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FOR THE

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# Report of the Selectmen.

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## CITIZENS OF CARVER :

The Selectmen submit their Annual Report of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Town for the past year, together with such other facts as may be of interest.

### TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

THOMAS COBB, *Treasurer.*

#### Dr.

To cash on hand at commencement of the year . . . . .	\$3,703 25
rec'd from Oscar E. Bliss, license to peddle . . . . .	6 00
rec'd from William Dunn . . . . .	6 00
rec'd from Wm. L. Randall, license to peddle . . . . .	6 00
rec'd from A. G. Ashley, license to peddle . . . . .	6 00
rec'd from J. C. Chandler for stone post . . . . .	1 25
rec'd from sale of pauper effects . . . . .	1 70
rec'd from State Treasurer, corporation tax . . . . .	389 33
rec'd from State Treasurer, Nat'l bank tax . . . . .	582 35
rec'd from State Treasurer, military bounty . . . . .	49 00
rec'd from State Treasurer, armory rent . . . . .	50 00
rec'd from State Treasurer, amount of State Aid paid to soldiers and families . . . . .	760 00
rec'd from State Treasurer, income from State school fund . . . . .	131 43
rec'd from County Treasurer, dog licenses . . . . .	107 56
rec'd from Thomas Cobb, rent of Town farm . . . . .	25 00
rec'd from collection of taxes . . . . .	5,695 65
rec'd from interest on taxes . . . . .	17 10
Total receipts . . . . .	<u>\$11,540 62</u>

The Treasurer is credited with payments on the several accounts as follows :

## Cr.

Paid for support of poor.....	\$1,296 18
support of schools.....	2,048 53
repair of highways.....	1,182 23
repair of bridges.....	130 16
State Aid to soldiers and families.....	736 80
military expenses.....	99 00
State tax.....	1,035 00
County tax.....	770 37
Pay of Town officers.....	411 97
clearing the roads from snow.....	169 88
repair of school-houses.....	106 33
Miscellaneous expenses.....	62 03
Abatements on taxes.....	36 27
Cash on hand March 10, 1874.....	3,455 87
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	\$11,540 62

## POOR.

Expenses and Receipts connected with the support of Poor the past year, by item :

Expenses at the Almshouse.....	\$332 98
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## EXPENSES AWAY FROM THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for support of Foster Shaw.....	\$58 50
Patience Robbins.....	117 50
Willard Sears.....	101 29
Barton Fuller.....	42 89
Sally Denham.....	39 00
Caroline Wrightington.....	28 43
Ansel Barrows.....	37 31
Joseph A. Bates.....	85 05
Paid for sickness and burial of Rebecca Lucas.....	45 50
Paid sickness expenses of A. P. Robbins.....	407 73
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Total expenses away from the Almshouse,...	963 20

Total expenses of Poor.....		\$1,296 18
Balance from appropriation of 1872.....	\$252 11	
Appropriation of 1873.....	1,000 00	
Rent of Town farm .....	25 00	
Value of pauper goods sold.....	2 95	
Deficiency.....	16 12	
		<u>\$1,296 18</u>

### SCHOOLS.

Receipts and expenses connected with the town schools the past year :

Undrawn balance of 1872.....	\$331 79	
Appropriation of 1873.....	1,600 00	
From State school fund.....	134 43	
From license of dogs.....	107 56	
		<u>\$2,173 78</u>
Paid the several schools.....	\$2,048 53	
Balance undrawn.....	125 25	
		<u>\$2,173 78</u>

### BRIDGES.

Receipts and expenses connected with the repair of Bridges the past year :

Balance from appropriation of 1872.....	\$72 23	
Appropriation of 1873.....	100 00	
		<u>\$172 23</u>
Paid repair of Beaver Dam bridge, Dist. No. 2.....	\$16 75	
Paid repair of bridge at Wenham, Dist. No. 5.....	113 41	
Balance unexpended .....	42 07	
		<u>\$172 23</u>

HIGHWAYS.

