

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

OF THE

Receipts and Expenses

OF THE

TOWN OF BRADFORD,

FOR

THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1870,

WITH THE

Financial Condition of the Town and Poor Farm.

TO WHICH IS ANNEXED THE REPORT OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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CONCORD:

THE PEOPLE STEAM PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT.

1870.

July 26.	To cash hired of Ira K. Eaton,	50 00
Aug. 4.	J. M. Sawyer,	152 00
16.	Prudence T. Jones,	50 00
16.	L. W. Morrill,	26 50
20.	Ebenezer Smith,	200 00
23.	H. C. Dowling,	100 00
24.	Gilbert Andrews,	20 00
28.	W. B. Carpenter,	100 00
Sept. 3.	J. A. Marshall.	61 00
Oct. 22.	E. A. Ayer,	60 00
25.	H. C. Dowling,	100 00
30.	H. M. Craig,	200 00
Nov. 1.	Sally Ring,	50 00
1.	Marietta C. Seavey,	25 00
2.	W. B. Carpenter,	100 00
13.	J. P. Cram,	888 00
23.	William Ayer,	60 00
26.	Joshua Eaton,	200 00
29.	Franklin Smith,	100 00
Dec. 2.	W. H. Bean,	150 00
2.	Rial Rowe,	800 00
2.	William Turner,	80 00
4.	Cummings Pierce,	200 00
4.	of State Treasurer, Literary Fund,	46 40
4.	Savings Bank tax,	193 64
4.	R. Road tax,	254 61
4.	of City of Concord, Bank Stock tax for 1868,	9 25
14.	of Agent of Poor Farm,	100 00
23.	hired of Joel Peaslee,	475 00
1870.		
Jan. 7.	Sally Ring,	55 00
14.	Mary R. West.	140 00
21.	Lucy A. Presby,	200 00
24.	Franklin Smith,	260 00
Feb. 8.	John Blanchard,	1000 00
21.	rec'd for support of county paupers,	144 89
22.	of T. P. Jones, interest on taxes,	32 68



Feb. 22.	To cash rec'd of Jesse Carr use of town hall,	67 00
23.	Agent of Poor Farm,	169 78

Amounting to the sum of	<u>\$24,203 12</u>
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The Selectmen credit themselves as follows :

1869.

March 3.	By cash paid John D. Folsom on note,	\$1 60
9.	M. W. Tappan, retaining fee,	25 00
13.	E. M. Bailey, balance of school money,	251 92
13.	Stephen D. Smith, services as Supt. School Committee,	60 00
13.	A. S. Howlett, breaking roads,	4 65
13.	C. R. Nichols, services as Superintendent School Com.,	12 00
16.	Geo. B Hanchett, part pay on note,	28 00
17.	Matilda Colby, part pay on note,	85 00
17.	W. W. Simons, am't due on notes,	161 63
18.	Alison W. Cheney, amount due on note,	280 37
18.	Sarah Currier, amount due on note,	616 90
18.	John S. Davis, for support of Preston Washington,	20 00
22.	Amanda Smith, part pay on note,	20 00
22.	H. K. Martin, 1 day to Concord and fare,	4 75
23.	Eben Cheney, support water-trough,	3 00
26.	S. F. Cheney, breaking roads,	9 00
27.	S. Dana Smith, breaking roads,	17 40
27.	Robert Colby, breaking roads,	40 36
27.	Geo. L. Warde, care and board of Wm. Warde,	20 00
27.	R. F. Wheeler, am't due on note,	310 40
27.	John Howlett, 2d, breaking roads,	7 80

July 2.	By cash paid Enoch C. Adams, part pay on note,	75 00
3.	George T. Dunfield, labor on highway,	15 45
3.	Mary A. Stevens, part pay on note,	25 00
3.	F. F. Fletcher, W. D. Proctor's school money,	2 39
9.	S. Dana Smith, part of school money,	38 00
10.	Thos. B. Palmer, part of school money,	25 00
14.	William O. Heath, amount due on note,	213 46
19.	Orlin D. Plummer, amount due on note,	254 37
21.	Charles P. Pike, part of school money,	40 00
24.	William Ayer, am't of school money,	40 03
27.	Jonathan Peaslee, part of school money,	35 00
Aug. 5.	Daniel F. West, part of school money,	65 00
14.	J. M. Fletcher, part of school money,	210 00
28.	L. Littlehale, Board of Selectmen,	23 00
Sept. 1.	Elizabeth Hall, amount due on note,	511 41
2.	William J. Murdough, labor on highway,	3 29
8.	George W. W. Cressy, amount due on note,	51 10
8.	Wm. Ayer, am't due on note,	243 36
9.	County tax for 1869,	957 03
10.	Charles H. Morse, amount due on note,	111 73
11.	Allen Cressey, part pay on note,	50 00

Sept. 15.	By cash paid	Thankful Fox, part pay on note,	100 00
20.		M. B. Presby, plank for bridge,	6 03
22.		Alden W. Rowe, labor on highway,	41 50
23.		James J. Hoyt, labor on highway,	3 27
25.		Henry T. Mason, amount due on note,	109 07
28.		Christina M. Marshall, part pay on note,	43 00
30.		Hiram Davis, error in taxes in 1868,	1 00
Oct. 1.		Samuel Andrews, labor on highway,	6 00
6.		Samuel Andrews, am't of school money,	55 22
11.		J. W. Marshall, part of salary as agent of Poor Farm,	125 00
13.		Allen Cressy, am't due on note,	106 19
14.		D. G. & A. Peaslee, plank and stringers for bridge,	15 24
16.		Ebenezer Smith, part pay on note,	150 00
21.		Israel Dodge, am't due on note,	420 92
21.		Mary Coffran, am't due on note,	112 81
21.		James Wright's estate, amount due on note,	270 80
22.		Jonah Campbell, support of Mrs. Haskell 3 months,	32 50
26.		Dorcas Farson, part pay on note,	55 36
27.		William D. Sawyer, labor on highway,	23 75
27.		Amaziah Hall, labor on Wheeler bridge,	5 00
30.		Joseph W. Sawyer, labor and lumber for bridge,	52 70
30.		Hallis L. Blood, amount due on note,	78 92
30.		John F. Davis, labor on highway,	31 50
30.		Albert Peaslee, labor on highway,	19 24
Nov. 1.		Carlos Abbott, labor on highway,	3 75

Nov'r	1.	By cash paid S. Jameson, building bridge,	200 00
	2.	Jacob C. Jones, bridge plank,	9 89
	6.	H. J. Warde, bal. school money,	26 70
	9.	P. B. Craige, bal. school money,	35 44
	9.	R. Hoyt, labor on highway,	3 00
	9.	D. H. Hartshorn, plank for bridge,	1 00
	9.	Mrs. F. M. Farley, part pay on notes,	18 00
	10.	S. D. Greeley, insurance,	7 20
	13.	A. Murdough, for 7 weeks' work at Wm. J. Murdough's,	14 00
	13.	M. D. Cressey, digging grave for W. J. Murdough,	3 00
	13.	J. D. Prescott's estate, am't due on note,	330 68
	16.	G. F. Dunfield, labor on highway,	40 15
	24.	J. H. Ewins, part pay on note,	50 00
	25.	C. B. Wyman, labor on highway,	16 00
	27.	J. M. Pope, painting town house,	73 52
	27.	W. L. Brockway, damage done wagon on highway,	5 25
Dec.	2.	D. Bagley, support of A. Bagley,	18 00
	4.	Peter Sanborn, State tax,	2226 00
	8.	A. Woodbury, am't due on note,	102 59
	11.	S. D. Smith, bal. school money,	47 04
	15.	Lois H. Messer, support of family,	15 00
	18.	H. C. Brockway, breaking roads,	7 20
	18.	Dr. S. M. Dinsmoor, medical aid,	7 50
	18.	T. B. Palmer, bal. school money,	31 22
	21.	J. S. Kittredge, am't due on notes,	470 02
	25.	J. Eaton, cash paid for stationery,	2 06
	25.	J. Eaton, paid out and building fence round town house,	10 50
	25.	D. G. Peaslee, repairing bridge,	93 82
	27.	A. Smith, part pay on note,	75 00
	29.	A. S. Cressy, labor on highway,	6 00

Dec. 31.	By cash paid M. J. Collins, schoolhouse tax in Dist. No. 8.	56 21
1870.		
Jan. 4.	D. H. Hartshorn, bal. of school money,	71 66
7.	T. Piper, labor highway,	1 50
14.	J. M. Fletcher, balance of school money,	305 73
17.	B. Messer, am't due on note,	333 85
20.	C. P. Pike, balance of school money,	60 89
30.	Mrs. F. M. Farley, part pay on note,	18 00
Feb. 3.	D. F. West, bal. school money,	71 03
3.	A. Smith, part pay on note,	75 00
8.	M. A. Stevens, am't due on note,	216 64
9.	J. Beaslee, bal. school money,	52 88
9.	L. Littlehale, keeping transient paupers,	3 50
18.	J. W. Morse, overtax on Bank Stock,	8 16
19.	J. Cheney, am't due on notes,	3582 17
19.	J. W. Marshall, labor on high- way,	7 00
19.	J. W. Marshall, part of salary as agent of Poor Farm,	50 00
21.	Morse & Blanchard, goods for W. J. Murdough,	4 07
21.	Morse & Blanchard, goods for Ha- zen Presby,	7 25
21.	J. C. Bailey, coffin and box for W. J. Murdough,	11 00
21.	J. C. Bailey, support of water- trough,	3 00
21.	D. G. Peaslee, support of water- trough,	2 00
21.	Eben Cheney, support of water- trough,	3 00
21.	D. & W. A. Carr, books ordered by School Com.	2 50

Feb. 21.	By cash paid D. & W. A. Carr, goods for W. J. Murdough,	1 00
21.	David P. Ingolls, beef for Hazen Presby,	15 74
21.	David P. Ingolls, beef for W. J. Murdough,	1 00
21.	David P. Ingolls, damage done sheep by dogs,	2 00
21.	Wm. O. Heath, witness fee in Sawyer case,	1 00
21.	Henry Bixby, witness fee in Sawyer case,	1 00
21.	Geo. Jones, use of pasture,	50 00
21.	Abatements made on T. P. Jones' book for 1868,	28 25
21.	Abatements made on T. P. Jones' book for 1869,	81 09
21.	Non-resident highway receipts,	50 92
22.	Dr. C. M. Fisk, medical aid,	37 30
22.	Sawyer & Martin, goods for H. Presby,	19 31
22.	Sawyer & Martin, goods for W. J. Murdough,	12 02
22.	Sawyer & Martin, goods for H. W. Benton,	3 20
22.	Sawyer & Martin, for nails for repairing graveyard fence,	42
22.	H. C. Felch, services as Superintendent School Committee,	56 75
32.	Town of Francestown, for support of Helen A. Hoyt,	78 21
22.	T. P. Jones, services as collector,	67 83
22.	S. W. Morrill, am't due on notes,	175 99
22.	S. Andrews, overtax on land,	5 00
22.	S. Andrews, labor on highway, and posts and rails for town house yard,	46 17
22.	H. Blanchard, services as treasurer,	30 00

23.	By cash paid L. Littlehale, board of selectmen and horses,	19 00
23.	J. Eaton, services as selectmen and cash paid out,	118 32
23.	H. K. Martin, services as selectman and cash paid out,	91 10
23.	A. S. Cressey, services as selectman and cash paid out,	89 75
23.	J. S. Davis, support of Preston Washington,	20 00
23.	Abatement on M. W. P. Peaslee's book for 1866,	54 02
23.	Abatements on S. Austin's book for 1867,	35 26
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		\$20,462 33
	Amount of cash in hands of Treasurer,	1,373 99
	Am't of taxes uncollected on T. P. Jones' book for 1869,	2,111 83
	" " " " 1868,	68 53
	" " S. Austin's book for 1867,	158 77
	" " M. W. P. Peaslee's book for 1866,	27 67
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	Amounting to the sum of	\$24,203 12
	Which balances the account.	

Respectfully submitted,

JOSHUA EATON,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
H. K. MARTIN,	
A. S. CRESSY.	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Bradford.</i>

#### LIABILITIES.

The town is indebted as follows:

To Phebe H. Marsh, for amount due on note,	\$142 36
James Brown,	476 61
John H. Ewins,	1940 55
John H. Collins,	485 29
Cummings Pierce,	943 50
James Emery,	1991 78
Rial Rowe,	811 87

To Ellen Parker, for amount due on note,	198 33
John S. Davis,	1059 83
Paul Paige,	478 74
Deborah Paige,	69 58
Caroline S. T. Carr,	106 47
Thankful Fox, Jr.,	315 03
Samuel S. Cook,	770 10
Enoch C. Adams,	536 75
Benjamin Cram,	254 24
Orman Bailey,	810 54
B. F. Heath,	540 22
Ira Smith's estate,	1293 69
Lucy J. Andrews,	67 14
Benjamin R. Ayer,	140 64
William H. Sawyer,	396 08
Nathan R. Marshall,	664 54
Mary R. West,	140 39
Hugh M. Craige,	713 31
Stephen Cheney,	337 84
Lydia Brown,	546 67
S. B. Holmes,	31 51
Matilda Colby,	240 94
Eben U. Wright,	640 24
James M. Sawyer,	157 24
Mrs. Francis M. Farley,	602 39
John W. Marshall,	710 18
S. A. Marshall,	62 54
Frank H. Jones,	65 10
Oliver Perkins,	689 66
John S. Kittredge,	125 25
Stephen Folsom,	489 67
William Ayer,	60 98
Hiram Farrington,	1508 50
Mrs. S. S. Cook,	185 82
Lucy A. Presby,	201 33
John Johnson,	245 70
John Folsom,	1066 75
Elizabeth A. Bickford,	913 41
Ira H. Brown,	121 98



To Almond Stiles, for amount due on note,	111 30
Barnum B. Barnes,	182 75
Benjamin Carter,	158 06
J. P. Cram,	2299 02
William O. Heath,	376 43
George W. Paige,	224 38
Benjamin Wiggin,	433 03
John Gillingham,	179 52
Dorcas Farron,	408 34
Ira Plumer,	230 62
David P. Flanders,	2117 21
Mrs. Almira F. Davis,	228 12
Mrs. Harriet B. Dowlin,	51 16
Eugene Bailey,	198 09
Benjamin F. Davis,	530 06
Samuel Sargent,	169 13
George B. Hanchett,	192 87
Charles O. Bailey,	128 41
Harriet E. King,	249 48
J. W. Marshall,	213 07
Christina Marshall,	208 24
Isaac E. Sanborn,	363 12
Franklin Smith,	899 59
Joshua Eaton,	683 95
F. H. Marshall,	53 23
Ruthy Benton,	212 60
Ebenezer Smith,	263 12
J. D. Folsom,	169 55
B. F. Peaslee,	314 20
Parker S. Whitcomb,	105 23
Charles H. Marshall,	125 64
D. Moody Morse,	103 97
H. C. Dowlin,	205 23
Gilbert Andrews,	20 62
W. B. Carpenter,	205 03
Ira K. Eaton,	51 79
Charles W. Foster,	89 71
Prudence P. Jones,	51 63
Page W. Cofran,	208 00

To L. D. Muzzey, for amount due on note,	208 83
Asa Muzzey,	208 83
E. A. Ayer,	61 36
Sally Ring,	106 23
Marietta C. Seavey,	25 50
W. H. Bean,	152 22
William Turner,	81 19
Joel Peaslee,	480 46
John Blanchard,	1003 83
Outstanding Debts, estimated at	175 00
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	\$39,870 23

## AMOUNT DUE THE TOWN.

To Cash in hands of Treasurer,	\$1373 99
Taxes uncollected on T. P. Jones' book of 1869,	2111 83
1868,	68 53
Steph. Austin's book of 1867,	158 77
M. W. P. Peaslee's b'k, 1866,	27 67
Due from U. S. Government,	2222 00
City of Concord, bank tax,	9 33
Manchester, bank tax,	16 83
Town of Newbury, support of L. Messer.	72 06
T. K. West, Jr.,	12 00
Hazen Presby,	48 95
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Amounting to the sum of	\$6121 96
Which being deducted from the above amount of	
Liabilitie, leaves the Town indebted in the	
sum of	\$33,743 29

JOSHUA EATON, } *Selectmen*  
H. K. MARTIN } *of*  
A. S. CRESSY. } *Bradford.*

BRADFORD, February 26, 1870.

Your Committee have examined the books of the Selectmen, and find them in good order; have compared their vouchers, cast their figures, and find them all correct.

JOHN W. MORSE, } *Auditing*  
J. J. BLAISDELL, } *Committee.*  
WM. O. HEATH. }

*Town of Bradford to Joshua Eaton, for services as Selectman and cash paid out.*

1869.			Dr.
March 13.	To 1 day at office appointing Treasurer and collector,		\$2 00
23.	1-2 day at office, drawing juror,		1 00
27.	1-2 day at office,		1 00
April 9.	7 days taking inventory,		14 00
10.	1 day copying enrollment of soldiers,		1 50
15.	4 day preparing inventory books,		6 00
16.	1 day making taxes,		1 50
17.	1 day making school house tax in district No. 8,		1 50
20.	2 days making taxes and dividing school money,		3 00
21.	1 day filling out highway surveyor's warrants,		1 50
24.	2 days copying taxes,		3 00
26.	1 day to Warner on account of Bridge,		2 00
28.	1 day making return to Sec'y of State,		1 50
30.	1-2 day distributing surveyor's warrants,		1 00
May 10.	1 day financial return to State Treasurer,		2 00
11.	1 day to Concord and expenses, on pauper case,		4 50
29.	1-2 day at office,		1 00
June 7.	1-2 day settling county pauper bill,		1 00
21.	1-2 day examining bridge,		1 00
26.	1-2 day at office,		1 00
July 3.	cash paid on account of transient pauper,		1 50
26.	1 day's labor on bridge,		1 00
Aug. 13.	notifying witnesses,		1 00
28.	1-2 day at office,		1 00
30.	1-2 day at Springs on Sawyer case and cash paid out,		1 50
Sept. 11.	1-2 day drawing juror,		1 00
20.	1-2 day examining highway,		1 00
25.	1-2 day at office,		1 00
Oct. 22.	1 day making warrant and expenses,		2 25
23.	1-2 day making check-list,		1 00

Oct.	30.	To 1-2 day at office,	1 00
Nov.	1.	examining records and expenses,	2 00
	2.	1 day to Deering and expenses,	4 00
	6.	1-2 day regulating check list,	1 00
	27.	1-2 day at office,	1 00
Dec.	3.	examining Johnson pasture,	1 00
	4.	1 day at Concord and expenses to pay State tax, &c.,	4 50
	24.	journey to Lempster on pauper case,	7 00
	25.	1-2 day at office,	1 00
1870.			
Jan.	8.	1-2 day at poor farm,	1 00
Feb.	19.	1-2 day on account of county pauper,	1 00
	11.	1 day making county bills,	2 00
	12.	1 day taking inventory at poor farm,	2 00
	14.	2 days at Concord, and expenses to settle county pauper bills,	8 00
	16.	1 day at office, making check list,	1 50
	10.	3 days making warrant and casting in- terest,	4 50
March	1.	8 days making out report and settling up,	12 00
	1.	paid for stamps,	57
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			\$118 32

*Town of Bradford, to H. K. Martin, for services as Selectman and cash paid out.*

1869.			Dr.
March	13.	To 1 day at office appointing treasurer and collector and returning ratable polls,	\$2 00
	23.	1-2 day drawing juror,	1 00
	25.	1 day at Concord to purchase stationery and fare,	4 50
	27.	1-2 day at office,	1 00
April	10.	1 day at office entering receipts and copy- ing enrollment of soldiers,	2 00
	15.	4 days preparing inventory books,	8 00
	16.	1 day making taxes,	2 00
	17.	1-2 day making school house tax in dis- trict No. 8,	1 00

April	20.	To 2 days making taxes and dividing school money,	4 00
	21.	1 day making highway surveyor's warrants,	2 00
	24.	2 days copying taxes,	4 00
	28.	paid express on record book,	40
	28.	1 day making returns,	2 00
	29.	1 day copying limits highway districts,	2 00
	30.	1-2 day distributing highway surveyor warrants,	1 00
May	3.	1-2 day drawing stringers for bridge,	1 00
	5.	1-2 day at office,	1 00
	10.	1 day at office, making financial return to State Treasurer,	2 00
	29.	1-2 day at office,	1 00
June	7.	1-2 day settling pauper case,	1 00
	26.	1-2 day at office,	1 00
Aug.	28.	1-2 day at office,	1 00
Sept.	11.	1-2 day drawing juror,	1 00
	13.	1-2 day examining Wheeler bridge,	1 00
	25.	1-2 day at office,	1 00
Oct.	11.	1 day at east part examining bridge,	2 00
	22.	1 day at east part and making warrant.	2 00
	23.	1-2 day making check list,	1 00
	30.	1-2 day at office,	1 00
Nov.	4.	cash paid for blank notes.	60
	6.	1-2 day at office, regulating check list,	1 00
	27.	1-2 day at office,	1 00
Dec.	3.	1-2 day examining Johnson pasture,	1 00
	8.	1 day at office entering receipts,	2 00
	9.	paid O. A. King, repairing office,	60
	25.	1-2 day at office,	1 00
1870.			
Feb.	8.	1-2 day at office, making county pauper bills,	1 00
	11.	1-2 day at office.	1 00
	12.	1 day at poor farm, taking inventory,	2 00
	15.	1 day at office entering receipts,	2 00
	16.	1 day at office making check list,	2 00

Feb.	19.	To 3 days at office, making warrant and casting interest on notes,	6 00
March	1.	8 days making out report and settling up,	16 00
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			\$91 10

*Town of Bradford to A. S. Cressy for services as Selectman and  
cash paid out.*

1869.			Dr.
March	13.	To 1 day at office, appointing treasurer and collector,	2 00
	23.	1-2 day drawing juror,	1 00
	27.	1-2 day at office,	1 00
April	9.	7 days taking inventory, and expenses,	14 00
	10.	1 day copying enrollment of soldiers,	1 50
	15.	4 days preparing inventory books,	6 00
	16.	1 day making taxes,	1 50
	20.	2 days making taxes and dividing school money,	3 00
	21.	1 day making highway surveyor's war- rants,	1 50
	24.	2 days copying taxes,	3 00
	30.	1-2 day distributing surveyor's warrants,	1 00
May	29.	1-2 day at office,	1 00
June	26.	1-2 day at office,	1 00
Aug.	28.	1 day at office and on Sawyer case,	2 00
	30.	1 day on Sawyer case,	2 00
Sept.	11.	1-2 day drawing juror,	1 00
	25.	1-2 day at office,	1 00
Oct.	11.	1 day at east part examining bridge,	2 00
	22.	1 day making warrant, and expenses,	2 25
	23.	1-2 day making checklist,	1 00
	30.	1-2 day at office,	1 00
Nov.	2.	1 day to Deering, and expenses,	2 25
	3.	cash paid on account of W. J. Murdough,	75
	6.	1-2 day regulating check list,	1 00
	27.	1-2 day at office,	1 00
Dec.	3.	1-2 day examining Johnson pasture,	1 00
	5.	1-2 day at office,	1 00

Feb. 1870.	8.	To 1 day at office,	2 00
Feb.	8.	1-2 day making county pauper bills.	1 00
	11.	1-2 day at office,	1 00
	12.	1 day taking inventory at poor farm,	2 00
	15.	1 day at office entering receipts,	2 00
	16.	1 day at office making check list,	2 00
	19.	3 days making warrant and casting interest,	4 50
	22.	2 days at Francestown on pauper case,	7 00
March 22.		7 days making report and settling up,	10 50
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			\$89 75

*A Memorandum showing the standing of the Poor Farm for the year ending March 1, 1870.*

We find the Farm chargeable as follows:

To farm as per invoice of 1869	2000 00
personal property of 1869	1708 35
cash paid Geo. Jones for use of pasture	50 00
cash paid agent as part of salary	175 00
cash now due agent	75 00
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	\$4008 35

We find the farm entitled to the following credits:

By farm as per invoice of 1870	2000 00
personal property as per invoice of 1870	1670 58
cash paid into town treasury by agent	344 78
keeping transient paupers	7 50
keeping county paupers	23 19
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	\$4046 05

From the above sum of \$4046 05, which we find the farm entitled to as a credit, deduct the sum of \$4008 35 which we find the farm chargeable, and we find the sum of \$37 70 in favor of the farm. The number of paupers supported on the farm the present year is three.

