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Report of Selectmen.

APPROPRIATIONS MARCH 22, 1897.

Superintendent of schools.....	\$150 00	
Support of schools.....	2,000 00	
Repairs and insurance of school houses.....	500 00	
Free high school.....	500 00	
Outstanding debt and interest on same.....	1,000 00	
Roads and bridges.....	1,500 00	
Electric light for bridge.....	25 00	
School books.....	200 00	
John H. Morgan Post.....	25 00	
Fire purposes.....	500 00	
Printing reports.....	20 00	
Kindergarten.....	100 00	
School house lot, Low's bridge.....	100 00	
Poor and town charges.....	1,500 00	
Overlay.....	248 29	
Total.....		\$8,368 29
State tax.....	\$1,575 01	
County tax.....	608 36	
		\$2,183 37
Total assessment.....		\$10,551 66

VALUATION OF PROPERTY APRIL 1, 1897.

Resident real estate	\$373,135 00	
Non-resident real estate.....	20,645 00	
Resident personal estate.....	121,035 00	
Non-resident personal estate.....	555 00	
Total inventory.....		\$515,370 00
Number of polls, 425.		
Rate of polls, \$3.00.		
Amount assessed on estates.....	\$9,276 66	
Amount assessed on polls.....	1,275 00	
		\$10,551 66
<p style="text-align: center;">Rate per cent .018.</p>		

SUPPORT OF POOR FROM MARCH 13, 1897.

A. J. Chenery, acc't of Frank Wharff.....	\$459 00	
John Scales, & Co. " " "	22 45	
J. K. Edes & Co. " " "	7 17	
G. W. Witham " " "	3 00	
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Total.....		\$491 62
Mrs. Geo. Spearing, acc't of Dolly Robinson...		\$104 00
W. H. Pettingill, acc't of Benj Gordon.....	\$36 00	
W. F. Johnson, " " "	129 50	
J. D. Palmer, " " "	1 60	
M. & J. Hudson, " " "	62	
C. F. Scales & Co., " " "	6 75	
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		\$173 87
H. Douglass & Co., acc't W. H. Macomber....	\$62 96	
John Scales, " " "	20 00	
J. K. Edes & Sons, " " "	9 95	
W. M. Beal, " " "	54 66	
Page, Spearing & Co., " " "	1 75	
M. & J. Hudson, " " "	5 40	
C. F. Scales. & Co., " " "	7 23	
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		\$161 95
H. Douglass & Co., acc't Fred Bennett.....	8 44	
M. & J. Hudson, " " "	11 90	
J. K. Edes & Sons, " " "	4 25	
W. M. Beal, " " "	3 75	
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		\$28 34
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Amount of resident pauper bills.....		\$959 78

SUPPORT OF POOR OF OTHER TOWNS.

SHIRLEY.

Acc't of Samuel Mitchell.	
J. C. Butterfield, bill.....	\$19 75

DOVER.

Acc't of Alphonso Butler.	
R. H. Marsh.....	\$10 00
W. M. Beal.....	43
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\$30 18

MISCELLANEOUS.

W. G. Thompson, collecting taxes.....	\$211 03
S. B. Drew, constable 1896.....	4 00
C. N. Rand, printing.....	6 75

A. Holmes, moving fire ladders.....	1 00
V. E. Macomber, paid for repairing hose.....	1 50
Loring, Short & Harmon, town records.....	14 70
R. L. Harlow, care of old cemetery.....	2 00
Dr. J. C. Butterfield, 14 births, and vaccination.	5 20
Guilford Citizen, printing notice.....	50
C. W. Ray, recording 6 births and 2 deaths.....	2 00
F. M. Briggs, board of health.....	3 00
W. N. Hatch, tramp bill.....	12 00
John Scales, & Co., record book town clerk.....	2 00
John Scales, board of health.....	5 00
R. H. Marsh, 3 births, 8 deaths.....	2 75
M. Metcalf, recording 27 births, 27 deaths.....	8 10
C. W. Ellis, moderator, 1897.....	2 00
M. Metcalf, dog license, blanks, express and postage.....	1 10
C. W. Ellis, stamps and stationery.....	70
Henry Hudson in case of Mary Jepson.....	12 12
J. S. Williams expense to Hartland to get wit- nesses in case of Mary Jepson.....	3 20
Henry Hudson, for legal services for year 1897..	20 00
Revere Rubber Co., 400 ft. rubber hose.....	152 00
Henry K. Barnes, coupling and fittings..	12 17

 \$484 82

PAID MEMBERS OF FIRE COMPANY.

