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OF THE
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS
AND
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OF THE
TOWN OF ALBION,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
MARCH 1ST, 1884.



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BENJ. BUNKER, STEAM BOOK AND JOB PRINTER.
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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

OF THE FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS OF THE TOWN, MARCH 1, 1884.

RECEIPTS.

From James Whitaker, former Coll. and Treas.....	\$249	57
“ Nathan Davis “ “	77	38
“ A. H. Hammond, “ “	942	49
“ Tax bills.....	7,431	83
“ Bank School fund and mill tax:.....	588	28
“ Use of hearse out of town.....	3	00
“ Taxes abated last year.....	3	90
	<u>\$9,296</u>	<u>45</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Paid State Tax for 1883.....	\$1,485	45
“ County “ “	540	82
“ For Support of Schools.....	1,458	55
“ “ Labor on Highway—Highway Tax....	3,050	00
“ “ Hearse.....	450	00
“ “ Road Machine.....	200	00
“ “ Freight on Road Machine.....	14	40
“ “ Point for “ “	2	00
“ “ Finishing tomb.....	24	50
“ “ Maine Law Reports.....	55	00
“ “ Plank for Bridges.....	44	70
“ “ Repairs of Roads and Bridges.....	12	67
“ “ Snow Bill.....	8	25
“ “ Orders drawn prior to March 1st, 1883.	24	72
“ “ Printing Town Reports for 1882.....	8	00
“ “ Blank Books and Stationery.....	12	00
“ “ Frank Shorey for buying hearse.....	4	00
“ “ Three M. Shingles for Hearse House.	7	50
“ “ Cash expenses of Selectmen.....	9	50
“ “ Seven trips with Hearse.....	14	00
“ “ Straps and Mats for Hearse.....	1	00
“ “ Repairs on Hearse House.....	1	50
“ “ Land for burying ground in school district No. 4.....	30	00
“ “ Fencing same.....	50	55

" " Land for Burying Ground on Libby Hill.....	18 06
" " Fencing same.....	32 75
" " Labor on road east of S. Warren's....	10 56
" " G. W. Littlefield damage on Highway	3 25
" " F. K. Hussey " "	5 00
" " B. F. Abbott paying State Pensions..	3 00
" " G. B. Wood, use of Pound.....	2 00
" " B. F. Abbott, calling extra town meeting	1 50
" " Blacksmith bill for hinges for hearse house, and sharpening road machine point.....	4 80
" " Counsel in Stockton case.....	1 00
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	\$7,591 03

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

To Nathan Davis, Collector of 1881.....	\$4 75
" A. H. Hammond, Collector of 1882.....	19 31
" " " Highway Tax in bills of 1882.....	21 61
" B. F. Abbott, Collector of 1883.....	27 20
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	\$72 87

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

D. G. Mudgett, 1st Selectman.....	\$72 25
Same for horse and carriage out of town.....	3 00
J. G. Parmeter, 2d Selectman.....	45 00
J. W. Stratton, 3d ".....	37 35
B. F. Abbott, Collector and Treasurer.....	79 00
Mrs. L. D. Marden, Supervisor of Schools....	61 00
B. F. Abbott, Town Clerk.....	8 00
S. H. Bradstreet, Auditor of Accounts.....	1 00
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	\$306 60

SUPPORT OF POOR ON TOWN FARM.

EXPENDITURES ON FARM.

Paid C. E. Clark balance of salary as Overseer for 1882-83.....	35 00
Paid C. E. Clark salary to March 1st, 1884....	197 00
" Store bill including meal fed to oxen.....	170 21
" Grass seed.....	9 85
" Haying tools, 1.40; Plow castings, 5.15..	6 55
" Use of bull and boar.....	3 50
" Phosphate, 1.12; Garden seeds, .34,.....	1 46
" Paris Green, .55; Wool Carding, .24;...	79
" Repairs on clock, .50; Pump, 1.25;.....	1 75

" Use cider mill, .25 ; repairing tinware, .40	65	
" Blacksmith bill.....	11 05	
" Saw bill, 13.53 ; Seed Oats, 5.15.....	18 68	
" Four yearlings.....	68 00	
" One pair oxen.....	135 00	
	<hr/>	\$659 49

RECEIPTS FROM TOWN FARM.

