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—OF THE—

Town of Burnham,

For the Year Ending Feb. 29th, 1896.

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### SELECTMEN'S REPORT

OF THE TOWN OF BURNHAM FOR THE YEAR END  
ING FEB. 29th, 1896.

#### MONEY RAISED BY VOTE OF TOWN MAR. 11. 1895.

For support of schools.....	\$ 672 00	
support of poor.....	500 00	
expenses and debts of the town.....	1000 00	
school books.....	50 00	
Free High school.....	100 00	
new schoolhouse.....	300 00	
repairs of schoolhouses.....	150 00	
		\$2772 00
repairs of highway in labor.....	100 00	

#### VALUATION OF THE TOWN.

Real estate.....	\$152,298 00	
Personal estate.....	33,376 00	
		\$185,674 00

##### SUPPLEMENTARY.

Real estate.....	2,000 00	
Personal estate.....	83 00	
		\$2,083 00

Total.....\$187,757 00

State tax.....	\$ 626 80	
County tax.....	442 75	
Town tax.....	2772 00	
Delinquent highway tax, 1894.....	52 03	
Overlay.....	43 08	
		\$3936 66

Per centage on cash tax, 18 1-2 mills.

Number of polls taxed, 225 at \$2.00 each.

Tax on real estate.....	\$2891 82	
Tax on personal estate.....	542 81	
Tax on polls.....	450 00	
Delinquent highway tax.....	52 03	
		\$3936 66

##### SUPPLEMENTARY TAX.

Real estate.....	\$37 00	
Personal estate.....	1 54	
4 polls.....	8 00	
		\$46 54

\$3,983 20

Number of polls not taxed, 30.

**NUMBER OF HEAD OF LIVE STOCK**

Horses .....	274	Three-year-olds.....	94
Three-year-old colts .....	13	Two-year-olds .....	51
Two-year old colts .....	38	One year old.....	43
One-year-old.....	5	Sheep .....	1106
Oxen .....	32	Swine .....	47
Cows.....	246	Bank stock shares.....	77

**AMOUNT PAID FOR SUPPORT OF POOR.**

Paid Wal Reynolds for boarding Paul Reynolds 7 weeks .....	\$ 10 50	
Joseph Jones for boarding Paul Reynolds 1 week.....	1 50	
Chute & Mitchell, clothing for Paul Reynolds	10 70	\$22 70
Wal Reynolds for boarding Augustus Nutt 7 weeks.....	10 50	
Joseph Jones for boarding Augustus Nutt 45 weeks.....	67 50	
Chute & Mitchell for clothing.....	10 40	88 40
Mrs. Jeremiah Luce for supplies.....	10 61	
Chas. Dodge and family " .....	96 20	
Albert Wentworth " .....	67 96	
city of Waterville for supplies furnished Carrie E. Vose in 1894.....	\$ 93 75	
city of Waterville for same in 1895.....	53 80	
town of Fairfield for same in 1895.....	18 00	165 55
Insane hospital for support of B. W. Perkins in 1894 .....	\$ 33 89	
Insane hospital for same in 1895 .....	109 37	143 26
town of Bradley for supplies furnished Florence N. Young .....	28 85	
H. E. Twitchell, supplies furnished James Wentworth.....	6 44	
Dr. O. R. Emerson, James Wentworth	38 00	44 44
Chute & Mitchell for supplies furnished A. J. Pomeroy.....	20 49	
Mark T. Dodge, M. D., for Pomeroy	22 90	43 39
A. A. Shaw, medical aid to Mrs. O. B. Whitten .....	55 00	
		766 36
Amount received from city of Belfast.....	\$67 96	
“ from Mrs. Jeremiah Luce.....	10 61	
“ from heirs of Mrs. O. B. Whitten,	55 00	
Amount due from Levant.....	43 39	176 96
Net cost of poor.....	\$589 40	

**KEEPING TRAMPS.**

Paid Wal Reynolds for keeping 7 tramps.....	\$ 2 26	
Joseph Jones for keeping 48 tramps.....	15 34	
		<u>\$17 60</u>

