

REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN AND TREASURER
OF THE
TOWN OF GREENVILLE,
RENDERED MARCH 1st, 1878.
WITH THE REPORT OF THE
BUILDING COMMITTEE,
AND
Superintending School Committee.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING
MARCH 1, 1878.

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Received of James Taft, Collector, 1876.	\$ 132.55
“ “ Hillsborough County, for Paupers,	30.45
“ Railroad Tax,	11.53
“ Savings Bank Tax,	483.50
“ Literary Fund,	92.88
“ of Town of Mason, for School Dist. No. 3,	97.92
“ “ Samuel E. Adams for bark,	2.25
“ For Licenses,	20.00
“ For Fine,	7.00
“ For Rent of Town House,	69.75
“ of James Taft, Collector, 1877,	7,450.00
Cash borrowed on Town notes,	16,020.00
	\$24,417.83

March 1, 1877. *Cr.*

Balance due J. L. Chamberlin, Treasurer,	\$382.28
Paid Notes and Interest,	\$11,244.99
STATE AND COUNTY TAX.	
Paid State Tax,	\$1,148.00
“ County Tax,	654.27
	\$1,802.27

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid Thomas Hays, for District No. 1,	\$1,065.60
" C. W. Kyle, " " 2,	86.02
" Edwin L. Nutting, " " 3,	43.35
" Edwin L. Nutting, " " 3, for money received from Mason for said District,	97.92—\$141.27
" A. J. Spalding, school tax on Titcomb farm, for 1877,	5.03
	<hr/> \$1,297.92

PAUPER EXPENSES.

Paid William Sawtell, for burying Maggie Bero,	\$9.00
" Ira Gustine, for keeping tramps,	41.00
" Thomas E. Marshall, for taking care tramps,	14.00
	<hr/> \$64.00

BREAKING ROADS.

Paid Milton H. Hardy, 1876-7,	\$11.50
" Sewel F. Adams, 1876-7,	6.92
" B. Sawyer & Son, 1877-8,	12.49
" H. M. Livingston, Surveyor, 1877-8,	74.86
" J. L. Chamberlin, 1878,	2.20
	<hr/> \$107.97

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid H. M. Livingston, Surveyor, 1877,	\$810.93
" S. A. Davis, for railing,	5.00
	<hr/> \$815.93

BRIDGE AT CHAMBERLIN'S SAW MILL.

Paid H. M. Livingston, for labor,	\$117.10
" James Taft, "	18.00
" J. H. Elliott, for lumber,	70.39
" J. L. Chamberlin, "	93.64
" O. D. Prescott, for nails,	5.26
" For one barrel coal tar,	3.77
	<hr/> \$308.16

STREET LAMPS.

Paid A. J. Kedney, lighting lamps,	\$40.35
" H. A. Benson, " "	25.00
" Homer Lane & Co., for chimneys,	9.40
" Downer & Co., for oil,	12.49
" William Sawtell, repairing lamp,	1.75
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	\$88.99

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Marshall W. Waite, for 1876,	\$3.33
Willard A. Jackson, " "	3.07
John Arthur, 1877,	1.49
Michael Breshnahan, " "	2.49
Jeremiah Casey, " "	1.49
Gesvoil Fontine, " "	1.49
Gardner Livingston, " "	1.49
Prudent Matton, " "	1.49
Eugene O'Connel, " "	1.49
David Pratt, " "	1.49
Oliver Record, " "	1.49
Adolphus Richards, " "	1.49
James Rivers, " "	1.49
George Starkey, " "	1.49
Willard A. Jackson, " "	1.49
Lucy Davis, " "	.75
James Cooley, " "	2.49
Alphons Bushway, " "	3.55
Edson F. Nutting, " "	1.49
Lewis Hodgman, " "	1.49
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	\$36.54

POLICE SERVICES.

Paid F. C. White, for 1877,	\$8.00
" Thomas E. Marshall, 1877,	9.25
" Henry A. Benson, " "	1.50
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	\$18.75

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Charles E. Hall, balance for services as Superintending School Committee, 1876,	\$24.40
" George F. Merriam, Town Clerk, 1876,	25.75
" Eben F. Pierce, Town Clerk, to Nov. 1, 1877,	20.00
" James L. Chamberlin, Treasurer,	25.00
" C. G. Carey, services Supt. School Com., 1877,	40.68
" F. B. Heald, services Selectman, and cash paid,	88.15
" James Taft, " " " " "	104.96
" S. E. Adams, " " " " "	50.10
" James Taft, Collector,	55.00
" H. I. Whitney, Committee on Town House, and cash paid,	50.70
" George C. Robbins, Committee on Town House,	25.00
" F. B. Heald, Committee on Town House, and cash paid,	313.83
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	\$823.57

TOWN HOUSE.

