

Report of the Selectmen AND SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS, Of the **TOWN OF ALBION,** For the year ending March 1, 1875.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The undersigned Selectmen of Albion submit the following report :

PRESENT FINANCIAL CONDITION.

RESOURCES.

In the hands of Otis Meader, Treasurer,	\$1,016 11	
“ “ T. Shorey, former Treas. and col.,	139 82	
Due from the Town of Freedom,	3 00	
“ “ Bristol,	27 00	
“ “ John Copeland, for pasturing,	15 00	— \$1200 93

LIABILITIES.

Due the several School Districts including mill tax for 1875,	\$725 62	
Outstanding orders,	414 70	— \$1,140 32

Balance in favor of the town, \$60 61

Detailed Report of Financial Transactions of the Town.

RECEIPTS.

From Francis Shorey, former Treasurer,	\$1,069 09	
“ Bank School fund and mill tax,	743 96	
“ tax bills for 1874,	7,330 54	
“ George Fall, for hay,	65 00	
“ Interest on State bonds,	180 00	— \$9,388 59

EXPENDITURES.

Paid State tax for 1874 in full,	\$1,887 18
“ County tax “ “	535 77
“ for labor on Highways,	2,943 61
“ “ support of Schools.	1,526 52
“ “ “ Poor,	468 41
“ Town officer's bills,	302 48
“ for printing town reports of 1873,	14 00
“ “ Blank books and stationery,	7 00
“ Selectmen's bills for 1873,	147 75
“ for labor and plank for bridges,	65 35
“ “ “ and materials on burying ground,	72 89
“ Abatements of tax, 1874,	21 86
“ “ “ 1872-3,	52 15
“ G. B. Wood, for use of Pound,	2 00
“ Alfred Bessey, for use of bull and buck,	3 00
“ Otis Meader for paying State pensions,	8 00
“ Outstanding orders of 1873,	141 41
“ In the hands of Treasurer,	1,016 11
“ In the hands of T. Shorey, former Treas.,	139 82
“ Outstanding bill of 1873,	14 67
“ Blacksmith bills,	11 48
“ for moving paupers,	7 13 — \$9,388 59

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

James Whitaker, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the poor,	\$66 85
W. R. Skillin, same offices	50 25
W. R. Skillin, for horse and carriage	4 07
Tristram Fall, Jr. for same offices,	30 75
B. Sawyer, Supervisor of Schools,	64 50
Otis Meader, Collector and Treasurer,	76 76
G. W. Kidder, Town Clerk,	9 00 — \$302 48

SUPPORT OF POOR IN THE POOR HOUSE FROM MARCH 1, 1874 TO
MARCH 1, 1875.

Paid W. F. Morse balance of salary,	\$22 08
“ Winthrop Murray, salary to March 1, 1875,	292 00
“ for one cow, \$40; two yearling steers, 35 50,	75 50
“ “ two 2 year old Heifers \$50; 2 pigs, \$16,	56 00
“ Store bills, \$119 45; corn and meal, \$25 75,	145 20
“ Blacksmith bills, \$7 38; use of bull and buck,	10 38
“ Grass seed, \$5; oats, \$3; wheat, 5 62,	13 62
“ Peas, 0.63; Dr. bills, \$12; Funeral ex. of J. Austin,	23 63 — \$638 41

ARTICLES SOLD FROM TOWN FARM FROM MARCH 1, 1874, TO MARCH 1, 1875.

Sold 4 tons of hay, \$35; 193 lbs. of pork, \$21 23,	56 23	
“ poultry, \$14.87; eggs, \$5.40; butter, \$35 08,	55 35	
“ lambs, \$40; wool, \$36.50; 2 cows, \$56;		
calf, \$5,	131 50	
“ Pelts, \$5; ashes, \$2.	7 00	— \$250 08
Expense of poor on Town farm,	\$388 33	

SUPPORT OF POOR OUT OF POOR HOUSE.

Paid Josiah Danforth and family,	\$41 91	
“ Rufus Lancaster and family,	23 96	
“ Town of Winslow for Fran: Brown family,	14 21	— \$80 08
Total expense of the Poor,		\$468 41

INVENTORY OF STOCK AND PROVISIONS ON TOWN FARM.

2 oxen, \$225; 2 cows, \$90; 2 two year old heifers, \$60,	375 00	
Two yearling steers, \$50; 21 sheep, \$100,	150 00	
Two swine, \$25; 10 tons of hay 100,	125 00	
Twenty bushels of oats, \$13; 4 bush. of wheat.	19 00	
One bush. beans, \$2.50; 1 bush. corn, \$1,	3 50	
Fifty bush. potatoes, \$30; 5 bush. of turnips, \$1.25,	21 25	
Five bush. apples, \$1 25; flour, \$2; 50 lbs. meal,	4 25	
175 lbs. of Pork, \$21 88; 20 lbs. butter, \$6,	27 88	
Eleven lbs. lard, \$1.98; 5 1-2 bbls. cider, \$30.	31 98	
Four gals. vinegar, \$1; 6 gals. of pickles, \$2.40,	3 40	
One-half bbl. of soap, \$8; 30 lbs. dried apples, \$2.40,	10 40	— \$771 66

There is in the hands of the Treasurer State Bonds to the amount of \$3,000.

JAMES WHITAKER,	} Selectmen of Albion.
W. R. SKILLIN,	
TRISTRAN FALL, JR.	

AUDITORS' REPORT.

I have examined the bills of the Selectmen and Supervisor of schools for 1874-5 and find them properly vouched and correctly cast.

O. O. CROSBY, Auditor.

SCHOOL REPORT.

DISTRICT No. 2,—David Abbott, Agent.

