

REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND

Superintending School Committee,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1870:

HAMPTON.

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SELECTMEN'S OFFICE,

HAMPTON, March 1, 1870.

Agreeably to a vote of the town, we respectfully submit the annual report of the financial operations of the town for the fiscal year, embracing Receipts, Disbursements, Assets, and Debts; also, the state of the Treasury.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Received from Taxes,	\$10,025 15	
Loans,	2,775 00	
State,	1,056 03	
County,	583 63	
Sales,	137 66	
Conscience Money,	20 00	
Rents,	168 55	
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Cash in the Treasury, March 9, 1869,		\$2,531 55
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		\$17,297 57

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid State Tax,	\$2,358 00
County Tax,	1,402 17
Schools,	1,186 69
Town Notes,	6,738 63
Schoolhouse Tax,	200 00
Paupers,	1,414 37
Highway and Bridges,	154 60
Salaries,	454 54

Paid Miscellaneous, Abatements,	\$433 10	
	56 91	
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Total Disbursements,		\$15,523 19
		1,774 38
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		\$17,297 57

Taxes.

Received of Collector, E. J. Hobbs, taxes for 1869,		\$10,025 15
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Loans.

Rec'd of John Dearborn on Town note,		850 00
John P. Hobbs,		350 00
Simon N. Dearborn,		1,000 00
C. B. Emery,		275 00
Jeremiah R. Fogg,		100 00
John C. Marston,		100 00
John F. Marston,		100 00
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		\$2,775 00

State.

Railroad tax,	866 06	
Savings Bank tax,	87 57	
Literary fund,	48 40	
Instalment U. S bounties,	54 00	
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County.

Rec'd for support of County Paupers,	583 63	
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Sales.

Rec'd of J. T. Moulton, lot Cemetery,	16 00	
S. W. Brown,	11 00	
Oliver Hobbs,	12 00	
Joseph Dow,	16 00	
Samuel Palmer,	16 00	
	<hr/>	\$71 00

Conscience.

Conscience Money,	\$20 00	
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Rents.

Rec'd of W. G. Cole, for rent of Town Hall,	154 55	
E. B. Towle, for lease of land at the sea,	10 00	
A. P. Munger,	3 00	
J. W. Dow,	1 00	
	<hr/>	168 55
Cash, March 9, 1869,		2,531 55

Town Farm.

Lumber sold,	18 86	
Grass,	43 00	
Apples,	4 80	
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DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid State tax, 1869,	2,358 00	
County tax, 1869,	1,402 17	
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Schools.

Paid District No. 1,	328 83	
District No. 2,	317 14	
District No. 3,	144 08	
District No. 4,	118 25	
District No. 5,	144 90	
District No. 6,	133 49	
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Town Notes Paid in Full.

Paid Elizabeth F. Blake,	173 97
Ruth M. Drake,	401 13
“ “	453 72

Paid S. D. Maynard,	\$2,106 66	
Abel Morrill,	868 30	
Thomas L. Marston,	1,792 77	
George W. Dunbar,	455 96	
C. B. Emery,	283 12	
John C. Marston,	101 50	
John F. Marston,	101 50	
	<hr/>	\$6,788 63

Town Notes Paid in Part.

Paid David Stevens,	50 00	
Interest to Mary A. Nudd,	300 00	
on notes to Cong. Society,	135 83	
Baptist Society,	60 18	
S. D. Maynard,	480 42	
Stacy L. Nudd,	40 80	
Eli Lamprey,	23 00	
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Paupers.

Paid for support of W. E. Dunbrack,	52 00	
board and clothing for G. K.		
Stickney,	66 31	
Mary Robinson,	71 73	
Josiah R. Marvel,	53 50	
Mary D. Nudd,	278 22	
Mary H. Palmer,	294 11	
Elijah Davis,	302 05	
wood for Rebecca Crane,	5 00	
Samuel and Betsy Dearborn,	120 80	
Transient paupers,	69 90	
Charles Akin,	84 00	
W. T. Merrill, attendance on		
County poor,	10 00	
Town poor,	3 00	
Paid James Lane, wood for Samuel and		
Betsy Dearborn, in year		
1868,	3 75	
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Highways and Bridges.

