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REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN
AND
Superintending School Committee
OF THE
TOWN OF ALBION,
For 1868.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The undersigned, Selectmen of the town of Albion, submit the following Report :

Present Financial Condition.

LIABILITIES.

Due on outstanding orders,	\$1,691 68	
Due as interest on same,	349 00	
Due several School Districts,	24 95	
Due G. B. Wood, for use of Pound,	1 50	
Due H. Jaquith, for services, cash expenses, &c.,	75 75	
Due for printing Reports, 1867, estimated,	17 25	
Due on State tax,	527 67	
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		\$2,687 80

RESOURCES.

In hands of Francis Shorey, Collector and Treasurer,	\$1,659 45	
In hands of Liquor Agent,	95 70	
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		\$1,755 15
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Balance against the town,		\$932 65

EXPENDITURES.

Paid State tax, in part,	\$1,000 00
County tax, in full,	611 39
Paid for Support of Schools,	1,186 73
Blank books and stationery,	2 75
Selectmen's bills, in part,	94 37
Abatements on money taxes of 1867-8-9,	88 70
Abatements of highway tax worked out,	2,435 80
Plank, and repairs of bridges,	29 43
Printing town reports of 1866,	17 25
Liquor Agent's salary,	25 00
Bills incurred prior to last annual meeting,	19 90
Doctoring town's poor,	3 25
Blacksmith's bill,	8 60
Francis Shorey, Col. & Treas, percentage,	60 00
" " for paying State pensions,	3 00
Support of poor,	108 13
Insurance of farm buildings,	3 87
Superintending School Committee,	75 75
G. F. Hopkins, Town Clerk,	8 00
On account of Elias Cotton,	87 00
Interest on outstanding orders,	665 03
M. Rollins, jr., surveying and witness fees,	8 50
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TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

H. Jaquith, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor,	\$64 06
Cash expenses of same,	7 55
Same, for horse and carriage out of town,	5 50
Stephen Rider, same offices,	45 00
Cash expenses,	3 50
A. H. Hammond, same offices,	38 00
Cash expenses,	2 12
Horse and carriage out of town,	5 75
Lewellyn Libbey, S. S. Committee,	31 75
Otis Meader, " " "	28 63
Wm. L. Palmer, " " "	15 37
Geo. F. Hopkins, Town Clerk,	8 00
Francis Shorey, Collector and Treasurer,	63 00
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\$318 23

TOWN FARM.

Inventory of Stock, Produce and Provisions on Town Farm,
March 1, 1869 :

2 oxen, \$235 ; 4 cows, 220 ; 5 2-years old, 150,	\$625 00
40 sheep, \$160 ; 2 swine, 30 ; 24 tons hay, 288,	478 00
4 bbls. cider, \$20 ; 175 bush. potatoes, 70 ; 225 lbs. pork, 52,	142 00
95 lbs. ham, \$15 ; 5 bush. apples, 3.50 ; 27 lbs. butter, 10.80,	29 30
4 bush. beets, \$2 ; 36 lbs. lard, 9.00 ; 14 lbs. tallow, 2.10,	13 10
25 lbs. flour, \$1.25 ; 1 bush. meal, 1.40 ; 15 bush. corn, 18.00,	20 65
45 lbs dried apple, \$5.60 ; 19 bu. barley, 24.00 ; 4 bu. beans, 9.00,	38 60
6 bush. oats, \$4.80 ; 1½ bush peas, 3.00 ; 3½ bbls. soap, 14.00,	21 80
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	\$1,368 45

Articles sold from Town Farm from March 1, 1868, to March 1, 1869 :

5 veal calves, \$46.50 ; 61 lbs. cheese, 12.00 ; 623 lbs. butter, 244.37,	\$302 87
7½ galls. cider, \$2.83 ; 11 bu. beans, 27.50 ; 144 lbs. wool, 57.60,	87 93
20 lambs, \$40 ; 184 lbs. pork, 23.00 ; 1 pair oxen, 220.00,	238 00
1 pair steers, \$175 ; 1 cow, 30.00 ; 19 bush. barley, 23.00,	228 00
8 wool skins, \$6.80 ; old iron, 4.00 ; pasturage and grass, 10.00,	20 80
24 galls. soap, \$3.00 ; eggs, 1.43 ; 1 hide, 3.75,	8 18
18½ bush. potatoes, \$18.53 ; keeping 6 sheep, 12.00,	30 53
Rec'd for keeping Elias Cotton, \$124.75 ; shovel handles, 2.00,	126 75
“ “ Mercy Higgins, (old bill,) \$25,	25 00
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	\$1,113 06

Am't of stock, produce and provisions on hand Mar. 1, '69, 1,368 45

\$2,481 51

SUPPORT OF POOR IN POOR HOUSE.

