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REPORTS  
OF THE  
SELECTMEN OF ACUSHNET  
ON THE  
FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE TOWN,  
AND OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE,  
For the Year 1870-71.

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## REPORT.

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The Selectmen of the town of Acushnet respectfully submit the following report:

Benjamin White, collector of taxes, is charged with	
the uncollected taxes of 1867,	\$34.49
With the uncollected taxes of 1868,	64.69
With the uncollected taxes of 1869,	479.66
Also with the tax bills for 1870,	10,062.70
	\$10,641.54

### CREDIT.

By amount paid state tax,	\$1,750.00
Amount paid county tax,	631.66
Amount paid town treasurer,	6,791.25
Taxes remitted,	26.58
Commission on taxes collected,	92.93
Discount for prompt payment of taxes,	506.78
Uncollected taxes for 1867,	9.70
Uncollected taxes for 1868,	
Uncollected taxes for 1869,	90.28
Uncollected taxes for 1870,	742.36
	\$10,641.54

Benjamin White, treasurer, is charged with the	
balance of last year's account,	\$2,380.09
The amount received of the collector,	6,791.25
Dividends on Fairhaven bank stock,	40.00
Received of state treasurer, reimbursement of state aid,	276.00
State treasurer, corporation tax,	165.25
County treas., reimbursement of dog licenses,	97.35
State treasurer, school fund,	159.54
William H. Terrill, for hay,	5.00
Oliver R. Taber for peddler's license,	6.00
For calf,	9.00



Received of Reuben Washburn, peddler's license,	6.00
School books sold,	75.00
Collector, collected for school books,	12.57
Balance received for sale of cemetery lots,	27.50
	<u>\$10,050.55</u>

The treasurer is credited with the following :

By amount paid public schools,	\$2,156.20
Support of poor,	1,320.04
Incidentals,	1,538.40
For repairs on highways,	847.56
Treasurer's commissions,	52.86
Toward relinquishing town debt, including	
\$275 paid Abner W. Snow for gravel	2,135.00
lot,	62.28
For school-house repairs and fixtures,	1,938.21
Balance carried to new account,	<u>\$10,050.55</u>

#### Support of Schools.

Paid Charles L. Russell, fuel 1869,	\$3.80
Edward A. Chase, preparing fuel 1869,	3.84
Sherman Ashley, care and preparing fuel 1869,	6.75
Charles L. Russell, teaching,	258.00
Heppie Davis, teaching,	62.50
Martha W. White, teaching,	209.00
C. S. Sanford, teaching,	125.00
Martha M. Ellis, teaching,	125.00
Lydia P. Robinson, teaching,	175.00
Hattie S. Clapp, teaching,	140.00
Josephine C. Allen, teaching,	55.00
Eliza F. Elliott, teaching,	222.50
Myra S. Rounseville, teaching,	146.50
Katie C. Allen, teaching,	87.50
Phebe A. Gerrish, teaching,	84.00
Mary E. Snow, teaching,	81.00
Walter Taber, teaching,	90.00
Lucy M. Cobb, teaching,	90.00
Leonard Keen, fuel and preparing,	38.00
James Hickey, preparing fuel,	5.75
Richard Davis, Jr., wood,	45.56
Cobb & Jenney, coal,	5.00
Joseph Whelden, making fires, and care,	3.00
Charles L. Russell, making fires, and care,	5.00
George Manter, making fires, and care,	3.00



Paid Clinton Morse, making fires, and care,	3.00
Millard C. Ashley, making fires, and care,	3.00
Willie Morse, making fires, and care,	3.00
George Ellis, making fires, and care,	3.00
Charles Pope, making fires, and care,	3.00
H. C. Wing, wood, and preparing,	14.25
Pardon Taber, Jr., wood,	13.00
John Hammond, preparing fuel,	5.75
H. A. Dickerman, maps,	13.50
Town of Fairhaven, children attending school,	24.00
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	\$2,156.20

