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REPORTS OF THE SELECTMEN
AND
Superintending School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF ALBION,

For the year ending March 1, 1872.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The undersigned, Selectmen of the town of Albion, submit the following report:—

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated for State tax,	\$1,887 18	
“ County tax,	556 10	
“ schools,	1,356 00	
“ to defray town charges,	800 00	
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		\$4,599 28
Received interest on State bonds,	390 00	
“ for ash lumber,	80 00	
“ from former Liquor Agent, balance,	39 00	
“ for overlayings,	232 89	
“ school fund,	34 16	
“ from H. Stratton,	17 15	
“ from Wm. H. McDavitt,	11 26	
“ State bond, sold,	1,000 00	
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		\$1,804 46

PRESENT FINANCIAL CONDITION.—LIABILITIES.

Due several school districts, \$73 13

RESOURCES.

In hands of Francis Shorey, Treasurer and Collector, \$661 12

Balance in favor of the town, \$587 99

TOWN OF ALBION.

EXPENDITURES.

Paid State tax, in full,	\$1,887 18
County tax, in full,	556 10
for support of schools,	1,362 79
for blank books and stationery,	10 15
Selectmen's bills,	144 75
Superintending School Committee,	64 93
W. R. Skillin, Town Clerk,	8 00
F. Shorey, Treas. and Collector, per centage,	76 36
Abatements of highway tax,	2,513 97
" money tax,	51 19
F. Shorey, for paying State pensions,	4 00
G. B. Wood, for use of pound,	2 00
for printing town reports for 1870,	13 00
for repairing roads,	15 46
for plank, and repairs of bridges,	19 85
blacksmith's bill,	5 47
N. B. Wood, balance of salary for 1870,	30 00
repairs on Town Farm buildings,	25 89
" " House,	11 33
Interest on orders,	125 58
Old orders,	840 53
Wm. L. Palmer, S. S. Committee, 1870,	42 00
G. H. Wilson, medical attendance, 1870-71,	8 50
for erecting guide boards,	28 75
for insurance policy,	13 00
Ora O. Crosby, survey on road,	1 75
Liquor Agent's license for 1870,	25 00
Miscellaneous bills,	7 71
Albert Hasey, Auditor,	1 00

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

A. H. Hammond, Selectman and Assessor,	\$72 20
" " cash expenses as same,	5 85
James Whitaker, same offices,	33 50
Wm. R. Skillin, " " "	33 20
Llewellyn Libbey, S. S. Committee,	36 00
Otis Meader, " " "	28 93
Wm. R. Skillin, Town Clerk,	8 00
Francis Shorey, Treasurer and Collector,	76 36
Albert Hasey, Auditor,	1 00

\$295.04

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TOWN FARM.

Inventory of Stock, Produce and Provisions on Farm, March 1, 1872.

2 oxen, \$165; 3 cows, \$100; 19 sheep, \$95,	\$360 00
1 swine, \$15; 9 bush. barley, \$6.75; 3 do. corn, \$3.00,	24 75
8 bush. beans, \$22; 1 do. peas, \$1.50; 100 bush. potatoes, \$25,	48 50
20 lbs. butter, \$5; 45 do. lard, \$7.50; 340 do. pork, \$40.80,	53 30
50 lbs. beef, \$3; 1 bbl. cider, \$4; ½ do vinegar, \$5,	12 00
3 bbls. soap, \$12; 9 tons hay, \$270; 1 bbl. flour, \$9,	291 00
1M hemlock boards, \$10; 9 lbs. candles, \$1.50,	11 50
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	\$801 05

Articles Sold from Town Farm from March 1, 1871 to March 1, 1872.

2 oxen, \$80; 2 steers, \$70; 1 cow, \$20; ash lumber, \$80,	\$250 00
Eggs, \$14.02; hay, \$3; cowhide, \$5.25; poultry, \$3.60,	25 87
4 calves, \$26; beef, \$6.25; lambs, \$48; vinegar, \$8.75,	81 00
Ashes, \$2; wool, \$44.12; apples, \$3.75; pasturing, \$6.90,	56 77
Cider, \$25.19; butter, \$41.80,	66 99
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	\$480 63

Am't of stock, produce and provisions on hand Mar. 1, 1872, \$801 05

\$1,281 68

SUPPORT OF POOR IN POOR HOUSE, FROM MARCH 1, 1871 TO MARCH 1, 1872.

Amount of Stock, Produce, Provisions, &c., on	
hand, as appraised March 1, 1871,	\$986 35
Paid N. B. Wood, balance of salary,	30 00
W. Murray, Overseer for 11 months,	320 00
Store bills, \$190 96; 2 oxen, \$120,	310 96
For 1 pig, \$3 00; blacksmith's bill, \$5 47,	8 47
" grass seed, \$13 00; use of bull, \$4 75,	17 75
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	\$1,673 53

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SUPPORT OF POOR OUT OF POOR HOUSE.

Cynthia Davis,	\$78 00	
Samuel McLaughlin,	3 00	
Mrs. Lemuel Handy,	16 34	
George C. Brown,	3 00	
	—————	\$100 34

A. H. HAMMOND, } Selectmen
 JAMES WHITAKER, } of
 W. R. SKILLIN, } Albion.

I have examined the bills of the Selectmen for 1871-2, and find them properly vouched and correctly cast.

ALBERT HASEY, Auditor.

In this report, no mention is made of the State bonds lying in the hands of the Treasurer, amounting, with accrued interest, to \$5,637.50.

S. S. COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

DISTRICT NO. 2.—NATHAN DAVIS, AGENT.

Summer Term—by Miss Emille H. Marshall, of Vassalboro'. This was Miss M.'s first attempt at teaching but we are happy to say she met with good success. The promptness of her scholars at the closing examination showed their instruction had been thorough.

