RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

TOWN OF HAMPTON, N.H.

Superintending School Committee's Report,

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 3, 1860.

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EXPENDITURES.

Outstanding Demands.

Henry W. Dutton &	s Son, f	or prin	ting t	he	
Town Accounts	of last	year,	- 2	. \$10	00
Expressman, .					25
Daniel Lamprey, f	or boar	ding .	Jerem	iah	
Lamprey, Jr., fo	r the ye	ear end	ing Ap	oril	
5th, 1857,				. 52	00
Cotton Brown and	Mary E	Brown,	for la	nd.	
and damage, stra	ighteni	ng Dra	kes' si	ide	
road, .					50
E. M. Brown & C	o., for	coffin a	and ro	be	
for Joshua Jame	es, Jr.,			. 7	25
W. W. Stickney, Es		ervice	of not	ice	
on town of Eps			•		86
W. W. Stickney, E		n fees,	case		
Daniel Lamprey		•		and the second	00
John Dearborn's note					09
David Philbrick, tak		of He	arse, 1	854, 2	00
Abigail M. Toppan's	note,	•		. 622	07
				\$820	09
				\$020	0.5
State Treasurer,				\$304	50
County Treasurer,		100	12.7	. 762	
and a second sec				1111 C.	0.000

Schools.

School	Distict	No.	1,				4	\$298	74	
"	46	No.						258	46	
113	"	No.			18.2	2.9		107	45	
55	"	No.						74		
\$\$	22	No.	5,					112	49	
"	"	No.		•	1.			109	89	
							4	\$961	48	
For the	suppor					ute,		\$17	40	

Morrill M. Coffin, Superintending School Committee, 10 00

Expenses for the Poor.

New Hampshire Asylum for the Insane, for		
the support of Samuel Dearborn \$	150	99
House of Reformation, for the support of		
Samuel B. Shaw,	47	12
J. H. Kelley, support of Mary A. Lowe, .	46	00
Jonathan Blake, support of Mrs. Shaw, to		
Nov. 7, 1859,	45	86
Susan Blake, support of Mrs. Shaw, from		
Nov. 7, 1859, to April 6, 1860,	32	34
Ruth Godfrey, support of Anna Lamprey, .	60	43
Mary Garland, support of Nathaniel Drake,	57	20
Daniel Lamprey, support of Jeremiah Lam-		
prey, Jr.,	52	00
David Brown, support of Polly Stickney,	54	60
Simeon Lane, support of Mrs. Drake, .	52	00
Jesse Lamprey, support of Greenleaf K. Stick-	-	
ney,	41	50
Mrs. Clement, support of two Benson children,	78	00

Bryant Eaton, goods delivered to Hannah		
Souther,	65	00
George W. Lane, goods delivered to Jere-		-
miah Lamprey,	78	00
George W. Lane, goods delivered to Nathan-		
iel Drake,	.4	11
George W. Lane, goods delivered to Mrs.		
Shaw,	3	17
George W. Lane, robe for Anna Lamprey,		88
" " " 1 pr. shoes, 2 pr. socks for		
Jeremiah Lamprey,	2	05
Mary Garland, making clothing for N. Drake,	2	80
John J. Leavitt, goods delivered to Jeremiah		
Lamprey,	3	80
John J. Leavitt, goods delivered to Jeremiah		
Lamprey, Jr.,	3	08
Daniel Lamprey, for washing, mending and		
making clothes for Jeremiah Lamprey		
and wife,	12	00
Daniel Lamprey, making clothes for Jere-		-21
miah Lamprey, Jr.,	2	00
Daniel Moulton, 61 cords wood for Jeremiah		
Lamprey,	22	75
Daniel Moulton, trouble and board of Oliver	30	
Blake, Jaid out to help	3	00
Blake, Paul out to help Daniel Moulton, treuble and board of 34		
strangers,	19	77
Daniel Moulton, for time, railroad fare and		
other expenses to Sanbornton respect-	175	104
ing N. Drake,	10	00
Daniel Moulton, services as Overseer of the		
Poor,	6	00
Oliver Towle, for one cord wood for Mason	The second	10,1
woman,	3	50
William L. Blake, for one cord wood for	-	-
Mason woman,	3	50

iel Drake	00
ior brune,	-
William T. Merrill, doctoring the poor, . 17 (00
" " liquor for the poor, .	50
E. P. Young, work on stove for Jeremiah	
Lamprey,	75
Samuel P. Brown, lodging and victualling	
3 strangers,	00
Samuel B. Swett, attendance and medicine	
for child of Thomas S. Lamprey, . 2 (00

\$987 70

Contingent Expenses.

