,	6,273.15
	cash for taxes not work	ted
	in Dist. No. 20,	22.33
	III DISt. NO. 20,	

\$9,103.46

Breaking Roads.

	PAID FOR BREAKING	G ROAD	DS	IN YEAR	1883.
By paid	Henry M. Nichols, I	Dist. N	Io.	25,	\$3.60
	Charles P. Eaton,	"	"	21,	21.50
	George L. Ward,	"	"	5,	9.30
	B. F. Putney,	46	\$4	26,	32.20
	Timothy Morse,	66	"	18,	8.38
	A. P. Colby,	**	"	4,	23.87
	George W. Hoyt,	"	"	30,	5.06
	George A. Sargent,	" "	""	1 <i>0</i> ,	3.00
	Parker B. Craig,	66 .	"'	. б,	16.35
	Almon S. Howlett,	66 j	44	24,	7.84
	George H. Nichols,	66 14	"	2,	6.52
	George A. Sargent,	66	"	10,	4.80
	A. S. Cressy,	**		16,	13.59
	Wm. O. Heath,	"	"	Ι,	20.73
	Jackson Dowlin,	"	"	23,	10.35
	Levi H. Eaton,	66	"	13,	2.47
	Prescott Colby,	£ 6	"	19,	8.45
	Page W. Cofrin,	"	"	ιΙ,	6.82
	Fred Cheney,	"	"	3,	2.99

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P_{i}	aid for H	Repairs of Highways and B	ridges.
By paid	-	Presby in Dist. No. 19, B. Butman, stringers and plank,	\$7.54
	in Dis	t. No. 21, P. Ward, stringers and plank in	7.00
	Dist. I	No. 17, llingham, bridge plank in Dist.	9.00
	No. 28		11.40
	L. B. Bu	tman, stringers in Dist. No. 2, G. Hoyt, repairing bridge in	7.00
	Dist. I		2.50
	•	Eaton, for plank in Dist. No. 9, P. Ward, for cutting bushes and	1.83
		on bridge in Dist. No. 17, C. Sargent, for cedar post in	4·37
	Dist. N		4.00
		. No. 6,	8.34
	William '	Trow, bridge plank,	25.03
	A. B. Jer	nney, for nails for Henniker	
	bridge.	а. Э	z. 18
		ney, in Dist. No. 3,	3.00
	F. H. Gi	llingham, for railings in Dist.	
	No. 27	•	2.50
	E_{i}	xpense on Marshall Case.	\$95.69
By paid	April 30,	A. F. Smith to Concord,	\$4.85
51		William Trow to Concord,	3.30
		Mansel B. Marshall to Concord,	
	July 20,	John Pressy to Concord,	5.21
		D. G. Peaslee to Concord,	5.30
	Aug. 10,	A. F. Smith to Concord,	4.85
	U ,	D. G. Peaslee to Concord,	5.30
		Clarence Weed to Concord,	3.95
		William Trow to Concord,	3.60
		D. G. Peaslee to Concord,	5,30
		D. G. Peaslee to Pine Cliff	
		D. O. Teasiee to Thie Onit	

By paid Aug. 10, John Y. Mugridge, on N	lew-
bury suit and debt,	\$260.28
M. W. Tappan for servic	es on
Marshall case with N	New-
bury,	36.00

bury,	36.00
Expense on Dr. Wood's Cas	\$342.84
By paid Orlando Cram to court,	\$14.75
Mary E. Perkins "	16.00
Henry Bixby "	14.71
George S. Morgan "	•75
Gardner Millen "	13.56
Silas Tandy "	14.31
W. O. Folsom, "	6.08
Fred A. Messer "	4.73
William T. Whittle "	1.00
John L. Safford "	5.81
Frank M. Tappan "	9.49
William Trow "	7.23
A. F. Smith "	20.47
Ruloph Bates "	14.77
D. G. Peaslee for services and cash	4
paid out,	33.96
Freeman H. Gillingham to court,	10.49
M. W. Tappan, for services on	
Wood's case,	79.00
J. H. Albin, for services on Wood's	h
case,	96.00
Town Poor.	\$363.11
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By paid for support of Frank Cheney's child,	
John Withington,	11.00
James Hoyt,	18.64
Charles Wiggin,	22.00
John Colby,	15.36
Walden S. Ward,	113.91
Mason Putney,	2 3.63
Matthew Scully,	52.17
	\$283.71

County Poor.

By paid for support of Dolly Dudley,	\$70.39
Matthew Scully,	39.55
Mason Putney,	20.75
Nathaniel Blanchard,	35.75
Daniel Cheney,	37.55
Mrs. E. Atwood,	48.17
Greely Brown,	95.75
Nancy D. Hoyt,	117.46
Albert E. Fletcher,	48.63
M. V. B. Davis,	29.39
George H. Rumford,	49.84
Dr. J. H. Martin,	50.00
Transient,	2.80
	\$646. 03

Expenses of School.

By paid prudential committee as follows, t	o wit:—
Union School Dist. No. 1, R. F. Abbott,	6475.87
District No. 1, A. S. Cressy,	103.34
2, Fred A. Messer,	13.43
4, Ethan Piper,	68.06
5, Joseph W. Ward,	41.81
6, John Morse, 2d,	80.85
7, Hollis C. Brockway,	53.92
8, Samuel P: Ward,	46.34
10, Henry McCoy,	52.04
11, Alden W. Rowe,	53.42
12, George Wand A.S. Eaton,	42.67
By paid Amon Jameson, Colby tax, set off to	
Warner,	1.36
Auren Peaslee, Putney tax, set off to	χ.
Washington,	1.53
Special school house tax in Union	
District No. 1,	120.00
· · · · ·	\$1,204.64

Miscellaneous Orders.

By paid state tax, \$1	1,036.00
county tax,	1,165.45
Edmund J. Ring, Auditor, 1883,	1.50
W. J. Gillingham, Auditor, 1883,	1.50
printing town reports,	28.00
D. D. Butman, damage done	
sheep by dogs,	6.00
Moses K. Hoyt, damage done	
sheep by dogs,	4.00
Alden W. Rowe, damage done	
sheep by dogs,	7.00
Fred A. Messer, damage done	
sheep by dogs,	3.00
Stephen Morse, damage done	
sheep by dogs,	6.00
J. B. Sanborn for invoice books	
and warrants,	8.15
Ward L. Day, damage to himself	_
and sleigh,	10.00
George H. Steel, cow on Ward	
farm,	50.00
John Y. Mugridge, legal advice	-
to Charles Pike, school matters,	4.00
J. H. Martin, certificates of births	•
and deaths,	3.00
J. H. Martin, certificates of births,	.50
S. N. Welch, certificates of deaths,	.50
Dr. Peabody certificates of births,	.50
Dr. Gage, certificate of birth,	.25
R. D. Peaslee, certificate of birth,	.25
Parker B. Craig, cash paid out,	°4.24
Daniel G. Peaslee, crow bounty,	8.90
William Trow, crow bounty,	8.60
Parker B. Craig, crow bounty,	3.70
J. B. Sanborn, order book,	1.25
Martin C. Bartlett, board of se-	5
lectmen,	18.25
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By paid J. B. Sanborn, pamphlet laws,	\$1.00	
Auren Peaslee, school money set	1	
off to Washington, for 1879,		
1880, 1881 and 1882,	6.24	
R. D. Peaslee, births and deaths,	1.75	
William A. Carr, stationery,	.72	
Alden W. Rowe, balance of spe-	•	
cial school house tax assessed		
in 1881,	10.70	
J. C. Bailey, support of watering	-	
trough,	3.00	
Ziba Woods, over tax in 1882 and		
1883,	2.51	
D. G. Peaslee, support of water-		
ing trough,	2.00	
Silas Colby, support of watering		
trough,	3.00	
Alvin Johnson, overtax being over	-	
70,	1.28	
George T. Dunfield, damage done	· · ·	
plow in Dist. No. 4,	2.60	
Daniel G. Peaslee, woodchuck		
bounty,	2.40	
Parker B. Craig, money paid out,	2.84	
Amos S. Goodwin, repairing gate		
and grave yard fence; boards		
and nails for the same,	4.68	
J. B. Sanborn, check list,	1.80	
Alberton Peaslee, for stationary		
and stamps,	5.00	
Edwin Nichols, for damage done	J	
sheep by dogs,	6.00	
Martin C. Bartlett for board of se-	. 1	,
lectmen,	9.75	
Daniel G. Peaslee, for cash paid		
out,	1.88	
	·	\$2,448.69

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Town Officers.

By paid Daniel G. Peaslee, services as select-	
man,	\$75.65
William Trow, services as selectman,	54.00
Parker B. Craig, services as selectman,	51.00
H. K. Martin, services as treasurer,	40.00
W. J. Gillingham, services as town	
clerk,	37.75
Elbridge Pepper, services as superin-	
tending school committee,	50.00
Alberton Peaslee, services as collector	
of taxes,	60.00
H. K. Martin, supervisor,	8.00
Silas Sawtell, supervisor,	8.00
Charles B. Osgood, supervisor,	8.00
C. F. Davis, services as moderator,	5.00
	\$397.40
Abatements and Discounts.	

Abatements and Discounts.

Abatements on Alberton Peaslee's book for 1882, and 1883,

\$54.65.

RECAPITULATION.

Paid breaking roads,	\$207.82	
repairs of highways and bridges,	95.69	
expense on Wood's case,	363.11	
expense on Marshall case with th	e	
town of Newbury,	342.84	
support of town poor,	283.71	
support of county poor,	646.03	
expense of schools,	1,204.64	
town officers,	397.40	
abatements, discounts, etc.,	54.65	
outstanding orders,	43.15	
miscellaneous orders,	2,448.69	
By balance in hands of treasurer,	2,323.36	
coupons,	652.00	
non-resident highway receipts,	40.37	
		\$ 9,1 03. 46

Total amount of 4 per cent. bonds,	\$18,000.00
Interest on 4 per cent. bonds, March	Ι,
1884,	600.00
Outstanding bills,	16.00
	\$18.616.00

ASSETS.

Cash in hands of treasurer,	\$2,323.36	r I
Taxes uncollected on C. P. Eaton's books	, 4.30	
Bills due the town from Charles Pike,	4.00	
Bill against Joseph E. Nichols for hay	7	
from Walden Ward farm,	26.90	
Due from Merrimack county,	50.08	
The Walden Ward farm estimated	300.00	
		\$2,708.64
Indebtedness of the town March 1, 18	84,	\$15,907.36
Reduction of the town debt the past y	ear in	

cash, not including the Ward farm,

\$1,404.83

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DANIEL G. PEASLEE, WILLIAM TROW, PARKER B. CRAIG, Selectmen of Bradford.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Your auditors find the books of the selectmen well kept with vouchers for all expenditures, and we can but say that the interests of the town of Bradford have been attended to with great care and the funds expended in a very judicious manner.

> W. J. GILLINGHAM, J. ALBERT PEASLEE, *Auditors*.

Bradford, Feb. 29, 1884.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer charges himself as fo	llows :—	
To cash on hand March 1, 1883,	\$997.66	
May 25, for cow sold,	33.60	
Dec. 10, railroad tax,	315.95	
savings bank tax,	594.06	
literary fund,	103.53	
crow bounty,	21.20	
taxes not worked,	33.07	
Feb. 13, support of county poor,	646.03	
Feb. 23, old bridge plank,	3.60	
use of hearse, etc.,	18.00	
use of town hall,	21.00	
cow sold,	35.00	
interest on taxes,	7.61	
Alberton Peaslee, collector,	6,273.15	.
		\$9,103.46
Which has been accounted for hy	orders from	the select-

Which has been accounted for, by orders from the selectmen, as follows :---

Amount of school orders,	\$1,204.64	
Repair of roads and bridges,	95.69	
Support of town's poor,	231.54	
Support of county poor,	646.03	
Town officers,	392.40	
Interest coupons,	652.00	
Breaking roads,	207.82	
Miscellaneous orders,	3,349.96	
Balance in hands of treasurer,	2,323.36	
× ·		\$9,103.46

H. K. MARTIN, Treasurer.

Your committee have examined the books of the Treasurer, and find them in good order, with vouchers for every item, and figures correctly cast.

W. J. GILLINGHAM, J. ALBERT PEASLEE, Auditing Committee.

Bradford, March 1, 1884.

SCHOOL REPORT.

Your committee would call attention to the suggested "decline in excellence of our district schools in the smaller towns of New Hampshire." That cause of such decline exists in the decrease of pupils and funds, if not in inferiority of teachers and taught, is evident. Where years ago, large numbers of mature age, were for lengthy terms, under the care of experienced masters of the rod and rule of three, to-day but few, hardly in their teens, are under teachers of least cost, in order to make the money hold out, six or more weeks, and because such "will do." More than one-fourth of New Hampshire schools number twelve or less. Of these Bradford contributes its share. The tendency is to still further decline. A feeling is growing that something ought to be done.

That generally first undertaken is with books. "Physiology and Hygiene, with special reference to the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants and narcotics upon the human system," have been legislated into "all schools sufficiently advanced;" in which "teachers of common schools shall be examined." To make it the State Superintendent's duty to select, get published, and furnish at cost to all schools in the state, books best suited, to be changed only at the discretion of state authority, seems not to have been entertained, though it would lift a heavy burden from those obliged to purchase, and do away with present confusion. We have, or may have, in town, subject to the dictation of Warner and Newbury, four series of books; while children from other towns, in schools of six or eight, dislike to be at the expense of new books for a single term, and it is cruel to exact it of them if in straightened circumstances.

"The district question" is more serious. It would be better if small schools could unite, resulting in larger, with sufficient means for longer terms, better teachers, and at less cost for incidentals and oversight. Such arrangement might call into service the tired horse and an express wagon for those most remote. What next year's legislation will do with this probiem waits to be seen. In its solution lies either hope or despair for this decline.

Some relief might come from requiring teachers applying for schools, to have first passed an examination before appointed commissioners visiting each town for the purpose, and certifying such one examined of his qualifications, and this certificate to stand in place of those now serving, and secured after such teacher has been selected and engaged-applied for not infrequently on the day the school is to open. What "they say" of those applying for schools, is not a substitute for such certificate. School reports are not. When those hired do their best they do not deserve for this censure. Many qualities enter into best teaching. Few teachers are good in every respect. Those fitting better to one place might fail in another. Suitable inquiry before engaging a teacher, as to whether he knows what to teach, how to teach it, and has the snap and go to him, will usually end in selecting wisely. Life, order, experience, and knowledge tell in a school-room.

The "officially adopted register" of this state confounds oldest, wisest and best teachers. One-tenth of its space, with those questions only which the state desires answered, might secure trustworthy returns, at great saving of expense to tax payers, and with less vexation to teachers and committees. The fifty dollars fine upon town committees for failing to report the results of these registers, is generously offered for distribution to those neglecting to observe the following shiftless enactment: "Every teacher, at the close of his school, and at the end of each term thereof, shall make a return of such register or record to the school committee of the town, who shall give to him a certificate thereof; and no teacher shall receive payment for his services until such certificate is produced and delivered to the prudential committee." One teacher of the year has conscientiously held herself to this en-District committees hardly know or think of its actment. existence. It should be printed, and furnished them by the superintendent of schools, at the beginning of each school year.

