

REPORTS  
OF THE  
SELECTMEN OF ACUSHNET,  
ON THE  
FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE TOWN;  
AND OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE,  
For the Year 1867-68.

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## REPORT.

The Selectmen of Acushnet beg leave to submit the following report:

The Collector is charged with the uncollected taxes of 1866,	\$197.16
With tax bills for 1867,	10,795.35
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	\$10,992.51

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By amount paid State Treasurer,	\$3,500.00
"    "    County Treasurer,	723.54
"    "    Town Treasurer,	5,729.98
Tax remitted to City of New Bedford, 1866,	136.69
Tax remitted for 1866,	26.77
Tax remitted for 1867,	70.19
Commissions on taxes collected,	76.24
Discount for prompt payment of taxes,	354.97
Uncollected taxes for 1866,	44.36
Uncollected taxes for 1867,	329.77
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	\$10,992.51

The Treasurer is charged with the balance of last year's account,	\$3,389.60
The amount received of Collector,	5,729.98
Cash for school books sold,	23.44
Cash from State School Fund,	144.02
Dividends on Fairhaven bank stock,	40.00
Cash received as State Corporation Tax,	229.81
By cash of F. H. Pasel, for license,	6.00
Cash from State Aid,	450.00
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	\$10,012.85

The Treasurer is credited with the following:

By amount paid Schools,	\$1,764.98
"    "    Support of poor,	2,049.12



By amount paid Incidentals,	2,446.75
"    "    Repair of highways,	658.21
Treasurer's commissions,	24.88
Balance carried to new account,	3,068.91
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	\$10,012.85

## EXPENDED ON THE HIGHWAYS, 1867.

*Under the direction of LEVI WING.*

Paid William Spooner,	\$66.50
H. C. Wing,	76.00
William Chase,	.75
Benjamin Dexter,	12.00
George Hammond,	3.50
Martin Gammons,	4.00
Benjamin Braley,	18.75
Truman Braley,	27.00
John Ellis,	2.00
Levi Wing,	21.29
William A. Spooner,	20.00
Philip A. Bradford,	16.65
Samuel Wing,	1.50
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	\$269.94

*Under the direction of LATHAM T. JENNINGS.*

Paid William Allen,	\$ .40
Caleb Case,	1.12
James Cushing,	1.50
Henry Bradford,	4.72
✓    Walter A. Davis,	5.00
James Hammett,	22.18
Jeremiah Hammett,	16.15
John M. Hammett,	18.48
James W. Hammett,	1.00
Latham T. Jennings,	92.23
✓    Clark E. Morse,	.60
Alfred Morse,	10.57
Russell Pierce,	2.02
Abram Skiff,	1.20
Philip W. Southworth,	6.80
✓    Walter Spooner,	.60
Cyrus Taber,	5.27
Ansel C. White,	5.00
Andrew J. Wing,	1.25
Isaac Weeks,	1.27
George A. Macomber,	5.66



Edward Morse,	20.00
Joshua Morse,	8.87
George P. Morse,	4.37
Luther Reynolds,	3.00
James Burt,	.50
Thomas Potter, Jr.,	1.50
Alexander Macomber,	6.12
Joseph Omev,	2.00
James E. Chamberlain,	.75
David Pierce,	.36
Lewis Simons,	3.50
Joseph R. Wing,	5.00
Benjamin Wilson,	18.42
Augustus Ellis,	3.50
Augustus White,	10.75
Richmond W. Tripp,	9.52
Joseph Pealon,	3.50

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\$304.58

## SNOW BILLS.

Amount expended under direction of Levi Wing,	\$30.99
“ “ “ “ L. T. Jennings,	52.70
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	\$83.69

## SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

Paid Charles M. Wilde, dry goods and clothing,	\$81.39
S. B. Hamlin,	1.38
Jones Robinson, for J. Skiff's family,	3.03
S. T. Patterson, provisions,	248.27
Baylies & Cannon, provisions,	100.00
Freeman Hathaway, hay, 1866,	28.99
James M. Lawton & Son, Mrs. Shepherd,	10.00
✓ Walter Spooner, wood, 1866,	9.87
Gideon A. Harding, support of A. Votau,	69.80
James Sherman, hay,	18.42
Coggeshall & Co., coffins, 1866,	30.00
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, Benjamin Taber,	193.84
Betsey Oliver,	* 32.25
C. H. Burgess, for Jane Skiff and family, Sandwich,	94.12
Dr. Webster, medical attendance,	20.00
Ruannah Gray, support of Sarah Gifford,	10.00
Eli Reed, wood,	50.00
Support of Phebe Skiff,	17.00
James D. Weeks, for Sarah Gifford,	22.00
John Silvia, mending shoes,	2.40
Nancy C. Terry, dry goods,	15.81



Paid Nancy Terry, Medicines for Almshouse,	\$0.92
Sylvester Pratt, for table,	4.30
Job M. Terry, supplies to Mrs. Hathaway,	16.50
Wood to Eliza Weaver,	21.93
City of New Bedford, support of paupers,	202.26
Hannah Horr, rent,	45.00
Theresa Taber, support of Sarah Gifford,	26.75
O. S. York, groceries,	57.84
S. N. Pollard,	11.10
City of Taunton, support of Eunice Pierce,	25.71
John R. Davis, groceries,	95.78
Augustus White, pasture, plowing, &c.,	30.00
Daniel V. Smith, service at Almshouse,	60.00
Fairhaven, support of Mrs. Benjamin Taber, &c.,	76.75
Pardon Taber, Jr., for hay and potatoes,	6.54
C. L. Kenyon, meat,	10.64
George S. Wilbur, whitewashing, &c.,	3.85
Jeremiah Hammett, burials,	4.00
John E. Almy, stove,	32.75
Coggeshall & Co., coffins,	25.75
Job Hammond,	10.00
Andrew B. Grinnell, with hearse,	5.00
Nancy Hathaway, wood,	18.52
Stillman Benson, for Phebe Skiff,	13.51
E. Gammon, mowing,	3.00
Mrs. Shepherd, wood,	7.73
Mrs. Lewis, wood,	18.05
P. M. Lund, crockery, tin, iron ware, &c.,	20.74
Daniel V. Smith, medicines,	2.00
William F. Chase, groceries,	4.50
Peter Merrihew, killing hogs,	2.00
Richard Davis & Son, groceries,	19.89
A. B. Besse, shoes,	3.13
Clark E. Morse, wood,	8.00
Simeon Macomber, hay and potatoes,	12.00
Philip A. Bradford, potatoes, 1866,	5.75
Benjamin White, making two coats,	4.00
Pardon Taber, Jr., wood and turnips,	19.00
Pardon Taber, hay,	9.17
Ruth Cook,	26.00
William H. Chappell, supplies to Mrs. Shepherd,	5.00
Jabez Taber, for hay, 1866,	4.69
George T. Russell, carriage hire,	8.50
Hannah M. Parker, support of Luther Parker,	2.00
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	\$2,049.12



## INCIDENTALS.

Paid Richard Davis, as Auditor, 1866,	\$2.00
Richard Davis, School Committee, 1866,	12.00
James Warren, 1866,	1.25
C. E. Clark, postage, and expense on State Aid, 1866,	8.21
E. Anthony & Sons, printing,	24.00
S. Hutchinson, stationery,	3.62
S. Hutchinson, school books,	26.44
Expense at Nautical School of A. J. Botello,	4.42
William Henshaw, school books,	30.00
E. Anthony & Sons, printing,	12.75
Taber Brothers, school books,	11.98
Interest on Town Debt,	664.08
Express and postage,	4.61
Recording births, marriages and deaths,	16.15
George P. Morse, services as School Committee,	18.00
Manning B. Patterson, " " "	18.00
Frederic W. Wing, " " "	15.00
Philip A. Bradford, service as Constable, 1866,	10.00
Benjamin White, service as Selectman,	25.00
✓ Walter Spooner, " " "	12.00
Pardon Taber, Jr., " " "	12.00
Benjamin White, service as Assessor,	25.00
Walter Spooner, " " "	26.00
Pardon Taber, Jr., " " "	28.00
Benjamin White, service as Overseer of Poor,	25.00
✓ Walter Spooner, " " "	17.00
Pardon Taber, Jr., " " "	16.00
State Aid,	322.00
James Warren, service as Constable,	10.00
Collector on Emeline Hammond's tax, for 1866-7,	46.24
Town debt,	1,000.00
	<u>\$2,446.75</u>

## SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid Sarah E. Grinnell,	Dis. No. 2,	\$42.00
John Lumbard, fuel,	" 8,	11.05
Sophia W. Horton,	" 6,	100.55
Ann H. Snow,	" 5,	65.00
Latham T. Jennings, fuel,	" 6,	16.95
William H. Davis, fuel,	" 5,	7.00
David Chase, Jr., fuel,	" 3,	20.25
Myra S. Rounseville,	" 1,	97.75
Georgia W. Horton,	" 3,	100.00
Calvin Ashley, fuel,	" 1,	9.23
Mary J. Wing,	" 9,	85.80



Paid H. C. Wing, fuel,	Dis. No. 9,	6.75
Mary E. Morton,	" 8,	66.00
Angie M. White,	" 3,	60.00
Sarah J. Braley,	" 4,	60.00
Addie R. Lawrence,	" 2,	50.00
Mary J. Wing,	" 9,	40.00
Est. of Joseph C. Omev, fuel, 1866,	" 7,	18.35
Clara P. Parker,	" 1,	75.00
Amelia Keen,	" 6,	80.00
Latham T. Jennings, fuel,	" 6,	14.38
Addie R. Lawrence,	" 2,	20.00
Ann H. Snow,	" 5,	72.00
Sarah J. Braley,	" 4,	20.00
Hannah K. Cole,	" 7,	66.00
Angie M. White,	" 3,	45.00
Mary E. Morton,	" 8,	45.65
Benjamin Braley, preparing fuel,	" 9,	3.86
Mary J. Wing,	" 9,	50.00
H. C. Wing, fuel,	" 9,	8.50
Albert S. Morse, fuel,	" 1,	11.12
Sherman Ashley, fuel,	" 2,	22.00
William H. Davis, fuel,	" 5,	15.00
John E. Little, fuel,	" 7,	10.00
Clara Parker, teaching,	" 2,	25.00
George W. Lawrence, making fires,	" 2,	1.67
Martha W. White, teaching,	" 1,	85.74
Hannah K. Cole, teaching,	" 7,	87.00
Benjamin Robinson, fuel,	" 7,	12.62
Ann H. Snow, teaching,	" 5,	62.50
Benjamin Gifford, making fires,	" 5,	1.66
Mary J. Wing, teaching,	" 9,	69.60
H. C. Wing, fuel,	" 9,	4.00
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		\$1,764.98
Amount of Notes held against the town,		\$9,906.00
School books unsold in the hands of School Committee,	55.00	
Amount of Bank Stock held by the town, (five shares		
Fairhaven Bank, par value \$80.00,)	400.00	
Note held by the town,	100.00	
Cash in the treasury,	3,068.91	
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	\$3,523.91	



## GUIDE BOARDS.

By the General Statutes it is made the duty of the Selectmen to report to the town, annually, the condition of the guide boards in the town. We therefore report that the guide boards are in good condition so far as we have notice.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BENJAMIN WHITE,	} <i>Selectmen</i>	
WALTER SPOONER,		of
PARDON JABER, JR.,		<i>Acushnet.</i>



REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TOWN OF ACUSHNET.

For the Year 1867-68.



## REPORT.

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Another year has passed away, and with its termination, the time has arrived for the School Committee to render an account of their stewardship. We are happy to say that our schools, as a whole, have been operating successfully; and it is also a source of gratification that all our duties have been performed with pleasure, and in all business matters the most perfect harmony has existed.

The Committee organized by the choice of F. W. Wing, Chairman, and George P. Morse, Secretary.

Amount of money raised by taxation for the support of public schools,	\$1,500.00
Amount received from State Fund,	144.02
	\$1,644.02

Districts.	No. of children.	Apportionment.
No. 1	24	\$171.87
" 2	24	171.87
" 3	35	190.51
" 4	24	171.87
" 5	23	170.17
" 6	36	192.20
" 7	32	185.43
" 8	46	209.15
" 9	26	175.26
		\$1,638.33

The Committee have exercised a watchful care over the schools, and feel prepared to give a faithful and impartial report of their condition.