Francis Grant, for stationery,		\$4	51
Dutton & Son, for 25 handbills,		1	37
Mrs. Susan Blake, rocks for bridge, .		2	00
E. P. Young, " " " .		11	00
" " work on bell,		1	00
" " " lock and key	to		
hearse house,			25
James Lane, rocks for bridge,		8	00
John L. Perkins, lumber for turnpike,	-		86
" " 13 cedar posts for turnpil	se.	2	08
Geo. W. Lane & Co., nails for "			15
" " " repairing guide post,			25
David Philbrick, labor on road,			30
John J. Leavitt, glass, oil and whiting,	to		-
repair town house,		1	03
Daniel Hobbs, repairs on town house,			65
Jonathan N. Dow, 115 loads gravel, .			50
Jeremiah Elkins, 132 """.		10039	20
Nathaniel Batchelder, 83 " " .			30
Joseph A. Philbrick, labor on highway,			90
sooph and a monthly habor on mentally,			00

Joseph R. Sanborn, 8 loads gravel,	\$1	00
Jonathan N. Dow, taxes for 1858, overpaid,		41
" labor on highway,	1	20
Jeremiah Roby, rocks for bridge,	4	75
Thomas L. Marston, repairs on well, .	4	00
William T. Merrill, returns of Births and		
Deaths.	1	50
William T. Merrill, services as Liquor Agent,	53	61
Robert Philbrook, taking care of hearse, .	2	
Samuel Harding, ringing bell,	30	00
Stacy W. Brown, repairing guide post, .		50
" " work on highway,		80
Secretary of State for copy of an Act relat-		
ing to Hampton and Northampton,		
passed Nov. 30, 1742,	2	25
John S. Hobbs, for payment of Jeremiah M.		
Lamprey's tax, assessed in North		
Hampton, and costs,	51	90
Thomas D. Hobbs, 2 dinners and other		
expenses,	1	00
C. G. Toppan, wood for Town House, .		40
" " oxen half day on the road, .		60
E. P. Young, for services and expenses paid		
by him as one of the Seaweed Com-		
mittee,	14	25
E. P. Young, for services, and expenses		
paid by him as one of the Police Officers,	22	50
Morris Hobbs, for collecting taxes,	50	54
" " services as Constable at		
Annual Meeting,	1	00
Morris Hobbs, notifying Town Officers, .	5	00
" " for services as one of the Police		
Officers, and distributing Police Laws		
in half the town,	11	00
Samuel D Lane, interest on note,		50
George W. Lane " " "	5	30

\$359 86

Expenses on Bridge near A. Coffin's.

Aaron Coffin for lumber and la	bor,			\$82	50.
J. E. Brown, for timber, .	. '			10.00	00
Edward Shaw, for timber,	8			4	32
Daniel Moulton, for services,	•	•	•	2	50
				\$93	32
John M. Palmer's bill-					
Services at Annual Meeting,		-		\$2	00
" " adjourned "	-			2	00
Recording proceedings of me	eeting	s,		2	00
Notifying Town Officers to	take o	baths,		1	00
Making returns of State and	Coun	ty Of	ficer	's, 2	00
Copy of records to Seaweed	Com	nittee	3, .		50
Postage,	. · ·				48
Copies to Selectmen, .				2	50
Drawing and notifying Juro			rm,	2	00
Recording oaths of Town O " appointments of			of	1	00
highways, Making returns to the Secre	tarv c	of St	ate		50
of births and deaths,				3	24
Recording 54 births and deat	hs and	1 36 n	nar-		
riages,					40
Recording taxes,				5	00
Recording appointment of su		tendi	ng		
school committee, .	·	•		0	50
Drawing and notifying juror			1,	- 2	
Services at town meeting, N	ov. 2	5,		2	00

