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ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
SELECTMEN, TREASURER,
AUDITOR
AND
SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,
OF THE
TOWN OF LITCHFIELD.

For the Municipal year ending February
19th, 1898.

(The Town of Litchfield incorporated Feb. 18, 1795.)

AUGUSTA:
PRESS OF CHAS. E. NASH
1898

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Litchfield :

Your selectmen, assessors, and overseers of the poor, herewith present their annual report for the municipal year, ending Feb. 19, 1898.

Valuation, 1897.

Resident real estate,	\$259,495 00	
Non resident real estate,	33,870 00	
Resident personal estate,	39,420 00	
Non resident personal estate,	225 00	
	<hr/>	\$333,010 00

Number of polls, 266 ; amount assessed on each poll, \$3.00 ; assessed 16 mills on the dollar.

Appropriations for 1897.

State tax for 1897,	\$1032 91	
County tax for 1897,	421 12	
Incidental town expenses,	1500 00	
For support of schools,	1200 00	
school books,	75 00	
support of poor,	100 00	
To pay interest on town debt,	125 00	
For road machine labor,	1000 00	
G. A. R. memorial services,	25 00	
snow bill of 1896,	500 00	
repairs of school houses,	150 00	
Fractional overlay,	21	
	<hr/>	\$6,129 24

Orders Drawn on the Treasury for Incidental Town Expenses.

E. P. Springer, for services as selectman from Mar. 2nd, 1896, to Feb. 16, 1897,	\$57 00
F. N. Adams, for same,	45 00
John Purinton, “	45 00
M. H. Dustin, for services as supervisor of schools,	79 00
C. A. Metcalf, “ as town clerk,	13 85
D. S. Springer, “ as treasurer,	21 50
Samuel Smith, “ as auditor,	2 00
Chas. E. Nash, for printing town reports, 1896, and orders,	24 00
W. F. Adams, for care and running hearse,	6 50
E. Bartlett, for watering tub for 1896,	3 00
Enoch Adams, for registering births and deaths for 1896,	2 50
J. Frank Pierce, for town books and papers,	9 80
F. N. Adams, for money paid out and team,	3 85
F. N. Adams, for services as selectman from Feb. 16, to Mar. 1st, 1897,	3 75
O. A. True, for posting warrant March meeting, 1897,	3 00
E. P. Springer, for keeping town books, 1896,	6 00
E. P. Springer, for services as selectman from Feb. 16, to Mar. 1st, 1897,	6 00
Wm. L. Powers, for services as road commissioner to Apr. 30, 1897,	24 63
C. S. Ring, for labor on highway, 1896,	2 40

F. D. Gilman, for labor on highway, 1896,	3 05
Thomas Holmes, for services as- sisting town treasurer,	3 75
John Purinton, for stringers, plank and labor, 1896,	23 06
A. J. Tozier, for watering tub, 1896,	3 00
W. S. Burbank, for town order blanks,	2 30
W. R. Buker, for killing one dog, 1896,	1 00
Alonzo Gowell, for labor on highway, 1896,	3 18
Wm. C. Bowley, for labor on highway, 1896,	1 80
Samuel Williams, for watering tub, 1896,	3 00
John W. Tucker, for labor on highway, 1896,	2 25
Augustus Gowell, for labor on highway, 1896,	4 70
Fred A. Edgecomb, for labor on highway, 1896,	6 65
John Purinton, for services as selectman from Feb. 16 to Mar. 1st, 1897,	5 00
J. Frank Pierce, for check books,	1 64
H. M. Hunkins, for labor on highway, 1896,	1 05
H. W. Maxwell, for labor on highway, 1896,	1 80
H. J. Ficket, for watering tub, 1896,	3 00
W. F. Adams, for care and running hearse,	10 00
F. T. Bailey, for labor on highway, 1896,	1 50
G. A. Bosworth, for making and painting guide boards,	10 00

D. S. Springer, for money paid out,	4 80
G. A. Bosworth, for making and painting guide boards,	8 00
F. O. Sylvester, for watering tub, 1896,	3 00
F. E. Baker, for labor on sidewalk,	6 25
W. F. Adams, for care and running of hearse,	8 00
O. A. True, for posting town warrant and enforcing dog law,	15 00
Chas. A. Pray, for labor on highway, "Woodbury dump,"	3 00
A. C. Goodwin, for labor on highway, "Woodbury dump,"	3 00
Wm. L. Powers, for labor on McCausland bridge,	92 25
J. W. Earle, for labor on McCausland bridge,	36 31
D. Potter, for labor on McCausland bridge,	16 35
C. G. True, for labor on McCausland bridge,	9 37
J. W. Tucker, railing for McCausland bridge,	1 00
H. M. Starbird, material for McCausland bridge,	4 00
A. R. Bucklin, for farms sold to town for taxes,	58 17
F. D. Gilman, for labor on highway, "Woodbury dump,"	6 00
J. E. Chase, for watering tub, 1896 and '97,	3 00
H. M. Starbird, for watering tub, 1896,	3 00
Cyrus Kindrick, for certificates of births and deaths,	2 25