**LAYING DRAIN PIPE BY THE POSTOFFICE.**

Paid Portland Pipe Co. for drain pipe.....	\$38 46	
freight bill on drain pipe.....	9 00	
G. E. Berry, 3 days' work with team.....	9 00	
for 24 1-2 days' work.....	30 36	
		<u>\$86 82</u>
Highway tax collected for same.....	63 98	
		<u>\$22 84</u>

**REPAIR OF BRIDGES.**

Paid Wm. Engel & Co. for plank for Eelweir bridge .....	50 44	
freight bill on plank for Eelweir bridge.....	13 50	
hauling plank to bridge, spikes and labor... ..	14 14	78 08
Gilmore & Bickford for lumber for Carver bridge .....	27 52	
G. E. Berry, hauling timber.....	6 00	
A. W. Fletcher, 55 lbs. spikes.....	2 20	
John Bassler, splicing rods .....	1 00	
for 16 days' labor .....	23 12	59 84
Gilmore & Bickford for plank for the bog brook bridge.....	4 40	
F. B. Lane for hauling plank and repairing bridge .....	3 50	7 90
		<u>\$145 82</u>

**REPAIR OF HIGHWAYS DIST. NO. 1.**

Paid W. L. Shaw overwork in 1894 .....	\$ 6 55	
“ repairing in 1895.....	2 50	9 05
Ed Crawford, overwork in Dist. No. 2, in 1894 .....	10 96	
Ed Crawford, repairing sidewalk in '95	4 60	15 56
C. B. Gilmore, 167 loads of gravel in Dist. No. 3.....	13 36	
repairing sidewalk.....	1 50	14 86
repairing road in district No. 11.....		75
Wal Reynolds overwork, 1894 in No. 14.....	7 34	
Hollis Reynolds, overwork, 1894 in No. 19....	3 00	
opening new road in Dist. No. 25.....	42 00	
Total .....	\$92 56	
M. C. R. R., highway tax for 1895.....	38 00	
		<u>\$54 56</u>

## NEW SCHOOLHOUSE.

Paid Levi Reynolds, building house in Dist. No. . . . .	\$175 60	
Walter Edmands building wood shed . . . . .	50 00	
“ lot of land . . . . .	10 00	
for seats and desks . . . . .	87 60	
freight on seats and desks . . . . .	15 00	
funnel and zinc, \$5.75; repairing stove, \$1.65 . . . . .	7 40	
hauling and setting seats . . . . .	10 25	
		\$655 25

Repairing schoolhouse in Dist. No. 2 . . . . .	\$12 85	
“ “ “ 5 . . . . .	21 48	
Fencing schoolhouse lot in Dist. No. 5 . . . . .	22 82	
Repairing schoolhouse in Dist. No. 7 . . . . .	14 93	
“ “ “ 10 . . . . .	49 90	
		\$121 98

## PAID FOR SCHOOL BOOKS.

Ginn & Co. . . . .	\$104 26	
Arthur Hinds . . . . .	5 64	
		\$109 90

## ACCOUNT WITH TOWN FARM.

By received of Joseph Jones 1000 lbs. hay . . . . .	\$ 3 50	
“ Isaiah Lord 1030 lbs. hay . . . . .	3 60	
“ W. L. Shaw. 23,273 lbs. hay . . . . .	93 09	
“ “ 357 lbs. hay . . . . .	71	
“ “ 5,378 lbs. straw . . . . .	8 06	
“ 46 2 32 bush. oats . . . . .	20 77	
“ E. S. Goodwin, 1 37-62 bush. beans . . . . .	2 70	
“ H. McAllister, 63 lbs. wool . . . . .	8 82	
“ Joseph Jones rent of farm from Apr. 19, 1895 to Apr. 19, 1896 . . . . .	75 00	
		\$216 25
To moving hay in the barn . . . . .	\$ 2 00	
hauling 23,630 lbs. hay . . . . .	3 54	
hauling 5,378 lbs. of straw . . . . .	80	
E. S. Goodwin for cloth for bedding . . . . .	2 03	
Miss A. F. Berry making bedding . . . . .	50	
A. W. Fletcher for grass seed . . . . .	2 88	
Paid town treasurer . . . . .	204 50	
		\$216 25