Recording proceedings of said meeting, .	1	00
Procuring copy of State records,	1	00
Notifying E. R. Road Corporation of vote		
of town,		00
Recording appointment of Police Officers,		00
Drawing and notifying jurors Jan. term,		00
17 ·		
	\$40	12
Daniel Moulton's bill-		-
Making return of rateable polls,	-	50
Preparing invoice and assessment books,		00
Taking inventory and making assessment		00
Making taxes,		00
Making surveyors' books and distributing		
same,		00
Appointing Superintending School Com-		
mittee,		50
Room and dinners for selectmen while		
making taxes,	7	50
Settling suit with Daniel Lamprey, .	1	00
Journey to Exeter respecting same, .		50
Making out Militia roll,	-	50
Copy of non-resident inventory and taxes		00
for Collector,	1	00
Return of Railroad shares,		25
Labor on turnpike fence,	1	50
Preparing Collector's book,		50
Copy of taxes for town clerk,		00
Returns to State and County treasurers, '		50
Taking births and deaths,		00
Returns of births and deaths for town cler		00
Offering reward for damage to town-house		00
Repairs on turnpike bridge,		00
Recording assessment and taxes,	4	00
Two journeys to Portsmouth and Exeter		
respecting county paupers,	5	00

Repairs on Jeremiah Lamprey	's ho	use,	. 2	00
Notifying town meeting, Nov			. 1	50
Journey to North Hampton to	sear	ch rec	-	
ords,	, DOUL			75
Four journeys to Exeter re	sneet	ing N	J	
Hampton taxes and advid				
suit,	ie aut	ut ia		00
			100 1000	00
Appointing 2 police officers,	in		• •	50
Meeting superintendent of Ra			;	50
Revising juror list and takin	g on	schoo		00
money,	•			00
Attending three juror meeting				50
Journey to Exeter, thence				
Hampton, then back to	Exet	er an		
Hampton,		2		00
Notifying annual town meetin	g,		. 1	50
Making two check lists,			. 2	00
Postage and stationery, .			. 2	00
Settling town accounts,			. 6	.00
Arranging town accounts,			. 3	00
One day with auditors,	10.002	101	. 1	00
Correcting check list, .				00
Recording town accounts,				00
Copy town accounts, .	112	123		00
1.				
			\$91	00
Ebenezer Lane's account-			-W. C	-
For services as one of the sel	lectm	en an	d	
services on the cemetery,		cii ali		00
Oliver Towle's bill—	1.000	in in	. 40	00
For services as one of the sel	aatm		a	
		on an	2000	00
services on the cemetery,	1	•	. 00	00
			\$664	20
			5004	00

Cemetery and Tomb.

Uri Lamprey, as tow							
For stone posts, .					. 5	\$119	67
For lumber, .						111	32
For paint, oil and	nails					104	99
For iron workers,						141	21
For stone to cover	tom	Ь,				15	00
For labor, &c., of	all de	escrip	tions	1.1	-	352	
Daniel Moulton's bill		*		here a	-		~,
On cemetery, .						25	00
12 32						869	86
tes "liter	Abate	ment	s.				
Jesse Lamprey's poll	tax,					1	61
Jonathan Perkins, Jr.						1	61
Benjamin Palmer, po	ll tax	ζ,	1	114. T		1	61
John M. Blake, poll t	tax,	" and			11.		61
Oliver Blake, poll tax		requ	est.				61
Nathan Godfrey, poll				st.		1	07
Simon N. Lamprey, j						1	61
David H. Philbrick,	poll t	ax, n	ot ol	d end	ough		21
Benjamin F. Perkins	, poll	tax.					21
Charles W. Nudd, po			-	100	The		21
Charles W. Lane, pol					1000		21
Jonathan P. Hobbs,			100	Ter	- int		21
George W. Towle, p			3 220	1000	1		21
Gardner Towle,							84
Heirs of David Nudd		nev n	ot ta	xable	e in	TOOT	0.1
Hampton,						59	80
John N. Marston,	-			-		1	(TRACE)
John C. Marston,						1070	20
Thomas L. Marston,	-			1	sail	6	03
Joseph Ballard,		15	1		10 2		40
Samuel Dearborn, Ju	r.,					1	34
						04	70

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\$94 70

Non-resident Road Receipts.