It also appears from the books of the selectmen that there has been paid for the support of paupers off of the farm the past year, the sum of \$340 55 as follows:

Helen A. Hoyt,	\$78 21
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Wm. J. Murdough,	76 64
Mrs. G. W. Haskell,	97 50
Mrs. L. Messer,	40 00
Aratus Bagley,	18 00
Betsey Bagley, doctor's bill,	7 00
H. W. Benton,	3 20
Preston W. Davis,	20 00
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	\$340 55

(N) 7 All of which is respectfully submitted,  
 JOSHUA EATON, } *Selectmen*  
 H. K. MARTIN, } *of*  
 A. S. CRESSY. } *Bradford.*

*Town of Bradford in account with J. W. Marshall, Agent of Poor Farm, from Feb. 22, 1869, to Feb. 23, 1870.*

1869.	Cr.
By cash of C. Cooledge, 4 bush. rye	6 00
Stephen Cressy, 1-2 bush. rye	75
Joshua Jewett, for labor	1 65
C. A. Cressy, for milk	05
Stephen Cressy, for milk	25
J. J. Hoyt, 3 lbs. lard	66
Daniel Sawyer, 3 lbs. lard	66
Geo. T. Wilkins, 1 ham,	4 25
D. H. Hartshorn, 2 bush. oats	1 50
John Hoyt, 1 ham,	4 75
Lucy A. Presby, milk	15
Received for breaking roads	6 45
G. B. R. Watkins, 109 bush. potatoes	54 68
T. P. Jones, 1 bush. rye	1 50
Fred Martin, 1 bush rye	1 50
Fred Martin, 2 qts. peas	13
G. M. Cressy, 2 bush. Rye	3 00
A. S. Cressy, 1 1-2 bush. rye	2 25
Joshua Jewett, 4 qts. peas	25
Mason Cressy, 1 peck rye	38



1869.	By cash of Joshua Butman, 3 qts. peas	20
	Stephen Cressy, 1-2 bush. oats	1 13
	Stephen Cressy, 2 lbs. lard	44
	D. H. Hartshorn, 5 bush. oats	3 75
	Asa Marshall, 1 1-2 bush. oats	1 13
	W. L. Day, for labor	50
	True Eaton, for labor	3 00
	Stephen Cheney, for straw	50
	Mason Cressy, 3 bush. oats	2 25
	Job Atkins, 3 bush. oats	2 25
	C. Coledge, seed corn	62
	Joshua Butman, seed corn	31
	S. E. Foster, 2 bush. potatoes,	80
	Wm. Dustin, for labor	1 75
	Samuel Bates, for labor	3 25
	S. B. Holmes, 1 bush. oats	75
	D. H. Hartshorn, seed corn	62
	Joshua Butman, 3 1-4 bush. corn	4 06
	S. E. Foster, 1 bush. potatoes	25
	Geo. E. Baldwin, 1 ham	4 75
	H. K. Martin, 5 gallons cider	1 25
	A. G. Hoyt, 7 lbs. pork	1 40
	A. J. Stevens, 4 bush. oats	3 20
	Joshua Jewell, 1 calf	8 68
	Cyrus Wheeler, working tax	39
	S. E. Foster, 1 bush. potatoes,	30
	A. W. Rowe, 1 cow	75 50
	Joshua Jewett, 1 calf	9 17
	Daniel Sawyer, 2 1-4 lbs. lard	49
	Joshua Jewett, 4 qts. beans	58
	John Hoyt, 8 1-2 lbs. pork	1 70
	Joshua Jewett, labor	1 00
	Mr. Fifield, paper rags	13
	D. M. Morse, 1 gal. vinegar	40
	Daniel Sawyer, 5 lbs. pork	1 00
	M. B. Presby, 10 lbs. pork	2 00
	G. B. Andrews, pasturing cattle	9 00
	G. B. Andrews, cider apples	11 93
	Stephen Cressy, pasturing cow	5 00

1869. By	cash of C. Cooledge, labor	2 00
	S. B. Holmes, labor	5 14
	G. B. R. Watkins, 1 hog	57 40
	D. H. Hartshorn, 4 bush. rye	6 00
	Asa Marshall, beef	26 40
	Samuel Andrews, for bark	3 12
	Stephen Cressy, pasturing calf	1 00
	M. B. Richards, working tax	39
	S. E. Foster, labor	1 00
	S. E. Foster, use of plow,	20
	Allen Cressy, pasturing colt	5 00
	E. H. Eaton, working tax	1 00
	M. Blaisdell, lumber	20 00
	C. A. Cressy, labor	1 50
	J. W. Marshall, pasturing colt	5 00
	J. W. Marshall, labor	5 00
	J. W. Marshall, sole leather	40
	J. W. Marshall, repairing highway,	7 00
	C. M. Fiske, pasturing colt	5 00
	Asa Marshall, labor	5 00
	Alvin Johnson, labor	3 00
	E. M. Bailey, boards	7 69
	received for cheese	38 62
	received for butter	77 69
	Morse & Blanchard, produce	15 96
	Sawyer & Martin, produce	50 91
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		\$607 66

*Town of Bradford in account with J. W. Marshall, Agent of Poor Farm.*

1869.	Dr.
To Sawyer & Martin, sugar	48
Sawyer & Martin, thread	10
Sawyer & Martin, 3 lbs. sugar	48
Morse & Blanchard, flour	12 50
Silas Colby, yarn	12
C. H. Marshall, whipstock	10
Wm. Marsh mending boots	30
Wm. Marsh, mending, shoes	25

To Wm. Marsh, lead pipe	1 20
Tucker & French, 1 sink	5 00
Stephen Cressy, labor	1 00
Tucker & French, repairing tin	40
Joshua Jewett, 2 pigs	10 00
C. Wheeler, hooping tub	10
Joshua Jewett, rennet skins	80
Silas Colby, fish	55
Tucker & French, tin ware	58
John L. Mitchell, labor	50 00
Silas Colby, 1-2 lb. tea	63
Joshua Jewett, rennet skins	80
Fifield, mop handle	35
Joshua Jewett, beef	85
M. C. Bates, repairing pump,	25
C. Wheeler, hooping tub	40
Sawyer & Martin, flour	8 50
Morse & Blanchard, grindstone	3 64
Silas Colby, for goods	1 02
J. F. Buswell, coat and cap	9 25
D. Ingolls, beef	1 15
Mark Hadley, 1 pair of shoes	1 15
J. Muzzey, beef	75
True Eaton, for mortar	75
Wm. Marsh, repairing boots	1c
Silas Colby, lime	16
Asa Marshall, 1 steer	30 00
D. & W. A. Carr, flour	8 25
D. & W. A. Carr, school book	25
D. & W. A. Carr, rosin	24
John Hoyt, labor	1 00
Alvin Johnson, labor	50
Green & Miller, repairing clock	1 00
Stephen Morse, use of saw	15
Silas Colby, wicking	12
M. C. Bates, stove pipe	96
C. R. Nichols, medicine	40
Tucker & French, repairing tin	05
Wm. Marsh, repairing boots	40

To Wm. Marsh, repairing shoes	20
Wm. Marsh, lime	15
D. H. Hartshorn, use of bull	6 00
Sawyer & Martin, flour	8 25
Allen Cressy, labor	1 50
John Johnson, wash bowl	30
C. A. Cressy, filing saws	65
A. S. Goodwin, labor	1 75
J. W. Marshall, shingles	75
Stephen Morse, labor	1 50
Dr. C. M. Fisk,	6 50
Mrs. West, nursing	3 00
Morse & Blanchard, for goods	15 96
Sawyer & Martin, for goods	52 01
B. Farrington, blacksmithing	7 33

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\$262 88

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

TO THE CITIZENS OF BRADFORD:—

In accordance with a provision of the laws, your Committee respectfully presents this as the Report of our Schools for the past year.

That our schools are making some progress, will not be, perhaps, denied; but whether for good or evil, is a question of great moment. If for good, then has our labor not been ineffectual. Inasmuch as our common school system underlies the great fabric of our own prosperity as a State, or even a Town, it should receive the fostering care it so well deserves, of every one.

Then cherish the common school; for every one educated is one shoulder more under the load to lighten the burden for all the rest." "The public school," said Edward Everett, "is the most important concernment of the whole community, practically interwoven with its inmost life." As our schools flourish or decay, so does our society become better, or worse, in due proportion, as they advance or recede.

Our common schools are yet, as it were, in their infancy, and need the careful nursing of a mother's care, with a father's tender judgment, that will encourage our scholars, giving them "aid and comfort." The hill of science is rugged—the path beset with thorns—hindrances are met at each succeeding step, as the careworn scholar attempts the arduous, perilous ascent. Parents, when will you awake to a realizing sense of your duty to yourselves, to your children, and the society around you, and through these, to your country, though last, yet not the least? Sustain your schools—your teachers; instruct your children, that they may become good and industrious as scholars; teach them to seek humility, practice economy, and love fidelity; that they may live in deeds, not years—in thoughts, not breath; and forget not that "He that would have the fruit must climb the tree."

Your children are soon to take *your* place—are to be good and useful, or not—to be supports to society and lights in the community in which they dwell, or to be a curse to themselves and others around them. By them laws are to be made and executed, and the welfare of the town, state and nation influenced. Though your property may flee away, the good that you put into your children's heads will continue there, and grow forever.

You full well know some of the perplexities that your children will meet with when they take your places; therefore the better

their minds are disciplined now, the better able will they be to meet and overcome them. Can you then be too anxious for them, that they be trained and instructed to fill any station, however exalted, with honor to themselves and credit to their associates?

The much-mooted question of corporal punishment, that was so much discussed and "*disgusted*" in our usually sedate and quiet town last spring, we shall not discuss at length, save, perhaps, with a short reference to the Reports of the schools in Boston and Cambridge, "in the good old State of Massachusetts." Yet it would be well for all interested to know that *birch grows*, and for a useful and legitimate purpose, as it has ever grown since the utterance of that venerable proverb, too well known to be repeated.

"All instructors shall aim at such discipline in their schools as would be exercised by a kind, judicious parent in his family; shall avoid corporal punishment in all cases where good order can be preserved by milder measures; and in no case shall resort be had to confinement in a closet, or to other cruel or unusual punishment, as a discipline. Corporal punishment shall be inflicted only after the nature of the offence has been fully explained to the scholar, and shall be restricted to blows on the hand with a rattan, except in cases where a pupil refuses to submit to such punishment." [*See Regulations of the Public Schools of Boston. Chap. VIII. Sec. 13.*]

"In respect to corporal punishment, the schools of Cambridge are, and have always been subject to the principles, and under the protection of the common law, which prevails throughout the land. What the wisdom of our courts and legislation, tender of personal rights, allows, and nothing beyond that, may be done here as elsewhere. By the public law, the teacher stands to the pupil *in loco parentis*. What a father may lawfully do in the correction of his child, the teacher may do to the pupil. The authority of the teacher over the child in school, in matters of discipline, is measured exactly by the authority of the parent in the home government. Neither may abuse the child. There can be no dispute about these principles. They are sustained by numerous decisions." [*See Cambridge Reports. Wharton's Amer. Crim. Law, Kent's Com. &c.*]

In a school-room, the first thing to be secured is good order. Without this, lessons can be neither learned nor recited. To secure this, there must be rules, and they must be faithfully observed. An important office of the teacher is to create in the pupil a proper respect for authority. Instruction on this point cannot begin too early in the school-life of the child, nor can he then obtain aught of mental or moral training more essential to his building-up into a good and useful citizen.

American youth, for the reason that they are born to an inheritance of unparalleled, individual freedom, stand in peculiar need

of the early acquiring of a reverence for law and its ministrations. The work of the school-room is but half done, if it does not teach this lesson. Then, a rule not enforced or indifferently executed, certainly is worse than a dead letter. It begets a mischievous influence that may last through life. The school regulations, therefore, must be firmly, judiciously, impartially enforced.

The teacher should require implicit obedience from his scholars, and he is entitled to respectful deportment from all who enter his school-room, or speak of him in the presence or hearing of his pupils; for example is of great potency with the young.

"Sire," said the sensible school-master to Charles II., when receiving his royal visit, "pull off thy hat in my school; for, if my scholars discover that the king is above me in authority, they will soon cease to respect me."

A few words to scholars: It has been extremely gratifying to witness your prompt recitations in many of our schools. In one or two instances it has been otherwise, which ought not to have been. Your teachers have labored hard, with zeal and fidelity for your advancement. "It is less pain for you to learn in youth than to be ignorant in age," is a saying worth remembering. Your school-days are short, therefore "prefer diligence before idleness, unless you esteem rust above brightness," for "deep rivers move in silence; shallow brooks are noisy." "Educate the head to think, the heart to feel, and the body to act," then will true merit be like a river, the deeper it is, the less noise it makes. Then, scholars, do not forget, that, "learning is wealth to the poor, an honor to the rich, aid to the young, and a support and comfort to the aged."

Our schools are growing smaller each succeeding year. Are we becoming a less producing people? Many remember when our school-houses were filled with scholars, where instead of forty, there are now only from five to ten, and judging of the future by the past, we shall soon have empty school-rooms. Are we as a race deteriorating? Is it the climate—the food we eat, or our manner of living? Why do so many of our children die young? Surely, there is a cause for this. Shall our own noble State become depopulated—our fields become covered with forests where again shall roam the bear and the wolf, and the lone Indian be once more the "monarch of all he surveys?" As our flocks and herds decrease, so do our children. Why not avert it and seek a remedy?

Most of our teachers, the past year, have been females, only three schools having been taught by males, and all except four had never taught before. They have been quite successful, and your committee takes great pleasure in recommending them. If anything was wanting, it was experience, and that improves by age.

It has also been a pleasure to meet, at the examination of the several schools, so many of the parents and friends, but it has

been sad to witness the annoyance caused by some uncivil, indecent visitors. Self respect, if nothing more, should cause spectators to deport themselves respectfully while in school. Never create disturbance by loud whispering or talking, as some have done; nor laugh at the mistakes of the scholars. Teachers should call out the name of the person so offending, and insist on the observance of the rules of the school-room.

All visitors should know that they were once young, and *some* that they *ought* to be again.

#### REPORT BY DISTRICTS.

No. 1.—D. F. West, Prudential Committee. Summer and Winter Terms taught by Miss N. A. Butman. An able and efficient teacher—has taught this school several successive terms.

The parents in this district understand their business quite well, by securing Miss B. as teacher, and, yet better, if more of them would visit the school.

No. 2.—Charles P. Pike, Prudential Committee. Summer Term. Miss H. M. Eaton Teacher—her first term in teaching; she succeeded quite well—good degree of improvement. One trouble exists—that of the scholars in reading or reciting in a tone of voice so low that they can with difficulty be heard. Scholars, you can change this, if you will.

Winter Term—Miss L. S. Pike. Teacher. Of this term, we hardly know what to say. Both teachers were from the district. It appeared that Miss P. tried to do *her* duty, and because the school did not improve, was she to blame? However, there was a good deal of bad feeling, and for which, some of the parents, perhaps, are responsible. Don't ever let this destroy your school again. "In union there is strength."

No. 4.—Prudential Committee: S. Dana Smith. Summer and Winter Terms taught by Miss A. M. Pierce, who was anxious to benefit her scholars. Good progress was made. Each term a success.

No. 5.—H. J. Ward, Prudential Committee. Both terms were taught by Miss G. M. Patterson. Miss P. says of the school, "that the irregularity of attendance somewhat destroyed the efficiency of it." As a teacher, she was faithful to the wants of her scholars. Parents, see that your children are constant in their attendance, and promptly on time.

No. 6.—J. Peaslee, Prudential Committee. Summer Term: Miss L. S. Pike, Teacher. Her first term of teaching. The school





appeared very well; improvement good. The declamations of the scholars, young as they were, would do credit to those of older minds.

Winter Term taught by Mr. J. M. Bly. Energetic and faithful—attentive to the wants of his scholars—everything was done to impart instruction. A successful school. This was Mr. Bly's first effort as teacher.

No. 7.—P. B. Craig, Prudential Committee. Summer Term taught by Miss M. M. Wilkins. A small school of six scholars. Visited but once. Report of school good.

Winter Term. Miss M. K. Dudley, Teacher. Her first effort in teaching. She appeared well, and solicitous for the improvement of her scholars. One visit. From report, presume the progress to be good.

No. 8.—T. B. Palmer, Prudential Committee. Summer Term taught by Miss P. E. Jones, who was an able and thorough teacher. Energetic in the school-room, she was among the live teachers: earnest in her work. Her scholars will long remember her. Would that she had been spared. She has passed from the Here to the Hereafter, there to tread the path of the Unknown, with everything of hope and nothing of fear.

Winter Term, Teacher, Mr. H. C. Hadley. On our first visit to the school, its appearance was bad, and doubts were entertained of its success; but as a bad beginning often makes a good ending, so did this term end well, and Mr. H. is worthy to be classed with our live teachers.

No. 10.—Gen. S. Andrews, Prudential Committee. Fall Term taught by Miss N. A. Butman very successfully. The school-house is in a — condition. In cold days it would be much the same, whether in doors or out. When it rains it can't be repaired,—in warm, sunny weather, perhaps, it don't need it. Preserve it with care.

No. 11.—Prudential Committee, D. H. Hartshorn. Teacher, Miss M. K. Dudley. Fall Term. There are some very good scholars in this school; would that all were. The studious scholar rarely needs reproof—the idle one is ever making mischief. "An idle brain is the devil's workshop" was here amply illustrated. Our opinion is, that a male teacher, full of *vim*, should be employed for the next Fall Term, or a "stubborn, full-of-fight female."

No. 12.—William Ayer, Prudential Committee. Summer Term taught by Miss C. E. Fiske. Miss Fiske's first term as teacher,

and could not easily be excelled. A hard worker, she has placed herself in the foremost rank as one of our live teachers.

Winter Term. Mr. T. Ryan, Teacher. His first experience as a teacher. The scholars were industrious, and the teacher endeavored to be faithful. Good instruction was given, and we believe that it was quite a prosperous term of school.

A change of school-books is needed very much. The Geographies, of an edition of fifteen or twenty years since, used in our schools, have been exchanged during the past year, for those that are "up to the times;" and our Readers, Arithmetics, Grammars and Spellers ought to go the same road. Greenleaf's Arithmetics are intricate, full of puzzles, and of little practical utility. Grammar is too much neglected. Only some twenty of our scholars have attended to that study, having some six or more different kinds. Again, the multiplicity of text-books has made it very difficult to classify the scholars. The Readers are also very familiar, having been in use a long time. Your attention is called to a list of text-books, in our opinion, every way adapted to the wants of our schools, which will be shown to you at the Town Hall on election day; and we would respectfully ask the Town to adopt the same for a term of five years.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. FELCH, School Committee.

Bradford, Feb. 22, 1870.

The Superintending Committee of Union School District No. 1 submit the following report:

The Primary Department for the Summer Term was taught by Miss Ella F. Currier, who succeeded in securing good order and wholesome discipline in a quiet manner, and therefore obtained a good degree of advancement in the various studies.

The Winter Term was under the instruction of Miss Sarah A. Cheney, who not only sustained the former good order, but inspired her pupils with interest and ambition to learn—a somewhat rare achievement for a teacher of young scholars. The school upon examination appeared unusually well.

The Grammar Department. The Summer Term was under the direction of Miss Fannie C. Hoyt. The school for the most part was small in numbers and it was difficult to command that interest which might be expected with larger numbers.

The Winter Term was taught by Miss Augusta H. Eaton. It is enough to say that Miss Eaton fully sustained her well-known and well-earned reputation as a teacher. We can give no better idea of the school than appears in the teacher's remarks in the Regis-

ter. She says: "The past term of school has been pleasant in many respects. The favorable weather has enabled the pupils to attend regularly, consequently a greater degree of improvement in many classes has been noticed. They have done nobly. Few imperfect lessons noticed, and several of the scholars have refrained from whispering.

On the whole, our schools this year may be considered successful, not successful in the highest degree, but comparatively, and indicate advancement.

C. R. NICHOLS,  
CYRUS M. FISK, } *Superintending*  
H. C. FELCH. } *Committee.*

Bradford, Feb. 24, 1870.

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

## SUMMER TERM.

No. of Districts.	Districts.	No. of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	No. of times tardy.	No. not attending.	Length in weeks.	Wages per month, including board.	No. of Visitors.	REMARKS.
1	Centre.	16	134	43	5	10	19 00	22	Grammar School.
2	West.	10	83	5	3	7 1/2	16 00	18	
3	Union.	31	22	42	5	12	*	54	
4	Pond.	11	7	21		9	12 00	15	
5	Colby.	10	10	36		5	16 00	8	Board "round."
6	Plain.	15	114	5	2	13	8 00	18	
7	Andrews'.	5	5			4	*	4	Union with No. 17, Warner.
8	Melvin's.	1	1		8	8	20 00	10	
9	Union.	28	23	73		12	20 83	20	Primary School.
10	Spring's.								No Summer Term.
11	Jewett's.								No Summer Term.
12	Union.	1	3		1	*	*	*	* Teachers b'd "round sometimes, and again they don't." Union with No. 6, Newbury.