M. S. Fogg.....	\$3 00
A. J. Stevens.....	3 00
Plummer Chadburne.....	3 00
F. H. Bennett.....	3 00
L. W. Gammon.....	3 00
V. E. Macomber.....	3 00
A. Holmes.....	1 50
John Houston.....	3 00
Thos. Butler.....	3 00
G. H. Turner.....	3 00
Stanley Herring.....	1 50
J. A. Rand.....	3 00
C. W. Stevens.....	3 00
D. Cimpher.....	3 00
A. E. Hatch.....	3 00

 \$42 00

TOWN OFFICERS BILLS.

C. W. Ellis, selectman.....	\$75 00
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J. S. Williams, selectman	60 00	
W. M. Beal, selectman.....	60 00	
M. Metcalf, clerk.....	3 00	
C. W. Ellis, road commissioner.....	100 00	
R. H. Marsh, treasurer.....	50 00	
J. S. Williams, town agent.....	5 00	
Daniel Cimpher, auditor.....	3 00	
		<u>\$356 00</u>
ABATEMENTS 1897.		
W. G. Thompson.....		<u>\$48 15</u>
		<u>\$1,920 95</u>
Appropriation	\$1,500 00	
Rec'd from town of Dover.....	10 43	
" " " Shirley.....	19 75	
" " " Lewiston acct Mary Jepson	116 20	
" " " Charleston acct. of Martha		
Buzzell.....	5 00	
" " " Greenville acct. of Harry		
Edes.....	7 50	
		<u>\$1,658 88</u>
Overdrawn.....		\$262 05
Appropriated for town reports.....		\$20 00
Paid C. N. Rand.....		20 00
		<u>\$25 00</u>
Appropriated for John H. Morgan Post.....		\$25 00
Paid to J. H. Morgan Post.....		25 00
		<u>\$100 00</u>
Appropriated for Kindergarten.....		\$100 00
Paid Kindergarten assn.....		100 00
		<u>\$25 00</u>
Appropriation for lighting bridge.....		\$25 00
Paid to Piscataquis Woolen Co.....		20 00
		<u>5 00</u>
Unexpended.....		\$100 00
Appropriation for Low's bridge school lot....		
Paid H. Douglass & Co., seed.....	3 94	
John Sturtevant, labor.....	39 00	
E. B. Richards, labor.....	16 50	
W. H. Macomber, labor.....	19 87	
W. A. Titcomb, labor.....	19 50	
		<u>\$98 81</u>
Unexpended.....		\$1 19

Appropriated for Supt. of schools.....	\$150 00
Paid J. S. Williams.....	150 00

FIRE ACCOUNT.

H. Douglass & Co.....	\$12 89
Ernest Mitchell.....	4 00
John H. Johnson.....	9 45
James Smith.....	3 75
Geo. Moore.....	7 65
Geo. Nesbit.....	13 65
John Barnes.....	13 65
Thos. Priest.....	2 40
Burritt Ellis.....	7 72
Peter Perrin.....	3 23
John Zande.....	8 40
Antonio Tongonally.....	3 00
Jack Zande.....	16 20
S. L. Mitchell.....	7 12
John Hogan.....	15 45
Daniel McKenney.....	11 70
S. B. Richards.....	14 37
Wm. G. Thompson.....	22 50
Wm. Waite.....	13 80
E. B. Richards.....	11 10
J. D. Palmer.....	6 90
Oscar Lander.....	10 50
J. L. Bennett.....	25 10
F. A. Heath.....	2 91
Geo. McKusick.....	5 50
Willard Fairbrother.....	2 62
S. P. Farrar.....	1 25
Alphonso Holmes.....	1 00
Chas. R. Small.....	10 00
Page, Spearing & Co.....	27 30
C. W. Ellis.....	11 00
Freight on hydrant and hose.....	5 96
Jack Zande.....	1 82
Walworth Mfg. Co., 6 in. iron pipe.....	302 14
Same, hydrant.....	39 00
Fay & Scott, plugs and fittings.....	2 12
Total.....	\$657 15

Appropriation.....	\$500 00	
Received from H. Douglass and others.....	88 25	
Due from Z. L. Turner.....	21 00	
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Total.....		\$609 25
Overdrawn.....		<hr/>
		\$47 90

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Expended in summer.....	\$1,103 98	
Expended in winter.....	1,074 16	
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		\$2,178 14
Appropriated.....	\$1,500 00	
Received from Grovel & Co.....	15 20	
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		\$1515 20
Overdrawn.....		<hr/>
		\$662 94

AMOUNT EXPENDED ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

ROAD WORK.

