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ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
ASSESSORS, OVERSEERS OF POOR,
TREASURER,
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,
Treasurer of School and Ministerial Funds,
AND
ROAD COMMISSIONER,
OF THE
TOWN OF LIVERMORE,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 13, 1903.

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TOWN OFFICERS

FOR THE YEAR 1902.

MODERATOR.

I. T. MONROE.

CLERK.

W. N. BENNETT.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.

D. R. BRIGGS,

A. G. TIMBERLAKE,

C. P. SANDERS.

TREASURER.

R. B. BRADFORD.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

IRA T. MONROE.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

D. D. LORD,

S. H. BECKLER,

ROY E. PIKE.

ROAD COMMISSIONER.

C. R. BABB.

COLLECTOR AND CONSTABLE.

GEORGE MONROE.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Valuation of Property in Town April 1, 1902.

Real estate, resident,	\$256,935 00
Real estate, non-resident,	93,635 00
Personal estate, resident,	60,300 00
Personal estate, non-resident,	12,570 00
Total real and personal estate,	—————\$423,440 00

Personal estate consist of the following items:

335	Horses, value	\$14,422 00
4	Three-year-old colts, value	260 00
9	Two-year-old colts, value	430 00
2	Year-old colts, value	45 00
864	Cows, value	19,140 00
39	Oxen, value	2,260 00
289	Three-year-olds, value	6,108 00
288	Two-year-olds, value	4,437 00
338	One-year-olds, value	2,698 00
325	sheep, value	944 00
233	Swine, value	1,480 00
	Bank stock, value	2,425 00
	Bridge stock, value	265 00
	Money at interest, value	750 00
	Stock in trade, value	2,975 00
	Logs and lumber, value	8,750 00
	Wood and bark,	150 00
	Carriages,	1,433 00
	Musical instruments,	1,148 00
	Finished products in mills,	2,750 00
		—————\$72,870 00

Amount of assessments for 1902:

State tax,	\$1,251 56	
County tax,	633 78	
Town charges,	1,300 00	
Roads and bridges,	2,400 00	
Debt,	1,700 00	
Common schools,	1,000 00	
High School,	150 00	
School books and charts,	180 00	
School-house repairs,	100 00	
G. A. R., Kimball Post,	15 00	
Overlay of taxes,	384 46	
Supplementary tax,	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$9,126 80
Amount assessed on real and personal estates,	\$8,468 80	
Amount assessed on 329,	658 00	
	<hr/>	\$9,126 80

Number of polls exempt, 15.

Rate of taxation, .02.

The above amount was assessed on the polls and estates in town, and committed to Geo. Monroe, collector, on the sixteenth day of April 1902, with a warrant for collecting and paying the same to the Town Treasurer, one-half on or before November 1, 1902, and the remainder on or before February 1, 1903. This he has done with the exception of \$188.52.

MUNICIPAL ORDERS DRAWN FOR THE YEAR
ENDING FEBRUARY 13, 1903.

Common schools,	\$2,105 66
Free high school,	229 50
School books and charts,	166 74
Repair of school-houses,	53 64
Paupers off farm,	313 41
Town farm expenditures,	935 44
Road repairs,	1,384 56

Snow bills,	\$926 66	
Abatements,	57 65	
Hired money,	500 00	
Hillman's ferry,	82 83	
Miscellaneous orders,	847 65	
	<hr/>	\$7,603 74

TOWN FARM.

The town farm has been under the same management as in 1901 and with the same inmates.

TOWN FARM EXPENSES FOR 1902.

Superintendent's salary,	\$275 00	
Paid W. F. Fuller,	120 58	
G. B. Strickland,	39 13	
Geo. Chandler,	147 96	
C. H. Leverton, M.D.,	26 00	
A. T. Bryant,	10 94	
Oxen,	150 00	
Horse,	40 00	
Labor,	28 98	
W. A. Stuart & Co.,	8 95	
Pigs,	15 00	
Barrels,	9 25	
Phosphate,	7 80	
Blacksmithing, butchering, etc.,	11 25	
For other supplies,	19 60	
	<hr/>	\$910 44

TOWN FARM CREDITS.