E. P. Springer, for expenses of 1896,	15 95	
J. F. Pierce, for check lists, “	1 80	
Thomas Holmes, for team and expenses, 1897,	2 70	
Enoch Adams, for services on local board of health, 1897,	7 50	
Thomas Holmes, for same,	6 50	
Gardiner Roberts, Jr., for same,	9 25	
I. W. Gilbert, for records of births and deaths,	2 00	
Enoch Adams, for same,	4 25	
F. W. Libby, for services as ballot clerk,	2 00	
A. R. Bucklin, for advertising and stationery,	3 00	
F. E. Baker, for labor on highway,	2 00	
A. R. Bucklin, abated in tax bills of 1895,	13 88	
A. R. Bucklin, abated in tax bills of 1896,	35 13	
Cyrus Kindrick, note of Mary Jane Ellwell's,	400 00	
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Total amount of incidental orders drawn,		\$1,239 22
Paid, Burleigh & Flynt on town history,		232 00
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Total incidental expenses,		\$1,471 22
Resources for incidental town expenses,		
amount raised by town,	\$1,500 00	
Received from Asa P. Nutting, from Perley Fisk estate,	35 00	
Received from Chas. Green, for peddler's license,	6 00	
Received from state, railroad and telegraph tax,	37 39	
Received from state, on dog tax of 1895,	66 21	

Received from state, on dog tax of 1896,	72 58	
Fractional overlay,	21	
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Total amount resources for incidental town expenses,		\$1,717 39
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Balance in favor of town,		\$246 17

Orders drawn on the treasury, for snow bills of the
winter 1896-97.

O. S. Call, snow bill, '96-97,	75
G. E. Ricker, “	5 07
A. Bubier, “	4 05
S. T. Clark, “	1 82
P. Preble, “	1 87
F. J. Dunham, “	1 57
Melvin Powers, “	52
W. R. Godfrey, “	10 42
Samuel Danforth, “	5 65
Isaac Gayton, “	2 99
Fred Danforth, “	75
W. Otis & Son, “	8 05
A. E. Googins, “	5 95
S. P. Roberts, “	1 13
A. Barrett, “	75
Josiah Morrill, “	2 20
N. J. Libby, “	3 03
D. S. Springer, “	67
J. F. Morrill, “	3 78
James Libby, “	5 10
Horace Gilpatric, “	1 15
H. W. Maxwell, “	11 00
G. H. Dingley, “	4 75
H. M. Hunkins, “	2 90
F. E. Goodwin, “	1 50
W. M. Hatten, “	9 48

David Wright, snow bill, '96-'97,	2 74
J. I. Varney, “	1 80
W. H. Potter, “	1 12
E. Shorey, “	2 73
J. A. Chase, “	90
J. A. Penney, “	3 50
J. A. Snow, “	6 97
A. R. Bucklin, “	97
Hiram Wright, “	3 00
W. C. Knight, “	3 20
S. L. Knight, “	90
W. F. Knight, “	90
W. L. Powers, “	3 25
M. B. Hutchins, “	30
D. N. Fogg, “	5 12
C. N. Fogg, “	2 25
J. Edgecomb, “	1 42
G. Edgecomb, “	1 35
S. Williams, “	52
E. E. Danforth, “	6 50
Fred Gayton, “	3 80
Elbridge McDonald, “	1 62
Isaac McDonald, “	1 91
S. P. Roberts, “	75
T. Webber & Son, “	5 55
W. F. Haines, “	5 65
Lapham & Packard, “	5 60
E. Dow & Son, “	7 15
R. S. Maxwell, “	7 95
C. A. Norcross, “	2 79
E. L. Campbell, “	16 27
J. W. Earle, “	3 76
Emery Severy, “	2 33
Roscoe Bosworth, “	3 75
Chas. Campbell, “	2 73
O. S. Call, “	38

Wm. F. Merriman, snow bill, '96-'97,	13 99
Henry Huntington, "	1 45
Ensign Danforth, "	12 92
Geo. Danforth, "	4 12
Llewellyn Larrabee, "	4 27
Fred Larrabee, "	2 03
Geo. Dearburn, "	3 60
Timothy Levett, "	1 47
Fingan McKenney, "	90
Wm. Barnes, "	1 63
Wm. Marston, "	90
M. W. Adams, "	8 83
L. U. Adams, "	1 00
O. Smith, "	1 00
A. L. Small, "	2 79
G. N. Thurlow, "	11 95
G. A. Thurlow, "	4 65
Walter Ridley, "	9 18
Edward Ridley, "	4 49
D. I. Larrabee, "	2 37
D. P. Adams, "	3 68
J. E. Jack, "	9 35
Sidney Buker, "	3 00
Edgar Birey, "	3 55
Timothy Payne, "	3 00
J. A. Taylor, "	60
W. G. Randall, "	5 60
Chas. Hall, "	1 22
Henry Hall, "	1 34
H. King, "	45
F. Dennerson, "	15
Wm. Bubier, "	3 82
Winfield Bubier, "	1 72
Wm. Springer, "	26
John Purinton, "	10 30
O. M. Hatch, "	2 00

Everett Allen, snow bill, '96-'97,	3 20
Millard Jack, “	30
S. H. Ring, “	2 90
E. J. Elliot, “	2 55
P. Keys, “	1 20
C. H. Webber, “	5 78
W. H. Waldron, “	3 82
Arthur Waldron, “	1 35
E. E. Ring, “	1 65
Geo. E. Ring, “	1 13
B. W. Berry & Son, “	5 05
L. C. Berry, “	3 95
B. W. Ridley, “	2 00
R. F. Ridley, “	30
J. W. Tucker, “	6 93
G. H. Palmer, “	98
H. H. True, “	1 25
H. A. True, “	52
H. M. Starbird, “	32
Wm. Merchant, “	30
C. A. Metcalf, “	4 65
Levi Harriman, “	11 75
F. T. Harriman, “	4 80
Geo. E. Spaulding, “	3 35
Josiah Small, “	1 10
Robert Booker, “	1 35
E. W. Getchell, “	2 85
M. C. Rose, “	75
A. Neal, “	1 05
Arthur Newell, “	1 50
Geo. A. Hamlin, “	1 50
A. Douglass, “	4 38
W. T. Woodbury, “	3 08
Augustus Gowell, “	4 27
Sherman Witham, “	2 77
Fred A. Edgecomb, “	8 92
Frank T. Bailey, “	1 95
A. S. Gowell, “	3 75