Receipts and expenses connected with the repair of Highways the past year :

Balance from appropriation of 1872.....	\$68 70	
Appropriation of 1873.....	1,200 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$1,268 70
Paid Highway District No. 1.....	\$63 98	
Highway District No. 2.....	45 49	
Highway District No. 3.....	50 80	
Highway District No. 4.....	66 79	
Highway District No. 5.....	87 48	
Highway District No. 6.....	40 67	
Highway District No. 7.....	42 25	
Highway District No. 8.....	53 68	
Highway District No. 9.....	—	
Highway District No. 10.....	313 76	
Highway District No. 11.....	144 84	
Highway District No. 12.....	35 43	
Highway District No. 13.....	105 16	
Highway District No. 14.....	55 50	
Highway District No. 15.....	76 40	
	<u>          </u>	
Total amount expended.....	\$1,182 23	
Balance undrawn.....	86 47	
	<u>          </u>	\$1,268 70

Handwritten calculations and notes:

157 / 5064

60 / 76

50 / 79

15 / 65

12,679 (1,3)

600.80

115

108



*Amounts due the Districts as follows:*

District No. 3 .....	\$8 38	
District No. 7.....	5 15	
District No. 8.....	6 08	
District No. 9.....	13 88	
District No. 10.....	12 51	
District No. 11.....	38 30	
District No. 14 .....	19 57	
	<hr/>	\$103 87

*Overdrawn.*

District No. 13 .....	\$9 00	
District No. 15.....	8 40	
Balance undrawn.....	86 47	
	<hr/>	\$103 87

*MILITARY EXPENSES AND RECEIPTS.*

Paid Company L for May inspection....	\$49 00	
Armory rent 1873.....	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$99 00
Received from State for May inspection.	\$49 00	
from State for Armory rent....	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$99 00

*MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES  
THE PAST YEAR.*

## RECEIPTS.

Pedlers' licenses.....	\$24 00	
Corporation tax .....	389 33	
National Bank tax.....	582 35	
Interest on taxes.....	17 10	
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Total receipts .....	\$1,012 78	
Deficiency.....	183 84	
	<hr/>	\$1,196 62

## EXPENDITURES.

Paid Treasurer's and Collector's commission, 1872,	\$131 63
R. M. Dempsey, services as Constable, 1872...	8 23
S. F. McFarlin, services on the School Committee, 1872.....	20 55
R. B. Pearson, services on the School Committee, 1872.....	13 00
R. J. Brett, services on the School Committee, 1872.....	11 79
E. T. Pratt, services on the School Committee, 1872.....	9 00
E. D. Shaw, services on the School Committee, 1872.....	8 50
R. M. Dempsey, services on the School Committee, 1872.....	13 87
Andrew Griffith, services and expenses as one of Selectmen and Overseers of Poor, 1872	47 48
Alvin Perkins, services and expenses as one of Selectmen and Overseers of Poor, 1872,	22 42
H. A. Lucas, services and expenses as one of Selectmen and Overseers of Poor, 1872,	29 00
Peleg McFarlin, services and fees as Town Clerk, 1872.....	26 25
Thomas Cobb, for returning deaths.....	1 50
Avery & Doten, for printing Town Reports....	28 50
Avery & Doten, for printing School Reports...	16 50
S. F. McFarlin, expenses in obtaining School Teachers.....	10 53
Jesse Murdock and others for painting and repairing School Houses.....	106 33
<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	<u>\$505 08</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i> . . . . .	\$505 08
District No. 1, for clearing the roads of snow,	10 82
District No. 2, for clearing the roads of snow,	14 90
District No. 3, for clearing the roads of snow,	38 14
District No. 4, for clearing the roads of snow,	16 04
District No. 5, for clearing the roads of snow,	26 63
District No. 6, for clearing the roads of snow,	6 00
District No. 7, for clearing the roads of snow,	2 80
District No. 8, for clearing the roads of snow,	21 62
District No. 12, for clearing the roads of snow,	4 00
District No. 13, for clearing the roads of snow,	20 60
District No. 15, for clearing the roads of snow,	8 33
Andrew Griffith, for assessing taxes, 1873. . . . .	20 00
Alvin Perkins, for assessing taxes, 1873 . . . . .	17 50
H. A. Lucas, for assessing taxes, 1873 . . . . .	18 75
For tax books . . . . .	2 25
I. C. Bent, for services and expenses on the Herring Committee, 1873 . . . . .	12 75
Eli Southworth, for services and expenses on the Herring Committee, 1873 . . . . .	4 00
Total miscellaneous expenses . . . . .	<u>\$750 21</u>
Transferred from Bank tax to Appropriation for sup- port of Poor . . . . .	446 41
	<u>\$1,196 62</u>

