

REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,

OF THE

TOWN OF ALBION,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH *1st*, 1879.



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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

OF THE

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS OF THE TOWN.

RECEIPTS.

From Otis Meader, former Col. and Treas....	\$11 29
Francis Shorey, " "	200 00
B. F. Abbott, " "	2,156 63
tax bills of 1878	7,101 10
bank school fund and mill tax.....	623 10
interest on State bond.....	120 00
cash received of South Thomaston.....	25 00
Total receipts.....	\$10,237 12

EXPENDITURES.

Paid county tax for 1877, balance.....	\$322 24
" 1878, in part.....	365 00
State tax for 1877, in full.....	1,133 60
for support of schools	1,684 04
for labor on highways—highway tax....	2,053 45
for repair of Ridlon road.....	125 57
" Wing road.....	94 05
" roads damaged by washouts	10 87
for plank for bridges.....	22 00
for printing town reports for 1877	13 50
for blank books and stationery	8 54
for counsel and costs in the West Water- ville case.....	39 67
cash expenses of Selectmen	12 55
orders drawn prior to March 1, 1878....	163 91
N. Davis for paying State pensions	1 50
" notifying extra town meeting	1 50
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	6,051 99

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

To Otis Meader, Collector of 1875.....	\$3 75	
Francis Shorey, Collector of 1876.....	42 77	
B. F. Abbott, Collector of 1877.....	17 66	
Nathan Davis, Collector of 1878.....	12 44	
		<u>\$76 62</u>

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Mark Rollins, 1st Selectman	68 50	
Same, for horse and carriage out of town....	5 00	
Seneca Shorey, 2d Selectman	42 25	
George B. Pray, 3d Selectman.....	54 00	
Same, for horse and carriage out of town....	7 50	
Nathan Davis, Collector and Treasurer.....	68 50	
B. F. Foster, Supervisor of Schools.....	63 75	
Charles A. Drake, Town Clerk.....	8 00	
G. B. Wood, Pound Keeper.....	2 00	
Francis Shorey, Auditor of Accounts.....	1 00	
		<u>320 50</u>

SUPPORT OF POOR ON TOWN FARM.

Receipts from Farm.

For one pair oxen sold	115 00
one cow, \$30; two calves, \$10.50.....	40 50
six lambs, \$14.25; 90 lbs. wool, \$22.50..	36 75
58 dozen eggs, \$6.63; old iron, \$1.50...	8 13
475 lbs. of dried apples.....	19 00
rent of pasture	13 00
	<u>232 38</u>

Expenditures on Farm.

Paid John J. Roberts, balance of salary as	
Overseer for 1877-8.	40 00
John J. Roberts, salary to March 1, 1879	318 00
store bills, total amount	184 17
one pair of oxen bought	105 00
one cow, \$20; 4 pigs, \$5	25 00
cultivator teeth, \$1.25; carding wool, \$1.68	2 98
use of cider mill, \$1; iron sink, \$2.75 ...	3 75

Expenditures on Farm—Concluded.

Paid blacksmith's bills, \$13.12; shoemaker's bills, \$2.56.....	\$15 68	
grass seed, \$5.91; zinc, \$0.96.....	6 87	
rebuilding furnace, \$3; use of bull, \$1.50	4 50	
tuition for Brown children.....	3 00	
funeral expenses of Job Richards.....	12 00	
doctor's bill for Town Farm.....	3 00	
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	718 90	
Expense of poor on farm.....		\$486 52

SUPPORT OF POOR OUT OF POOR HOUSE.

Paid for support of Jane Austin.....	87 03	
“ “ Warren H. Bragg & family	52 73	
“ “ Daniel Lancaster & wife..	25 27	
“ “ Abram Morrison.....	35 81	
“ “ Elias Cross and wife.....	30 42	
“ “ Sarah A. Mosely.....	10 50	
“ “ Stillman Robinson.....	2 91	
Paid Insane Hospital for Hattie Spencer....	19 85	
Expense of poor off of farm.....		264 52
In hands of B. F. Abbott, former Treasurer..	207 74	
“ Nathan Davis, Col. and Treas... 2,829 23		
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		\$10,237 12

PRESENT FINANCIAL CONDITION.

RESOURCES.

In hands of Nathan Davis, Col. and Treas ..	\$2,829 23	
“ B. F. Abbott, former Treasurer..	207 74	
Due from the town of So. Thomaston for the support of Elias Cross and wife.....	30 42	
Due from the city of Ellsworth for the support of Sarah A. Mosely.....	15 00	
State bond.....	2,000 00	
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LIABILITIES.

