

REPORT
OF THE
Selectmen and Treasurer,
OF THE
TOWN OF GREENVILLE,
RENDERED MARCH 1, 1881,
WITH THE REPORT OF THE
Superintending School Committee,
HIGHWAY SURVEYOR,
AND
LIBRARIAN.

FITCHBURG:
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1881



Treasurer's Report.

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Cash in the Treasury, March 1st, 1880,	\$435 60
Received of Charles E. Hall, collector, 1879,	68 98
James Taft, collector, 1880,	8,133 00
Selectmen,	29,281 18
	<hr/> \$37,918 76

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Paid Orders drawn on Treasurer,	\$37,621 67
Cash in the Treasury, March 1st, 1881,	297 09
	<hr/> \$37,918 76

M. C. DODGE, *Treasurer.*

Greenville, March 1st, 1881.

Selectmen's Report,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1881.

Cash Received by Selectmen,

Borrowed on Town notes,	27,820.00
For rent of Town House,	\$27,945.00
For Dog Licenses,	401 25
Savings Bank Tax,	49 00
Literary Fund,	619 89
Railroad Tax,	89 17
Insurance Tax,	20 87
Of Hillsboro County, pauper expenses,	7 50
For Library Catalogues and fines,	13 50
Fines collected,	13 55
Oil barrels sold,	9 50
Paper stock sold,	6 50
Of Malcolm Beaton expense in suit Kenney vs. Greenville,	45
	30.00
	20.00
	281
	\$29,196 18

Expenditures.

Paid Notes and interest,	\$31,547 89
State and County Tax,	
Paid State Tax,	\$1,176 00
County Tax,	1,121 42
	\$2,297 42

Support of Schools.

Paid W. W. Stevenson for District No. 1, '80,	\$1,052 25
J. H. Barrett, for District No. 2,	85 58
Henry S. Adams, for District No. 3,	165 00
Adron Winship, tuition of scholars,	2 65
	\$1,305 48

Pauper Expenses.

Paid W. W. Sawtell, coffin for Mrs. Berger,	\$10.00
Marshall Kimball, burying Mrs. Berger,	3 50
Geo. C. Robbins, goods furnished Mrs. Forbush,	5 99
S. H. Bacon, for wood furnished Mrs. Forbush,	6 96
S. H. Bacon, for wood furnished Mrs. Cavenough,	4 50
G. F. Munsey, medical attendance in Mrs. Forbush's family,	7 00
	<hr/> \$37 95

Highways and Bridges.

Paid M. H. Hardy, surveyor for 1880,	\$789 05
H. E. Follett, for plank and stringers,	19 50
Stetson & Pope, for lumber for rails,	48 07
McCan & Burns, for iron for posts,	36 95
N. P. Farrar, for guideboards,	1 73
O. D. Prescott, for tools, bolts, fuse and brimstone,	7 72
E. G. Bassett, for painting bridge railing and rails,	29 00
S. H. Bacon, for planing rails,	4 50
	<hr/> \$936 52

Breaking Roads.

Paid M. H. Hardy, Breaking roads,	\$158 29
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Street Lamps.

Paid S. F. Derbyshire, lighting lamps,	\$51 75
Geo. W. Pierce, lighting lamps,	10 40
S. H. Bacon, oil,	14 82
O. D. Prescott, oil and matches,	7 45
N. P. Farrar, for labor, chimneys, wicks, and burners,	11 46
	<hr/> \$95 88

Police Expense.

Paid James Taft, police services,	\$5 00
T. E. Marshall, police services,	6 75
Geo. H. Preston, police services,	5 00
A. G. Stickney, police services,	72
N. P. Farrar, repairing police badge,	10
	<hr/> \$17 57

Town Officers.

Paid John Kenney, services as auditor,	\$1 00
F. A. Newell, services as school committee,	40 75
M. C. Dodge, services as treasurer,	26 15
Geo. H. Livingston, services as supervisor,	8 00
Chas. E. Marsh, services as supervisor,	8 00
Andrew Henry, services as supervisor,	4 00
Frank E. Pierce, services as town clerk,	23 00
James Taft, services as collector,	38 00
S. H. Bacon, services as selectman 27 days,	54 00
N. P. Farrar, services as selectman 29 days,	58 00
Geo. C. Robbins, services as selectman 20 days,	40 00
F. B. Heald, services as selectman in 1879,	2 50
Thomas Hays, services as selectman in 1880,	2 80
	<hr/> \$306 20

Library Expenses.