There being a change in the law taxing Bank stock since our annual appropriations were made, the assessors felt justified in reducing the amount appropriated for support of Poor, \$446.41, and transferring said sum from Bank tax to the Poor account.

## STATE AID TO SOLDIERS AND FAMILIES.

Paid Everett T. Manter.....	\$120 00	
Daniel Dunham ... ..	72 00	
A. R. Drew ... ..	72 00	
Mary T. Dunham.....	88 80	
Almira H. Barrows.....	96 00	
Huldah McFarlin.....	96 00	
Nancy L. Pratt.....	96 00	
Caroline W. Pratt .....	48 00	
Guardian to H. I. Atwood.....	48 00	
Paid out on account of 1872.....	884 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,620 80
Received from State.....	\$760 00	
Still due.....	860 80	
	<hr/>	\$1,620 80

## ABATEMENT ON TAXES.

Ralph Copeland, tax of 1873.....	90
Wilson Perkins, tax of 1873 .....	67
Reuben Gurney, tax of 1873.....	2 00
Charles F. Forbes, tax of 1873.....	2 00
Josiah B. Drew, tax of 1872.....	2 00
Benjamin Gurney, tax of 1872 .....	2 00
Jonathan P. Morse, tax of 1872.....	2 00
Augustus Oakland, tax of 1872. ....	2 00
William Pratt, tax of 1872.....	2 83
Jesse M. Shaw, tax of 1872.....	2 00
Stillman Ward, Jr., tax of 1872.....	2 00
John Griffith, tax of 1871.....	2 00
William Pratt, tax of 1871 .....	2 87
Samuel M. Vaughan, tax of 1871.....	2 00
Alverado Wrightington, tax of 1871.....	2 00
William Pratt, tax of 1870.....	2 00
Albert Shurtleff, Jr., tax of 1870.....	5 00
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	\$36 27

*STATE TAX.*

Whole amount assessed as required by Warrant....	\$1,035 00
Paid State Treasurer amount of tax.....	1,035 00

*COUNTY TAX.*

Whole amount assessed as required by Warrant....	\$770 37
Paid County Treasurer amount of tax.....	770 37

*LIABILITIES.*

The liabilities of the Town are as follows :

Treasurer's and Collector's commission, 1873, unpaid	\$135 61
Peleg McFarlin, services as Town Clerk, 1873, unpaid	35 05
Andrew Griffith, services and expenses as one of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, 1873, unpaid.....	39 88
Alvin Perkins, do.....	38 40
H. A. Lucas, do.....	23 39
R. M. Dempsey, services as Constable, 1873, unpaid	8 50
Peleg McFarlin, services and expenses as one of the School Committee, 1873, unpaid.....	56 00
S. F. McFarlin, services as one of the School Com- mittee, 1873, unpaid.....	40 00
E. T. Pratt, do.....	16 25
School appropriation undrawn.....	125 25
Appropriation for repairs of highways undrawn....	86 47
Estimated Poor bills unpaid.....	100 00
Estimated snow bills unpaid.....	100 00
Total liabilities.....	<hr/> \$804 80

*ASSETS AVAILABLE.*

Cash in Treasury.....	\$3,455 87
Uncollected taxes on bills of 1871.....	1 05
Uncollected taxes on bills of 1872.....	94 58
Uncollected taxes on bills of 1873.....	567 54
Due from State for aid paid to soldiers and families	860 80
Due on note of E. P. Bumpus against A. M. Bumpus	170 00
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Total available assets .....	\$5,149 84