The year's returns show 192 pupils in school—96 boys, 96 girls; 150 between the ages of 5 and 15; 31 over 16; 11 under 6. The non-absences for a single term were 119; of the same pupils for two terms, 15. Total of money expended, \$1303.06, averaging \$6.30 to each pupil. One only of the 21 teachers, four of whom were men, reports of not having before taught.

In higher branches, if these be higher, 2 studied physiology, 14 book-keeping, 20 algebra. The lower branches were pursued duly according to age, and with usual success. Especial improvement in reading appeared, and good progress was made in writing and spelling. Arithmetic and geography were not neglected, and should not be. To crush these down and out with that seemingly "higher" is to destroy the foundation of a reasonable and right education.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Addison Cressy, committee. Georgianna Nelson and Levi W. Clough, teachers. Miss Nelson won general approval. The neatness and beauty of her school room, with its decorations at the close, life and order of her school, with clear, distinct tones in reading and recitations deserve especial mention. With further study and experience this teacher will rank among our best. Mr. Clough writes in his register, "I should commit a wrong did I not express in some way my feelings." He is hereby permitted to say that "It has in all respects been the pleasantest and most profitable term of school that I ever taught. I have not had occasion to punish one." This is one of the very best districts in town for a school of unusual excellence, of which its Honor Roll bears ample witness:

Not absent for both terms – Bertha J. Cressy, Annie F. Smyth, May B. Dow, Georgia E. Hoyt, Margaret A. Presby, Katie A. Presby. For the first term—Belle B. True, Sadie L. Butman, Gracie Presby, Abbie J. Hoyt, Mary Jane Sawyer, Sadie B. Hoyt, Laura E. Hoyt, Hiram Hoyt, Alberton Dow. For the second term—Bertha B. Butman, Hattie May Butman, Etta A. Hoyt, Mary G. Smyth, Annie E. Dow, Mary G. True, Ernest Boynton, George F. Cressy, John W. Cressy, Ernest W. Ring, Myron C. Smith, Mervin L. True.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Fred A. Messer, committee. Mrs. Messer, teacher. Only one pupil attended the first term. Four others were admitted for the second. This teacher was equal to more, but made her ability useful to these few. Her blackboard teaching was especially excellent, deserving of a better board, and is commended for imitation by other teachers. George Gantier was the only Honor Roll member, and for both terms. His improvement was especially marked.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Ethan Piper, committee. Alma Wiggin, teacher. The spring term was Miss Wiggins' first in teaching. She was secured for further service, and justified the selection. The greatest improvement in reading was made during this term of seven weeks and a fraction, ever noted by your committee in a like period of time. Worst habits were nearly overcome, and clear, natural utterance, full of life, appeared in place. Other recitations were commendable. The district will do well to make sure of this teacher to continue work so well begun.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

J. Warren Ward, committee. Teacher, Flora M. Colby. This district seldom selects an unprofitable teacher. Miss Colby is one of the best, such as are not content with past success. That done was well (done. All was praiseworthy. Lula G. Presby was not absent for the term.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

J. W. Morse, 2d, committee. Teachers, Lillie M. Dow, Frank O. Melvin. These teachers both gained the approval of parents and children. The first term, closing at the same time as the Centre school, was well reported by those able to be present. The examination of the winter term was witnessed by an unusual number of parents and friends; a best indication of their interest in an endorsement of the teachers' work. A rapid review of the ground gone over during the term is desirable always for the closing half day of any school. The Honor Roll speaks well for recent additions to this district. For both terms—Anna Gillingham, Eva Gillingham, Mortimer K. Marshall. For one term—Joseph H. Trow, Carl P. Haskell, Alberton N. Trow.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

H. C. Brockway, committee. Mrs. Sarah N. Brockway, Hattie D. Sargent, teachers. Mrs. Brockway's long experience in teaching told with grand effect. Her term was of the best the school has enjoyed, and well attests the policy of securing ability even for small schools. The steam power of a ten quart kettle will turn the wheel of a small mill but feebly. Miss Sargent at the close of her term seemed to have parted with something essential to its life and power. This proved to be Hattie Knight, who was not present during the last of the term. The teacher did what she could with the six that remained to her. Two of these were not absent for the year, Charles P. Craig and Clinton D. Craig, while Fannie E. Craig was present every day of the last term.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Samuel P. Ward, committee. Abbie M. Cressy, Walter P. Melvin, teachers. Miss Cressy was secured for the favorable impression she had made in No. 4, and Mr. Melvin for honors won among his own kin. This school practically, and in right, is under direction of the Warner committee, and legally should be so. Mixed superintending is expensive and does not always improve the both. There were but two and one-half in attendance from Bradford the first term, and only one the second. Of the care these received and their improvement your committee has no disposition to complain. He would suggest, however, that this fraction be given over to Warner, and compensation sought, in asking of Newbury a somewhat larger fraction of No. 12; two-thirds and more of which already belong to Bradford. One Honor was scored for the summer term, J. Iva Morse.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Henry McCoy, committee. Teacher, Agnes L. Barney. Had this teacher filled and delivered her register as directed, there was no little of good that might have been said of her and her work. As it is, she passed a best examination for teaching, and fully sustained it by her work in the school room. Promptness and accuracy characterized all recitations. Both committees were highly pleased with her success. The district will do well to secure her for further service. Three were not absent, Susie M. Moore, Mary A. Chase, Plummer D. Chase.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

Alden W. Rowe, committee. Jeannette Nelson, Maud M. Melvin, teachers. Miss Nelson seemed young, but showed many points of excellence in teaching. Her return to the Grammar school indicate that she will take her place among those successful in this work. The neatness and floral display at her close, as in the Center school, deserve mention. Miss Melvin's apparent want of health did not cut short her school but the failure of an expected ten dollars. The closing examination, without review, on one day's notice, was all that could be anticipated. The Honor Roll for both terms has two names—Hubert C. Colby and Silas A. Rowe. For the first term—Nora M. Colby and Vira A. Page. For the second— Henry H. Rowe, Willie J. Rowe, and Fred W. Smith.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

A. S. Eaton, committee. Mrs. E. C. Eaton, Estie H. Cutting, teachers. Mrs. Eaton writes in her report: "The scholars have been obedient and studious, working with diligence and ambition worthy of the commendation of teacher and parents. There has been no whispering during school hours, and there has been unusual interest in the spelling classes. Only a few words have been missed, and six of the scholars have not missed at all." Approving this as apparently correct, your committee could add much more in kind. Her grammar exhibition from the blackboard, as also excellence in writing deserve highest commendation. Mrs. Eaton has few equals in the teacher's calling. More such, our schools need. Miss Cutting took up her work, and succeeded better than most, at following so good a leader. She spoke with

parents of the unprofitable length of her school—over sixteen weeks, the last four of which had better have belonged to the first term. All were weary when the end came. John L. Flanders stands upon the Honor Roll for both terms, and Laura A. Flanders, Minnie Peaslee and Emily Peaslee would, but for one or two days' sickness. Nettie A. Hoyt, Carrie A. Hoyt and Charles Flanders were not absent for one term. Chester Hoyt, four years and four months old, only missed by a week's sickness in summer. His feats in spelling and other recitations at the close of the winter term were highly entertaining. He showed the rapidity and easy exactness of a miniature steam engine.

The work done will compare favorably with that of previous years. Could its teachers have enjoyed the advantages of training schools, better work in some instances might have been effected. As it is, all tried to do their best, and for unfavorable criticism, helpful to none and hurtful to all, there is no occasion. The statistical table, with the registers on file with the town clerk, will give further information.

Respectfully submitted,

E. PEPPER.

UNION DISTRICT No. 1.

B. F. Abbott, T. LITTLE, J. HALL, Prudential Committee.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Summer Term taught by Emma A. Cheney, the teacher of previous years. Satisfactory results have attended her earnest and faithful teaching.

Fall Term taught by Persis H. Melvin, an experienced, thorough and practical teacher. Quiet and intelligent progress was made in all branches of school work.

Winter Term taught by Ida E. Ring. There has been no decline of interest here, but rather a steady advance in everything that makes a school successful and profitable.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Summer Term—George A. Marshall, Mabel F. Roby. Fall Term—Etta Sargent, Jennie G. Sargent, Ella M Patch, Flora M. Morse, Jennie M. Jameson, Fred M. Martin, Leon M. Morse, George A. Marshall, Harry W. Marshall. Winter Term—Mabel F. Roby, Harry W. Marshall, Willie E. Sawtell.

GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

Summer and Fall Terms taught by Mary E. Whittemore, teacher of previous years. Her experience and love for teaching make her a very successful teacher. Her uniform kindness secures the good will and affection of her pupils. Thoroughness in rudimental instruction and a definite system in all the processes of school management is her aim.

Winter Term taught by John B. Mills. The systematic arrangement of the classes enabled the pupils to commence and continue their studies with but little interruption. The advantages of this system need no advocate. Either they are self-evident, or they can never be made evident. To every one who has any knowledge or conception of educational means they are at once obvious. Mr. Mills' reputation as a teacher preceded him, and whatever obstacles he encountered at the beginning were speedily and effectively overcome. The school in point of numbers and scholarship was above the average, and this coupled with good order gave us a model school.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Summer Term-Mabel F. Blood, Josie Hastings, Bertie Blaisdell, Harlan P. Morse. Winter Term-Walter B. Abbott, Charles Abbott, Fred Hadley, Fred Jones, Frank M. Jones, George G. Martin, Walter Chase, Mabel F. Blood, Carrie M. Hadley, Della Peaslee.

In conclusion, we would say irregularity of attendance is a serious evil in our schools. A scholar who is inconstant at school cannot sustain his standing in his class, and as he finds himself falling behind his classmates, becomes discouraged, careless and indifferent, gradually slackens his efforts and slides to the foot of his class, or very likely out of school altogether. Not unlikely the blame is laid upon the teacher or management of the school, rather than the true cause. The remedy lies with the parents. Let them see that their children are at school regularly and there would be less occasion to complain of want of progress or discouragement in their studies.

It is very important that the work done in our schools should be thorough. A very large majority of the scholars never attend higher schools before entering upon active business. It is of the utmost importance to them that their training be such as shall best fit them for their work. We are glad to report that the past year has been one of general prosperity for our schools, and a very gratifying interest in them has been manifest in the increased number of visitors, especially parents of the pupils. We trust this interest will continue to grow, for upon the public schools which offer free education to the children of all our citizens, largely rests the future of our fair village for culture and intelligence.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN H. W. FELCH, ADDIE A. CHENEY, A. B. JENNEY, Superintending Committee.

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NAME OF DISTRICT.	NO. OF DISTRICT.	NO. OF TERMS.	TEACHERS.	WEEKS OF SCHOOL.	NO. OF PUPILS.	AVERAGE OF PUPILS.	PERCENT ATTENDANCE.	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.	HONOR ROLL.		COMMITTEES' VISITS.	OTHER VISITS.	WAGES WITH BOARD.
Centre.	1	2	Georgianna Nelson. Levi W. Clough.	7	27 36	25 34	89 94	$\frac{20}{32}$	15 18	2 2 1	1	$\frac{27}{24}$	\$22.36 28.00
West.	2	1	Mrs. H. M. E. Messer.	5	1	1	100	15	1	1		22	16.00
Massassecum.		2	Mrs. H. M. E. Messer. Miss Alma Wiggin. Miss Alma Wiggin.	8 5 7.5		89	95 75 89 79	6		$\frac{2}{2}$	1 2	$15 \\ 18$	$18.32 \\ 18.60 \\ 20.00$
Colby.	5	1	Miss Flora M. Colby.	10	4	3	79	3	1	2		16	16.80
Plain.	6	$\frac{1}{2}$	Miss Lillia M. Dow. Frank O. Melvin.	8	7	7	82 98	6	45	1	12	16 11	$18.00 \\ 20.00$
Andrews.	7	11	Mrs. S. N. Brockway.	5	777	7	92 92	7	4 5 2 3 1	2	-	14 18	16.00 14.00
Melvin.	8	2 1 2	Miss Hattie D. Sargent. Miss Abbie M. Cressy. Walter P. Melvin.	9.4 11.5	3	7 9 7 7 2 1	94 90	9 7 2 1	1	1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	11	10 19 81	20.00 28.00
Spring.	10		Miss Agnes L. Barney.	12	10		90 90	6		$\frac{2}{2}$	i	22	17.00
Jewetts.	11	1	Miss Jennette Nelson. Miss Maud M. Melvin.	67	7	79	92 78	79	45	2 2	1	15 11	15.00 20.00
Union with		-		1							-		
Newbury.	12	12	Mrs. E. C. Eaton. Miss Estie M. Cutting.	9 16.6	9	9 19	$\frac{100}{97}$	9	4 2 9 3 4	2 2 7	1	39 34	$18.00 \\ 22.00$
Primary,		1	Miss Emma A. Cheney.	8	28	27	85	$\frac{12}{23}$	2	17	$1 \\ 1$	31	26.00
Union No. 1.		2	Miss Persis H. Melvin.	9	28	27	92	25 20	9	6		r	26.00
Grammar.		3	Miss Ada E. Ring. Miss Mary E. Whittemore.	98	25	$\frac{23}{27}$	87 91	$\frac{20}{22}$		7	6	62 30	26.00 34.00
oramiat.		2	Miss Mary E. Whittemore.	9	38	37	95	35	-	2	-6	31	34.00
	1	3	John B. Mills.	9		40			10		1	100	50.00

STATISTICAL TABLE.



REPORT

OF THE

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

OF THE

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1885.

Real estate,	\$307,880 00
261 polls,	26,100 00
222 horses,	11,615 00
136 oxen,	7,704 00
398 cows,	9,986 00
372 other neat stock,	7,400 00
1591 sheep,	3,689 00
14 hogs,	116 00
24 carriages,	1,346 00
Stock in public funds,	2,700 00
Stock in banks and other corpora	-
tions,	9,300 00
Cash on hand and at interest,	62,485 00
Stock in trade,	13,854 00
Mills and machinery,	5,850 00
	\$470,125 00

TAXES ASSESSED AGAINST THE TOWN.

State tax,	\$1,004 00)	,	
County tax,	987	93		
Town tax,	2,000	00		
Highway tax,	1,175	31		
School tax, literary fund added,	978	53		
Special school tax in Dist. No. 1	L ,			
centre,	103	56		
			\$6,249	33

CASH RECEIVED BY SELECTMEN.