To whom paid.	
H. Douglass & Co.....	\$3 95
C. F. Scales.....	15 16
E. P. Smith.....	41 87
Thos. Prest.....	6 00
Geo. Moore.....	3 00
J. D. Palmer.....	39 58
H. B. Chase.....	33 25
W. H. Davis.....	4 50
John Sturtevant.....	5 00
C. F. Foss.....	4 50
O. J. Lander.....	18 75
Geo. Nesbit.....	49 12
Porter Bunker.....	31 50
G. A. McKusick.....	36 00
Elmer Fairbrother.....	47 50
C. R. Small.....	64 00
Stanley Herring.....	9 37
E. F. Merrill.....	32 25
W. N. Hatch.....	3 50
Nelson Richards.....	7 00
Harvey Herring.....	20 02
E. B. Richards.....	25 65
Willard Fairbrother.....	43 50
A. K. Herring.....	9 22

E. O. Stoddard.....	39 10
H. L. Crafts.....	16 85
Freeland Bennett.....	18 45
W. H. Macomber.....	28 70
Frank L. Bean.....	34 05
L. L. Herring.....	17 25
A. M. Titcomb.....	26 98
Calvin Bearce.....	5 40
L. B. Conner.....	62 45
Ellis & Wise.....	48 33
W. H. Applebee.....	76 00
U. R. Hussey.....	74 50
J. M. Brawn.....	16 50
John Briggs.....	4 50
T. J. Brawn.....	3 00
D. J. Brawn.....	7 50
G. A. Brawn.....	4 50
L. B. Dunham.....	2 25
Lewis Robbins.....	82 00
D. B. Welts.....	45 00
J. P. Welts.....	46 00
S. L. Mitchell.....	15 22
Chas. L. Adams.....	6 00
Lyman Dudley.....	5 00
W. M. Bennett.....	5 25
Albert Wharff.....	7 50
M. E. Maxfield.....	27 57
S. P. Farrar.....	9 25
A. E. Brawn.....	13 79
Stanley Howard.....	10 05
Chas. Cole.....	9 00
Geo. W. Sanford.....	4 22
T. F. Rose.....	4 05
S. B. Drew.....	71 20
A. E. Hatch.....	2 75
F. M. Briggs.....	75 05
Page, Spearing & Co.....	3 90
M. P. Robinson.....	12 05
S. D. Rice.....	12 00
J. T. Ellis.....	75
M. S. Fogg.....	6 45
Dan Whitman.....	5 25
John Scales.....	1 35
J. E. Herring.....	1 70

Stanley Bennett.....	4 40
R. A. Diffin.....	11 22
Harrison Dean.....	18 86
Willis Bennett.....	21 75
L. H. Colson.	25 35
David Moore.....	9 90
E. W. Davis.....	16 38
M. S. Glass.....	7 50
B. P. Clement.....	8 25
A. F. D. Harlow.....	4 50
C. B. Bearce.....	9 00
Chas. Bearce.....	4 20
W. L. Robinson.....	28 00
Carl Titcomb.....	9 30
E. H. Howard.....	11 74
Amos Floyd.....	16 00
J. F. Foss.....	13 35
Geo. Edes.....	15 00
David Briggs.....	19 91
E. L. Priest.....	30 00
L. D. Bennett.....	4 20
F. W. Connor.....	40 00
Hasting Brown heirs.....	18 00
J. W. Greeley.....	5 55
F. E. White.....	10 95
W. S. Gilman.....	2 25
I. F. Sturtevant.....	25 00
R. L. Harlow.....	2 40
H. L. Greeley.....	6 75
Geo Clark.....	4 65
Freeland Herring.....	21 58
J. E. Herring.....	10 25
M. S. Davis.....	5 90
D. H. Herring.....	3 60
E. Nickerson.....	6 45
S. Evans.....	6 60
C. H. McGrath.....	3 30
John Titcomb.....	75
M. A. Lambert.....	7 50
Wm. Burgess.....	8 20
F. W. Tyler.....	15 95
Wm. Herring.....	4 88
I. B. Lobley.....	7 20

Willis Macomber.....	5 00	
Hutty Brown.....	4 65	
Frank Prescott.....	1 50	
Walter Dolloff.....	2 50	
Geo. Maxfield.....	8 74	
A. J. Cheney.....	12 00	
Willis Bennett heirs.....	5 80	
C. V. Harriman.....	7 24	
Frank P. Bennett.....	1 35	
J. M. Herring.....	3 75	
E. S. Wharff.....	16 00	
J. H. Connor.....	4 20	
E. A. Thompson.....	5 00	
J. H. Deering.....	3 00	
A. J. Lyon.....	4 23	
T. H. Rogers.....	6 30	
F. L. Bartlett.....	2 85	
T. J. Brawn.....	18 00	
Clarence Small.....	3 00	
J. W. Greeley.....	3 00	
Frank Rollins.....	5 92	
W. A. Titcomb.....	11 00	
Ellis & Wise.....	3 75	
Tyler & Conant.....	9 75	
Total.....		\$2,177 94
Expended in summer.....	\$1,103 98	
Expended in winter.....	1,074 16	

C. W. ELLIS, Road Commissioner.

COMMON SCHOOLS.