Butter sold,	\$209 51
Pork sold,	38 60
Calves sold,	32 00
Poultry sold,	13 61

Eggs sold,	\$12 75	
Corn sold,	7 03	
Labor,	11 90	
	<hr/>	\$325 40

Value of personal property on hand February
10, 1903, as per last report, \$605 15

Schedule of personal property on hand February 10, 1903:		
Horse,	\$40 00	
Oxen,	165 00	
Cows,	270 00	
Heifer,	15 00	
Calf,	7 00	
Swine,	40 00	
Poultry,	12 50	
Hay,	125 00	
Potatoes.	12 00	
Pork,	10 00	
Flour, groceries, etc.,	11 00	
Apples,	47 50	
Grain,	5 50	
Canned fruit, etc.,	3 50	
Vinegar, bbl.,	5 00	
Lumber and shingles,	7 50	
Barrels on hand,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$778 50

Increase of personal property Feb. 10, 1903, \$173.35,
which, taken from expense of farm above receipts, makes the
cost of running the farm, viz.:

Town farm expenses,	\$910 44	
Town farm credits,	325 40	
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Expense of farm above receipts,		\$585 04
Increase of personal property,		173 35
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Cost of running farm,		\$411 69

The town farm credits appear small owing to the fact that the pay for apples sold (\$37.50) and pine delivered (\$136.03) has not yet been received. The town farm expenses appear large for the reason that we bought a horse and yoke of oxen during the year.

SUPPORT OF POOR OFF FARM.

R. L. Andrews,	\$77 00	
A. R. Andrews, insane.	70 41	
Nathan Bartlett,	9 00	
Willie N. Noyes, bill of 1900,	157 00	
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Expense of poor off farm,	\$313 41	
Expense of poor on farm,	411 69	
Total expense of poor,	<hr/>	\$725 10

HILLMAN'S FERRY.

Paid ferryman,	\$65 00	
W. A. Stuart for paint, etc.,	10 88	
C. H. Thurston for roll,	2 25	
F. A. Millett for blacksmithing,	2 10	
W. A. Strong for bolts, etc.,	2 60	
	<hr/>	\$82 83
Received from East Livermore,	\$34 79	
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Cost of ferry to Livermore,		\$48 04

COMMON SCHOOLS.

Appropriations, 1902,	\$1,000 00	
State school fund,	767 77	
Town school fund,	60 22	
Balance from 1901,	359 80	
	<hr/>	\$2,187 79

EXPENDED UP TO DATE.

For teaching,	\$1,092 50
Tuition,	254 27
Wood,	52 95

Conveyance,	\$675 94	
Janitor,	30 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,105 66
Unexpended,		\$82 13

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

Raised by vote of town,	\$150 00	
Received from State,	65 00	
Due from State,	45 00	
Balance from 1901,	130 70	
	<hr/>	\$390 70

EXPENDED UP TO DATE.

For teaching,	\$220 00	
For rent,	6 00	
For janitor,	3 50	
	<hr/>	\$229 50
Unexpended,		\$161 20

REPAIRS AND SUPPLIES.

Appropriation,	\$100 00	
Expended up to date,	53 64	
	<hr/>	\$46 36

SCHOOL BOOKS AND CHARTS.

Appropriation,	\$180 00	
Expended up to date,	166 74	
Unexpended,	<hr/>	\$13 26

HEARSE.

Paid W. S. Hayford, 19 calls,	\$47 50	
C. P. Sanders, 2 calls,	5 00	
L. J. Doten, 1 call,	2 50	
Repairs,	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$56 50

LIST OF ABATEMENTS.

Crocker, J. B., poor,	\$2 00	
Gifford, Isaac, poor,	1 75	
Hobbs, Samuel, dead,	6 00	
Kneeland, C. H., left town,	3 40	
Poole, L. L., Mrs., poor,	60	
Richards, F. E., left town,	2 00	
Ryerson, C. B., paid in Hartford,	2 00	
Strickland, G. B., paid in Leeds,	2 00	
Hutchins, Sewell, estate of, error,	2 00	
Doane, E. H., Rev.,	90	
International Paper Co., over valuation of finished products,	35 00	
		<u>\$57 65</u>

MISCELLANEOUS ORDERS.