The selectmen charge themselves with the following sums, amounting in all to nine thousand eight hundred and twentyone dollars and thirteen cents, (9,821 13), which will appear by the treasurer's report :

1884.	Dr.			
To cash in hands of treasurer, March				
1, 1884,	\$2,323	36		
taxes committed to A. Peaslec,				
collector,	5,356			
interest received on the same,	4	62		
eash of Carlos Abbott on Ward		• •		
farm part payment,	150	00		
cash of state treasurer, tax on				
deposits in savings banks in this state,	791	01		
	191	01		
cash of state treasurer, tax as-	295	00		
sessed on railroads in this state,		00		
eash of state treasurer, literary	107	5.0		
fund for schools, cash of state treasurer, bounty	107	52		
on woodchucks killed,	119	90		
cash of state treasurer, bounty		00		
on woodchucks killed, 1883,		40		
cash of Merrimack county for sup-	-			
port of county paupers,	593	57		
cash of C. F. Davis, hay from	l			
Ward farm,		75		
eash of J. C. Bailey, for ceme-	•			
tery lots,	45	00		
cash of Silas Sawtelle, for use of				
town hall,	30	00		
			\$9,821	13

The selectmen charge themselves with fifty dollars uncollected taxes, which does not appear in the treasurer's report, but does appear in the above items; so deduct from total amount of receipts, fifty dollars, which appears as an asset, and we have \$9,771.13, as reported by treasurer.

Miscellaneous Orders.

By paid	state tax, \$1,	004	00
	county tax,	987	93
	Willie J. Gillingham, Aud-		
	itor,	3	00
	J. Albert Peaslee,	3	00
	Daniel G. Peaslee, services as		
	selectman,	3	00
	John B. Sanborn, records and		
	stationery,	14	84
	F. J. Batchelder, printing town	1	
	reports, &c.,		00
	J. K. Lund, insurance poli-		
	cy, town hall,	27	.50
	Martin C. Bartlett, board of		
	selectmen,	14	50
	Ira F. Wiggin, damage to		
	wagon,	. 1	65
	William A. Carr, stationery for		, s
	selectmen,	1	50
	Charles F. Davis, making deed		
	for Ward farm,		00
	George Hemphill, repairs for		
	town hall,		15
	D. D. Butman, special school-		
	house tax,	103	56
	Stevens & Duncklee, registers	i.	
	for town hall,	12	60
	6		
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By paid	F. II. Patch, damage to wagon, C. II. Marshall, zinc for town	\$7	00
	hall, Frank J. Batchelder, deeds and	2	89
	records for cemetery, B. D. Peaslee, certificates of		00
	deaths and births,	1	50
	Selectmen, bounty on wood- chucks,	119	90
	Hiram Gillingham, earth bot- tom for roads, John W. Morse, furniture	12	50
	for town house,	8	78
	to wagon,	3	00
	ing trough, 1883–1884,	4	00
	town collector's office,	.2	12
	safe and guide-boards,	3	43
	births and deaths,	3	00
	to sheep,	2	25
	watering trough,	2	00
	sheep,	5	00`
	lumber on cemetery,	42	96
		0	00
	-	- N	
	 Sullivan G. Stevens, damage to wagon, C. M. Newman, use of water- ing trough, 1883–1884, A. B. Jenney, locks &c., town collector's office, Parker B. Craig, repairs on safe and guide-boards, J. B. Raines, certificates of births and deaths, William G Hoyt, damage to sheep, Daniel G. Peaslee, use of watering trough, George W. Eaton, damage to sheep, Jabob C. Bailey, labor and 	3 4 2 3 3 2 2 5 42 3 11	00 00 12 43 00 25 00 00 96 00

By paid George B. Andrews, over tax on Marden place,

\$2,468 28

4 32

Breaking Roads.

CASH PAID FOR BREAKING ROADS FOR THE YEAR 1884.

By paid	Israel Andrews,	Dist. No.	24,	\$8	10		
	Ira F. Wiggin,	"	1,	4	75		
	Samuel P. Ward,	66	17,	2	4 0		
	Jackson Dowlin,	" "	23,	16	47		
	Timothy Morse,	66	18,	7	25		
	Hollis C. Brockwa	y, ''	6,	8	12		
	A. J. Jameson,	• •	3,	1	95		
	Moses R. Hoyt,	" "	26,	11	60		
	Dimond D. Ward	,	10,	4	27		
	William G. Hoyt,	"	30,	3	81		
	Orlen D. Cram,	""	13,	6	00		
	George W. Eaton	,	15,	7	80		
			-			\$82	52

Paid for Repairs of Roads and Bridges.

By paid Hollis C. Brockway, repairs on		
road, Dist. No. 6,	\$1	70
Leonard P. Jameson, labor and		,
plank for bridges, Dist. No. 7,	12	48
James M. Hoyt, repairs on Gulf		
hill and near springs, Dist.		
No. 25,	13	50
Daniel U. Sawyer, repairs on	•	
road in Dist. No. 1,	39	72
F. C. Brockway, bridge string-		
ers, in Dist. No. 6,	2	30

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By paid Prescott Colby, repair	irs on roads	
in Dist. No. 19,	\$17	18
Samuel P. Ward,		
bridges in Dist. N		13
Byron H. Cressy, rep		
in Dist. No. 4,		64
Lyman B. Butman,	, repairs on	
road in Dist. No.	21, 5	25
George H. Nichols, I	Dist. No. 2, 11	00
William Trowbridg	ge, plank,	
Dist. No. 9,		43
O. D. Cram, repairs	s on bridges	
Dist. No. 13,	15	11
Parker B. Craig,		
bridge in Dist. No	b. 6, 14	58
John O. Nichols, rep	airs on road	
in Dist. No. 26,	13	75
A. S. Cressy, repair		
in Dist. No. 16,		50
Ira H. Sargent, raili		
pairs in Dist. No.		58
Sullivan G. Stevens,	*	
road in Dist. No.		00
Albert Sargent, cutt	•	
in Dist. No. 24,		00
George Hemphill,		00
Dist. No. 22,		00
Daniel G. Peaslee,		59
bridge in Dist. N		99
Samuel P. Ward,	-	
road in Dist. No.	•	83
Fred. C. Brockway,	-	00
road in Dist. No.		68 09
Frank Peaslee, bridg	ge plank, 10	08

By paid Byron H. Cressy, repairs on				
roads in Dist. No. 4,	\$3	35		
Fred. Cheney, repairs on roads				
in Dist. No. 3,	3	87.		
D. D. Butman, bridge plank				
in Dist. No. 21,	6	00		
		<u> </u>	\$295	25

Expenses of Schools.

By cash paid prudential school committee as follows :----

Union Dist. No. 1 (village), G. W.		
Tucker,	\$462	43
District No. 2 (West), Orlando T.		
Bagley,	60	20
1 (Centre), Daniel U.		
Sawyer,	97	20
4 (East), J. L. Piper,	64	16
5 (Colby's), Joseph W.		
Ward,	37	08.
6 (Plains), John W.		
Morse, 2d,	77	4 0
7 (Knights), Fred C.		
Brockway,	52	7 0
Union with Warner 8 (Melvins), Saml.		
P. Ward,	13	4 0
10 (Springs), Geo. H.		
Nichols,	48	11
11 (Jewetts), George T.		
Danfield,	50	09
Union with Newbury, 12 (Hoyts), G.		
W. Eaton,	39	63
Money set off to Warner, A. Jameson,	1	4 0

Money set off to Washington, Auren		
Peaslee,	\$1 23	
Union with Warner,8 (Melvins), G.		
W. Bailey,	26 84	
•	······	\$1,031 90

Expenses of Wood Case v. Bradford.

By paid Mason	W. Tapp	an, services,	\$84	00	
John H	. Albin,	6 6	84	25	
Samuel	K. Paig	e, ''	41	50	
J. Albe	rt Peasle	e, ''	16	50	
" "	" "	cash paid out,	31	10	
" "		witness fees,	196	70	
					\$454

Expenses of County Poor.

By cash paid for	Frank West,	\$27	00	
	Greeley Brown,	78	00	
	Nancy D. Hoyt,	130	14	
	Mason Putney,	28	58	
	John Withington,	4	75	
	George Bumford,	61	25	
	Arthur Brown,	34	65	
	M. V. B. Davis,	23	29	
	Dolly Dudley,	103	10	
	Albert E. Fletcher,	27	86	
	Transient paupers,	14	95	
	Dr. Raynes, med.			
	county poor,	60	00	
	• •			\$593.57

Expenses of Town Poor.

By paid for John Colby, supplies, &c.,	79	92
Walden Ward,	111	35

\$191 27

Town Officers.

By paid J. Albert Peaslee, services as				•
selectman,	\$67	15		
Parker B. Craig, services as				
selectman,	47	25		
Page W. Cofrin, services as				
selectman,	45	25		
H. K. Martin, town treasurer,	40	00		
Chas. F. Davis, moderator,	5	00		
" superintend-				
ing school committee,	25	00		
Dr. B. D. Peaslee, superin-				
tending school committee,	35	00		
Willis J. Gillingham, town				
clerk,	30	25		
Alberton Peaslee, collector,	60	00		
H. K. Martin, supervisor,	16	00		
Silas Sawtelle,	16	00		
Chas. B. Osgood, "	16	00		
			\$402	90

Abatements and Discounts.

On	Albertor	Peaslee's	books	of 1883
	and 18	34,		

\$83 89

RECAPITULATION.

By paid breaking roads,	\$ 82	52
repairs on roads and bridges	, \295	25
expenses of schools,	1,031	90
Woods case v. Bradford,	454	05
miscellaneous bills,	2,468	28
county poor,	593	57
town,	191	27
town officers,	402	90
abatements and discounts,	83	89
cash in hands of treasure	er	
March 1, 1885,	3,590	79
coupons,	808	00
		\$10,002 42

There are now outstanding orders for school money that have not been drawn, but are accounted for in the above items which amount to \$231.29: deduct from total amount of \$10,002.42 and we have left \$9,771.13, as reported, and which balances the account of selectmen and treasurer.

TOTAL LIABILITIES MARCH 1, 1885.

Total amount bonded debt, \$18,000 00 Interest on bonds to May 1, 1885, 600 00 \$18,600 00

ASSETS.

Cash in hands treasurer, Mar. 1, '85,	\$3,590	79		
Taxes uncollected in A. Peaslee's				
book of 1884, the amount of tax				
being in question,	50	00		
C. P. Eaton's book,	4	30		
Due from Charles P. Pike,	4	00		
Due from J. E. Nichols, for hay,	28	40		
Due from Merrimack county,	37	58		
Due from Carlos Abbott, W. Ward				
farm, March 1,	396	38		
State of N. H., for bounties paid,	8	10		
			\$4,119	55
Indebtedness of the town as reported	last ye	ear,		

March 1, 1884, \$15,907 36 Indebtedness of town March 1, 1885, \$14,480 45

Reduction of town debt in cash the present year, \$1,426 91

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. ALBERT PEASLEE, PARKER B. CRAIG, PAGE W. COFRIN, Selectmen of Bradford.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Your auditors find the books of the selectmen well kept with vouchers for all expenditures, and we find with the amount of money raised to defray the current expenses of the town (\$2000) that a very large reduction has been made upon the town debt, and we think the interests of the town have been managed in a very judicious and faithful manner.

> DANIEL G. PEASLEE, FRANK M. TAPPAN, Auditors.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer charges himself as	follows :			
To cash on hand March 1, 1884,				
Carlos Abbott note,	150	00		
Support of county poor,	533	57		
Railroad tax,	295	00		
Literary fund,	. 107	52		
Savings bank tax,	791	01		
Bounty on woodchucks,	122	30		
Hay sold from Ward farm,	2	75		
Four lots sold in cemetery,	40	00		
Grass sold in cemetery,	5	00		
Use of town hall,	30	00		
Support of county poor,	60	00		
Interest on taxes,	· 4	62		
Alberton Peaslee, collector,	5,306	00		
	·		\$9,771	13

Which has been accounted for by orders from the selectmen, as follows:

Amount of school money orders,	\$1,031	90		
Repair of road and bridges,	295	25		
Support of the town poor,	191	27		
Support of the county poor,	593	57		
Salary of town officers,	402	90		
Breaking roads,	82	52		
Interest coupons,	808	00		
Miscellaneous orders,	2,774	93		
Cash in the treasury,	3,590	79		
-			\$9,771	13

Respectfully,

H. K. MARTIN, Treasurer.

Your committee have examined the books of the Treasurer and find them in good order, with vouchers for every item, and figures correctly cast.

> DANIEL G. PEASLEE, FRANK M. TAPPAN, Auditing Committee.

Bradford, Feb. 28, 1885.

SCHOOL REPORT.

I herewith submit to the citizens of Bradford the theoretical and statistical report of the schools in town. So many good suggestions have been made in previous reports, that a constant repetition of them tends only to confusion. What is needed for the present and future success of our schools is the selection of instructors who are morally and intellectually qualified to impart to our children the proper knowledge; the duty we owe to the state and to our country demands this, and I believe it to be your desire that we have it. This report will convince you that the comparison with previous years is a favorable one, although untoward circumstances have sometimes prevailed to delay the progress wished for.

TOWN COMMITTEE.

Report of Dr. B. D. Peaslee is submitted as received.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Daniel U. Sawyer, committee. First term taught by Belle C. Hoyt, an able and experienced teacher, one of our best; the examination showed good work for the past term, especially by the teacher.

The roll of honor includes May B. Dow, Etta A. Hoyt, Margaret G. Presby, Laura E. Hoyt, Katie E. Presby, Viola E. Hoyt, Lucy A. Wiggin, and Willie E. Boynton.

Second term commenced by Cora E. Tandy, who gave us good satisfaction in one of our largest schools last summer, but owing to unpleasant occurrences resigned. Children brought up to obey at home rarely give a teacher trouble in school. When this district will cease to carry their neighborhood quarrels into school they will have a prosperous one. The roll of honor includes Annie F. Smith, Addie M. Sawyer, May B. Dow, Margaret A. Presby, Kate E. Presby, Mary J. Sawyer, Laura E. Hoyt, Grace Presby, Nettie Cressy, Lucy Wiggin, Vira A. Page, Carl Haskell, John Cressy, Marvin L. True, George Cressy, Frank Cheney, Myron Smith, Henry Davis, Willie E. Boynton, and Charles Cheney.

Third term, taught by Clara A. Johnson. This teacher has had great success in the past, possesses tact and talent, and the troubled waters were made smooth for the present. The thoroughness of her instruction and her energy in awakening a new interest, manifested itself in the fine examination and the happy results of her efforts. Experience helps any teacher, and Miss Johnson is worthy of all praise.

The roll of honor includes the names of Nettie H. Cressy, May B. Dow, Margaret A. Presby, Grace E. Presby, Katie E. Presby, Mamie I. Smith, Annie F. Smith, Mary Jane Sawyer, L. Annie Wiggin, John W. Cressy, Geo. F. Cressy, Moses E. Hale, Myron C. Smith, and Marvin C. True.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Orlando T. Bagley, committee. First term taught by Minnie Halliday, a young teacher. George W. Gantier's name is inscribed on the roll of honor.