### SCHOOL FUND FOR 1885.

Raised by the town.....	\$672 00	
State school fund and mill tax.....	747 98	
Unexpended March 1, 1895.....	116 50	
Received from the town of Troy.....	8 00	
"    Joseph Hathorn.....	4 00	
Due from State for Free High school.....	104 00	
Raised by the town for Free High school.....	100 00	
		<u>          </u> \$1752 48
Paid for schools.....	\$1647 05	
for charts.....	92 50	
Balance unexpended.....	12 93	
		<u>          </u> \$1752 48
Abatement of taxes for 1893.....	\$17 77	
"    "    1894.....	83 93	
"    "    1895.....	8 94	
		<u>          </u> \$110 64
Paid interest on town bonds.....	\$570 08	
"    "    orders.....	57 51	
		<u>          </u> \$627 59

### ACCOUNT WITH TOWN HALL.

O. S. McALLISTER, AGENT, DR.

To received of A. W. Bickford, rent of land.....	\$ 3 00	
"    John Bassler, rent of land....	5 00	
"    P. of H.....	6 00	
"    Geo. Lord.....	13 50	
"    others.....	12 50	
		<u>          </u> \$40 00
By paid for cleaning hall.....	\$ 3 00	
"    for wood and oil, \$4.00; broom, \$.25;		
lamp chimneys \$.32.....	4 57	
"    glass and setting the same.....	1 00	
"    taking care of hall.....	5 00	
Cash to balance.....	26 43	
		<u>          </u> \$40 00

### TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

E. W. Cook, town clerk.....	\$ 2 90
Millard Gilmore, town clerk.....	2 25
C. B. Gilmore, constable.....	1 50
O. S. McAllister, constable.....	1 50
G. E. Berry, selectman.....	165 00
F. B. Lane, selectman.....	58 25
A. D. Millett, treasurer.....	20 00



Wm. R. Whitten, collector .....	99 58
W. E. Reynolds, school superintendent.....	100 00
Dennis Chandler, truant officer.....	1 00
N. E. Murray, moderator.....	2 00
N. E. Murray, Board of Health 1894.....	4 00
	—————\$397 98

### MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

R. Gilmore, keeping watering tub 1894.....	\$ 3 00
“ “ “ 1895.....	3 00
Wal Reynolds, boarding paupers 1894.....	6 39
G. Twitchell, Jr., cash expenses 1894.....	9 75
“ labor on town farm 1894.....	2 25
“ express on books 1894 .....	40
Wm. Coffin, labor on town farm 1894 .....	5 00
R. Gilmore, supplies on town farm 1894 .....	4 97
Bunker & Warren, printing town reports .....	10 00
Dr. A. A. Shaw, reporting births and deaths.....	2 75
Dr. J. F. Taylor, reporting births and deaths.....	2 50
Dr. Eliza Lancaster, reporting births.....	75
Sarah M. Reynolds, reporting births .....	2 25
Millard Gilmore, recording marriages, births and deaths .....	3 05
Theodore Cole, hauling snow on bridge .....	3 00
F. L. Smith, making plans and specifications for schoolhouse .....	6 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, books for town office ..	9 33
J. B. Perry, making guide board.....	1 50
J. W. Whitten, damage on cow bitten by dog.....	10 00
Kuskalyne Trask, for taking care of E. Richards’ wife in 1893 .....	11 65
Cash paid by F. B. Lane for stopping fire set by Frank McCurison.....	28 83
Cash paid by G. E. Berry for stopping fire set by Andrew Pease .....	84 00
Cash paid by G. E. Berry for stopping fire set by Phineas Goodwin.....	35 00
Cash paid by G. E. Berry for stopping fire set by Isaac Cooper .....	18 50
Wm. G. Foster for running out T. J. Braley’s road and schoolhouse lots in Districts No. 1 and 5 ..	3 50
R. F. Dunton for legal advice.....	3 00
R. F. Dunton for Jerry Luce case in 1894 .....	14 50
Willie Cole, driving hearse .....	1 00
G. E. Berry, driving hearse.....	16 00

G. E. Berry, setting monuments between Detroit and Burnham.....	8 00
E. W. Cook for recording births, deaths and mar- riages.....	5 25
G. E. Berry, cash expenses 1895 .....	18 42
	<hr/> \$ 333 54

ACCOUNT WITH A. D. MILLETT, TREASURER,

DR.