Winter Term—by D. B. Fuller, Jr. We found an interest manifested in this district which we have failed to find in any other in town, not only by the teacher and scholars but by the *parents* who are in the habit of visiting their school frequently, an example which we should like to see emulated by every district in town, as we think it would do much towards raising the standard of our schools by way of encouragement to both teacher and scholars. Mr. Fuller is a young teacher but we think he ranks among the first in town. The closing examination reflected great credit on both teacher and scholars.

DISTRICT NO. 3.—AUGUSTUS REED, Agent.

Summer Term—by Hattie J. Shorey. This school is quite small but we think Miss S. succeeded in creating and maintaining an interest on the part of the scholars, which resulted in their making commendable improvement.

Winter Term—by George B. Pray. At our first visit we noticed some dissatisfaction among some of the large scholars. At our last examination the scholars *present* showed good improvement. Several of the large scholars were absent.

DISTRICT NO. 4.—JOEL FARNHAM, Agent.

Summer Term—by Miss Mary L. Flood, of Clinton. We liked the appearance of this school at our first visit, very much. At the close of the term we met several of the parents, whom we were glad to see present. The scholars passed a very good examination. We think this term was second to none in town. Miss F. is one of the very best of teachers.

Winter Term—by Mr. A. K. P. Strout. This was Mr. S.'s second term in this district. We consider him among our best teachers, and will only add that he sustained his former reputation.

DISTRICT NO. 5.—HENRY L. MCLAUGHLIN, Agent.

Summer Term—by Miss Jennie E. Gray, of China. This was Miss G.'s first attempt at teaching, and we are happy to say she succeeded very well. We think she done all in her power to make this a profitable term, and in our opinion her efforts were crowned with success.

Winter Term—by Mr. Wilson Plummer, of Palermo. We are glad to say that under the control of Mr. P. the scholars in this district manifested an interest which we have failed to find here for a number of years past, and the closing examination showed the effects of it, to the credit of teacher and scholars.

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DISTRICT NO. 6.—THOMAS CLARK, Agent.

Summer Term—by Sarah J. Copeland. Mrs. C. is an old and faithful teacher. She taught a first-rate school, giving universal satisfaction.

Winter Term—by same teacher, with like success.

DISTRICT NO. 7.—W. R. SKILLIN, Agent.

This school being quite small they have but one term, which is under the control of Mr. Llewellyn Libbey for the fourth time. Mr. L. speaks highly of the deportment of the scholars in this district, and thinks they are making good improvement.

The school is now in session.

DISTRICT NO. 8.—GEO. H. WILSON, M. D., Agent.

Summer Term—by Mrs. S. J. Kidder, a well known teacher, who needs no encomiums from us; the closing examination was very interesting, and was witnessed (we are happy to say) by several of the parents.

Winter Term—by Mr. Llewellyn Libbey, one of the board. This school was not visited, but Mr. L. speaks well of the scholars, and we presume he done his duty as usual.

DISTRICT NO. 9.—SENECA SHOREY, Agent.

Summer Term—by Miss Julia A. Gilman. This was Miss G.'s first attempt at teaching, but we feel justified in saying she discharged her duties in a manner creditable to herself and profitable to her scholars, and our only regret is that she could not have had more scholars to receive the benefit of her instruction.

Winter Term—by Mr. J. R. Plummer, of Palermo. Mr. P. is a young teacher, but he labored hard for the interest of his scholars, and in our opinion succeeded in making the school profitable.

DISTRICT NO. 10.—WM. DOE, Agent.

Summer Term—by Miss Lida Lynn, of Windsor. Miss L. lacked the ambition and energy which we consider so essential in a teacher, consequently she failed to make this a profitable term.

Winter Term—by Mr. Franklin P. Whitaker. This was Mr. W.'s first effort, but we think he labored for the advancement of his scholars, and his success is commendable.

DISTRICT NO. 11.—GEO. FOSS, Agent.

Summer Term—by Miss Edith E. Crosby. This was Miss C.'s first school. We were satisfied with this school at our first visit; not being notified at the close it was visited but once.

Winter Term—by same teacher. We found good improvement in this school, especially in reading. We feel safe in pronouncing both terms profitable. Miss C. bids fair for one of our best teachers.

DISTRICT NO. 12.—HARRISON CROSBY, Agent.

Summer Term—by Miss Julia Gilman, with same success as in No. 9.

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

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DISTRICT NO. 13.—JOSEPH HUSSEY, Agent.

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DISTRICT NO. 14.—BENSON HIGGINS, Agent.

No summer term.

Winter Term—by Wesley Gilpatrick. The order in this school was *very good*. Mr. G. labored hard for the advancement of this school, and we think he succeeded finely.

The undersigned, Superintending School Committee, in submitting the foregoing report have endeavored to give a brief and impartial statement of the success of each school, and we would further say that while there have been no total failures, yet the standard of our schools is not so high as we would like to see it, nor so high as it might be with proper efforts on the part of committee, agents and parents generally. We think agents should be more particular in the selection of teachers, and the committee should be more careful in granting certificates, and parents should take more interest in visiting their schools and see for themselves how they are conducted. In urging the latter, we would say that, in our humble opinion, it would do more to create a new interest in our schools than any one thing which we can recommend. It is somewhat surprising to notice the lack of interest manifested by most parents in this respect, and yet they *think* they are interested in the improvement of their scholars.

But we say, not till parents take hold and manifest the interest which they evince in their ordinary business affairs, that is, interest enough to attend to them personally, will the standard of learning be raised to the required height in our common schools. Parents, we ask your candid consideration of this subject and hope to meet you oftener in school with your children.

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