Appropriated.....	\$2,000 00	
Bank and Mill tax.....	1,083 33	
Received for tuition.....	53 70	
Total.....		\$3,136 03
Paid for teaching and board.....	\$2,800 33	
fuel.....	236 23	
janitoring.....	418 71	
supplies and appliances.....	144 58	
carrying scholars.....	13 40	
M. C. Maxfield, Sangerville, tuition ...	6 50	
		\$3,619 75
Overdrawn.....		\$483 72

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

Appropriated.....	\$500 00	
Received from State.....	250 00	\$750 00
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Amount expended in spring 1897.....	\$393 33	
Amount expended in fall 1897.....	403 31	\$796 64
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Overdrawn.....		\$46 64
Appropriated for text books.....	\$200 00	
Paid for text books.....	333 04	
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Overdrawn.....		\$133 04
Appropriated for insurance and repairs.....	\$500 00	
Paid insurance and repairs.....	551 40	
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Overdrawn.....		\$51 40

Interest bearing orders

Outstanding.		Int. Due.	Principal
Order 23	July 8, 1882,	\$6 00	\$200 00
" 64	Aug. 1, 1884,	2 53	100 00
" 372	Mar. 13, 1886,	4 00	100 00
" 381	Apr. 13, 1886,	1 61	150 00
" 425	Aug. 2, 1886,	5 40	80 00
" 449	Oct. 30, 1886,	1 33	100 0
" 453	Aug. 2, 1886,	4 66	200 0
" 598	Aug. 26, 1887,	2 40	110 00
" 765	June 13, 1888,	4 78	175 00
" 48	June 5, 1890,	2 28	70 00
" 49	June 5, 1890,	3 76	120 00
" 78	Aug. 6, 1890,	1 84	75 00
" 237	Aug. 1, 1891,	7 59	300 00
" 243	Aug. 1, 1891,	4 95	130 00
" 252	Oct. 20, 1891,	2 53	100 00
" 253	Oct. 20, 1891,	2 53	100 00
" 199	Mar. 23, 1891,	60 00	1,500 00
" 698	Sept. 2, 1895,	30 00	500 00
" 135	Feb. 8, 1896,	10 66	800 00
" 277	April 16, 1896,	25 75	300 00
" 370	Aug. 1, 1896,	1 16	50 00
" 371	Aug. 1, 1896,	2 32	100 00
" 383	Aug. 5, 1896,	9 61	411 73
" 477	Oct. 31, 1896,	2 00	150 00
" 30	May 18, 1897,	5 00	150 00
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		\$204 67	\$6,071 73

Due on principle.....	\$6,071 73	
Due on interest.....	204 67	
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		\$6,276 40
Paid on interest.....	\$231 27	
Paid on order 425 of 1886.....	60 00	
Paid on outstanding orders of 1896.....	6 00	
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		\$297 27
Due on orders 355-356-257 of 1897.....	\$353 50	
Due E. P. Smith, road bill.....	49 70	
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		\$403 20
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		\$6,679 63

RESOURCES.

Due on non-resident taxes of 1892.....	2 38	
“ “ “ 1893.....	12 70	
“ “ “ 1897.....	90 99	
“ from high school rostrum.....	15 00	
“ from W. H. Macomber farm.....	353 50	
Due from common school fund, text book fund repairs and insurance....	668 16	
Due from free high school fund.....	46 64	
Land bought from Mrs. Bray.....	\$300 00	
Cash on hand.....	163 26	
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		\$1,652 63
Net indebtedness.....		5,027 00
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		\$6,679 63

Respectfully submitted, March 10, 1898.

C. W. ELLIS,	} Selectmen of Guilford.
J. S. WILLIAMS,	
W. M. BEAL,	

Auditor's Report.

This certifies that I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer of the town of Guilford for the year 1897 and the statement of the Selectmen of the financial standing of said town at this date and find the same correct.

March 10, 1898.

DANIEL CIPHER, Auditor.

Treasurer's Account.

INHABITANTS OF GUILFORD IN ACCOUNT WITH R. H. MARSH, TREASURER.

