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March 1, 1892.

Selectmen's Report.



Appropriated and assessed for the year ending Feb. 29, 1892.	
For State tax.....	\$1,107 16
County tax.....	402 68
Town charges.....	1,400 00
Road machine.....	250 00
Free high school.....	100 00
School text books.....	50 00
Highways.....	1,500 00
Support of school.....	954 40
Overlayings.....	145 32
Deficient highway tax of '90.....	45 18
	\$5,954 74
Valuation of town April 1, 1891.	
Resident real estate.....	\$263,130 00
Non resident real estate.....	14,825 00
	277,955 00
Personal estate.....	83,069 00
	\$361,024 00
Rate of taxation, \$14½ on \$1,000	
Assessed on 245 polls at \$2.75.	
Total receipts for the fiscal year ending Feb. 29, 1892.	
Rec'd from N. Davis, Treas. acct. 1890.....	\$ 106 40
" " " " " 1891.....	5,954 74
Dexter, for sup. of Albert F. Wing.....	352 55
Easton, for sup. of Simeon Harding.....	6 61
State for free high school.....	140 00
State school fund.....	672 82
For use of town house.....	5 48
For use of hearse out of town.....	2 00
From sup. school committee.....	20 83
For taxes formerly abated.....	2 00
	\$7,273 43

EXPENDITURES.

Paid State tax	\$1,107 16	
County tax	402 68	
For support of schools	1,587 53	
Driving hearse	40 00	
Printing town reports '90	15 00	
Road machine	250 00	
Albert F. Wing	198 55	
Text books	45 88	
Use of pound	2 00	
Storing road machines	2 00	
Special constables	4 00	
Cash expenses of selectmen	5 70	
Interest on orders	55 00	
Otis Meader, moderator	2 00	
Teachers for free high schools	280 00	
Abatements for 1889-90-91	43 41	
Repairs on road machine	3 10	
Blank books, stationery and postage	7 43	
Preparing state assessors blanks	6 75	
Cost in selling non resident estate	16 08	
Building graveyard fences	3 16	
School blanks	59 28	
Varnishing and repairs on hearse	8 90	
Filling and recording birth cards and burial permits	2 16	
Leroy Libbev, taking care of town house	5 00	
		\$4,122 76

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid amount of tax worked out	\$1,500 00	
For dock bridge	11 85	
Plank	27 35	
Cash for labor	289 05	
Cash for snow bills of '91	125 73	
		\$1,954 98

SUPPORT OF POOR ON TOWN FARM.

Paid Arthur Crawford, bal. of sal. as overseer '90, '91	\$ 25 00	
" " " " " " '91, '92	\$275 00	
Store bill	106 93	
For corn and meal	38 69	
Shorts	14 45	
Phosphate	21 25	
Harrow	14 00	
Grass seed	8 15	
Blacksmith bill	16 73	
Use of male animals	50	
2 yoke of steers	100 00	
4 heifers	48 00	
Pigs	4 00	
Boots and rubbers	2 40	
Medical attendance	5 00	
Sled runners	1 00	

Beef.....	23 50
Lumber.....	2 00
Repairing wheels.....	6 75
Bricks.....	7 00
Cow.....	32 00
Repairs on shed.....	12 53
Insuring farm buildings.....	18 00
Pump.....	6 00
Rubber buckets.....	80
Carding rolls.....	57
Cleaning clock.....	50
Horse fork and fixtures.....	6 75
Driving cattle.....	1 00
Filing saw.....	65
Pole for mowing machine.....	2 00
Plow point.....	65
Oats.....	6 00
Ox baskets.....	35
Butter tray.....	50
Cash in superintendent's hands.....	6 32
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	\$814 97

RECEIPTS FROM TOWN FARM.