## WINTER TERM.

No. of Districts.	Districts.	No. of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	No. of times tardy.	No. not attending.	Length in weeks.	Wages per month, including board.	No. of Visitors.	No. of Scholars in Districts for the year.	School Money in each District.	REMARKS.
1	Centre.	27	284	82		11	26 00	34	27	132 10	Grammar School.
2	West.	17	13	68		10	22 00	19	20	96 96	
3	Union.	39	35	47		11	60 00	103	39	255 90	
4	Pond.	20	14	22	4	2	22 00	25	24	81 11	
5	Colby.	18	144	97		2	18 00	20	18	36 11	Primary School.
6	Plain.	19	153	131	1	12	16 00	27	20	88 95	
7	Andrews'.	6	54	8	1	6 1/2	4 75	7	7	50 51	
8	Melvin's.	9	53	60		8 1/2	38 00	27	9	52 29	
9	Union.	42	39	2		11	36 00	70	42	255 90	
10	Spring's.	7	6	3	2	9	20 00	11	9	61 89	
11	Jewett's.	19		51		10	6 00	8	19	67 73	
12	Union.	3	3	16		8 1/2	20 00	10	3	36 10	
					29				237		

The Literary Fund, \$47.16, is divided equally between the Districts, in addition to the above.

Nos. 3 and 9 constitute Union District No. 1.

\* Not reported.

† Probably a mistake in Register.

Average wages per month:—Summer, \$11.18; Winter, \$24.064.

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REPORTS  
OF THE  
TREASURER, AUDITORS  
AND  
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TOWN OF BRADFORD,  
FOR THE YEAR  
ENDING MARCH 1, 1871.  
WITH A STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN AND  
THE POOR FARM, TO WHICH IS ANNEXED THE  
REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

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## REPORT.

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Robert M. Wallace, in account with the town of Bradford,  
as Treasurer for the fiscal year 1870.

	Dr.
1870.	
March. To cash received of Hiram Blanchard, Treas- urer for 1869, balance in his hands, on settlement of last year's account,	1,373.99
of Selectmen, at sundry times, money hired by the town in the course of the year,	13,663.64
of Timothy P. Jones, col- lector, for taxes in 1868,	39.13
of Timothy P. Jones, col- lector, for taxes in 1869,	1,900.00
of Timothy P. Jones, col- lector, for taxes in 1870,	6,920.00
for 10 per cent interest on taxes over-due in 1868 and 1869,	55.00
for 10 per cent interest on taxes over-due in 1870,	25.61
April 15. of J. W. Marshall, agent of Town Farm, balance due town on settlement of account for 1869,	17.93
July 14. for licensing J. M. French's Circus,	30.00
Aug. 18. of town of Newbury, for support of Lois Messer,	72.06
Dec. 3. of State Treasurer, for Sav- ings Bank dividend,	329.47
of State Treasurer for Rail- road tax,	230.95
of State Treasurer, for Lit- erary Fund,	65.25
of State Treasurer, for U. S. bounty,	224.00



1871.

Jan. 27.	To cash received for fines and witness fees in liquor cases against Littlehale,	66.21
Feb. 28.	of Jesse Carr, for use of Town Hall,	42.00
	of Geo. W. Dunfield, agent of town farm, balance due town on settlement of account for 1870,	72.44
	of County, for support of County paupers,	186.32
	of Joshua Eaton, taxes on book of 1867,	49.79

Amounting to the sum of \$25,363.79

Robert M. Wallace, in account with the town of Bradford, as Treasurer for the fiscal year 1870.

1870.

		Cr.
March 2.	By cash paid Jonah Campbell, support of Mrs. Geo. W. Haskell,	32.50
	Almon Styles, amount due on note,	122.96
4.	Thomas B. Palmer, breaking roads and repairing highway,	2.70
5.	David Bagley, support of Aratus Bagley,	15.00
	Robert Colby, for labor on highway,	4.08
	Orra Sargent, for amount of Robert Colby's school money,	3.44
	Albert Sargent, breaking roads in 1867,	8.00
	B. F. Collins, for damage done sheep by dogs,	10.00
	John F. Davis, for damage done sheep by dogs,	12.00
	John F. Davis, for support of water trough,	3.00
7.	Samuel Andrews, for breaking roads,	2.25
8.	M. W. Tappan, for term fees and advice,	31.75
12.	M. W. Tappan, for retaining fee for 1870,	25.00



Mar. 12.	By cash paid C. R. Nichols, for services Superintending School Committee, and books furnished,	14.21
19.	Geo. W. Tucker, services Town Clerk, 1869, and cash paid for Town Officer,	32.65
	Hiram Blanchard, for bad bill taken some 5 years ago,	2.00
22.	B. W. Sanborn, for stationery,	8.46
23.	E. H. Eaton, on order dated Feb. 22, 1869, for services at office, by request of town committee, in relation to old settlement,	4.00
26.	Israel Andrews, breaking roads,	15.75
	“ repairing “	1.20
	Frances M. Farley, amount due on note,	103.31
29.	George T. Dunfield, breaking roads,	34.85
30.	Amanda Smith, part pay on note,	1,050.00
31.	Dorcas Farsons, part pay on note,	100.00
April 2.	Oliver Perkins, “ “	150.00
8.	Prescott Colby, breaking roads,	44.63
9.	H. C. Brockway, “	47.33
12.	J. W. Marshall, balance of salary on Poor Farm,	75.00
	J. W. Marshall, breaking roads,	6.60
13.	S. G. Stevens, “	31.57
	Charles B. Wyman, “	31.55
14.	Alden W. Rowe, “	24.58
	Ward L. Day, support of water trough,	3.00
16.	Tho's B. Palmer, breaking roads,	18.25
	Ira N. Sargent, for two cords of wood furnished Hazen Presby,	7.00
	Benjamin Cram, breaking roads,	22.87
Apr. 16.	Ruel F. Wheeler, for repairing roads,	7.50
	Ruel F. Wheeler, for breaking roads,	26.45
	John F. Davis, for breaking roads,	29.70

*Wm. A. M.*

Apr. 16.	By cash paid Mason B. Presby, for damage to sheep by dogs,	5.00
22.	B. F. Heath, am't due on note,	547.66
23.	Wm. O. Heath, breaking roads,	52.29
	Daniel G. Peaslee, breaking roads,	34.00
25.	H. C. Brockway, repairing roads,	13.45
26.	S. G. Stevens, for sheep killed by dogs,	5.00
	Albert G. Peaslee, breaking roads,	31.00
	J. Albert Peaslee, for repairing highway,	46.48
27.	Hiram Nichols, breaking roads,	41.30
	Hiram Nichols, repairing " "	17.60
30.	William Martin, breaking roads,	15.33
	A. S. Brackett, " "	15.68
	Allen Cressey, repairing roads,	29.41
May 2.	Thomas B. Palmer, " "	16.60
	Cha's B. Wyman, " "	17.00
	Prescott Colby, " "	20.00
	Levi Ward, breaking roads,	17.30
	Raymond Hoyt, for breaking and repairing roads,	70.00
	Nelson R. Forsaith, breaking roads,	17.68
	Joseph W. Ward, for labor on road and bridge,	30.80
7.	Israel Andrews, for breaking and repairing roads,	12.55
11.	Nathan A. Knight, repairing roads,	15.00
14.	W. H. Benton, for labor on highway,	6.00
.	Eben G. Stevens, for breaking and repairing roads,	39.15
	Geo. T. Dunfield, for breaking and repairing roads,	4.50
	J. H. Ewins, for breaking and repairing roads,	34.80
18.	Gilbert S. Andrews, amount due on note,	20.93
21.	Langdon Littlehale, for board of A. S. Cressey,	8.00
	Langdon Littlehale, for board of Joshua Eaton,	21.00

May	21.	By cash paid Langdon Littlehale, for board of paupers,	5.50
	28.	Alden W. Rowe, for repairing highway,	20.00
	31.	Franklin Smith, am't due on note,	545.92
June	3.	John Johnson, am't due on note,	249.46
	6.	Jonah Campbell, for support of Mrs. F. G. Haskell,	39.00
	8.	H. W. Clyde, for support of Aratus Bagley,	23.25
	15.	John H. Collins, for breaking and repairing roads,	15.16
	20.	Ira H. Brown, am't due on note,	124.69
	20.	Hiram Nichols, part school money, Dist. No. 2,	49.00
	20.	Charles P. Pike, for repairing highway,	31.97
	28.	Joshua Jewett, for labor on bridge, and lumber,	16.00
	30.	Paul Page, am't of two notes,	462.25
		Deborah Page, am't due on note,	70.89
July	2.	Hollis Brockway, part school money, Dist. No. 7,	25.00
	4.	Joshua Eaton, repairing road and bridge,	1.75
		Daniel G. Peaslee, repairing roads and plank for bridge	16.10
	8.	Amaziah Hall, for planking Wheeler bridge,	11.94
	16.	Jesse Carr, part school money Union School Dist. No. 1,	179.00
		Curtis Messer, part school money Dist. No. 12,	30.00
		Joshua Eaton, labor on bridge and road,	7.50
	16.	Benjamin Wiggin, for labor on highway,	1.50
	21.	George W. Hoyt, part school money Dist. No. 6,	33.00
	23.	Clark Whitcomb, part school money Dist. No. 8,	20.00
	25.	Maria R. Smith, part pay on note,	40.00

July, 28.	By cash paid Ebenezer Smith, am't due on note,	57.98
30.	Maria R. Smith, am't due on note,	181.60
	Maria R. Smith, am't of over-tax,	6.38
Aug. 8.	S. D. Smith, part school money Dist. No. 4,	30.00
10.	H. W. Clyde, support and expense of burying Aratus Bagley,	40.75
12.	Mason Cressey, part school money Dist. No. 1,	64.00
20.	A. B. Blood and J. P. Peasley, repairing highway,	28.20
	Enoch C. Adams, amount due on note,	354.63
	John Y. Mugridge, for services on trial of Sawyer case, and term fees in same, Oct., 1869, and April, 1870,	55.50
	M. W. Tappan, services and argument in Sawyer case,	35.00
	R. M. Wallace, journey to Antrim, and time and expense summoning witnesses in the Sawyer case,	21.00
Oct. 1.	R. M. Wallace, for L. D. Hines' bill for board, and Bates' bill for carriage hire in the Sawyer case,	23.50
22.	John H. Collins, am't due on note,	108.20
	C. C. Pearsons & Co., for printing town reports,	70.00
24.	Ira Plumer, breaking roads,	14.47
27.	Stephen Morse, error in taxes for 1870,	14.00
	Jonah Campbell, support of Mrs. F. G. Haskell,	39.00
Sept. 1.	Joseph S. Goss, County tax,	1,093.75
3.	Geo. S. Morgan, grading town-house lot,	153.12
	Geo. S. Morgan, repairing road and culvert near Sawtell's shop,	154.50

Sept. 6.	By cash paid Wm. D. Sawyer, for labor on highway,	11.82
15.	Henry F. Presby, amount due on note,	188.88
	R. M. Wallace, insurance on town farm buildings and contents,	11.00
16.	S. D. Greeley, assessment on old policy on town farm buildings,	3.60
17.	Matilda Colby, am't due on note,	250.26
22.	Wm. H. Benton, labor paving arch bridge,	8.00
24.	Wm. Ayer, am't due on note,	63.00
	John Hoyt, repairing graveyard fence at Bradford Center,	20.35
	Daniel G. Peaslee, for bridge stringers,	4.00
	A. S. Cressey, cash paid witness fees in Sawyer case,	7.60
	Joshua Eaton, " "	18.85
	Blood & Peasley, labor paving Arch bridge,	49.50
Oct. 1.	Henry Bixby, school money Dist. No. 10,	61.81
10.	George Hart, witness fees in liquor cases against Littlehale,	20.73
12.	A. S. Howlett, building culvert,	20.00
14.	Carlos A. Abbott, school money Dist. No. 5,	54.29
	Samuel Andrews, land for new Cemetery,	151.25
17.	M. W. Tappan, land for new Cemetery,	87.50
22.	J. W. Marshall, part pay on note,	100.00
25.	Frances M. Farley, interest on note,	12.00
Oct. 29.	Osmon Bailey, amt. due on notes,	\$844.95
31.	David Hartshorn, amt. due on note,	120.00
Nov. 2.	Geo. T. Dunfield, part salary as agent of Poor Farm,	100.00

Nov.	3.	By cash paid Wm. D. Sawyer for railing Gulf Hill and labor on highway,	54.75
	9.	John W. Marshall, amt. due on notes,	739.65
	10.	John Colby, school money belonging to Dist. No. 10, Warner,	3.85
	14.	David P. Flanders, part pay on note,	500.00
	17.	David P. Flanders, do.,	1,706.95
	22.	Briggs & Harnden, execution and costs in Sawyer case,	1,610.47
	26.	Horace C. Felch, stringers on Cheney bridge,	3.72
		James J. Hoyt, repairing roads,	3.13
		Phebe H. Marsh, part pay on note,	30.00
		Jonah Campbell, support of Mrs. F. G. Haskell,	39.00
		Frank Putney, repairing highway,	11.00
		Geo. W. Eaton, breaking roads, 1869 and 1870,	30.00
Dec.	1.	Charles H. Marshall, amt. due on note,	131.06
	3.	Peter Sanborn, State tax,	2,226.00
		Joseph W. Marshall, part pay on note,	60.00
	5.	Benjamin R. Ayer, interest on note,	22.07
	14.	Benjamin Cram, for railing road, and cash paid for plank,	11.85
	16.	David M. Morse, Jr., for snowing, breaking and repairing road,	23.25
	19.	Eben Cheney, plank for bridge, and support of water trough,	10.43
	26.	H. C. Brockway, school money,	41.41

Dec.	29.	By cash paid Edmund P. Ring, amt. due on note,	150.55
	31.	Mariett C. Seavey, do.	26.76
		Dorcas Farsons, for over tax,	2.00
		John F. Davis, do.	10.00
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Jan.	1.	Geo. T. Dunfield, balance of school money,	87.16
	7.	Mason Cressey, balance of school money in Dist. No. 1,	93.89
		S. Dana Smith, balance of school money in Dist. No. 4,	74.66
	9.	John F. Davis, for water trough,	3.00
	13.	Hubbard N. Nichols, for railing highway,	10.00
	16.	John Colby, amt. due on note,	56.48
		Curtis Messer, for bridge plank,	17.90
	19.	E. L. Davis, school money belonging to Washington, Rial Rowe, part pay on note,	3.34
			100.00
	20.	Hiram Nichols, balance of school money in Dist. No. 2,	71.31
		C. L. T. Carr, amt. due on note,	110.90
	23.	Wm. Trow, bal. of school money in Dist. No. 6,	65.44
	25.	Franklin Smith, amt. due on notes,	382.55
		Christina Marshall, part pay on note,	9.00
	26.	Geo. A. Robbins, for damage to horse from defect in highway, in July, 1870,	25.00
	27.	Clark Whitcomb, balance of school money in Dist. No. 8,	46.12



Jan.	28.	By cash paid Ruloph Bates, for carriage for commissioners in Ashby Hill road case,	5.00
		P. D. Ward, for sheep killed by dogs,	8.00
		Frank W. Jones, amt. due on note,	68.63
	30.	Benj. Cram, amt. due on notes,	268.15
Feb.	1.	Jackson Dowling, board of Joseph P. Stiles,	11.00
	8.	James M. Sawyer, amt. due on note,	166.06
	9.	Fitz, Carlton and Pike, professional services rendered Charles E. Goodwin, county pauper,	49.85
	10.	John S. Davis, support of Preston W. Davis,	20.00
	11.	Ebenezer Smith, amt. due on note,	218.00
	14.	L. Littlehale, board of transient paupers,	16.50
		L. Littlehale, board of counsel on Ashby Hill Road case,	10.50
		Moses J. Collins, amt. of money raised in School District No. 8, to repair school house,	53.30
		L. Littlehale, for board of Charles E. Goodwin, county pauper,	48.00
	15.	G. W. Burns, damage sustained on highway to sled,	12.00
	16.	B. W. Sanborn & Co., stationery,	1.25
		J. Albert Peaslee, damage to sheep by dogs,	8.00
		William O. Heath, services opposing Ashby Hill road,	5.50
		Wm. O. Heath, railing for highway,	7.00
		Wm. O. Heath, services as auditor,	2.00
		Wm. O. Heath, part pay on note,	50.00
		County Commissioners' fees, in Ashby Hill Road case,	124.00



Feb. 16.	By cash paid Marshall & Chase, services in Ashby Hill Road case,	117.00
18.	Eben Cheney, damages done sheep by dogs,	6.00
20.	Hubbard N. Nichols, damages done sheep by dogs,	3.00
	Jesse Carr, amt. of tax raised in Union School District No. 1, for repairing school house,	196.00
	Miner Hawks, for earth to repair Gulf Hill,	4.80
	Emily A. Ayer, amt. due on note,	64.92
	Curtis Messer, balance of school money, Dist. No. 12,	24.76
	J. C. Bailey, supporting watering trough,	3.00
	Daniel G. Peaslee, do	3.00
	Rial Rowe, damage done sheep by dogs,	13.00
	Edward Cressey, repairing highway,	4.80
21.	Geo. Jones, for use of pasture,	50.00
22.	John H. Ewins, for sheep killed by dogs,	6.00
23.	Joseph C. Currier, for wood for Hazen Presby,	7.12
	Joseph C. Currier, assisting laying out road round Ashby Hill,	1.50
	Joseph W. Ward, labor on highway,	5.40
	A. S. Cressey, cash paid witnesses fees in Ashby Hill Road case	10.50
24.	Jonah Campbell, support of Mrs. F. G. Haskell,	39.00
25.	D. Moody Morse, amt. due on note,	110.03
27.	Hiram Gillingham, conveying Commissioners to and from Ashby Hill,	1.50
27.	Geo. T. Dunfield, salary up to April 1, 1871,	100.00

Feb. 27.	By cash paid Daniel Duane, keeping transient pauper,	1.00
	Daniel Duane, damage to field of potatoes, in widening highway,	2.00
	Timothy P. Jones, for collecting taxes on book of 1869,	19.23
	Timothy P. Jones, for collecting taxes on book of 1870,	49.72
	Robert M. Wallace, services as treasurer,	40.00
28.	Jonathan J. Blaisdell, services as auditor,	2.00
	Sawyer & Martin, for goods furnished Hazen Presby,	58.97
	Joshua Eaton, services as selectman,	128.20
	Geo. Hart, "	102.30
	A. S. Cressey, "	109.50
	John H. Collins, damage done sheep by dogs,	4.00
	Martin & Page, overtax on land,	6.00
	Cemetery Committee, cash paid cemetery bills,	170.67
	Charles F. Davis, services and cash paid out, as Superintending School Committee,	78.95
	Amounting to the sum of	<u>\$21,445.76</u>
	Cash remaining in hands of treasurer,	<u>3,918.03</u>
	Amounting to the sum of	<u>\$25,363.79</u>
	Which balances the account.	

# STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN BY THE SELECTMEN.

The total debt of the town up to March 1st, 1871, is \$45,202.16  
Outstanding bills against town estimated at 50.00

Total Liability, \$45,252.16

## *Amount due Town.*

Cash in hands of Treasurer,	\$3,918.03
uncollected on T. P. Jones' book of 1870,	2,798.44
"                    "            " 1869,	188.82
"                    "            " 1868,	28.72
"        Stephen Austin's book of 1867,	102.10
"        M. W. P. Peasley's " 1866,	27.67
Due from U. S. Government,	1,998.00
City of Concord, bank tax,	9.33
Manchester, bank tax,	16.83
T. K. West, jr.,	12.00
Hazen Presby,	115.04

amounting to the sum of \$9,214.98

Which, deducted from the above amount of liability,  
leaves the town indebted in the sum of \$36,037.18

The Selectmen beg leave to make the following statement in regard to the indebtedness of the town, and to enumerate some of the larger items of extraordinary expenditures of this year which have increased the Town Debt:

The bills in the Sawyer case,	\$1,789.42
money advanced to the cemetery,	409.92
expense of fighting Ashby Hill Road,	281.25
grading town-house lot,	175.00

The Selectmen also found notes against the town un-  
reported last year, of

111.75  
\$2,767.37

JOSHUA EATON, } *Selectmen*  
GEORGE HART, } *of*  
ADDISON S. CRESSEY, } *Bradford.*

Your Committee have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and the books of the Selectmen, for the past year, and find them in good order; have compared their vouchers, cast their figures, and find them all correct.

CHARLES F. DAVIS, } *Auditing*  
WILLIAM O. HEATH, } *Committee.*

Bradford, March 1, 1871.

*A Memorandum, showing the standing of the Poor Farm for the year ending March 1, 1871.*

We find the farm chargeable as follows:

To farm, as per invoice of 1870,	2,000.00
personal property "	1,670.55
cash paid Geo. Jones, use of pasture,	50.00
" agent's salary,	200.00
" expenses of farm,	287.27
	<hr/> \$4,207.82

We find the farm entitled to the following credits:

By farm, per invoice of 1871,	2,000.00
personal property, per invoice of 1871,	1,556.00
cash paid town by last year's agent,	17.93
keeping transient paupers,	3.00
" Joseph P. Stiles, a county pauper, and	
clothing family,	64.47
produce, &c., sold from the farm,	359.71
	<hr/> \$4,001.11

Which leaves a balance against the farm of 206.71

The number of paupers supported on the farm is three and two thirds.

There has been paid for the support of paupers off the farm the past year, the sum of \$267.50 : namely,

Mrs. George W. Haskell,	188.50
Aratus Bagley,	79.00

JOSHUA EATON,	} Selectmen of Bradford.
GEORGE HART,	
ADDISON S. CRESSEY,	

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# REPORT

OF

## THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

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The committee appointed by the Town, at its Annual Meeting in March, 1870, to procure a Cemetery, respectfully submit the following

### REPORT:

Your committee, impressed with the necessity that existed for having a new place for the burial of the dead, inasmuch as the yard at the North and most populous part of the town was already filled, entered upon their duties with a sincere desire to procure such a place, and put it in such a state of improvement as would be satisfactory to the people and creditable to the town.

Your committee found it no easy task to fix upon a proper location, and a great deal of time was spent in examining various lots; for while it was their desire to obtain such a place as would be susceptible of improvement, so as to keep pace with the spirit of the age, and not be very far behind other towns in such matters, they felt that it was also necessary to keep an eye to the expense, that it might not be too great a burden upon the town already laboring under a heavy debt.

They finally, and as the best they could do under the circumstances, fixed upon the present location, being a portion of the land formerly belonging to the Morrill Tavern stand. The committee would have been glad to have found a place nearer the center of the two villages, but were unable to find one that would answer the purpose.

They at one time nearly decided in favor of "Fox-Hill;" but as many complained that this would be too far out of the way, and especially as it was found that it would cost a very large sum to fence it, as compared with the present location, they felt obliged to abandon it. The expense of such a lot as we considered we ought to have, if we located it on "Fox-Hill," with the necessary fencing, building of roads, and grading, we estimated at not less than \$1400, or \$1500, while the present lot has cost scarcely half that sum.

We have built around the cemetery a substantial board fence, with cedar posts, not feeling warranted to go to the expense of stone posts at present. If it should be found necessary at some future time, as the cedar posts decay, stone posts can be put down, at every alternate post, and the fence bolted to them, in the same way that we have secured the posts to the gate-way. The gate-way, or main entrance, is, we think, respectable in appearance, though not expensive; and the gate on the eastern side was put in at the expense of M. W. Tappan, and is to be maintained by him so long as an entrance there is desired for his accommodation.

