

REPORTS
OF THE
SELECTMEN
AND
SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS
OF THE TOWN OF
ALBION,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1880.

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1880.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

OF THE FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS OF THE TOWN.

Receipts.

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| From Nathan Davis, former Coll. and Treasurer..... | \$2,829 98 |
| Benjamin F. Abbott " " | 207 74 |
| Tax Bills of 1879,..... | 7,461 56 |
| Bank School Fund and Mill Tax..... | 549 72 |
| State Bond sold..... | 1,000 00 |
| Premium and Interest on State Bond..... | 261 83 |
| Cash received of South Thomaston..... | 30 42 |
| Cash received of Ellsworth..... | 15 00 |
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| Total receipts..... | \$12,356 25 |

Expenditures.

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| Paid County Tax for 1878, balance..... | 354 11 |
| County Tax for 1879, in full..... | 593 13 |
| State Tax for 1878, in full..... | 1,510 40 |
| State Tax for 1879, in full..... | 1,510 40 |
| For Support of Schools..... | 1,503 59 |
| For Labor on Highways—Highway Tax..... | 4,047 13 |
| For repair of Drake Hill Road..... | 83 00 |
| For repair of Road near Alonzo Shorey's | 125 75 |
| For repair of Doe and Moody Hills..... | 11 50 |
| Plank for Bridges..... | 22 46 |
| Labor and Materials for Burial Grounds..... | 47 26 |
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| Carried forward..... | \$9,808 73 |

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| Brought forward..... | \$9,808 73 | |
| Printing Town Reports for 1878..... | 14 00 | |
| Blank Books and Stationery..... | 7 50 | |
| Insurance on Town Farm Buildings..... | 12 00 | |
| Cash expenses of Selectmen | 11 50 | |
| Filling Blank Books for State Valuation..... | 14 50 | |
| Orders drawn prior to March 1st, 1879..... | 25 20 | |
| N. Davis for paying State Pensions..... | 3 00 | |
| Cost in Higgins case..... | 3 00 | |
| Cash Expenses of M. Rollins investigating the pension claim of Betsey Robinson..... | 5 00 | |
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| | | \$9.904 43 |

Abatement of Taxes.

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| To B. F. Abbott, Collector of 1877..... | \$26 90 | |
| N. Davis, Collector of 1878..... | 80 23 | |
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| | | \$107 13 |

Town Officers' Bills.

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| Geo. B. Pray, 1st Selectman..... | \$77 35 | |
| Same, for horse and carriage out of town..... | 8 00 | |
| Amasa Bachelder, 2d Selectman..... | 40 00 | |
| Same for horse and carriage out of town..... | 3 00 | |
| G. B. Wood, 3d Selectman..... | 33 56 | |
| Nathan Davis, Collector and Treasurer..... | 69 00 | |
| B. F. Foster, Supervisor of Schools..... | 68 34 | |
| B. F. Abbott, Town Clerk..... | 8 00 | |
| G. B. Wood, Pound Keeper..... | 2 00 | |
| C. W. Hussey, Auditor of Accounts..... | 1 00 | |
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| | | \$310 25 |

Support of Poor on Town Farm.

RECEIPTS FROM FARM.

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| For two pairs oxen sold, | \$235 00 |
| difference between oxen, | 10 00 |
| two calves, \$8.00; 16 lambs, \$40.00, | 48 00 |
| 140 lbs. wool, \$35.00; one hide, \$5.60; | 40 60 |
| 3 pelts, \$2.10; 263 lbs. beef, \$15.78; | 17 88 |
| 66 lbs. of cheese, \$7.62; 91 lbs. of butter, 16.59 | 24 21 |
| 10½ feet of bark, \$6.56; 161 dozen eggs, \$23.54, | 30 10 |
| 113 lbs. of dried apples, \$5.65; poultry, \$2.31, | 7 96 |
| 6 lbs. yarn, \$6.00; rent of pastures, \$18.00, | 24 00 |
| Cash on hand, | 4 18 |
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| | \$441 93 |

EXPENDITURES ON FARM.