Town officers' bills, 1901,	\$520 35	
Printing town reports,	16 00	
Use of vestry, 1901,	15 00	
Kimball Post, G. A. R.,	15 00	
Wood for office,	3 00	
Board of Health, F. H. Boothby, 3 years,	15 00	
Expense of committing A. R.		
Andrews to Insane Hospital,	12 50	
Burial of Wm. Lovejoy,	35 00	
Books for town,	4 55	
Sheep killed by dogs,	8 00	
Election clerks,	12 00	
Geo. Monroe, collector, com.,	88 50	
Bridge lights,	9 00	
Watering tubs,	10 00	
J. P. Bowles, land damage,	6 00	
Postage, stationery, etc.,	10 00	
Legal advice,	2 00	
B. & D. certificates,	9 25	
		<u>\$791 15</u>

TOWN OFFICERS' BILL, 1902.

D. R. Briggs, selectman, etc.,	\$70 00	
A. G. Timberlake, selectman, etc.,	50 00	
C. P. Sanders, selectman, etc.,	50 00	
R. B. Bradford, treasurer,	30 00	
W. N. Bennett, clerk,	20 85	
I. T. Monroe, superintendent of schools,	70 00	
R. A. Ryerson, treasurer of M. & S.,	10 00	
C. R. Babb, road commissioner,	221 50	
	<hr/>	\$522 35

LIABILITIES, FEBRUARY 13, 1903.

Town officers' bills, 1902,	\$522 35	
Due superintendent of farm,	225 00	
Due common schools,	82 13	
Due free high school,	161 20	
Sara Holman bequest,	310 00	
Interest on same,	37 20	
Annual interest uncalled for,	6 00	
Interest bearing debt,	2,500 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,843 88

RESOURCES FEBRUARY 13, 1903.

Cash in treasury,	\$1,421 32	
Uncollected taxes,	188 52	
Due for pine delivered,	136 03	
Due for apples sold,	37 50	
Due from State for F. H. School,	45 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,828 37

Liabilities over resources, \$2,015 51

We further report that we examined the Treasurer's accounts February 13, 1903, and found them correct.

Respectfully submitted,

D. R. BRIGGS,
A. G. TIMBERLAKE,
C. P. SANDERS,

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of Poor.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

Paid C. G. Thompson with horses,	\$327 15	
C. R. Babb for horses,	189 00	
Dynamite and hardware,	28 50	
Lumber for bridges,	59 95	
Repairs on road machine,	13 50	
For blacksmithing,	6 00	
For all other labor,	663 46	
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Amount expended in summer,		\$1,287 56
Amount expended in winter,	\$926 66	
Amount expended on snow roller,	97 00	
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		\$1,023 66
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Total expended summer and winter,		2,311 22
Appropriations,		\$2,400 00
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Unexpended,		\$88 78

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. BABB, *Road Commissioner.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

R. B. BRADFORD, *Treasurer,*

In account with the Town of Livermore.

	DR.
To balance brought forward,	\$2,061 28
From Town of Wilton,	7 00
Inn-holder's license, A. T. Bryant,	1 00
Hired money,	500 00
Town school fund,	60 22
From State burial of soldier,	35 00
From State free high school,	65 00
Shingles sold,	3 37
From State for sheep killed,	8 00
From State telegraph and R. R. tax,	1 50
State pensions,	144 00
Butter from town farm,	209 51
Pork from town farm,	38 60
Veal from town farm,	32 00
Sweet corn from town farm,	7 03
Poultry from town farm,	13 61
Eggs from town farm,	12 75
Labor of superintendent off farm,	11 90
East Livermore's expense of ferry,	34 79
State school fund,	767 7½
Refund of dog licenses,	67 56
Assessment of 1902,	9,126 80
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	\$13,208 69

	CR.
By paid county tax,	\$633 78
State tax,	1,254 56
State pensions,	144 00
Free high school,	223 50
Common schools,	2,109 46
Municipal orders,	5,276 78
Interest on orders,	256 77
Principal of debt,	1,700 00
Due on tax bills of 1902,	188 52
Cash in treasury,	1,421 32
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	\$13,208 69

DOG LICENSES OF 1901.

