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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Justin Canterbury,		\$2 00
Samuel R. Keith, outstanding order for 1876,		1 67
Russell Whipple,	" "	1 50
Sabin Davis,	" "	2 50
Moses L. Ward, order for 1877,		183 00
Estus Barnes,	" "	38 00
Richard Twohig,	" "	45 00
T. W. Stratton,	" "	159 00
J. M. Shaw,	" "	40 00
Joseph Ward,	" "	90 00
George D. Jones,	" "	30 00
Henry Carroll,	" "	39 00
Joseph R. Powell,	" "	60 00
Asahel Gates,	" "	72 00
Joseph Ward, extra work on bridge, as ordered by the Selectmen,		4 05

\$767 72

COST OF POOR.

Betsey Rider,	\$79 00
Miranda Boynton,	60 00
Charlie Davis,	25 00
John Bolster,	60 00
Dwight Dunbar,	100 00
Mrs. Julius Wright,	29 00
Alexander Brewster,	58 33
Willard Benson,	133 24

Mrs. Armstrong and children,	114 69	
William Newell,	35 50	
Harlos Bishop,	48 25	
Mrs. Allen Benjamin,	38 31	
Dr. Heed's bill for sick poor,	38 50	
Transient poor,	34 66	
Tramps,	22 10	
Outside poor,	157 04	
		<u>\$1,033 62</u>

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Outstanding order to Samuel R. Keith, as auditor for 1876,	\$1 50
H. M. McCloud, printing town reports for 1876,	20 00
H. M. McCloud, printing posters,	1 25
Samuel B. Davis, sexton,	30 75
William O. Buffum, "	20 00
W. W. Hunt, lead pipe for watering trough,	5 25
D. W. Bond, services as counsel,	6 25
D. W. Bond, costs of attachment on Phebe Blair's lot,	17 70
Asahel Gates, work on watering trough,	3 00
Alfred Tuttle, work on watering trough,	50
John Jones, services as Moderator,	2 00
C. W. Jones, posting town warrants,	4 00
T. W. Stratton, desk for town hall,	2 50
Justin W. Keith, librarian for three years,	7 50
T. W. Stratton, services as Selectman,	37 00
S. Jewett, " "	57 94
A. C. Randall, " "	16 00
S. Jewett, services as Assessor,	11 00
T. W. Stratton, " "	12 00
A. C. Randall, " "	9 00
S. Jewett, money paid out,	5 18
A. C. Keith, services as Treasurer,	50 00
A. C. Keith, recording marriages, births and deaths,	7 00

A. C. Keith, money paid out for expressage,	8 30	
John Jones, auditor,	1 00	
		<u>\$336 62</u>

SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Teachers' wages and board,	\$600 00
Fuel, West School,	10 62
" South School,	11 50
" Valley School,	10 00
" East School,	8 00
Making fires,	11 00
Repairs on School Houses,	48 59
Services as Superintendent,	49 68
W. K. Vaill, School Committee for 1876,	3 50
School books,	138 86
Sundries,	5 20
Town of Shutesbury for schooling children,	10 00
Town of Belchertown " "	16 00
	<u>\$922 95</u>

TOWN DEBT.

Paid on principal,	\$500 00
Paid interest on debt,	487 45
	<u>\$987 45</u>
County Tax,	255 03
State Tax,	150 00
Remits,	36 54

RECAPITULATION.

Highways and Bridges,	\$767 72
Pauper expenses,	1,033 12
School expenses,	922 95
Contingent,	336 62

Town debt paid on principal,	500 00
Interest on debt,	487 45
Remits,	36 54
State Tax,	150 00
County Tax,	255 03
In the treasury,	231 76
	———— \$4,721 19

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

In the Treasury, March 12, 1877,	\$212 21
Rec'd from C. W. Jones, Collector for 1877,	2,422 83
“ T. F. Cook, Collector for 1876,	1,176 85
“ G. D. Jones, Collector for 1875,	357 65
“ Richard Twohig,	104 66
“ S. Jewett, license as auctioneer,	2 00
“ Palmer, aid to pauper,	21 00
“ Ludlow, “ “	18 50
“ Ware, “ “	33 37
“ Warwick, “ “	2 00
“ Sale of School Books,	10 17
“ Athol, aid to pauper,	4 00
“ Prescott, “ “	2 00
“ Rent of Town Hall,	7 00
“ Hadley, aid to pauper,	24 50
“ Shutesbury, aid to pauper,	4 76
“ Bank Tax,	3 80
“ L. V. B. Cook,	4 00
“ State Treasurer, School Fund,	213 22
“ State Treasurer, State pauper,	10 00
“ J. Shaw, sale of grass,	8 00
“ Dog Tax,	40 02
“ Mrs. Benson,	2 00
“ T. W. Stratton,	13 15
“ Palmer, aid to J. Bacon,	23 50
	———— \$4,721 19