Paid different individuals for labor, . . \$31 77

Recapitulation.

Rece	eived of	selectn	nen of	last	year,			\$23	90
-	10 66	Collect	or of	taxe	s,			3778	81
10		George						160	00
1	ie ((Lots so	old in	cem	etery,			1233	08
No 1		County						116	63
		Railroa						92	27
20.1		Literar						85	12
1		Liquor						53	61
10-9	33 . 33	Police	office	rs,		1278		6	00
18		Jesse I			and a	-		4	07
131		Nathan			on.			1	95
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	1	120					ŝ	5555	70
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Demands against the Town, exclusive of Interest.

Notes payable to John Dearborn	_			
One, dated March 7, 1855,			\$237	05
One, dated May 27, 1856,			300	00
One, dated April 27, 1857,			100	00
One, dated May 7, 1859,			319	16
One note, payable to Nathaniel	Johns	on,	1	
dated April 27, 1858, .			75	00
One note, payable to George	W. La	ne,		
dated March 3, 1860, .			160	00
	-		\$1191	21
Cash on hand,	•	•	28	75
Balance against the town, .	•		\$1162	46
				1.13

DANIEL MOULTON, EBENEZER LANE, OLIVER TOWLE, Selectmen of Hampton.

The Auditors find the Selectmen's accounts well vouched and correctly cast.

ENOCH P. YOUNG, ABRAHAM FOGG, JOSEPH JOHNSON, Auditors.

Hampton, March 3, 1860.

SCHOOL REPORT.

FELLOW CITIZENS,—Your demand to have the School Report *printed*, suggests that the interests of our community are receiving *increased* attention, and *all* branches pertaining thereto are to be held responsible. In conformity with the duties devolving upon me the following is respectfully submitted :—

DISTRICT No. 1. Summer Term, 18 weeks. Miss Sarah E. Gillespie, teacher; whole No. scholars, 43; average attendance, 31. The school made unusual progress for one term. The efforts of the teacher were untiring, and well directed; her teaching practical and familiar.

Winter Term, taught 15 weeks, by Thomas Leavitt, Jr. Whole No. pupils, 50; average attendance, 32. Mr. Leavitt's teaching, for clearness and affableness, rarely is excelled, and to this, against the unavoidable interruptions of the school during the term, was its remarkable progress indebted.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.—Summer Term, Miss Victoria A. Knowles, teacher. Length of term, 18 weeks; No. scholars, 31; average attendance, 24. The teacher's rare endowments guaranteed a complete success.

Winter Term, taught 15 weeks, by Miss Sarah M. Garland. Whole No. scholars, 34; average No. 19. Miss Garland is a teacher of great energy, and has a peculiar tact for the business. Her schools praise themselves.

Scholars punctual for the year, Charles W. Philbrick. For the Winter Term, (Primary) John A. Philbrick, Charles A. Brown, Dana A. Garland. (Grammar,) Thomas L. Locke, Daniel Y. Moulton, and Abby B. Redman.

DISTRICT No. 2.—School taught through the year, by Mr. David B. Johnson. Summer Term, 19 weeks. Whole No. scholars, 47; average No. 41. Winter Term, 16 weeks. No. scholars, 51; average No 45. Punctual for the year, Lewis Perkins and Maria J. Philbrick. For the Term, Charles G. Brown, John F. Marston, Harvey Brown, Henry W. Emery, Lizzie T. Mason, Marianna Dearborn, and Martha P. Perkins. This school has been under the tuition of Mr. Johnson for three and a half years, and practically demonstrates what the *continued* service of a thorough and devoted teacher will do.