*ASSETS NOT AVAILABLE.*

Town Farm.....	\$700 00
Personal property in the house.....	150 00
No. 1 school-house and lot.....	950 00
2 school-house and lot.....	625 00
3 school-house and lot.....	760 00
4 school-house and lot.....	1,000 00
5 school-house and lot.....	950 00
6 school-house and lot.....	700 00
8 school-house and lot.....	800 00
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	\$6,635 00

*AMOUNT RAISED BY TAXATION IN 1873.*

State tax.....	\$1,035 00
County tax.....	770 37
For schools.....	1,600 00
For repair of highways.....	1,200 00
For repair of bridges.....	100 00
For Poor.....	553 59
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	\$5,258 96

*RATE OF TAXATION.*

Poll tax, \$2.00. Rate on property per \$1,000, \$9.00.

*TOWN VALUATION 1873.*

Real estate .....	\$331,442 00
Personal estate .....	192,971 00
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	\$524 413 00

Number of polls, 269.

Number of houses taxed, 231.

Number of horses taxed, 144.

Number of cows taxed, 215.

Number of sheep taxed, 94.

Number of acres of land taxed, 18,478.

Names and ages of the poor who have been fully supported or assisted during the year :

Sally Dunham.....	61 years old.
Sally Denham .....	82
Patience Robbins.....	68
Joseph A. Bates.....	32
Caroline Wrightington. ....	63
Foster Shaw.....	39
Barton Fuller. ....	24
Willard Sears.....	64
Ansel Barrows.....	72
Rebecca Lucas.....	75
A. P. Robbins.....	22
E. P. Bumpus, died July 29...	80

The Almshouse has been let to Mrs. Barrows, she to board the poor for a given sum per week. Only three have been under her charge during the year ; average number two.



We give the rate of taxation in Plymouth County, as usual, together with a few other towns in the State, to show how other people have been taxed the past year :

Abington .....	\$12 80	per \$1,000 00
Bridgewater.....	10 90	
Carver.....	9 00	
Duxbury.....	17 60	
East Bridgewater.....	16 50	
Halifax.....	11 00	
Hanover.....	16 50	
Hanson.....	18 40	
Hingham.....	14 00	
Hull.....	10 00	
Kingston.....	5 50	
Lakeville.....	10 50	
Marion.....	18 20	
Marshfield.....	19 20	
Mattapoisett.....	6 50	
Middleborough.....	14 30	
North Bridgewater.....	17 00	
Pembroke.....	13 20	
Plymouth.....	16 40	
Plympton.....	13 00	
Rochester.....	15 00	
Scituate.....	22 20	
South Scituate.....	16 00	
Wareham.....	18 00	
West Bridgewater.....	11 70	
Eastham.....	27 00	
Truro.....	25 20	
Adams.....	27 00	
Florida.....	28 00	
Monroe.....	32 00	
New Salem.....	29 00	
Pelham.....	34 00	
Brighton.....	9 10	
Nahant.....	4 50	



The same appropriations throughout are recommended as of last year, to pay current expenses :

Repair of highways .....	\$1,200 00
Repair of bridges.....	100 00
Support of poor.....	1,000 00
Support of schools .....	1,600 00
State tax.....	1,000 00
County tax.....	770 37

The substance of our report is, that our poor have cost us \$358.29 more than last year, by the unusual expense of about \$450.00 caused by small pox breaking out in Town, which expense we have placed in the poor account, for the reason that there will be no reimbursement. The deficiency of \$16.12 may be paid out of the usual appropriation of next year.

The appropriations for other departments have been ample to meet expenses, excepting that the income from miscellaneous sources has not paid expenses. No appropriation is called for at this time ; if not self-sustaining, the deficiency may be paid out of the surplus cash in the Treasury.

While the balance in favor of the Town has decreased \$175.00 since last report, we still have a surplus of \$4,345.00 of cash or its equivalent available to meet all ordinary demands upon the Treasury the ensuing year without borrowing.

In conclusion, we remark, that the dull times have had no tendency to increase our expenses, and that however humble a position our little Town bears, we have had only what we could pay for, and paid for all we have had, (an idea perhaps not very popular, but one greeted with some satisfaction when tax bills are presented) and out of 341 towns in the State only 11 show a lower tax rate than Carver.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW GRIFFITH,	} <i>Selectmen and</i>	
ALVIN PERKINS,		} <i>Overseers of Poor.</i>
H. A. LUCAS,		

## TOWN MEETING.

Contents of Warrant for Town Meeting to be held on Monday, March 30th inst., at 1 o'clock P. M.