Paid orders drawn in favor Building Committee,	\$5,000.00
" Nathan P. Farrar,	97.81
" Charles Lynch, for labor,	195.75
" James L. Chamberlin, for labor,	134.63
" James Taft, for sand and lumber,	56.00
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	\$5,484.19

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid James Taft, Auditing Committee, 1876,	\$1.50
" George D. Burton, printing reports, 1877,	19.70
" Insurance on Town House, (carpenter's risk,)	75.00
" B. W. Sanborn, books and stationery,	6.40
" Dr. C. G. Corey, certificates births and deaths,	5.00
" Stevens & Parker, counsel fees,	5.00
" A. J. Pride, peeling road railings,	4.65
" Post Herman Shedd, decorating soldiers' graves,	50.00
" G. A. Hartshorn, blankets for lockup,	10.35
" Parker & Gannett, plow points,	4.40
" Insurance on Town House for five years,	450.00
" Charles E. Hall, for school books,	1.71

Paid Andrew Henry, for coal,	\$66.53
" C. G. Corey, for school books,	3.17
" Arthur E. Kedney, for burying dog,	1.00
" Capren, Sprague & Co., 1 bbl. oil,	15.53
" J. S. Taft & Co., cuspadors,	12.45
" Firemen, for services,	69.00
" C. W. Kyle, maintaining watering tub,	3.00
" F. B. Heald, 2 faucets,	2.15
" W. W. Johnson, inquest on A. G. Nutting,	21.32
" Cong'l Society, use of vestry, and shop for fire engine,	25.00
" O. D. Prescott, merchandise,	14.37
" John S. Brown, maintaining watering tub,	3.00
" Asa Webber, blacksmithing,	6.22
" B. Sawyer & Son, board and horse keeping,	6.00
" George F. Merriam, surveying town lines,	6.00
" Fitchburg Railroad freight bill,	2.61
" F. B. Heald, cash paid for coal sifter,	5.75
" John R. Lynch, blacksmithing,	.70
" B. A. Elliott, steward fire engine company,	5.00
" N. P. Farrar, for merchandise,	6.09
" Homer & Lane, 6 globes,	3.00
" Hartshorn & Whitney, for goods,	22.80
" F. B. Heald, cash paid G. A. Strout and H. J. Taft,	2.00
" Elliot Merriam, labor,	3.06
" Milton H. Hardy, horse hire,	10.55
" Marshall Kimball, maintaining watering tub,	3.00
" J. L. Chamberlin, labor, rent, &c.,	111.41
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	\$1,064.42

RECAPITULATION.

Amount received by Treasurer,	\$24,417.83
Paid bal. due Treasurer Mar. 1, 1877,	\$382.28
Notes and interest,	11,244.99
State and county tax,	1,802.27
Support of Schools,	1,297.92
Pauper expense,	64.00
Breaking roads,	107.97
Highways and bridges,	815.93
Bridge at Chamberlin's saw-mill,	308.16
Street lamps,	88.99

Paid Abatement of taxes,	\$36.54	
Police services,	18.75	
Town officers,	823.57	
Town House,	5,484.19	
Miscellaneous expenses,	1,064.42	23,539.98
Balance in Treasurer's hands, March 1, 1878,		\$877.85

JAMES L. CHAMBERLIN, *Treasurer.*

Greenville, March 1, 1878.

We have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ANDREW HENRY, }
O. D. PRESCOTT, } *Auditors.*

CONDITION OF FINANCES, MARCH 1, 1878.

The Town is indebted for outstanding notes, with interest added to March 1, 1878, \$35,632.50

THE ASSETS OF THE TOWN ARE AS FOLLOWS, VIZ:

Town House, furniture and fixtures,	\$29,518.76	
Cash in hands of F. B. Heald, building committee,	60.85	
One fireproof safe,	50.00	
Balance in Collector's hands, 1873,	83.52	
Balance in Collector's hands, 1874,	104.49	
Balance in Collector's hands, 1875,	86.32	
Balance in Collector's hands, 1876,	22.50	
Balance in Collector's hands, 1877,	253.69	
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	877.85	\$31,057.98
Balance against the Town, March 1, 1878,		\$4,574.52

SCHOOL FUND NOT APPROPRIATED.