To cash on hand March 1, 1895.....	\$ 759 42
due from Wm. H. Kimball, collector.....	3,078 42
tax deeds on hand .....	252 46
cash from the town of Unity .....	137 20
cash from the town of Detroit .....	16 77
cash received bond No. 36 .....	100 00
tax committed to Wm. R. Whitten, col.,	3,936 66
"        "        "        "	46 54
cash received of G. E. Berry, highway tax, on bond No. 37.....	63 98 1,000 00
cash collected of heirs of Mrs. O. B. Whitten .....	75 78
A. C. Miles, rent of land.....	2 00
A. C. Miles, oats sold off land.....	45
dividends on B. & M. L. R. R. Co. ....	120 00
State treasurer for dog license .....	65 80
G. E. Berry, cash collected of city of Bel- fast .....	64 26
on bond No. 40.....	100 00
collected of Mrs. Jeremiah Luce.....	40 00
hay sold off the town farm .....	108 96
on town orders Nos. 134 and 135 .....	700 00
M. C. R. R. Co., highway tax for 1894.....	36 00
"        "        1895.....	38 00
supplementary tax, 1894.....	4 00
received of G. E. Berry for 462-32 bu. oats	20 77
"        "        1 37-62 bush.	
beans .....	2 70
received of G. E. Berry for 63 lbs. wool...	8 82
rent of town farm for 1895.....	75 00
cash H. M. Cole collected of A. L. Pome- roy .....	2 00
cash W. E. Reynolds collected of Joseph Hathorn .....	4 00
W. E. Reynolds for school books .....	54
E. M. Cook for dog licenses .....	35 00
State treasurer, State school funds and	

mill tax.....	747 98	
cash of O. S. McAllister, rent of hall.....	24 00	
		-----\$11,667 51

ACCOUNT WITH A. D. MILLETT, TREASURER.

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By town orders.....	\$1,610 37	
“.....	2,866 55	\$4,476 92
paid in erect on bonds.....	338 08	
“ “.....	232 00	570 08
“ “ town orders.....		55 31
“ “ town bond No. 29.....		100 00
Olive J. Hoxie, State pension.....	\$48 00	
Andrew J. Pomeroy, State pension.....	12 00	
Susan I. Burrows, State pension.....	36 00	
O. E. Perry, State pension.....	24 00	
	-----	120 00
County tax, 1894.....	\$392 44	
“ 1895.....	442 75	
State tax, 1895.....	626 80	1,461 99
Paid interest on Clinton Gore R. R. bonds.....		120 00
Due from Wm. H. Kimball, collector, 1894.....		530 33
Due from Wm. R. Whitten, collector, 1895.....		2,681 58
Tax deeds on hand.....		284 19
Balance cash on hand.....		1,267 11
		-----
		\$11,667 51

CURRENT EXPENSES.

Support of poor.....	\$ 766 36
Keeping tramps.....	17 60
Laying drain pipe by the postoffice.....	86 82
Repairing roads and bridges.....	237 98
Building new schoolhouse.....	655 25
Repairing old schoolhouses.....	121 98
School books.....	109 90
Support of schools.....	1739 55
Abatement of taxes.....	110 68
Printing town reports.....	10 00
Recording births, deaths and marriages.....	16 55
Plan and specification for schoolhouse.....	6 00
Books and stationery for town office.....	9 33
G. E. Berry, cash expenses.....	18 42
“ setting posts.....	8 00
J. W. Whitten, damage to cow.....	10 00
Kaskalyne Track cure of Mrs. E. Richards....	11 65
Paid for fighting fires.....	166 33