Support of Poor in Poor House from Mar. 1, 1868, to Mar. 1, 1869.

Amount of stock, produce and provision on hand March 1, 1868,	\$1,441 83
Paid George Woodes, Overseer,	400 00
Total amount of store bills,	136 79
For 5 yearling heffers, \$90 ; 1 pair oxen, 190,	280 00
1 cow and calf, \$65,	65 00
2 pigs, \$4.00 ; cutting bushes, 5 00 ;	9 00
1 horse rake, \$15.00 ; 1 cultivator, 10.00,	25 00
Paid on account of Elias Cotton,	87 00
Blacksmithing, \$8.60 ; doctor's bills, 1.25,	9 85
Miscellaneous expenses,	5 92
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	\$2,460 39

Balance in favor of Town Farm,

\$21 12

SUPPORT OF POOR OUT OF POOR HOUSE.

Cynthia Davis,	\$40 00	
Warren, Fanny and Hattie Bragg,	25 08	
John Robinson and wife,	30 69	
Samuel McLaughlin,	8 36	
Soloman Besse,	4 00	
Doctors' Bills,	2 00	
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Total expense of poor not paid by Town Farm,		<hr/> \$89 01

LIQUOR AGENCY.

Cash in hands of Agent,	\$95 70	
Liquor on hand,	30 00	
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In hands of Agent March 1, 1868,		67 29
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RECAPITULATION.

Total amount of money expended to defray town charges during the year, including town officers' bills, repairs of roads and bridges, support of poor off the town farm, plank for bridges, and other incidental expenses,	\$574 89
Total town debt,	932 65
Town officers' bills,	318 23

H. JAQUITH,	} Selectmen	
STEPHEN RIDER,		of
A. H. HAMMOND,		Albion.

REPORT
OF
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

For the year ending March 15th, 1869.

DISTRICT No. 2.—NATHAN DAVIS, Agent.

Summer Term—by Miss Ella Downs of Belfast. We were very much pleased with the appearance of this school. Miss D.'s course of instruction was thorough and practical. She has the happy faculty of creating in all her scholars a desire, a love for learning, of enlisting a lively interest in their studies, and of showing them the best way of satisfying their desire for knowledge. At our last visit we met quite a number of the parents. The afternoon was spent mostly in declaiming. The scholars did honor both to themselves and the teacher.

Winter Term—by Mr. George B. Pray of Albion. Order excellent. At the closing examination, quite a number of the larger scholars were absent—some on account of sickness, and some without any good reason. None but parents can right this. Mr. Pray did his *duty*, and did it *well*.

DISTRICT No. 3.—ISAIAH WIGGIN, Agent.

Summer Term—by Miss Sarah Worthing. In this school we found all the scholars orderly and studious; the teacher active and energetic, and all apparently interested in having a good school; consequently the improvement was *good*.

Winter Term—by Mr. T. G. Lyons of Colby University. Mr. Lyons made a miserable failure in this, his first attempt at teaching. A prejudice evidently existed between teacher and scholars at the commencement of the term, which culminated in an appeal to club-law. We believe teaching to be a trade, at which all teachers must serve an apprenticeship. With this consideration we gave Mr. Lyons every chance consistent with our duty. At the end of about six weeks it became evident that there was more *bark* than *bite* in Mr. Lyons, and he was accordingly dismissed. This school was nearly worthless, and we advise Mr. L. to direct his little energy to something besides school-teaching.

DISTRICT No. 4.—SAMUEL H. BRADSTREET, Agent.

Summer Term—by Miss Callie Bradstreet, an active and energetic teacher, who possesses in an unusual degree the capacity for government and discipline, and the faculty of instructing her pupils; therefore, she made her school both interesting and profitable.

Winter Term—by Mr. Charles Drake. Mr. D. is a good scholar, but being young and somewhat inexperienced he failed to introduce that rigid discipline into the school which its wants required; consequently the school was not so profitable as it otherwise would have been.

DISTRICT No. 5.—MR. CRUMMETT, Agent.

Summer Term—by Miss Maria Gaslin. Miss G. is an old and faithful teacher, and is well known in town; therefore we deem it sufficient to say, she sustained her former reputation.

Winter Term—by Mr. Clifford of Freedom. At our first visit we were well pleased with the appearance of the school; the order was good. We did not visit it again, but we feel safe in calling it a profitable school.

DISTRICT No. 6.—EDWARD E. WIGGIN, Agent.

Summer Term—Miss Louisa B. Fall. This school is quite small, and the school-house, we are sorry to say, in a dilapidated condition, and wholly unfit for the use of a school, either in summer or winter; and this fact is, in our opinion, all the more deplorable when we consider that this district is composed principally of the most wealthy farmers in town, who are abundantly able to build a good house and should feel interested enough in their scholars to do it. We hope this condition of things will be of short duration. We are happy to say, however, that Miss F. succeeded in making this a profitable school.