For 1 pair oxen.....	\$180 00	
" 5 sheep and 17 lambs.....	60 00	
" 13 pigs, 30.50 ; and 2 calves, 15.50.....	46 00	
" 154½ lbs. wool.....	35 53	
" Butter, 23.50 ; and 11 pounds lard.....	24 82	
" Beef, 12.85 ; Eggs, 11.75.....	24 60	
" Cowhide, 3.00 ; wool and calf skins, 4.00	7 00	
" Oats, 11.71 ; Beans, 6.88.....	18 59	
" 86½ lbs. bacon, 8.65 ; 40 lbs. pork, 4.40.	13 05	
" 10 lbs. Candles, 1.03 ; 2 lbs. rolls, 1.00..	2 03	
" 3 bush. Peas, 4.44 ; 1 bush. onions, 1.60	6 04	
" Use of pasture.....	14 00	
" Old Iron.....	31	
" Hay hooks, 4.00 ; Hemlock lumber 46.49	50 49	
	<hr/>	\$482 46
Expense of Poor on farm.....		\$177 03

SUPPORT OF POOR OUT OF POOR HOUSE.

Paid S. Chalmers, for support of Polly Taylor	26 00	
" Insane Hospital, for E. L. Stratton....	18 45	
" for conveying E. L. Stratton to Insane Hospital.....	8 00	
" for medical services.....	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$54 45
Expenses of Poor off the farm.....		\$54 45
In hands B. F. Abbott, Coll. and Treas.....	796 78	
" A. H. Hammond, former Coll. and Treasurer.....	24 06	
" Nathan Davis, " "	24 06	
" James Whitaker, " "	249 57	
	<hr/>	\$1,094 47
		\$9,296 45

PRESENT FINANCIAL CONDITION.

RESOURCES.

In hands B. F. Abbott.....	796 78
" A. H. Hammond, former Coll. and Treasurer.....	24 06
" Nathan Davis, former Coll. and Treasurer.....	24 06

" James Whitaker, former Coll. and Treasurer.....	249 57	
	<hr/>	\$1,094 47

LIABILITIES.

Due the several school districts.....	234 29	
" Outstanding orders.....	56 00	
" Augusta for support of James Austin...	27 00	
" Insane Hospital for E. L. Stratton.....	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$332 29
Balance in favor of the town.....		\$762 18

INVENTORY OF STOCK & PROVISION ON TOWN FARM,

MARCH 1st, 1884.

2 oxen, 135.00; 4 cows, 100.00.....	\$235 00	
4 three year olds, 80.00; 31 sheep, 124.00...	204 00	
2 pigs, 18.00; 20 hens, 7.00.....	25 00	
20 tons of hay.....	160 00	
1 bbl. pork 20.00; 1 bbl. soap, 4.00.....	24 00	
$\frac{1}{8}$ bbl. flour, 2.50; 1 gall. kerosene oil, .18....	2 68	
12 bush. oats, 6.00; 2 bush. beans, 5.00....	11 00	
20 " potatoes, 4.00; 1 bush. meal, .80....	4 80	
1 " onions, 75; $\frac{1}{2}$ bush. wheat, 63.....	1 38	
$\frac{1}{2}$ " peas, 75; Hayseed, 2.00.....	2 75	
125 lbs. shorts, 1.62; 40 lbs. beef, 3.25; 25 lbs. Lard, 3.00.....	7 87	
12 " butter, 2.40; 4 lbs. candles, .40.....	2 80	
	<hr/>	\$681 28

D. G. MUDGETT,	} Selectmen of Albion.
J. G. PARMETER,	
J. W. STRATTON.	

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen of the town of Albion ending March 1st, 1884, and allowed them as herein reported.

S. H. BRADSTREET, *Auditor.*

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS, FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1884.

DISTRICT No. 2.—John Farris, Agent.

Summer Term—by Miss M. Stella Fall, of Albion. Miss F. is a resident of this district, and has taught the school one term before. At both visits we found everything in good working order, and the final examination was satisfactory.

Winter Term—by Burton P. Shaw, of Newburgh. Mr. S. came into our town last year as a teacher, and met with good success.

We were pleased to see him again among our schools, and although the term was short we could see a marked improvement. The teacher seemed to devote his attention to the thoroughness of his pupils and they evinced a desire to succeed. Good order and prompt recitations were the prevailing features.

DISTRICT No. 3.—Ora O. Crosby, Agent.

Summer Term—by Miss Annie J. Chase, of Albion. We rank Miss C. as one of our first teachers, and her success was equal to, if not better than last year, in this school of so many terms in succession. The examination was excellent.