Louise L. Hoyt, teacher of the second term. Your committee recommends a single term. Mrs. Hoyt was faithful in the discharge of her duties. Roll of honor, Albert L. Nichols and Geo. W. Gantier.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Fred C. Brockway, committee. First term taught by Jennie N. Nelson, who takes great interest in her work, and should be given a larger field. The roll of honor contains the names of Hattie A. Knights, Clinton D. Craig, and Milton O. Craig.

Second term taught by Jennie N. Nelson until the last few weeks of school, with her usual good success, when she was

obliged to give up on account of sickness. Effie S. Johnson completed the term with satisfactory results. Miss Johnson, like Miss Nelson, takes great interest in her school work. Roll of honor gives Charles A. Wilson, Scott W. West, Clinton D. Craig, and Fannie E. Craig.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Justin L. Piper, committee. One term taught by Lizzie S. Gilmore. Miss Gilmore posesses considerable executive ability, and experience, with effort, would make her a valuable teacher. This school made good progress.

DISTRICT No. 5.

J. Warren Ward, committee. One term taught by Emily E. Piper. One of our smallest schools, and one of our most successful ones. Miss Piper is a live teacher, and with experience will make one of the best. The roll of honor has the name of Nellie F. Ward.

DISTRICT No. 6.

J. Webster Morse, committee. Two terms taught by Della G. Tandy. A harmonious school—a condition not often found. The committee were wise in securing Miss Tandy for a second term. The roll of honor includes the names of Anna L. Gillingham, Eva L. Gillingham, Laura M. Peaslee, and Mortimer R. Marshall, both terms.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Samuel P. Ward, committee. First term taught by Lizzie F. Peaslee. A small school of small scholars. Miss Peaslee labored for the good of all with success.

Second term taught by F. O. Melvin. The term will not finish until March 18. Mr. Melvin is thorough nd painstaking, methodical and successful, and all such elements command success.

DISTRICT No. 10.

George H. Nichols, committee. Summer term taught by Mary F. Muzzey. The roll of honor includes the names of Mary A. Chase, Plummer D. Chase, Charlie Chase, Emily R. Moon, Susie M. Moon, and Lizzie E. Moon.

Fall term taught by Addie F. Bixby. Everything was accomplished that could be in so short a term. This district would do well to follow the example of No. 5, and have one unbroken term. Roll of honor, second term, includes, Emily R. Moon, Susie M. Moon, Lizzie E. Moon, Mary A. Chase, Plummer D. Chase, Charlie Chase, and Frank C. Chase.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

George T. Dunfield, committee. First term taught by Alice M. Richards—a young teacher who labored successfully; a good term's work.

Second term taught by Alice M. Richards. In consequence of a mistake in notice your committee was not present at close of the school, but the report of the school's progress indicated work. Roll of honor shows the name of George A. Anderson.

DISTRICT No. 12.

George Eaton, committee. First term taught by Cora E. Tandy; one of our largest and most successful schools. Miss Tandy is one of our hard working teachers and deserves the success attained. Roll of honor has Nettie A. Hoyt, Laura A. Flanders, Florette Eaton, Carrie A. Hoyt, Minnie B. Peaslee, Emily A. Peaslee, John L. Flanders, and Chester F. Hoyt.

Second term taught the first six weeks by George Dodge, who then resigned; the balance of the term finished by Charles W. Ward, who very successfully carried the school harmoniously to its close.

A word from Mrs. Barna and Mrs. Abzada Hoyt in reference to Miss Cora E. Tandy's effort in District No. 12: first, that she was very faithful and thorough, deeply interested in the welfare of the scholars in and out of school, sparing no pains for its success. This is given in justice, as neither committee was present.

UNION DISTRICT NO. 1.

George W. Tucker, W. J. Gillingham, Ira K. Eaton, committee.

GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

First term, taught by Ada M. Carr. An experienced teacher, who labored for the interest of her pupils. Roll of honor, Bertie Blaisdell and Blanche C. Nelson.

Second term, commenced by Lizzie Smith, and closed after two weeks. It was then finished by Sara E. Clarke, to whom we must give great credit for the order brought from chaos. The term closed with one of the finest examinations ever witnessed in this school. Roll of honor gives the names of Harlan Morse, Mabel Blood, Blanche C. Nelson and Mamie Newman.

Third term. taught by Mark M. Hadley, one of those live. successful teachers that we occasionally find. His examination was very pleasing and satisfactory, and evinced well directed effort by both teacher and scholar.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

First term, taught by Ada E. Ring. Owing to the sickness of Miss Ring, the school was closed after a short term of five weeks. It is to be regretted that Miss Ring could not finish her school. Roll of honor has the names of Jennie G. Sargent, Etta Sargent, Flora M. Morse, Eliza J. Tucker, M. Emma Lewis, Ida M. Eaton and Harry H. Lewis.

Second Term, taught by Sara Redington, a teacher faithful in the little details which make teaching a success and a pleasure. Miss R. deserves great credit for the appearance of the school at its close, for the thoroughness which so many of herscholars displayed, and for the cheerful obedience and good order of so many little ones. Roll of honor has the names of Mattie Day, M. Emma Lewis, Flora Morse, Mabel Roby, and Mamie Sawtelle.

Third term, taught by Sara Redington, sickness prevented this term from being completed, and your committee from visiting it, this was a matter of regret, but one of those unavoidable circumstances. This term, like the preceding terms was filled with unremitting effort to make it profitable to the children, and of course to the parents; the scholars partook of the spirit and tried hard to improve, nearly seventy visitors at the examination had, will justify the assertion.

Close of second term, the committee made good selection for teachers in Union District No. 1, this past year. Roll of honor, third term, gives the names of M. Emma Lewis, Mabel Roby, Ida M. Eaton, Fred B. Ayers, Harry Marshall, Scott Hall, and Willie Sawtelle.

Finally, upon the proper education of our children, depends the future of the State and the nation, it should be practicable, and not superficial, it should be useful as well as ornamental, and last, but not least, it should be moral.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. DAVIS.

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NAME OF District.	NO. OF DISTRICT.	NO. OF TERMS.	TEACHERS.	WEEKS OF SCHOOL.	NO. OF PUPILS.	AVERAGE OF PUPILS.	PER CENT. ATTENDANCE.	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.	HONOR ROLL.	SUPERINTENDENT'S VISITS.	COMMITTEES' VISITS.	OTHER VISITS.	WAGES WITH BOARD.
Centre.	11		Miss Belle C. Hoyt.	7	27	26	98	$\frac{26}{19}$	8	2	1	26	\$19.00
West. Massassecum.	2	2 3 1 9	Miss Cora E. Tandy. Miss Clara A. Johnson. Miss Miunie M. Halliday. Mrs. Louise L. Hoyt. Miss Lizzie S. Gilmore.	$22 \\ 4.6 \\ 5 \\ 6 \\ 12$	22	$\frac{2}{2}$	95 94 100 100 100	24 2 2	20 14 1 21	$\frac{2}{2}$	1 2 1 1	$2 \\ 36 \\ 4 \\ 10$	28.00 36.00 16.00 26.00 18.80
Colby.	5	1	Miss Emily E. Piper.	8	2	2	92	2	1	1		4	20.00
Plain.	6	1	Miss Della G. Tandy	7	8	7	87	7		1 1	1	18	19.00
Andrews.	7	1 2 1 2	Miss Della G. Tandy. Miss Jennie N. Nelson. Miss Jennie N. Nelson, and Miss E. S. Johnson, }	12 9 8.9	14 7	11 8 7	90 90	$^{11}_{8}$	433	2 2 2 1	î	-18 -1 3	
Melvin.	8	1	Miss Lizzie F. Peaslee. F. O. Melvin.	11.	$\frac{2}{2}$	2	100 100	$\frac{2}{2}$		2	0	$\frac{29}{20}$	$18.00 \\ 20.00$
Springs.	10	2 1	Miss Mary F. Muzzey.	$17.6 \\ 6$	10	10	100	10	6 7	2	1	3	18.50
Jewetts.	11	$ \frac{2}{1} 2 $	Miss Addie F. Bixoy. Miss Alice M. Richards. Miss Alice M. Richards.	5 6 7	9 8 8	9 8 8	90 87 75	8 7 6	1	1 2 1	2	8 12 29	$18.00 \\ 14.00 \\ 22.00$
Union with Newbury.	12	1 2	Miss Cora E. Tandy, G. Dodge and C. W. Ward.	10.5.2	9 15	9 13	100 87	9 13	9 12	1 2	1 1	43 19	19.00 33.00
*Primary Dep't Union No. 1.		1 2 3	Miss Ada E. Ring. Miss Sara Redington. Miss Sara Redington.	$6.6 \\ 11. \\ 6.8$	32	30]	93	$29 \\ 28 \\ 20 \\ 20 \\ 10 \\ 10 \\ 10 \\ 10 \\ 10 \\ 10$	8	1 2		16 69 23	$24.00 \\ 24.00 \\ 32.00$
*Grammar De't Union No. 1.		1 2 3	Miss Ada M. Carr. Miss Sara E. Clarke. Mark M. Hadley.	8 7 10.4	21 27 33	21 27 31	95 93 93		2 4 5	1 1 1		40 38 38	$32.00 \\ 32.00 \\ 50.00$

STATISTICAL TABLE.

*Formerly School Districts No's. 3 and 9.



ANNUAL REPORT.

OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND OTHER

TOWN OFFICERS,

OF THE

TOWN OF BRADFORD, N. H.

FOR THE

Year Ending March 1st, 1888.

BRADFORD, N. H. PRINTED BY A. P. HOWE & SON. 1888.

ANNOUNCEMENT!

We take this method to inform you that the proceedings of the Centennial Celebration of the Incorporation of the town of Bradford, which took place Sept. 27, 1887, is now published in pamphlet form, copies of which may be had at the office of A. P. Howe & Son, Bradford, N. H.

The book comprises 110 pages, and contains the address of the Hon. Bainbridge Wadleigh of Boston, and the address of John Q. A. Brackett, Lieutenant governor of Massachusetts, and a Centennial Poem by Mrs. Annette M. R. Cressy of Concord, N. H., either of which is richly worth the price of the book. It also contains much valuable information relative to the settlement and early history of the town, as well as many pleasing reminiscences of "ye olden time."

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

For the year ending March 1st, 1888. VALUATION OF THE TOWN APRIL 1, 1887.

No.	Value.	
Real Estate	300,702.0 0	
Polls 266	26,600.00	
Horses	15,368.00	
Oxen 130	7,114.00	
Cows 353	10,036.00	
Other Neat Stock	7,164.00	
Sheep	$2,\!474.00$	
Hogs 32	188.00	
Carriages	1,150.00	
Stock in Public Funds	10,300.00	
Stock in Banks	12,500.00	
Cash on hand and at interest	49,074.00	
Stock in Railroads in this state	9,800.00	
Stock in Trade	19,710.00	
Mills and Machinery	5,550.00	

Total

\$ 477,730.00

TAXES ASSESSED AGAINST THE TOWN.

State Tax	\$1,004.00
County Tax	955.00
Town Tax	3,000.00
Centennial Tax	200.00
Highway Tax paid in labor	1,092.92
School Tax,	922.42
Amount of Dog Tax	100.00
Total	\$7,274.34

CASH RECEIVED BY SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen charge themselves with the following sums:

Cash in hands of treasurer March 1st, 1887.... \$1,175 65 Taxes committed to Fred C. Brockway, Colletor, 6,516.59 Cash received of Merrimack Co. support of paupers, 553.10 Cash received of State, Railroad Tax..... 329.67. 66 Savings Bank Tax..... 1,154.34 66 44 66 " " Literary Lund..... 128.02" " of Enfield support of Henry Flanders, 23.15 " " of estate of Chas. Ripley, use of hall, 8.60 " 66 of John L. Barnes for hay, potatoes, and corn fodder on place of B. B. Barnes, 34.00 44 received of J. C. Bailey for seven lots sold in Cemetery, and use of hearse..... 77.00Cash rec'ed of Fred C. Brockway, tax book 1886, 160.98 " of F. C. Brockway, Int. on taxes 66 4.00Highway tax of 1886 not paid in labor..... 8.12 Received of F. C. Brockway Int. taxes of 1887, 15.25 " of C. B. Osgood, rent of town hall, 25.07 Total..... \$10,213.54

In the above items of taxes committed to collector, (\$6,524.71)\$261.44 appears as an assett due the town as uncollected taxes deduct the same (\$261.44) from the above amount, leaves a balance of \$9,952.10.

The Selectmen credit themselves with the following sums:--

M1SCELLANEOUS ORDERS.

Paid	State Tax \$1,004,00
""	County Tax
"	H. K. Martin, auditing accounts 1.50
""	Wm/(A. Carr, " " 1.50
66	Geo. W. Tucker, wood for town hall, 6.24
66	Geo. Hemphill, shoveling snow from town house, 1.00
"	B. Wiggin, sawing wood for town hall, 1.85
"	A. P. Howe & Son, printing reports & posters, 30.40
**	Joseph K. Lund, Insurance on town house, 11.00
"	Ziba Woods for use of horse 1.00
66	Edson C. Eastman for record books & blanks, 10.58
*6	Justin L. Piper, cash paid out 4.50

Paid	James E. Shepard, damage to carriage 40.00
4.6	C. F. Davis, part of Centennial money 50.00
"	Daniel P. Woodward, care of Henry Follansbee, 9.00
"	J B Raynes medical attendance, " 14.15
44	C. F. Davis, balance of centennial money, 150.00
"'	E. P. Ring, lathing & plastering town hall, 4.50
"	C. B. Osgood, repairing carriage of Dr Richards, 4.18
"	C. B. Osgood, repairs on town hall
"	Benj. Wiggin, sawing & putting wood in hall, 1.50
••	John E. French wood for town hall 4.50
"	J. B. Raynes, records of births & deaths,75
"	E. C. Eastman, blank books &c 5.58
"	O. D. Cram, damage done to sheep by dogs. 3.00
"	Oliver Peaslee, """" 12.00
"	W. F. Wallace, record of births & deaths75
"	John W. Sawtell, shoveling snow from hall 1.00
"	Wm. Trow, damage to wagon and harness, 2.00
"	Geo. W. Eaton, damage to sheep by dogs, 3.00
66	J. C. Bailey, use of watering tub 3.00
ډ.	C. M. Newman, use of watering tub 2.00
"	Dr. G. N. Gage, record of deaths
"	G. M. Cressy, damage to sheep by dogs 5.00
"	Alberton Peaslee, over-tax 12.19
. 46	Dr. P. B. Richards, record of deaths 1.00
"	D. G. Peaslee, use of watering tub 2.00
"	F. C. Brockway, postage & stationery 7.25
"	John E. French, 2 trips to Concord & expenses, 3.95
"	" " postage, expenses, nails, &c. 3.16
"	Edwin Nichols, damage done to sheep by dogs, 8.00
"	Town Board of Education for services 60.00
"	Justin L. Piper, cash paid out 5.00

Total	\$2,447.78
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BREAKING ROADS.