Dog tax, 1875-6,	\$114.00
Literary fund, 1876-7,	177.03
	<u>\$291.03</u>

TOTAL VALUATION, 1877, BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

District No. 1,	\$455,804.00
District No. 2,	38,914.00
District No. 3,	18,525.00
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	\$513,243.00

AMOUNT OF TAXES ASSESSED, 1877.

School District No. 1,	\$6,793.58
School District No. 2,	580.01
School District No. 3,	276.10
Dog tax,	54.00
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	\$7,703.69

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1877.

For Schooling,	\$1,200.00
Highways and Bridges,	800.00
Incidental Expenses,	3500.00
Decorating Soldiers' Graves,	50.00
County Tax,	654.27
State Tax,	1,148.00
Overlay,	347.42
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	\$7,699.69

Rate of Taxation, 1877, \$14.90 on \$1,000.00.

Respectfully submitted.

F. B. HEALD,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
JAMES TAFT,	
SAMUEL E. ADAMS,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Greenville.</i>

REPORT OF BUILDING COMMITTEE ON TOWN HOUSE.

Cost of Grading,	\$392.55
Stone and stone masonry,	2,447.92
Bricks,	872.52
Brick masonry,	2,726.53
Carpentry,	3,086.25
Lime, cement, sand and hair,	662.13
Lumber,	2,722.10
Slatting,	575.00
Paints, oils and painting,	677.23
Iron work,	1,793.58
Hardware,	272.37
Blinds, windows, doors, mouldings and frames,	1,347.05
Furniture,	1,108.90
Plumbing,	115.45
Freight expense,	1,103.69
Miscellaneous expense,	648.98
Teaming, sand, stone, lumber, etc.,	418.89
Architect,	562.95
Committee, time and expense,	610.20
Town house lot,	6,000.00
Bills unadjusted,	229.60
Brick owned by the town,	1,688.00
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	\$30,061.89

Credit :

By Cash received for sale of material,	\$607.13
Total cost of town house, lot, furniture and fixtures,	\$29,454.76
Cash in hands of F. B. Heald, committee,	\$60.85

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES L. CHAMBERLIN,	} <i>Building Committee.</i>
F. B. HEALD,	
HENRY I. WHITNEY,	
GEORGE C. ROBBINS,	

REPORT OF SCHOOLS.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1878.

The schools for the year, have been mostly under the charge of old and competent teachers, who alike have vied to become masters of their situation, and have succeeded very satisfactorily. The schools have all made good progress in the various branches taught, as any one who has attended the various examinations of the schools for the year can bear testimony.

Your committee upon taking charge of the schools felt convinced that a change should be made in the series of readers used in schools, deeming the old reader too hard for the scholars, he after careful examination of several new readers, and the advice of some of his predecessors in office, he made an exchange, for the Monroe series, and the advance in that one recitation has been far beyond his expectations.

DISTRICT NO 1.

THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL, has been taught the entire school year, with universal satisfaction, by W. E. Walker, which has made very marked progress. Length of Summer term, 11 weeks; wages of teacher per month, \$52.00; whole number of scholars, 28; average, 24½. Length of Fall term 12 weeks; wages of teacher per month, \$52.00; whole number of scholars 26; average 20. Length of the Winter term, 11 3-5 weeks; wages of teacher per month, \$56.00; whole number of scholars 38; average 33.

THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL, has had a different teacher every term, which can only be viewed as an injury to the school, no one school in town needs a better and constant teacher than this, one who can gain and retain the confidence and esteem of the scholars, when this is obtained much will be done away, which only tends to lower the standard of the school. The Summer term was taught by Mrs. Clara J. Shumway who is a model teacher. Length of term 11 weeks. Wages of teacher per month \$32.00. Whole number of scholars 46; average 40. Fall term was taught by Miss Eliza A. Davis, though young in the profession she labored with untiring fidelity. Length of term 12 weeks. Wages of teacher per month \$32.00. Whole number of scholars 46; average 39. The winter term was under the charge of Mr. F. W. Blood. Like his predecessor, young in teaching, yet he gained much better the good will of the scholars, and they made great improvement. Length of Winter term, 12 weeks; wages of teacher per month, \$32.00; whole number of scholars, 44; average 34.