Winter Term—by Miss Olive A. Gould, of Albion. Miss G. is an instructor of some 20 terms experience, and has taught all our first schools in town; she fully sustained her former reputation as teacher, and the pupils did excellent work under her instruction.

DISTRICT No. 4.—James F. Holmes, Agent.

Summer Term—by Charlotte B. Taylor, of Albion. Miss T. is a teacher of some experience, and in this, as on former occasions, the result was successful.

Winter Term—by John V. Chapman, of Freedom. A number of large pupils attended school this season, and we fear that the teacher

did not take the interest required to make this a profitable term. Examination a failure.

DISTRICT No. 5.—John H. Whitaker, Agent.

Summer Term—by Emma F. Webb, of Albion. Miss W., as on former occasions, evinced a desire to succeed, laboring hard for the advancement of those under her charge; the examination showed that she had faithfully performed her task. The term was creditable to the teacher and profitable to the district.

Winter Term—by Fred B. Hussey, of Albion. At both visits we found a large number of pupils present, paying strict attention to their books, and when called up to recite did it with a promptness that showed they had had the best of instruction. Mr. H. understands his vocation and is successful in it.

DISTRICT No. 6.—Wm. A. Varney, Agent.

Summer Term—by Belle E. Taylor. This is *one* of our pleasantest little schools, nicely located, and with all the modern conveniences. We found both teacher and pupils working together in harmony for the advancement of book knowledge. Examination good.

Winter Term—by Alma C. Barnes, of Palermo. This is our first acquaintance with Miss B. in our town as a teacher. She is mild and pleasant with those intrusted to her care, gaining the good will and love of them all. Their progress in Grammar was *particularly* good.

DISTRICT No. 8.—G. Boardman Wood, Agent.

Summer Term—by Sadie F. Shorey, of Albion. We were very sorry to meet so few scholars in this school, especially when they had such an excellent teacher; but we can truthfully say that those present made thorough and rapid advancement.

Winter Term—by J. F. Libby, of Locke's Mills. Mr. Libby stands very high in our estimation as a teacher, working wholly for his pupils, and making their lessons so plain, by explanation, that they cannot help retaining them. The last two days of his school were spent in final examinations, nicely classified, and with a great degree of interest. We are glad that our scholars are to receive more of his instruction.

DISTRICT No. 9.—Abel Works, Agent.

Summer Term—by Ella M. Jones, of Unity. This is Miss J.'s first attempt at teaching, but she is just the one to follow this occupation. Good order prevailed and every lesson was thoroughly learned at the

proper time. A good work was accomplished, and we hope to meet her again in our schools.

Winter Term—by Emma F. Webb, of Albion. Miss W. is an experienced teacher, having spent quite a number of weeks with these scholars before. Examinations and progress fair.

DISTRICT No. 10.—Charles Fuller, Agent.

Summer Term—by Rosa M. Abbott, of Clinton. Miss A. is a brisk young lady, finely educated, and has the improved methods of imparting her knowledge to others; she labors hard with her pupils and we trust with more experience she will make a first-class teacher.

Winter Term—by Chas. M. Turner, of Palermo. Mr. T. is a young teacher, this being his first attempt; with more age and experience he may succeed.

DISTRICT No. 11.—Joseph Taylor, Agent.

One term for the year taught by Charlotte B. Taylor, of Albion. A good work was accomplished in this small but interesting school.

DISTRICT No. 12.—Myrick Peaslee, Agent.

Summer and Winter Terms—by Lizzie J. Fuller, of Albion. During the summer the scholars made quite good progress. The winter term is still in session and has been visited but once. We trust everything has moved along all right.

DISTRICT No. 13.—Hartwell G. Robinson, Agent.

Summer and Winter Terms—by Nellie H. Barnes, of Albion. Miss B. is one of our persevering and wide awake teachers. The scholars for the past year have made fair improvement under her instruction.

DISTRICT No. 14.—J. Wesley Ridlon, Agent.

Summer Term—by Myra N. Libby, of Albion. This is Miss L's first attempt at teaching, and she worked with a determination to succeed. Order was good and she seemed to gain the confidence of her scholars. She bids fair to make a good teacher.

Fall Term—by Mary O. Herrick, of Benton. Miss H. is a teacher of some experience. Good order prevailed, and the term's work, though short, was very satisfactory.