"	James W. Hoyt	\$5.00
"	Edwin C. Messer	13.83
'ı	Jackson Dowlin	14.50

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Paid	Prescott Colby	\$17.61	
"	Uriah Colby	25.50	
	A. S. Cressy	9.88	
"	A. F. Smith	84.84	
"	John O. Nichols	26.67	
66	Fred O. Howlett	16.00	
66	Fred C. Brockway	61.75	
44	Willis N. Bly	15.18	
"	S. G. Stevens	22.27	
• 6	Carlos Abbott	13.42	
"	S. K. Hall	10.35	
	R. E. Harvey	27.19	
"	J. H. McDonnell	43.81	
"	O. D. Cram	16.77	
	L. P. Jameson	1.75	
6.66	Wm. D. Sawyer	9.02	
"	N. R. Forsaith	2.46	
46	D. G. Peaslee	81.18	
- 66	E. H. Eaton	17.84	
\$ \$	G. M. Eaton	29.55	
"	Alden W. Roe	11.07	
	Total	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	\$ 4

Fotal	\$476.94

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REPAIRS OF ROADS AND BRIDGES

Paid	Henry McCoy, labor on road	\$1.50
**	Edwin Nichols, " " ······	14.00
	Prescott Colby	10,90
"	Parker B. Craige	12.45
"	Wm. S. Grant, lumber for bridges	29.73
66	Sharon Jameson, plank	1.50
6 fi	Geo. W. Hoyt	12.00
"	Wm. B. Fifield, bridge stringers	3.00
66	Rand & Cheney, bridge timber and plank	61.51
"	Mason Holmes, labor & materials for bridge	44.04
"	Parker B. Craige, labor on road,	10.20
	Tucker & French, timber and plank	13,03
66	John E. French, powder, fuse, &c. furnished,	3.06
**	C. B. Wyman, labor on roads	7.47

Paid	G. W. Hoyt, labor on roads	\$16.55	
""	D. Moody Morse, material & labor on bridge,	5.12	
" "	Edwin Nichols	15.00	
""	Willis N. Bly, repairing bridges	4.88	
,'	W. D. Thompson, iron for railing	3.57	
"	O. D. Cram, labor and materials	3.86	
.'	Rand & Cheney, plank and timber	22.81	
""	Tucker & French, plank & stringers	12.57	
""	John E. French, labor & materials on bridge		
	near Rand & Cheney's mill	21.05	
""	Eathan Piper, labor on road	1.25	
6.6	A. B. Blood, labor on bridge	2.50	
"	John E. French, labor & material on road	2.71	
	Total		\$336.26

EXPENSES OF SCHOOLS.

Cash paid Board of Education, Town Dist. No. 2, and Prudential committee of Union Dist. No. 1.

UNION DISTRICT NO. 1. Paid Ira K. Eaton...... \$544.64

	TOWN DISTRICT NO. 2.	
Paid	George B. Andrews	\$245.50
"	Charles F. Davis	198.22
"	D. G. Peaslee	131.66
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Total..... \$1,120.02

EXPENSES OF COUNTY POOR.

Mary Harrop \$9.00	
Caroline Jameson 9.00	
John Withington 36.09	
Harrison Sargent	
Nancy D. Hoyt 89.25	
Daniel P. Woodward 134.84	
Dolly Dudley 132.00	
M. B. V. Davis 121.17	
Transient Paupers 12.00	
Total	

EXPENSES OF TOWN POOR.

James J. Hoyt	\$33.00
Silas E. Foster	112.60
John Colby	43.11
B. B. Barnes	119.03
Peter C. Gregg	20.39
Total	\$328.13

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Paid	John E. French, Se	rvices as	Selectman	\$59.94
"	D. Moody Morse,	"		35.25
" "	Justin L. Piper,	44		33.00
"	Geo. W. Tucker,	services	as Treasurer,	40.00
"	C. H. Morrill,	"	as Town Clerk,	35.00
"	Fred C. Brockway,	"	Collector	50.00
• • •	Wm. G. Hoyt	" "	Supervisor,	8.00
"'	C. H. Ripley,	" "	66	8.00
"	G. A. Cilley,	64	66	8.00
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Total......\$277.19

ABATEMENTS AND DISCOUNTS.

Abatements	on F.	C.	Brockwa	ay's	book	of 1886,	\$3.63
""	6 6		" "		"	1887,	7.76
Discounts on	taxes	paid	before	Nov	. 1st,	1887,	69.45

Total...... \$80.84

REPORT OF TOWN HALL.

For the year beginning March 1st, 1887, and ending Feb. 27, 1888.

Paid B. Wiggin, sawing and getting in wood	\$1.85
" John E. French for wood	4.50
" B. Wiggin, sawing and putting in wood	• 1.50
" C. B. Osgood for oil, broom, chimney & wick	s, 3.93

Total	\$11.78

RECEIPTS.

Received of the estate of C. H. Ripley	\$8.60
" of C. B. Osgood	29.00
Total	\$37.60
Deduct expenses	11.78
Balance in favor of the hall	\$25.82

RECAPITULATION.

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Paid Miscellaneous orders *	2,447.78
" Breaking roads	476.94
" Repairs on roads & bridges	336.26
" Expenses of schools	1,120.02
" Support of county poor	553.10
" Support of town poor	328.13
" Town officers' bills	277.19
" Abatements & discounts	80.84
" Coupons	472.00
" Bonds redeemed	3,000.00
Interest accured on bonds	79.88
Cash in hands of treasurer March 1st, 1888	773.15
Highway receipts for 1887	10.44
Total	\$9,955.73
Deduct collector made on celectmen's book of 1886	
not charged to selectmen, of	3.63
Leaves a balance of	\$9,952.10

Which balances the selectmen's accounts.

LIABILITIES MARCH 1st, 1888.

Amount of bonded	debt	\$9,200.00
Interest on same to	March 1st, 1888	306.66
Due town Newbur	y for school property, in Unic	n
Dist. No.	12	• 100.00
Interest on same to Due town Newbur	March 1st, 1888 y for school property, in Unio	306.66

ASSETS.

ASSETS.
Cash in hands of treasurer March 1st, 1888 \$773.15
Taxes uncollected on Fred C. Brockway's book, 261.44
Due from Carlos Abbott on Walden Ward farm,
secured by mortgage 472.09
Total\$1,506.68
Indebtedness of the town March 1st, 1888 \$8,099.98
Indebtedness of the town March 1st, 1887 \$10,921.04
Deduct indebtedness March 1st, 1888 8,099.98
Reduction of town debt the past year \$2,821.06
Respectfully Submitted,
JOHN E. FRENCH, D. MOODY MORSE, JUSTIN L. PIPER, Bradford.
Your Auditors having examined the books of the Selectmen, have found them correctly and neatly kept, and the vouchers, fig- ures, and footings correct.

Feb., 28, 1888.	G. A. CILLEY, Auditors.	
	H. C. FELCH, Additions.	

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

G. W. Tucker, Treasurer	Dr.
To Cash on hand March 1st, 1887 \$1,175.65	
Received of town of Enfield 23.15	
" for support of county paupers 553.10	
"Railroad Tax 329.67	
" Savings Bank Tax 1,154.34	
" Literary Fund	
" Rent of Town Hall 33.67	
" for produce sold from B. B. Barnes' farm 34.00	
" for use of hearse 2.00	
" for seven lots in cemetery 75.00	
" of F.C. Brockway, taxes & int. book 1886, 164.65	
" " Int. on taxes of 1887 15.25	
" " Taxes of 1887, 6,186.39	
Total\$9,8	374.89

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid	Selectmen's orders	\$3,580.42
"	State tax	1,004.00
""	County tax	955.00
"	Bonds redeemed	3,000.00
44	Coupons	472.00
44	Interest on bonds	79.88
"	Non-resident highway receipts	10.44
Cash	on hand March 1st, 1888	773.15
	Total	\$9,874.89

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. TUCKER, Treasurer.

Your Auditors have examined the books of the Town Treasurer, and the vouchers belonging thereto; they find the books well and correctly kept, and the footings right.

G. A. CILLEY, Auditors. H. C. FELCH, Auditors.

Bradford, Feb. 28, 1888.

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Date. 188	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage,	Age.	Calor.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.
Feb. 8	Dunbarton, N. H	Everett Kittredge	Bradford, N. H	36	White	Salesman
		Elisabeth C. Page	Dunbarton, N. H	33	"	Housework.
Mar. 1	Washington, N. H	Orlando T. Bagley	Bradford, N. H	40	"	Farmer
		Minnie D. Bingham.	Newbury, "	23	÷ 46	Housework.
Apr. 2	Contoocookvill	Frank Peaslee	Bradford, N. H	29	"	Farmer
		Nellie Coburn	Contoocook, N. H	25	"	Housework.
May 5	Bradford, N. H	Elisha H. Eaton	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	70	"	Farmer
		Mary E. Smyth		49	"	Housework.
May 10	Washington, N. H	Edmond P. Ring	Bradford, N. H	37	"	Farmer
		Mary J. Smart	Warner, "	17	**	Housework.
Sept. 18	Concord, " "	Cyrus E. Hadley	Bradford, "	24	"	Merchant
		Sara Redington	Warner, "	30	"	Teacher
Nov. 24	Bradford, ""	George A. Sargent	Bradford, "	28	"	Farmer
		Dora E. Woodbury	Washington "	22	"	Housework.

To the Selectmen: In compliance with an act of the legislature passed June session, 1987, requiring Clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages, and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the Annual Reports, I hereby submit the following:

VITAL STATISTICS.

Marriages registered in the town of Bradford, N. H. for the year ending Dec. 31, 1887.

	Name of Parents.	Distribute of Description	01	ingle or wid- wed marriage	
Place of Birb: of each.		Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation.	1st 2nd &c.	son by whom married.
Bradford	John Kittridge	Bradford	Farmer	2nd	Rev.
	Mary Marshall	66	Housework.		Edward M. Parker
**	Bard P. Page	"	Farmer	' ist	Concord, N. H.
	Louisa Cręssy	"	Housework.		
Warner, N. H	David D. Bagley	"	Farmer	IST	Rev.
	M. Hart.	Warner, N. H	Housework.	ist	Levi M. Powers,
Newbury, "		· ·			Washington,
					N. H.
Bradford, N. H		Newbury, N. H	Farmer	ıst	Robert T .Walcott
	Abbie Putney	Washington, N.H.	Housework.		Justice of the peace
46 66		11 usining (013, 11.11.	mouse work?	1.50	Contoocook,
		•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••			N. H.
<i>66 66</i>	Elisha Eaton	Bradford, N. H	Farmer	2nd	Joshua Eaton,
		-	Housework.		
Groton "	Elize Jackman	Caratan		2110	Justice of the peace,
Groton, "	Abel Tandy	Groton	Farmer		Bradford, N. H.
D 16 1 //	Sarah Wood		Housework	•	P
Bradford, "	Obediah E. Ring.	Deering, N. H	Mason	2nd	Rev.
	Colby.	Henniker, "	Housework	ıst	Levi M. Powers,
Warner "	George Smart	Concord, "	Farmer		Washington,
	Ordway.	Webster, "	Housework		N. H.
Bradford.	Ezekiel Hadley	Springfield	Blacksmith.	rst .	Rev. J. R. Ewer
	Sophrona A. Hoyt	\hat{H} illsborough	••••••		Čoncord, N. <i>H</i> .
Sutton	Oliver P. Redington	Warner	Manufacturer	ıst	,
	Betsy H. Morgan				
Bradford	Albert Sargent		Farmer	ıst	Charles F. Davis.
	Eunice Jones				Bradford, N. H.
	Charles Woodbury.				Justice of Peace.
	Prudence Crane				justice of I cate.
	ridence Cialle	Washington	ATOUSCWOIK		

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief, CHARLES H. MORRILL, Town Clerk.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Births registered in the town of Bradford, N. H. for the year ending Dec. 31, 1887.

Date. 1887.			SEX AND CONDITION. Male or Living or No.of Female. Stillborn. child. Color,		Color,	Name of Father,	Maiden name of Mother.		
Aug. 18	Cilley	Female	Living	1st.	White	George A. Cilley	Hattie A. Cheney		
Nov. 18	Gracie B. Sargent	"	"		"	Willis H. Sargent	Mattie B. Palmer.,		
Nov. 20	Lambert Lamberton	Male	"	3d	"	David H. Lamberton	Florence Davis		
Nov. 28	Arthur Peaslee	"	"		"	George Peaslee	Anstena Wagner		

Color,	Residents of Parents.	Occupation of Father,	Birthplace of Father,	Birthplace of Mother.		
White	Bradford, N. H	Merchant	Bradford, N. H	Sutton, N. H		
"	۶ <u>،</u>	R.R. section hand	66	Warner N. H.		
"	North Conway N. H.	Teacher	Cornish N. H.	Cambridgeport Mass		
"	Bradford N. H.	Brakeman	Bradford N. H.	Germany		

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief, CHARLES H. MORRILL, Town Clerk. •

	Place of Death. adford, N. H.	Name of Deceased.	Yrs.	. Mos,	Diatre					
	adford, N. H.	D., I., D. D1			, Days	. Place of Birth.	Female.	Color.	Widowed.	Occupation.
Mar 6		Perley B. Bly	••••	8	14	Bradford, N. H	Male	W.	Single	Farmer
	"	Carrie A. Hoyt	13	4	7	44 .	Female	44	44	
Apr. 4	44	Dexter D. Butman	49		10	44	Male	**	Married	
Apr. 9	44	Amaziah Hall	79	9	28	66	6 6	44		Farmer
Apr. 13	"	Angie W. Choate.	26		3	Warner, N. H	Female	"	Single	
Apr. 23	44-1-					Bradford, N. H			-	Postal Clerk
Apr. 2	66		1.7		-	Warner, N. H		"	Single	Housework
May 2	66	Emily E. Davis	34	8	26	Bradford, N. H	"	66	Married	"
May 8	66	-			28	Goshen, N. H	Male	ډ.		Farmer.

VITAL STATISITICS.

Deaths registered in the town of Bradford, N. H. for the year ending Dec. 31, 1887.

PLACE OF Father.	BIRTH. Mother.	Name of Father.	Maiden •Name of Mother.	Disease, or Cause of Death.	Occupation of Father.
······		W. N. Bly	H. E. Page	Spinal disease	Farmer
·····		Benjamin F. Hoyt.	Alziade Eaton	Consumption	**
	*****	Paul L. Butman	Mary Kenny	Stomach Stricture	"
**		Oliver Hall			
Hopkinton	Warner	Wm. P. Choate	Martha Bailey	Consumption	Stone Cutter
E. Kingston	Claremont	Weare Tappan	Lucinda Atkins	Heart Disease	Lawyer
Warner	"	John P. Palmer	Phebe Wells	Old Age	Farmer
Bradford	Bradford			Congestion of the brain	"
Goshen	Stoddard			Measles & Pneumonia.	Shoemaker
1 I	hereby certify that	the above return is	correct, according to	the best of my knowledg	e and belief,
• •				ARLES H. MORRIL	

VITAL STATISTICS.