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| Paid John J. Roberts, balance salary as Overseer for | |
| 1878—9, | \$37 00 |
| David Fall, salary to March 1st, 1880, | 313 00 |
| Store bills, total amount, | 162 29 |
| On pair of oxen bought, | 92 00 |
| 6 steers bought, | 128 00 |
| 1 cow, \$18.00; two pigs, \$3.00, | 21 00 |
| Pump, \$7.00; use of cider mill, \$1.50; | 8 50 |
| Seed Barley, \$3.75; grass seed, 3.27, | 7 02 |
| Use of bull and buck, \$1.75; carding wool, \$1.30, | 3 05 |
| Clothes Wringer, \$5.00; blacksmith bills, \$3.05, | 8 05 |
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| | \$779 91 |

Expense of Poor on Farm,

337 98

Support of Poor out of Poor House.

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| Paid for support of Warren H. Bragg and family, | \$42 08 | |
| sickness and funeral expenses of Warren H. Bragg, | 58 00 | |
| " " " Jane Austin, | 55 00 | |
| Coffin for James Lancaster, | 8 00 | |
| support of Benson Higgins, | 16 00 | |
| Lusace Hospital for Hattie Spencer, | 21 49 | |
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| Expense of Poor off of Farm, | | \$200 57 |
| In hands of B. F. Abbott, former Treasurer, | \$66 01 | |
| " N. Davis, Coll. and Treasurer, | 1,429 88 | |
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| | | \$1,495 89 |
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| | | \$12,356 25 |

Present Financial Condition.

RESOURCES.

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|---|------------|------------|
| In hand of Nathan Davis, Coll. and Treasurer, | \$1,429 88 | |
| " B. F. Abbott, former " | 66 01 | |
| State Bond, | 1,000 00 | |
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| | | \$2,495 89 |

LIABILITIES.

| | | |
|---|----------|------------|
| Due the several school districts, | \$251.45 | |
| Winterport, for support of Benson Higgins, es- timate, | 56 00 | |
| Outstanding orders, | 48 54 | |
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| | | \$350 99 |
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| Balance in favor of the Town, | | \$2,144 90 |

*Inventory of Stock and Provisions on Town Farm,
March 1st, 1880.*

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| 2 oxen, \$85; 3 cows, \$75; 4 steers, \$85, | \$245 00 |
| 29 sheep, \$145; 2 pigs, 18.00, | 163 00 |
| 23 hens, \$8.00; 24 tons of hay, \$192.00; | 200 00 |
| 60 bushels potatoes, \$15.00; 18 bushels barley, \$13.50, | 28 00 |
| 3 bushels oats, \$1.20; 4 bushels corn, \$3.00, | 4 20 |
| 1½ bushels peas, \$2.00; 1½ bushels beans, \$2.25, | 4 25 |
| 3½ bushels meal, \$2.45; ¾ barrel flour, \$4.25, | 6 70 |
| 2½ barrels soap, \$8.50; 4 barrels cider, \$10.25, | 18 75 |
| 45 lbs. butter, \$3.10; 34lbs. lard, \$3.40, | 11.50 |
| 140 lbs. beef, \$11.20; 320 lbs. pork, \$39.00, | 43.20 |
| 12 lbs. candles, \$1.50; 30 lbs. dried apples, \$1.50, | 3.00 |
| 2 lbs. sugar, \$0.22; ¼ lb. tea, \$0.20; 3 doz. eggs, \$0.42, | 84 |
| | \$728 44 |

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

GEO. B. PRAY,
A. BACHELDER,
G. B. WOOD,
Selectmen of Albion.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.

Herewith we give our second annual report of the condition of the schools for the year ending March 1, 1880. Our report will not essentially differ, in form, from that of last year.

DISTRICT No. 2. . . . Sanford Peaslee, Agent.

The Summer Term was taught by Carrie D. Webb, of Albion. Miss Webb is an experienced teacher, and the school was a success in every respect.

The Winter Term was taught by Geo. W. Varney, of Unity. Mr. Varney has had some experience in teaching, and under his instruction we think the school was all that could be desired.

DISTRICT No. 3.—R. J. Whitaker, Agent.

Both Summer and Winter Terms were taught by Sadie F. Shorey, of Albion. Miss Shorey, although a young teacher, is very successful. Her thorough, systematic method, to which her pupils are subjected, is sure to accomplish rapid and thorough improvement in their studies. She ranks as one of our best teachers.

DISTRICT No. 4. . . . W. P. Plummer, Agent.

The Summer School was in charge of Emma F. Webb, of Albion, who fully sustained her former reputation as teacher. If you desire good schools, retain her services in your schools.

The Winter Term was commenced by Orestes D. Ewer, of Albion. This was Mr. Ewer's first attempt at teaching, and was not a success. We think he tried very hard to make the school what it should be, but failed. There was a great lack of order, that was very detrimental to the school. At the end of the seventh week he left the school, which was finished by Otis Meader, of Albion.