Lyford Newell, snow bill, '96-'97,	23
W. C. Bowley, “	1 30
Geo. W. Newell, “	2 00
W. A. Gowell, “	60
James H. Bowie, “	3 40
Foster Alexander, “	75
Chas. Dayley, “	1 20
Urial Atwood, “	1 58
Horace Jordan, “	1 88
Horace Buker, “	7 37
Chas. Larrabee, “	45
Fred Moody, “	76
Andrew Bubier, “	38
D. T. Smith, “	15
Walter Bosworth, “	45
O. S. Call, “	68
F. E. Baker, “	1 65
John T. Gilman, “	1 65
Frank D. Gilman, “	2 70
Edward Gray, “	75
E. N. Pinkham, “	5 69
Nathan True, “	1 25
E. M. True, “	30
Roscoe Pinkham, “	60
H. F. Woodward, “	11 68
D. H. Potter, “	53
A. C. Ashford, “	2 10
R. S. Niles, “	1 25
C. E. Maloon, “	4 10
Eben Morrill, “	7 70
Henry Rose, “	3 74
Josiah D. Buker, “	37
C. T. Frost, “	45
G. Dearburne, “	75
C. T. Hall & Son, “	2 53
R. W. Cunningham, “	5 17
W. M. Cunningham, “	2 77

W. E. Cunningham, snow bill, '96-97,	6 80
F. O. Sylvester, “	1 65
F. E. Lane, “	5 16
J. A. Huntington, “	5 75
E. P. True, “	1 05
A. C. True, “	1 80
R. S. Niles, “	1 00
David B. Allen, “	1 80
R. G. Allen, “	1 50
A. J. Tozier, “	75
Frank Blaisdell, “	75
J. A. Huntington, “	1 95
F. M. Babcock, “	18 49
F. W. Libby, “	5 17
E. P. Springer, “	4 88
C. W. Goodwin, “	3 60
W. V. Town, “	15
Geo. Howard, “	30
C. H. Webber, “	5 77
A. Peacock, “	90
M. Tibbetts, “	60
B. Ridley, “	1 20
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Amount paid out,	\$623 09
“ raised by town,	500 00
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“ Overdrawn,	\$123 09

TOWN POOR.

Orders drawn on the Treasury for support of Poor :

Town of Brunswick, supplies furnished Charles W. Groves, 1896,	\$ 6 00
Enoch Adams, medical examination	
A. M. Swan,	3 00
Enoch Adams, medical attendance on Sanford Goodwin,	4 50
E. D. Tucker, shingles for town farm buildings,	18 50

F. E. Lane, balance on account of town farm,	25 00
Geo. W. Newell, 5 weeks' board of C. J. Driscoll,	20 00
F. E. Goodwin, boot between cows for town farm,	31 00
Maine Insane Hospital, support of Martha Swan,	117 05
J. I. Varney, care and board of Bertha Jordan,	30 00
J. I. Varney, care and board of Bertha Jordan,	26 00
J. I. Varney, care and board of Bertha Jordan,	14 00
J. I. Varney, care and board of Bertha Jordan,	10 00
Town of Brunswick, supplies furnished Charles W. Groves, 1897,	5 00
L. F. Dunn, clothing for S. Goodwin and material for repairs on town farm buildings,	10 00
Bertha M. Jordan, money received on State pension before being chargeable.	5 00
J. I. Varney, care and board of Bertha M. Jordan,	14 00
E. F. Severy, care and board of one tramp,	50

Total amount paid out,

\$ 339 55

Resources for support of poor :

Amount raised by town,	\$100 00
“ received from town of Woodstock for support of Martha A. Swan,	123 05
Amount received from State, Bertha M. Jordan's pension,	72 00

Amount received from town of Andover for support of Taylors,	46 80
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Total amount resources,	\$341 85
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Balance in favor of town,	\$ 2 30

TOWN FARM.

The town farm was let to F. E. Lane, for one year, from April 1, 1897, and in return he is to board and care for Sanford Goodwin and to shingle—lay the shingles—the house.

We found, after investigation, that it was best to make some exchange with two of the cows on the farm, they being farrow, and one of them old and but of very little profit, so exchanged with F. E. Goodwin, which transaction shows on the poor account.

ROAD MACHINE.—Wm. L. Powers, Commissioner.
Orders drawn on Treasury for repairs

of roads and bridges :	
C. H. Mitchell, new road machine,	\$215 00
B. Howe, labor on highway,	6 75
Wm. L. Powers, labor self and team on highway,	153 62
H. C. Allard, labor self and team on highway,	117 00
J. W. Earle, labor on highway,	28 50
F. T. Harriman, “ “	2 61
C. Fogg, “ “	4 88
H. C. Allard, labor self and team on highway,	38 00
Wm. L. Powers, labor self and team on highway,	60 75
Geo. L. Powers, labor on highway,	3 75
F. N. Adams, “ “	1 50
A. E. Googins, “ “	5 25
H. T. Hall, “ “	1 50

