

FINANCIAL

AND

SCHOOL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OF HAMPTON, N. H.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 14,

1876.

EXETER:

NEWS-LETTER PRESS,

1876.

OFFICERS ELECTED AT ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 9, 1875.

Moderator.

SEWEL W. DOW.

Town Clerk.

DAVID O. LEAVITT.

Representative.

SAMUEL D. LANE.

Selectmen and Assessors.

JACOB T. BROWN,

JOHN H. FOGG,

WILLIAM H. BLAKE.

Treasurer.

*JACOB T. BROWN,

Overseer of Poor.

*WILLIAM H. BLAKE.

Superintending School Committee.

HORACE M. LANE.

Collector.

*WILLIAM G. COLE.

Superintendent of Town House.

JAMES W. BLAKE.

Auditors.

URI LAMPREY,

JOHN J. LEAVITT,

DAVID MARSTON.

*Appointed by Selectmen.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Residents' Invoice, April 1, 1875,.....	\$600,590 00
Non-Resident's " " "	58,771 00
No. of Polls, 325, " " "	32,500 00
Total valuation of Town, April 1, 1875,	\$691,861 00

APPROPRIATIONS.

State Tax,.....	1524 00
County "	1418 86
Town "	3000 00
School "	1333 50
Percentage to meet abatements,.....	33 5 25
Total for State, County, Town & School Taxes,	\$7609 61
School House Tax, District No. 1,.....	\$1300 00
Percentage to meet abatements,....	63 26
School House Tax, District No. 2,.....	1250 00
Percentage to meet abatements,.....	47 46
School House Tax, District No. 3,.....	125 00
Percentage to meet abatements,.....	5 25
Total for school Houses,.....	\$2790 97
Resident Highway Taxes,....	\$1900 76
Non-Resident " "	176 25
Total Highway "	\$2077 01
Dog Tax,.....	\$77 00
Total Tax on sixty-nine dogs,	\$77 00
Total Taxes committed to Collector,	\$12,554 59

RATE OF TAXATION.

For State, County, Town & School Taxes, on....	\$100,	\$1 10
School House Tax, Dist. No. 1, on	100,	53
“ “ “ “ “ 2, “	100,	72
“ “ “ “ “ 3, “	100,	21
Highway Tax, on.....	100,	30

LIST OF TOWN NOTES.

Date of Note.	Payable to	Amount.	Rate of Int.	Int. paid to
1871, May 4,	Congregational Society,	\$2272 34	6 per cent.	May 4, 1875
1872, May 4,	Congregational Society,	*200 00	“	May 4, 1875
1873, March 19,	Congregational Society,	100 00	“	
1871, July 20,	Mary Fogg,	70 92	“	
1874, May 27,	Fabyan P. Drake,	500 00	“	
1875, May 20,	William T. Lamprey,	2400 00	“	
1875, Sept. 9,	Abby B. Rollins,	921 00	“	
1876, Jan. 12,	Joseph T. Sanborn,	600 00	“	
1876, Feb. 14,	Baptist Society,	1103 00	“	
1876, Feb. 21,	Jeremiah M. Lamprey,	450 00	“	
1876, Feb. 23,	Jacob T. Brown,	225 00	“	

ASSETS.

Note of O. Godfrey and J. Lane,.....	\$96 60
Due from Collector Cole,.....	267 47
Cash in Treasury,.....	13 49

By vote of the town we drop from our assets the town farm, the gravel pit and the Government Claim amounting to \$3,581. The note to Congregational Society dated May 4, 1874, for \$200, was dropped from the list of notes in 1874.

The actual decrease of the town debt the current year is a little over \$2000, though by restoring said note and dropping said assets there is an apparent increase of debt.

JACOB T. BROWN,	} Selectmen of Hampton.
JOHN H. FOGG,	
WILLIAM H. BLAKE,	

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Jacob T. Brown, Treasurer, in account with the town of Hampton, for the year ending March 14, 1876.