## DISTRICT No. 1.

Summer Term — Taught by Clara P. Parker. Length of school  $3\frac{3}{4}$  months; wages of teacher \$20 per month; whole number of scholars 21, average attendance 14.

Winter Term — Taught by Martha W. White. Length of school  $3\frac{3}{10}$  months; wages of teacher \$25 per month; whole number of scholars 23, average attendance 16.

The order in this school has been good, but the teachers have failed to inspire that energy in the minds of the pupils that is necessary to insure success.

## DISTRICT No. 2.

Summer Term — Taught by Addie Lawrence. Length of school  $2\frac{1}{2}$  months; wages of teacher \$20 per month; whole number of scholars 19, average attendance 14.

Winter Term — Taught by Martha M. Ellis. Length of school  $3\frac{1}{5}$  months; wages of teacher \$25 per month; whole number of scholars 20, average attendance 15.

Miss Lawrence is a young lady of good abilities, but the Committee were not well satisfied with the management of the school. During the winter term there was a manifest improvement.

## DISTRICT No. 3.

This school was taught during the year by Angie M. White.

Summer Term — Length of school  $5\frac{1}{8}$  months; wages of teacher \$20 per month; whole number of scholars 32, average attendance 22.

Winter Term — Length of school  $3\frac{3}{10}$  months; wages of teacher \$25 per month; whole number of scholars 31, average attendance 25.

This school has been taught successfully during the year, the teacher having met with the approval of the Committee, and, we think, of the entire district.



## DISTRICT No. 4.

Summer Term — Taught by Mrs. Sarah Braley. Length of school 4 months; wages of teacher \$20 per month; whole number of scholars 22, average attendance 18.

Winter Term — Taught by Charles L. Russell. Length of school  $3\frac{1}{4}$  months; wages of teacher \$25 per month; whole number of scholars 19, average attendance 17.

We think this district has been fortunate in employing two such able and efficient teachers; we consider them unsurpassed by any in the town.

## DISTRICT NO. 5.

This school was taught during the year by Mrs. Ann H. Snow.

Summer Term — Length of school 3 months; wages of teacher \$24 per month; whole number of scholars 19, average attendance 14.

Winter Term — Length of school  $2\frac{1}{2}$  months; wages of teacher \$25 per month; whole number of scholars 22, average attendance 17.

Mrs. Snow is an experienced and faithful teacher, and has given good satisfaction.

## DISTRICT No. 6.

This school was taught during the year by Amelia F. Keene.

Summer Term — Length of school 4 months; wages of teacher \$20 per month; whole number of scholars 18, average attendance 12.

Winter Term — Length of school  $3\frac{1}{4}$  months; wages of teacher per month \$28; whole number of scholars 24, average attendance 18.

Miss Keene is a young lady who has but limited experience in her profession, but bids fair to become a very efficient teacher, having given universal satisfaction.



## DISTRICT No. 7.

This school has been taught during the year by Mrs. Hannah Cole.

Summer Term — Length of school  $2\frac{3}{4}$  months; wages of teacher \$24 per month; whole number of scholars 39, average attendance 37.

Winter Term — Length of school  $2\frac{9}{10}$  months; wages of teacher \$30 per month; whole number of scholars 40, average attendance 37.

The attendance in this district is the best in the town, giving evidence that the parents take a great interest in education.

The general order has not been satisfactory, and we would recommend the district in future to employ teachers who not only possess intellectual ability, but who shall be examples of refinement and courtesy.

## DISTRICT No. 8.

This school has been taught during the year by Mary E. Morton.

Summer Term — Length of school 5 months; wages of teacher \$22 per month; whole number of scholars 45, average attendance 24.

Winter Term — Length of school — months; wages of teacher per month \$22; whole number of scholars 24, average attendance 20.

Miss Morton is a lady of ability, very polished in her manners, and with a little more energy would make a very efficient teacher.

## DISTRICT No. 9.

This school has been taught during the year by Mary J. Wing.

Summer Term — Length of school  $4\frac{1}{2}$  months; wages of teacher per month \$20; whole number of scholars 19, average attendance 14.