We have also, as directed by the resolution raising the committee, laid the cemetery off into convenient lots, varying in size from 150 to 300 square feet. There are one hundred and one lots already laid out, with nearly one third of the yard that has not been lotted at all. As a permanent mode of marking the lots, and as the commencement for future embellishment of the place, we have also laid out avenues and paths to which we have given appropriate names. The location and size of the lots, the avenues and paths, and other portions of the Cemetery, are all laid down by actual survey, on a very well prepared plan, drawn by H. H. Harriman, Esq., who made the survey, and under whose direction the Cemetery has been laid out.

The facilities for a receiving and other tombs are unsurpassed, and tombs can be built, if desired, at comparatively slight cost.



The whole expense has been as follows :

Land,	\$239.25
Lumber for fencing, nails, &c.,	106.63
Making road from Village Street to Cemetery, building fence, grading, white-washing, &c.,	271.65
Arched gate-way, at main entrance,	29.39
Surveying, making plan, including the survey of " Fox-Hill,"	44.50
Printing posters and deeds,	7.50
Whole amount,	<hr/> \$698.92

It will thus be seen that the whole cost of the Cemetery, thus far, including land, fencing, building road, grading, surveying, gate-way, and every thing, is the sum of six hundred and ninety-eight dollars and ninety-two cents.

Toward the payment of this sum we have already sold, at public and private sale, thirty-six lots, amounting to the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars, leaving only the small sum of three hundred and forty-eight dollars and ninety-two cents, which has been advanced by the town. The residue of the lots not sold have been appraised at the same rates at which the others sold, and are being called for, from time to time, at their appraised value. When sold, each purchaser receives a deed of his lot. The value of the sixty-five lots remaining unsold is \$605 ; so that, it will be seen, when the lots are all sold, the Cemetery will not only not have cost the town any thing (save only the advancement of said sum of \$348.92 for a brief period), but there will be left, to be credited to the Cemetery-fund, the sum of \$256.98, beside the residue of the land which is not yet laid off into lots.

This balance, together with what may accrue from the sale of lots in that part of the Cemetery not yet lotted (if it shall be thought best to put it into lots), can, and we trust will be, a portion of it, at least, judiciously expended, from time to time, in the further improvement and beautifying of the place.

In no one thing is the progress of civilization and refinement more apparent than in the respect which is paid to the places of sepulture of the dead. It is not many years since it

was the custom to locate burial places upon some worthless, bleak and desolate tract, and the dilapidated fences, the broken slate-stones over the graves, and the weeds that every where were left to grow, marked the neglect with which these hallowed spots were treated. Now it is different. A spirit of emulation is manifested between different towns and localities in regard to these places. Beautiful and romantic sites are selected, and tastefully laid out. Monuments and stones of granite and marble are reared, and trees and shubbery are planted, and flowers bloom where once every thing was dismal and unsightly. Your committee believe that they have selected a spot which combines all the necessary requisites for a beautiful cemetery. It is situated on the banks of the river, and is capable of being improved and adorned to any desirable extent. From the pleasant view obtained from it in almost every direction, we have named it PLEASANT HILL CEMETERY. We hope that the doings of your committee will meet the approval of our people, and that the owners of lots, and others, will take a just pride in contributing their share toward the embellishment of the place; so that when strangers come in town, no one need feel ashamed to take them to the spot where rest the remains of our lamented dead.

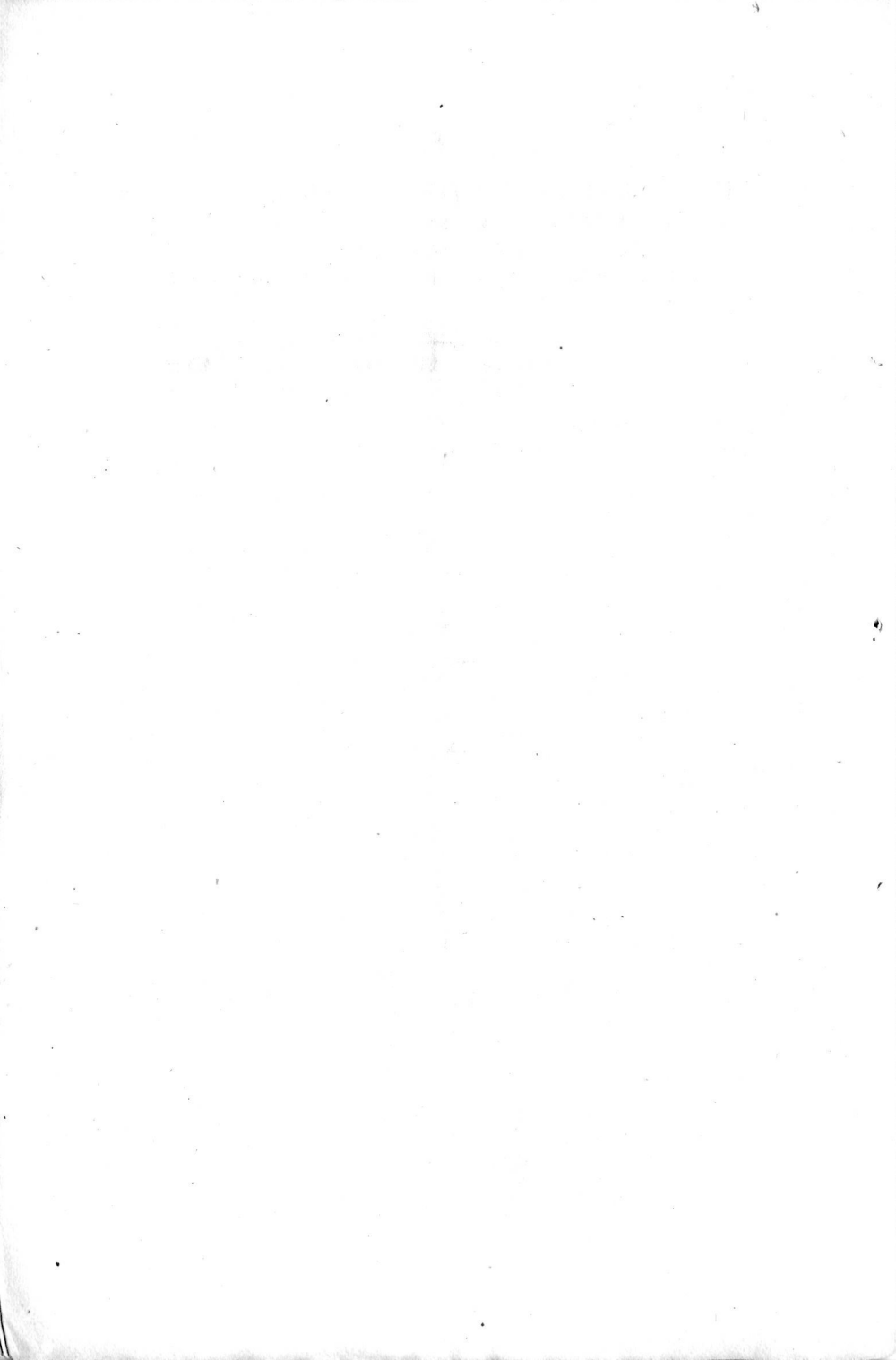
In closing, we would say, that in order to have the place what it should be, constant care and attention will be necessary; but this need not be attended with any considerable expense. To this end we suggest that a committee of three be chosen, to be known as the "Pleasant Hill Cemetery" committee, whose duty it shall be to prescribe reasonable and proper rules and regulations in reference to the ornamentation of the lots; to lay out additional lots, if they shall think best to do so; to appoint some suitable person to keep the paths and grounds in order, and have charge of the same, and that said committee have the general care, supervision and management of said cemetery, making such improvements, from time to time, as may seem necessary, with power to sell lots at their appraised values, and to give deeds for the same.

Said committee to hold their offices till others shall be chosen in their place, or a different system adopted,—their services to be rendered free of expense to the town.

And we respectfully request that our report may be entered upon the records of the town.

MASON W. TAPPAN,  
JOSHUA EATON,  
DAVID H. HARTSHORN, } *Committee.*

March 14, 1871.



## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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### *To the Citizens of Bradford:*

Agreeably to the requirements of chap. 5, page 44, sec. 22, Laws of New-Hampshire pertaining to Common Schools, I herewith present you with the Annual Report, which is submitted for your careful consideration.

*Text-Books.* Your Committee found it necessary to make, if possible, a uniformity in the Text-Books used, by continuing and adopting such as were deemed necessary for the efficiency of our schools, and he doubts not that we have the best selection for that purpose that can be procured, and at a very trifling expense. A careful examination of these books will satisfy any unprejudiced mind that they are what we have long needed, containing sound practical truths, giving a lively impetus to the perceptive faculties, and abounding in that varied information which has too long been withheld from our common schools. A proper text-book being of the first importance, your Committee was anxious to see every scholar provided with such. This change has done away with that multiplicity of books and classes, thus saving much valuable time to teacher and scholar, thereby making the school more profitable.

*Success of Schools.* Our schools, under this change of books, have started, as it were, anew, and have made marked progress. Many of the parents and friends are taking a lively interest in their success, by visiting the schools and otherwise—thus giving a great moral support to the teacher and scholar, by creating that noble spirit of true emulation which prom-

ises an abundant harvest for the future. Your Committee believes that success is a duty, as well as a virtue, and to produce the greatest success, the unremitting exertions of the parent, master or guardian, as well as that of the child, is absolutely necessary.

*Popular Education* never was so important for the welfare of our country as it is to-day. Universal knowledge is the mightiest defense and the noblest power any nation can erect for its safety; but see to it, that it is *based* on those *Christian virtues*, by which all knowledge is made productive of good. "Knowledge," said Daniel Webster, "does not comprise all which is contained in the large term of *Education*. The feelings are to be disciplined, the passions are to be restrained, true and worthy motives are to be inspired, a profound religious feeling is to be instilled, and pure morality inculcated under all circumstances. All this is comprised in *Education*."

*Teachers.* Your teachers have, generally speaking, been quite successful. Aided by the school regulations with which they were furnished, they have, in almost every instance, sustained that true dignity which is the offspring of politeness and good breeding; and it gives me pleasure to state that no fault has been found that *partiality* has been used.

*Discipline.* Their discipline, although as yet not so perfect as is desired, was quite satisfactory — some improvement having been made in that direction. But as no school can be eminently successful without order, every effort which wisdom can dictate should be used to attain it.

*Registers.* The law is, that no teacher is "entitled to receive pay for services until the register or school record is properly filled, and signed, and delivered to the Committee of the town, receiving his certificate therefor." It is of much importance that the requirements of the law should not be ignored.

*Irregularities.* Let every prudential committee make an effort to correct these irregularities, and require of each teacher a Register Certificate ere he pays them for services.



Twice this year has the State Superintendent referred to the imperfect manner in which the school registers have been kept; it producing much embarrassment for those who make up the reports, and when they are imperfect, the reports of town and State are also incomplete.

*Committees.* Let each prudential committee "notify the Town Committee, in due season, of the commencement and close of the schools." Chap. 3, p. 28, §27. Strictly speaking, this has not been done, although in most instances they have been very faithful in the discharge of their duties, as defined by the Amended Digest of School Laws, with which all of them have been supplied; and let me herewith tender them my sincere thanks. Their position is an important one. Choosing, as they do, in a measure, the instructors of our children, how careful they should be in the selection of a teacher—to find one that is adapted to the school.

*Teachers' Institute.* The Teachers' Institute for Merrimack County held its session here the 24th, 25th and 26th of January last, under the call of our very able State Superintendent, Rev. A. C. Hardy, was intended directly for the benefit of our teachers, scholars and citizens. The weather was cold and stormy, most of the time, but the truths uttered, the new methods of teaching advanced, the very instructive lessons given by the able board of Professors who conducted it, commanded the closest attention of all those *who* availed themselves of this great privilege.

*Modes of Instruction.* It is of the most vital importance that our teachers should have the best modes of instruction, and that they should use them in our schools. Constant attention to this subject, thoroughness in recitation, taking pains to interest the scholar in every branch—seeing that they advance no farther than a perfect knowledge of what they have been over will justify, arranging the hardest studies for the morning, when the mind is fresh and vigorous—with an anxious eye to the health of the scholars—regulating the ventilation of the school rooms with judgment and discretion; all of these duties are incumbent upon them.

*Normal School.* The State Normal School for teachers commences its first term March 15, at Plymouth, N. H. It is intended to make this the best in New-England. There these new and improved methods of instruction are to be taught. The expense to be incurred by the teacher is but trifling. Every teacher should attend if possible.

*School Houses.* Let there be more interest taken in the looks, convenience and comfort of your school houses. Some of them are hardly worthy of the name. They should be replaced by new ones, or judiciously repaired. It is a sure indication that the people of a district are earnest in the work, when they furnish their children a neat, convenient and comfortable school house. It increases the value of the property in the district, gives a better impression to the stranger, and is better every way. As early impressions are lasting, give your children something that will make a bright spot in their memory.

## REPORT BY DISTRICTS.

*District No. 1.* Mason Cresey, Prudential Committee.

Summer Term—Taught by Miss Hattie E. Nichols, who had excellent success, and with more experience will no doubt make one of our best. This was her first term. School prospered. Let the scholars learn to be more punctual.

Winter Term—Mr. F. J. Farnsworth, teacher the first half, was an excellent scholar, but lacked the energy required to control his school, and was succeeded by Mr. Frank J. Bickford, who finished the term and restored the school, by his persuasive power, to the paths of success and usefulness. Some of the scholars in this district should learn to have more self-respect, and give more attention to their books, as time lost is gone for ever.

*District No. 2.* Hiram Nichols, Prudential Committee.

Summer and Winter Terms—taught by Miss H. M. Eaton, who was a favorite with the scholars, being a very excellent teacher; her schools were orderly, valuable and progressive.

*District No. 4.* S. Dana Smith, Prudential Committee.



Summer Term—taught by Miss Marie H. Buswell. This was her first term. Some progress was made—with experience would make a good teacher.

Winter Term—Miss Anne M. Pierce, teacher—a faithful worker in the cause, ambitious and thorough. Her school was prosperous and progressive. There are those in this district who claim to be advocates of the cause of education, but they try to impose legal restraint on those who try to obtain it. To those I would suggest that united efforts only produce harmonious results.

*District No. 5.* Carlos Abbott, Prudential Committee.

Fall Term—teacher, Miss Mary C. Colby. Under the instruction of this very able teacher, the school made rapid advancement, and was highly successful. Discipline very satisfactory.

*District No. 6.* George Hoyt, Prudential Committee.

Summer Term—taught by Miss Lizzie S. Pike, who spared no pains to make the term one of value to the district. By maintaining order and creating an interest among the scholars, she commanded the respect and good will of the district, and the school prospered.

Winter Term—Mr. Edwin C. Fisher, teacher. A good instructor, faithful worker. Had good order and a school which was very acceptable.

*District No. 7.* Hollis C. Brockway, Prudential Committee.

Summer Term—taught by Miss Jennie E. Gray. A very excellent teacher, kept good order, and the improvement was very noticeable.

Winter Term—teacher, Miss Annie S. Ray. A young teacher and her first school. She evinced much energy, and infused new life into the efforts of the scholars, keeping good order. They learned rapidly. A word to the scholars: Try and understand the principles of your lessons as you pass over them, and cultivate correct habits of study.

*District No. 8.* Clark Whitecomb, Prudential Committee.

Summer Term—taught by Miss Annie M. Pierce, one of our

most thorough teachers. Her labors were very satisfactory to the district. Her school was one of the best.

Winter Term—Mr. Herman G. Brown, teacher. A good teacher, and the school made some advancement, but not so much as was expected. There are some good scholars in this district. Try and increase that number.

*District No. 10.* Henry Bixby, Prudential Committee.

Fall Term—taught by Miss Marion C. Bixby—energetic, faithful and capable. With but a short term the school prospered unmistakably. A better school-house and a longer term of school are what is needed in this district.

*District No. 11.* George T. Dunfield, Prudential Committee.

Winter Term—taught by Mr. Frank J. Bickford. Possessing great force of character, and knowing his duty, he had a pleasant and very successful school.

*District No. 12.* Curtis Messer, Prudential Committee.

Summer Term—taught by Miss Kate J. Presby—a live teacher, persistent worker, and strict disciplinarian. Her school prospered accordingly.

Winter Term—Miss E. M. Eaton, teacher. One of our best teachers. Under her care the school has taken its onward course, and it is hoped will ever continue the good work, so nobly commenced.

Finally, your Committee considers the schools as having been quite successful this year, notwithstanding there was division of opinion in some of the districts, but trusts, that, when the new school year commences, nothing may exist to mar the harmony, or prevent the active coöperation of all those who have a true interest in common schools.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. DAVIS,

*Committee.*

BRADFORD, Feb. 28, 1871.

# STATISTICAL TABLE—SUMMER TERM.

No. of District.	District.	Name of Teacher.	No. of Scholars.	Average attendance.	No. of times tardy.	No. not attending.	Length, in weeks.	Wages per month, including board.	No. of Visitors.	Remarks.
1	Center.	Hattie E. Nichols.	19	151 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	51	5	12	18.00	30	
2	West.	Hannah M. Eaton.	9	84 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	3	4	9	18.00	13	
3	Union.	Ellen K. Abbott.	30	251 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>	169		11	35.00	46	Grammar School.
4	Pond.	Marie H. Buswell.	14	62 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>10</sub>	46	5	12	18.00	13	
5	Colby.	Mary C. Colby.	15	131 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	34		10	28.00	21	
6	Plain.	Lizzie S. Pike.	17	161 <sup>6</sup> / <sub>12</sub>	4	2	11	18.00	40	
7	Andrews'.	Jennie E. Gray.	6	53 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	3	1	5	19.00	10	
8	Melvin's.	Annie M. Pierce.	5	3	1		10	20.00	40	Union with No. 17, Warner.
9	Union.	Clara E. Fisk.	34	27 <sup>9</sup> / <sub>5</sub>	454		11	30.00	41	Primary School.
10	Springs.	Marion C. Bixby.	17	13 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	11		9	28.00	7	
11	Jewett's.									No summer term.
12	Union.	Kate J. Presby.	9	75 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	76	1	10	18.00	14	Union with No. 6, Newbury.

February 28, 1871.

## STATISTICAL TABLE CONTINUED—WINTER TERM.

No. of District.	District.	Name of Teacher.	No. of Scholars.	Average attendance.	No. of times tardy.	No. not attending.	Length in weeks.	Wages per month, including board.	No. of Visitors.	No. of Scholars in Dist. for the year.	Total amount of School Money in each District.	Remarks.
1	Center.	F. J. Farnsworth.	31	24 $\frac{43}{100}$	103	1	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	37.00	50	36	157.89	Grammar School.
2	West.	F. J. Bickford.	17	15 $\frac{121}{100}$	7		11 $\frac{1}{2}$	24.00	19	17	120.31	
3	Union.	Hannah M. Eaton.	31	27 $\frac{126}{100}$	221		12	41.00	73	43	268.93	
4	Pond.	Helen F. Collins.	26	20	48	3	13	24.00	71	24	104.66	
5	Colby.	Annie M. Pierce.								15	54.29	
6	Plain.	Edwin C. Fisher.	16	15 $\frac{9}{100}$	13	1	12	28.00	28	21	98.44	No winter term.
7	Andrews'.	Annie S. Ray.	8	5 $\frac{23}{100}$	6		9 $\frac{1}{2}$	18.00	12	8	66.41	
8	Melvin's.	Herman G. Brown.	4	3			11 $\frac{1}{2}$	34.00	11	8	66.12	
9	Union.	Sarah A. Cheney.	43	39	43		15	41.00	50	49	268.93	
10	Springs.									17	61.81	
11	Jewett's.	Frank J. Bickford.	19	14 $\frac{11}{100}$	81	5	11	31.00	34	19	87.16	Primary School. No winter term.
12	Union.	Ellen M. Eaton.	5	5	5	1	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	28.00	23	5	54.76	
											3.84 *	
										262	3.34 †	

The Literary Fund, \$65.25 is divided equally between the Districts, and is included in the above. The Dog Tax and Literary Fund apportioned to each was \$17.76. Nos. 3 and 9 constitute Union District No. 1. Average wages per month: Summer, \$22.72—Winter, 30.60.

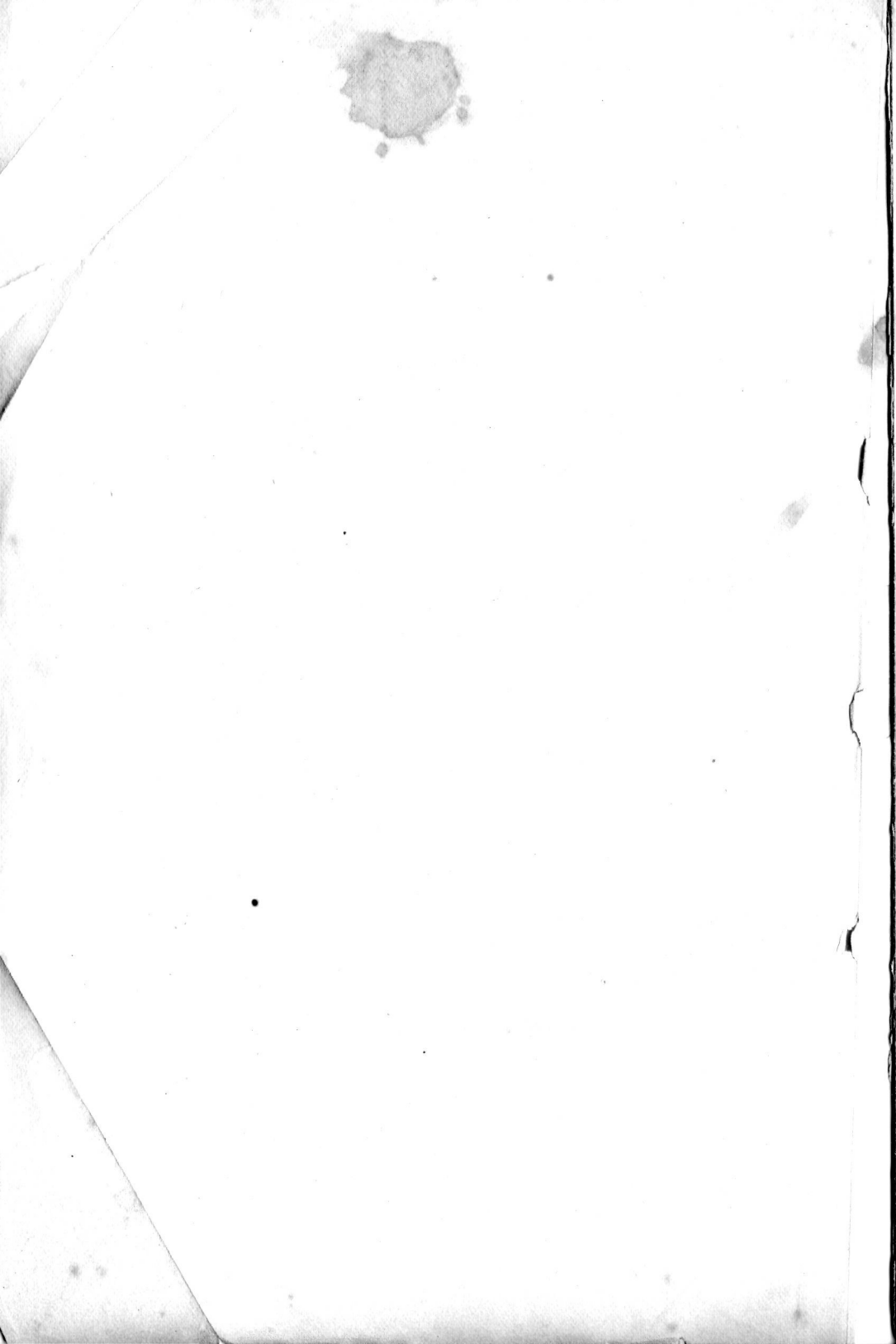
\* School money paid Town of Warner on account of Robert Colby Farm.

