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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SELECTMEN, TREASURER,  
TRUSTEES OF GREELY INSTITUTE,  
—AND—  
SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,  
OF THE  
TOWN OF CUMBERLAND,  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEB. 21st, 1877.



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# REPORT.

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## MONEY TAXES ASSESSED 1876.

For State tax,		\$1,923.69
County tax,		867.60
Schools,	\$1,300.80	
Support Poor,	800.00	
Notes and Interest,	1,650.00	
Roads and Bridges,	500.00	
Contingent,	1,000.00	
Collector's Premium,	120.63	
Overlay,	170.37	
Supplement,	28.00	
Unpaid Highway,	49.29	\$5,619.09
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Total Assessment,		\$8,410.38

Total Valuation, \$549,930.00

Total Number of Bolls, 404.

Poll tax, \$3.00.

Rate of taxation, 13 mills on the dollar.

## SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Treas. Insane Hospital, support Eaton and Jones,	\$75.18
Dr. Thomas, attendance on John Hamilton's family, as per vote of town,	7.00
S. T. Merrill, board of Abbott boys to Mar. 27, '76,	45.50
Joab Black, digging grave for Mrs. Simmons,	5.00
Barnwill J. Thompson, one year's board of Betsey Hamilton,	52.00
Dr. Ingalls, attendance on paupers on island as per vote of town,	15.00
S. Rich & Son, coffin for pauper on island,	13.00
Geo. Marston, coffin for Mrs. Sarah Simmons,	10.00
S. T. Merrill, board and clothing for Abbott boys,	50.83
Treas. Insane Hospital, support Eaton, Jones and Bryan,	81.14
Edward Butler, aid to poor,	2.60
Chas. Wyman, for transient paupers,	10.25
J. R. Frost, board and grave clothes for Sarah Simmons,	37.43
Treas. Insane Hospital, support Eaton, Jones and Bryan,	101.79
S. T. Merrill, board of Abbott boys to Dec. 27, '76,	78.00
“ clothing for Abbott boys,	10.69
Treas. Insane Hospital for Eaton, Jones & Bryan,	99.31
Edward Butler, far aid to poor,	5.55
Enos Blanchard, feeding and lodging 22 tramps,	17.25
Hamilton & Co., supplies furnished poor on island,	16.12
H. A. Lamb, M. D., examination of Wm. J. Bryan,	2.00
B. H. Ordway, “ “ “	2.00
E. C. Barber, one pair shoes Wm. J. Bryan,	2.00
S. Hamilton, board of Jane Webber, seven weeks, \$2.00 per week,	14.00
Asa Sawyer, feeding and lodging 34 tramps,	30.60
M. W. Hail, M. D., professional services rendered to Mrs. Simmons, 1875,	12.25

M. W. Hall, M. D., professional services rendered to Mrs. Simmons' 1876,	20.25
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	\$816.74
Sum raised by town,	800.00
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Balance against town,	\$16.74

#### INTEREST ON NOTES.

Paid Wm. M. Merrill, interest on town note of \$1,000	75.00
Treas. Portland Savings Bank, interest on town note of \$3,000	109.50
Trustees Greeley Institute, interest on notes of \$12,000, \$6,000, \$2,000 and \$500	615.00
N. L. Merrill, interest on town note of \$300	21.00
Treasurer Portland Savings Bank in interest on town note of \$3,000	109.50
Trustees Greeley Institute, interest on notes of \$12,000, \$6,000, \$2,000 and \$500	615.00
N. L. Merrill, interest in full on \$300 town note	9.39
Trustees Cumberland School Fund,	52.62
Wm. M. Merrill, interest on \$250 town note,	17.50
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	\$1,624.51
Sum raised by town,	1,650.00
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Balance in favor of town,	\$25.49

#### ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Samuel Winch, labor in District No. 16,	\$6.90
Otis A. Mountfort, " "	7.40
P. A. Merrill, stringers, plank & labor, Dist. No. 9,	23.41
Rufus Morrison, labor in Dist. No. 16,	8.00
Thomas Lowell, building new road in Dist. No. 9,	194.00
Z. E. G. Prince, three hundred ft. bridge plank,	3.00