1897.	DR.	
To cash paid State tax 1897.		\$1,575 01
County tax.....		608 36
Orders drawn by selectmen.....		10,378 81
State pensions.....		120 00
State for license on dogs.....		70 00
Order 555 dated Jan. 22, 1897....		2 00
Order 556 dated Jan. 22, 1897....		4 00
Returned non-resident taxes.....		87 39
Bounty two bears, one wildcat.....		12 00
Amount in treasury.....		165 36
		\$13,017 98

1897.	CR.	
March 27, By amount in treasury.....		\$391 96
27, by non-resident tax 1896.....		3 20
27, by non-resident tax 1896.....		1 04
April 3, by non-resident tax 1896.....		9 20
21, by amount refunded as town's pro- portion of dog license for year '96		65 41
May 19, by money hired on int. bearing order		150 00
27, by non-resident tax, 1896.....		
June 30, by amount from town of Greenville on account of Harry Edes.....		7 50
30, by cash from Douglass Davis and others work on water ditch.....		88 25
July 5, by cash from town clerk dog license		70 00
16, by non-resident tax for 1895.....		2 48
Oct. 18, by amt. from State for Free High school.....		125 00
Dec. 6, by cash from State for state pensions		60 00
27, by cash from Shirley on account S. L. Mitchell's family.....		19 75
1898.		
Jan. 3, by amt. from State R. R. and Tele- graph tax.....		1 01
21, by amt. from State for State pensions		60 00
31, by amt. from State for Free High school.....		125 00

March 3, by cash from State for bounties on two bears, one wild cat.....	12 00
9, by cash from supervisor of schools as follows:	
C. H. Loring, tuition.....	20 00
J. H. Blanchard, tuition.....	2 00
W. D. Crockett, tuition.....	20 00
Sale of text books.....	70
Sale of seats to Brighton.....	10 00
Use of room.....	1 00
by cash from town of Charleston on account of Martha Buzzell.....	5 00
by cash from town of Lewiston on account of Mary Jepson.	116 20
by cash from C. W. Ellis, road com	15 20
by amt. from State for schools, school fund and mill tax.....	1,083 33
by non-resident tax, 1896.....	1 04
by taxes committed Wm. G. Thompson, collector for 1897.....	10,551 66
	<u> </u> \$13,017 93

R. H. MARSH, Treasurer.

March 10th, 1898.

Report of School Committee.

PAID FOR INSTRUCTION:

L. A. Ross.....	\$283 33
Abbie M. Sanger.....	110 00
Elmie J. Briggs.....	310 00
Annie E. Rowe.....	310 00
Estella Bearce.....	310 00
Minnie E. Ross.....	267 00
Lilla Smith.....	230 00
Blanche Lassell.....	50 00
Mrs. Chas. Sanborn.....	114 00
Mrs. Chas. Sanborn, board.....	56 00
Hattie Cleaves.....	50 00
Lilla Coy, and board.....	196 00
Annie Butterfield, and board.....	70 00
Ora Manter.....	92 00
Annie J. Kingsbury.....	105 00

Harry Page.....	40 00	
Geo. Martin.....	5 00	
Winifred Pearson	50 00	
R. L. Harlow, board.....	40 00	
A. F. D. Harlow.....	56 00	
W. E. Wise.....	40 00	
W. S. Rogers.....	16 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,800 33

FUEL:

H. Douglass & Co., coal.....	\$148 63	
Harvey Packard, sawing wood.....	12 00	
C. A. Connor, wood.....	5 00	
W. N. Hatch, "	6 00	
H. Trefethen, "	3 68	
Ernest Mitchell, "	11 25	
O. B. Towell, sawing wood.....	2 00	
Fred Burgess, wood.....	7 00	
Fred Drake, "	2 35	
M. Currier, "	6 00	
Chas. Sanborn, "	4 00	
A. M. Titcomb, "	9 37	
F. M. Briggs, "	12 00	
L. L. Herring, "	8 75	
	<hr/>	\$236 23

JANITORING AND CLEANING HOUSES:

J. W. Littlefield.....	\$341 50	
Geo. Harlow, cleaning closet.....	1 00	
Lilla Coy.....	10 75	
Laura Herring.....	4 00	
Lizzie Clark.....	10 66	
Mr. Peter Bunker.....	4 00	
Mrs. Fairbrother.....	3 00	
Miranda Rollins.....	3 00	
Steward Evans.....	4 00	
Mabel Dolloff.....	3 00	
Chas. Evans.....	2 50	
R. L. Harlow.....	9 00	
Orrin J. Kingsbury.....	4 50	
Chas. Murch.....	5 00	
Harry Page.....	2 80	
Willis Macomber.....	2 50	
Herbert Herring.....	3 50	
Sylvia Chadburn.....	1 00	
Ralph Burgess.....	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$418 71

SUPPLIES AND APPLIANCES.