	Dr.	
	1	
Received of Treasurer Samuel J. Drake,.....		\$327 59
	2	
Collector of 1874, outstanding taxes,		236 29
	3	
on Town Notes,.....		8119 00
	4	
Sales of town property,.....		44 00
	5	
of State Treasurer,.....		511 11
	6	
County Treasurer,.....		40 17
	7	
Income of town farm,.....		91 72
	8	
Rent of town hall,.....		40 00
	9	
in payment of note due the Town,....		41 58
	10	
of Collector Cole, on acc't of Taxes,..		12,287 12
	11	
Highway District No. 11,.....		42 27
	12	
Donation for gate posts at Cemetery,		15 00
Total Receipts,		<u>\$21,795 85</u>
	Cr.	
	A.	
Paid outstanding demands,.....		\$558 70
	B.	
State Tax,.....		1524 00
	C.	
County Tax,.....		1418 86
	D.	
School money to Districts,.....		1464 76
	E.	
School house taxes,.....		2768 15

	F.	
Paid Town Notes,.....		10,202 12
	G.	
Support of paupers,.....		280 21
	H.	
Repairs of Highway and Bridges,.....		120 15
	I.	
Non-Resident Highway taxes, worked out		48 05
	J.	
Incidental expenses,.....		717 48
	K.	
Salaries of town officers,.....		534 00
	L.	
Discount on taxes paid Aug. 1,.....		204 50
	M.	
Abatement of taxes of 1875,.....		40 62
Remittance of Resident Highway taxes,.		1900 76
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Total disbursements,		\$21,782 36
Cash in Treasury,.....		13 49
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		\$21,795 85

TREASURER'S REPORT IN DETAIL.

RECEIPTS.

	1	
Received of Treasurer of 1874,.....		\$327 59
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		\$327 59
	2	
Collector of 1874, outstanding taxes		\$236 29
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		\$236 29

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TOWN NOTES.

Jacob T. Brown, on town note.....	\$1200 00
Joseph F. Williams,.....	320 00
William T. Lamprey,.....	2400 00
Jacob T. Brown,	800 00
Abby B. Rollins,.....	921 00
Joseph T. Sanborn,.....	600 00
First Baptist Society,.....	100 00
“ “ “	1103 00

Received of Jeremiah M. Lamprey,.....	450 00	
Jacob T. Brown,	225 00	
Total Received on Town Notes,		\$8119 00

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SALES.

Jacob T. Brown for old hearse.....	\$21 00	
Christopher G. Toppan, stone posts.	6 00	
Heirs of Geo. H. Page, lot in Cemetery	7 00	
George T. Crane, lot in Cemetery..	10 00	
Total Received from Sales,		\$44 00

5

Received of State Treasurer, railroad tax.....	\$144 95	
savings bank tax..	263 82	
Literary Fund....	102 34	
Total receipts from State,		\$511 11

6

Received of County Treasurer for support of Eliza A. Green to Feb. 12, '76	\$19 17	
County Treasurer for support of John Lane to Feb. 12, 1876,...	21 00	
Total receipts from County		\$40 17

7

Received of W. Norris for rent of Town Farm pasture,.....	\$22 00	
S. W. Brown & W. H. Blake for grass.....	15 62	
For apples and potatoes.....	20 00	
mud, \$29 50, logs, \$3 00, ducks, \$1 60,.....	34 10	
Total income of town farm,		\$91 72

8

Received of J. W. Blake for rent of town hall,.	\$40 00	
Total receipts for rent,		\$40 00

9

Received of Simon P. Towle in payment of note,	\$41 58	
Total collected in notes,		\$41 58

10

Received of Collector Cole on account of taxes,	\$12,287 12	
Total received on taxes of 1875,		\$12,287 12

11

Received of Highway district No. 11, unworked taxes,	\$42 27	
Total receipts of resident highway taxes,		\$42 27

12

Received of S. W. Dearborn, donation for gate posts at cemetery,	\$15 00	
Total amount received by donation,		\$15 00

DISBURSEMENTS OF TREASURER IN DETAIL.

A.

OUTSTANDING DEMANDS.

Paid bill for auditing town accounts of 1874,...	\$6 00
Printing town accounts of 1874,.....	32 00
Balance of school house tax to Dist. 1,...	331 90
" " " " " 2,...	48 11
Warren Brown, labor on new road in 1873	24 00
Samuel Mace, damage in widening road 1874,.....	51 46
Lewis P. Nudd, making snow paths,.....	7 50
Collector abatement of F. H. Lyford poll tax 1873,.....	2 23
George T. Batchelder, poll tax 1874,.....	2 28
John Emery, tax on dog 1874,.....	1 00
Heirs Thomas Lane on land not owned 1874,.....	7 11
Daniel Y. Moulton, poll tax 1874,.....	2 28
Sanborn & Co., tax on house 1874,.....	8 15
William G. Cole, error in tax, 1874,.....	3 41
Isaac Emery, tax on land in old swamp,	6 42
Samuel Fisk, poll tax 1874,.....	1 33
J. T. Brown, error in tax 1874,.....	1 52
Dist. No. 9, making snow paths,.....	22 00