Deaths registered in the town of Bradford, N. H. for the year ending Dec. 31, 1887.

Date of Death 1887.	-	f Death.	Name of Deceased.	Yrs	AGE Mos.	C. Days	Place of Birth.	Male or Female.	Color.	Single, Married or Widowed.	Occupation.
July 1st	Bradford	N. H.	Mary Emma Lewis	12		24	Bradford	Female	W.	Single	School-girl
July 8th	""	"	Asa Sargent	78		-	"	Male	**	Married	Farmer
Aug. 23d	**	"	Martha E. Bates	63	4	5	Amherst, N. H.	Female	**	44	Housework
Aug 17th	"	"	Daniel Carr	8Ğ		15	Newbury, Mass.	Male—	"	66	Merchant
Sept. 7th	"	"	Jane Bumford	92	4	8	Notingham NH	Female	"	Widow	Housework
Sept. 25th	66	**	David M. Morse	79	4	19	Bradford, "	Male	"	Married	Farmer
Oct. 15th			Emma B. Felch	16	II	27	Bradford "	Female	"	Single	School-girl
Oct. 30th		"	Relief L. Trow	65			Andover "	Female	"	Married	Housework
Nov. 23d		"	Charles H. Ripley	45	4	28		Male—	"	"	Sectionforeman
Dec. 1st	"	"	Benj. E. Wadleigh	82	2		Sutton "	"	"	"	Manufacturer
Dec. 25th	"	"	Betsey J. Sargent	76	9	2	Henniker "	Female	"	Widow	Housework

PLACE OF Father.	BIRTH. Mother.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Disease, or Cause of Death.	Occupation of Father.
Newbury, N. H	Milton, Mass	Evans H. Lewis	Georgie A. Marden.	Consumption Paralysis	Wheelwright Carpenter
Andover "	Stanstead, N. H. Grafton, " Atkinson	Moses Carr Jona. Patten Joseph Morse Hosea C. Felch Joseph Cilley Wm. Ripley Moses Wadleigh	Abigail NoyesJane PattenJudith Short Judith Short H. H. White Susan Springer Eliza Greeley Elisabeth Dow	Dysentery Old age Apoplexy Heart trouble Consumption Rheumatism of heart	" Merchant Farmer " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief, CHARLES H. MORRILL, Town Clerk.

SCHOOL REPORT.

The School Board herewith present to the town the general and statistical report of all the schools for the year ending March 1, 1888.

The whole number of scholars according to the report of teachers attending schools in the town was 183. That is to say, exclusive of duplicate enrollments, there were registered 87 Boys, and 97, Girls, and included 3 under six years of age, 30 over sixteen years of age, and 150 between the ages of six and sixteen years, making a total number of different scholars registered 183.

Our schools have prospered as well as can be expected under the circumstances attending measles in epidemic form, both in the spring and winter terms and seriously affected the progress of three of them.

We have been very fortunate in the selections of teachers, they have all done their best for the scholars, but it was impossible for the scholars in the town district to learn what they ought to learn, in a school year of only fifteen weeks.

It is the duty of parents to give the teachers of their children every reasonable support and take interest in their practical education. They should teach them obedience at home and they will not forget their home instruction and will thus learn the first duty of a soldier and scholar, which is to obey.

The requirements of law demand that teachers should posess a good moral character in addition to all other qualifications and this requirement is the most important; it stands first.

Most of the children attending our schools were young and their minds are to a greater or less extent moulded by their instructors; these teachers, for a certain portion of the year take the place of the parents and the responsibility they assume is of no uncertain character; it is for the development of the intelectual faculties of the young "the future men and women of the town" and state, too. What greater work or nobler effort can you assign them?
Next to good teachers, we need comfortable school-houses suitable for the work. It is proper to state here, that repairs are necessary the coming year and should not be neglected.

Some of the houses are unfit for a winter school. We are required by law to make suggestions relative to our schools and we believe that something additional to the sums required by law should be raised for school purposes. We need a uniformity of text books and books for reference and we urge the citizens of the town to consider the facts that the schools of N. H. are working under the town system which is similar to that of Massachusetts. and also the fact that our late townsman "Hon. Mason W. Tappan, the last year of his life had charged his views on the question and said he hoped the town system would prevail and districts under special acts would throw up their charters and come in under the General Law, believing that a more successful educational system would thus be established,

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE

CENTER SCHOOL.

2nd term :- Myron C. Smith, Mary B. Dow, Laura E. Hovt, Abbie N. Hovt.

WEST SCHOOL

1st term. Bertie L. L. Nichols, Plummer D. Chase, Charlie H. Chase George W. Gautier, Mary A. Chase, Emily R. Moon, Susie M. Moon.

MASSASSECUM SCHOOL.

1st term. Sadie W. Davis, Fred J. Douglass, Homer C. Douglass, Mabel P. Cheney.

2nd term. Mabel P. Cheney, Fred A. Colby, Fred J. Douglass, Homer C. Douglass.

PLAIN SCHOOL

1st term. Ralph E. Messer. 2nd term. Mortimer K. Ward. ANDREWS SCHOOL

1st term. Charles P. Craig, Clinton D. Craig, Ella T. Purington. 2nd term. Etta N. Ring.

SPRING SCHOOL.

1st term. Mary A. Chase, Susie M. Moon, Fannie A. Moon Lizzie E. Moon.

JEWETTS SCHOOL.

1st term. Vira C. Page. 2nd term. Vira C. Page.

HOYT SCHOOL.

1st term. Chester F. Hoyt. 2nd term. Nettie Hoyt.

MELVIN'S SCHOOL.

1st & 2nd terms. Florence B. Andrews.

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1.

Primary department, 1st term. Mattie B. Day, Fannie M. Farrar, Clarence E. Bailey, Joseph Garfoli, Harry L. Holmes, Arthur W. Tappan. 2nd term: Ida M. Eaton, Fannie M. Farrar. 3d term: Stella L. Blood, Mary S. Sawtell, Joseph Garfoli

Grammar department. 1st term: Herman M. Blaisdell, 2nd term: Charles B. Abbott, Harlon P. Morse, Leon Morse 3d term: Charles B. Abbott, Albert M. Blaisdell, Herman M. Blaisdell, Fred M. Jones, George A. Marshall, Harlon P. Morse, Leon M. Morse, Thomas Sargent, Annie F. Smith.

During the school at the plain Eva L. Gillingham, Flora E. Bean, and Charlie E. Wells did not miss a word in spelling, and Maud M. Gillingham only one word. 2nd term: Eva L. Gillingham, Minnie B. Peaslee, Flora E. Bean, and Charles E. Wells did not miss a word in spelling, and maud M. Gillingham only one word. In Hoyt school Minnie B. Peaslee did not miss in spelling.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF UNION DISTRICT. GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

During the year this school has had the services of good teachers. The examination at the close of each term has been excellent.

The spring term was taught by Miss Flanders. She proved an efficient teacher, and the committee would have gladly secured her services for a long period, but she accepted another posistion, much to the regret of pupils and parents.

The fall term was taught by Mr. A. P. Howe Mr. Howe was an experienced teacher, and he brought to the school the record of past success and an efficient scholarship. His elucidation of problems he made clear to the dullest apprehension. The school made good progress, especially in mathematics and rhetorical exercises. The examination clearly showed that the scholars knew what they were about. The term had smaller attendance than usual, and if all that was desirable was not accomplished, the lack may be assigned to want of inclination on the part of some of the pupils, rather than to a lack of assistance rendered.

The winter term was taught by Mr. J. H. Johnson. He possessed the desirable quality of a good teacher, "aptness to teach," and being a good disciplinarian he met with very good success with his large school. The examination at the close of the school was very good indeed.

In this school, the highest grade in town, much really needs to be done to place it in the position it should occupy. The school room needs many repairs, and many of the text books in use are incorrect and behind the times. If we are satisfied fo trudge on BEHIND all others, keep in use what others have long since discarded, we must expect to fail of the best results.

J. H. GANNETT, Committee.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Addie A. Cheney, 'Teacher.

Mrs. Cheney has had charge of this deportment the entire year. It is highly gratifying to all who are interested in educating our youth, to note the tendency in this district to keep those teachers to the front who are qualified by nature and acquirements for their high calling, Next to home influences, for good (when rightly managed) that comes within the universal reach of the youth of our land.

Mrs. Cheney's reputation and efficiency as an educator is too well known to require any words from me. I cannot forbear however, to express my conviction that her intercourse with this school has been profitable in a pecuniary point of view, agreeable and pleasing in its social relations, and most salutary as view fromed the highest moral stand-point.

No mother could be more tenderly solicitous for the comfort and convenience of her little ones, than she manifested for the welfare of her pupils.

Parents, you have done much toward furnishing the youth with the means of acquiring a thorough, practical education, "but one thing thou lackest" Go sell the old superannuated text books, which are as much out of place in the school-houses of to-day, as a sod hoe in the hands of a gardener, and replace them with the best and most practical works the market affords.

Elect men to look after your school interest who are neither radicals in favor of "any thing for a change" nor case-hardened against every thing which deviates from the beaten track of our forefathers. Let there be a fair understanding between the Board of Education ot the town district, and the Superintending Committee of Union District, on this vital question of text books. Throw prejudice to the four winds, and look at this question from a business stand-point, as you would the matter of tools or machinery for your farms or work shops; ask yourselves which will pay the best dividends, rather than inquire what can be had for the lowest possible outlay. It is important that the same text books be used in the Union District, that are used in the Town District. Any citizen of the town is liable to move into the limits of Union Dis. or out of said limits; and in either case, if there is not a uniformity of text books in use, the result will either be a chaos of books in the schools, or an unnecessary outlay for new books.

I desire to call the attention of the citizens to another topic connected with the subject of schools, and that is the feasibility of a State law requiring towns to purchase text books for the use of the public schools, governed by wholsome rules and regulations touching the damage or abuse of such books by the pupils. It would seem that the Board of Education, or the proper officer, could purchase the books cheaper in lots to to supply the town, than parents could purchase single Vols-for.

And in regard to paying for the books by assessing a tax, such a course seems to me to be just and equitable; as schools are a public institution, the expense of their maintainance should be adjusted in the same way as other public expenses.

I cannot conceive why books should be paid for by private disbursement any more than maps, charts, globes; or even fuel and shelter, which no one will contend should be paid for from individual funds. The advantages to be derived from this system are manifest: first, uniformity text books; second, cheapness; third, a universal distribution of books, no pupil would be without a full and complete equipment, since people are so jealous of their rights, touching any thing to be paid for by public tax; the embarrassment of those in indigent circumstances, resulting from the operations of the present law, would be avoided.

There is no possible way of reaching a proper adjustment of this matter except through the ballot-box, and no way of reaching the ballot-box except by interesting the people. Let no partizan feeling enter into the consideration of this matter, and no morbid prejudice warp your judgment. No subject is more vital to your best interests, or more deserving of your candid consideration.

A. P. HOWE, COMMITTEE.

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT.

		SPECIAL SCH	OOL.	DIS	STRIC	Т.					•	
Name of school-house.	No. of term.	Teacher.	Weeks of School.	No. of pupils.	Average No. pupils be- longing to the school.	Per cent. of daily atendance.	Average attendance.	Honor Rell.	School Board Visits.	Other Visits.	Wages with board.	
Centre	1st	Annie C. Smith	7	19	15	13	.8666	0	2	25	\$24.00	
Centre	2nd	Effie F. McLaren	8.	30.		24	.9100	ð ,	3	22	28.00	}
West	1st	Clara J. Nichols	7	13	13	12	.9230	8	1	3	18.00	}
Massassecom	1st	Ida C. Davis	7	8	8	8	1.000	5	2	14	16.00	
Massassecum	2nd	Mary C. Smith	8	14	13	13	.9500	4	2	13	20.00	
Plain	1st	Effie S. Johnson	7	8	7	6	.8571	1	1	1	47.00	
Plain	2nd	Effie S. Johnson	10	9	8	7	.8750	1	1	10	18.00	
Andrews	1st	Marian F. Davis	7	6	6	6	1.000	5	2	7	16.00	
Andrews	2nd	66 66	8	8	8	8	1.000	1	1	3	18.00	
Springs	1st	May C. Smith	8	11	11	11	1.000	8	2	18	19.00	
Jewett's	1st	Jennie I. Clogston	7	6	6	5	.8333	1	2	7	16.00	
Jewett's	2nd	- 66 - 66	8	5	5	5	1.000	1	2	2	18.00	
Hoyt	1st	Maritta Ewins	8	7	7	5	.7142	1	3	12	20.00	
Hoyt	2nd	Ernest C. Currier	12	12	10	9	.9000	1	4	30	36.00	23

	1	UN	ION	DI	STRIC	TN	0. 1.				1
	No. of term.	Teacher.	Weeks of School.	No. of pupils.	Average No. pupils be- longing to the school.	Per cent. of daily attendance.	Average attendance.	Honor Roll.	School Board Visits.	Other Visits.	Wages with board.
	1st	Mrs. Addie A. Cheney	9	29	26	24	.9238	7	4	35	\$32.00
Grammar Department.	2nd	** ** ** **	10	26	25	23	.9200	3	3	34	32.00
	3d	** ** ** **	10	20	17	15	.8823	3	5	24	32.00
•	1st	Avis J. Flanders	9	17	13	12	.9230	1	4	25	32.00
Primary Department	2nd	A. P. Howe	9	26	24	22	.9166	3	4	12	40.00
	3d	James H. Johnson	10	38	36	27	.7500	11	5	50	44.00

Respectfully Submitted,

George B. Andrews, Daniel G. Peaslee, Charles F. Davis,

F. C. BROCKWAY,

Bradford, N. H.

-DEALER IN-



OYSTERS,

AND

VEGETABLES OF ALL KINDS.

W. F. WALLACE.

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON.

BRADFORD, N. H.

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BRADFORD, N. H.



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF BRADFORD, N. H.

FOR THE

Year Ending March 1st, 1889.

BRADFORD, N. H. Printed By A. P. Howe & Son. 1889.

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SELECTMEN'S RFPORT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1889.

Valuation of the Town April 1st, 1888.

Description.	No.	Value.
Real Estate,	\$	292,539.00
Polls,	271	27,100.00
Horses,	222	$14,\!326.00$
Oxen,	126	7,406.00
Cows,	396	10,876.00
Other Neat Stock.	481	9,478.00
Sheep,	901	2,647.00
Hogs	12	98.00
Carriages,	15	980.00
Stock in Public Funds,		4,300.00
Stock in Banks,		11,639.00
Cash on hand and at interest,		42,764.00
Stock in Railroads in this State,		7,300.00
Stock in Trade,		16.280.00
Mills and Machinery,		5,450.00
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Total,.....