Winter Term—by E. E. Wiggin, a thorough and systematic teacher, who knows his duty in a school-room and fulfills it to the letter. We hope more of our scholars may receive the benefit of his instruction.

DISTRICT No. 7.—LEVI HEY, Agent.

No Summer Term. *Winter Term*—by Lewellyn Libbey, a member of the School Committee. The scholars of this district are worthy of praise. We think the progress of this school cannot be beat in town. The scholars come to school with a determination to learn, so all they want is a teacher to instruct them. The order is maintained principally by the pupils. We judge from this that they take their first lessons at home.

DISTRICT No. 8.—S. CHALMERS, Agent.

Summer Term—by Miss ——— Tilson of Knox, an able and efficient teacher, under whose charge the scholars made good improvement.

Winter Term—by Miss Mary Lincoln, a thorough and competent teacher, who loves her calling and exerts all her powers to make her school interesting and profitable. The scholars under her charge made rapid improvement.

DISTRICT No. 9.—DANIEL KIDDER, Agent.

Summer Term—by Mrs. S. J. Kidder. It is a sufficient guarantee that any school will be a good one with Mrs. K. at its head. Her success and ability as a teacher need no encomium of ours. The closing examination was one of interest. All the reviews of studies were fine.

Winter Term—by Miss Angie Northrop of China. In this school we saw nothing disorderly or improper in the deportment of the scholars. Improvement, except in mathematics, very fair. The school was smaller than usual on account of the prevailing epidemic.

DISTRICT No. 10.—DANIEL W. STRATTON, Agent.

Summer Term—by Miss Mary Lincoln. At our first visit this school appeared in good condition and bid fair for a profitable term, but after keeping some three weeks the teacher was obliged to leave on account of sickness, and the school closed for the summer.

Winter Term—by Lewellyn Libbey. This school was managed as well as could be expected under the circumstances. The most of the scholars were interested in their studies, and learned well.

DISTRICT No. 11.—THOMAS BAKER, Agent.

Summer Term—by Miss Emma Rider. We liked the appearance of this school very much at our first visit. On account of ill-health Miss Rider resigned, and Miss Jennie Sanford finished the school with good success.

Winter Term—by Miss Sarah Worthing of Albion. Owing to the negligence of the agent to notify, this school had continued some time before it was visited, and for the same reason was visited but *once*. At our visit the order was good. As to improvement and order at its close we are unable to speak, but doubt not that both were good.

DISTRICT No. 12.—S. R. WEBB, Agent.

No *Summer Term*. *Winter Term*—by Nathan Baker. At our first visit we found good order. Commendable progress was made by the scholars who continued in the school until its close. Some dissatisfaction was manifested by a portion of the parents, who withdrew their children from the school, thus impeding the labors of the teacher—a course of action very much to be regretted, inasmuch as it not only injures themselves but their neighbors also.

DISTRICT No. 13.—E. SMILEY, Agent.

One term taught in the Fall by Miss Emma F. Pooler. This is indeed a small school, but should not be forgotten. It was provided with a faithful teacher. We did not visit it but once, but we feel safe in calling it a good school.

DISTRICT No. 14.—S. BRAGG, Agent.

Summer Term—by Miss Ellen M. Shaw. This was Miss Shaw's first attempt at teaching, and we are sorry to say it proved a failure for want of order. Miss S. being a good scholar, but wanting that peculiar faculty for government so necessary in a teacher, she lost all control of her scholars, and it was considered to the advantage of the district to close the school, which was accordingly done after keeping about three weeks.

Winter Term—by E. E. Wiggin—with success, as in No. 6.

Before closing this report, we deem it our duty to offer a few suggestions to those immediately interested in the welfare of our schools, and to point out some of the hindrances of their future improvement.

A word to our teachers. The position you occupy is truly a high and responsible one, and should be regarded as such by you. Many are the requisites of a good school, the first of which is order. No school can be truly profitable unless good order prevails. In securing this we would say: be kind, be firm, but at all events and under all circumstances be governor in the school-room.

Parents, relative to our common schools, you occupy the first and most responsible position. In you your children place implicit confidence. Your words are their words, your acts they imitate and endorse. How great, then, is your influence in our schools and how important the manner in which that influence is exerted. Let the teacher understand that you are co-laborers with him in all just requirements, and let your scholars know, too, that you take a lively interest in their studies, and that the teacher's law is your law, and you will see a material change in the character of your schools, and their condition will be much improved.

LEWELLYN LIBBEY,	}	S. S. Committee
OTIS MEADER,		of
WM. L. PALMER,		Albion.