 \$558 70

B.
Paid State Treasurer, State tax,.....\$1524 00

\$1524 00

C.
Paid County Treasurer, County tax,.....\$1418 86

\$1418 86

D.
SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid School District No. 1,.....	\$425 55
“ “ No. 2,.....	381 53
“ “ No. 3,.....	176 09
“ “ No. 4,.....	146 75
“ “ No. 5,.....	173 41
“ “ No. 6,.....	161 43

\$1464 76

E.
SCHOOL HOUSE TAXES.

Paid school house tax, District No. 1,.....	\$1351 24
“ “ “ “ No. 2,.....	1288 66
“ “ “ “ No. 3,.....	128 25

\$2768 15

F.
TOWN NOTES PAID IN FULL.

Paid note of Oliver A. Hobbs,.....	\$287 89
John P. Hobbs,.....	831 60
Sarah A. Stevens.....	526 33
William T. Lamprey,.....	1448 40
“ “ “	964 80
Joseph F. Williams,.....	325 17
Jacob T. Brown,.....	810 00
Abby B. Rollins,.....	901 20
Simon N. Dearborn,.....	1237 75
Baptist Society,	744 37
“ “	201 96
“ “	104 35
“ “	100 73
Jeremiah M. Lamprey,....	457 75
Jacob T. Brown,.....	1259 82

\$10,202 12

G.

SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

Paid Lydia A. Lane for care of John Lane twenty six weeks ending Feb. 21, 1876,	\$39 00
A. D. Brown, supplies to S. & B. Dearborn,.....	140 78
Geo. W. Lane, & Co. supplies to S. & B. Dearborn,....	7 88
Jonathan Godfrey, supplies to S. & B. Dearborn,.....	1 60
Ann Godfreys' bill for labor, to S. & B. Dearborn,.....	5 00
W. L. Blake, bill for labor at farm,.....	12 50
W. H. Blake, " " "	21 00
Simeon Shaw for support of E. A. Green, one year ending April 1, 1876,.....	25 00
Jeremiah Marston, care and support of tramps,.....	24 40
Geo. W. Lane, & Co. provisions for tramps,	3 05

\$280 21

H.

HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES.

Paid Nathaniel Batchelder moving wall near S. Cutts'... ..	25 00
J. T. Brown repairing turnpike fences and bridge,.....	15 85
J. T. Brown, railing road at Causeway,.	16 50
Bills for gravel,.....	62 80

\$120 15

I.

NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY RECEIPTS.

Paid Non-resident highway taxes, worked out,	\$48 05
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\$48 05

J.

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid C. A. Hazlett premium of Insurance on Town House,.....	\$15 00
Cong. Society, interest on notes,	149 54
Blank books and stationery,.....	11 46

Paid John C. Davis stone posts for cemetery,...	33 00
Dr. Sanborn, return of births and deaths,	1 00
Tolman, Russel & Co. for Hearse,.....	400 00
Freight on Hearse,.....	9 00
J. H. Fogg, car fare to Worcester to buy hearse and return,.....	5 30
non-resident tax on Town Farm,.....	1 17
Hoface Brown, labor in cemetery,.....	1 25
Baptist Society, interest on two notes,...	18 00
Jacob T. Brown, lumber for guide posts,	1 75
S. P. Towle, rent of land for tramp house,	10 00
S. L. Jenness, repairs on plow for dist. 9,	1 00
John A. Nudd, damage to sheep by dogs,	4 00
Jeremiah Marston, " " "	5 00
Jesse Knowles, " " "	7 00
J. T. Brown, " " "	6 00
J. W. Dearborn, services in case Town vs. Tilton,.....	8 00
Witnesses in case Town vs. Tilton,.....	2 67
C. M. Lamprey services in case Town vs. Tilton,.....	3 00
Wiggin & Fernald, services in case Town vs. Tilton, and advice,.....	13 40
Geo. W. Lane & Co. rope for bell,.....	39
Dearborn Shaw, repair of town farm chimney,.....	1 60
E. P. Young, bill for labor and stock,...	3 70
John W. Mace, labor on highway,.....	5 25

 \$717 48

K.