Paid Stacy W. Brown, covering stones for Bridge,	\$7 00	
Samuel James, for land and dam- age in widening road,	25 00	
For gravel for repair of Highways,	45 70	
Non-resident highway taxes paid in labor,	34 15	
For lumber, nails and labor for bridges and fences on Turnpike, guide posts, and repairing the same,	42 75	
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Salaries.

Paid John J. Leavitt, Town Clerk,	40 00
John H. Fogg, Selectman,	65 00
John C. Marston, "	45 00
Reuben Lamprey, "	45 00
John C. Marston, Overseer of Poor,	5 00
William G. Cole, Superintendent of Town House,	66 54
Moses A. Dow, bell ringer,	50 00
Jacob T. Wallace, Police officer,	6 00
Josiah J. Dearborn, "	6 00
Samuel Meserve, "	6 00
Edwin J. Hobbs, Collector,	50 00
David Philbrick, care of Hearse,	6 00
Jacob T. Brown, Superintending School Committee,	25 00
John H. Fogg, two journeys to Haverhill, two to Portsmouth, one to Amesbury, one to Brentwood, two to Hampton Falls, three to Exeter, on Town busi- ness,	22 00
J. H. Fogg, settling accounts with State,	2 00
J. H. Fogg, services in regard to the land at the sea,	3 00

Paid John C. Marston, two journeys to Portsmouth, one to Brentwood, three to Exeter, on Town business,	\$12 00
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	454 54

Miscellaneous.

Paid Printing Town accounts,	27 25
Auditors' bill,	4 00
Insurance Town House,	15 00
Books, stationery and postage,	4 80
Stamp for Collector Bond,	1 00
A. J. Hoyt, printing bills,	2 50
Bank Checks to send money to Insane Asylum,	2 17
Joseph R. Sanborn, School tax to Exeter,	2 15
D. M. Christie, for advice about the Town's interest in lands at the sea, in years 1868, 1869.	50 00
Jacob T. Brown, account with Town Farm, in year 1868,	16 54
Jeremiah Marston, rent of land for T. C. Perkins' House,	6 00
Edmund Mason, showing land in District No. 4,	1 25
Bonus paid on money,	10 00
Breaking path in Cemetery,	1 25
E. P. Young, five keys for Town House,	1 50
W. F. Merrill, for return of births and deaths,	15 00
W. G. Cole, oil, wood, &c., for Town House,	33 01
Bank Check to pay State tax,	3 00
David Towle, repairing door and putting on lock and bell gear for Town House,	2 50
Making paths in Cemetery,	2 75
Jesse Lane, lock for Town House,	1 82
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	\$203 49

Paid five per cent. on taxes collected before the first of August,	\$229 61
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	\$433 10

Town Farm.

Paid Reuben Moulton, sawing lumber,	3 00
Non-Resident tax on Farm,	1 14
D. A. Philbrick, one bushel barley,	2 00
“ “ one shovel,	1 50
Obed S. Hobbs, building cellar case,	3 00
G. W. Lane & Co., grass seed,	2 06
S. F. Godfrey, ploughing, &c.,	9 00
Cutting and hauling wood,	8 50
Sticking up lumber,	2 50
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	\$32 70

Abatements.

Paid George F. Nudd, on land not owned in years 1866 and 1867, and 1868 and 1869,	2 10
D. A. Philbrick, on real estate,	83
A. D. Brown, dog,	1 00
Arthur Blake, cow,	56
G. W. Mace, poll,	2 63
Joseph Blake, “	2 63
Dana Godfrey, “	2 63
William L. Hobbs, “	2 63
Oliver F. Lamprey, “	2 63
J. W. Akerman, “	2 63
A. D. Akerman, “	2 63
Joseph Mace, on wood and land not owned,	3 30
Adna B. Lane, on wood,	5 25
Jeremiah G. Mace, money,	3 50
Uri Lamprey, horse, sheep and marsh,	2 13
Willard Shaw, on money,	5 25

Paid Alfred J. Leavitt, poll tax in 1865 and 1866,	\$9 42
Reuben Lamprey on cow,	60
Zacchas Brown, cow,	56
John Newell, land not owned,	3 00
Daniel D. Lamprey, dog,	1 00
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	\$56 91

JOHN H. FOGG, } *Selectmen*
 JOHN G. MARSTON, } *of*
 REUBEN LAMPREY, } *Hampton.*

We find the Selectmen's accounts well vouched, and correctly cast.