Paid I. W. Morrison, blasting ledge and labor on bridge in Dist. No. 14,	42.95
Sewall Whitney, three stringers for Mill bridge,	3.00
Leighton & Wilson, 687 ft. bridge plank, \$12 per M.,	8.24
Lewis Merrill, labor in Dist. No. 8,	19.95
John Legrow, “ “ 16,	13.40
Otis A. Mountfort, 642 ft. bridge plank, \$14 per M., delivered,	8.98
E. T. Hall, 646 ft. bridge plank at \$11 per M., and three stringers for bridge \$1.00 each,	10.10
Z. E. G. Prince, 1 bridge stringer and putting same in Dist. No. 9,	3.20
Wm. M. Merrill, 1,569 ft. bridge plank,	20.72
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	\$373.25
Sum raised by town,	\$500.00
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Balance in favor town,	\$126.75

#### CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Paid Joseph Harris, overwork on highway in Dist. No. 3, 1875,	2.00
A. S. Sweetsir, services March meeting 1876, as per vote town,	3.00
Joab Black, superintending burial ground for 1875,	3.00
J. E. Dunn, taxes refunded as per vote town,	5.40
Wm. E. Edwards, making list ship-owners for 1876,	8.00
Wm. T. Littlefield, overwork on highway in Dist. No. 22, 1875,	3.60
S. T. Merrill, land damage for road crossing his land,	60.00
A. S. Sweetsir, services as Town Clerk for the year 1875,	12.00
Samuel B. Clough, superintending burial ground in 1875,	2.00
J. B. Sweetsir, Adm. Estate, E. Poole, labor on highway Dist. No. 8, 1875,	22.05
Wm. M. Marks, printing town reports of 1876,	20.00
Hollis St. Clair, making deed, examining records and snow bill 1875,	5.40
Kendall & Whitney, one iron scraper,	9.00
Samuel Mountfort, labor on highway as per vote town,	9.40
John A. Hamilton, services as Constable for 1875,	3.00

S. M. Rideout, raising seat on hearse,	2.00
Wm. L. Prince, Auditing town accounts and examining Treasury accounts,	3.00
N. M. Perkins & Co., keg blasting powder and fuse,	5.00
Levi Lufkin, services as Constable for the year 1876,	13.50
L. P. Sturdivant, services and travel as Supervisor, 1876,	70.23
Wm. T. Littlefield, repairing grave yard fence on Island,	2.00
A. R. " services as Selectman and Overseer of Poor, 1876,	23.88
A. S. Sweetsir, services as Town Clerk for 1876.	12.00
Wm. S. Blanchard, services and traveling expenses, as Select- man and Overseer Poor, 1876,	88.50
Asa Sawyer, services and traveling expenses as Selectman and Overseer Poor,	82.41
S. T. Merrill, services as Town Treas. 1876,	35.00
Alvin Leighton, Collector's premium in full on 1874 taxes,	27.52
S. T. Merrill, taxes and cost on non-resident taxes sold,	62.51
Bela Blanchard, breaking snow in Dist. No. 9,	1.00
J. M. Legrow, surveyor, bills breaking snow in Dist. No. 16,	0.00
A. H. Buxton, do do 5,	7.90
Moses Thomes, do do 12,	47.68
B. F. Doughty, do do 4,	11.48
Wm. S. Moxey, 1875, do and repairs in do 2,	19.45
J. A. Blanchard, do do 6,	46.63
John Hulit, do do 15,	19.31
Wm. T. Littlefield, do do 22,	13.20
Robert C. Hamilton, do do 20,	35.90
Hollis St. Clair, do do 2,	40.33
Andrew L. Huston, do do 13,	24.62
Lewis Merrill, do do 8,	24.73
J. S. Sawyer, do do 18,	19.89
Robert Hamilton, do do 21,	9.00
Wm. M. Merrill, do do 7,	1.50
Joseph Harris, do do 3,	11.00
Sewall Whitney, do do 11,	9.47
O. S. Collins, do do 7,	44.70
Alvin Leighton, do do 9,	7.90
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	997.94
Sum raised by town,	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
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Balance in favor town,	\$2.06