R. Gilmore keeping watering tub.....	6 00
R. F. Dunton for advise and costs.....	17 56
Driving hearse.....	17 00
Town officers' bills.....	397 98
Labor and supplies for town farm 1895.....	11 10
"    "    "    1894.....	28 36
State and county tax.....	1069 55
Interest on town bonds.....	570 08
"    "    orders.....	57 51
Interest on Clinton Gore R. R. bonds.....	120 00
State pension.....	120 00
Sundry bills.....	8 00

### CURRENT RECEIPTS.

Money raised by vote of town.....	\$2772 00
State school fund and mill tax.....	747 98
Due from the State for Free High school.....	104 00
Due from the town of Troy.....	8 00
Received of Joseph Hathorne.....	4 00
"    from Mrs. Jeremiah Luce.....	40 00
"    from city of Belfast.....	64 26
"    from heirs of Mrs. O. B. Whitten.....	75 78
Due from town of Levant.....	43 39
Cash collected of A. L. Pomeroy.....	2 00
Produce sold off from town farm.....	141 25
Rent of town farm.....	75 00
M. C. R. R. Co., highway tax, 1894-95.....	74 00
Supplementary tax for 1894.....	4 00
"    "    1895.....	46 54
Overlay.....	43 08
Delinquent highway tax, 1894.....	52 03
Cash collected on highway tax, 1895.....	63 98
State and county tax.....	1069 55
Rent of Town hall.....	26 43
State pension.....	120 00
Dividend on B. & M. L. R. R. stock.....	120 00
	<u>\$5,697 27</u>

### LIABILITIES.

Bonds due June 24, 1896, 5 per cent.....	\$ 100 00
"    Sept. 11, 1896, 4    "    .....	216 00
"    Sept. 15, 1896, 4    "    .....	100 00
"    Oct. 1, 1896, 4    "    .....	1000 00
"    Nov. 16, 1896, 4    "    .....	400 00
"    Aug. 28, 1897, 4    "    .....	500 00
"    Sept. 12, 1897, 4    "    .....	200 00

“	Oct. 12, 1887, 4	“	.....	200	00
“	Oct. 16, 1897, 4	“	.....	100	00
“	Dec. 29, 1897, 4	“	.....	600	00
“	Jan. 7, 1898, 4	“	.....	1250	00
“	Oct. 3, 1899, 4	“	.....	1000	00
“	Oct. 10, 1899, 4	“	.....	800	00
“	July 27, 1900, 5	“	.....	1000	00
“	Sept. 11, 1900, 4	“	.....	450	00
“	Nov. 8, 1900, 4	“	.....	300	00
“	Feb. 29, 1900, 4	“	.....	1724	00
“	Oct. 31, 1900, 4	“	.....	2075	00
“	August, 1895, 4	“	.....	150	00
					\$12,165 00
Orders outstanding on interest at 4 per cent.				\$1125	00
“	“	5	“	1770	00
“	not on interest				149 40
Interest due on town bonds				406	07
“	orders			169	51
Due Wm. H. Kimball, collector, 1894				108	01
Wm. R. Whitten, collector, 1895				99	58
Maine Insane hospital (estimated)					35 00
Clinton Gore R. R. bonds					2000 00
					\$18,027 57

### RESOURCES.

Due from Wm. H. Kimball, collector	\$ 530	33
from Wm. R. Whitten, collector	2681	58
from A. D. Millett, treasurer	1267	11
Tax deeds	284	19
Due from Jeremiah Luce farm	249	57
“ town of Levant	43	39
“ town of Detroit	4	00
“ town of Troy	4	50
“ State treasurer, Free High school	104	00
20 shares B. & M. L. R. R. Co. stock	2000	0
Town farm, farming tools, etc.	900	00
Town hall, store, land and water power	1000	00
Road machine	100	00
School books	200	00
		\$9,368 67
Total liabilities	\$18,027	57
Total resources	9,368	67
Excess of liabilities over resources	\$8,658	90