1 yoke of steers.....	\$ 70 00
2 cows.....	50 00
2 calves.....	9 50
Lambs.....	54 00
Wool.....	42 00
Eggs.....	23 10
Straw.....	4 00
Barrels.....	1 00
Beans.....	13 32
Oats.....	61 79
Potatoes.....	19 80
Butter.....	3 60
Rolls.....	50
Socks.....	2 70
Pasturing.....	15 00
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	\$380 31
Expense of poor on farm.....	\$444 66

INSANE HOSPITAL.

Paid Insane Hospital for Mrs. Lucinda Moody.....	\$151 01
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TOWN OFFICERS BILLS.

Paid D. G. Mudgett, selectman, assessor etc...	\$ 67 50	
Same for horse and carriage out of town..	3 00	
Geo. B. Pray, selectman, assessor etc.....	50 25	
R. L. Baker, " " "	39 80	
E. F. Crummett, school committee.....	39 00	
W. L. Davis " "	23 70	
C. W. Abbott, M. D. "	26 50	
Nathan Davis coll. and treas.....	58 00	
C. A. Drake town clerk.....	10 00	
O. O. Crosby auditor of acct.....	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$318 75

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Paid Otis Meader, sec'y.....	\$ 7 00	
C. W. Abbott, M. D.	3 00	
R. L. Baker.....	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$18 00
Total expenditures.....	\$7,005 16	
In hands of N. Davis, treas.....	271 81	
Deducting outstanding orders.....	3 54	
	<hr/>	\$7,273 43

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Financial Standing of Town.

RESOURCES.

In hands of N. Davis, coll. and treas.....	\$271 81	
" S. S. Committee.....	8 45	
	<hr/>	\$280 26

LIABILITIES.

Due the several school districts.....	\$180 95	
Insane Hospital for Mrs. Lucinda Moody.....	38 07	
	<hr/>	218 02
Balance in favor of the town.....		<hr/>
		\$62 24

INVENTORY OF STOCK, PRODUCE, PROVISIONS AND
FARMING TOOLS ON TOWN FARM MAR. 1st, 1892.

1 yoke of oxen.....	\$125 00
2 " steers.....	135 00
2 cows.....	55 00
4 2 yr. old heifers.....	60 00
47 sheep.....	220 00
2 shoats.....	12 00
24 hens.....	12 00
17 tons hay.....	136 00
3 " straw.....	12 00
70 bushels oats.....	31 50
2½ " beans.....	5 00
65 " potatoes.....	16 25
1 " peas.....	1 50
25 lbs. lard.....	2 50
10 " butter.....	2 00
65 " shorts.....	85
165 " pork.....	16 50
10 " sugar.....	50
1½ " tea.....	75
½ " rolls.....	25
2 gals. molasses.....	80
1 lb. soda.....	05
Spices.....	10
2 bbl. apples.....	2 00
½ " pickles.....	1 00
4 bu. ground feed.....	2 25
1 pelt.....	75
1 mowing machine.....	25 00
4 harrows.....	16 00
1 cultivator.....	6 00
1 ox sled and 3 chains.....	10 00
3 yokes, rings and staples.....	3 00
1 ox rake, cart and wheels.....	12 00
2 axes and wood saw.....	1 50
2 scythes and snathes.....	1 25
Shovels, hoes, forks and rake.....	2 50
1 horse rake.....	12 00
1 grind stone.....	1 00
1 crow bar.....	75
1 horse fork and fixtures.....	6 00
2 plows.....	15 00
3 baskets.....	75
2 iron wedges and sledge.....	1 25

\$965.55

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

Money raised by town.....	\$100 00	
“ received from State.....	140 00	
“ “ balance from last year.....	53 00	
		<u>\$293 00</u>
Paid for support of same.....		280 00
		<u>\$13 00</u>
Balance in treasury.....		\$13 00

Respectfully submitted,

D. G. MUDGETT,	}	SELECTMEN OF ALBION.
G. B. PRAY,		
R. L. BAKER.		

I have examined the accounts of the selectmen and find them correct.

O. O. Crosby, Auditor.

Report of Superintending School Committee.

SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Amount raised by vote of town.....	\$954 40
received from State.....	672 82
	<u>\$1,627 22</u>
Total.....	\$1,627 22
20 per cent out.....	325 44
	<u>\$1,301 78</u>
To be apportioned equally.....	\$1,301 78

Whole number of scholars, 298. Rate per scholar \$4.37.

The money was apportioned among the several districts as follows:

No. of Dist.	No. of Schol.	Amt. Appro.	Amt. Added	Total Appro.	Amt. not drawn	Amt. overdrawn	Total expend
		1891.	1891.	1891.	1890.	1890.	1891.
2	28	\$122 36	\$13 11	\$135 47	\$11 39		\$146 86
3	35	152 95	21 29	174 24	11 15		185 99
4	40	174 80	21 29	196 09	23 70		219 79
5	29	126 73	21 26	148 52			148 02
6	14	61 18	56 81	117 99	9 96		127 95
8	44	192 28	21 29	213 57			213 57
9	34	148 58	21 29	169 87	8 90		178 77
10	24	104 86	13 11	117 99	8 90		126 89
11					2 83		2 83
12	17	74 29	43 70	117 99	18 44		131 43
13	11	48 07	69 02	117 99			117 99
14	22	96 14	21 85	117 99	6 47		124 46

School Statistics of the Town.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1892.

No. of Dist.	Number Scholars Registered.		Average Number Registered	Length School in Weeks.		Wages per Month.		Wages per Week.		Price of Board.		No. Terms Taught Before.
	S	W		S	W	S	W	S	W	S	W	
2	M. Stella Brown,	11	10	8		\$3 00		\$1 50			12	
	" "	11	9.8	10			\$5 00		\$1 85		13	
3	Annie Copeland,	14	12	8	10	3 00		1 25		1 50	1	
	S. Lettie Smiley,	16	13	12			4 50				20	
4	Lilla S. Parmenter,	21	19	10		3 50		1 50			4	
	Thomas O. Knights,	25	20	14		\$25		2 50			3	
5	Lilla M. Whittaker,	18	14	8	15	3 00		1 60			1	
	Minnie F. Foss,	22	14	15			4 50		1 50		12	
6	Maude I. Fletcher,	9	7	8		3 00		1 40			7	
	Mae E. Foss,	8	6	12			4 00		1 50		16	
8	Anna A. Wood,	26	21	10		3 00		1 25			9	
	Charles E. Wilson,	18	13	11	35			Given			3	
9	Carrie E. Whitaker,	20	16	8		3 00		1 25			5	
	Fred Wiggin,	26	22	13	30				1 40		2	
10	Mina N. Gerald,	12	8	11		2 50		1 50			7	
	Fannie M. Shorey,	9	7	10			3 50		1 50		11	
12	Ellen F. Abbott,	8	7	10		3 00		1 25			22	
	Lilla S. Parmenter,	12	11	12			3 75		1 60		5	
13	Alice S. Brooks,	5	4	8		2 75		1 20				
	C. Jewett Lincoln,	8	7½	14	16				1 90		8	
14	Ella F. Shorey,	10	9	8		3 00		1 30				
	Ethel F. Clark,	15	13	12			4 00		1 30		4	

DISTRICTS IN DETAIL.

DIST. NO. 2—GEO. FALLI, AGENT.

The school for the year was placed under the care of Mrs. M. Stella Brown. Mrs. Brown is a thorough and systematic teacher. The scholars made good progress and the school for the year was a success.

DIST. NO. 3—JOHN COPELAND, AGENT.

Summer term was taught by Miss Annie Copeland. Miss Copeland succeeded in interesting her pupils and the examination showed the scholars had received a good drill.

Winter term was under the instruction of Miss Lettie Smiley, who is an experienced teacher. In this school, teacher and scholar worked together with the best of results. Order good.

DIST. NO. 4—ALONZO SHOREY, AGENT.

Summer term taught by Lilla S. Parmenter who is much interested in her work and a good disciplinarian. Examination good. Her method of instruction is excellent. Profitable term.