C. T. Hall, " "	1 50
D. H. Potter, " "	13 12
Wm. Tarr, plank,	6 91
Wm. L. Powers, labor self and team on highway,	111 00
J. W. Earle, labor on highway,	50 20
F. M. Babcock, " "	75
E. D. Danforth, " "	14 53
Elmer Purinton, " "	5 18
C. Pray, " "	5 62
B. Ridley, mending chains,	2 45
C. N. Fogg, labor on highway,	10 12
S. Danforth, stone and dirt,	3 00
E. L. Harriman, labor on highway,	3 00
Millard Jack, " "	1 88
F. O. Berry, labor and stringers,	8 25
A. P. Otis, labor on highway,	3 00
S. H. Knight, " "	1 12
F. D. Gilman, " "	11 41
R. O. Hoey, lumber,	15 84
M. W. Adams, labor on highway,	4 50
L. Adams, " "	2 25
F. D. Gilman, " "	3 00
G. E. Ring, " "	75
Geo. E. Ricker, " "	17 75
E. F. Alexander, " "	3 00
E. Morrell, stringers for Knight bridge,	6 00
F. T. Harriman, labor on highway,	1 50
O. S. Call, " "	37
Wm. Maxwell & Son, plank,	10 71
D. N. Fogg, labor on highway,	37
D. N. Fogg, plank,	30 37
Augustus Neal, plank,	12 62
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Total amount expended,	\$1001 18
Amount raised by town.	1000 00
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Amount overdrawn,	\$ 1 18

SCHOOLS.

Balance on Selectmen's book, Feb. 20,		
1897,	\$ 48 76	
Amount raised by town,	1200 00	
" received from Monmouth,		
tuition,	8 50	
Amount received from Wales, tuition,	4 00	
" " State,—State		
school fund and mill tax,	732 68	
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Total amount resources,		\$1993 94
Total amount expended,		1746 01
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Balance in favor of schools,		\$ 247 93

SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS.

Orders drawn on the Treasury for school		
house repairs :		
Dingley Hardware Co., two doors,	\$ 4 50	
F. E. Baker, repairs on Mills house,		
1895,	4 10	
F. C. Weston, repairs on Steventown		
house, 1895,	4 50	
E. C. Bosworth, painting and glass,	10 62	
M. H. Dustin, " " "	11 50	
W. A. Olmsted, material for repairs,	22 93	
A. F. Tinkham, paint, oil and		
brushes,	18 93	
Eugene Harriman, labor on Steven-		
town house,	1 50	
F. E. Baker, labor and paint on		
South house,	22 20	
Eli Merriman, supplies,	2 49	
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Total amount expended,		\$103 27
Amount raised by town,		150 00
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Balance in favor of town,		\$ 46 73

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Orders drawn on the Treasury for school books :

D. H. Knowlton, printing for books,	\$ 1 50
Edward Babb & Co., school papers,	70
American Book Co., books,	9 90
F. P. Thayer, work on books,	5 00
M. H. Dustin, postage and freight,	4 25
D. H. Knowlton, merchandise,	2 50
Leach & Shewell & Co., books,	19 82
American Book Co., books,	41 43

Total amount expended,

\$85 10

Amount raised by town,

75 00

Amount overdrawn,

\$10 10

SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS.

Orders drawn on the Treasury for Sheep killed by dogs :

C. H. Hodgkins, one sheep,	\$4 00
F. E. Mitchell, " "	3 50

7 50

Due from State on sheep killed by dogs,

7 50

BURIAL OF SOLDIERS.

Orders drawn on Treasury for burial of soldiers :

Charles Flagg, burial expenses of Luther M. Ridley,	\$35 00
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Received from State for burial of soldiers,

\$35 00

\$35 00

\$35 00

TOWN HISTORY.

Orders drawn on the Treasury for printing town history :

Burleigh & Flynt, in part for printing history,	\$232 00
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Amount raised by town, 1896, for
printing history,

\$200 00

Balance unexpended from Centennial,

32 00

\$232 00

\$232 00

The above account is footed in with the Incidentals.

MEMORIAL SERVICES.

Paid Libby Post, G. A. R, No. 93,	\$25 00	
Amount raised by town,		\$25 00
	<u>\$25 00</u>	<u>\$25 00</u>

TOWN DEBT.

Amount raised by town to pay interest on same,	\$125 00
Paid interest on town debt,	\$136 37
Overdrawn,	<u>\$ 11 37</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Resources of Town expenses, exclusive of schools :	
Balance on selectmen's book Feb. 20, 1897,	\$3656 11
Amount committed to collector, April 30,	4929 24
Received from town of Andover, support of Taylors,	46 80
Received from town of Woodstock, support of Martha A. Swan,	123 05
Received from Asa P. Nutting, from estate of Perley Fisk,	35 00
Received from State, pension for Bertha M. Jordan,	72 00
Received from Charles Green, peddler's license,	6 00
Received from State, Railroad and Tele- graph tax,	37 39
Received from State, dog license of 1895,	62 21
“ “ “ 1896,	72 58
“ “ for burial of soldiers,	35 00
	<u>\$9079 38</u>
Paid out for incidentals,	\$1471 22
sheep killed by dogs,	7 50
burial of soldiers,	35 00
support of poor,	339 55
road machine,	1001 18

Paid out for school house repairs,	103	27	
snow bill of 1896 and 1897,	623	09	
G. A. R., Libby Post, No. 93,	25	00	
school books,	85	10	
Interest on town debt,	136	37	
State tax,	1032	91	
county tax,	421	12	\$5281 31
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Balance on selectmen's book,			
Feb. 19, 1898,			\$3798 07

Respectfully submitted,

F. N. ADAMS,	} Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor of Litchfield.
JOHN PURINTON,	
THOMAS HOLMES.	

Treasurer's Report.