DISTRICT No. 3.—Summer Term, Miss Mary F. Lamprey, teacher. Term, 10 weeks; No. of pupils, 38; average, 32. Miss Lamprey labored under some disadvantages; these being considered, the school made a very commendable progress.

Winter Term, 15 weeks. Mr. James W. Perkins, teacher. Whole No. scholars, 38; average attendance, 32. Punctual attendance for the year, Geo. H. Blake. Summer Term, Lucy A. Godfrey, Ellen J. Hobbs, Jane P. Godfrey, and Maria F. Godfrey. Mr. Perkins is a young man, ardently interested in education, and, undoubtedly, with experience and perseverance, his fondest hopes will be realized.

DISTRICT No. 4.—Summer Term, taught 12 weeks, by Miss Semira S. Shapley of Rye. Whole No. of pupils, 35; average No. 27. Miss Shapley improved the school, but needs more experience. Winter Term, taught by Miss Lydia A. Garland. Length, 12 weeks. Whole No. scholars, 40; average attendance, thirty-eight. Punctual for the year, Minerva A. Brown, Celia M. Chase, Sarah E. Mason. For the Term, Maria F. Mason, Mary E. Marston, Julia A. Marston, Abby J. Mason, Catherine E. Crane, Isabella R. Godfrey, John A. Lane, Levi B. Crane, Charles F. Turner, Henry P. Crane, Henry W. Nay, Geo. H. Lane, Joseph C. Mason, and eight others absent but one half day. The punctuality of this school shows what the interest was in it. Miss Garland. takes position at once among the first teachers.

DISTRICT No. 5.—Summer Term was taught 12 weeks, by Miss Mary K. Palmer. Whole No. of scholars, 20; average attendance, 17. Miss Palmer is a teacher of large experience and wide reputation. Her schools are *sure to improve*.

Winter Term, 17 weeks, taught by Miss Sarah E. Gillespie. Whole No. 27; average No. 21. Punctual for the Term, Isabella N. Elkins, John J. James, John Taylor, Albert James, and Henry L. Dodge.

This school was also interrupted by sickness, yet the progress made was very good.

DISTRICT No. 6.—School taught through the year, by Miss Augusta A. Brown. Summer Term, 25 weeks; Winter Term, 13 weeks. Whole No. scholars, 12; average, 8. Whole number in winter, 14; average, 9. Miss Brown is a teacher of superior talents. She commences with the Elementary Principles, and teaches them thoroughly and accurately. The benefit of labor thus bestowed is slow in its development, and slower in its appreciation.

Whole number of weeks Summer School, 114; Winter, 103. Whole number of different girls attending town school, 128. Whole number of different boys attending town school, 155. Total, 283. Number of visits by S. S. Committee, 113; P. Committee, 29; Citizens, 391.

The names of the scholars punctual to school have been given in accordance with a promise made at the opening of the school year. This list has been largely diminished by sickness during the Winter Terms.

THE SCHOOLS' PROGRESS FOR THE YEAR AND PRESENT CONDITION.—Efforts have been directed more to the cultivation of the *thinking* powers, and closer application to study, than to public demonstrations, as the year previous. The teachers, generally, have been earnest and faithful, the scholars obedient, and to-day our schools are standing upon a sounder basis than one year ago. The Commissioner remarked that, with the discipline, thoroughness, systematic arrangement, together with the continuation of the interest manifest, our schools will soon take the precedency.

The Text Books used in them at the present time are alike. To secure a result so desirable, a "change" was necessary. And as different editions of the same book are in the market, parents are respectfully requested, in their future purchases, to get the edition used. Otherwise, we shall soon involve the schools in an unnecessary and serious evil.

WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE FOR SCHOOL HOUSES. —Change all of their ante-rooms from wood-houses to receiving rooms, and have them conveniently arranged with hooks, utensils for drinking, washing and the duties of the toilet. Provide each schoolroom with from three to six chairs and a good clock. No. 3 needs an outbuilding and a set of outline maps. Other furniture of daily use and of trifling cost, not here necessary to specify, is wanted. Districts 1 and 2 have purchased during the year globes and some other school apparatus. By expending an equal amount the present year, you will have a supply of apparatus for common use. The other districts need these things; and because you have less school money or fewer pupils, this will not atone for any neglect of so much importance. The means of illustration, by diagrams, charts, &c., at a teacher's command, are as essential to him as tools to a carpenter, or the implements of husbandry to the farmer.

WHAT TEACHERS NEED DO.—Drill their schools more in the elementary principles. Beginning with orthoepy, and exercise the entire school daily in this branch. Perseverance in this will overcome all difficulties which offer themselves on its first presentation, and as its practical utility develops, you will regard that teacher incompetent who cannot teach the English language by sound as well as by name.

Require all "reading lessons" to be studied and analyzed; and have each read with different degrees of modulation, movement and pitch of voice. Point out the perversion of sense frequently produced by a slight "change" of emphasis or accent. Require written "spellings" as well as oral, and the written oftenest. Teach Geography by "beginning at home," enlarging the territory as the pupil becomes familiar with it; and have each lesson in the descriptive accompanied with a map of the same, drawn by the pupils themselves. Teach Arithmetic without being confined to "spectacles," and Grammar in all of your conversation.

Conduct the school exercises upon *some* system, and have the ability to turn this way or that upon a moment's notice. Keep your "eyes and ears open," and your mouth shut until the "sober second thought." Require all work to be done with precision and neatness. Avoid answering a question in asking it, or spelling a word in pronouncing it. Allow nothing that will interrupt quietude, or disturb the harmony of mutual affection. Have a perfect control of self, and the safety of others will not be in jeopardy. Let regret rather than anger temper chastisement, and courteously but with firmness, state what you intend. Do it and nothing more. Finally inherit the noble cardinal virtues as well as the milder attributes, and your schoolroom will become the theatre of interest and the place of moral and intellectual culture.

A WORD TO PARENTS .- Yours is the controlling influence. Small objects can reflect large shadows. The child's conduct in the street or at school is a fair indication of his or her training at home. Let, then, the example and influence of the "Old Folks at home," be such that "Young America" abroad bring it no reproach. Should the discharge of your duties become remiss, or felt oppressive, have such teachers employed in the Common School as will repair these neglects and divide your responsibilities. Receive such with approbation and pledge them your sincere and united coöperation. Mitigate their labors by frequent visits to the school-room, and offer no impediments to progress or emulation, by allowing a child of yours to absent from school for the merest triffe. Irregularity destroys real progress. It restrains aspiration and encourages unsettled principles of future character. Contumacy and irreverence are the legitimate fruits of an untutored infancy, which, ere the period of manhood arrives, engender greater evils, and become amenable to the law.

A WORD TO ALL. We have teachers among us of

decided ability and usefulness, and as long as they continue efficient, does not the immediate advancement of our schools depend upon their continued service? Generally a "change" from term to term is equivalent to sacrificing half of it in advance, leaving the "chances" largely against us for the balance.

A good teacher once secured, should be retained until strong reasons appear to the contrary. But a few comparatively are natural teachers; those few need to be encouraged and employed. Thousands of children are constantly under the instruction of those whose principal ideas of duty consist in converting children's heads into "battering rams," or hurling any convenient missile at them, accompanied by innumerable threats of violence.

Deliver us from such. Their services can be spared until the cultivation of our noblest attributes depend upon the efficacy of physical torture, or mankind so degenerates as to confound human nature with the brute creation in not respecting the best ruling power of both. Finally, to cherish and urge onward the work of this great and noble cause, is a duty we owe to posterity, to ourself and the community. No act, duty or obligation of ours should remain unperformed. Plant our standard firmly and deeply; inscribe upon it the golden principles. Point, yea, draw the rising generation to it.

M. M. COFFIN, S. S. Committee.

Hampton, March 6th, 1860.