Winter term was under the instruction of Mr. Thomas O. Knight of Unity. A young man of good scholarship and reputation as a teacher. On our first visit we expected an excellent school, but on our second, was much disappointed in the examination which was almost an entire failure. We think Mr. Knight worked hard for the interest of the school but by asking leading questions and answering them mostly himself made the school lacking in thoroughness which is essential to a profitable term.

DIST. NO. 5—JOSEPH WHITTAKER, AGENT.

Summer term of eight weeks was taught Miss Lilla M. Whittaker of Albion. Miss Whittaker is a good scholar and practical in her manner of instruction, but not so firm in discipline as we think a teacher should be in this school. The closing examination showed that good work had been done.

Winter term by Miss Minnie F. Foss of Albion. Miss Foss is one of our best teachers, firm and impartial in discipline. At our first visit we found the school well organized and the scholars orderly and studious. Our last visit showed good improvement by those present.

DIST. NO. 6—WM. A. VARNEY, AGENT.

Summer term was taught by Miss Mild Fletcher of China. This is a quiet orderly school and we think the term profitable to all.

Winter term by Mae E. Foss who is one of our best and oldest teachers. The school though small was almost perfect in examination showing hard and conscientious work by the teachers and pupils. The map drill deserves especial mention.

DIST. NO. 8—G. B. WOOD, AGENT.

Summer term was taught by Anna A. Wood who has had charge of the school before. She is first class teacher and the term's work was well done.

Winter term by Charles E. Wilson who ranks as one of our best teachers. The school was much broken up by sickness but on the whole was a profitable term.

DIST. NO. 9—CHARLES B. LITTLEFIELD, AGENT.

Summer term by Miss Carrie Whitaker of Albion. We think Miss Whitaker labored earnestly for the best interest of her pupils, but for some reason failed to gain the respect of some of her scholars, and they were not so orderly and studious as they should have been. At our last visit we found that some of the scholars had learned well.

Winter term by Mr. Fred Wiggin of Knox. Mr. Wiggin spared no pains to make his school a success. At the first of the term we found the order good, and the methods of instruction met our approval. The school is still keeping, at the time of making out this report, but we feel safe in stating that good work will be done.

NO. 10—MAXEY HAMLIN, AGENT.

Summer term of eleven weeks was taught by Mrs. Mina N. Gerald of Albion. Mrs. Gerald seemed to know the wants of these few young scholars and labored faithfully for their best interests. When we visited the school near the close and scholars were studious and attentive. The improvement was good.

Winter term by Miss Fannie M. Shorey of Albion. At our first visit we found the order good and the classes well arranged. The closing examination showed that good improvement had been made.

DIST. NO. 12—ORLANDO THOMPSON, AGENT.

Summer term was under the charge of Ellen F. Abbott, a teacher of much experience, who as usual taught a successful term. Good advancement and thorough. There are some fine scholars in this District.

Miss Lilla S. Parmenter had charge of the winter term. The advancement was good and the scholars were prompt in their recitation and we think Miss Parmenter gave general satisfaction in the discharge of her duties.

DISTRICT NO. 13, JAMES HUSSEY, AGENT.

Summer term by Miss Alice S. Brooks of Palermo. This was Miss Brooks' first attempt at teaching. We think the few scholars under her instructions made good improvement.

Winter term by C. Jewett Lincoln of Albion. Though a beginner we think Mr. Lincoln succeeded well, but wishing to attend medical lectures at Brunswick he closed his school at the end of ten weeks and Mr. Perkins of Palermo was employed to finish the term. Mr. Perkins is a good scholar and with experience will make a good teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 14, C. E. CLARK, AGENT.

Ella F. Shorey taught the summer term. Miss Shorey means business and understands how a school should be managed to make it a success; a profitable term was the result. Miss Shorey is one of our leading teachers.

Winter term was taught by Miss Ethel Clark of Unity. Miss Clark is perfectly at home in the schoolroom and the closing examination was a success.