		DR.
To cash:		
70 males,	\$70 00	
3 females,	9 00	
	<hr/>	\$79 00
		CR.
By paid State Treasurer,		\$79 00

R. B. BRADFORD,
Treasurer of Livermore.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE MINISTERIAL AND SCHOOL FUNDS.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

D. R. Briggs, W. H. Thompson, C. L. Day, R. B. Bradford, C. P. Sanders, C. R. Leach, R. A. Ryerson, R. B. Bradford, Secretary.

The principal of the School Fund remains on deposit in the Savings Banks of Lewiston. The annual dividends to last May have been paid to the Town Treasurer.

The principal of the Ministerial Fund is deposited in the Savings Banks of Auburn. I have paid the several amounts, apportioned by the selectmen one year ago, to the religious societies, as called for.

The amounts now due, under the apportionment of 1902, are as follows:

Baptist,	\$14 03
First Universalist,	12 77
Second Universalist,	19 54
Methodist,	18 53
Advent,	7 26
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	\$72 13

R. A. RYERSON, *Treasurer.*

February 12, 1903.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

The amount of money, exclusive of the appropriations for the Free High School, books, and repairs, at my disposal for the care and maintenance of common schools for the past year was made up of the following items:

Balance from 1901.	\$272 16
Amount raised, 1902,	1,000 00
State Fund, 1902,	767 77
Town Fund, 1902,	60 22
	\$2,100 15

And the expenditure in each department is as follows:

Teaching,	\$1,346 77
Conveyance,	623 10
Wood,	52 95
Janitors,	33 50
	\$2,056 32

Unexpended, \$43 83

REPAIRS.

Amount raised by the town,	\$100 00
Expenses for repairs, etc.:	
Repairs,	\$32 90
Supplies,	4 74
Sanitary,	3 50
Cleaning,	12 50
	\$53 64

Unexpended, \$46 36

BOOKS AND CHARTS.

Amount raised by the town,	\$180 00
Expended for books,	91 74
Expended for charts,	75 00
	\$166 74

Unexpended, \$13 26

I have approved bills which amount to the above figures, although several have not been presented for payment.

SCHOOL STATISTICS—Spring Term.

APRIL 28—JULY 3, 1902 (10 weeks).

		No. of school.	Whole attendance.	Average attendance.	Amount of wages.	Wages per week.	Cost of conveyance.	Visits of citizens.	No. not absent.	
Sue. L. Gordon	2	31	27	\$27.20	\$8.00	\$47.33			2	<i>Marked improvement in these studies.</i>
Lill. S. Bemis	2			52.80	8.00					
Alice L. Leach	5	21	18	62.50	6.25			8	2	
Sadie M. Buzzell	6	12	10	45.00	4.50			32	1	
Grace M. Thompson	8	31	27	70.00	7.00	88.60		26	1	
Susan Norton	9	21	18	75.00	7.50	47.50		44	2	
Nellie L. Doane	16	6	5	45.00	4.50				2	
Livermore Falls . . .		40	27	105.20		21.50				12 weeks.

School No. 2 had 87% of the whole number in constant attendance.

* Remarkable.

Autumn Term.

SEPTEMBER 2—NOVEMBER 7, 1902 (10 weeks).