## TAXES ABATED 1876.

Abated on lists of Alvin Eeighnton for 1874 as per vote town,	\$10.00
do do 1875 do	9.00
do do 1874 by selectmen,	4.60
do do 1875 do	19.65
do do 1876 do	25.22
Abated on N. R. tax returned to town Treas. 1875, do	3.32
Total,	<u>\$71.79</u>
Amount assessed for poor,	\$800.00 ; expended, \$816.74
do for notes and interest,	1,650.00 ; do 1,624.51
do for roads and bridges,	500.00 ; do 373.25
do for contingent,	1,000.00; do 997.94
do for (oll's premium,	120.63 ;
do for overlay,	170.37 ;
do for supplement,	28.00 ;
Highway deficiencies of 1875,	<u>49.29 ;</u>
Total,	\$4,318.29 ; expended, <u>\$3,812.44</u> abatements, <u>71.79</u>
Expended,	<u>\$3,884.23</u> \$3,884.23
Balance in favor town,	\$434.06

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

**WM. L. LORING, TOWN AUDITOR.**

## TOWN LIABILITIES.

Notes due individuals,	\$1,250.00
do Greeley Institute,	20,800.00
do Cumberland School Fund,	877.00
do Portland Savings Bank,	3,000.00
Balance due school districts,	668.49
Outstanding bills including Collector's premium due,	125.00
Town orders outstanding,	202.00
Liabilities,	<u>\$26,922.49</u>

## AVAILABILITIES.

Balance due from Treasurer,	\$3,926.00
Due from individual tax bid in by town,	62.51
do do do	3.90
do State mill tax,	572.73
do State school fund,	402.94
do John Jones, bank book in treasurer's hands,	122.77
Note and interest secured by mortgage deed,	<u>530.93</u>
Availabilities,	<u>5,621.78</u>
Balance against town,	\$21,300.71

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. BLANCHARD,	} Selectmen	
ASA SAWYER,		of
A. R. LITTLEFIELD,		} Cumberland.

## TREASURER'S REPORT,

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Balance in Treasury March, 1876,	\$3,628.31
Assessors commitment for 1876,	5,619.09
Received from tax deeds redeemed,	153.88
Cash received on note held by town,	16.00
“ “ from State for schools,	992.11
“ “ “ Cumberland school fund,	102.62
“ “ “ Augustus Abbott,	10.00
“ “ “ Selectmen,	4.70
“ Free High School,	500.00
	\$11,026.71
Paid out town orders,	7,100.71
	\$3,926.00
Balance due the town,	\$3,926.00
Amount due from Collector,	\$3,925.96
Cash to balance,	.04
	\$3,926.00

I hereby certify that I have examined the Treasurer's account and find it properly vouched and correctly cast.

WM. L. LORING. TOWN AUDITOR.

REPORT OF THE  
TRUSTEES OF GREELH INSTITUTE,

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The Spring term of school commenced March 8th. No. of pupils, fifty-four. W. R. Hemmenway, Principal, Miss M. G. Buxton, 1st Assistant, Miss Nellie L. Sweetsir, 2d Assistant, and continued eleven weeks.

The Fall term commenced Aug. 28th, under the direction of J. Marshall Hawkes, Brin., Miss M. G. Buxton, Preceptress, Herbert A. Merrill, Assistant, and continued twelve weeks, closing with an exhibition on the eve. of Nov. 17th. No. of pupils fifty-two.

The Winter term commenced Dec. 4th, with fifty-seven pupils; same Principal and Preceptress as for the previous term, Miss Julia E. Wilder, of Pembroke, Maine, Assistant. The examination exercises at the close of this term, were attended by a very large number of parents of pupils and friends of the school, who showed by their presence and attention, their deep interest in the welfare of the school.

The Spring term commences March 5th, under the same instructors, with the prospect of a very large attendance.

PERMANENT FUND.

For town of Cumberland note,	\$12,000.00
“ “ “	6,000.00
“ “ “	2,000.00
Total,	\$20,000.00

## PHILOSOPHICAL APPARATUS FUND.

At the commencement of the Fall term, the condition of the apparatus was such, that before the ordinary class-room experiments could be performed, it was necessary to have it thoroughly repaired and cleaned of the dust and corrosion engendered by neglect and carelessness. For this purpose, it was sent to the Messrs. Chamberlain, of Boston, who have made it as good as new. Two nice cases have been constructed to contain it, which, with proper care on the part of the Principal, will prevent any future loss in this direction.