#### Incidental Expenses.

Paid Loring Potter, services as constable,	\$10.00
Benjamin White, services as selectman, assessor, and overseer of poor,	80.00
Walter Spooner, services as selectman, assessor, and overseer of poor,	50.00
Pardon Taber, Jr., services as selectman, assessor, and overseer of poor,	75.00
Edward A. Lyon, services as superintendent of public schools,	75.00
E. Anthony & Sons, printing and advertising,	54.50
Town clerk, recording births, marriages, and deaths,	13.55
S. Hutchinson, blank books and stationery,	4.38
Cobb & Jenney, repairing stove and fixtures at alms-house,	5.15
S. Hutchinson, school books,	14.58
A. S. Barns, school books,	13.75
Nichols & Hall, school books,	20.28
J. L. Hammett, school books,	65.75
A. S. Barns, school books 1869,	41.83
Express, postage, &c.,	10.79
Interest on town debt,	634.44
Collector on Emeline Hammond's tax, 1870,	22.40
State aid,	347.00
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	\$1,538.40



## Support of Paupers.

Paid treasurer of Taunton Lunatic Hospital, for support of Benjamin Taber,	\$209.60
Baylies & Cannon, provisions,	49.00
Gideon A. Harding, support of Abby Voteau,	112.00
Industrial school for girls,	33.28
R. Davis & Son, supplies,	166.98
Alexander Howland, groceries,	71.15
J. H. Leonard, meat,	3.39
Charles M. Wilde, dry goods,	37.35
Supplies for C. W. Shepherd,	7.00
Support of Betsey Oliver,	42.75
Support of Ruth Cook,	26.00
Mrs. Cottle, sewing,	.50
Cyrus T. Lawrence, meat,	31.00
Dr. Braley, medical aid,	8.00
Mary Macomber, sewing,	25.00
Hiram Macomber, whitewashing,	1.00
Thomas Pope, Jr., pig,	8.50
Elihu D. Manter, mowing,	6.00
Edward R. Ashley, supplies to alms-house,	4.50
Benjamin White, farm work and supplies,	8.50
Alfred Morse, farm work,	7.50
Walter Spooner, wood and lumber,	13.52
Supplies to Eliza Weaver,	6.81
Reuben Mason; carting wood and hay,	10.44
Simeon Macomber, services at alms-house,	75.00
Pardon Taber, Jr., expense to Fall River on Hiram Pierce case,	2.00
Walter Spooner, carting,	2.84
City of New Bedford, support of paupers,	88.48
City of Fall River, support of paupers,	114.50
Town of Fairhaven, support of paupers,	47.88
City of Taunton, support of paupers,	78.32
Simeon Macomber, cutting wood,	6.00
B. F. Pittsley, mowing, and supplies to P. Cummings,	12.00
John Manter, Jr., repairing shoes, &c.,	3.25
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	\$1,320.04



## Repairs on Highways.

Paid to the order of Joshua Morse,	\$430.00
To the order of William A. Spooner,	354.28
Samuel B. Hamlin, repairs of bridge,	15.71
Benjamin White, lumber for bridge,	3.50
Green & Wood, lumber for bridge,	13.64
Ripley & Tripp, lumber for bridge,	30.43
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	\$847.56

## Town Cemetery at Long Plain.

Received for sale of rights of burial,	\$174.50
Amount expended on cemetery,	147.00
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Balance paid to treasurer,	\$27.50

## Repairs and Fixtures upon School-Houses.

Paid James Hickey, labor,	\$1.00
Leonard Keen, repairs on school-houses,	24.94
R. Davis, Jr., cleaning and fixtures,	6.54
Leonard Keen, cleaning and fixtures,	7.82
Martha Billings, cleaning,	3.00
Leonard Luscomb, repairs,	1.68
Cobb & Jenney, repairing stoves, pipes, &c.,	17.30
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	\$62.28

Amount of bank stock held by the town, (five shares of Fairhaven bank, par value \$80,)	\$400.00
Cash in the treasury,	1,938.21
Town farm,	1,500.00
Two cows,	100.00
Amount of school books in the hands of the school committee,	69.67
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	\$4,007.88

Amount of notes held against the town,	\$7,046.00
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PARDON TABER, JR., } *Selectmen*  
WALTER SPOONER, } *of Acushnet.*

Acushnet, March 27, 1871.



## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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At the end of another school year, as is customary, your committee submit a report of their proceedings.

As soon as practicable after town meeting, the committee organized by choosing JONATHAN TABER as chairman, and RICHARD DAVIS, JR., as secretary.