C. F. Scales & Co.....	14 00	
W. Douglass & Co.....	17 73	
C. N. Rand, printing.....	6 75	
J. E. Brown, paper (Observer)....	1 00	
Estelle Bearce.....	1 20	
Abbie M. Sanger.....	3 45	
L. A. Ross.....	3 62	
Lillian Smith.....	5 25	
Fred Leavitt.....	4 50	
Elmie Briggs.....	65	
Lillian Coy.....	40	
Liegler Electric Co.....	14 39	
Mrs. C. A. Sanborn.....	33	
J. K. Edes & Sons.....	1 06	
John Scales.....	10 45	
M. & J. Hudson.....	72	
John Scales & Co.....	33 12	
Minnie Ross.....	2 00	
Grass seed.....	98	
Express on books.....	19 15	
B. M. Spaulding, labor.....	3 90	
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		\$144 58
Carrying scholars.....		13 40
Paid M. C. Maxfield, money into Sangerville.		6 50
Total expended.....		\$3,619 21
Amount raised by town for common schools..	\$2,000 00	
“ received from mill and bank tax.....	1,083 33	
“ “ for tuition.....	53 70	
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		\$3,137 03

INSURANCE AND REPAIRS.

Appropriation.....		\$500 00
A. Holmes, trucking.....	\$3 70	
H. Hudson.....	1 62	
Straw & Martin, insurance.....	236 00	
Stewart Evans.....	2 50	
S. Huff.....	1 50	
T. R. Strout, labor.....	20 25	
E. P. Smith.....	1 75	
F. W. Kenniston.....	9 90	
Thos. Kane & Co., desks.....	175 00	
Myron Wheeler.....	3 00	
J. W. Littlefield.....	1 75	

C. R. Small.....	9 50	
R. W. Kimball, Jr.....	1 75	
J. Hamer.....	1 00	
S. J. Hale.....	1 95	
W. E. Wise.....	1 25	
A. E. Hatch.....	1 00	
Page, Spearing & Co.....	72 05	
Mrs. A. Holmes.....	35	
C. E. Lombard.....	5 58	
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		\$551 40
FREE HIGH SCHOOL.		
Appropriation.....		\$500 00
Received from State.....		250 00
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Total.....		\$750 00
Amount expended in Spring, 1897.....	\$393 33	
Amount expended in Fall, 1897.....	404 31	
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Total.....		\$797 64
TEXT BOOKS.		
Appropriation.....		\$200 00
Paid Thompson, Brown & Co.....	\$10 98	
Houghton, Mifflin Co.....	2 08	
Werner Co.....	16 48	
Prang Co.....	16 00	
Allyn & Bacon.....	2 33	
American Book Co.....	53 47	
Ginn & Co.....	165 19	
D. C. Heath.....	15 46	
Leach, Shewell, Sanborn.....	51 05	
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The past year has been very prosperous in the schools of the town. The usual length of term has been maintained, and all expenditures have been made in the way of necessary improvements and growth.

Beginning with the school year at the spring term a new primary school was opened with Miss Lilla Smith as teacher, which has grown to the number of 59 pupils at present.

Also in the Grover school precinct the increase in scholars required a steady maintenance of school, and three terms aggregating twenty-nine weeks have been maintained. These two schools made a direct increase in school expense, and the amount expended has been swelled accordingly.

The expense of teachers alone for these two schools has been

\$400.00, and with extra fuel, books, cleaning and other incidental expenses of two schools the extra increase in school expenditures is accounted for.

The fuel bill has been less than last year. The janitor for the village houses is paid \$1.25 per day for actual time, and in the rural schools is paid 25 cents per week for summer terms and 35 cents for winter for building fires, sweeping, etc.

The Bank and Mill tax received was not as much per capita as former years, so this item was less than should reasonably be anticipated. In way of insurance and repairs our policies expired and \$236.00 was paid to renew them.

The beginning of Miss Smith's school made more seats necessary and those in Miss Rowe's room were taken up and put into a smaller grade, and \$175.00 expended with Thomas Kane & Co., for other desks, and the smaller ones put into Miss Smith's room. These two items make the bulk of the repair bill.

When the new building at the village was erected some defect was in draft from the furnace, and each year this has been an item of expense to us; this year a portion of the flue was torn out, and rebuilt, and considerable expense occurred, but the saving in fuel has been much from the change.

In rural districts some shingling and painting is necessary the coming year, and all houses maintained in good repair.