On account of this expenditure, we have been compelled to draw heavily of this fund.

For amount in Portland savings bank,	\$405.58
May and November dividends,	24.66
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Total amount drawn from Bank,	\$430.24
Cash expended for repairing apparatus,	\$66.80
"        "        " making cases,	62.34
"        on hand,	1.10
Town of Cumberland note,	300.00
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	\$430.24

## LIBRARY FUND.

For amount in Portland savings bank,	\$521.94
May and November dividends,	31.74
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Total,	\$553.68.
Expended for " Our First Century,"	\$6.75
"        " binding books,	7.50
Cash on hand,	10.75
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Amount drawn from bank,	\$25.00
Balance in bank, Feb. 21st, 1877,	\$528.68

**ACCUMULATED FUND.**

For town of Cumberland note,	\$500.00
amount in Portland bank,	500.00
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	\$1,000.00
For amount due on tuition books previous to Spring term, 1877,	\$54.50
For cash balance,	3.93
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Total accumulated,	\$1,058.43

3s.		<i>General income from permanent fund and other</i>	
Paid	Wm. D. Little & Co., insurance on building, &c.,		\$48.75
	W. R. Hemmenway, prin., teaching spring term,		333.34
	Maria G. Buxton, 1st ass't " " "		121.00
	Nellie L. Sweetsir, 2d " " "		6.00
	George D. Merrill, care of building, "		18.00
	Dresser, McLellan & Co., crayons,		1.00
	M. B. Bourne, repairing slating,		15.65
	J. V. R. Coombs, repairing stove,		3.50
	A. S. Phillips, whitewashing,		6.00
	Jane Field, cleaning school room,		2.75
	Wm. H. Skillings, labor painting,		10.50
	Emery Osgood, for forty settees,		161.60
	J. B. Fickett, paints and glass,		24.85
	Wm. M. Marks, printing,		6.00
	Dresser, McLellan & Co., five hundred catalogues,		32.00
	Thomes & Blanchard, sundries,		5.33
	Proprietors, Press, Argus and Transcript advertising,		6.88
	Dresser, McLellan & Co., four dozen ink wells,		21.53
	D. M. Lawrence, 12 tons 430 lbs. coal,		83.26
	Wm. E. Wilson, setting glass,		1.50
	E. Greely, labor painting,		10.00
	Nutter Bros. & Co., galvanized funnel,		10.80
	J. M. Hawkes, principal, teaching Fall term,		333.33
	Maria G. Buxton, 1st ass't " " "		132.00
	H. A. Merrill, 2d " " " "		5.00
	F. S. Sawyer, care of building, " "		19.00
	J. M. Hawkes, composition for blackboards, and ink,		5.50
	" principal, teaching Winter term,		333.33
	M. G. Buxton, 1st ass't " " "		121.00
	J. E. Wilder, 2d " " " "		6.00
	Geo. D. Sweetsir, care of building,		20.00
	A. R. Littlefield, bill as trustee,		2.00
	S. M. Rideout, labor on building,		1.20
	Rounds & Dyer, one-half ton coal,		3.00
	Wm. S. Blanchard, labor and materials,		32.50
	" services as trustee for past year,		21.08
	Asa Sawyer, labor and services as trustee,		17.85
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			\$1,982.95
	Cash balance,		3.98
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			\$1,986.88

<i>Sources in acc't with Trustees of Greely Institute.</i>		CR.
By cash balance from last year's acc't,		\$136.88
cash drawn from Portland Savings Bank,		500.00
Interest on \$12,000, \$6,000, \$2,000 and \$500 notes,		615.00
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “		615.00
Gash received from tuitions	Pall term of 1875,	18.50
“ “ “ “	Winter term of 1876,	20.00
“ “ “ “	Spring “	35.00
“ “ “ “	Fall “	28.00
“ “ “ “	Winter “ 1877,	18.50
		<b>\$1,986.88</b>

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. BLANCHARD,	}	Trustees:
ASA SAWYER,		of
A. R. LITTLEFIELD,		Greely Institute.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

WM. L. LOBING, AUDITOR.