Summer term taught by Laura E. Smiley, of Fort Fairfield, who entered upon her duties with a laudable zeal; was systematic and thorough in her course of instruction, but failed to manifest that dignity requisite to a wholesome discipline. Although progress was made, yet not that which was desirable.

Winter term, by M. B. Hammond, a member of the district—sickness prevented our visiting this school until the third week. We found Mr. H. intensely in earnest, to do all in his power, to make his services efficient to the school. At our last visit we were gratified with the progress made. Mr. H. was thorough and systematic, (yet not to that degree to be mechanical) having in his theory of instruction the idea of that which shall be available in after life, rather than a mere recitation to suit his own taste. On the part of the school we think it fully sustains its former reputation. We have but one fault to find with this otherwise excellent term that is, too lenient in discipline. This is to be attributed doubtless, to the relation existing between the teacher and scholars as familiar members of the same district.

DISTRICT No. 3.—Ora O. Crosby, Agent.

Summer term by Miss Delana Chalmers, a member of the district. We think there was a steady improvement through the term; especially in establishing good order, which was very essential to the future interests of the school.

Winter term, by Emma L. Spencer. This being the second school of the year under our supervision, taught by Miss S., we expected a good school, and taking the number present at our last visit as representatives of their classes, we were not disappointed.

No. 4.—H. Moody, Agent.

Summer term, by Miss Emma Spencer, a member of the district. We were pleased with the general demeanor of this school at our first visit; at our last we did not hesitate to pronounce this term, so far as discipline, theory of instruction and recitation were concerned, a model school. The progress in study was not so rapid as in the majority of our schools in town, but every inch of the grounds in study passed over appeared to be understood by every scholar, which is the beauty and utility of a course of study.

Winter term, by H. G. Barlow, of Freedom. We were pleased with the appearance of this school at our first visit; but in consequence of the absence, at our last, of a large number of the advanced members who were present at our first visit, any comments in regard to the general progress would be unjustifiable.

No. 5.—E. F. Crommet, Agent.

Summer term, by Miss Julia Gilman. This teacher succeeded in securing the confidence and respect of the entire school, to such a degree that good order was maintained with a very slight effort on her part, and good proficiency was made in all branches of study. The plan of oral instruction adopted in this and many other schools in town is, we think, greatly to the profit of the smaller children.

Winter term, by E. F. Crommet. This school was visited twice, but at our last visit the roads being in a bad condition, there were but few scholars present, consequently we make no report as to progress.

No. 6.—Thomas Clark, Agent.

Summer and winter term, by M. C. Evans, of China. We visited this school three times. At our first visit we found Miss E. taxing her energies to their utmost capacity, to instruct her scholars and maintain a wholesome discipline. This zeal she maintained to the close of a long term, to the advantage of each scholar of her school.

No. 8.—Lewellyn Libby, Agent.

Summer and winter terms, by Miss Nellie C. Robinson, of Palermo. We make our report of this school from general observation, rather than from an examination of the course of study pursued. We think Miss R. is sustaining her popular reputation as a teacher, and is doing all for the school that could be expected of any one teacher, but not all that is necessary in consequence of there being sufficient work for two efficient teachers—every day she has taught during these two terms.

No. 9.—Washington Drake, Agent.

Summer term, by Miss Annie Strout, of Freedom. The number attending this term was very small, but through the genius and activity of the teacher, there was not that dull monotonous atmosphere felt, as is usually in school rooms with so small a number—and good progress was made in all branches of study.

Winter term, by Miss Mary H. Kilder, of Albion. Through a misunderstanding we made our last visit some three weeks too soon. We found at our visits Miss K. putting forth good efforts to be as profitable as possible to her school, and we think she succeeded in advancing the interests of nearly all. The school appeared studious, with the exception of one or two of the larger boys.

No. 10.—Charles Fuller, Agent.

Summer term, by Miss Hattie J. Shorey, of Albion. In our visits, we felt that Miss S. was faithful to her duties and responsibilities as a teacher, and we learned that she gave her accustomed satisfaction to the district.

Winter term, by J. W. Barlow, of Freedom. At our first visit we found this teacher actively devoted to the interest of his school, energetic and thorough in his method of teaching, and we felt sure that the school had made steady advancement in all branches of study.

No. 11.—Oliver L. Abbott, Agent.

Summer term, by Lizzie S. Gould, of China. An unhappy misunderstanding arose between Miss G. and a number of the advanced scholars of the school that injured sadly the progress of the school, through the term.

Winter term, by Virginia Hunt, of Benton. A thorough and accomplished scholar, in possession of that natural dignity requisite to success as a teacher, who commanded the respect and confidence of the school at the outset, and steady progress made in all of study pursued.

No. 12.—J. Harding, Agent.

Summer and winter term, by Miss Ida Holmes, of Freedom. In this term the efforts of the teacher, which were highly commendable, were appreciated by the scholars, who manifested perfect confidence and respect toward, and all was accomplished that the most sanguine could expect.

No. 13 —J. R. Sylvester, Agent.

Summer and winter term, by Miss Josephine Clough, of China. Miss C. devoted her time and talent to this little school, to the satisfaction of all, so far as we could learn.

No. 14.—J. H. Rowe, Agent.

Summer term, by Miss Nellie Wilson, of Benton. Miss W. spared no pains to make herself useful to every scholar of her school, and her labors were appreciated by both scholars and parents.

Winter term, by Mr. J. E. Kelley, of Unity. This was Mr. K.'s first attempt at teaching, and he succeeded well.

In giving to you the citizens of Albion, the foregoing report, we would solicit your attention once more to the important suggestions set forth in the report of your last year's committee.

H. B. SAWYER, Supervisor of the Schools of Albion.