G. E. BERRY, ) Selectmen  
 C. F. MITCHELL, ) of  
 F. B. LANE, ) Burnham.

## SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

### AVAILABLE MEANS TO SUPPORT SCHOOLS.

Amount raised by the town .....	\$672 00
of school fund and mill tax from State..	747 98
due from last year .....	116 50
received from town of Troy .....	8 00
received from J. M. Hathorn.....	8 00
Total resources.....	\$1,552 40

### EXPENDITURES.

Paid for teaching, including board.....	\$1,328 00
for fuel .....	69 25
for cleaning school houses.....	17 00
for glass, crayon, fixtures, etc.....	27 70
Lulla Dodge .....	5 10
American Co., for charts .....	92 50
Total expenditures.....	\$1,539 55
Unexpended.....	\$ 12 93

### REPAIRING SCHOOLHOUSES.

Amount raised by the town.....	\$150 00
received of I. O. of G. T. lodge.....	7 00
Total.....	\$157 00
Amount expended in Section No. 2.....	\$ 12 85
" " 5.....	21 48
" " 7.....	14 93
" " 9.....	7 00
" " 10.....	49 90
Paid for fencing lot in Section No. 5.....	22 82
Sum total for repairs .....	\$128 98
Unpendended.....	\$28 02

### BOOK ACCOUNT.

During the session of the Free High schools it was found necessary to purchase the following number of books:

Civil Government .....	42
Physiologies .....	30
Geographies .....	24
Total number.....	96
Paid Ginn & Co.....	\$104 26
Arthur Hinds & Co.....	5 64
Sum total for books in 1895.....	\$109 90

We have adoped this year the following books:

KIND.	TITLE.
Geography.....	Frye's
Civil Government .....	Macy's
History.....	Montgomery's
Physiology .....	Blaisdell's
Readers.....	Stickle's

The books named above were adopted for a period of five years, with the privilege of a gradual exchange as fast as our old books become worn.

We have in town 301 scholars. Expense per capita, \$5.10.

The amount of money raised by the town for the support of Free High schools was \$100. This, with the amount received from the State, has given us twenty weeks of Free High school, or two terms of ten weeks each, one of which was taught at Reynold's Corner, the other at the village.

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#### SECTION NO. 1.

Summer term taught by Miss Mildred Doe; winter term, Miss Nellie Hazeltine.

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#### SECTION NO 2.

Summer and winter terms taught by Miss Myra Libby. The Free High school in this section was also taught by Miss Libby. We are pleased to report the success attained in this term of Free High school. Everything was directed with care and thoughtfulness. Miss Libby gives to the school all her time and no efforts to interest her pupils are spared. The results for the whole school year were more than gratifying. She should teaching her special calling.

**SECTION NO. 3.**

Summer term taught by Miss Lutie Hunt; winter term by Miss Grace Rogers.

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**SECTION NO. 4.**

Summer term taught by Miss Carrie Reynolds; winter term by Miss Olive Green.

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**SECTION NO. 5.**

Summer term taught by Miss Belle Gerald; winter term by Miss Maud McGray.

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**SECTION NO. 7.**

Summer term taught by Miss Nellie Hazeltine; winter term by Miss Alice Homstead.

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**SECTION NO. 8.**

Summer term taught by Miss Lula Hathorn. The number of scholars attending school in Section No. 8 during the summer term was so very small, your committee deemed it proper to suspend this school for the winter term. A part of the scholars in this section attended school in Detroit; the remainder were convened at Section No. 7.

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**SECTION NO. 9.**

Summer term taught by Miss Maud McGray; winter term by G. Twitchell, Jr.

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**SECTION NO. 10.**

The summer and winter terms, also the Free High school, was under the care of Miss Lou M. Ward. Her labors in this school were successful in a marked degree. Miss Ward is a fine scholar, a graduate of the State Normal School at Gorham. She



has pride and ambition, with other good teaching qualities, imparting many new ideas to her pupils. Give us more teachers like Miss Ward.