ARTICLE 1.—To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ART. 2.—To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

ART. 3.—To see if the Town will accept the report of the Selectmen.

ART. 4.—To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of Roads, Poor, Schools, Bridges, and any other expenses the current year.

ART. 5.—To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money under the direction of the Selectmen if found necessary, in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 6.—To see if the Town will vote to charge interest on all taxes unpaid after a certain date.

ART. 7.—To see if the Town will vote to make the yards of field drivers, Town pounds the present year.

ART. 8.—To see if the Town will take any action relative to our herring privilege.

Given under our hands the eighteenth day of March, A. D. eighteen hundred and seventy-four.

ANDREW GRIFFITH,	} <i>Selectmen</i>	
ALVIN PERKINS,		<i>of</i>
H. A. LUCAS,		} <i>Carver.</i>

## Report of the Town Clerk.

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### *MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN CARVER, 1873.*

- February 10. Charles Peterson, of Wareham, and Hannah Chorllson, of Carver.
- April 7. Charles S. Parsons, of Carver, and Lucy J. Cole, of North Bridgewater.
- May 3. Ebenezer Dunham, Jr., and Mary E. Gates, both of Carver.
- May 29. Lothrop W. Barrows and Ada A. Merritt, both of Carver.
- June 9. E Watson Shaw and Mary Whidden, both of Carver.
- September 3. Albert Griffith, of Carver, and Joanna E. Wentworth, of Bridgewater.
- October 7. Albert S. Sparrow, of Middleboro, and R. Frances Dunham, of Carver.
- November 24. Axel Emanuel Fagerberg and Sophia Bernadine Anderson, both of Carver.
- November 26. Rufus W. Lucas, of Carver, and Lucy Ann Soule, of Plympton.
- December 1. John Bent, of Carver, and Irene Augusta Smith, of Middleboro.

Whole number of Marriages, ten. Number of Births, twenty-seven. Number of Deaths, twenty-three.

## DEATHS REGISTERED IN CARVER IN 1873.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.		DISEASE.	PARENTS.
		Years.	Mos. Days.		
Feb'y 28,	Charles O. Tillson,	36	9	Dropsy,	Luther and Cynthia.
Mar. 5,	Elizabeth Cole,	43	..	Tumor,	Ansel and Jane.
15,	Stephen Bumpus,	51	..	A Fit.	John and Mary.
19,	Isaac Shaw,	83	..	Consumption,	Benjamin and Relief.
April 5,	Hannah M. Sherman,	34	..	Consumption,	Andrew and Elista.
12,	Ruth Shurtleff,	85	7	Paralysis,	Benjamin and Abigail.
May 8,	Angelo L. Phinney,	10	7	Pneumonia.	Wm. B. and Rebecca B.
15,	Thomas Savery,	85	6	Paralysis,	Peleg and Hannah.
July 23,	Sophia Stringer,	1	10	Congestion of the Brain.	Edmund and Victoria.
26,	R. W. Andrews,	43	1	Consumption,	Zepheniah and Mary.
29,	Edmund Bumpus,	78	8	Old Age,	Benjamin and Bashy.
29,	Gertrude Holmes,	3	8	Heart Disease,	Charles H. and Mary L.
Aug. 4,	Josephine F. Vaughan,	2	..	Convulsions,	Alvan P. and Lizzie C.
5,	Elista Sherman,	69	..	Nervous Prostration,	Levi and Phebe Vaughan.
Sept. 6,	Eva L. Tillson,	..	7	Teething,	John B. and Varetta.
Oct. 20,	Varetta R. McFarlin,	1	3	Drosy of the Brain,	Zenas A. and Ellen A.
Nov. 4,	Lucy Cole,	54	3	Cancel,	Levi and Lucy Chase.
14,	Lothrop Barrows,	58	..	Consumption,	Lothrop and Solly.
15,	Louisa Bent,	47	..	Typhoid Fever,	Zenas and Polly Thomas.
20,	William Bonney,	26	7	Typhoid Fever,	Horatio W. and Mary.
Dec. 15,	Mabel Drew,	24	..	Consumption,	James and Mary J. Breach.
18,	Nancy Atwood,	30	10	Apoplexy,	Caleb and Sarah Atwood.
24,	Harriet Southworth,	60	5	Heart Disease and a fall,	Caleb and Joanna Tinkham.