\$453,183.00

TAXES ASSESSED AGAINST TH	E TOWN.
State Tax,	\$1,270.00
County Tax,	984.69
Town Tax,	3,500.00
School Tax,	1,123.65
Amount of Highway tax paid in labor,	1,098.99
Amount of Dog Tax,	91.00
Total	\$8,0

\$8,068.33

CASH RECEIVED BY SELECTMEN.

Received	of C. B. Osgood for use of town hall, \$1.60
6 6	of Mrs. J. J. Hoyt, 8.75
	of J. C. Bailey, one lot sold in cemetery
	and use of hearse, 13.00
"	of Hiram Nichols for old plank, 1.00
" "	of F. H. Howe, balance in favor of hall, .71
د د#	taxes committed to F. C. Brockway, Col. 7,265.05
"	of F. C. Brockway, tax book of 1887, 224.52
"	for highway tax not paid in labor5.83
"	interest on taxes of F. C. Brockway, 15.00
	Total,

In the above item of tax committed to collector (\$7,270.88,)\$122.07 appears as an asset due the town as uncollected taxes; deduct the same \$122.07. from the above amount leaves a balance of

MISCELLANEOUS ORDERS.

Paid	W. G. Hoyt, Auditor of school accounts \$2.00
"	A. F. Smith, " " 3.00
"	J. Hadlock, American Champion Road Ma-
	chine and extra edge for the same, 258.00
٤.	Geo. A. Hemphill, shoring up floor under
	safe in Selectmen's Office,
" "	John W. Morse, error in Savings Bank Book, 10.00
"	A. S. Cressy, Auditor of school accounts, 2.00
"	W. F. Wallace, records of deaths and births, 2.50
"	Parker B. Craig, 1 Treasurer's Receipt Book
	and 1 Selectman's book of J. B. Sanborn, 2.00
"	Parker B. Craig, expenses to Concord and
	Manchester,
	Parker B. Craig, Stationery Stamps &c. 4.74
"	C. H. Marshall, repairing stove for town hall, 1.50
	L. W. Peabody, records of births,
"	Cerendo Gillingham, damage to sheep by dogs, 2.50

Paid	G. N. Gage, record of birth, \$.25
••	State Tax, 1,270.00
٤.	County,
"	H. C. Felch, 1.00
"	G. A. Cilley, 1.00
"	Tucker & French, wood for town hall, 1.58
"	L. H. True, digging grave for Mason Put-
	ney in 1885, 2.00
"	Benj. Wiggin, sawing wood for town hall, .42
"	A. P. Howe & Son, printing town reports, 30.00
"	L. W. Peabody, records of deaths,50
"	C. F. Davis, balance due Centennial Com. 17.10
•\$	J. K. Lund, insurance on town hall, 11.00
44	C. F. Davis for centennial books, 25.00
	C. F. Davis, Geo. S. Morgan & Horace K.
	Martin, centennial committee's services, 75.00
"	Parker B. Craig, books, record blanks &c.
	furnished the town, 10.50
"	G. L. Mitchell, freight on Road Machine, 8.25
"	Charles Gillis, board of Selectmen, 16.25
٤٠	Oi Hall, damage done to sleigh, 3.00
"	C. M. Newman, use of watering tub, 2.00
"	J. G. Peaslee, damage to sheep by dogs 5.00
""	Alberton Peaslee, overtax 1888, 18.76
"	David M. Morse, damage to sheep by dogs 30.00
"	Winfield S. Moon, " " 3.50
""	Geo. L. Ward, support of watering tub for
	the year 1886, 1887 & 1888, 6.00
"	L. W. Clough, record of births & deaths, .50
46	Frank Withington, damage to sheep by dogs 4.00
. 46	A. J. Cutting, " " 2.50
"	J. C. Bailey, support of watering tub, 3.00
" "	John H. Collins, damage to sheep by dogs, 10.00
"	Justin L. Piper, time & expenses to Co. farm, 2.75
"	Daniel G. Peaslee, town Board of Education, 80,00
• •	Fred C. Brockway, non-resident highway tax, .50
"	" " postage stamps & stationery, 8.97
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BREAKING ROADS. IN 1888.

BREAKING ROADS. IN 188	ð.
District No. 1, John Hoyt Surveyor,	\$57.45
" No. 2, J. Dow Chase, "	48.13
" No. 3, Ethan Piper, "	10.04
" No. 4, Charles A. Cressy, "	45.44
" No. J. W. Ward "	45.75
"No. 6, Parker B. Craig "	99.45
" No. 7, Mason Holmes, "	21.49
" No. 9, J. Willis Eaton, "	85.83
" No. 10, Charles Wyman, "	71.31
" No. 11, Page Cofrin, "	22.75
" No. 12, A. S. Dill, "	26.46
" No. 13, Orlin D. Cram, "	47.07
" No. 14, Nathan A. Knight, "	13.95
" No. 15, George W. Eaton, "	11,70
" No. 16, Greeley, M. Cresy, "	25.50
" No. 17, Willis N. Bly, "	33.10
" No. 18, J. A. Peaslee, "	19.80
" No. 19, Prescott Colby, "	39.63
" No. 20, A. B. Blood, "	78.25
" No. 21, Horace M. Dow, "	81.24
Paid Geo. H. Cheney for breaking roads in J. Dow-	
lin and Pond Districts,	6.87
District No. 24, Israel Andrews, Surveyor,	20.65
" No. 25, James M. Hoyt, "	39.93
" No. 26, Edwin Nichols, "	48.20
" No. 27, Geo. H. Cheney, "	26.54
" No. 29, James H. Blaisdell, "	31.50
" No. 30, Geo. W. Hoyt, "	56.25
" No. 31, Wm. D. Sawyer, "	11.25
Total,	\$1,120.53

REPAIRS OF ROADS AND BRIDGES.

District No. 1, Wm. O. Heat	h, Surveyor,	\$53.26
" No. 2, J. D. Chase,		9.30
" No. 3, Ethan Piper,		38.15
" No. 4, Sullivan G. Stev	ens, "	12.07
" No. 5, Justin L. Plper,	••••••	9.00
" No. 6, Ira F. Wiggin,	"	12.34

District	No. 9, Charles Trow,	Surveyor		52.19	
4 6	No. 10, G. A. Sargent,	"	•••••	11.48	
"	No. 17, Willis N. Bly,	"	· · · · · .	28.62	
" "	No. 20, E, G. Benton,	"	• • • • •	. 9.73	
" "	No. 25, W. S. Moon,	"		1.00	
	No. 30, W. G. Hoyt,	66	• • • • • • •	18.50	
Paid T	ucker & French,	• • • • • • • • • • • • •		83.52	
" I	Daniel U. Sawyer, work or	n road with	machine,	12.00	
" В	yron A. Cressy, running	road mach	ine,	36.00	
" P	rescott Colby, repairing re	oads in Dis	t. No. 19,	15.18	
•• T	ist. No. 23 R. C. Colby	, cutting b	ushes,	3.45	
·' I	Dist. No. 21 Fred M. Cres	ssy, ,	•••••	7.50	
	$Total, \dots$				\$413.29

EXPENSES OF SCHOOLS.

Cash paid Board of Education, Town District No. 2, and Prudential Committee of Union District No. 1.

Paid Mason	Holmes, Ur	nion District	No. 1,	\$64	1.95
Paid Daniel	G. Peaslee,	Town Distri	ct No.	2. 678	8.71

Total,..... \$1,320.66

EXPENSES OF COUNTY POOR.

Paid	Mrs. Dolly Dudley	\$90.25
"	John Withington,	62.68
"	Mrs. Nancy Hoyt,	12.00
. **	Mrs. Bell Fellows,	23.14
""	Martin V. B. Davis,	14.16
""	Transient Paupers,	3.75

Total,..... \$212.48

EXPENSES OF TOWN POOR.

Peter C. Gregg,	\$84.77
Silas E. Foster,	122.00
Gilman Hadley,	82.00
John Colby,	47.88
Almon Dowlin,	64.50

Total,		\$692.45
Mrs. J. J. Hoyt,	8.75	
J. J. Hoyt,		
B. B. Barnes,	\$265.80	

TOWN OFFICER'S BILLS.

Paid	Parker B. Craig, services as Selectman,	\$65.50
"	Justin L. Piper, " "	35.40
"	Winfield S. Moon, " "	45.50
"	A. P. Howe, Town Clerk,	40.00
"	W. G. Hoyt, Supervisor,	16.00
""	G. A. Cilley, "	16.00
"	C. B. Osgood, "	16.00
"	G. A. Cilley, Town Treasurer,	30.00
"	F. C. Brockway, Collector,	50.00
	Total,	\$314.48

ABATEMENTS AND DISCOUNTS.

Abatements on	F. C. I	Brockway's	s book	of 1887,	\$36.92	
"	" "	• •	"	1888,	17.49	
Discount on ta	xes paid	before N	ov. 1st.	1888,	76.47	
		Total,	•••••			\$130.88

TOWN HALL REPORT

	FROM MA	ARCH 14th 1888 TO MARCH 1st 1	889.
March 24	th, receive	d of G. F. Adams,	\$.57
May 12th	ι, "	of Glass Blowers,	1.85
" 25tl	ı "'	of Baptist Aid Society,	.25
" 29t	h "	for Grange Lecture,	.25
June 1st	" "	of Crosby, Page & Gove	.25
" 4th	"	for use of hall for dance,	.42
🤨 14th	"	of Baptist Aid Socity,	.25
·' 28th	"	of Bell Ringers,	1.40
July 11th	""	of Bradford Dramatic Club,	2.40

July	13th	Received of Baptist Aid Society,	\$.25	
	26th	······································	.25	
	27th	" of " [*] " "	.42	
Aug	6th	" of Cressy Brothers,	.42	
	10th	" of Baptist Aid Society,	.42	
	17th	66	.42	
"	23d		.25	
44	24th		.42	
	. 25th		1.17	
Oct.		" of Grammar School,	.25	
4.	19th	•• J. C. Bailey,	.25	
**	23d	" W. H. Hagar,	.25	
	24th	* Democratic Club,	.17	
	25 th	" of Grammar school lyceum	.25	
	26th	" of Democratic Club	.25	
	29th	" of Democratic Committee	.25	
Nov.		• of Grammar School	.25	
46	3nd	" of J. C. Bailey	.25	
	5th	" of Democratic Committee	.25	
۰.	16th	" of J. C. Bailey	.59	
Dec.		" of Baptist Aid Society	.42	
	18th	" of B. & N. Fair, for dance	.72	
	z4th	" for Christmas gathering & rehers		
• •	31st	" of Bradford Cornet Band, Dance		
Jan.		" Bradford Dramatic Club, use of		
		hall 11 nights	4.22	
Feb.	2th	Received of primary school	.25	
	6th	" of Fred Hadley	.40	
46	8th		.67	
46	12th	" of Odd Fellow's, for dance	1.71	
	28th	" of Bradford Dramatic Club use		
		of hall 4 nights	.92	
	,	Total	the second se	24.81
			.	24.01
		DICDUDCOMENTO		
		DISBURSEMENTS.		
			\$5.00	
Apri		, 66 9	1.50	
	19th			
May			6.35	
Jan.		889 " for 2 lights glass & setting same,	. 38	
"	17'		2.00	
Paid	for oil	l, chimneys, burners, wicks &c.	7.89	

raid for on, childneys, burners, wicks &c.	1.09	
Total		\$24.10
Total Receipts		
Total Disbursements	24.10	
Balance in favor of hall		Ø 771
Dalance in favor of han		\$.71

RECAPITULATION.

Paid	Miscellaneous orders	2,932.13
"	Breaking roads	1,120.53
"	Repairs on roads & bridges	413.29
"	Expenses of schools	1,320.66
66	Support of County poor	212.48
"'		692.45
"	Town Officers' bills	314.40
	Abatements & Discounts	130.88
	in hands of Treasurer March 1, 1889,	2,868.40
	way receipts for 1888	
	Total	\$10,009

\$10,009-68

LIABILITIES MARCH 1st.	1889.
Amount of bonded debt	\$9.200.90
Interest on same to March 1st 1889	306.66
Due town of Newbury, school property in	
Union Dist. No. 12,	100.00
Total	\$9,606.66
ASSETS.	
Cash in hands of Treasurer March 1st, 1889,	\$2,868.40
Tax uncollected on Fred C. Brockway's book,	
Walden S. Ward farm	
Total	. \$3,490.88
Indebtedness of the town March 1st, 1888,	8,099.98
Indebtedness of the town March 1st, 1889,	6,115.78
Reduction of town debt,	\$1,984.20
Respectfully submitted,	•
PARKER B. CRAIC JUSTIN L. PIPER, WINFIELD S. MOO	G, SELECTMEN of BRADFORD.
Your Auditors have examined the books of the found them correctly and nicely kept, the vou footings correct.	
H. C. Feld	h.)