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid David O. Leavitt, services Town Clerk,...	\$35 00
Jacob T. Brown " Selectman and Assessor,.....	75 00
John H. Fogg, services Selectman and Assessor,.....	55 00
William H. Blake, services Selectman and Assessor,.....	55 00

Paid Jacob T. Brown, services Treasurer and paying State and County taxes,.....	25 00
William H. Blake, Overseer of poor,....	15 00
Horace M. Lane, Supt. school committee,	25 00
William G. Cole, collector,.....	100 00
James W. Blake, Supt. of Town House,..	20 00
“ “ “ Police officer,.....	15 00
Uri Lamprey, “ “	10 00
Jacob T. Wallace, “ “	6 00
John H. Fogg, “ “	6 00
William H. Blake, “ “	6 00
Jacob T. Brown, “ “	6 00
Moses A. Dow, ringing bell,.....	80 00
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	\$534 00

L.

DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

Paid Collector, discount on takes paid Aug. 1, 1875,.....	\$204 50
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	\$204 50

M.

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid abatement of Alonzo M. Stevens, poll tax,	\$1 82
Sherburne Locke, on land..	50
Cotton Brown, on house,...	2 27
Joseph R. Sanborn, school tax,.....	2 48
Joseph Godfrey, on cow,....	47
David Lamprey, on dog,...	3 00
John F. Mace, on mill,....	41
Isaac Emery, on land,.....	1 10
Heirs S. C. Lamprey, on Mill,.....	41
Thomas S. Blake, on land,.	1 57
Daniel Weare, on land,....	39
Uri Lamprey, on real estate,	4 89
John N. Marston, on dog,...	1 00
Lewis Perkins poll.....	1 82
Merrick Smith, “ and dog,	4 10
Allen Hook, “	1 31

Paid abatement of George F. Batchelder, poll,	1 63	
Samuel D. Batchelder, " .	1 10	
Bejamin Balch, " .	1 82	
William W. Cook, " .	1 82	
George O. Leavitt, " .	1 63	
Charles W. Philbrick, " .	1 63	
John C. Fernald, " .	1 63	
John Neal, " .	1 82	
		\$40 62

Resident, Highway taxes, remitted to the Collector for the benefit of
Highways.

The total resident Highway tax, \$1900 76

JACOB T. BROWN, Treasurer.

We have this day examined the Selectmen's accounts for the year ending February 24, 1876, and find them properly vouched and correctly cast.

URI LAMPREY,
DAVID MARSTON, } Auditors.
JOHN J. LEAVITT, }

Hampton, Feb. 24, 1876.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

CITIZENS OF HAMPTON:—

As this report is the only document ever written by your Committee for the inspection of the public, and hoping, for that reason, you will be sparing in your criticisms thereon, we respectfully submit the following Report of the Schools for the year ending Feb. 22, 1876.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

The summer term of this school was taught by Miss Annie M. Brown, who has taught here a great portion of the time for the last eight or ten years. We had the pleasure of visiting the school some two or three times during the summer term, and found it enjoying a good degree of prosperity, as has always been the fact since it has been under the charge of Miss Brown.

The winter term of this school was taught by Miss L. Maria Johnson, a teacher of some little experience, who gave entire satisfaction to your Committee, and, as far as we could learn, to the people of the district.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

During the summer term, this school was under the charge of Miss Sarah M. Garland. It would be superfluous, perhaps, for me to use any words of praise in regard to this school, for the reason that Miss Garland's schools need no praise. Miss Garland is a *working* teacher, and consequently succeeds.

It seemed to be the scholars' aim, during the winter term of school, to make all the improvement possible under the circumstanc-

es, to maintain good order, and to otherwise conduct themselves in a proper manner. Your Committee, in the capacity of teacher of the school, was highly pleased thereby.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

This school, during the summer term, was under the charge of Miss Amy Dearborn, and the winter term, of Miss Isabel Cole. This is the first school ever taught by either of the above teachers, and as such, may be considered a success. There is, however, room for improvement with age and experience.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

The summer term of this school was under the charge of Miss Martha Perkins, who has the benefit of having been a pupil of the Normal School, and also a teacher of some experience; her good reputation as such, suffered no drawback as teacher in No. 2.