FREE HIGH SCHOOL,

There was a Free High school in dist. No. 8 taught by Mr. Lorin Herrick of Leeds and C. E. Wilson of Albion. There was a thorough examination made in both departments at its close which was nearly perfect showing that good systematic work had been done, making it a very profitable term.

Wages of Herrick, \$40 per month,	\$100	
Board, \$3 00 per week,	30	
Wages of Wilson,	50	
		\$180.

A term of Free High school was taught in dist. No. 9 by Miss Carrie A. Hatch of Liberty, a Kents' Hill student. This school was very large for one teacher, registering forty scholars. Miss Hatch is a wide awake energetic teacher; her methods are modern, practical and thorough. She succeeded at once in establishing order and gaining the respect of her scholars and we think the school gave general satisfaction. Term's work good.

Wages of teacher \$8 00 per week, ten weeks,	\$80.00	
Cost of board \$2 00 per week,	20.00	
Cost of term,		\$100 00

REMARKS.

As a whole, your schools have enjoyed another year of prosperity and we have endeavored to give a faithful sketch of the work of your respective schools. There has not been a single case of complete failure in any school in town during the past year and cases of partial failure are very rare. Marked advancement in the majority of the studies has been noticeable. This has been due in a great measure to the earnest efforts of the teachers, encouraged by the support of the parents and your committee. Some of your schools are very small and with so few pupils, schools are not as interesting and where there is a lack of interest there is likewise a lack of profit. Your agents for the past year as a rule, were very fortunate in the selection of teachers. Some however think that because their school is small they must hire a cheap teacher in order to lengthen out the school, but we think that eight weeks of good school is better than twelve or more of poor school. Therefore our advice is hire a good competent teacher and pay them so that they can afford to teach a good school.

Respectfully submitted,

E. F. CROMMETT,
W. L. DAVIS,
DR. C. W. ABBOTT.

} SUPERINTENDING
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF ALBION.

Albion, March 1st, 1892.

Report of Board of Health.

In submitting this our annual report we beg leave to say that we have complied with the requirements of the law and held four stated meetings during the year viz: May, August, December and March. At these meetings the sanitary condition of the town has been discussed, the general health of the community considered and various precautionary measures for the prevention of contagious diseases examined. No outbreak of contagious diseases has occurred, although it is evident that but for the prompt and decisive action of the members of the board in ferreting out three scarlet fever "suspects" belonging in Benton, from the crowd at the Albion fair in October last, the germs of that dreaded disease would have been sown broadcast in our midst.

Three complaints of nuisances have been made to the secretary and the same abated. The following deaths have occurred in town during the year ending March 1, 1892:

Horace Norton,	aged 69	April 1	heart disease.
Robert Plummer,	" 72	" 8	cancer.
Mrs. Eliza French,	" 75	" 13	old age.
Alvin Bragg,	" 79	" 16	heart disease.
Silas Bates,	" 82	" 22	influenza.
Nathan Wentworth,	" 72	" 26	stomach trouble.
Harrison Crosby,	" 75	" 27	pneumonia.
Mrs. Lucy Farnham,	" 69	May 3	erysipelas.
Mrs. Abigail Gould,	" 79	" 9	effects of a burn.
John Gould,	" 82	" 10	palsy.
Abel Works,	" 43	June 5	liver trouble.
Mrs. Addie Nichols,	" 27	July 9	consumption of the bowels.
David Fall,	" 78	Aug 7	kindey trouble.
Phillip Leonard,			28 consumption.
Almer Pray,	" 49	Oct. 31	heart disease and dropsy.
Mrs. Elwin Goodwin,	" 75	Nov. 24	"
Mrs. Sarah Rider,	" 50	Jan. 13	rheumatic meningitis.

C. W. ARBOTT, } BOARD OF HEALTH
 O. MEADER, Sec'y, } OF THE
 R. L. BAKER, } TOWN OF ALBION.