Winter Term — Length of school  $2\frac{9}{10}$  months; wages of teacher per month \$24; whole number of scholars 20, average attendance 15.

Miss Wing is well qualified for a teacher, and we think that district fortunate who may secure her services.

#### SCHOOL-HOUSES.

No new house has been erected during the year, and only one has been altered or enlarged. Many of them need repairing and enlarging, in order to make them sufficiently commodious for the number of children who occupy them. We hope that all the districts, except Nos. 2, 3, and 4, will either build new houses or remodel the old ones. Our school-houses should be made attractive, and we are culpably negligent of our duty to our children if we do not provide them with pleasant and comfortable places, suitably furnished with black-boards, maps, and whatever may be necessary for the purposes of the school-room. We would especially recommend that suitable black-boards should be provided for every school-house.

Your Committee would earnestly recommend that a larger sum be appropriated for the support of schools during the ensuing year. While some of our adjoining towns are appropriating \$10 $\frac{1}{2}$  for the education of each scholar, we appropriate only \$5 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Many of our schools have been in session less than six months during the past year, and we cannot charge the prudential committees with having paid exorbitant wages to the teachers, therefore we must come to the conclusion that the town is wholly culpable in this matter. We would not advocate a lavish expenditure of the public funds, but we believe it to be poor economy to allow children to grow up in ignorance that we may save a few dollars in the amount of taxation.

We sincerely hope that this town will raise the sum of \$2000 for the support of schools during the coming year.



## TEACHERS.

We must have good teachers in order to have good schools. There are many persons who teach merely because it is "popular," and who never intend to make teaching their business. They teach only a few terms, and are glad to think their drudgery is ended, and desire never to see the inside of a school-house again. Such teachers we do not wish to employ, for they are a disgrace to the profession. We must seek for those persons as instructors who love children, and whose souls are wholly engaged in their great work. The day has come when teachers must possess not only a good knowledge of the text-books they use, but must also have a large fund of general information, and an ability to impart it in the best possible manner. They must teach practically, as well as theoretically; and we trust that every teacher will feel the responsibility of his position, for it is a high and holy one. We have not the time nor space to say all we desire, but we think every teacher would be benefitted, and we earnestly recommend to every teacher, who desires to keep progress with the times, to read the lecture delivered before the State Institute at Springfield, by the Rev. H. F. Harrington, Superintendent of Schools, New Bedford.

## DEPORTMENT AND MORALS.

It may be a question of much importance to both parents and scholars, whether sufficient attention has been given by the teachers in our schools to the inculcation of good manners and propriety of conduct among the children, both in-doors and out. It is a branch necessary to a finished education, and one, we apprehend, that has been heretofore too much neglected, both in the school-room and in the family. Children should be taught, both in the domestic circle and in the school, that good manners are essential to their success in life. It is expected that the teacher who is called to give direction to the intellectual growth of our



children, should also see that the culture of the heart and conscience is not neglected. Unless the moral part of our nature be educated, it is of little avail that we cultivate the intellect.

The law of our State enjoins it upon teachers to "impress upon the minds of children and youth committed to their care and instruction, the principles of piety, justice, and a sacred regard to truth; love to their country, and all those other virtues which are the ornament of human society and the basis upon which a republican constitution is founded." We must have the example as well as precept. It is a mistaken idea that "anybody will answer to teach a primary school." On the contrary, the very best teachers should be employed and liberally compensated. In no period of life does the child need more skilful training than during the days spent in the primary school. Few situations in life require so much discretion, so much energy, so much tenderness, so much self-control and love, as that of a teacher of small children.

The Committee, in closing, would earnestly impress on the minds of parents the necessity of visiting the schools, and seeing the teachers and children engaged in their daily duties. The teachers and scholars would both be encouraged by these visits, and parents would know what progress their children were making in the various branches.

We hope that parents will feel the necessity of their hearty co-operation with the teacher in his labors, and that by their united efforts our children may grow up to be ornaments to society and a blessing to the world.

F. W. WING,	} School Com.
GEORGE P. MORSE,	
M. B. PATTERSON,	
	of
	Acushnet.