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TOWN OF CARVER,  
FOR THE  
School Year ending April, 1874.



## R E P O R T .

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FELLOW CITIZENS :

Your Committee, having in charge the educational interests of the Town, hereby submit their Annual Report for the year ending April, 1874.

In the judgment of your Committee, the schools of the Town are in a healthy and vigorous condition, the year having been marked for great harmony of action, and attended, we believe, with more than ordinary success. The schools have been apportioned equally in length, or as nearly so as possible, among the several districts, excepting that it was deemed expedient to consolidate Districts No. 1 and 6, for the Winter term. This action was acquiesced in by the districts, and we believe proved mutually beneficial.

The following is our Statistical Report, appended to which will be found such General Remarks as we regard pertinent to the duties entrusted to our hands :

Town appropriation . . . . .	\$1,600 00
Massachusetts School Fund . . . . .	134 43
Balance from last year's account . . . . .	197 73
Received from Middleboro . . . . .	7 50
Received from Plymouth . . . . .	7 00
Received from Dog Fund . . . . .	107 56
Total amount received . . . . .	\$2,054 22



The following are the expenditures in the several districts for the past year :

District No. 1. (Green).

Paid Mr. C. F. Kendall, teaching . . . . .	\$369 25	
Mr. L. W. Reckard, wood . . . . .	8 00	
Mr. Sullivan Shaw, sawing . . . . .	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$379 75

District No. 2. (Pope's Point).

Paid Miss I. Augusta Smith, teaching . . .	\$279 00	
Mr. Stephen Atwood, wood . . . . .	13 57	
	<hr/>	\$292 57

District No. 3. (Centre).

Paid Miss Nettie Barrows, teaching . . . .	\$140 00	
Mr. T. M. Southworth, teaching . . . .	110 00	
Mr. Eben Shaw, wood . . . . .	10 50	
	<hr/>	\$260 50

District No. 4. (Furnace Village).

Paid Mr. W. F. Hayward, teaching . . . . .	\$332 40	
Mr. Ichabod Shurtleff, wood . . . . .	7 75	
Mr. N. S. Cushing . . . . .	1 25	
Mr. Joseph T. McFarlin, cartage . . .	65	
Mr. Frank Tillson, sawing . . . . .	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$344 55

District No. 5. (Wenham).

Paid Mr. E. T. Pratt, teaching . . . . .	\$270 12	
Mr. Levi Ransom, wood . . . . .	6 75	
Mr. Daniel Dunham, wood . . . . .	5 00	
Mr. Gould, sawing . . . . .	78	
	<hr/>	\$282 65

District No. 6. (North).

Paid Miss Addie Ward, teaching . . . . .	\$140 00	
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## District No. 8. (South).

Paid Mr. Harvey D. Reed, teaching . . . . .	\$210 00	
Miss Addie Blackwell, teaching . . . . .	77 00	
Mr. Gustavus Atwood, wood . . . . .	10 50	
	<hr/>	\$297 50
Paid for care of school-rooms, cleaning, etc., . . . . .		\$16 95
Total amount expended . . . . .		\$2,014 47
Balance in the Treasury . . . . .		39 75

The number of scholars in town between the ages of five and fifteen years, as returned by the Assessors, is 205. The whole number of all ages attending school the past year is 214. Of this number 4 were under five years, and 26 were over fifteen years of age. The cost of each scholar to the Town has been \$9.41.