Paid T. E. Marshall, services as librarian and covering books,	\$60 60
T. E. Marshall, time and expense in pur- chasing books,	10 60
Andrew Henry, time and expense in pur- chasing books,	8 64
Andrew Henry, paper for covering books,	4 20
Wm. M. Sargent, printing catalogues,	34 41
	<hr/> \$118 45

Town House.

Paid S. H. Bacon, janitor of town house,	\$60 00
Geo. W. Pierce, janitor of town house,	4 40
F. B. Heald, janitor of town house, in '79,	1 60
H. M. Livingston, coal,	41 95
O. D. Prescott, oil, wicks and matches,	11 22
N. P. Farrar, lamps, shades and burners,	4 04
Geo. R. Paul, rods for snow guards,	14 92
Wm. M. Edwards, putting on snow guards,	46 08
S. H. Bacon, for wood,	87
	<hr/> \$185 08

Abatement of Taxes.

Moses Merriam, over tax in 1878,	\$1.73
James Armstrong,	1 55
James Bassey,	1 55
Joseph Felix,	1 55
James W. Henry,	1 55
John Kain,	1 55
Thomas Leonard,	1 90
John Sheridan, Jr.,	1 55
Charles L. Taylor,	1 55
George Paquette,	1 55
Thomas B. Furneaux,	1 55
Michael Breslehan,	1 00
	<hr/> \$18 58

Miscellaneous Expenses.

Paid Wm. M. Sargent, printing reports, \$1880,	\$14 13
S. H. Bacon, expense in suit, Merriam vs. Greenville,	17.00
F. N. Gibson, returning births and deaths,	2 75
J. L. Chamberlain, services as building committee, on town house,	134 50
Post Herman Shedd, decorating soldiers' graves,	42 30
Fitchburg railroad freight bills,	8 13
Firemen for services,	88 29
Chas. E. Marsh, printing,	3 00
A. F. Stevens, counsel in suit Kenney vs. Greenville,	41 00

Paid	L. W. Felt, damage to team,	130 00
	W. G. Lakin, services as referee in Felt case,	50
	S. H. Bacon, expense in Felt case,	2 50
	H. I. Whitney, badges and labor on fire engine,	2 01
	Charles E. Hall, stationery,	2 66
	E. B. Barrett, use of team,	1 50
	M. H. Hardy, labor in cemetery,	11 32
	G. F. Munsey, returning births and deaths,	4 50
	Thomas Hays, damage done by dogs,	4 00
	S. H. Bacon, for telegraphing and postage,	2 80
	N. P. Farrar, use of team,	16 62
	Geo. C. Robbins, use of team,	1 50
	J. L. Chamberlain, time and expense in Kenney suit,	3 00
	F. B. Heald, time and expense in Kenney suit,	1 00
	R. M. Wallace, counsel fees,	61 35
		<hr/> \$596 36

Recapitulation.

Paid	Notes and interest,	\$31,547 89
	State and county tax,	2297 42
	Support of schools,	1305 48
	Pauper expenses,	37 95
	Highways and bridges,	936 52
	Breaking roads,	158 29
	Street lamps,	95 88
	Police expenses,	17 57
	Town officers,	306 20
	Library expenses,	118 45
	Town house,	185 08
	Abatement of taxes,	18 58
	Miscellaneous expenses,	596 36
		<hr/> \$37,621 67

GREENVILLE, N. H., Feb. 28, 1881.

We have examined the foregoing accounts for the year ending, Feb. 28, 1881, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

F. B. HEALD, {
HENRY I. WHITNEY, { *Auditors.*

Condition of Finances March 1st, 1881.

The town is indebted for outstanding notes and interest to March 1st, 1881,	\$27,933	13
Due school district No. 3,		41
Due school district No. 0,	11	75
Due town of New Ipswich, tax on Titcomb farm,	4	34
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	\$27,949	63

Available Assets of the Town.

Balance in treasury March 1st, 1881,	\$297	09
Balance in collector's hands,	265	00
Due from town of Mason, school money,	77	57
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	\$639	66

Total debt of town March 1st, 1881,	\$27,309	97
Reduction of debt since March 1st, 1880,	2,504	98
Literary fund for 1880 not appropriated,	89	17

The selectmen report that they have settled the following unadjusted bills contracted prior to March 1st, 1880.

John Kenney,	\$46	00
Moses Merriam,	150	00
James L. Chamberlain,	134	50
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	\$330	50

The Following Claims remain Unadjusted.