DISTRICT No. 5. . . . J. J. Varney, Agent.

A few weeks of the Summer Term was taught by Lillie V. Dilling, of Albion, who is one of the best of teachers. On account of sickness she was obliged to leave the school, which was finished by Florence L. Fowler, of Unity. We think when we say that the change was not in the least detrimental to the school, it is sufficient.

Caddie O. Fall, of Albion, began the Winter School, and left about the middle of the term on account of sickness. We think she did well for the district. The last half of the term was taught by Ida M. Holmes, of Freedom, whose reputation as a teacher is well established, and was here fully sustained.

DISTRICT No. 6. . . . Geo. F. Thurston, Agent.

The Summer Term was in charge of Carrie P. Worthing, of Palermo. There was a lack of order in school very detrimental to its interests. A little energy on the part of the teacher, would have worked a desirable change for the better.

The Winter Term was in charge of Olive A. Gould, of Albion, and was all that could be desired,—a success.

DISTRICT No. 8. . . . G. H. Wilson, Agent.

The Summer Term was taught by Olive A. Gould, of Albion. Miss Gould is a teacher of experience, and we think on this, as on former occasions, gave universal satisfaction in the capacity of teacher.

Winter Term in charge of C. W. Abbott, of East Rumford, who taught, as usual, one of the best of schools. The assistant for the term was Carrie D. Webb, of Albion, whose teaching is a success.

DISTRICT No. 9. . . . G. B. Shorey, Agent.

The Summer Term was taught by Anna McGray, of Unity. Her method of teaching is thorough and systematic, and under her instructions the scholars made rapid improvement.

The Winter Term was in charge of Clara E. Kennedy, of Hermon. Miss Kennedy is a young but very successful teacher. She has the faculty of interesting her pupils in their studies, and making every thing work like clock work. The school ranks among the very first in town.

DISTRICT No. 10. . . . George Runnels, Agent.

The Summer and Winter Terms were both taught by Orville C. Glidden, of Palermo. This is Mrs. Glidden's third term in this district, and has been, as preceding terms, very profitable. Under her management a very great improvement has been wrought in the school.

DISTRICT No. 11. . . . B. P. Tilton, Agent.

Georgia A. Wilson, of Albion, had charge of the Summer school. This was Miss Wilson's first school, and was very successful. With experience, she will become one of our best teachers.

The Winter Term was taught by N. W. Brainerd, of China, and we think was a very profitable term of school.

DISTRICT No. 12. . . . Ezekiel Chadwick, Agent.

Summer School, taught by Annie J. Chase, of Albion, and was in every respect a first class school.

The Winter Term was in charge of Arthur G. Flagg, of Benton. This was Mr. Flagg's first attempt in teaching, and although young, we think he did very well.

DISTRICT No. 13. . . . Jonathan Moody, Agent.

Julia F. Worthing, of Palermo, taught both terms of school the past

year. And in our humble opinion, her efforts and the results thereof are worthy of praise, and ought to be very satisfactory to the inhabitants of the district.

DISTRICT No. 14. . . . L. L. Taylor, Agent.

The Summer Term was taught by Nellie A. Fogg, of Abion. Although the order of the school was hardly up to the standard, we think the scholars made very good improvement, and that it was quite a profitable term.

The Winter Term was taught by May E. Bradstreet, of Freedom. Miss Bradstreet seems to be well adapted to teaching, and has the faculty of making her pupils interested to a profitable degree in their studies:

In closing our report, we would say that in most cases your schools have been good, some of them *superior*; and while we are happy to speak favorably of our schools, we are sorry to say that we think the parents manifest too little interest in them. We should visit our schools, encourage them by our presence, converse with scholars in regard to their studies, inspire their confidence in the teacher, and inculcate principles of order and obedience to all proper school regulations. Such a course by the parents would be of incalculable value to the scholars. To school agents, I would say, employ the best teachers you can. To employ incompetent teachers is worse than to throw away the money; it is not a *cheap* nor a *long* school we desire, but a *good* one. Your school supervisor or committee are often blamed for giving certificates to poor teachers; but some of our best scholars often make the poorest teachers, and scholarship is the standard by which we judge of qualifications. When you secure good teachers their services should be retained in the same school for a series of terms.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. F. FOSTER, Supervisor of Schools.