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid on Town Debt, on principal,	\$500 00	
Interest on Debt,	487 45	
Highways and Bridges,	767 72	
Pauper Expenses,	1,033 12	
Schools,	922 95	
Contingent,	336 62	
State Tax,	150 00	
County Tax,	255 03	
Assessors' Abatements,	36 54	
Balance in Treasury,	231 76	
	————	\$4,721 19

A. C. KEITH, TREASURER.

TOWN LIABILITIES.

Notes and Interest to March 1st, 1878,	\$8,035 00	
Outstanding orders,	120 00	
	————	\$8,155 00

RESOURCES.

In the Treasury,	\$231 76	
Due from C. W. Jones, Collector,	1,026 01	
“ T. F. Cook, Collector,	229 43	
“ Sale of School Books,	49 23	
“ Palmer, support of pauper,	8 75	
“ Shutesbury, “ “	20 50	
“ Deerfield, “ “	23 45	
“ Belchertown, “ “	6 00	
“ Mrs. Newell,	9 00	

Due from Sale of grass from Bowe,	7 00	
“ Sale of grass from E. Thornton,	3 29	
“ T. W. Stratton, sale of School House,	12 72	
“ T. W. Stratton, sale of Davis house,	15 52	
Value of Davis farm,	100 00	
Due from sale of P. Blair lot,	123 81	
	————	\$1,865 97
Total indebtedness,		\$6,289 03

Respectfully submitted,

SYLVESTER JEWETT, } *Selectmen*
 T. W. STRATTON, } *of*
 A. C. RANDALL, } *Pelham.*

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

This is to certify that I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer, and found them correct.

JOHN JONES, Auditor.

SCHOOL REPORT.

FELLOW CITIZENS :

In submitting this, our Annual Report, we wish to call the attention of Parents and Guardians of school children, to a few facts, of which we should ever be mindful. The first of which is that ample means are provided for the education of all the children of the Commonwealth, so that no child of ordinary natural ability need retire from our schools wanting any educational qualification. to enter any ordinary business or pursuit, with a fair prospect of success. With these provisions, what is the duty that devolves upon you if it is not to see that the children improve their opportunities, so that nothing shall be lost that can be improved for their benefit. And to this end is it not your duty to see that the children under your care are punctual in their attendance at school, and always in season, with the understanding that they go to learn, and not to criticise teacher or scholar. We would further suggest that the little dislikes of the children toward the teachers should rarely if ever be encouraged at home, nor should a child be kept from school for any trifling cause.

A hint to teachers. We would suggest that a little study of human nature would naturally indicate that children cannot be men and women until they have been boys and girls, and the exercise of patience on the part of the teachers is a virtue worthy to be cultivated both in administering discipline and instruction. Do not require the children to learn too much nor too fast, for if too much is required, the energies will be crippled, the children discouraged, and the school of little worth. Never crowd the children in their studies beyond what they can understand.

To the children we would say, your success in learning depends largely upon your own exertions, for when all is done for you we cannot make good scholars of you without your cooperation. You can all make of yourselves good scholars if you try earnestly to do so. Those of you who travel long distances, rising early and reaching the school room in season, and are punctual in attendance, make much better proficiency than some who live near our sanctums of learning, and are proverbial for their tardiness besides losing a great many days by being absent. Parents and children are liable to be alike at fault in this matter.

Your Committee thought it advisable at the commencement of the school year to make some changes in our books, which was done, and we believe with good effect. Our schools have been a success so far as they have been attended. Our teachers have proved themselves competent to teach and to govern, and have made themselves useful to the children who have attended the schools, of course they could do nothing for absentees.

RESOURCES OF TOWN FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Town Appropriation,	\$700 00	
State School Fund,	213 22	
Dog Fund,	40 02	
		\$953 24

EXPENSES OF SCHOOLS.

Teachers' wages and board,	\$600 00
Fuel for West School,	10 65
“ South School,	11 50
“ Valley School,	10 00
“ East School,	8 00

Making and tending fires,	11 00	
Repairs on School Houses,	48 59	
School Books,	138 86	
Sundries,	5 20	
Services of Superintendent,	49 68	
	<hr/>	\$893 48
Due the Town for Books,		42 97
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Total Expenses for Schools,		\$850 51

J. JONES, }
 H. HEED, } *School*
 A. GATES, } *Committee.*