THE PRIMARY SCHOOL, was taught by Miss Emma F. Davis, the entire year, whose success in this department of our school needs no comments. Length of Summer term, 11 weeks; wages of teacher per month, \$32.00; whole

number of scholars, 50; average, 43. Length of Fall term, 12 weeks; wages of teacher per month, \$32; whole number of scholars, 48; average, 36. Length of Winter term, 12 weeks; wages of teacher per month, \$32.00; whole number of scholars, 44; average, 40.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

The Summer term of 8 weeks, was taught by Miss Flora A. Kyle. Though comparative young in teaching, she acquitted herself with entire satisfaction to the district. Wages of teacher per month, \$24.00; whole number of scholars, 8; average, 7. The Fall term was under the care of Miss Flavilla R. Kyle. This teacher, like the one in the first term, has done well. Length of term, 7 weeks; wages of teacher per month, \$17.94; whole number of scholars, 7; average, 6. This school has been so small the two terms, that there was not that innate stimulant to the scholars, to excel their neighbor, as in larger schools. It is hoped that the district will be favored with more money, in future, for school purposes.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Had its usual amount of schooling, as Mason, in which town a part of the district is located, gave more of the money than it was entitled to, by law, for the Boynton Fund, which it withholds from that part of the town. The Summer term was taught by Miss Emma J. Adams, who is one of our best teachers. Length of term, 8 weeks; wages of teacher per month, \$28.00; whole number of scholars, 23; average, 19. The Fall and Winter terms were taught by Miss Mary C. Wheeler. Also a first-class teacher. No school in town bore better examination than this, at the close

of the Winter term. Length of Fall term, 6 weeks; wages of teacher per month, \$28.00; number of scholars, 26; average, 23. Length of Winter term, 9 weeks; wages of teacher per month, \$32.00; number of scholars, 29; average, 26.

The following named scholars have attended school the entire time taught in their district, for the year, without being absent, tardy, or dismissed:—

Mary Mullen,	Martha E. Jenkins,
Addie M. Corey,	Alice M. Hardy.

All of which is respectfully submitted, by

C. G. COREY,

Superintending School Committee.

District.	DEPARTMENTS.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	RESIDENCE.	PARENTAL COMMITTEE.	No. Weeks.	Wages of Teacher, per Month.	Whole Number of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	No. visits by Superintending Com.	No. visits by Prudential Com.	No. visits by Citizens.	No. in Reading.	No. in Spelling.	No. in Penmanship.	No. in Arithmetic.	No. in Geography.	No. in Grammar.	No. in U. S. History.	No. in Book-keeping.	No. not Absent or Tardy during term.	No. between 14 and 21 yrs who cannot read or write.
	SUMMER TERM.			Thomas Hay ⁿ .																	20
1	Grammar.	Mr. W. E. Walker.	Concord.		11	\$25 00	28	25	25	2	2	24	25	25	12	20	15	11	8	4	4
1	Intermediate.	Mrs. C. J. Shumway.	Greenville.		11	32 00	46	40	33	1	1	46	46	38	46	15				10	6
1	Primary.	Miss Emma F. Davis.	Fitchburg, Mass.		11	32 00	50	43	33	3	3	52	50	42	1	32				6	6
2		Miss Forni A. Kyle.	Greenville.	C. W. Kyle.	8	24 00	8	7	33	3	3	8	8	7	7	7	7	6		2	2
2		Miss Emma J. Adams.	Greenville.		8	28 00	23	19	24			23	25	23	15	12	4	1		5	5
	FALL TERM.																				
1	Grammar.	Mr. W. E. Walker.			12	52 00	36	20	33	1	1	26	24	24	6	26	11	10	4	2	2
1	Intermediate.	Miss Eliza A. Davis.	Lowell.		12	32 00	49	39	4	2	2	7	46	46	39	46	34			12	12
1	Primary.	Miss Emma F. Davis.			12	32 00	48	46	33	2	2	31	47	47		21				1	1
2		Miss Fivulla R. Kyle.	Greenville.		7	17 98	7	6	24	2	2	2	7	7	6	7	7	5	2	1	1
2		Miss M. C. Wheeler.	New Ipswich.	E. L. Nutting.	6	26 00	26	23	24		3	26	26	13	17	10	5		1	6	6
	WINTER TERM.																				
1	Grammar.	Mr. W. E. Walker.			11 ¹⁵	56 00	28	33	4	2	2	26	27	37	37	27	17	15	12	6	4
1	Intermediate.	Mr. F. W. Blood.	Greenville.		12	32 00	44	34	23	1	1	44	47	39	44	34				4	4
2	Primary.	Miss Emma F. Davis.			12	32 00	44	40	23	2	2	12	44	44		31	2				
2		Miss M. C. Wheeler.			9	32 00	29	25	24	1	1	20	20	20	14	19	9	6		2	2