February 28, 1889.	H. C. Felch, D. Moody Morse, Auditor	s.
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To the Selectmen: In compliance with an act of the legislature passed June session 1887, requiring Clerks of towns and cities to furnish attranscript of the record of births, marriages, and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the Annual Reports, I hereby submit the following:

Death Registered in the town of Bradford for the year ending Decmber 1 1888

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Date of Death.	Place of Death.	Name and Surname of Deceased. Y		AGE. Mos. D	Place of ys. Birth.	Male o Female	r Col- c. or.	Kingle M or Wido	Occupation.	PLACE O Father.	F BIRTH. Mother.	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Disease, or Cause of Death.	Occupation of Father.	Name and P. O. Address. of Physician (ør other person) reporting death.
Jan 8	Bradford	Mary H Sargent	24	4	Bradford	NH F	W	S	Housekeeper	Bradford	Warner	Albert Sargent	Eunice Jones	Pneumonia		WFWallace Bradford
" 21	"	Janette Wyman	50	15	"	" F	"	M	"	"	Bradford	Calvin Cheney	Melinda Sargent	Consumption		PBRichards Bradford
" 22	"	Elizebeth V Wright	t59	5 22	2 Warner	" F	"	**	"	Warner		Richard Melvin	Betsy Stone	Nervous Prostratio	on	
Feb 20	"	Eunice C Sargent	65	11 29) "	" F	"	"	"	SouthhamptonN H	Southhampton N H	Nathaniel Jones	Polly Collins	Chronic Bronchiti	s	Leonard W Peabody
Apr 1	"	Daniel S Perkins	68	6 13	Newbury	" M	""	**	Farmer	Beverly Mass	Amesbury Mass	Edward O Perkins	Pricilla V Savery	Softening of Brain		WFWallace Bradford
" 24	**	Martha Severance	79	4	Henniker	" F	"		Housekeeper	Henniker N H	Rowley "	Jonathan Eastman	Mehitable Dole	General Debility		PBRichards Bradford
May 2	"	Nancy M Rand	49	5 27	Andover	" F	"	M	Housewife	Warner "		William B Courser	Nancy A Morey	Disease of liver		J M Rix Warner
" 8	"	Mary J Sawyer	14	II	Bradford	"	""	S		Bradford "	Hillsboro' N H	Daniel U Sawyer	Abby West	Meningitis	Farmer	GN Gage Washington
" 13	"	George C Sawtell	2	2 7	Bradford	" M	"	"		Warner "	Marblehead Mass	George Sawtell	Mary Cressy	Jaundice	Shoemaker	WF Wallace Bradford
" 19	"	Henry C Bartlett	28	6	Concord	"	"	Μ	Com Trav'l'r	Croydon "	Springfield N H	Martin C Bartlett	Augusta Codman	*		66 66
July 6	"	Submit H Tandy 7	71	II I0	Stoddard	" F	"	W	Housework	Stoddard "		Elisha Woods	Submit Hodgman	n Dropsy		P B Richards "
Aug 14	"	Ruthy Benton 8	83	I	Deering	" F	"	"	"	Marblehead Mass	Marblehead Mass	Robert Austen	R uthy Bland	Appoplexy		W F Wallace
" 27	"	David Hawks	82			Μ	"	¢¢,								66
" 30	"	Herbert O Harvey		2 27	Bradford N	Н"	"	S		Manchester N H	Newbury N H	Henry W Harvey	Etta M Morse		Carpenter	"
Sept 8	"	Harry H Kingsley		2 27	Charlst'n M	lass "	"	"		Boston Mass	New Orleans La	Eli S Kingsley	Funnie G Hurgitt	: Acute Gastritis	Policeman	26
Nov 9 l	Henniker	Mahala R Green	18	25		\mathbf{F}	"							Consumption		
Oct 31	"	MrsCarlos A Abbott	35	1 23	Bradford N	Н "	"	Μ	Housewife	Bradford N H	Bradford N H	Frederick Cheney	Sabria French	Ovarian Tumor	I	L W Clough
Dec 12	"	Edwin M Bailey	70	4	Newbury	" М	"	"	Carpenter	Salem "	Salem "	Cyrus Bailey	Martha Millett	Consumption	· • • • •	V F Wallace
" 28	"	Joslin J Hoyt	82	10 5		"	"		Farmer	Henniker "		Daniel Hoyt	Molly Hoyt	Bright's Disease]	P B Richard

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and ASBURY P. HOWE, To

To the Selectmen: In compliance with an act of the legislature passed June session 1887, requiring Clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages, and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the Annual Reports, I hereby submit the following:

Dat Bir	e of th.	Place of Birth.	Name of Child (if any.)	Male or. Female.	Living or Stillborn,	No. ofChild, Ist, 2nd, &c.	Color.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Color of Parents.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.		Birtl of M	iplace other.
Jan	12	Bradford		М	L	5th	W	George A Sawtell	Mary J Cressy	WI	Bradford N H	Shoemaker	Warner N	H	Marblehe	ad Mass
46.1	14	66	Baby Hoyt	\mathbf{F}	"	2nd	"	William Hoyt	Laura Hoyt	"	Ç	Farmer	Bradford "		Bradford	NH
"	31	"	Ruth Carr	F	""	ıst		William M Carr	Mamie Carr	"		Merchant			66 .	*6 (*)
Feb	3	"	Eddie J Hoyt	Μ	"	2nd	**	Edward Hoyt	Charlotte Hoyt	"	<u>_</u> {	Farmer	66		Deering	"
M'rch	22	"	Agnes A Smith	F	"	2nd	"	Clarence M Smith	Cora E Smith	"	144	Fireman	Barton Vt		Hookset	**
June	2	66	Herbert A Harvey	М	"	ıst	66	Henry W Harvey	Etta M Harvey	"	4.	Laborer	Manchester	ΝH	Newport	"
July	26	"	Cilley	F	"	2nd	"	George A Cilley	Harriet A Cilley	"	<u>]</u> .	Merchant	Bradford	"	Sutton	"
	15	66	Ruth Ward	F	"	ıst	"	Howard V Ward	Hannah Ward		1	Farmer	"	"	Bradford	"
Sept	29	66		М	"	2nd	"	George A Sargent	Ellen Woodbury		1	"	"	"	Deering	"
Oct	30	"	Sargent	F	"	3d	44	Frank F Sargent	Jennie M Tyrrell	"	ł"	"	Sutton	"	Atlantic O	cean

Births Registered in the town of Bradford for the year ending December 31, 1888

Marriages Registered in the town of Bradford for the year ending December 31, 1888.

Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Marriages Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age of each Colo	of Occupation of	dford for the year Place of Birth of each.	ending December Names of Parents	31, 1886. Birthplaee of Parents.	Occupation.	CONDITION: Whether single or widowed.	ر بن Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom
Bradford N H	Winfred B Cilley	Bradford N H	22 V	7 Merchant	Bradford N H	Bartlett G Cilley	Wilmot N H	Sawyer	S 1	J H Gannett Clerg
	Delma A Cheney	Sutton "	22 '	Housekeeper	Henniker "	Gilbert Cheney		Farmer	"	Bradford N H
So Sutton "	Frank B Bagley	Bradford "	38 "	Farmer	Bradford "	Barnard Basley	Warner "	Farmer	" 1	Azariah Cressy Clerg
	Addie M Hardy	Warner "	34 "	Housekeeper	Nashua "	Wm Hardy				I Sutton N H
`Bradford "	Fred W Sargent	Bradford "	31 "	Farmer	Bradford "	Albert Sargent	Bradford "	Farmer	"	F M Tappan Justice
	Etta Sargent	" "	18 "	Housekeeper	** **	Ira H Sargent	Warner "	Farmer	"	Bradford N H
"	J Frank Cheney	" "	40 "	Farmer	" "	Eben Cheney jr	Bradford "	"	"	2
	Sarah M Cheney	" "	20 "	Housekeeper	دد دد	Frederick Cheney	۰۰ ۰۰	"	"	2

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief: ASBURY P. HOWE, Town Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT

G. A. Cilley, Treasurer,	Dr.
RECEIPTS.	
Cash on han ! March 1st, 1888 \$773.15	
Received for support of County paupers 212.59	
" Railroad tax 346.22	
" Savings-Bank tax 1,152.86	
" Literary Fund 148.23	
" License of pool table 10.00	
" For one lot in cemetery 10.00	
" For use of hearse 3.00	
" Dr.'s Bill repaid by Mrs. J. J. Hoyt 8.75	
" For rent of town hall in 1887 1.60	
" For highway tax in district No. 6 1.04	
" of F. C. Brockway, tax & int. book 1887 224.52	
" " int. taxes of 1886, 15.00	
" " taxes of 1888, 7,313.31	
" For non-resident highway taxes, 4.46	
Total \$10,3	225.44

DISBURSEMENTS.

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Pa'd Selectmen's orders	. \$4,738.35
" State tax	. 1,270.00
" County tax	. 984.69
" Coupons,	. 364.00
Cash on hand March 1st 1889	. 2,868.40
Total	\$10,225.44

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. CILLEY, TBEASURER.

Your Auditors have examined the books of the town Treasurer and vouchers belonging thereto, find the books correctly kept and additions correct.

February 28, 1889.

H. C. Felch, D. Moody Morse, } Auditors.

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD.

RECEIPTS.

Total		\$749.35
Regular School Money	678.71	
School money from town of Newbury	50.00	
Balance from last year	\$20.64	

EXPENDITURES.

T	#=00 = x
Town of Warner, tuition for 1888	32.00
Town of Washington, tuition for 1887 & 8,	
Bills of school board, 1886	54.00
Wood	34.50
Cleaning school-houses	8.75
Supplies for school-houses	2.23
Repairs on school-houses	6.00
Wages of teachers	554.25

Total	. \$709.73
Balance unexpended	. 39.62
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	\$749-35

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 1.

-RECEIPTS.-

Balance from last year School Money		
Total		\$692.07
Wages of teachers		
Sundry bills-fuel, repairs &c	92.10	
Tot a l		\$596.60
Balance unexpended		95.47
		\$692.07

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ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

ANDREW'S SCHOOL. Etta N. Ring, both terms, Clinton D. Craig, 1 term.

CENTER SCHOOL. Myron C Smythe, Laura A. Colby, Gracie E. Wiggin, Lucy A. Wiggin, Katie A. Presby. both terms; May B. Dow, Ethel M. Davis, Laura A. Hoyt, Horace L. Barnes, Viola E. Hoyt, Margaret Presby, one term.

HOVT'S SCHOOL. Minnie B. Peaslee, Emily A. Peaslee, May S. Flanders, both terms; Maude M. Gillingham one term.

JEWETT'S SCHOOL Lena M. Colby, one term.

MANSASSECUM SCHOOL. Fred J. Douglass. Homer C. Douglass, Mabel P. Cehney, one term,

PLAIN. Lulu M Cram, Lura M. Peaslee, Mortimer K. Marshall, both terms; Ralph E. Messer, Fred G. Bean, Flora E. Bean, 1 term.

SPRINGS. Lizzie E. Moon, Mary A. Chase, Plummer D. Chase, Charles K. Chase, one term.

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

-SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, No. 1,-

PRIMARY SCHOOL. Mamie S. Sawtell, Carl P. Harris, Frank J. Steele, James L. Taylor three terms; Estella L. Blood, Fannie M. Farrar, Lizzie L. Hadley, Eva P. Marshall, Joseph Garfoli, Clarence E. Bailey, Harry L. Holmes, two terms; Eva F. Gibson, Edith N. Marshall, Lena M. Marshall, Florence H. White, Fred B. Hall. Harry H. Lewis, George A. Steele, Ida M. Steele, Mabel, E. Steele, Mattie B. Day, Grace E. Presby, Willie A. Sawtell, Charlie B. White, Willie N. Wyman, one term.

GRAMMAR School. George A. Marshall, two terms; Albert H. Blausdell, Willie A Sawtell, Flora M. Morse, Grace E Presby 1 term.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The Town School Board herewith present to the town the general and Statistical Report of all the schools, for the year ending March 1889.

The whole number of scholars attending school in town was 160, as per the registers, 83 boys and 77 girls. The whole number of children reported by the Selectmen in April 1888 was 113; ie 58 boys and 55 girls, between the ages of five and fifteen years.

All the teachers except five are residents of this town. We have tried to secure the services of good teachers, and think we have been very successful. The parents have manifested a great interest in the schools, and in every instance the schools have prospered where this was the caso.

We have discontinued the Jewett School. In the future the standard of our schools should be raised, and we solicit the earnest efforts of all parents and citizens to help us in this important work.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. DAVIS,	SCHOOL BOARD
DANIEL G. PEASLEE, {	of
GEORGE B. ANDREWS,)	BRADFORD

Feb. 28, 1889,

GENERAL REPORT OF UNION DISTRICT.

GRAMAR DEPARTMENT. The first two terms of this school were under the charge of Mr. Geo. F. Adams of Pemborke, a thorough and efficient teacher of scholarly attainments. Suffice it to say that the school made a good degree of progress under Mr. Adam's instruction, and the examinations showed that his method had been highly practical, and the money well expended. All things considered, we believe Mr. Adams to be a teacher fully up to the average. The third term was commenced by Mr. W. H. McLean of Chelsea, Mass. After a period of 8 unprofitable weeks, it was thought best to close the school. Believing that the school officers not only have the right, but are in duty bound to discontinue any school within their jurisdiction whenever such school shall be found by them to be unprofitable, your committee could see no other course open to them.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT. This school was in charge of Miss Alice M. Richards of Warner. Miss Richards labored faithfully for her pupils and won their confidence and esteem. It is glory enough for one teacher to be able to keep this school up to the standard to which it had been brought by Miss Richards' predecessor. The citizens of this district may well congratulate themselves on the harmony that has prevailed in this school, and may all good citizens unite in earnest efforts to secure still greater results in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

A. P. HOWE, CHAS. GILLIS, COMMITTEE.

School	Terms.	Reading.	Spelling.	Writing.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Physiology.	Book-keeping.	Algebra.	Philosophy.	Drawing.	Chemistry.	Composition.
Primary Department	1	28	28	22	26	19							-		
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Grammar Department	1	15	15	7	15	6	15	1	2		3	2			
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Andrews. District.	1	6	6	6	6	4	1		н Ц.		1	÷.,			
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Center District.	1	23	2_{3}	10	17	11	6			2	2				
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Hoyt's District.	1	7	7	6	6	6	3						•		
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Jewetts District.	1	1	1	1	1	1									
Massassecum District.	1	9	9	7	7	4	õ		3						
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Plain District	1	6	6	4	6	5	2	1							2
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Springs District.	1	10	10	9	9	3	6	1		1	2	1			
West District.	1	11	11	9	11	4	ă			1	1				

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Name of School House.	No. of term.	Teacher.	Weeks of School	No. of pupils.	Average No. pupils belonging to school.	Average dailey Attendance.	Per cent. of dai- ly attendance.	Honor Roll.	School Board Visits.	Other Visits.	Wages with board per month
Andrews.	1	Hattie A. Melvin,	7	6	6	5	83.33	0	1	10	\$16.00
Andrews.	2	Hattie A. Melvin.	10	7	7	6	85.71	0	1	12	18.00
Center.	1	Mary C. Smith.	7	23	23	21	91.30	6	2	19	24.00
Center.	2	Mary C. Smith.	8	29	28	27	96.42	6	2	29	28.00
Hoyt.	1	Annie W. Heath.	7	7	7	6	89.71	4	2	15	18.00
Hoyt.	2	Frank O. Melvin.	10	5	5	5	100.00	3	2	18	40.00
Jewetts.	1	Jennie I Clogston.	. 7	1	1	1	100.00	1	2	5	16.00
Massassecum.	1	Marian F. Davis.	7	9	ម	9	100,00	3	2	8	18.00
Massa-secum.	2	Bert E. Holland,	8	15	15	13	86.66	0	2	13	28.00
Plain.	1	Stella B. Messer.	7	6	6	6	100.00	4	2	0	16.00
Plain.	2	Stella B. Messer.	10	8	8 .	8	100.00	5	2	12	18.00
Springs.	1	Clara J. Nichols.	7	10	9	8	88.88	4	1	3	16.00
West.	2	Clara J. Nichols.	10	11	10	9	90.00	.0	2	12	18.00
<u></u>		SPECIAL S	SCHO	OL	DIS	TRI	CT.				
PRIMARY.	1	Alice M. Richards.	9	28	28	27	96.42	17	3	59	\$28.00
	2	66 66 6 6	10	30	29	28	96.55	11	2	49	28.00
	3		12	30	27	25	92.59	13	4	57	32.00
GRAMMAR.	1	Geo. F. Adams.	9	15	14	13.4		3	5	48	\$32.00
	$\frac{2}{3}$	William McLean.	10 8	20 20	17.4 18	$\frac{16}{16}$	92,00 88,88	3 0	3 2	$55 \\ 37$	60.00 40.00