† School money paid Town of Washington on account of Benjamin F. Putney.

REPORTS  
OF THE  
TREASURER  
AND  
OTHER TOWN OFFICERS  
OF THE  
TOWN OF BRADFORD  
FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1876.

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# REPORT

OF THE

## TREASURER OF THE TOWN OF BRADFORD

FOR THE YEAR 1875.

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JOHN W. MORSE, *Treasurer,*

in account with the Town of Bradford:

1875.		Dr.
March 1.	To cash on hand,	\$2,229.05
	of Selectmen:	
	savings bank tax,	570.17
	railroad tax,	117.25
	literary fund,	88.15
	expense of funding town debt,	150.00
	commissioners to fund the debt,	914.19
	abatements for 1870, 1871, and 1872,	94.28
	support of county paupers, of county,	453.84
	sale of lots in P. H. cemetery,	20.00
	use of town-hall,	28.50
	redeemed land sold for taxes,	114.72
	support of M. V. B. Davis of Sutton,	5.99
	of E. H. Eaton, Collector, 1875, taxes,	8,338.13
	of E. H. Eaton, interest on 1875 taxes,	17.95
	of Timothy P. Jones, Collector, 1870, taxes,	5.91

March 1.	To cash of Timothy P. Jones, Collector 1871,	
	taxes,	61.23
	of Timothy P. Jones, Collector 1872,	
	taxes,	236.79
	of Timothy P. Jones, Collector 1873,	
	taxes,	119.00
	of David F. Bagley, agent of poor	
	farm,	58.75
	of Selectmen, deed of Conn place,	
	cost,	3.93
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		\$13,627.83

JOHN W. MORSE, *Treasurer*,

in account with the Town of Bradford:

1875.		Cr.
	By cash paid.	
March 6.	Eben G. Stevens, breaking road.	\$64.09
8.	Lucy M. Rowe, part payment on note,	75.00
13.	John H. Brown, amount of note,	519.58
	Claremont Manufacturing Co., printing	
	town report,	35.00
15.	Jonathan Andrews, breaking road,	17.80
	Mason Putney, sawing and splitting wood	
	for J. Atwood,	4.50
23.	Alonzo Robbins, breaking road,	18.15
	Alonzo Robbins, balance of salary,	100.00
24.	B. W. Sanborn & Co., stationery,	8.75
25.	P. B. Richards, medical attendance A. C. Fitz,	31.00
29.	Charles F. Davis, Auditor,	2.00
30.	Dorcas Farson, amount of note,	358.79
31.	Robert Colby, breaking road,	56.00
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		\$1,290.66
April 1.	B. W. Sanborn & Co., record book, order	
	dated March 19,	\$6.50
7.	Charles O. Bailey, amount of note,	91.26
9.	Robert C. Colby, digging grave for D.	
	Cheney,	5.00



April	10.	H. C. Dowlin, part payment on note,	300.00
		O. E. Ring, breaking road,	3.22
		Horace K. Martin, Town Clerk,	34.50
		Hubbard N. Nichols, breaking road,	30.25
	13.	Jackson Dowlin, support of Mary Stiles,	17.00
		Ruthy Benton, part payment on note,	35.00
	14.	John H. Collins, " "	140.00
	17.	Trueworthy Piper, support of Martha Pi- per and child,	30.00
		Thomas M. Craige, breaking road,	5.29
		Eben Cheney, labor on road and bridge,	4.00
	23.	J. C. Bailey, casket, etc., for J. Putney,	17.00
	24.	Albert Sargent, breaking road,	10.65
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			\$729.67
May	1.	L. H. True, digging grave for F. Presby,	\$3.00
	3.	Benj. F. Abbott, breaking road,	9.75
	4.	Moses R. Hoyt, " "	61.94
	8.	Hannah Cook, support of Addie Fitz,	55.43
	10.	P. B. Richards, medical attendance, Addie Fitz,	16.25
		Henry Bixby, breaking road,	10.25
	11.	Wm. D. Sawyer, " "	5.10
	13.	Charles F. Davis, " "	10.50
	18.	John Hoyt, " "	20.47
		E. Pepper, funeral services, Mrs. J. Putney,	2.00
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			\$194.69
June	5.	Hannah Cook, part pay on note,	\$300.00
		Mary R. West, " " " "	44.64
		William B. Carpenter, balance on note,	123.88
		Sullivan G. Stevens, school money,	29.00
		Hubbard N. Nichols, breaking road,	3.60
	11.	Benja. Cram, " "	7.27
	17.	John Howlett, 2d, " "	6.00
		Edward Cressy, " "	16.00
	19.	T. A. F. Jones, plank and stringers,	24.53
	21.	John M. Fitz, keeping transient paupers,	21.00
	22.	P. B. Richards, med. attendance, M. V. B. Davis,	4.50

June	25.	Wm. O. Heath, lumber and work on bridge,	36.98
	28.	David F. Bagley, 6 mos. salary.	100.00
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			\$717.40
July	1.	Interest on money furnished town,	\$5.28
	2.	Henry F. Presby, building bridge,	20.75
	3.	Robert Colby, working non-resident tax,	4.33
	8.	Daniel U. Sawyer, labor on B. Ground,	5.20
	9.	Fanny H. Marshall, int. on note,	20.50
	10.	James P. Cressy, school money,	18.00
	12.	J. J. Blaisdell, " "	120.00
	13.	Samuel H. Jones, " "	46.00
		George C. Trow, " "	40.00
	23.	Wm. G. Hoyt, " "	39.40
		Parker B. Craig, " "	23.00
		Hollis C. Brockway, breaking road.	11.05
	24.	Ruthy Benton, part pay on note,	25.00
	31.	Ezekiel F. Barnard, school money,	46.28
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			\$424.79
Aug.	28.	Edwin Nichols, working non-res. tax,	\$9.13
		" " bridge plank and stringers,	4.34
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			\$13.47
Sept.	1.	J. C. Bailey, casket, box and robe for Mrs. S. Gautier,	\$16.00
	6.	Emri Rowe, shoveling snow,	3.00
		Jackson Dowlin, support of Mary Stiles,	22.60
	11.	Wm. D. Sawyer, repairing highway,	13.76
	17.	County Treasurer, county tax,	1194.38
	27.	J. C. Bailey, casket and robe for John Putney,	18.00
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			\$1267.74
Oct.	4.	Lydia Seavey, part pay on note,	20.00
	7.	A. S. Bronson, med. attendance on Mansel Marshall's child,	20.50
		John D. Waldron, attendance on Mansel Marshall,	5.00
	13.	L. H. True, digging grave for Mrs. S. Gautier,	3.00
		" " " " " John Putney,	2.50

Oct.	17.	A. M. Cummings, amount of note,	43.00
	20.	J. J. Blaisdell, part of school money,	140.00
		Wm. S. Hart, nursing and burying M. M.'s child,	10.11
	26.	Fred Cheney, breaking road,	4.20
	27.	Wm Trow, bridge plank,	5.62
	28.	O. E. Ring, building chimney in town-house,	20.12
	30.	F. M. Richards, coffin and robe for M. M.'s child,	6.15
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			\$280.20
Nov.	2.	J. W. Sawyer, services rendered S. Gau- tier,	5.75
	4.	George Nichols, school money,	49.61
	6.	E. H. Eaton, taxes assessed on town farm,	37.23
		“ “ part pay for collecting taxes,	50.00
		P. B. Richards, school money,	63.23
	13.	Henry F. Presby, “ “	41.10
		Wm. D. Sawyer, labor on highway,	5.72
	15.	John W. Morse, to pay 6 mos. int. on town bonds,	900.00
	17.	P. B. Richards, med. attendance on L. T. Smith,	28.00
	22.	Ethan Piper, breaking road, and repairs,	3.15
	27.	Israel Andrew, boarding and nursing L. T. Smith,	35.00
		David F. Bagley, part salary,	50.00
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			\$1268.79
Dec.	13.	George C. Sargent, posts on highway,	8.00
	25.	Solon Carter, state tax,	1336.00
		H. K. Martin, services as commissioner,	28.97
		John W. Morse, “ “ “	49.16
		J. Albert Peaslee, “ “ “	24.87
		Charles C. Pearson & Co., printing bonds,	47.00
	28.	J. J. Blaisdell, saddle boards for bridge,	1.32
	31.	Joel M. Howe, Robert Colby's school money,	3.37
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			\$1498.69

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Jan.	4.	Parker B. Craige, pork for Atwood,	7.80
		“ “ “ school money,	37.86
	8.	Wm. G. Hoyt, “ “	58.99
	11.	Samuel H. Jones, “ “	97.25
	12.	J. F. Buswell, coat for John Putney,	7.50
		S. G. Stevens, school money,	58.08
	12.	Martha Hoyt, balance on note,	315.07
	17.	Mary R. West, “ “ “	103.80
	18.	John H. Eaton, non-res. highway tax,	10.69
	21.	George M. Sawyer, wood for J. Atwood,	7.50
	25.	George C. Trow, school money,	54.10
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			\$758.64

Feb.	1.	Peter C. Gregg, assistance in burial of John Putney,	\$2.00
		Jackson Dowlin, support of Mary C. Stiles,	38.21
		John M. Fitz, keeping transient paupers,	9.00
		H. W. Bagley, services rendered S. Gautier,	3.00
		Fanny H. Marshall, balance on note,	206.41
		Page W. Cofran, “ “ “	62.03
		John W. Morse, goods furnished J. Atwood,	3.23
		“ “ “ “ “ M. V. B. Davis,	1.49
		M. C. Bartlett, keeping transient paupers,	3.00
		John Harriman, support of Ann Sargent,	78.00
		N. T. Clark, services for S. Gautier,	22.00
		N. T. Clark, “ Mary C. Stiles,	2.00
		Jonathan Peasley, support of John Putney,	3.00
		John W. Morse, goods furnished S. Gautier,	35.00
	7.	David F. Bagley, part of salary,	16.00
	15.	Mary Hall, amount of note,	935.66
		J. J. Blaisdell, school money,	253.05
		James P. Cressy, “	36.76
	22.	Mason Cressy, damage to sheep,	6.00
	23.	Jacob C. Bailey, patching roof of town-house,	2.00
	1.	David F. Bagley, agent on town farm,	
		for support of John Putney, county pauper,	15.64
		Gautier children, “	33.00
		for keeping tramps,	3.00

Feb.	1.	B. W. Sanborn & Co., stationery,	3.30
	21.	Frank T. Carr, insurance town-hall,	14.30
	26.	John M. Pressy, support of Henry Page family,	34.25
		H. M. Craige, lumber and labor railing road,	18.85
		H. M. Craige, working non-resident tax,	20.68
		John M. Fitz, medical service D. Divine,	36.75
	28.	C. Pierce, bridge timber and plank,	12.00
		Edward Cressy, damage done sheep by dogs,	20.00
		Joshua Eaton, journey to Walpole on depositions,	6.00
		H. M. Dow, beef for J. Atwood,	3.96
		H. M. Dow, damage to sheep by dogs,	8.00
		D. G. Peasley, use of water trough,	2.00
		David F. Bagley, part of salary,	19.00
	29.	Jonathan D. Chase, wood for Atwood,	11.09
		Charles P. Pike, non-res. highway tax,	2.32
March	1.	G. S. Morgan, services as Auditor,	1.00
		A. S. Cressy, " " "	1.00
		Eugene Bailey, work on bridge,	1.89
		George Trow, Supt. School Committee,	61.67
		Wm. P. Cressy, bridge plank,	2.79
		J. C. Bailey, water trough,	3.00
		Samuel Bates, work on highway,	1.80
	2.	E. H. Eaton, sales resident land,	49.18
		" " " non-resident land,	52.15
		" " amount taxes abated,	25.22
		" " Geo. H. Brown, poll and exemption,	11.34
		" " discount on taxes,	60.95
		" " non-resident highway receipts,	91.24
		" " tax on Conn place,	1.17
		" " balance for collecting 1875 tax,	50.00
		Trueworthy Piper, support of M. S. Piper and child,	23.00
		T. A. J. Jones, non-res. tax, and guide-boards,	12.53
		John W. Morse, shingles and nails for H. bridge,	35.55
		Sullivan G. Stevens, damage to sheep by dogs,	3.00
		T. P. Jones, abatement 1870 taxes,	21.45
		" " " 1871 "	40.51
		" " " 1872 "	32.32

March 3.	N. T. Clark, professional services to J. Atwood,	5.75
	N. T. Clark, professional services to Mason	
	Putney's family,	12.00
	John W. Morse, services as Treasurer,	40.00
	Joshua Eaton, services as Selectman,	96.00
	" " making new appraisal,	38.00
	Jonathan J. Blaisdell, services as Selectman,	54.50
	" " " making new appraisal,	38.00
	L. B. Butman, services as Selectman,	60.00
	" " making new appraisal,	38.00
	H. K. Martin, services as Town Clerk,	34.00
		<u>\$2980.97</u>

Total amount paid out for the year,	\$11,425.73
Cash on hand in the treasury,	2,202.10
	<u>\$13,627.83</u>

JOHN W. MORSE, Town Treasurer.

#### AUDITORS' REPORT.

We hereby certify that we have examined the several items of receipts and expenditures embraced in the foregoing report of the Treasurer, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

CHARLES F. DAVIS,	} Auditing Committee.
E. J. RING,	
H. K. MARTIN,	

Bradford, March 4, 1876.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED BY THE  
TOWN OF BRADFORD TO FUND THE TOWN DEBT.

The Commissioners charge themselves as follows:

To amount of bonds sold, with accrued interest, \$30,193.58

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Paid on notes,	\$30,043.58	
C. C. Pearson & Co., printing reports,	47.00	
John W. Morse, services as commis- sioner,	49.16	
H. K. Martin, services as commis- sioner,	28.97	
J. Albert Peaslee, services as com- missioner,	24.87	
		\$30,193.58

H. K. MARTIN,	} Commissioners.
JOHN W. MORSE,	
J. ALBERT PEASLEE,	

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing report of the Commissioners; have compared the same with the items of disbursements and records of bonds sold and notes paid, and find their figures correctly cast and properly vouched.

CHARLES F. DAVIS,	} Auditing Committee.
E. J. RING,	

Bradford, N. H., March 4, 1876.

# POOR FARM REPORT.

We find the farm chargeable as follows:

1876.		
March 1.	To farm, as per old invoice of 1875,	\$2100.00
	personal property, as per invoice of 1875,	1703.74
	personal property, as per invoice of 1875,	91.12
	personal property, as per invoice of 1875,	89.36
	cash paid agent,	185.00
	cash due agent,	15.00
	cash paid expenses of,	293.55
		<u>\$4477.71</u>

We find the farm entitled to the following credits:

By farm, as per new appraisal, September, 1875, and		
Feb. 22, 1876,		\$1500.00
personal property, as per invoice, Feb. 22, 1876,		1540.41
personal property, as per invoice, Feb. 22, 1876,		86.10
personal property, as per invoice, Feb. 22, 1876,		84.96
keeping transient paupers,		3.00
board of John Putney, county pauper,		15.64
board of Stephen Gautier's children, county paupers,		33.00
produce sold from the farm,		356.05
due the farm from Nathaniel Blanchard, for beef,		3.75
cash paid into treasury by D. F. Bagley, agent of		
poor farm,		58.75
		<u>\$3681.64</u>
By amount of reduced valuation, as made by Select-		
men, September, 1875,		600.00
		<u>\$4281.64</u>
Balance against the farm,		<u>\$196.13</u>

The number of paupers supported on the farm the past year is two and eight twelfths.



There has been paid for support of paupers off the farm the past year, the sum of \$75.73—as follows:

Joshua Atwood,	\$5.73
Mary C. Stiles,	44.00
Martha S. Piper and child,	26.00
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	\$75.73

Respectfully submitted,

JOSHUA EATON,	} Selectmen of Bradford.
J. J. BLAISDELL,	
L. B. BUTMAN,	

### TOWN LIABILITIES, MARCH 1, 1876.

Total bonded debt of the town,	\$30,000.00
interest on bonds to date,	600.00
outstanding town notes to date,	2,591.39
“    bills estimated to date,	50.00
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	\$33,241.39

### ASSETS.

Cash in hands of Treasurer, March 1, 1876,	\$2,202.10
Taxes uncollected on T. P. Jones' book of 1870.	105.66
“    “    “    “    “    “    “    “    1871.	239.82
“    “    “    “    “    “    “    “    1872,	40.29
“    “    “    “    “    “    “    “    1873,	759.52
Due from United States government,	1,870.00
Town farm as per new appraisal, Sept., 1875,	1,500.00
E. H. Eaton's, Collector's, deed of land sold for town (Conn place),	3.93
Personal property as per invoice of Feb. 22, 1876,	1,540.41
“    “    “    “    “    “    “    “	86.10
“    “    “    “    “    “    “    “	84.94
Hearse and hearse-house,	600.00
Town-hall and fixtures,	800.00

Town safe,	140.00
Due from the estate of Daniel Cheney,	102.20
on account of resident land sold for taxes, 1875,	49.18
on account of non-resident land sold for taxes, 1875,	52.15
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Deducting assets from liabilities,	\$10,176.30
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Making net liabilities,	\$23,065.09
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Net liabilities as rendered March 1, 1875,	\$23,351.44
Deduct net liabilities March 1, 1876,	23,065.09
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Shows a reduction of	\$286.35
By amount of reduced valuation, as per appraisal made by the Selectmen, September, 1875,	600.00
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Which would show a reduction of debt, the past year, of	\$886.35

Respectfully submitted,

JOSHUA EATON, } Selectmen  
J. J. BLAISDELL, } of  
L. B. BUTMAN, } Bradford.

We hereby certify that we have examined the books of the Selectmen for the past year, and find them in good order; have compared their vouchers, cast their figures, and found them all correct.

CHARLES F. DAVIS, }  
E. J. RING, } Auditing  
H. K. MARTIN, } Committee.

Bradford, N. H., March 4, 1876.

# SCHOOL REPORT.

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TO THE CITIZENS OF BRADFORD :

The following report of the condition of your schools is respectfully submitted :

## DISTRICT No. 1.

SAMUEL H. JONES, Prudential Committee.

Both terms were taught by Mrs. Ella F. Cressy. We think that Mrs. Cressy entered upon her duties as teacher this year with a realizing sense of the responsibility resting upon a teacher, and with a determination to labor for the best interests of her pupils. By her knowledge of the school she was enabled to enter at once into the work of instruction.

The summer school appeared well at the commencement, and the scholars seemed to be interested in their studies, but at the close the examination showed a want of thoroughness.

During the winter term the advancement was more thorough, and much good work was done. There was a slight deficiency in respect to order. It is the opinion of your committee that a change of teacher might be for the benefit of the school.

## DISTRICT No. 2.

WILLIAM G. HOYT, Prudential Committee.

Summer and winter terms taught by Miss Alice V. Trow. Though this was Miss Trow's first experience in teaching, her school was managed and instructed in a manner that would have given credit to a teacher of more experience. The advancement, in all the branches taught, was thorough

and satisfactory. Discipline of a high order was maintained through the year. This school is taking a high stand among the schools of this town, both in deportment and scholarship.

It is hoped that the district will manifest their interest in this school by furnishing a better school-house.

#### DISTRICT No. 4.

SULLIVAN G. STEVENS, Prudential Committee.

Summer and winter terms taught by Miss Anne M. Pierce. Though the schools were short, more satisfactory advancement was made than is sometimes made in schools of much greater length. In consequence of Miss Pierce's previous employment here no delay was necessary for teacher and scholars to become acquainted.

Miss Pierce possesses ample qualifications as a teacher, and having had much experience her services are very desirable. We think the prudential committee is justified in securing a competent teacher rather than long schools.

You have here an example of the advantages derived from employing the same teacher regularly, when you have a good teacher that is adapted to the school.

#### DISTRICT No. 5.

HENRY F. PRESBY, Prudential Committee.

Only one term of school. Miss Annie M. Ray commenced the term, but after one week was obliged to leave the school on account of sickness. The school was continued by Mr. Leander W. Blodgett, who worked earnestly for the good of the pupils, and though the school was short considerable advancement was made.

#### DISTRICT No. 6.

GEORGE C. TROW, Prudential Committee.

Summer term taught by Miss Etta F. Nichols. The success of Miss Nichols this term has in no particular fallen be-

low that attained during her previous terms in this school. Enthusiasm and fidelity on the part of the teacher is sure to create interest among scholars. The instruction was thorough and the discipline good. Considering the age of the scholars, the examination was one of the best we have witnessed during the year.

Winter term taught by Mr. C. C. Messer. This was a very profitable term of school. The instruction was of a high order, and the advancement was commendable to both teacher and pupils.

#### DISTRICT No. 7.

PARKER B. CRAIGE, Prudential Committee.

Summer term taught by Miss Nella F. Cressy. This was Miss Cressy's first attempt at teaching. Her school was well conducted; the only fault noticed was that the instruction was not thorough enough. With experience Miss Cressy may make a good teacher.

Winter term taught by Miss Sarah H. Craig. The school was small, yet well managed and instructed.

#### DISTRICT No. 8.

JAMES E. CRESSY, Prudential Committee.

Summer term taught by Miss Belle E. Colby. This was Miss Colby's first experience in teaching. She was faithful to her trust, and the scholars seemed interested. The progress made in all the branches taught was satisfactory. With experience Miss Colby will make one of our best teachers.

Winter term taught by Mr. William G. Hoyt. The school was characterized by the same good order and steady advancement as Mr. Hoyt's previous term in this district. The progress in all of the classes was rapid and quite thorough, but especially in the arithmetic classes the advancement was worthy of remark.

## DISTRICT No. 10.

GEORGE NICHOLS, Prudential Committee.

Only one term; taught by Miss Emma J. Colburn. The school was quite small. Each scholar made rapid advancement, and the ready answers to each and every question at the examination spoke well for thoroughness. We think that if it could be done, in a manner satisfactory to all concerned, that it would be advisable to divide this district, and unite it to adjoining districts.

## DISTRICT No. 11.

DR. P. B. RICHARDS, Prudential Committee.