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There was a marked improvement in our High schools, large attendance, and a higher grade of scholarship, there being seventy scholars in attendance. In regard to raising money for our Free High schools, a careful study of the Maine School Report shows that two hundred and thirty towns in our State take the advantage given them by law to obtain schooling. Realizing that the future prosperity of our State, and in fact our nation, depends largely upon the education of the rising generation, we cheerfully recommend assisting this noble work by raising money in this town to be expended in Free High schools.

Our schools throughout town have generally proved successful and satisfactory to patrons and to your Board of Committee. We have endeavored to employ only such teachers as have had previous experience in the school room, and who are known by us to be teachers of ability. It is not an easy matter at all times to find such teachers as we would like to employ. The best teachers seldom apply, but are applied for early in the school year. Therefore, if we would have good teachers we must be up and doing.

We have maintained twenty-four weeks in each section, excepting Section No. 5, which closed one week before the term was to expire. The School Board will see that one week is maintained here in excess of other sections during the summer term.

At least two of the nine schoolhouses in town are in a shattered condition, but we hope before any decided action is taken toward the construction of new ones, our citizens will weigh candidly the matter of consolidation. We hope the location of schoolhouses, in a recommendation given by the School Board, will fully appear at our annual meeting.

We are, with respect, your obedient servants,

S. S. COMMITTEE.

By W. E. REYNOLDS, Superintendent.

Burnham, March 6, A. D. 1896.

## TOWN WARRANT.

### STATE OF MAINE.

JO C. B. GILMORE, A CONSTABLE OF THE TOWN OF BURNHAM  
IN THE COUNTY OF WALDO, GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Burnham, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town hall, in said town on the sixteenth day of March, A. D., 1896, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following articles, to wit:

- ART. 1—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- ART. 2—To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.
- ART. 3—To see if the town will grant and raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the maintenance and support of the schools and the poor, and repair of roads and bridges, and to defray all other town charges for the ensuing year.
- ART. 4—To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the support of schools.
- ART. 5—To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise to pay the debts of the town, and to defray all necessary charges for the ensuing year.
- ART. 6—To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the support of roads and bridges for the ensuing year, and if in labor to establish the price of the same.
- ART. 7—To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen and treasurer to hire money for the use of the town for the ensuing year if necessary.
- ART. 8—To see what method the town will adopt to collect their taxes for the ensuing year.
- ART. 9—To see what sum of money the town will raise to furnish school books for the use of pupils for the ensuing year in the public schools.
- ART. 10—To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for Free High school.
- ART. 11—To see what method the town will adopt to care for and drive the hearse for the ensuing year.

- ART. 12—To see if the town will vote to consolidate school districts, Nos. 7 and 8 and build a new schoolhouse.
- ART. 13—To see if the town will vote to build a new schoolhouse in Dist. No. 7.
- ART. 14—To see what sum of money the town will vote for the repair of schoolhouses.
- ART. 15—To see if the town will vote to pay Helen P. Hazeltine for injury sustained by falling on the sidewalk, and if so, how much.
- ART. 16—To see what action the town will take in relation to fencing the old burying ground near Eli Twitchell's.
- ART. 17—To see if the town will vote to accept the road as laid out by the selectmen from T. J. Braley's to the town road.
- ART. 18—To see if the town will accept the list of jurymen as made out by the selectmen, town clerk and treasurer.
- ART. 19—To see if the town will vote to allow Geo. F. Sherman the right of way across the north-east corner of the schoolhouse lot in Dist. No. 5.
- ART. 20—To see what action the town will take in relation to keeping the Eelweir bridge snowed next winter.
- ART. 21—To see what action the town will take in relation to taking care of the Town hall and store for the ensuing year.
- ART. 22—To act upon any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The selectmen give notice that they shall be in session for the purpose of correcting the list of voters in said town and hearing and deciding upon applications of persons claiming to have their names entered upon the said list at the town office at 9 o'clock in the forenoon of the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands this sixth day of March, A. D., 1896.

G. E. BERRY,	}	Selectmen of Burnham.
C. F. MITCHELL,		
F. B. LANE.		