Wm. Edwards & Co.,	\$50	00
Town of Mason,	74	41

Total Valuation of 1880 by School Districts.

	Real and Personal Estate.	Polls.
District No. 1,	\$456,024 00	228
District No. 2,	31,548 00	14
District No. 3,	17,706 00	10
District No. 0,	8566 00	5
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Value of Estate,	\$513,844 00	257
Polls,	25,700 00	
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Total valuation,	\$539,544 00	

Amount of Tax Assessed in 1880.

District No. 1,	\$7,421 84	Dog Tax, \$31 00
District No. 2,	510 70	Dog Tax, 4 00
District No. 3,	289 95	
District No. 0,	140 51	
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	\$8,363 00	
Dog Tax,	35 00	
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	\$8,398 00	

Appropriations for 1880.

Schooling,	\$1,030 00	
Highways and Bridges,	800 00	
Incidentals,	4,000 00	
State Tax,	1,176 00	
County Tax,	1,121 42	
Decorating Soldiers' Graves,	50 00	
Overlay,	185 58	
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	\$8,363 00	
Rate of Taxes for 1880, on \$1,000,		\$15 50

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN H. BACON,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
NATHAN P. FARRAR,	
GEO. C. ROBBINS,	

} <i>of</i>	
	} <i>Greenville.</i>

Greenville, March 1st, 1881.

Highway Surveyor's Report for the Year ending March 1, 1881.

DR.

Cash received of Treasurer, by order of Selectmen, \$947 34

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Paid for labor of horses,	\$162 50
For labor of men,	597 09
For gravel,	1 40
For poles,	3 75
For repairing tools and other work,	24 31
For breaking roads to Mar. 1st, 1881,	158 29
	<hr/> \$947 34

M. H. HARDY, *Surveyor.**Librarian's Report.*

The Greenville Town Library was closed from April 3d, to June 5th, to take inventory and to make a new catalogue. There have been 475 cards taken out, three of them by persons out of town. Number of new books received since last report, 731; total number of books in the library, 1278. Books have been taken out as follows:

March,	497	October,	591
April,	110	November,	505
June,	490	December,	488
July,	651	January,	772
August,	516	February,	629
September,	508		<hr/> 5760
Received for fines,		\$2 00	
For catalogues,		10 05	
For cards out of town,		1 50	
		<hr/> \$13 55	

Greenville, March 1st, 1881.

T. E. MARSHALL, *Librarian.*

REPORT OF SCHOOLS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 28, 1881.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Prudential Committee,

W. W. Stevenson.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

	1st Term.	2nd Term.	3rd Term.
Number of weeks,	12	12	12
Wages of teacher per month	\$30	\$36	\$36
Whole number of scholars,	33	34	36
Average attendance,	26	33	31
Number not absent or tardy,	3	8	6
Number of visits by committee and others,	14	38	48

Miss Abbie A. Stickney had charge of this school during the spring term. The teacher failed to obtain the confidence of some of the scholars and parents, and thus the harmony of the school was somewhat marred.

Perhaps she was a little too exacting in some of her requirements. A strict adherence to the exact words of any text-book is not advisable; a definition or principle, stated in the pupil's own words is far better; for in the latter case the scholar thinks for *himself* and does not simply memorize the words of the author.

Fall and winter terms, Miss Abbie H. Allen, Teacher.

This Teacher needs no comment from your committee; her reputation as a teacher is too well established. She is known in many a school as an earnest, faithful, practical teacher. The exercises of the school, outside of the beaten paths of text books, have been interesting and profitable. The closing ex-

amination of the winter term was well attended by parents and friends who expressed themselves well pleased with the exercises. Reading has received special attention and marked improvement in this branch was evident. In fact, thoroughness was manifest in all the branches.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

	1st Term.	2nd Term.	3rd Term.
Number of weeks,	10	12	12
Wages of teacher per month,	\$28	\$28	\$28
Whole number of scholars,	43	41	45
Average attendance,	39	31	31
Number not absent or tardy,	10	5	2
Number of visits by committee and others,	29	18	21

Spring term, Miss Mary E. Russell, Teacher. This school made good progress under this efficient teacher. She seemed well adapted for the work and we were sorry to lose her from our list of teachers. Miss Abbie A. Stickney returned to her former position as teacher of this school for the fall and winter terms. The classes in arithmetic and penmanship made especial progress. The school-room was quiet and orderly, as is usual where Miss Stickney presides.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