Due the several school districts, including the mill tax for 1879.....	\$562 24
Due unpaid State tax.....	1,510 40
county tax.....	354 11
Due Insane Hospital for Hattie Spencer estate	25 00
Outstanding orders	39 27
	\$2,491 02
Balance in favor of the town.....	\$2,591 37

Inventory of stock and provisions on Town Farm March 1,
1879.

2 oxen, \$125; 3 cows, \$75	\$200 00
26 sheep, \$117; 2 pigs, \$7	124 00
22 hens, \$8; 18 tons of hay, \$144.....	152 00
50 bush. potatoes, \$25; 25 lbs. butter, \$4.50...	29 50
390 lbs. pork, \$31.20; 35 lbs. lard, \$3.50.....	34 70
2 barrels cider, \$5; 2 barrels soap, \$7	12 00
4 bushels oats, \$1.50; 3 bushels onions, \$3....	4 50
3 bush. turnips, 60 cts.; 2¼ bush. beans, \$3.25.	3 85
50 lbs. dried apple, \$2; 1½ barrel flour, \$8.50..	10 50
4 bush. meal, \$2.32; 3 gals. molasses, \$1.35...	3 67
2 lbs sugar, 20 cts.; ½ lb. tea, 20 cts.....	40
	\$575 12

The town has no debt, no suit in law, and no unsettled claim.

MARK ROLLINS,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
SENECA SHOREY,	
GEO. B. PRAY,	
	} <i>of</i>
	} <i>Albion.</i>

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.

We herewith give you our first annual report of the condition of our schools. We have reported each school separately, making the report as brief as possible where there is unavoidably so much repetition. We have also given a brief financial statement.

DISTRICT No. 2.

The Summer Term was taught by Laura E. Fall of this town. Miss Fall is young, and this was her first school, and perhaps she labored under some difficulties in teaching in her own district. We think she did well, and that the school was profitable.

The winter school was taught by M. B. Hammond of this town. Mr. Hammond is a teacher of some experience, and thoroughly understands his business in the school room. When we visited the school there was a good degree of interest, and the prospect of a prosperous term of school. On account of sickness he was obliged to close the school sooner than expected, and we did not visit it but once.

DISTRICT No. 3.

The Summer Term was taught by Edith E. Crosby of Manchester, N. H., and we think was a profitable school.

The Winter Term was under the instruction of W. A. Lancaster of Benton. Mr. Lancaster is a young teacher, and had taught but one school before this, but seems to be well adapted to teaching. He is well qualified, and has the faculty of imparting knowledge to his pupils and make them interested in their studies. We cannot speak of progress made by the scholars, as we were not notified as to time of the school closing, consequently did not visit the school but once.

DISTRICT No. 4.

The Summer and Winter terms were both taught by Ida M. Holmes of Freedom. We were much pleased with the manner in which Miss Holmes conducted her school, and the results thereof. We think the citizens of the district can but be gratified with their schools for the past year.

DISTRICT No. 5.

The Summer Term was taught by Julia F. Worthing of Palermo. On my first visit there seemed to be a good degree of interest among the scholars in regard to their several studies, but there was a lack of thoroughness. We found at the close of the school a commendable improvement, but much more might have been accomplished by a thorough, systematic drill in the several studies pursued.

The Winter Term was taught by W. M. Wyman of Freedom, and we do not think it was a profitable school as a whole. The order was good, but there was a great lack of thoroughness in many respects; scholars were allowed to pass over their recitations in a careless, slipshod manner, miscalled and mispronounced words were not corrected; which was very detrimental to the interests of the school.

DISTRICT No. 6.

The Summer Term was taught by May M. French of this town. This was Miss French's first attempt in teaching, and with experience she might become a very successful teacher.

The winter school was taught by Sadie F. Shorey of this town; and she fully sustained her reputation of the summer, as one of our best teachers.

DISTRICT No. 8.

There were three terms of school in this district the past year, summer, fall and winter. The school is divided, making two good sized schools. The schools were under the charge of C. W. Abbott of East Rumford during the year, with such assistants as the wants of the school required. Mr. Abbott is a teacher of considerable experience, and is well calculated for a teacher of youth, and we think one of the best of instructors.

The assistants for the year were Olive A. Gould of this town, in the summer and winter terms, and Rose A. Abbott of East Rumford in the fall term. They are both teachers of experience, and gave universal satisfaction in that capacity, and we cheerfully recommend them to those who wish to obtain the services of good teachers.

DISTRICT No. 9.