The following are the Statistics of the several school terms :

District No. 1.	1st term.	2d term.	3d term.
Length of school in months . . . . .	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 $\frac{3}{4}$
Wages of teacher per month . . . . .	\$45 00	\$50 00	\$50 00
Whole number of scholars . . . . .	27	39	48
Average attendance . . . . .	33	38	41
Number of scholars under 5 years	0	0	0
Number of scholars over 15 years.	1	2	6*

\* Including three from North.

District No. 2.	1st term.	2d term.	3d term
Length of schools in months . . . . .	3	2	2 $\frac{3}{4}$
Wages of teacher per month . . . . .	\$36 00	\$36 00	\$36 00
Whole number of scholars . . . . .	24	23	26
Average attendance . . . . .	19	18	21
Number of scholars under 5 years	0	0	0
Number of scholars over 15 years	4	3	4

District No. 3.	1st term.	2d term.	3d term.
Length of schools in months.....	3	2	$2\frac{3}{4}$
Wages of teacher per month.....	\$28 00	\$28 00	\$40 00
Whole number of scholars.....	23	20	26
Average attendance.....	19	18	23
Number of scholars under 5 years	2	1	0
Number of scholars over 15 years.	0	0	6

District No. 4.	1st term.	2d term.	3d term.
Length of school in months.....	$2\frac{3}{4}$	$2\frac{1}{4}$	$2\frac{3}{4}$
Wages of teacher per month.. . .	\$44 00	\$48 00	\$40 00
Whole number of scholars.....	45	39	38
Average attendance.....	37	30	30
Number of scholars under 5 years	0	0	0
Number of scholars over 15 years.	4	4	4

District No. 5.	1st term.	2d term.	3d term.
Length of school in months.....	3	$1\frac{3}{4}$	$2\frac{1}{2}$
Wages of teacher per month.....	\$36 00	\$36 00	\$40 00
Whole number of scholars.....	25	22	26
Average attendance.....	21	20	21
Number of scholars under 5 years	1	0	0
Number of scholars over 15 years	0	1	3

District No. 6.	1st term.	2d term.	3d term
Length of school in months.....	3	2	
Wages of teacher per month.....	\$28 00	\$28 00	
Whole number of scholars.....	13	12	
Average attendance.....	11	10	
Number of scholars under 5 years	0	0	
Number of scholars over 15 years.	2	3	

District No. 8.	1st term.	2d term.	3d term.
Length of school in months.....	3	2	$2\frac{3}{4}$
Wages of teacher per month.....	\$42 00	\$42 00	\$28 00
Whole number of scholars.....	39	34	25
Average attendance.....	31	27	23
Number of scholars under 5 years	1	0	0
Number of scholars over 15 years	3	3	2

The following are the names of those scholars who were neither absent or tardy during the several terms :

## DISTRICT No. 1.

*1st Term.*  
Stella C. Richards.  
Susan B. White.

*2d Term.*  
Charles W. Shaw.  
Horace Thrasher.  
Laura C. King.  
Bessie W. Ward.  
Susan B. White.

*3d Term.*  
W. F. Chandler.  
Geo. W. Pratt.  
Henry L. Pratt.  
Chas. W. Shaw.

## DISTRICT No. 2.

*1st Term.*  
Henry F. Shaw.  
John W. Shaw.

*2d Term.*  
Aurie B. Shaw.  
Willie F. Atwood.  
Henry F. Shaw.  
John W. Shaw.

*3d Term.*  
Aurie B. Shaw.  
Mary E. Richards.  
Herman E. Murdock.  
Walter W. Richards.  
Willie H. Ashley.  
Henry R. Shaw.  
John W. Shaw.  
Lucian W. Atwood.

## DISTRICT No. 3.

*3d Term.*  
Myra A. Shaw.  
Laura L. Barrows.  
Hannah B. Barrows.  
Elmer F. Shaw.  
Bartlett M. Shaw.

## DISTRICT No. 4.

*1st Term.*  
J. Ellis Threshie.  
Emily B. Bumpus.  
Frank T. Gibbs.  
Charles Threshie.  
Albert A. Perkins.

*2d Term.*  
Frank T. Gibbs.  
J. W. Threshie.

## DISTRICT No. 5.

*1st Term.*  
Estella Pratt.  
Millie Appling.  
Annie Appling.