Winter Term.—by Ellen F. Abbott, of Albion. At my first visit the appearance of the school was such as led me to expect a profitable term. The teacher appeared anxious to improve those under

her care, and at the final examination I found that they had made good progress.

CONCLUSION.

In submitting to you my second annual report of the schools in Albion, I wish to call your attention to a *few* facts that have been strongly impressed upon my mind, since it has been my duty to oversee the schools in this town. I do not justify all of my own acts—"To err is human"; neither shall I take to myself all of the blame in cases of failures. It is a pretty delicate matter for a Supervisor to refuse to give a certificate to a teacher after the agent has hired them. Agents occupy an important place in the ranks of school officials. Be careful whom you employ for teachers. Do not engage the first one that comes along. Inquire about them. We are confident that three-fourths of the success of our schools depend upon having teachers adapted to the school. Employ such as are competent to govern as well as instruct. Retain those teachers whom you know, by actual experience, have the disposition and ability suitable to conduct a first-class school, in every sense of the word, even if it requires a little more scrip to recompense them for their services.

Parents should visit the schools often, and become familiar with both teacher and scholars. Do not stay at home and criticise the school without any knowledge of its merits. Be present on examination days and see for yourselves what progress they have made.

We hope that the change in books that have been made in the past year will not prove detrimental to our schools, but a benefit, and that the youths will reap a bountiful harvest from them.

MRS. L. D. MARDEN, *Supervisor.*

STATISTICAL VIEW OF THE SCHOOLS, MARCH 1, 1884.

No. of District.	Name of Teacher.	School Commenced.	School Closed.	Length of term in weeks.		No. Scholars registered.	Average attendance.	No. not absent.	Wages.*	Price of Board per week.	Terms taught before.
2	M. Stella Fall, B. P. Shaw.	June 4.	Aug. 3.	9	17	12	1	\$2 50	1 50	4	
		Dec. 10.	Jan. 8.	8	25	21	0	26 00	2 00	8	
3	Annie J. Chase, Olive A. Gould.	May 28.	July 27.	9	15	13	2	2 65	1 35	8	
		Dec. 3.	Feb. 1.	9	16	14	7	4 00	1 00	20	
4	Charlotte B. Taylor, John V. Chapman.	June 4.	Aug. 3.	9	20	16	0	4 00	2 00	7	
		Dec. 10.	Feb. 8.	9	30	24	1	17 78	2 50	2	
5	Emma F. Webb, Fred B. Hussey.	June 4.	Aug. 24.	12	36	26	0	4 50	1 30	11	
		Dec. 4.	Feb. 8.	10	32	27	5	25 00	1 75	4	
6	Belle E. Taylor, Alma C. Barnes.	May 21.	Aug. 3.	11	19	14	1	2 75	1 30	3	
		Oct. 22.	Dec. 22.	10	24	20	2	3 00	1 55	4	
8	Sadie F. Shorey, J. F. Libby.	June 4.	Aug. 3.	9	20	12	1	3 00	1 50	12	
		Dec. 3.	Feb. 5.	9	39	33	2	38 00	3 00	12	
9	Elta M. Jones, Emma F. Webb.	May 14.	July 13.	9	21	14	0	2 00	1 60	0	
		Nov. 12.	Jan. 18.	9	19	15	2	4 00	1 65	13	
10	Rosa M. Abbott, Chas. M. Turner.	June 4.	Aug. 10.	10	21	14	0	2 25	1 75	0	
		Nov. 5.	Dec. 23.	8	22	20	0	25 00	2 00	0	
11	Charlotte B. Taylor, Lizzie J. Fuller.	Sept. 3.	Jan. 3.	17	7	4	1	4 00	1 75	8	
		June 11.	Aug. 13.	10	17	15	6	2 25	1 25	2	
13	Nellie H. Barnes, "	Dec. 3.									
		May 7.	June 20	8	8	7	2	2 00	1 30	1	
14	Myra N. Libby, Mary O. Herrick, Ellen F. Abbott.	Dec. 3.	Feb. 9.	10	14	4	1	3 00	1 50	2	
		May 7.	June 28.	8	21	18	7	2 75	1 00	0	
		Sept. 3.	Oct. 19.	7	23	18	4	3 00	1 00	2	
		Dec. 3.	Jan. 17.	6	20	17	0	4 00	1 25	5	

* Male teachers, reckon per month; female per week