### APPROPRIATIONS.

Amount raised for support of schools,	\$2,000.00
Received from state fund,	159.58
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	\$2,159.58

There has been a school in each house during the year, as was the general wish expressed at town meeting; and with the scholars scattered as they are, and the school-houses situated as they are, at present it is impossible to give satisfaction in any other way. But the time may not be far distant when the town shall see fit to build one or more new school-houses, and at the same time locate them in such a manner that one or more schools may be dispensed with; but till then you cannot suspend any one of them without depriving more or less scholars of rights to which they are entitled.



## BISBEE'S — (Formerly No. 1.)

This school has been taught during the year by Martha W. White.

Summer term. Length of school 5 months; whole number of scholars 15; average attendance 11; wages of teacher \$25 per month.

Winter term. Length of school 3 months; whole number of scholars 16; average attendance 13; wages of teacher \$28 per month.

## COUNTY ROAD — (Formerly No. 2.)

Summer term. The first part of the term was taught by Heppie Davis, the remainder by Myra S. Rounseville. Length of school 5 months; whole number of scholars 16; average attendance 13; wages of teachers \$25 per month.

Winter term: taught by Myra S. Rounseville. Length of school 3 months; whole number of scholars 16; average attendance 10; wages of teacher \$28 per month.

## WHELDEN'S — (Formerly No. 3.)

Summer term: taught by Hattie S. Clapp. Length of school 5 months; whole number of scholars 21; average attendance 17; wages of teacher \$28 per month.

Winter term: taught by Lucy M. Cobb. Length of school 3 months; whole number of scholars 28; average attendance 24; wages of teacher \$30 per month.

## ACUSHNET — (Formerly No. 4.)

This school has been taught during the year by Charles L. Russell.

Summer term. Length of school 5 months; whole number of scholars 22; average attendance 14; wages of teacher \$30 per month.

Winter term. Length of school 3 months; whole number of scholars 23; average attendance 19; wages of teacher \$36 per month.



## LONG PLAIN — (Formerly No. 5.)

Summer term: taught by Carrie S. Sanford. Length of school 5 months; whole number of scholars 11; average attendance 9; wages of teacher \$25 per month.

Winter term: taught by Phebe A. Gerrish. Length of school 3 months; whole number of scholars 16; average attendance 11; wages of teacher \$28 per month.

## HAMMETT'S — (Formerly No. 6.)

This school has been taught during the year by Eliza F. Elliott.

Summer term. Length of school 5 months; whole number of scholars 31; average attendance 20; wages of teacher \$25 per month.

Winter term. Length of school 3 months; whole number of scholars 29; average attendance 23; wages of teacher \$30 per month.

## PERRY HILL.

Summer term: taught by Lydia P. Robinson. Length of school 5 months; whole number of scholars 29; average attendance 19; wages of teacher \$25 per month.

Winter term: taught by Walter Taber. Length of school 3 months; whole number of scholars 31; average attendance 21; wages of teacher \$30 per month.

## PACKARD'S.

Summer term: taught by Martha M. Ellis. Length of school 5 months; whole number of scholars 30; average attendance 18; wages of teacher \$25 per month.

Winter term: taught by Mary E. Snow. Length of school 3 months; whole number of scholars 26; average attendance 20; wages of teacher \$27 per month.



## WING'S — (Formerly No. 9.)

Summer term: taught by J. C. Allen. Length of school 6 months; whole number of scholars 12; average attendance 8; wages of teacher for  $2\frac{1}{2}$  months \$22, for  $3\frac{1}{2}$  months \$25.

Winter term: taught by L. P. Robinson. Length of school 2 months; whole number of scholars 12; average attendance 9; wages of teacher \$25 per month.

We do not propose to enter into any flattering eulogy or severe and personal criticisms of the teachers in the different schools, but suffice it to say that on the whole general satisfaction has been manifested. Scholars and teachers have worked together, and the result has been one with which we may well congratulate ourselves. They have had some difficulties to contend with, as they always have had, and probably ever will, such as tardiness and irregular attendance; but matters like these, which are beyond our control, we of necessity pass by, feeling it nevertheless our duty to encourage the children, and the parents for their children, that they improve what advantages there are while they have time and opportunity, for these years once passed are forever passed beyond the power of any to recall. May the future show marks of renewed interest and responsibility in these things, that our children may grow up with an education that will be a comfort to themselves, and make them ornaments to society and a blessing to the community at large.

JONATHAN TABER,	} <i>School Committee</i>
RICHARD DAVIS, JR.,	
LEONARD KEEN,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Acushnet.</i>

Acushnet, 3d mo. 25, 1871.