Fall term, taught by Miss Clara M. Smith. Though there are but a small number of scholars in this district, the school was increased to a goodly number by scholars coming in from adjoining districts. The school was quite prosperous.

## DISTRICT No. 12.

EZEKIEL F. BARNARD, Prudential Committee.

Summer term, taught by Miss Mary J. Eaton. The efforts of teacher, scholars and parents seemed to be harmoniously united, for the general advancement of the school.

The school was well disciplined, and the instruction was of a high order. The progress made in all the classes was creditable to all concerned. Miss Eaton is one of our best teachers.

Winter term, taught by Miss Ada I. Ayer. Miss Ayer possessed good literary qualifications, and we think she labored for the good of her pupils; but a want of interest on the part of some scholars detracted from the general advancement of the school. Some classes made good progress.

NAMES OF SCHOLARS NOT ABSENT FROM SCHOOL A DAY DURING THE YEAR.

- District Number 1.* Abbie M. Cressey.  
*District Number 2.* Clara J. Nichols, Fannie A. Moon, Emily R. Moon, Lucy A. Nichols.  
*District Number 5.* Eva L. Presby.  
*District Number 6.* Ardel Eaton, Alberton N. Trow.  
*District Number 7.* Hattie A. Knight.  
*District Number 10.* Jefferson D. Nichols.  
*District Number 12.* Fred G. Hoyt, Warren A. Hoyt.

NAMES OF SCHOLARS ATTENDING ONE TERM, WITHOUT BEING ABSENT ONE HALF DAY.

- District Number 1.* \*S. Charles E. Jones, John W. Cressey, Elijah K. West, Samantha D. Marshall, Sarah J. Smith, Mary I. Smith, Lillie M. Dow, Carrie E. Dow.  
 †W.—W. B. Presby, Byron A. Cressy, Mervin True, George M. Foster.  
*District Number 2.* \*S.—Sarah M. Hoyt, Ella C. Smith, Fred L. Frazer.  
 †W.—Edith E. Smith, Levi G. Pike, Gilman S. Nichols.  
*District Number 4.* \*S.—George S. Stevens, Arthur D. Stevens, Arthur W. Davis, Fred O. Howlett, Eliza E. Piper, Florence B. Davis, Lilla B. Howlett, Edith J. Colby, Ida C. Davis.  
 †W.—Etta M. Wyman.  
*District Number 6.* †W.—Henry A. Colby, Page Cofrin, George Cofrin, Frank Peaslee, Joseph H. Trow.  
*District Number 7.* \*S.—Ella M. Robbins.  
*District Number 8.* \*S.—Ralph C. Hawks.

\*Summer term. †Winter term.

GENERAL REMARKS.

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Calling to mind, as I do in closing this report, the condition of our schools for the last three years, I feel confident in stating that they have never during this time more justly merited commendation than during the past year. A few of our schools indeed, have not attained that degree of proficiency which we had reason to expect, while all others have fully met our highest expectations.

For the most part your schools are made up of scholars that apparently appreciate in a measure their advantages, and strive to improve their time.

At present there are a goodly number of excellent scholars in your schools, but by using all reasonable means and heeding past experience, cannot that number be increased?

Prudential committees the past year have been very fortunate in securing efficient teachers, and I would have the committees of the coming year bear in mind that their schools need the best teachers,—that a short school conducted by a teacher competent to give correct instruction, and able to maintain good order, with a temperament adapted to the school, is more profitable than a long school with a poor teacher.

The truth of the above has been already established the past year. Your schools the past year have been quite short, many of them closing in the very midst of their usefulness. I would recommend that more money be appropriated for schooling the coming year. We know that in our present financial condition it is necessary to practice all due economy, but it is a question whether withholding from our schools every dollar except what the law requires us to appropriate is true economy.

Parents, we are glad to see you manifest an interest in your schools by being present on days of examination, but



we fail to find many visits on other days placed to your credit. We know that the educational advancement of your children is your fondest desire; why, then, withhold that which would tend so much to increase the value of your schools? Visit them earlier in the term while the work of instruction is going on and ascertain their condition, and not trust to report or conjecture; nothing would give greater encouragement to the teacher, or awaken a deeper interest among your scholars than your repeated visits to the school-room.

You should become acquainted with your teachers and learn their methods of instruction.

We think that the text-book in geography should be changed for one of a more recent publication.

In closing this, my final report, I desire to thank the prudential committees for the faithful manner in which they have discharged their duties, and teachers for their untiring efforts; and lastly I would thank the citizens of Bradford for the confidence they have placed in me.

In taking leave of the schools of Bradford I wish them abundant success.

GEORGE C. TROW, Committee.

Bradford, N. H., Feb. 26, 1876.

STATISTICAL TABLE.  
Summer, Fall and Winter Terms.

Number of district.	District.	NAME OF TEACHER.	Number of scholars.	Average attendance.	Number not attending.	Number not absent one half day.	Times tardy.	Visits by Superintending School Committee.	Visits by Prudential Committee.	Number of visitors.	Wages per month, including board.	Total amount of school money.	Length in weeks.	Term.
1	Center.	Ella F. Cressy.....	22	21.52		9	6	2		13	22.00	\$143.25	8	Summer.
		Ella F. Cressy.....	26	22.01		5	47	2		1	31.00		11	Wi. ter.
2	West.	Alice V. Trow.....	21	18.28	2	7	53	2	1	32	20.00	98.39	10	Summer.
		Alice V. Trow.....	20	17.25	3	7	45	2	1	41	21.00		13	Wi. ter.
4	Pond.	Anne M. Pierce.....	17	15.18	2	9	4	2		21	21.00	87.08	5	Summer.
		Anne M. Pierce.....	17	15.50		1	29	2	1	44	21.00		10	Winter.
5	Colby.	Leander W. Blodgett.....	12	9.59		1	7	2		2	21.00	41.10	7	Fall.
6	Plain.	Ella F. Nichols.....	15	13.71		2	9	2	2	37	22.00	14.10	9	Summer.
		Charles C. Messer.....	21	19.40		7	32	2	2	4	31.00		10	Winter.
7	Andrews'.	Ella F. Cressy.....	5	4.28		2	3	2	1	1	12.40	60.80	2	Summer.
		Sarah H. Craig.....	3	2.95		1		2		13	12.40		12	Winter.
8	McLvin's.	Belle E. Colby.....	4	3.70		1	28	2		16	17.00	54.75	10	Summer.
		William G. Hoyt.....	5	3.71			23	2	1	27	21.00		13	Winter.
10	Springs.	Emma J. Colburn.....	4	3.80		1	1	2		11	21.00	49.01	2	Fall.
11	Jewett's.	Clara M. Smith.....	21	11.81		3	30	2		18	23.75	61.21	11	Fall.
12	Union.	Mary J. Eaton.....	3	2.99		2		2		19	22.00	41.28	10	Summer.
		Ada L. Ayer.....	4	3.70		2	16	2		7	22.00		10	Winter.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1.

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The Superintending School Committee of Union School District Number 1 respectfully submit their report of the schools for the year ending March, 1876.

The year is divided into three terms; the first commencing May 17th, and ending July 9th; commencing again August 30th, and closing October 27th. The winter term commenced November 29th and continued twelve weeks. The whole number of scholars attending the Primary department has been 36; average attendance, 28. The largest number attending the higher department has been 35, including eight from out the district. The school is generally larger during the winter term. Your committee were fortunate in securing the services of Miss J. S. Bartlett of Warner, a teacher of experience and good literary acquirements, for the higher department of the school, for both the summer and fall terms; and under her earnest and thorough instruction, the school made good progress. The closing examinations were creditable to the pupils, and showed Miss Bartlett's aptitude as a teacher, for the great art of teaching is the ability to impart knowledge to others, without which even those most thoroughly educated fail of success.

The Primary department was under the care of Miss Carrie A. Martin for the three terms, and showed good improvement, particularly in the fall term. The spring and winter terms were much broken up by sickness; measles and whooping cough prevailing extensively. Miss Martin seemed to have the faculty of explaining to the comprehension of the little ones, and won their love, which is an important point to be gained by any teacher.

The winter term of the higher department was taught by

Mr. Frank J. Peaslee, a teacher of much ability, who had charge of the school the previous winter. He endeavored to inspire the scholars with ambition to excel in their studies, and to give a higher tone to the school generally. In this he has been encouraged by your committee, for it has been their desire and effort that the school might take a high stand and be a credit to themselves and the community. The parents, and citizens generally, manifest much interest in the school, and with proper care in the selection of teachers, there is no reason why it should not afford facilities for education in the higher as well as the common branches usually studied, thus giving many an opportunity for education who could not otherwise enjoy it.

As suggestions are in order, we respectfully submit the following, gathered from observation and experience. It is a rare thing for a term of school to pass without some criticism among the scholars; sometimes the criticisms are just, oftentimes they are seriously unjust; but we believe if the parents would observe the rule of refraining to speak unfavorably of teachers in the presence of their children, of trying to soothe rather than inflame their angry feelings, that they would find the usefulness and good name of their schools increased incalculably. If they feel that teachers have erred in judgment, it is better to speak to them privately, and find out both sides of the case, and suggest a different course if necessary, than to undermine their authority by indiscriminate sympathy and co-operation with the fault finding of their children. We want the good name of our schools to be such that no teacher shall be reluctant to take charge of them from the fact that the parents fail to support their efforts to maintain good order,—an element quite as essential to the formation and success of a good school as the teaching of book knowledge.

E. A. T. LUND,

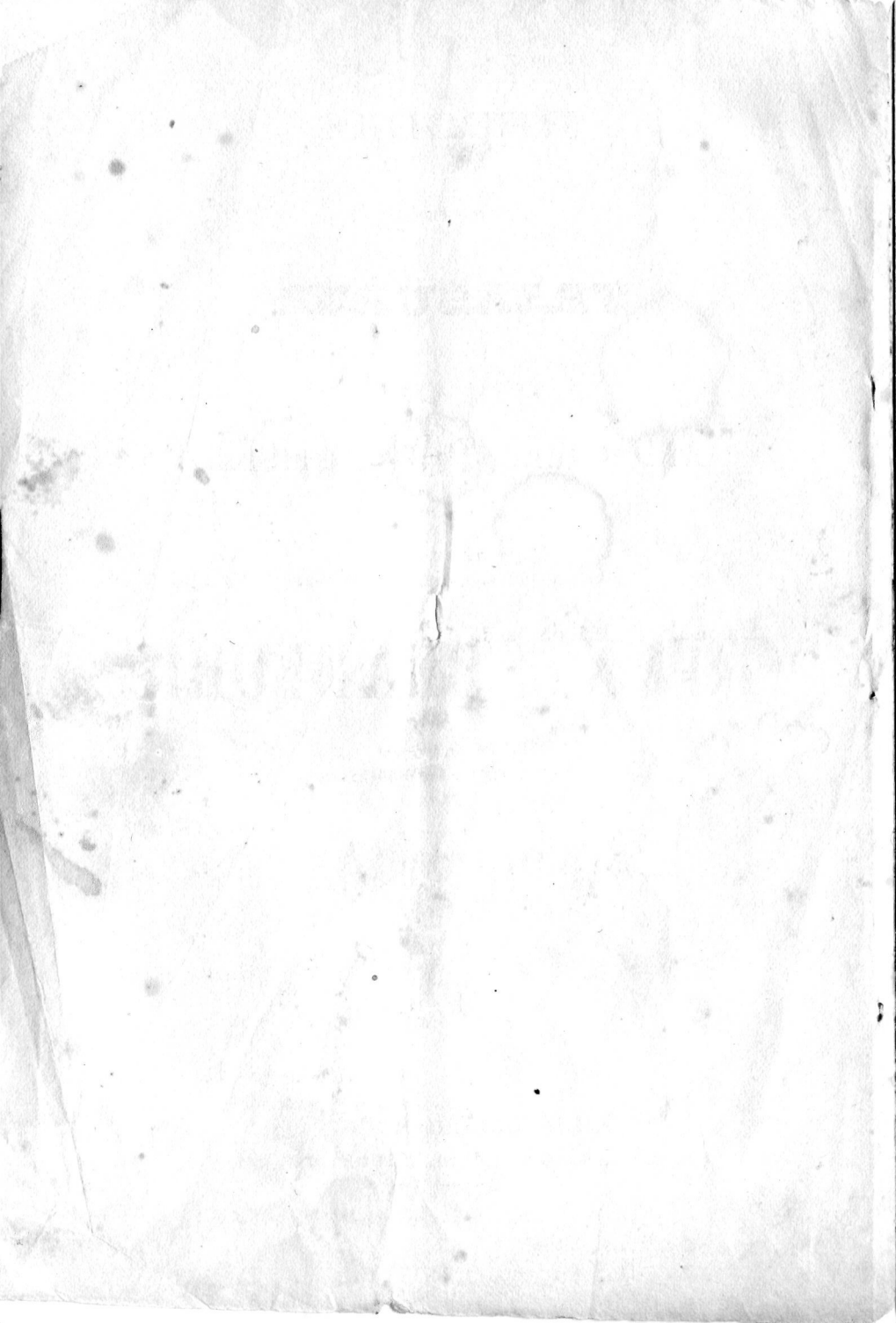
M. LIZZIE MORSE,

Superintending School Committee of Union School District  
No. 1, Bradford, N. H.

REPORTS  
OF THE  
**TREASURER**  
AND OTHER TOWN OFFICERS  
OF THE  
**TOWN of BRADFORD**  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
MARCH 1st, 1877.

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HILLSBOROUGH BRIDGE:  
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1877.





# REPORT

## OF THE

### TREASURER OF THE TOWN OF BRADFORD FOR THE YEAR 1876.

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JOHN W. MORSE, *Treasurer*,

in account with the town of Bradford :

1876.	DR.
March 1. To cash on hand,	\$2,202 10
Received of Selectmen :	
savings bank tax,	572 38
railroad tax,	103 64
literary fund,	94 05
support of county paupers,	535 48
of E. H. Eaton, collector, 1876	
taxes,	8,510 63
of E. H. Eaton, interest on 1876	
taxes,	19 29
of T. P. Jones, collector, 1870	
taxes,	3 12
of T. P. Jones, collector, 1871	
taxes,	29 43
of T. P. Jones, collector, 1872	
taxes,	6 77
of selectmen, sale of town farm,	1,000 00
of selectmen, sale of personal	
property,	700 00
of selectmen, support of Gau-	
tier's child,	11 61
of J. C. Bailey, use of town hall,	3 00

Received of deed of Saml. Andrew land,	8 90
of deed of R. Bixby's hens land,	3 77
of abatements, T. P. Jones 1870	
book,	5 58
of abatements, T. P. Jones 1871	
book,	3 61
of use of town hall,	22 90
of redeemed land,	95 12
of sale of personal property,	194 76
of interest on same,	7 30
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	\$14,133 44

JOHN W. MORSE, *Treasurer*,

in account with the Town of Bradford :

1876.

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By cash paid.

March 4.	Horace K. Martin, auditor,	\$2 00
	Charles F. Davis, "	2 00
	Edmund J. Ring, "	2 00
22.	Charles C. Pearson & Co., printing bills,	2 90
	" " " " report,	48 00
31.	David F. Bagley, balance of salary,	15 00
	" " support of S. Gautier	12 86
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		\$84 76

April 19.	Daniel C. Brown, balance of note,	\$357 01
20.	John H. Collins, " "	110 19
	Esther P. Collins, " "	115 90
	Lydia Sargent, " "	644 87
	Louisa Eaton, " 2 notes,	111 36
	H. C. Dowlin, " "	45 68
21.	Sevano Newton, open road for J. Ward's funeral,	8 80
22.	Lydia Seavey, balance of note,	126 30
	Ruthy Benton, " "	313 65
27.	P. B. Richards, medical attendance, Al- vin Ward,	8 50



April	27.	P. B. Richards, medical attendance,	
		Mary Stiles,	3 50
		P. B. Richards, medical attendance,	
		Mason Putney's family,	9 25
		P. B. Richards, medical attendance,	
		Anna Sargent,	5 25
		P. B. Richards, medical attendance, M.	
		V. B. Davis' child,	3 00
		P. B. Richards, medical attendance,	
		Harvey Ward,	6 00
29.		Serano Newton, auctioneer,	3 00
		Samuel Holman, clerk,	4 25
		Cummings Pierce, balance on note,	709 25
			<hr/> \$2,585 51
May	1.	Daniel U. Sawyer, wood &c. for J. At-	
		wood,	\$12 25
	2.	Jackson Dowlin, support M. C. Stiles,	16 25
	12.	E. Pepper, services S. Gautier's child,	2 00
	15.	Tressa Colby, amount of note,	47 34
		Serano Newton, support Harvey Ward,	16 00
		Henry F. Presby, non-resident tax,	9 61
		Wm. D. Sawyer, cutting ice and break-	
		ing road,	13 00
		Ethan Piper, repairing road,	7 17
		E. H. Eaton, grave lot in yard near M.	
		B. Presby,	2 00
		John W. Morse, making deed of town	
		farm,	1 00
June	1.	J. H. Martin, medical services for	
		Maria Chase,	2 00
	3.	J. H. Martin, medical services for S.	
		Gautier's child,	13 98
			<hr/> \$142 60
June	1.	Charles F. Davis, books and digest,	\$6 10
	3.	Carlos A. Abbott, school money,	27 50

June	7.	David F. Bagley, board and nursing S. Gautier's child,	16 00
	8.	F. Cressy, stationery,	4 50
	13.	Humphrey Machine Co., road machine,	128 25
		Humphrey Machine Co., freight on machine,	2 96
	19.	Elbridge G. Hoyt Jr., school money,	55 00
	23.	James P. Cressy, school money,	16 00
		Eben H. Adams, school money,	23 00
	24.	E. C. Eastman, exchange collector's book,	85
		O. D. Cram, hemlock boards,	1 80
		D. G. & A. Peasley, boards and timber,	18 98
		Edwin Nichols, repairing culvert and road,	21 60
		Silas E. Foster, repairing culvert and road,	12 00
		J. C. Bailey, school money,	140 00
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			\$474 54
July	1.	Nelson R. Forsaith, school money,	\$34 00
	10.	Lorenzo H. True, digging grave for J. G. child,	1 50
		Lorenzo H. True, digging grave for Ann Sargent,	2 50
	25.	A. French Smith, school money,	35 00
	29.	J. C. Bailey, casket and box for S. Gautier's child,	6 50
	31.	Charles P. Pike, part of school house tax,	150 00
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			\$229 50
Aug.	1.	E. H. Eaton, taxes overpaid,	7 71
	6.	Elbridge G. Hoyt Jr. repairing bridge &c.	15 17
	11.	George C. Trow, 2 days making state report,	3 00
	19.	Walden S. Ward, support of Harvey Ward,	12 00
	22.	David U. Sawyer, sawing and splitting wood,	1 50
	25.	F. M. Patch, painting sign boards,	4 50
	26.	Jacob C. Bailey, casket and box for Ann Sargent,	14 00
		John Harriman, support of Ann Sargent,	24 75
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			\$82 63
Sept.	8.	Jonathan Andrews, repairing highway,	13 50
		Jonathan Andrews, non-resident tax,	8 96

Sept.	11.	James H. Rowell, county tax,	1,140 14
	23.	M. C. Bartlett, keeping tramps,	9 00
	30.	Edwin Nichols, breaking road,	7 20
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			\$1,178 80
Oct.	3.	Edmund Johnson, bridge plank,	2 56
		E. H. Eaton, part pay for collecting taxes	50 00
	5.	Clarrisa Ware, support Alvin Ware,	39 00
	6.	Charles P. Pike, balance school house tax,	125 00
	16.	Squin Chase, support of Maria Abbott and child,	56 00
	19.	Nelson R. Forsaith, school money,	7 50
	20.	Silas Colby,	4 87
	28.	Parker B. Craige, non-resident highway tax,	11 61
		Hugh M. Craige, repair highway,	6 36
		Joseph W. Ward, school money,	46 43
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			\$349 33
Nov.	1.	J. C. Bailey, school money,	\$160 00
		Eben H. Adams, school money,	43 07
		Mary E. Smith, support of Mrs. J. M. Presby and child,	30 00
		John W. Morse, to pay int. on \$30,000 town bonds,	1,826 71
	4.	Charles P. Wiggin, care of John Rivers,	4 50
		George A. Nichols, damage to carraige,	3 75
		M. C. Bartlett, board John Rivers,	32 00
	10.	Silas E. Foster, school money,	60 73
	11.	George O. Sawyer, services as town clerk.	25 00
	13.	Robert C Colby, breaking road,	9 57
	16.	David F. Bagley, bridge plank and stringers,	13 24
	20.	James B. Davis, board of Alvin Ward,	10 00
		George Nichols, school money,	52 95
	24.	D. G. & A. Peasly, bridge plank,	5 86
	25.	Levi H. Eaton, breaking road,	9 59
		Israel Andrew, breaking road,	3 10
		Henery Piper, breaking road,	5 06
		Henery F. Presby, repairing road,	6 79
		J. H. Martin, prof. services J. Atwood,	7 50

Nov.	27.	J. H. Martin, prof. services J. Rivers,	11 25
	27.	David U. Sawyer, prepairing wood,	13 75
	29	George W. Hoyt, breaking road,	9 14
	30.	H. S. Blood, bridge plank,	2 30
		Charles P. Pike, repairing road,	13 80
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			\$2,359 66
Dec.	6.	Solon A. Carter, state tax,	\$1,336 00
	9.	David F. Bagley, support of Gautier, child,	54 00
	13.	Joel M. Howe, school money,	3 36
	16.	Frank B. Bagley, breaking road,	5 00
	27.	Carlos A. Abbott, school money,	58 28
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			\$1 456 64
1877.			
Jan.	22.	Peter C. Gregg, keeping Harvey Ward,	4 50
	25.	A. French Smith, school money,	68 32
	27.	Wm. O. Heath, break and repairing road,	14 64
		Charles F. Davis, part pay as S. S. Committee,	41 00
	31.	David U. Sawyer, sawing wood J. Atwood,	14 83
		J. W. Morse, goods furn. for town auction,	6 48
		" " " " " " S. Gautier,	1 28
		" " " " " " Dolly Dudley,	10 58
		" " " " " " Geo. M. Emerson,	8 09
		" " " " " " Alvin Ward,	3 25
		" " " " " " Mason Putney,	21 77
		" " " " " " Joshua Atwood,	22 76
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			\$217 50
Feb.	1.	James B. Davis, board of Alvin Ward,	\$10 28
		Jackson Dowlin, support of Mary C. Stiles,	58 50
		Walden S. Ward, support of Harvey Ward,	16 57
		David F. Bagley, support of G. W. Gautier,	11 14
		David F. Bagley, support of G. W. Emerson,	11 50
	2.	Nelson R. Forsaith. school money,	62 82