The following report shows the amount of money received and paid out during the municipal year ending February 19, 1898, also a statement of the town debt and the amount due from the collector, February 19, 1898 :

Cash in Treasury, February 18, 1897,	\$129	13
Received from A. R. Bucklin, collector for 1895,	97	95
Received from A. R. Bucklin, collector for 1896,	3811	22
Received from A. R. Bucklin, collector for 1897,	1256	76
Received from Samuel Smith, collector for 1893,	2	64
Received from State Treasurer, dog license, 1896,	66	21
Received from State Treasurer, school fund, 1896,	732	68

Received from State Treasurer, burial of soldiers,	35 00	
Received from State Treasurer, railroad and telegraph tax,	37 39	
Received from State Treasurer, dog licenses,	72 58	
Received by commitment from select- men (tuition Wales),	4 00	
Received from selectmen by commit- ment (tuition Monmouth),	8 50	
Received from selectmen by commit- ment, town of Andover,	46 80	
Received from selectmen by commit- ment, town of Woodstock, support M. A. Swan,	117 05	
Received from selectmen by commit- ment, estate of Perley Fisk,	35 00	
Received from selectmen by commit- ment, Bertha M. Jordan,	15 00	
Received by commitment from select- men, Bertha M. Jordan,	57 00	
Received from selectmen by commit- ment, town of Woodstock, M. A. Swan,	6 00	
Received from selectmen by commit- ment, Chas. Green, peddler's license,	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$6536 91
Paid out :		
For support of schools,	\$1352 80	
road machine,	970 47	
incidental town expenses,	821 47	
interest on town debt,	136 37	
town debt,	400 00	
snow bills,	620 84	
sheep killed by dogs,	9 50	
school books,	23 85	
support of poor,	193 00	

For memorial services,	25 00	
burial of soldiers,	35 00	
State tax, 1896,	866 58	
State tax, 1897,	232 58	
county tax, 1897,	421 12	
old orders,	69 51	
Insane Hospital, M. A. Swan,	117 05	
repairs on school houses,	100 78	
	<hr/>	\$6395 92
Cash in Treasury, February 19, 1898,		140 99
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		\$6536 91
Due from A. R. Bucklin, collector for 1895,	\$11 06	
Due from A. R. Bucklin, collector for 1896,	132 53	
Due from A. R. Bucklin, collector for 1897,	4872 48	
Due from State Treasurer, school fund,	681 02	
Cash in Treasury, February 19, 1898,	140 99	
	<hr/>	\$5838 08
Outstanding notes and interest,	\$2937 08	
Due on State tax for 1897,	800 33	
Balance in favor of town,	2100 67	
	<hr/>	\$5838 08

CYRUS KINDRICK,

Treasurer.

Litchfield, February 19, 1898.

Auditor's Report.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Litchfield :

Your Auditor having made a careful examination of the books and accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer, for the municipal year ending February 19, 1898, presents the following report :

The Selectmen's accounts show that for all orders drawn on the Treasury, they have itemized bills on file, and all orders paid by the Treasurer are correctly charged on his books, and the books are kept in a neat and business-like manner, are correctly balanced and agree.

The Treasurer's book shows that he had—

Cash on hand, February 17, 1897,	\$ 129 13	
Received during the year,	6407 78	
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Has paid out during the same time,		6395 92

Leaving cash in the treasury, February 19, 1898,		\$ 140 99

I have also examined and allowed the several town officers' bills to February 19, 1898, as follows :

F. N. Adams, services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor,		\$66 00
John Purinton, same service,		49 50
Thomas Holmes, same service,		57 75
M. H. Dustin, Supervisor of Schools,		71 50
M. H. Dustin, same service from February 16, to March 6, 1897,		11 30
Cyrus Kindrick, Town Treasurer,		21 50
Charles A. Metcalf, Town Clerk,		12 00
Charles A. Metcalf, Auditor,		2 00

CHARLES A. METCALF,

Auditor.

Litchfield, February 19, 1898.

Report of Schools.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Litchfield:

In conformity with the law, your Superintendent brings before you the annual report of the progress and condition of our schools during the past year.

Resources.

Balance unexpended, February 20, 1897,	\$ 10 54
Amount raised by town,	1200 00
School Fund and Mill Tax,	681 02
Received from Monmouth, tuition,	8 50
Due from Wales, tuition,	7 25
Due from H. Taylor, tuition from Bowdoin, 1895,	3 00
Received from H. Taylor, tuition from Wales, 1895,	4 00
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Total,	\$1914 31

Expenditures.

Paid for spring schools,	\$564 10
fall “	600 00
winter “	602 75
wood,	67 57
supplies,	45 78
tuition due West Gardiner,	12 00
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	\$1892 20
Balance unexpended,	22 11

School Statistics.