With over 400 pupils in school it is plain that expenditures are necessary, and a careful study of the items of expense embraced in this report will show that the money used has been well applied. The amount of \$100.00 raised to improve the lot at Low's Bridge was expended to good account.

A foundation under the Brown school-house is necessary. Considerable painting must also be done this summer. As it now appears there will be a school in the Grover school-house for some years to come, and this house needs considerable work done upon it.

No infectious disease has invaded any of the schools, and the attendance of the schools, as well as their surprising growth, attests the good work of the Instructors, and the interest of parents.

We recommend the following appropriations for the coming year:

Support of Common schools.....	\$2,200 00
Support of Free High school... ..	500 00
Insurance and repairs.....	500 00
Text books.....	300 00

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. WHITTIER,	} S. S.
C. N. RAND,	
GEO. A. MARTIN,	

Report of Superintendent.

I wish, in this report, to show to the town the standing of our schools, with the points that show strength, the points that show weakness, and such knowledge as may fit one to decide the future wants and necessary elements needed. Let us take the high school first.

The number enrolled the past year has been 52—a very large number for a town of our size—especially in consideration of the high grade of work required.

The graduating class of last year numbered seven, and this spring numbers nine. The grade of work required is exceptionally high, and the past four years have shown that it is arranged in admirable manner.

I wish to urge every parent who has a pupil in this school to see to it that the student pursues a regular course, and works for the full completion of the course. For if allowed to take such studies as he pleases, and without the wholesome fear of an examination hanging over him he will get indolent, careless, and form habits that will surely follow him, and bear fruit in his after years.

A good, wholesome, careful, searching, written examination is the best tonic that was ever introduced into an idle scholar's blood; and when he has the further tonic of a strong parent behind him who visits displeasure upon the recreant in case of failure, you will find a boy (or girl) who is going right ahead to success in school-success in life.

This school is well supplied in line of books a fair supply of apparatus, and a good working supply of necessary high school equipments.

I would like to have all persons in town visit our schools and see for themselves the work done. It will be a surprise to you.

Your children ought to be going straight on to a good, wholesome, pure, true, educated and elevated life when these advantages are open to them.

Mr. Ross and Miss Sanger have been retained in this school the past year to the great satisfaction of all.

In the first Grammar grade Miss Briggs has gone on in her usual strong work, and with Miss Rowe's school (second Grammar) to divide this grade of work both schools have done truly wonderful work. Both these schools are well supplied in line of material. Miss Briggs has had 35 scholars enrolled, and Miss Rowe also 35 scholars.

In the Intermediate grade (Miss Bearce) the same excellent work

has been continued. This school has 38 scholars enrolled. In the Primary grades marked increase in number is shown. Miss Ross has 41 scholars enrolled, Miss Smith has 59. In these schools a lot of ungraded backward work was taken in hand, straightened into line, and such advance made that now one seeing the work of each day would little think that a year ago these grades were established, and organized. Considerable is needed in way of primary helps in these rooms.

Now let us see what these scholars have been doing outside of their text books in the past, supplemented and encouraged by their teachers. They have held little entertainments, and solicited subscriptions, and have raised the sum of \$139.22 which has gone into supplies for school work. With this has been purchased one electrical machine, one battery, one air pump, other physical apparatus, 100 mineralogical specimens, one botanical cabinet, one mineralogical cabinet, 35 books for the library, paid for school paper (Rostrum) \$27.85, two dozen singing books.

To the library has been added twenty-eight volumes fiction, two volumes history, seven volumes science, three volumes poetry, two volumes English, two volumes mathematics, two volumes elocution, seven volumes reports, three volumes miscellaneous; whole number volumes in library 415,— quite a good library for a school, isn't it?

The high school has also cabinets of 200 specimens of minerals, and 200 specimens of native flowers; and the other grades have also very good and creditable cabinets—all collected and donated by teachers, and pupils.

Vertical writing and drawing has been carried on very well and now are established in the courses of work.

In the rural schools the year has been successful.

Mrs. Sanborn taught the entire year at Grover district, and had three very good terms.

At Low's bridge, Brown and Centre districts, the year was very good.

At North Guilford the winter term began under good auspices, but through interference on the part of the parents, the number diminished until at the close the number was almost nothing.

I think the cause of this trouble lay, in the first instance, to an ungrounded prejudice, which was installed into the children, crept around the neighborhood, was nursed and kept alive through ill-nature so that the result was as might be expected—a neglected and unprofitable term.

If you want to make your school unprofitable—and poor—a never failing way is, to talk up the faults of the teacher, superintendent, and

general public before your children, and then make it a cause of neighborhood comment.