Feb.	2	P. B. Richards, breaking road,	5 86
		Morrill & Sillsby, books and stationery,	6 17
		N. T. Clark, services rendered M. V. Davis,	9 00
	3.	John H. Eaton, non-resident highway tax,	5 90
		Joshua Eaton, pork and beef for J. At- wood,	13 49
	7.	E. G. Hoyt, Jr., school money,	88 11
		Eli Dodge, surveying road,	2 00
		" auctioneer,	5 00
	10.	J. C. Bailey, school money,	253 02
		Sharon Jameson, land damage,	70 00
		" " water trough, 1875-6,	4 00
	13.	Lafayette Ayer, school money,	52 72
	17.	H. J. Gage, supplies for Mason Putney,	8 75
	19.	David F. Bagley, breaking road,	22 39
		Jonathan Andrews, "	30 65
	20.	French & Little, damage to sheep by dogs,	10 75
		French & Little, repairing town house,	8 16
		Thomas Little, snowing bridge,	2 25
		Stephen Morse, fence on burying ground,	1 00
		Orlen D. Cram, breaking road,	17 45
		Parker B. Craig, " "	58 00
		Geo. W. W. Cressy, " "	31 00
	21.	Mason B. Presby, " "	45 00
		Silas E. Foster,	32 79
		Dexter D. Butman, breaking road,	23 94
		Eben G. Stevens, keeping tramps,	2 25
		Edward Hall, "	6 75
	24.	Henry Bixby, non-resident highway tax,	10 69
		" breaking roads,	15 00
		A. S. Howlett, "	14 30
		Proctor D. Ward, "	25 66
		David M. Morse, damage to sheep by dogs,	10 00

Feb.	24	J. C. Bailey, water trough,	3 00
		Prescott Colby, non-resident highway tax,	7 73
		“ breaking road,	31 17
		Edward Cressy, “	30 75
		Eben Peasley, abatement of poll tax,	1 88
		Clark Whitcomb, overtax on house,	1 12
		E. H. Eaton, non-resident highway receipts,	71 59
		E. H. Eaton, taxes on town lands,	1 74
		sale of resident lands,	49 77
		“ non-resident lands,	136 39
		discount on taxes,	58 15
		abatements,	27 14
		John Hazelton's tax, 1875,	2 56
		balance for collecting taxes,	50 00
		breaking road,	39 37
		Charles P. Pike, “	17 27
		John H. Eaton, “	11 03
		Mary E. Smith, support of Mrs. J. M. Presby and child,	20 75
		Eben G. Stevens, fare of 2 girl tramps,	1 50
		Joshua Eaton, journey to county farm,	6 00
		for pamphlet laws and town officer,	3 50
		James P. Cressy, school money order, date Jan. 11,	44 17
		Nathan A. Knight, repairing road,	4 20
		Daniel G. Peasley, water trough,	2 00
	26.	John W. Morse, treasurer, collector's deed of Conn place,	3 93
		John W. Morse, treasurer, collector's, deed of Saml. Andrews land,	8 90
		John W. Morse, treasurer, collector's deed of R. Bixby's heirs land,	3 77
		T. P. Jones, taxes abated on book of 1870,	5 58
		T. P. Jones, taxes abated on book of 1871,	3 61
		George C. Sargent, snowing bridge,	12 00
		Samuel Hoyt, breaking road,	22 76

Feb. 26.	Squire Chase, sup. of Mrs. M. Abbott & child,	38 00
27.	P. B. Richards, medical attendance on Mrs. Abbott and child,	51 65
	Joshua Eaton, services as selectman,	103 75
	Daniel G. Peaslee, services as selectman,	61 75
	Ebenezer G. Stevens, services as selectman,	56 40
	John W. Morse, services as treasurer,	40 00
	George S. Ward, overtax on stock,	2 44
	Trueworthy Piper, sup. of Willie J. Hart,	30 00
	Edward Cressy, plank and work on bridge,	2 15
28.	Charles B. Osgood, services as town clerk,	13 51
	Charles F. Davis, S. S. committee,	23 50
	Charles F. Davis services as auditor,	3 00
	George S. Morgan, services as auditor,	3 00
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		\$2 186 34
Total amount paid out for the year,		\$11 347 81
Cash on hand in the treasury,		2 785 63
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		\$14 133 44

JOHN W. MORSE, Town Treasurer.

### AUDITORS' REPORT.

We hereby certify that we have examined the several items of receipts and expenditures embraced in the foregoing report of the Treasurer, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

GEORGE S. MORGAN, } Auditing  
CHARLES F. DAVIS, } Committee.

Bradford, Feb. 28th, 1877.

### REPORT OF AGENT OF TOWN HALL.

Jesse Carr, To town of Bradford,	Dr.
1877.	
Feb. 28. To cash received for use of town hall,	\$81 98

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Feb. 28.	By cash paid out for fuel, lights, &c.		
	as per bill,	\$17 21	
	By bill of services as per bill,	41 87	
	By cash paid selectmen,	22 90	81 98

1876.

April 24.	J. C. Bailey, paid selectmen for use of town hall,		3 00
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### REPORT OF POOR FARM.

Received from sale of poor farm and personal property at public auction :

1876.

March 30.	Farm Sold to Hannah H. Stevens, for	\$1,400 00	
April 19.	Cash received from Hannah H. Stevens,	\$700 00	
Oct. 5.	Cash received from Hannah H. Stevens,	300 00	\$1,000 00
Balance due on note,			\$400 00
Interest	" " to March 1, 1877,		30 00
Total amount due on farm,			\$430 00

### PERSONAL PROPERTY.

1876.

March &			
April.	Sold at Public auction from town farm, accounted for as follows :	\$894 76	
	Cash collected and paid treasurer,	\$700 00	
Balance,			\$194 76
1877.			
Feb. 28.	Cash collected and paid treasurer to date,	\$194 76	
	Interest on above,	7 30	
	Cash paid into hands of treasurer,	7 30	



1876.

April 1. Cash recd. of D. F. Bagley, agent poor farm,	\$11 61
Farm and personal property as per appraisal of 1876,	\$3,211 45
Farm and personal property as per sale,	2,294 76
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Showing a loss of	\$916 69

### TOWN LIABILITIES, MARCH 1, 1877.

Total bonded debt of the town,	\$30,000 00
interest on bonds to date,	600 00
outstanding bills estimated to date,	100 00
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	\$30,700 00

### ASSETS.

Cash in hands of Treasurer, March 1, 1877,	\$2,785 63
Taxes uncollected on T. P. Jones' book of 1870,	96 96
1871,	206 78
1872,	33 52
1873,	759 52
Due from United States government,	1,870 00
James M. Presby, support of family,	50 75
Due on Hannah H. Stevens' note,	430 00
Dimond D. and Howard V. Ward's note,	25 00
account of resident lands sold for taxes, 1876,	49 77
non-resident lands sold for taxes of 1876,	136 39
Part of (Conn place) as per collector's deed,	3 93
Land of Samuel Andrews, "	8 90
Land of Ranson Bixby's heirs, as per collector's deed,	3 77
Hearse and hearse-house,	600 00
Town hall and fixtures,	800 00
Town safe,	140 00
Humphrey road machine,	125 00
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Deducting assets from liabilities,	\$8,125 92

Making net liabilities,	\$22,574 08
Net liabilities as rendered March 1, 1876,	\$23,065 09
Deduct net liabilities March 1, 1877,	22,574 08
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Debt reduced the past year,	\$491 09
Loss on sale of poor farm and personal property as per appraisal of 1876,	\$916 69

Respectfully submitted,

JOSHUA EATON,	} Selectmen of Bradford.
DANIEL G. PEASLEE,	
EBENEZER G. STEVENS,	

We hereby certify that we have examined the books of the Selectmen for the past year, and find them in good order; have compared their vouchers, cast their figures, and found them all correct.

GEORGE S. MORGAN,	} Auditing Committee.
CHARLES F. DAVIS,	

Bradford, Feb. 28, 1877.

## SCHOOL REPORT.

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TO THE CITIZENS OF BRADFORD :—In compliance with the law, my annual report of the schools of this town is submitted for your careful inspection :

Marked progress has been made in some of the schools, and it is regretted that there should have been any exception to this declaration. The work of our teachers has been unremitting in most instances, and the noble effort to educate our children has been crowned with more than ordinary success in a majority of your schools. Upon the proper education of our children depends the future of this Great Republic. This subject is worthy of your best thoughts. The centennial year has passed into history and all has been recorded. The second centennial era has commenced and is before us in the future. What it has in store for us has to be revealed by Time the arbitrator of all things. "When we turn to the past and reflect what this Republic has been, and is, how is it possible not to feel a profound sense of our responsibility to all future ages ? What vast motives press upon us for lofty efforts ! What brilliant prospects invite our enthusiasm ! *What solemn warnings demand our vigilance and moderate our confidence !* The Old World has revealed to us in its unsealed books, the beginning and end of all its own marvellous struggles in the cause of lib-

erty. Greece, lovely Greece, the land of scholars, and the muse of arts," where sister republics, in fair processions, chanted the praises of liberty, where, and what is she? For two thousand years the oppressor has bound her to the earth. Her arts are no more; the last sad relics of her temples are but the barracks of a ruthless soldiery; the fragments of her columns and her palaces are in the dust, yet beautiful in ruins.

Where are the republics of modern times, which clustered around immortal Italy? Venice and Genoa exist but in name. The Alps, indeed, look down upon the brave and peaceful Swiss in their native fastness; but the guaranty of their freedom is in their weakness, and not in their strength. The mountains are not easily crossed, and the valleys are not easily retained. The country is too poor for plunder, and too rough for valuable conquest. We stand, the latest, and if we fail probably the last experiment of self government by the people. Thence arises the importance of a practical and substantial education based not upon the vices and luxuries which destroyed the Old World, but upon morality, truth and a pure religious faith.

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## REPORT BY DISTRICTS.

### DISTRICT NO. 1.

ELBRIDGE HOYT, Prudential Committee.

Summer term, taught by Miss Ellen M. Eaton, a teacher of great experience, and a successful term was the result.

Winter term, taught by Mr. William G. Hoyt, who reports slow progress on account of irregular attendance, *produced by* the severe weather during the first of the term. The prudential committee reports very satisfactory progress in the discipline and the studies when the school closed. Your committee was unable to attend the examination.

### DISTRICT NO. 2.

A. FRENCH SMITH, Prudential Committee.

Summer term, taught by Miss Clara C. Gutterson. This

school was very satisfactory ; with experience, will no doubt make an excellent teacher.

Winter term, taught by Miss Carrie A. Martin, a good teacher, the committee reported very favorable. Your committee did not receive notice in season to attend the close of school.

#### DISTRICT NO. 4.

CARLOS A. ABBOTT, Prudential Committee.

Summer and winter terms, taught by Miss Lizzie S. Pike. A faithful teacher, having had much experience ; the scholars learned rapidly ; easily governs and instructs her pupils. Good schools.

#### DISTRICT NO. 5.

J. WARREN WARD, Prudential Committee.

Fall term, taught by Miss Ellen M. Eaton. Possessed of great amiability, good judgement and other necessary qualities, she won the love of her pupils, and the school flourished accordingly.

#### DISTRICT NO. 6.

NELSON R. FORSAITHE, Prudential Committee.

Summer term, taught by Miss Mary J. Eaton. A young, but very promising teacher, dignified, and commanding respect from her pupils. Kept an excellent school.

Winter term, taught by Mr. Charles M. Sargent ; his first term. There was some progress made, but perfect success did not attend this term of school.

#### DISTRICT NO. 7.

EBEN H. ADAMS, Prudential Committee.

Summer term, taught by Miss Mary E. Sargent, this was her first term, and was satisfactory ; with experience will make a good instructor.

Winter term taught by Miss Emma Withington. Her first term gave evidence of qualities in her manner of instruction that will ensure success as a teacher ; good progress was made.

#### DISTRICT NO. 8.

JAMES P. CRESSY, Prudential Committee.

Summer and winter terms taught by Miss Ida M. Blood, who is ever thorough and practical in her instruction, omitting nothing that will benefit her scholars, spares no pains, and is a perfect disciplinarian ; with such a teacher no school can help advancing.

Fall term taught by Mr. Fred S. Sargent. A young teacher of good address, but not so satisfactory to the district as is desirable to make a school profitable.

#### DISTRICT NO. 10.

GEORGE NICHOLS, Prudential Committee.

Fall term, taught by Miss Louise L. Eaton, a teacher of considerable experience and marked ability. The progress made by the scholars this term was very great, and your committee was convinced that her efforts were in the same proportion.

#### DISTRICT NO. 11.

SILAS E. FOSTER, Prudential Committee.

Fall term, taught by Miss Ella F. Sanborn, who is a teacher of great energy, and imparts to her school the same spirit; the order was good, and the progress made was very commendable.

#### DISTRICT NO. 12.

LAFAYETTE AYER, Prudential Committee.

Summer and winter terms, taught by Miss Ida M. Lufkin, a graduate from Stevens' High School of Claremont N. H. She seemed to be a favorite with her scholars, and proved by her schools to be an excellent teacher. The deportment of the scholars is much to their credit.

#### NAMES OF SCHOLARS NOT ABSENT FROM SCHOOL A DAY DURING THE YEAR.

District Number 1.	George S. Stevens.
District Number 2.	Lucy E. Nichols.
District Number 3.	Effie Johnson,
Union Number 1.	Bertha F. Eaton.
District Number 4.	Eliza J. Ward.
District Number 5.	Eva L. Presby, Edith Colby.
District Number 6.	Ardel Eaton.
District Number 7.	Hattie A. Knight, Minnie E. Rowe.
District Number 9.	Mary C. Smith, Eva A. Bartlett.
Union Number 1.	Willis Newton Bailey.
District Number 10.	Jefferson D. Nichols.
District Number 11.	Carrie E. Dunfield.
District Number 12.	Fred G. Hoyt. Warren S. Hoyt,
	Nettie A. Hoyt.

#### NAMES OF SCHOLARS ATTENDING ONE TERM, WITHOUT BEING ABSENT ONE HALF DAY.

District Number 1. Mary I. Smith, Josie A. Smith, Annie F. Smith, Mary F. Butman, Lillia M. Dow, Addie Sawyer, Blanche B. True, Martin Davis, George M. Foster.

District Number 2. Mary J. Gautier, Hortense Gautier, Emily R. Moore, Susie M. Moore, Sarah M. Hoyt, Joseph Gautier, Bertie E. Fletcher, and Levi G. Pike.

District Number 4. Justin L. Piper, L. Belle Howlett, Edith J. Colby, Ida C. Davis, Sarah Cheney, Fred O. Howlett Arthur W. Davis, Clarence W. Ward.

District Number 6. Mary E. Morse, George Peaslee, Frank P. Craig, Edmund J. Forsaith.

District Number 9. in union 1. John Muzzey Emerson, Fred G. Hadley, Clara Bell Bates, Walter Harry Abbott George Arthur Blaisdell.

In conclusion permit your committee to state that there are two duties incumbent upon parents, which it is worse than folly to neglect; they are these: keep your children from bad company, make them obey. If you would ask how to make them obey, I would answer in the easiest, most pleasant way you can, but at all events make them obey, and the same course should be pursued to keep them from the contaminating influences of bad company, or you must expect to spend your old age in deep mourning over the ruins of your family.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. DAVIS, S. S. Committee.

Bradford, N. H. March 3, 1877.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1.

The superintending school committee of Union District No. 1, present the following as their annual report of the primary and grammar schools:

During the summer, each school was in session eight weeks. The fall term ten weeks, and the winter twelve. We have been fortunate in retaining the services of the same teachers throughout the year, and it gives us much pleasure to be able to speak in so favorable terms of the prosperity of both schools.

Miss Etta F. Nichols has been teacher of the primary department, and with the result of her labors your committee are well satisfied. Miss Nichols evidently has the faculty of gaining the good will and affection of her scholars, and with that for a foundation, good results can but follow.

Miss J. S. Bartlett has had charge of the grammar school. As she has taught here in previous terms and given excellent satisfaction, this was again to be expected. The peculiar fitness of Miss Bartlett for the duties of the school room is indicated in the fact that order and discipline are at all times maintained, and this without apparent effort on her part.

HELEN F. CARR, } S. S. School Committee of Union  
H. M. PEPPER, } District No. 1, Bradford, N. H.



## STATISTICAL TABLE.

SUMMER, FALL AND WINTER TERMS.

No. of District.	DISTRICT.	Teachers.	No. of scholars.	Average attendance.	No. not attending.	Visit by S. S. Committee.	Visit by Prudential Com.	No. of visitors.	Wages per mo., includ. board.	Total am't of school money.	Length of school in weeks.	Term.
1	Centre.	Ellen M. Eaton.	30	25	1	2	121	\$25.00	\$143.11	8	Summer.	
1		William G. Hoyt.	31	224	4	1	123	36.00		9	Winter.	
2	West.	Clara C. Guttererson.	21	19	2	2	23	20.00	103.32	8	Summer.	
2		Carrie A. Martin.	17	136	1	1	17	28.00		9	Winter.	
3	Union 1.	J. S. Bartlett.	18	165	3	3	6		553.02	8	*Summer	
3		J. S. Bartlett.	24	20	3	3	6	32.00		10	*Fall.	
3		J. S. Bartlett.	24	20	3	3	6	32.00		10	*Winter.	
4	Massasechem.	Lizzie S. Pike.	13	116	2	15	22	22.00	85.78	5	Summer.	
4		Lizzie S. Pike.	15	137	1	18	28	28.00		8	Winter.	
5	Colby.	Ellen M. Eaton.	14	122	2	22	24	24.00	46.43	10	Winter.	
5	Plain.	Mary J. Eaton.	11	94	2	31	24	24.00	104.42	9	Summer.	
6		Charles M. Sargent.	21	15	2	20	20	20.00		12	Winter.	
7	Andrews'.	Mary E. Sargent.	4	4	2	8	14	14.00	66.07	7	Summer.	
7		Emma Withington.	4	36	2	125	14	20.00		9	Fall.	
8	Melvin's.	Ida M. Blood.	3	22	2	28	20	20.00	60.17	8	†Summer	
8		Fred S. Sargent.	3	3	1	23				9	†Fall.	
8		Ida M. Blood.	3	27	1	143	29	29.00		8	†Winter.	
9	Union 1.	Etta F. Nichols.	32	262	5	3	145	32.00		8	†Summer	
9		Etta F. Nichols.	33	282	6	5	235	32.00		9½	†Fall.	
9	Springs.	Etta F. Nichols.	20	173	16	3	148	34.00		12	†Winter.	
10		Louisa L. Eaton.	4	34	2	114	20	20.00	52.95	10	Fall.	
11	Jewett's.	Ella F. Sanborn.	8	6	2	213	20	20.00	60.73	11	Fall.	
12	Union with Newbury.	Ida M. Luf kin.	5	5	1	30	24	24.00	52.72	10	Summer.	
12		Ida M. Luf kin.	5	3	2	34	26	26.00		11	Winter.	

REMARKS:—Grammar Department.—\*Somersworth act. †Union with Warner.  
 Primary Department.—‡Somersworth act.

The Literary Fund, \$94.05, is divided equally among the districts, and is included in the above. Amount of dog tax so applied, amounted to \$41.55.

School money paid town of Warner on acct. of Robert Colby farm, \$3.30. School money paid town of Washington on acct. of Putney, \$2.68.

C. F. DAVIS.



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# ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

## TREASURER AND OTHER TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

# Town of Bradford,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

## MARCH FIRST, 1879,

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HILLSBOROUGH BRIDGE, N. H.

PRINTED AT THE MESSENGER JOB PRINTING OFFICE.

1879.

# REPORT

*Of the Treasurer of the Town of Bradford for 1879; John W. Morse, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Bradford.*

1878.

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March 1. To cash on hand .....	\$2,632 25
Received of selectmen, Savings Bank tax .....	527 88
Received of selectmen, railroad tax ..	108 68
"            "      literary fund,	77 70
"            "      support of county paupers .....	387 57
Received of selectmen, interest on money loaned.....	7 70
Received of selectmen, for resident land sold for taxes.....	71 01
Received of selectmen, on M. C. Bartlett's note.....	300 00
Received of selectmen, drawn from Kearsarge Savings Bank.....	1,454 69
Received of selectmen, on Ruloph Bates' note .....	150 00
Received of selectmen, on I. W. Ward's note .....	51 92
Received of selectmen, on I. F. & B. Wiggin's note .....	113 13
Received of selectmen, on Thomas M. Craige's note .....	15 79
Received of selectmen, on Reuben Craige & Brother's note.....	4 21
Received of selectmen, interest on A. Blood's note.....	11 34

Received of selectmen, on T. A. J. Jones' note.....	\$100 00	
Received of selectmen, on John W. Morse's note.....	156 05	
Received of selectmen, J. C. Bailey, use of bearse.....	4 00	
Received of selectmen, produce sold from W. S. Ward's place.....	7 24	
Received of selectmen, use of Town Hall.....	11 34	
Received of selectmen, Elisha H. Eaton, on 1878, taxes .....	7,575 46	
Received of selectmen, Elisha H. Eaton, interest on 1878, taxes .....	14 43	
Received of selectmen, Elisha H. Eaton, on 1878, taxes.....	60 88	
Received of selectmen, E. H. Eaton redeemed lands .....	17 61	
Received of selectmen, on Rudolph Bates' note .....	75 00	
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Total amount received for the year.....	\$13,935 88	

1878.