## SCHOOL REPORT.

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### FELLOW CITIZENS :

I have to report our schools in town as generally successful. We have had twenty-one terms of school during the year, viz. : eight summer terms, five fall, and eight winter terms, in which were employed fourteen different teachers. Of these teachers, eight were ladies, and six gentlemen. Three of the gentlemen and one of the ladies had never taught before.

I have not heard a single complaint concerning any school during the year, and I do not think there has been a single failure. I believe we have obtained more benefit from what money we have expended this year, than we have in any year since the schools have been under my care. But I can not say that I am perfectly satisfied. The quality of the work done in some of our schools is not what it should be. A few of our districts are contenting themselves with medium schools when they can have better ones by demanding better work of their teachers. There is too much of a tendency to employ inexperienced teachers, and they are generally employed for the schools that need experienced teachers the most.

It is right to employ such teachers once in a while, but no more than one should be employed in a District in the course of a year. Our best schools have been the summer terms in Districts No. 1,

3, 5, and 7, the fall terms in No. 3, 7, and 9, and the winter terms in No. 2, 5, and 8. There were others that were very good, and all have been of value. There are two branches of study which are too much neglected in our schools; I refer to spelling and penmanship. Many of our scholars from eight to fourteen years of age spend so much time on studies that might be postponed to a latter age, that they can not give these branches the attention they should receive. And yet this the very time at which writing and spelling should receive the most attention. At least one-sixth of the school time should be given to the spelling lesson, and scholars between the ages of eight and fourteen years should spend at least thirty minutes of each day in writing, not exclusively with pen and ink, but with slate or paper and pencil.

Although the text-books used in town, are not uniform, we have district uniformity, and I have not deemed it expedient to make any change this year. Hilliard's readers have been used in town, some over ten years, and the scholars are so familiar with them, that they almost know them by heart. Perhaps it would be well to change them if it could be done with little expense,

#### SCHOOL MONEY.

Amount raised by town,	\$1,300.80
“ received from Town Fund,	102.62
“ “ “ State Mill Tax,	402.94
“ “ “ Bank Tax and State Fund,	572.73
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Total Resources,	\$1,379.09

It will be seen by referring to the table that we apportioned twenty per cent. of the school money among the Districts this year, that being the extent allowed by law for this purpose.

I would recommend that a new school-house be built in Dist. No. 8, for it is sadly needed. I would also recommend that repairs be made upon the interior of the house in Dist. No. 1.

In conclusion, I would say that as two-fifths of the scholars in town are unable to obtain much benefit from the bequest of the late Mr. Greeley, I would recommend that a term of free High School be held in Dist. No. 9 and 2, 4, or 5 as was directed by a vote of the town one year ago.

Respectfully submitted,

L. P. STURDIVANT, Supervisor of Schools.

**TABULAR VIEW OF THE SCHOOLS IN CUMBERLAND,**  
**For the Year ending March 1, 1877.**

			<b>NAMES OF TEACHERS.</b>				
No. Dis.	NO. schirs,	20 per cent.	Total.	Nsmc of Agent.	Summer Term.	Fall Term.	Winter Term.
1	30	\$53.00	\$1 54.25	C. P. Graffam,	Alma M. Brackett,		Alice Harris.
2	55	55.00	240.62	Asa Merrill,	Julia C. Duran,		G. E. Murray.
3	79	Nothing.	266.65	S. Porter,	Maggie Sturdivant,	Margie Sturdivant,	Margie Sturdivant.
4	41	55.00	193.87	R. L. Abbott,	Alice Harris,		Julia Duran.
5	41	55.01	193.38	Wm. Wilson,	Susie Cummings,		Susie Cummings.
6	4	35.00	48.50	Wm. L. Loring,	This school is under supervision of Yarmouth.		
7	49	35.00	200.37	Willis Watts,	Olive Merrill,	Olive Merrill,	
8	98	45.00	375.75	Renj. Bishop,	Nary A. Reed,	Alphonso Cole,	A. R. Littlefield.
9	1 1 9	40.00	441.63	Jas. Hamilton,	Jennie O. Eastman,	Annie Prince,	M. E. Chadbourne.
11	11	50.00	87.12	Moses Pettengill,			P. M. Leighton.
12	8	Nothing.	27.00	E. Morrison,	Scholars in this District attend school in Falmouth.		
13	27	52.59	150.47	A. Rideout,		Pomeroy Wells.	H. A. Merrill.