The Summer Term was taught by Sadie F. Shorey of this town. Miss Shorey is a young, but very successful teacher. Her thorough, systematic training and drilling, to which her pupils are subjected, cannot fail to accomplish the desired result of rapid and thorough improvement in their studies. We hope her services as teacher may be retained in our schools.

The Winter Term was taught by Gertrude Drake of this town. Miss Drake is a young teacher, this being her second school. The same system of thoroughness that pervaded the summer school was manifest in the winter term, and a marked improvement was made by the scholars of No. 9 the past winter; and on the whole was a very profitable school.

DISTRICT No. 10.

The summer school was in charge of Sadie E. Gould of this town, and was not up to our standard of what a school should be. There was a great lack of order in the school, that was very detrimental to its interests; for a school of its size, we think one very hard to govern. We are confident that a little more energy on the part of the teacher would have worked a very desirable change and made the school a success.

The Winter Term was in charge of Orville C. Glidden of Palermo, and we think was a very profitable term of school.

DISTRICT No. 11.

Emma F. Webb of this town had charge of the summer school, and gave universal satisfaction as a teacher. Although the school was small, Miss Webb was successful in keeping up a degree of interest seldom witnessed in a school of this size. Miss Webb is well qualified to teach in any of our common schools, and we think our agents will find it for the interest of their schools to secure her services as teacher.

The winter school was taught by Carrie A. Cates of Vassalboro', and we think will rank on an average with the schools throughout the town for the winter.

DISTRICT No. 12.

The summer school was taught by Annie J. Chase of this town, and the school was a success. This was Miss Chase's first attempt in teaching, and she showed a proficiency as instructor rarely seen in one so young, and with experience will become one of our best teachers.

The Winter Term was taught by Frank Rackliff of this town. This was Mr. Rackliff's second school, and we think it a profitable one. He has labored under some difficulties, on account of sickness of scholars, making the attendance very irregular, but we think a good degree of interest was maintained throughout the term.

DISTRICT No. 13.

The Summer Term was taught by Gertrude Drake of this town. This was Miss Drake's first school, and we think was a profitable one. With experience she will make one of our best teachers.

The winter school was in charge of Emma F. Webb of this town, and ranked among our very best schools.

DISTRICT No. 14.

The summer and winter schools were both taught by Lellie V. Dilling of this town. Miss Dilling is a teacher of experience, and enters into her work with a spirit that is sure to make her schools successful and profitable.

In conclusion, we would say our schools during the past year have been very successful; in no case have we been called to settle any difficulty. A deep interest in the welfare of our schools seems to have been taken by all. Good agents have invariably been chosen by the districts, and those agents have endeavored to do their duty to its full extent. A majority of our schools have been taught by teachers belonging in town, and although some of them were inexperienced, they taught us schools that we

may well be proud of. We would say to school agents, patronize home industry, and if we have good teachers in town make it a point to employ them.

The average attendance in some of our schools seems much below what it need be, and much time and money are thrown away by scholars being tardy and absent. We think parents, if they are inclined to, can do much to correct this evil.

There has been no improvement of any importance in our school houses the past year. Although we have some good school-houses, and others that are very comfortable, but far from being in the condition we should like to see them, there are others that are in a dilapidated condition and in no wise suitable for a school-room, and we hope neat, commodious houses may soon replace them.

We believe much of the success of our schools depends on the parents. If parents would visit the schools once or twice each term, and speak an encouraging word to the teacher and to the children, let them understand that they felt a lively interest in their improvement, and be very particular never to censure the teacher in the hearing of the children, and not to listen to idle reports, but if they suspected anything wrong go to the teacher, and in a proper spirit investigate the matter, in nine cases out of ten everything would be pleasantly adjusted.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Balance unexpended March 1, 1878.....	\$109 82
Amount raised by the town	1,084 80
Amount of school mill fund	406 68
Amount savings bank tax.....	216 42
Total amount available, 1878.....	<u>\$1,817 72</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for teaching summer schools.....	\$343 61
“ “ winter schools.....	738 65
“ boarding summer teachers.....	175 25
“ “ winter teachers.....	297 85

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—Concluded.

Paid for fuel.....	\$91 76
“ insurance, repairs, furniture, &c.....	86 75
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Total expenditures.....	\$1,733 87
Balance unexpended March 1, 1879.....	\$83 35

Average length of summer schools, 8 weeks and 4-6 days.

“ “ winter schools, 11 weeks and 1-3 days.

“ wages of female teachers per week, \$3.15.

“ “ male teachers per month, \$28.00.

“ price of board during the year, \$1.64.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. F. FOSTER, *Supervisor of Schools.*