TERMS.	NAME OF SCHOOL.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	Number of Pupils Registered.	Average Number.	Length of Term in Weeks.	Wages.	Number of Schools taught before.	Number of Visits by Citizens.
SPRING TERM.	Corner.	Helen P. True,	18	16	9	\$5 75	6	20
	Waterman.	Etta T. Taylor,	19	17	9	6 00	59	14
	Grant.	Jennie A. Jordan,	10	8	9	5 00	2	10
	South.	Neva M. Hall,	24	19	9	6 00	16	13
	Steventown	Charles M. Tibbetts,	22	15	6*	5 50	54	1
	Earle.	Lettie P. Alexander,	10	10	9	5 25	5	10
	Mills.	Cora E. True,	21	17	9	6 00	16	7
	Brick.	Francis P. Thayer,	12	11	9	5 25	21	0
	N. Oak Hill.	Mabelle F. Purinton,	8	7.5	9	4 50	0	11
	Farrin.	Roscoe S. Bosworth,	26	24	9	6 00	13	30
Plains.	Edith E. Bubier,	11	9	9	5 50	14	5	
FALL TERM.	Corner.	Marcia E. Paine,	18	17	7	6 25	55	6
	S. Oak Hill.	Edith M. Small,	9	6	10	4 50	0	16
	Waterman.	Etta T. Taylor,	19	17	7	6 25	60	5
	Hall.	Claribel Higgins,	5	4	10	4 50	0	6
	Grant.	Neva M. Hall,	12	9	7	5 75	17	4
	South.	George M. Rogers,	24	20	7	6 25	12	12
	Steventown	Charles M. Tibbetts,	19	17	10	5 75	55	1
	Earle.	Roscoe S. Bosworth,	14	13	7	6 00	11	6
	Mills.	Cora E. True,	22	19	7	6 25	17	8
	Brick.	Lettie P. Alexander,	10	10	7	5 75	6	0
N. Oak Hill.	Nellie M. Ham,	7	6	11	5 25	5	5	
Farrin.	W. W. Stewart,	23	15	7	6 00	7	23	
Plains.	Millard H. Jack,	10	9	7	5 75	7	5	
WINTER TERM.	Corner.	Marcia E. Paine,	19	17	9	6 75	56	14
	Waterman.	Etta T. Taylor,	18	17	9	6 75	61	3
	Grant.	Neva M. Hall,	8	7	9	6 00	18	6
	South.	George M. Rogers,	26	25	9	6 75	13	0
	Steventown	Charles M. Tibbetts,	17	15	9	6 50	56	10
	Earle.	Roscoe S. Bosworth,	20	16	9	6 50	15	16
	Mills.	Cora E. True,	19	15	9	6 75	18	4
	Brick.	Lettie P. Alexander,	10	9	9	6 00	7	13
	Farrin.	Wallace W. Stewart,	20	17	9	6 50	8	23
Plains.	Francis P. Thayer,	10	8	9	6 50	22	5	

* Closed on account of sickness.

NAMES OF PUPILS NOT ABSENT ONE-HALF DAY.

Corner school. Spring term: Eugene Campbell, Blanche Huntington, Dennis Leavitt, Amy Taylor, Maxey Kindrick, Percy H. Earle, Onslow Campbell. Fall term: Edith Earle, Blanche Huntington, Carrie Thayer, Amy Taylor, Eugene Campbell, Carl Taylor, Perley Campbell, Maxey Kindrick, Onslow Campbell, Percy Earle. Winter term: * Amy Taylor, Edith Earle, Daisy Kidder, * Eugene Campbell, * Maxey Kindrick, * Percy Earle, * Onslow Campbell.

Waterman school. Spring term: Alice E. Wyman, Nellie M. Powers, Arthur B. Douglass, Milton Webber, Harry Allard. Fall term: Nellie M. Powers, Gertie M. Allard, Lettie Payne, Arthur Douglass, Harry Allard, Byron Howe. Winter term: Alice Wyman, Ethel Allard, * Nellie M. Powers, Gertie Allard, Bessie Elliott, Lettie Payne, * Harry Allard, Bert Wyman, Byron Howe.

Hall school. Fall term: Sula A. Dennison, Bertha J. Springer.

Grant school. Fall term: Helen Blanchard, Adesta Blanchard, Millard Blanchard, Edith Otis, Merton Barrett. Winter term: Edith M. Otis, Merton A. Barrett.

South school. Spring term: Mildred E. Tucker, Mabel Tucker, Sallie H. True, Sadie W. Tucker, Maude A. Lane, J. Richard Tucker, Fred W. Tucker, Walter E. Lane. Fall term: Mary O. Palmer, Sallie H. True, Hattie Curtis, Gertrude O. Smith, Maud A. Lane, Mabel Lane, Walter E. Lane, Fred Tucker. Winter term: Sadie W. Tucker, * Maud A. Lane, Mildred Tucker, George Tucker, Bert Tucker, Ralph Tucker, * Walter Lane, John Tucker, Elmer Tucker.

Steventown school. Spring term: Georgia Gowell, Alice M. Bowley, Inez M. Gowell, Perley Lombard, Arthur Bowley. Fall term: Georgia Gowell, Minnie Peacock, Alice Bowley, Ethel Newell, Ina Gowell, Inez Gowell,

* Not absent during the year.

Lewis Peacock, Arthur Bowley. Winter term: Ethel Small,* Georgia Gowell, Minnie Peacock, * Alice Bowley, Ethel Newell, * Inez Gowell.

Earle school. Spring term: Bertha Gilpatrick, Della Gilpatrick, Ursula Dennison, Perley Morrell, Nathaniel Gilpatrick. Fall term: Louise Atwood, Della Gilpatrick, Bertha Gilpatrick, Nathaniel Gilpatrick. Winter term: Edmond Gilpatrick, * Nathaniel Gilpatrick, * Della E. Gilpatrick, * Bertha N. Gilpatrick.

Mills school. Spring term: Birdina M. Gilman, Lester A. Howard, Herbie C. Allen, Dick H. Norris, Perley Nixon. Fall term: Ralph Goodwin, Perley Nixon, Carl Goodwin, Lillie Goodwin. Winter term: Elbridge Allen, Richard H. Norris, * Perley Nixon, Herbert Allen, Lester A. Howard, Cleda Gilman, Grace E. Norris.

Brick school. Spring term: Herbert B. Libby, Lester M. Webber, Daisy Kidder. Fall term: Eva M. Webber, Hazel B. Woodward, Clement Webber, Pearl Woodward, Herbert B. Libby, Edward C. Libby. Winter term: Edward C. Libby.

North Oak Hill school. Spring term: Genevieve M. Dustin, Clifton H. Dustin. Winter term: Willie Buker, Daniel Powers.