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March 1.	By cash paid out to—	
	H. K. Martin, as auditor..	\$1 00
	Edmund J. Ring, “ ...	1 00
8.	E. H. Eaton, resident lands sold for taxes.....	98 28
9.	Howard V. Ward, bounty on 6 foxes .....	3 00
13.	Edward Hall, keeping 20 tramps .....	11 03
15.	T. A. J. Jones, note given selectmen .....	150 00
16.	Holton & Ferry, printing town reports .....	25 25
	Charles P. Pike, bounty on 3 foxes.....	1 50

Mar. 21.	Joseph K. Lund, insurance on Town Hall.....	\$29 60	
	Polly W. West, labor in M. V. B. Davis' family..	8 75	
23.	B. W. Sanborn, books and stationery .....	13 88	
	David M. Morse, cash loaned by the town.....	150 00	
	J. Albert Peaslee, journey to Concord and Warner,	4 00	
30.	P. B. Richards, services rendered Mason Put- ney's wife.....	4 50	
		<hr/>	\$501 79
April 13.	James M. Hoyt, repairing road.....	\$5 00	
	Eben Cheney, water trough	2 00	
19.	George Dunfield, repairing road .....	4 10	
20.	Prescott Colby, repairing road.....	37 19	
24.	John W. Morse, money loaned J. W. Ward.....	50 00	
25.	Mason Putney, sawing wood for J. Atwood .....	3 12	
27.	Hugh M. Craige, repairing road.....	12 58	
29.	Job Atkins, boarding David Bumford's children.....	12 00	
	Ruloph Bates, money loan- ed on mortgage.....	700 00	
		<hr/>	\$825 99
May 1.	Charles Gillis, keeping tramps.....	\$16 25	
2.	Fred E. Messer, wood for J. Atwood.....	10 93	
8.	David Moody, attending funeral Mrs. M. Abbott,	2 00	

May	8	George E. Baldwin, over- tax in 1878.....	\$13 27	
	13.	John M. Morse, money loaned County of Merri- mack .....	800 00	
		B. W. Sanborn, 1 dozen surveyor's books.....	1 00	
	16.	Martin C. Bartlett, money loaned him by town .....	400 00	
	18.	Mary E. Smith, board of James M. Presb'y child,	14 00	
	20.	Squire Chase, support of Maria H. Abbott's child	48 56	
		Fred Messer, bridge plank	32 00	
		Joseph H. Martin, certifi- cate of births and deaths, 23d April.....	5 25	
			<hr/>	\$1,343 26
June	3.	Polly West, labor in M. V. B. Davis' family.....	\$4 00	
	4.	Hollis C. Brockway, work on highway.....	17 60	
	6.	Timothy Morse, school money .....	33 00	
	8.	Job Atkins, board of David Bumford's child.....	12 00	
	10.	J. W. Ward, repairing road .....	2 19	
		John W. Morse, money loaned .....	150 00	
		Chas. Gillis, keeping tramps	10 25	
	15.	Charles P. Pike, cash paid out for town.....	4 17	
		Serano Newton, work on highway .....	1 80	
	18.	Mason Putney, work on highway .....	3 00	

June 22.	Daniel G. Peaslee, bridge plank and stringers.....	\$6 24	
26.	Jonathan Peaslee, for killing one fox.....	50	
27.	Jacob Bailey, casket for M. H. Abbott.....	17 75	
28.	Allen Cressy, abatement over-tax in 1878.....	3 60	
	Walter F. Davis, school money .....	28 00	
29.	Ethan Piper, repairing highway .....	8 75	
	Elisha H. Eaton, cash I. W. Sawyer in bankruptcy..	37 00	
	Elisha H. Eaton, taxes against the town .....	9 14	
	Jackson Dowlin, support of M. C. Stiles.....	28 50	
		<hr/>	\$377 49
July 1.	Ezekiel Hadley, repairing road machine.....	\$2 00	
2.	Jones, French & Abbott, school money.....	117 00	
4.	John Hoyt, school money,	50 00	
6.	Jesse Marshall, digging grave for Maria H. Abbott.....	3 00	
13.	Fred C. Brockway, school money .....	20 00	
	E. Nichols, school money...	30 00	
	Job Atkins, board of David Bumford's children.....	7 50	
17.	Nathan A. Knight, repairing road .....	20 75	
19.	Thomas B. Palmer, school money .....	22 00	



July 29.	Wellington Flanders, school money .....	\$18 00	
	Polly West, labor for M. V. B. Davis .....	1 00	
31.	John W. Morse, for town bonds.....	417 95	
		<hr/>	\$709 20
Aug. 1.	E. Cheney, services as highway surveyor.....	\$3 62	
	Mary Hall, over-tax .....	9 00	
10.	Wm. G. Hoyt, services as S. S. Committee, part pay.....	25 00	
	Mary E. Smith, support of J. M. Presby's child .....	12 00	
14.	Charles F. Davis, repairing road and bridge .....	2 20	
	Charles F. Davis, supplies for D. Sargent's estate, and others.....	8 50	
15.	Dr. J. H. Martin, medical services W. S. Ward and others .....	48 50	
22.	Frank B. Bagley, damage to sheep by dogs.....	3 00	
29.	Dan W. Sawyer, repairing highway .....	19 79	
	Charles P. Pike, expense to Concord and Manchester .....	5 00	
30.	Blood & French, over-tax on ash lumber.....	2 70	
	County Treasurer, county tax.....	1,266 69	
	New Hampshire Savings Bank, deposit.....	500 00	
	Manchester Savings Bank, deposit .....	600 00	
		<hr/>	\$2,506 00

Sept. 2.	Robert C. Colby, July 16, repairing roads .....	\$2 85	
	Charles P. Pike, cash paid W. Presby for killing 2 hawks.....	40	
	Mrs. Clarisa Ward, work for Nancy Sargent.....	5 68	
	O. Cram, repairing bridge, Squire Chase, support of George A. Abbott.....	1 00 12 75	
5.	Mason Putney, 5 days cut- ting bushes on highway,	5 00	
7.	E. H. Eaton, part pay for collecting taxes.....	50 00	
			\$77 68
Oct. 1.	Henry Bixby, school money	\$46 64	
	Job Atkins, 1 cord wood for J. Atwood.....	3 00	
	Mason Putney, sawing wood for J. Atwood.....	1 00	
4.	J. F. Buswell, clothes for W. S. Ward.....	13 50	
	M. Putney, cutting bushes,	3 00	
7.	Serano Newton, wood for W. S. Ward .....	1 00	
14.	Job Atkins, support of Da- vid Bumford children,	13 50	
	B. T. Fifield, board Mrs. A. Cheney and child.....	8 00	
	B. W. Sanborn & Co., inven- tory book, &c. ....	1 75	
22.	P. Colby, school money....	39 56	
25.	T. A. J. Jones " " ...	97 00	
			\$227 95



Nov. 1.	John W. Morse, coupons on town bonds .....	\$1,802 37	
2.	Thomas B. Palmer repairing bridge.....	4 30	
	B. F. Hoyt, lumber and repairing bridge .....	40 51	
	Calvin Uunderwood, stump puller.....	25 00	
	H. C. Brockway, repairing bridge .....	2 50	
	Osmon Bailey, over-tax....	98	
9.	Mary E. Smith, support of J. M. Presby's child....	13 00	
	Geo. L. Mitchell, N. H. Statutes and express.....	2 25	
11.	H. Piper, abatement tax...	1 80	
	E. M. Fifield, board &c. Altha Cheney and child...	12 00	
16.	Job Atkins, support of D. Bumford's children.....	13 50	
20.	Chas. A. Cressy, repairing school house.....	25 00	
22.	J. D. Chase, 6 cords wood for J. Atwood .....	16 00	
23.	Justin L. Piper, over-tax,	1 80	
29.	Augustus Colby, killing 2 foxes .....	1 00	
30.	John W. Morse, town bond No. 110.....	104 00	
		<hr/>	\$2,066 01
Dec. 7.	E. H. Eaton, pasturing cow for D. F. Hoyt.....	\$6 00	
10.	H. C. Brockway repairing roads.....	4 20	
14.	H. C. Brockway repairing roads .....	3 90	
	Fred C. Brockway, school money .....	33 27	

Dec. 14.	John W. Morse, State tax...	\$1,012 00	
	Henry F. Presby, repairing road.....	11 25	
16.	Jesse Marshall, money loaned by town.....	200 00	
	M. C. Bartlett, board of selectmen .....	20 00	
	E. M. Fifield, board of Mrs. A. Chaney.....	15 00	
23.	John W. Morse, pork for J. Atwood.....	11 00	
	John W. Morse, pork for W. S. Ward .....	10 80	
			<hr/> \$1,327 42

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Jan. 1.	Edwin Nichols, school money .....	\$54 91	
2.	C. H. & A. L. Marshall, stove for Town Hall.....	12 00	
7.	George L. Mitchell, order books and express .....	2 25	
	Wellington E. Flanders, school money.....	22 33	
13.	Elizabeth M. Fifield, board Mrs. A. Cheney & child	12 00	
15.	Alden W. Rowe, school money .....	55 31	
16.	Charles P. Pike, shoat for Mason Putney.....	2 00	
	J. Greeley, Jr., goods for Mrs. A. Cheney.....	10 31	
17.	John Hoyt, school money	69 73	
18.	Mary E. Smith, support J. M. Presby's child ...	10 00	
	Mason Putney, preparing wood for J. Atwood.....	6 00	

Jan. 20.	Mason Putney, banking	
	J. Atwoods house.....	\$ 50
	Sharon Jameson, wood for	
	W. S. Ward.....	25 90
	Walter F. Davis, beef for	
	W. S. Ward.....	5 20
	Walter F. Davis, school	
	money .....	46 89
31.	Alburton Peaslee, pork for	
	J. Atwood .....	8 48
	Alburton Peaslee, pork for	
	Dolly Dudley.....	1 90
	Jackson Dowlin, support	
	of Mary C. Stiles.....	47 25
	Levi S. Hall, damage to	
	sheep by dogs.....	3 00
	Levi H. Eaton, board of	
	Frank Bailey.....	12 00
	Fred Cheney, damage to	6 00
	sheep by dogs.....	6 00
	Timothy Morse, school	
	money, .....	52 69
	J. H. Martin, medical serv-	
	ices, Nancy Sargent .....	7 50
	J. H. Martin, medical serv-	
	ices, Joshua Atwood.....	10 00
	J. H. Martin, medical serv-	
	ices, Frank Bailey.....	12 50
	J. H. Martin, medical serv-	
	ices, Charles B. Wyman	6 75
	J. H. Martin, medical serv-	
	ices, Dolly Dudley.....	5 40
	J. H. Martin, medical serv-	
	ices, M. V. B. Davis .....	20 75
	Job Atkins, support D.	
	Bumford's children.....	16 50

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Feb. 4.	Moody Gillingham, pork for D. Dudley.....	\$10 15
10.	E. M. Fifield, board and nursing A. Cheney and child.....	12 00
	Michael Croston, care of Thos. Murphy,transient	10 00
	John W. Morse, goods for J. Atwood.....	34 28
	John W. Morse, goods for Dolly Dudley.....	15 30
	John W. Morse, goods for D. F. Hoyt .....	5 58
	John W. Morse, goods for M. B. V. Davis .....	12 00
	Wm. A. Carr, goods for M. V. B. Davis.....	18 75
	Wm. A. Carr, goods for Ed Hall, for tramps.....	1 50
	Serano Newton, breaking roads .....	5 28
	J. Greely, Jr., goods and medicine for A. Cheney,	4 45
	Charles P. Pike, butter and potatoes for J. At- wood .....	2 83
11.	B. F. Hoyt,damage to sheep by dogs.....	3 69
	T. B. Palmer, school money	31 34
12.	T. A. J. Jones, “	228 86
	B. W. Sanborn, stationery..	2 70
13.	Jefferson G. Peaslee, money loaned by town .....	150 00
	Erastus H. Bartlett, money loaned by town .....	100 00
14.	Thomas R. Smiley, profes- sional services for A. Cheney .....	12 75

Feb. 14.	Charles F. Davis, supplies furnished W. S. Ward ..	\$17 94
18.	D. R. Marshall, goods furnished Mason Putney.....	6 80
	Wm. A. Carr, goods furnished W. S. Ward .....	52 95
	Wm. A. Carr, stationery for town .....	4 95
19.	Mason B. Presby, damage to sheep by dogs.....	6 00
20.	Wm. A. Chase, damage to sheep by dogs .....	5 00
	Squire Chase support of G. A. Abbott.....	18 37
	John W. Morse, services as Town Treasurer.....	40 00
	John W. Morse, goods furnished John Withington	4 20
	John W. Morse goods furnished Mason Putney...	28 70
	Clarissa Ward, washing for W. S. Ward.....	10 00
	Alburton Peaslee, damage to sheep by dogs.....	5 00
	Daniel G. Peaslee, watering trough .....	2 00
22.	Trueworthy Piper, support of Willie G. Hart.....	35 00
24.	E Piper, repairing highway .....	5 00
	John McIlvin, school money P. F. P .....	1 78
	Ziba Wood, disabled soldier	1 80
	John McIlvin, meat for W. S. Ward.....	2 00
	Fred A. Messer, for lumber	60
	William G. Hoyt, services as S. S. Committee.....	47 75

Feb. 24. Jacob C. Bailey, watering trough.....	\$3 00
Chas. B. Osgood, repairing hearse .....	1 75
25. James Craige, damage to sheep by dogs.....	3 00
Chas. Gillis, keeping tramps	3 50
“ “ board of select- men .....	7 50
M. C. Bartlett, board of se- lectmen.....	9 00
L. B. Wood, meal furnished for M. Putney.....	90
Pierce Sargent, labor on highway .....	8 40
Eben Cheney, water trough	2 00
Horace K. Martin, work for selectmen.....	19 50
Charles P. Pike, services as selectman .....	111 89
Ruloph Bates, services as selectman .....	69 35
C. Benton Osgood, services as town clerk.....	43 16
E. H. Eaton, balance for.... collecting taxes.....	40 00
E. H. Eaton, discount on taxes .....	53 84
E. H. Eaton, highway re- ceipts .....	49 50
E. H. Eaton, abatement 1877 taxes.....	5 22
E. H. Eaton, abatement 1878 taxes.....	32 95
E. H. Eaton, potatoes furn- ished M. Putney .....	3 20
P. B. Richards, work on highway .....	6 57

Feb. 25. Silas Colby, bag meal M. V.		
B. Davis, 100 lbs.....	\$1 25.	
Silas Colby, goods furnished		
M. Putney .....	6 30	
Silas Colby, goods furnished		
Ed. Hall .....	9 50	
John H. Collius, plank for		
bridge .....	2 82	
John H. Martin, medical		
services C. B. Wyman's		
wife.....	6 25	
	<hr/>	\$1,457 56
Total amount paid out for the year.....		\$11,965 50
Cash on hand in the treasury.....		1,970 38
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		\$13,935 88

JOHN W. MORSE, Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have examined the several items of receipts, coupons and expenditures embraced in the foregoing report of the treasurer, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

E. J. RING, Auditor.

Bradford, March, 1879.



## SELECTMENS' REPORT.

## LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN, MARCH 1, 1879.

Total bonded debt of the town.....	\$29,509 00
Interest on bonds to date.....	596 00
Outstanding orders estimated at.....	100 00
Amounting to the sum of.....	<u>\$30,190 00</u>

## ASSETS.

Cash in hands of Treasurer, March 1, 1879.....	\$1,970 38
Taxes uncollected on T. P. Jones' book of 1870	96 96
"                    "                    "                    1871	206 78
"                    "                    "                    1872	33 51
Due from U. S. Government.....	1,870 00
" on Hannah Stevens' note.....	290 89
" D. D. & Howard V. Ward's note.....	28 11
" Daniel F. Hoyt's note.....	11 14
" Chas. B. Wyman's " .....	28 15
Amount deposited in Kearsarge Savings Bank...	497 95
"                    in Manchester                    "                    ...	612 00
"                    in New Hampshire                    "                    ...	510 00
Amount due on Merrimack Co. note.....	830 00
" A. B. Blood's note .....	100 25
" David M. Morse's, Jr., note .....	158 77
" T. A. J. Jones' note .....	58 77
" M. C. Bartlett's note .....	108 16
" Ruloph Bates' note.....	456 35
" Jesse Marshall's note.....	202 46
" Erastus H. Bartlett's note.....	100 30
" J. G. Peaslee's note .....	150 45
" Reuben Craig & Brother's note..	9 58
" deed of Samuel Andrews land...	9 42
" " R. Bixby's land .....	3 99
" Conn place.....	4 16



1 Rock machine .....	\$25 00
Lot hay on Walden Ward place.....	35 00
Hearse and hearse house.....	600 00
Town Hall and fixtures .....	800 00
Town safe.....	140 00
1 Road machine.....	125 00
Due from Edwin Nichol's use of Davis pasture..	15 00
"        James M. Presby.....	77 75
Amounting to the sum of.....	<u>\$10,166 29</u>
which, being deducted from the above amount	
of liabilities, leaves the town indebted in the	
sum of.....	\$20,023 71

Deduct the above liabilities from the liabilities of March 1, 1878, which amounted to \$21,393 88, shows a reduction of the town debt the past year of \$1,370 18.

CHARLES P. PIKE,  
RULOPH BATES,

Selectmen of Bradford.

#### AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I hereby certify that I have examined the books of the Selectmen for the past year, and find them in good order; have compared their vouchers, cast their figures, and find them correct.

E. J. RING,  
Auditing Committee.

Bradford, Feb. 26, 1879.

## SCHOOL REPORT.

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TO THE CITIZENS OF BRADFORD:—

In compliance with the law, the following is respectfully submitted as the annual report of your schools:

The schools, the past year, have exhibited a good degree of improvement. The teachers employed have generally had experience and acknowledged success, previous to the past year; or, if without experience, have been known to us as diligent and faithful scholars. The past teaches us that only such should be employed. The selection of teachers is of the greatest importance to the welfare of our schools, and it should be made with due caution, and never without a full knowledge of their experience and qualifications.

In order for parents to realize the greatest profit from the few week's schooling in the districts, they should not fail in supplementary teaching at home. This will encourage and interest the scholar. They should teach their children at home that it is their duty to cheerfully and willingly obey their teacher. They should also frequently visit the school and make their interest manifest. Another thing they should *never* do, and that is indulge in the habit of criticising the teacher in the presence of the children, insinuating that they are wanting in knowledge, in government, and the like. After a school has once commenced, no good results were ever seen to come from exposing the teachers' weak points, many of which may be imaginary. Such a course is very hurtful, and parents often do a lasting injury in creating bad habits of thought in their children. Parents should ever be mindful of

the fact that they are doing a great injury to the success of the school and to their children by allowing them to be irregular in their attendance or to absent themselves for the last few days of a term, because they do not wish to be present at examination.

Prudential committees have manifested much interest in the schools, feeling deeply the responsibility of their position. They have in the main employed good teachers. This is right. Do not hire poor teachers because they will teach for a low price or because the scholars in your district are not far advanced in their studies. Secure the best teachers possible for the highest price you can afford to pay. We would suggest however, that a little more attention on the part of some, in notifying the superintending committee of the opening and close of the schools, would be very beneficial, and also that a practice of presenting your teachers for examination previous to the opening of the schools would better promote the general interest of all concerned.

The scholars have generally manifested a desire for improvement, and an interest in study. Where this has not been the case, the cause may be assigned mainly to previous irregularity of attendance, and want of proper home influence.

All persons who have had experience in teaching children, know the importance of having something by which to demonstrate whatever they would teach. In most of our schools there is too little explanation or familiar illustration of the branches that are taught. Much of the instruction is therefore superficial. This is owing in a measure to a want of proper means of giving such illustration, but with a suitable apparatus, and proper skill on the part of the teacher, the principles on which the different branches of study are based will be better understood.

## REPORT BY DISTRICTS.

## DISTRICT No. 1.

JOHN HOYT, Prudential Committee.

Summer and winter terms taught by Miss Belle C. Hoyt. This was Miss Hoyt's first attempt at teaching, yet we think she used good judgment in the management of her school. This being the largest school in town, the labors of the teacher were very arduous. She seemed to infuse life into her classes, and the promptness with which the questions were answered was very satisfactory. With experience Miss Hoyt will rank among our best teachers.

## DISTRICT No. 2.

EDWIN NICHOLS, Prudential Committee.

Summer term. This school was commenced by Miss Helen M. Colby, who taught it one week, when, owing to ill-health, she was obliged to leave it. We were well pleased with the appearance of the school at the commencement, the indications were favorable for a prosperous term, and we regretted that this teacher was unable to finish it. But we consider the Prudential Committee very fortunate in securing the services of Mrs. S. J. Colby, who completed the term with much satisfaction. Unusual care and taste were exhibited in the preparation and adornment of the school room for examination.

Winter term, taught by Mr. R. M. Dowlin, who fully sustained his reputation previously acquired in this district. Mr. Dowlin labored under some disadvantages on account of sickness on the part of the scholars, which severely cut down the average attendance. Good progress, however, crowned his labors, and the closing examination was commendable to both teacher and scholars.

## DISTRICT No. 4.

WALTER F. DAVIS, Prudential Committee.

Summer and winter terms, both taught by Miss Nella F. Cressy, who conducted her school with much satisfaction. The scholars appeared orderly and studious, and seemed well to appreciate their advantages for schooling. The teacher seemed to possess the confidence and esteem of her pupils, and was able to interest them in their studies, and a good degree of improvement was the result.

## DISTRICT No. 5.

PRESCOTT COLBY, Prudential Committee.

Fall term taught by Miss Elvira J. Buckman, who is a teacher of wide experience and well earned high reputation. She has excellent method and manner in her teaching, and all who have been favored with her instruction, have made excellent progress. The people of this district believe in hiring the best teachers.

## DISTRICT No. 6.

TIMOTHY MORSE, Prudential Committee.

Summer term taught by Miss Hannah M. Eatou. The school for this term has been unusually small, but very interesting; the teacher spared no pains to make the school one of profit, winning the love of her pupils by kind words; the combined efforts of teacher and pupils accomplished much and thorough advancement.

Winter term taught by Mr. Walter P. Melvin, who came to this school without experience as a teacher; but, possessing natural ability to teach, he soon interested his pupils in their studies, and commanded the closest attention of the class, while reciting, never passing over a principle without satisfactory explanation. The school was well disciplined. At the closing examination the exercises showed, beyond a doubt, that thoroughness had been the motto. Mathematics were taught with unusual success.

## DISTRICT No. 7.

FRED C. BROCKWAY, Prudential Committee.

Summer term taught by Miss Annie C. Smith, who taught the school nearly through, but, on account of sickness, was obliged to close her school without examination. Upon visiting the school at its commencement, everything was found in good order, and bid fair for success. Reports from the district state that good progress was made.

Fall term taught by Miss Clara M. Smith. The school, under her care, exhibited a steady and sure progress in the studies pursued. The school in this district is the only one in town where vocal music was taught.

## DISTRICT No. 8.

THOMAS PALMER, Prudential Committee.

Summer term taught by Miss Emma B. Colby, who conducted her school in a creditable manner. This school is very easily managed, the scholars obedient and industrious; much advancement was made. The parents and friends of this district manifested much interest in the school by visiting it upon examination day.

Winter term taught by Mr. Frank B. Chase. The Prudential Committee having failed in his duty, I received no notice of the opening of the school. Without doubt Mr. Chase taught an excellent school, as is fully confirmed by the many flattering reports from all quarters of the district.

## DISTRICT No. 10.

HENRY BIXBY, Prudential Committee.

Fall term taught by Miss Addie F. Bixby, a teacher of rather limited experience, but taught this school with good success; the scholars exhibited much improvement, and am satisfied that the teacher labored faithfully.

## DISTRICT No. 11.

ALDEN W. ROWE, Prudential Committee.

This was Miss Eaton's second term in this district. The hearty co-operation of teacher and scholars in their labors gave unmistakable assurance of a good degree of improvement. The district made some repairs upon the outside of the school house. The inside needs thorough renovation.

## DISTRICT No. 12.

WELLINGTON E. FLANDERS, Prudential Committee.

Summer and winter terms taught by Miss Mary J. Eaton, who conducted her school in a manner highly creditable. All her pupils made marked improvement. A perfect union of feeling existed between teacher, pupils and parents, and where this is the case, a genuine success is always sure.

## UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 1.

T. A. J. JONES, BENJAMIN ABBOTT, JOHN E. FRENCH,  
Prudential Committees.

## GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

Summer and fall terms, both under the instruction of Miss Etta F. Nichols, who is known to be one of our most successful teachers. Her method of discipline is mild, yet effective, and am happy to report that much good work was accomplished.

Winter term taught by Mr. Stephen S. Bean, who has taught many terms of school. Mr. Bean possesses rare and excellent qualifications and ability, and is a thorough disciplinarian. His name alone is a sufficient guaranty of success. We were more than pleased with the recitations, which plainly indicated that no pains had been spared to give thorough instruction.