EBENEZER LANE, }
 SIMEON B. SHAW, } *Auditors.*
 JOHN A. TOWLE, }

STATE OF TREASURY, MARCH 1, 1870.

Liabilities.

Amount of Town Notes,	\$26,740 16
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Assets.

Due from United States, for bounties advanced,	2,226 00
Town Farm, valued at cost,	1,237 42
House occupied by T. C. Perkins,	118 51
Cash in Treasury,	1,774 38
	<hr/> 5,356 31

Deficit, being indebtedness of town,	\$21,383 85
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Town debt, March 9, 1869,	24,026 91
Town debt, March 1, 1870,	21,383 85

Reduction of debt the past year,	2,643 06
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JOHN H. FOGG,	}	<i>Selectmen of Hampton.</i>
JOHN G. MARSTON,		
REUBEN LAMPREY,		

THE TOWN DEBT

Is represented by Town Notes, all bearing interest at the rate of six per cent. The holders of the Notes, with the dates, principals and amounts of notes, on March 1, 1870, is shown in the following

TABLE.

Date of Note.	To whom Payable.	Principal.	Am't of Note, Mar. 1, 1870.
April 11, 1862.	Congregational Society,	\$139 00	\$146 40
Oct. 20, 1864.	Samuel D. Maynard,	2,000 00	2,043 67
Nov. 14, 1864.	Samuel D. Maynard,	6,000 00	6,107 00
Dec. 15, 1864.	Simon N. Dearborn,	1,362 00	1,845 74
April 1, 1865.	Eli Lamprey,	150 00	121 40
April 6, 1865.	Congregational Society,	168 71	177 85
April 21, 1865.	Congregational Society,	391 00	411 20
May 5, 1865.	Congregational Society,	500 00	524 67
July 20, 1865.	Mary Fogg,	50 00	65 41
Oct. 3, 1865.	Stacy L. Nudd,	680 00	696 77
Feb. 22, 1866.	Jeremiah R. Fogg,	200 00	252 48
Feb. 22, 1866.	Abraham Fogg,	200 00	252 48
Mar. 15, 1866.	Mary A. Nudd,	5,000 00	5,288 33
Mar. 28, 1867.	Congregational Society,	1,065 00	1,124 11
June, 25, 1867.	Baptist Society,	100 00	104 10
Feb. 21, 1868.	Baptist Society,	703 00	704 17
Feb. 21, 1868.	David Stevens,	700 00	737 76
Feb. 28, 1868.	Jeremiah M. Lamprey,	390 00	438 42
May 20, 1868.	William T. Lamprey,	1,200 00	1,331 57
June 19, 1868.	William T. Lamprey,	800 00	883 62
Sept. 26, 1868.	Abby B. Rollins,	600 00	652 43
Dec. 15, 1868.	Olive A. Hobbs,	200 00	214 69
Dec. 15, 1868.	Baptist Society,	200 00	214 69
Mar. 27, 1869.	John Dearborn,	850 00	897 32
May 1, 1869.	John P. Hobbs,	350 00	367 50
Aug. 4, 1869.	Simon N. Dearborn,	1,000 00	1,034 50
Nov. 9, 1869.	Jeremiah R. Fogg,	100 00	101 88

\$26,740 16

R E P O R T

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The following Annual Report is respectfully submitted :

District No. 1. PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Miss Mary A. Perkins was teacher of the first term. If she failed fully to meet the expectations of your Committee, it was doubtless owing to her youth and inexperience.

The second term was taught by Miss Mary H. Godfrey, who devoted herself to her work, and the school made fair progress in their little studies, but "lacked one thing," good order, without which no school is "perfect."

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

This school "left off as it began" without the knowledge of the Superintendent. Neither did the teacher, Miss Mitchell, return the register of her school. Hence no statistical report. At the time of my first visit the deportment of the school was good. We regret it was not maintained through the term.

The winter school was kept by Mr. Charles M. Lamprey, who "followed in the steps of his illustrious predecessor," the school having been in session several weeks before the Committee had knowledge thereof, or who had charge of the school except by "hearsay." The office of Superintendent thus ignored, I decided to be a "know nothing" in regard to this school, and submit without argument to the district's censure or approval of my course.