Farrin school. Spring term: Elton Ricker, Everett G. Ricker, George McDonald, Charles H. Larrabee, Mary L. Goodwin, Emma W. Goodwin, Hattie M. Danforth, Grace E. Danforth, Bessie E. Bubier, Nettie Bubier, Lena C. Larrabee. Fall term. Bessie E. Bubier, Nettie F. Bubier, Lena Larrabee, Francis E. Larrabee, Elton F. Ricker, George E. Ricker, Charles H. Larrabee. Winter term: * Lena Larrabee, * Charles H. Larrabee, * George E. Ricker, * Elton F. Ricker.

Plains school. Spring term: Byron C. Elmes, Leroy M. Varney, Delma R. Small. Winter term: Delma Small.

* Not absent during the year.

We have run ten schools of twenty-five weeks each, an increase of one week in the length of the school year.

During the spring term we reduced the number of schools to eleven, by making arrangements for pupils in the Hall and South Oak Hill limits to attend the Earle and Farrin respectively.

The pupils of the Berry district have been conveyed to the Steventown school during the entire year at a cost of \$39.75.

In the fall, we had schools at the Hall and South Oak Hill of ten weeks each, and one at North Oak Hill of eleven weeks. The North Oak Hill and Hall buildings are so poor that the parents dislike to send their children during the colder weather; therefore it is necessary to have what school we can in the spring and fall.

Our schools ought to and can be consolidated so that at the most eight would be all that is necessary.

If we had eight schools with the number of pupils at present, they would average less than twenty-five to a school. With the same amount of money that we had this year, we could have thirty weeks' schooling, pay our teachers \$7.00 per week for the year, and have nearly \$100 left. Also with fewer schools there would be less wood to buy, fewer houses to keep in repair, and less incidental expenses.

We had one school the past year that cost over \$18.00 per scholar for the year, another that cost over \$15.00 and another over \$14.00, while the larger schools cost about \$8.00 per scholar.

By a re-arrangement of our school houses, to make eight schools, many pupils would have to walk farther than at present, but none farther than some have to walk now.

We wish to call the attention of the tax-payers to a few statistics taken from report of 1896. We take the figures of last year because our schools have been consolidated this year, to some extent. We find it cost in 1896 something over \$500 to school in four schools, an average of twenty-five pupils, while in the other nine schools it cost something

less than \$1500 to school 175 pupils, or about \$9.00 each. When we pay \$500 to school 25 pupils for a year, \$350 or 70 per cent. of that amount is thrown away. Now, can we afford to throw away money like that?

REPAIRS.

Amount raised by town,		\$150 00
Paid for lead and oil,	\$29 13	
labor,	34 12	
Hyloplate blackboards,	20 40	
freight, trucking and putting up		
blackboards,	2 53	
miscellaneous,	2 49	88 67
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Unexpended,		61 33

We painted the Farrin and Corner houses one coat, and the Earle and South two coats. The Farrin and Earle houses each need another coat, but we thought it would be better if put on next year. Many of the blackboards were and are in bad condition. We put Hyloplate boards into two school houses, and thus far it has proved well. The board is made of pressed paper, slated, and is, we should judge, durable. In everyone of our school houses we ought to have a book closet, provided with lock and key. We think the saving in books would soon pay for the closets.

TEXT BOOKS.

Amount raised by town,	\$75 00
Received for old arithmetics,	7 65
discount on new arithmetics,	4 13
for old readers,	2 55
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Total,	\$89 33
Paid for geographies,	9 44
physiologies,	8 00
arithmetics,	31 60
readers,	31 99

miscellaneous books,	6 70
re-numbering books, etc.,	5 00
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	\$92 73
	89 33
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Overdrawn,	\$ 3 40

We have bought the past year 12 geographies, 10 physiologies, 100 arithmetics, primary and intermediate, 110 readers, and other miscellaneous books.

Our schools are now very well supplied with books, with the exception of geographies. We should recommend supplying the schools with geographies, also the introduction of an elementary work on civics.

TEACHERS AND THEIR WORK.

Many of the teachers this year were the same as last year, and the words of praise in our last report applies equally as well this year. We have endeavored to place the right teacher in the right school, but some schools have not come quite up to the standard. On the whole, the schools have been faithfully conducted, thorough work done, and good progress made. The work of the younger teachers was satisfactory to your Superintendent, and we think to the parents. Some had never taught before, and in selecting such we tried to choose those whose character and scholarship justified making them teachers.

We have tried during the year to induce our teachers to observe and teach more of nature, and to be such that they can find "Tongues in trees, books in running brooks, sermons in stones, and good in everything." It has been our experience that nine out of ten so-called "incorrigibles" are interested in some form of nature, and happy is the teacher who can touch the right chord. We would advise no person to attempt teaching unless he or she wishes to make it a business. Some people seem to think that anyone can teach school, but how many stop to think what a power the teacher wields either for good or evil? The calling of the teacher

is of the highest and is a profession if we do professional work, and, also, is a noble one if we do our work nobly.

LIBRARIES.

It is with pleasure we note that many of our schools have started libraries, and that in some sections the parents have taken a great interest in the matter. Pupils cannot fail of being benefited by even the reading of such books as have been purchased, and with a teacher able and willing to use them in connection with the regular text books, the study of history, geography and reading can be made so interesting that pupils will delight in them.

EXAMINATION OF TEACHERS.