The winter term of this school was taught by Mr. B. Herbert Young, a member of the Senior Class of Bates College, Lewiston, Me. It was the aim of Mr. Young to be thorough, and the order in school, if not perfect, was good; but I have been informed that at other times, in the absence of the teacher, it might have been improved. Perhaps it would be well to keep the school-room closed at all times excepting during school hours, as there is ample room outside of the school-room for such a purpose, and convenience for warming the same.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

The school, during the entire school year, has been under the charge of Miss Ella M. Weare. Considering the fact that this is Miss Weare's first attempt to teach school, and also the old adage that "A prophet is not without honor save in his own country," we consider this school a success. A good degree of order was manifested, and correctness in recitations which was creditable to both scholars and teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

The school in this district, for both summer and winter terms, was taught by Miss Addie B. Godfrey, who, by her pleasant manner, succeeded in gaining the good will and affection of the pupils of the school. Unfortunately, Miss Godfrey was taken sick some three or four days before the winter term was to close and consequently I can

give no report as to the progress of the scholars for that term. The summer term, however, was satisfactory.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

The summer term of the school was taught by Miss Georgiana Locke of Rye, and the winter term by Miss Mary F. Dearborn of this town, both of whom, I presume, taught the school satisfactorily to the people of the district. The school is so small, it is almost impossible to create any great degree of interest either on the part of the teacher or scholars. I had no knowledge of the time when either term closed, and therefore could not judge of the progress made.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Both terms of the school were taught by Miss Lucy E. Marston of North Hampton. Correctness and thoroughness in this school approached nearly to a degree of perfection, and the order *was* perfect. The following quotation from the register shows that order was the first law of the school: "I am happy to say that not one of my scholars have whispered without permission this present term, and that permission has been granted but seldom." The school as a matter of course was a decided success.

OUR "ROLL OF HONOR."

Scholars not absent one-half day during a term.

DISTRICT NO. 1. PRIMARY SCHOOL.

SUMMER TERM.—Hattie M. Brown, M. Augusta Brown, Ralph P. Dow, Herbert E. Lamprey, Frank W. Dearborn.

WINTER TERM.—Willie L. Redman, Abbie F. Locke, Almira A. Brown, Marcia A. Garland.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

SUMMER TERM.—Etta M. Leavitt, Clarence B. Johnson, Edward E. Johnson.

WINTER TERM.—Lizzie A. Blake, Ella S. Perkins, Emma F. Perkins, Susan A. Redman, Willie L. Batchelder, Clarence B. Johnson, Edward E. Johnson, Irvin E. Leavitt, George W. Palmer, George C. Towle, Edward E. Redman.

DISTRICT NO. 2. PRIMARY SCHOOL.

SUMMER TERM.—Ida P. Williams, Gracie R. Williams, Irving L. Flanders, Howard G. Lane.

WINTER TERM.—Jessie A. Flanders, George T. Batchelder, Bertie Brown, Irving L. Flanders, Howard G. Lane.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

SUMMER TERM.—M. Lillian Brown, Sarah F. Dow, Anna M. Lamprey, John G. Brown.

WINTER TERM.—Fannie Johnson, Mary J. Samuel, Anna M. Lamprey, Ellen J. Samuel, Edith M. Brown, Anna M. Cole, Mary L. Brown, Emma C. Wallace, Nellie M. Towle, Melzar W. Dunbar, Edgar J. Batchelder, George B. Lamprey.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

SUMMER TERM.—Mary A. Blake, Isa S. Lane, S. Alice Weare, George E. Leavitt.

WINTER TERM.—Isa S. Lane, Annie L. Weare, Sarah E. Blake, George W. Barbour.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

SUMMER TERM.—Orin L. Lane.

WINTER TERM.—Lizzie F. Lane, Herbert B. Marston.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

SUMMER TERM.—Grace L. Dearborn.

WINTER TERM.—John F. Dearborn.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

SUMMER TERM.—Lottie F. Carter, Harlie E. Carter, M. Wessie Carter, Frank H. Coffin.

Tabular Statement of the condition of the schools during the past year.