*2d Term.*  
Lizzie Robbins.  
Frank Hammond.  
Alton Chandler.

*3d Term.*  
Millie Appling.  
Annie Appling.

## DISTRICT No. 6.

*1st Term.*  
Annie H. Robbins.  
Sammie W. Lucas.  
Willie F. Livingstone.  
Stephen T. Livingstone.  
Willie B. Drew.

*2d Term.*  
John S. Robbins.

## DISTRICT No. 8.

*1st Term.*

Hattie R. Manter.  
Henry S. Griffith.  
Ira Murdock.  
Willie B. Murdock.  
Wilson McFarlin.

*2d Term.*

Oscar Atwood,  
Henry S. Griffith.  
Wilson McFarlin.

*3d Term.*

Alton H. Shurtleff.

*GENERAL REMARKS.*

We do not expect to shed any new light upon the general subject of school management. We do not hope to break ground on any field of thought not already carefully considered by those who have preceded us ; but, as the supervisors of your schools, we are impressed by certain observations, vital to the welfare of our educational system, and which, we believe, cannot be too sedulously pressed upon your attention.

The first proposition we would urge upon your consideration relates to the absolute necessity of cooperation of the home-circle and the school-room. A teacher must be "something more or less than human," who can achieve any notable success, without the concurrent action and sympathy of the parents. To suppose a school can be set in motion, and run successfully for a term of months, without any practical outside sympathy, or auxiliary aid, is a lamentable delusion, that cannot be too thoroughly dispelled. We believe this to be a practical suggestion, worthy of your most candid and earnest attention. We do not indulge in Utopian dreams ; we do not look for anything like perfection ; but when we shall see the heads of families in this town thoroughly

and vitally awake to the importance of parental co-operation in school matters, we shall have gained a long march toward a higher educational plane, and many of the *seeming* defects of our school system will disappear. But, in presenting this line of thought, we do not lose sight of the fact that in the teacher finally lies the secret of success. To achieve success in teaching, in the highest and best acceptation of the term, requires a diversity of peculiar gifts. A great linguist, a great mathematician, a great grammarian, or all of these, may prove a very poor teacher. To exercise a firmness and vigor that shall incite a school to action, and insure strict discipline, and accompany these qualities with a wise forbearance and kindness, that shall win respect and confidence; to be able to inculcate the *spirit* as well as the *letter*, the *principle* as well as the *rule* of a problem, to supplement the *possession* of knowledge with a genius for *imparting* it, such are some of the requisites of a good teacher. To secure such a union of qualifications in every teacher is no easy task, though, in making our selections, we have borne the principle steadily in mind.

Absenteeism and tardiness are among the worst evils of our schools. No student can succeed in his studies whose mind is distracted by irregular attendance, while it is a positive injury to any school to have its attention diverted by the arrival of tardy members. And here again, we invoke the united efforts of parents and teachers, for greater punctuality in attendance, to the end



that, as nearly as may be, each pupil may occupy his or her seat, and our schools be as nearly as possible intact, at the sound of the teacher's bell.

We cannot omit to speak in terms of gratitude of the generous appropriation which has been bestowed upon our schools. It has enabled your committee to employ teachers of good standard qualifications, while the length of the schools has been such as to insure the most satisfactory results, not only in the progress made but in the thoroughness observed, which, after all, is the essential of all *true* progress.

At the opening of the school-year a surplus existed in the school fund of about two hundred dollars, which has been mostly expended, in accordance with the best judgment of your committee. To afford the schools the same advantages for the coming year that they have enjoyed the past year, will require an increased appropriation of nearly two hundred dollars. We hope this increase will be granted, for money, which is the "sinews of war," is as truly *the sinews of our schools*. In conclusion, we sincerely trust the practical interest and sympathy which the Town has shown for our schools, may suffer no decline. In the education of our children is involved not only our present prosperity, but our hopes for the future. We are sanguine that a cause so vital to the best interests of society and good government, will continue to receive a generous support at your hands.

PELEG McFARLIN,	} <i>School</i>	
S. F. McFARLIN,		} <i>Committee</i>
E. T. PRATT,		

CARVER, April, 1874.