We would recommend that each teacher, and every person intending to become a teacher send to W. W. Stetson, Augusta, Maine, for a report of the State Superintendent of Public Schools for 1897. In that report, pages 79 to 94, will be found full descriptions of State Examinations for Special State Certificate. Under the present law every teacher in the future will be obliged to take an examination and hold a certificate, either from the local or State Superintendent, also the town Superintendent will be required to report, under oath, in the next school return made to the educational department, whether the statutes relating to the examination of teachers have been faithfully complied with.

CONVENTIONS.

The teachers' meetings of the past year have been very satisfactory to your Superintendent, and we think all have been greatly benefited by them. In the spring the convention was carried on wholly by our town's teachers, but in the fall the teachers from Monmouth, Wales, West Gardiner and Bowdoin assisted us. The instructive and interesting papers given by the teachers of the different towns, and the talks by State Superintendent Stetson must have been, it seems to us, an inspiration and stimulus to any teacher. We were pleased to note an increase in the number of our teachers at

the last county convention at Augusta. The next Kennebec County Teachers' Meeting will be at Waterville. Let us attend, if possible, and do all we can during the coming year to give as well as get ideas, remembering that no teacher, no school, can attain to its highest possibilities alone, but must have intercourse and association with other schools and other minds.

SYNOPSIS OF NEW SCHOOL LAWS.

All schools that failed last year to have an average of at least eight pupils are discontinued, unless the town votes at its annual meeting to instruct its Superintending School Committee to maintain them.

The town must elect a school committee of three. The Superintendent of Schools cannot be a member of the committee, and no member of the committee is eligible to teach in his own town. The town may elect a Superintendent or he may be chosen by the committee.

CONCLUSION.

We find from statistics furnished by the teachers that there have been 312 visits to the schools by citizens, an increase of nearly 40 per cent. over last year. Visits by parents tend to make our schools more efficient; lazy teachers will do more and better work, and good smart teachers will feel that their work is appreciated and will try to do still better. Parents should not enter the school room so filled with the spirit of criticism and disapprobation that they will fail to see anything good. There is no teacher but what fails more or less in teaching some one branch, and it has been said that he may find some good even in the work of the poorest teacher. But if we expect to find something to criticise and disapprove, we certainly shall.

We have noticed, in a few schools, that the parents keep pupils, or allow them to stay, at home too much. Parents who permit their scholars to stay away from school not only rob themselves and their children, but also rob the other pupils, for a scholar who goes a day now and then continually retards the work of other pupils in his classes.

In conclusion, we wish to thank the citizens of the town for many helpful suggestions and for their confidence and generous support, without which our work would be vain.

Very respectfully submitted,

M. H. DUSTIN,

February 19, 1898.

Superintendent of Schools.

TOWN WARRANT.

To ORRIN A. TRUE, Constable of the Town of Litchfield,

GREETING :

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Litchfield, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town House on Monday, the seventh day of March, 1898, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, 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 for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To attend to the report of the Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor, Town Treasurer, Town Agents, Auditor of Accounts, and Supervisor of Schools.

Art. 4. To choose three or more Selectmen;
 Three or more Assessors, and three or more Overseers of the Poor;
 A Town Treasurer;
 A Town Agent;
 A Committee or Auditor of Accounts;
 A Collector of Taxes;
 Three Superintending School Committee, and a Superintendent of Schools, if the town so vote.

- Art. 5. To choose one or more Constables ;
Surveyors of Wood and Lumber ;
Fence viewers ; Field drivers ; a Pound
keeper ; a Sealer of weights and
measures, and all the other necessary
officers, agents, and Committees.
- Art. 6. To choose one or more Truant officers.
- Art. 7. To choose a Road Commissioner.
- Art. 8. To vote a sum of money for Support of
Schools.
- Art. 9. To vote a sum of money for the purchase of
School Books.
- Art. 10. To vote a sum of money for the Support of
the Poor.
- Art. 11. To vote a sum of money to pay part or all of
the Town Debt.
- Art. 12. To vote a sum of money to pay interest on
Town Debt.
- Art. 13. To vote a sum of money for Incidental Town
Expenses.
- Art. 14. To vote a sum of money for the repairs of
Roads and Bridges.
- Art. 15. To vote a sum of money to pay the Snow Bills
of 1897-98.
- Art. 16. To vote a sum of money to be expended by
Libby Post No. 93, G. A. R., in the proper observance of
Memorial Day.
- Art. 17. To see if the town will vote to make the road
from South Oak Hill road to Asa P. Nutting's house a
public highway and act anything relative.
- Art. 18. To see if the town will vote to continue to
support a school at the Grant School House (so called) and
act anything in relation thereto.
- Art. 19. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen
and Town Treasurer to hire money to pay indebtedness of
the town.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to designate how many schools shall be maintained and where they shall be located and act on anything relative thereto.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote a sum of money for repairs of School Houses.

Art. 22. To see what action the town will take for the running and care of the Hearse.

Art. 23. To see what action the town will take in regard to establishing the pay of the Superintendent of Schools, the Superintending School Committee and Road Commissioner.

Art. 24. To see what action the town will take in regard to the distribution of the town history and act anything in relation thereto.

Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen and Town Agent to prosecute all persons in town who violate the prohibitory law during the municipal year of 1898.

Art. 26. To see if the town will vote to adopt local time for the ensuing year.

Art. 27. To direct how the Valuation of 1898 shall be taken.

Art. 28. To direct how future town meetings shall be called and what time in March, 1899, the next annual town meeting shall be held.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session on the day and at the place above named from nine till ten o'clock in the forenoon, to receive evidence of qualification of Voters.

Given under our hands at Litchfield, this eighteenth day of February, A. D., 1898.

F. N. ADAMS,	}	Selectmen of Litchfield.
JOHN PURINTON,		
THOMAS HOLMES,		