No. of District.	TEACHERS' NAMES.	Wages of Teacher per month.	Length of school in weeks.	Whole number of scholars.	Average attendance.	Scholars constant in attendance.	Visits by Superintendent.	Visits by citizens.	Percentage of attendance.	Expenses per month for each scholar.
1	Primary Annie M. Brown,.....	\$20 00	16	21 18	5	2 24	.86	\$0 95		
1	Primary L. Maria Johnson,.....	20 00	11	24 21	4	1 28	.88	0 83		
1	Grammar Sarah M. Garland,.....	28 00	16	36 26	3	3 27	.72	0 78		
1	Grammar Horace M. Lane,.....	45 00	11	45 40	11	50	.89	1 00		
2	Primary Amy Dearborn,.....	18 00	16	31 25	4	3 25	.81	0 58		
2	Primary Isabel Cole,	18 00	12	32 25	5	3 24	.78	0 56		
2	Grammar Martha J. Perkins,	25 00	16	28 22	4	4 16	.79	0 89		
2	Grammar B. Herbert Young,.....	50 00	12	42 37	12	3 28	.88	1 19		
3	Ella M. Weare,.....	25 00	10	23 19	4	3 12	.83	1 09		
3	Ella M. Weare,.....	30 00	13½	27 21	4	3 19	.78	1 11		
4	Addie B. Godfrey,.....	25 00	10	23 18	1	2 16	.78	1 09		
4	Addie B. Godfrey,.....	30 00	12½	27 24	2	1 14	.89	1 11		
5	Georgiana Locke,.....	22 00	16	10 6	1	1 10	.60	2 20		
5	Mary F. Dearborn,.....	25 00	11½	10 8	1	1 6	.80	2 50		
6	Lucy E. Marston,.....	26 00	16	12 10	4	3 14	.83	2 17		
6	Lucy E. Marston,.....	28 00	8	9 7	0	3 6	.78	3 11		

GENERAL REMARKS.

I hope you will not consider me presumptuous, if I venture to make a few suggestions which we think, if followed, will increase the efficiency of our schools.

We think that hardly enough interest is manifested by our citizens in regard to attending our school-meetings as there should be. Every legal voter should attend and see that the best men and men that have the most interest in the affairs of the district are elected as Prudential Committee; this being done, one great step has been taken towards having a successful school. The Committee should give immediate attention to the matter of selecting a teacher, and secure one of the best teachers at the lowest price possible.

You are all doubtless aware that without order no school can prosper; that is, the scholars will not make the progress in their studies that they should. We maintain that the parents of the scholars are in no small degree responsible for the order of the school; the following incident will illustrate: it was a case of a scholar who was obstinate and whose obstinacy grew to ugliness; word was sent to the father of the scholar how the matter stood; the parent corrected the son, and sent the following message to the teacher: "If my son disobeys again, send me word and I will look after him." It is needless to add that the whole school was immediately benefited. The inference, of course, to be drawn from this illustration is, support your teacher in all his *rightful* efforts to maintain order.

Punctuality also is vital to the success of a school. This may be secured by co-operation of the teacher and parents; by the teacher, in endeavoring to make the school-room pleasant, and to create in the scholars an interest in their studies and in the welfare and good name of the school, and by the parents who might form a resolution that nothing short of sickness should keep their children from school throughout the term; and in nine cases out of ten, the punctual scholars will have been found to have made the most progress. It should be the aim also of both parents and teachers to have as few instances of dismissal and tardiness as possible, as it helps diminish the interest. During the past year, we have had many noble examples of punctuality, as our "Roll of Honor" shows; but we have also examples of neglect, for causes unknown by your Committee. Two years ago the average attendance was sixty-two per cent. of all the different scholars that attended school in this town during that year;

this year it has been seventy-two per cent. ; a very commendable gain.

Correctness and thoroughness are requisite to success. It should be the aim of every teacher and scholar to be correct and thorough in all their recitations, understanding every principle in each lesson, remembering the old adage that " what is worth doing at all is worth doing well."

SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Outside of the seven cities of our state, Hampton ranks ninth among the towns in New Hampshire as regards the valuation of school property ; we think, however, some improvement should be made in the building in district No. 3. A small appropriation should be made to make the school-room more comfortable during the winter months. In district No. 6, the citizens of the district have through their Repair Committee which consisted of Jacob T. Brown, Samuel A. Towle and John P. Hoyt, remodeled and refurnished their school-house in a neat and satisfactory manner ; the room though small is sufficiently large for the use of the district.

Every school should be supplied with either Webster's or Worcester's Unabridged Dictionary, but we find only one school in town thus provided, which is the Grammar school in district No. 1. There are no wall maps in No. 4, a part of an old set in No. 5, and a set of "an ancient edition," says the teacher, in No. 6. We hope the several districts will see that the above books and maps are provided, as it can be done with a very small outlay.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE CENTENNIAL.

Upon the urgent and repeated requests of Hon. J. W. Simonds, our State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the following have been forwarded to him for exhibition in the Educational Department of the Centennial : Photographic views of the school-houses in districts Nos. 1 and 2, duplicate copies of the registers used for the last summer term in district No. 6, and in the winter term, in districts Nos. 1, 2 and 4, a copy of the Superintending School Committee's Report of last year, and a History of Education and Schools in this town, by Joseph Dow, Esq.

HORACE M. LANE,
Superintending School Committee.

Hampton, Feb. 22, 1876.