We all have our shortcomings, but it never profits a man to enlarge upon his fellow-man's faults, and especially in his children's presence.

If your children hear words of commendation for your school, and encouragement at home, you have gone very far towards making that school profitable.

I am always willing and ready to investigate and correct trouble in teacher or school, but don't expect me to take a microscope when I am doing it. Trifles magnified make mountains—disregarded sink into nothingness.

I find that by the state superintendent's report that Guilford leads the county towns and plantations, in percentage of attendance for the year past.

I also found most gratifying comparison's of our schools with others in the same report.

You will find much cause for satisfaction in comparing our school work and expense with other towns throughout the State.

I have added to this report the program of the last year's graduation class.

The exercises to be held this spring cannot help being inspiring and pleasing. Why not come and see what your children can do?

I again ask that your vote for appropriation be on a broad well governed basis, with a steadfast eye to the future of this Town, this State, this Nation.

On these children, now growing and unfolding their natures, moulded and fashioned by your conduct and by my conduct and example, rests the future of mankind.

May it find no infirm or broken base!

J. S. WILLIAMS, Superintendent.

PROGRAM.

Music.	Prayer.	Music.
Salutatory:—The Mutual Indebtedness of the School and the Community, Annie L. French.		
Essay—The Song Sparrow, Nora E. Weymouth.		
Music.		
History—Millard L. Page.		
Prophecy—Lewis J. Sanborn.		
Oration—There are no Alps, Carroll S. Douglass.		
Music.		
Essay—Nature, a Teacher, J. Maude Davis.		
Valedictory—Out of School Life into Life's School, Harry Packard.		
Music. Presentation of Diplomas. Singing of Class Ode.		

Board of Health.

Our report is not much different from last year. Only two cases of contagious diseases have been reported for the last year, as follows: Two cases of measles, and both patients recovered. The board will offer free vaccination in May of which due notice will be given, and we respectfully ask all parents to have their children vaccinated before they go out into the world. We find the most trouble with sink drains and water closets, and we urge better care taken or same before complaint is made.

F. M. BRIGGS, Chairman, } Local Board
L. H. WHITTIER, } of
JOHN SCALES, Sec.. . } Health.

Warrant for Town Meeting.

To Samuel B. Drew, Constable of the town of Guilford, Piscataquis County.

GREETING:—

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Guilford, qualified to vote in town affairs to assemble at the Guilford Hall, in the village of Guilford on Monday, the 21st day of March, A. D., 1898, at 10 o'clock A. M., to act on the following articles, to wit:

- ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- ART. 2. To choose a Town Clerk.
- ART. 3. To hear all reports to be made at said meeting.
- ART. 4. To choose three or more Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.
- ART. 5. To choose a Town Treasurer.
- ART. 6. To choose a Superintending School Committee.
- ART. 7. To see if the town will authorize the School Committee to elect a Superintendent.
- ART. 8. To choose a Road Commissioner.
- ART. 9. To choose a Town Agent.
- ART. 10. To see if the town will vote to allow a discount on taxes paid before certain date or dates, said date or dates and discount to be fixed at said meeting; or whether vote to add a penalty or interest to be fixed at said meeting to taxes not paid before certain dates or date.

ART. 11. To choose a Collector of taxes and see what method the town will adopt for collecting taxes.

ART. 12. To choose one or more auditors of accounts.

ART. 13. To choose one or more constables.

ART. 14. To choose truant officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 15. To choose surveyors of wood and bark and lumber and all other necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 16. To see what sum of money the town will vote to pay the Supt. of schools for each day of actual service, or to pay a stated salary.

ART. 17. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of schools.

ART. 18. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for repairs and insurance on school houses.

ART. 19. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for a Free High school at the village.

ART. 20. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of poor, and other town charges.

ART. 21. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay outstanding interest bearing debts, and interest on same.

ART. 22. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of roads and bridges, and how the same shall be expended.

ART. 23. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for support of electric lights for the bridge at the village.

ART. 24. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the purchase of school books.

ART. 25. To see if the town will vote to raise twenty-five dollars to help pay the expenses of Memorial Day, and pay the same to John H. Morgan Post.

ART. 26. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the purchase of water pipe, and to lay the same for the better protection of property from fire in Guilford village; also for the purchase of pails for fire purposes, and authorize the selectmen to expend the same.

ART. 27. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money to erect a hose house, or authorize the selectmen to hire a place to store the town hose and hose carriage, and what sum of money the town will raise for the same.

ART. 28. To see if the town will vote to have printed town reports for the next annual meeting, and pay for the same.

ART. 29. To see if the town will vote to raise money to purchase fire proof safes or vaults of ample size for the reception and preserva-