District No. 2.

The first term of this school was under the efficient instruction of Miss Sarah M. Lamprey. The second, of Mr. Lewis Perkins, both of whom sustained their previously acquired reputation.

District No. 3.

Miss Carrie E. Seavey was teacher of the summer term, and Mr. Horace M. Lane of the winter term. This school through the year was characterized by good order, and a degree of thoroughness in study creditable to teachers and scholars.

District No. 4.

The school in this district was under the tuition of Miss Maria F. Mason during the year. She is a diligent and faithful teacher.

District No. 5.

The summer school was undertaken by Miss Fogg, who labored earnestly, but failed to maintain good order, or to secure thoroughness in study.

Miss Sarah E. Forsaith, teacher of the winter term, succeeded in a great measure, in reclaiming the school to habits of order and attention to study.

District No. 6.

Miss Alice W. Batchelder commenced the first term of this school "under difficulties," but persevered to success. Had she received the sympathy and co-operation of parents the school would have been more profitable.

Miss Carrie E. Seavey taught the second term, and sustained her well earned reputation in District No 3.

GENERAL REMARKS.

Were your Committee competent to offer suggestions and recommendations commensurate with the importance of the

school interest, and would the public accept the advice, we might expect a decided improvement in the character of our schools. But unfortunately your Committee is not "sufficient for these things," and moreover a school report is regarded as a "tale that is told," and the community already know the "hows" to elevate the standard of Schools, much better than is practiced. The idea that a School Committee can make a good school is a mistaken one. The first requisite to a good school is a *good Teacher*. A good teacher being secured the greatest *hindrance* to a good school is a disease—a sort of hybrid combining the malignity of the epidemic and contagion—pestiferous, and which "runs in the blood" of some of our schools, viz., *irregularity of attendance*. "Quack Medicines," "extracts," and "compounds" fail to reach the seat of this disease. The only physicians that can eradicate it are parents, and those having the care of children. Towns, it is true, are authorized to enact by-laws compelling children regularly to attend school, but such laws are of little force unless backed by *public sentiment*.

The lack of sympathy and co-operation with the teacher by the district is another great obstacle in the way of a good school, and when parents manifest their *interest* in the school by criticising the teacher's method of instruction, and by listening to groundless complaints of scholars, and "wink at" their *misconduct*, it is evidence that they do not "see clearly" how to correct the evil of which they complain. And their influence is against a profitable school.

My limit forbids me to speak of schoolhouses, and all the appurtenances and fixtures thereto belonging. For comments on which you are referred to school reports of past years, which, like the weather notes of a last year's almanac, are transferable to the present issue, and "though calculated for a particular meridian, will, with a little variation, answer in any other longitude."

JACOB T. BROWN,

Superintending School Committee.

HAMPTON, March, 1870.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE SCHOOLS.

No. of District.	Term of School.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.		Wages of Teacher, per month.	Length of School, in weeks.	Whole number of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Scholars constant in attendance.	Instances of tardiness.	Visits by citizens.	Visits by Supt. Committee.
1	1st,	Primary School,	Mary A. Perkins,	\$12 00	16	31	19	0	67	23	2
1	2d,		Mary H. Godfrey,	12 00	14	29	19	0	58	21	3
1	1st,	Grammar School,	Miss Mitchell,	3
1	2d,		Charles M. Lamprey,
2	1st,		Sarah M. Lamprey,	25 00	18½	64	48	7	230	16	4
2	2d,		Lewis Perkins,	35 00	18	46	40	3	54	20	3
3	1st,		Carrie E. Seavey,	15 00	12	31	26	6	76	46	3
3	2d,		Horace M. Lane,	25 00	13	38	34	0	93	14	2
4	1st,		Maria F. Mason,	15 00	10	18	15	0	120	17	1
4	2d,		Maria F. Mason,	17 00	16	20	15	1	109	13	2
5	1st,		Jennie Fogg,	14 00	9	17	13	0	77	8	3
5	2d,		Sarah E. Forsaith,	25 00	16	18	14	1	72	18	2
6	1st,		Alice W. Batchelder,	15 00	12	10	8	0	5	20	2
6	2d,		Carrie E. Seavey,	19 00	14	13	9	1	62	16	2