	1st Term.	2nd Term.	3rd Term.
Number of weeks,	12	12	12
Wages of teacher per month,	\$28	\$28	\$28
Whole number of scholars,	56	64	54
Average attendance,	48	54	35
Number not absent or tardy,	4	8	0
Number of visits by committee and others,	26	20	10

Miss Lucy E. Goodwin was employed as teacher in this department for the entire year, and proved to be the right person in the place. Her manner of instructing the little ones is highly commendable. Although this is our lowest grade of schools, it is by no means the least important. Impressions received here cling to the scholar thorough remaining school days and through life. Miss Goodwin proved herself equal to her task and awakened within her scholars a love instead of a hatred of school. Her method of conducting the reading exercises, somewhat modern in its nature, deserves especial mention. Monroe's Reading Charts have been used with wonderful results. At one visit, your committee was surprised to hear one young lad, who had been a member of the school only three weeks,

and who could not tell a single letter of the English alphabet, at his entrance, read short sentences quite readily from the charts.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Prudential committee,	J. H. Barrett.	
	1st Term.	2nd Term.
Number of weeks,	8	9
Wages of teacher per month,	\$20	\$20
Whole number of scholars,	6	5
Average attendance,	5	4
Number not absent or tardy,	0	0
Number of visits by committee and others,	10	10

This school has been in session only seventeen weeks during the year—less than half the time given to our village schools. This fact must be remembered in comparing the results obtained; but considering its advantages, or rather the *disadvantages* we can say the school has been successful under the instruction of Mrs. F. A. Spaulding the first term and Miss Emma F. Childs, the second.

DISTRICT, NO. 3.

Prudential committee,	H. S. Adams, Geo. Arnold, A. B. Eaton.		
	1st Term.	2nd Term.	3rd Term.
Number of weeks,	9	7	8
Wages of teacher per month,	\$22	\$24	\$28
Whole number of scholars,	18	17	23
Average attendance,	15	14	19
Number not absent or tardy,	2	1	1
Number of visits by committee and others,	40	9	21

Miss Lillie S. Adams, Teacher. This school has been favored with one of our very best teachers for the entire year. She possesses the happy faculty of preserving order, and the respect and good will of her pupils at the same time.

The school was most successfully managed, but there are a few families in this district who have always clung to the idea that they could administer the affairs of the school better than any teacher ever yet employed; consequently, if the teacher is not willing to follow their dictates, their children are removed from school. Thus the children are deprived of priceless privileges for the sake of the *ignorant whims* of the parents.

Parents, throw aside such foolish ideas; use a little of that good old staple article known as "common sense," and the next time a worthy teacher comes among you, give her your hearty support. (We are glad the above remarks apply to only a few.)

"Not how *much*, but how *well*," was the evident motto of the school. Some of the roads being impassable, a part of the scholars were unable to be present at the winter examination, but those who were present, by their ready answers and thorough knowledge of the studies pursued, showed that good work had been done. At the close of the exercises, the scholars surprised their teacher by presenting her with a handsomely bound book of poems, as a token of their love for her, and appreciation of her faithful services. We hope, for the school's sake, this teacher may return.

Our registers did not all contain blanks for the number of scholars in each study, therefore the usual table of statistics has been omitted in this report. We are glad to note the present standing of our schools, and yet we believe that it is far below what it ought to be, and what it might be, under a more perfect system of grading.

Competent teachers may be employed, and they may labor earnestly for the highest good of the schools, and yet the desired results are not fully obtained.

Every one who is familiar with our village schools knows that another department is necessary, that at present our schools are graded in name only. While this is true of our village schools, it is also a fact that the scholars in the out districts have still less advantages. But when there is so little interest manifested in school affairs by the voters of the town, that they will merely appropriate for school purposes what the law compels, we have little courage to advocate any measures except those which tend to *retrenchment*.

We sincerely hope, however, that the time is not far distant when we shall have a fourth department in our village, and the scholars from the out districts transported here, where they can enjoy equal privileges.

When this is done, a curriculum established, a diploma given to the scholar who completes it, and all the parents and friends of education work in harmony, then shall we have just cause to boast of our schools.

Your committee is well aware that in performing the duties of the office he has been subjected to severe criticisms, and he

has no doubt that his final report will meet with censure; but he has endeavored to guide his acts and words, not in accordance with the wishes of "*our* party," or "*our* sect," but for the best interests of the schools.

How far he has been successful, a *generous* public will determine.

Respectfully submitted.

F. A. NEWELL, *Supt. of Schools.*