Lill. S. Bemis	2	30	26	\$75.00	\$7.50	\$47.83		4	1	Read., Math.,* Writing,* Map-Drawing, Geog., Lit.*
Alice L. Leach	5	25	19	32.50	6.50			1	1	Read., Math.,* Geog.,* Phys., Hist., Writing.
Minnie W. Richmond	5			32.50	6.50					Supply.
Ida M. Wood	6	14	9	45.00	4.50		8	1	1	Read.,* Math., Music,** Lit.,* Geog.,* Writ., Astron.
F. W. Wallace	8	33	30	25.00	2.50	87.00	14	12	12	Read.,* Math., Geog., Gram., Elocution.*
Hattie B. Goding	8			10.00	1.00					Assistant. [Phys.-Geog.*
Sadie M. Buzzell	9	22	19	65.00	6.50	47.50	13	5	5	Read.,* Math.,* Phys.,* Lit., Geog., Gram.,* Music,*
Bertha A. Lord	16	9	5	45.00	4.50		8			Read., Writ.,* Math., Geog.,* Map-D'g, Music.**
Livermore Falls	37	28		113.87		36.00				12 weeks.

School No. 8 had 91% of the whole number in constant attendance.

* Remarkable.

Winter Term.

NOVEMBER 24, 1902—JANUARY 30, 1903 (10 weeks).

C. P. Burkholder	2	32	26	\$80.00	\$8.00	\$52.34	19	1	1	Read.,* Math.,* Writing, Phys., Geog.* [Phys.
Ida M. Wood	5	23	15	65.00	6.50		4	2	2	Read., Writ.,* Hist.,** Math.,* Gram., Ast'y,* Music,*
J. Oscar Casey	6	13	9	50.00	5.00		21	2	2	Read.,* Writ., Math.,* Phys.,* Geog., Gram. . . .
E. L. Clifford	8	29	20	75.00	7.50	82.00	22	3	3	Read.,* Math.,* Geog., Writing,* Gram. [Music.
Sadie M. Buzzell	9	24	18	65.00	6.50	47.50	16	2	2	Read.,* Writ.,* Hist., Math.,* Geog., Gram., Phys.,*
Bertha A. Lord	16	5	4	50.00	5.00		7			Read.,* Writ., Math.,* Geog.,** Gram., Hist., Music.*
Livermore Falls	25	18		35.20		18.00				6 weeks.

School No. 2 had 81% of the whole number in constant attendance.

* Remarkable.

Nothing gives me more pleasure than to visit a well regulated, orderly and studious school. The schools of Livermore since the incorporation of the town, with very few exceptions, have given the people excellent returns for all moneys appropriated for this department that is so closely allied with true American citizenship. It has been my desire to get the best returns for money intrusted to me for expenditure in this direction, rather than to permit a great deal of smattering and skimming over of books that invariably gives a false glamour to the actual work accomplished.

I find when taking notes of the progress of pupils during the term—and I visit every school two to five times each season—that advancement is always noted, but when examined on the work of previous terms, a lack of memory is too evident. This in no way reflects on the teacher.

When we realize the improvement in facilities for doing business and the rapid progress made in invention of appliances for work in every particular, we very naturally think that we as a race are superior intellectually than were our ancestors; consequently we imagine that the pupils of our schools are also superior.

They are in some respects, but not in others. They are better in penmanship, because they practice fifteen minutes every day. They are not as good readers; they are not as thorough mathematicians, although they have a partial knowledge of all its many branches. They have studied a score of books that our fathers and mothers never saw, to the consequent neglect of what I honestly believe to be the requisites of prosperity in every rural community, viz.: Reading, Writing, Mathematics and Geography. These are essential; master them first, and then if circumstances permit, go on, rise, advance and conquer the world.

Once in a while we see an old-fashioned scholar; one who covers his books and attends school whether there is company at home or abroad. We like to watch their career.

A fact, that instead of appearing drastic, I have only suggested and advised to correct, is in allowing scholars to study

whatever and whenever they please, any book or books they choose, only to pass it by and take another. To know Caesar and at the same time be ignorant of the simple forms of mathematics and the dictionary, is alarming. Parents should be alive to this question, for scholars come to the teacher and say, "I want to study this and that, or to be in such and such a class, and mother is willing"—their greatest ambition being to read in the fifth when they should be in the second reader,—and so they omit necessary studies, for to displease parents is to ruin the school. Scholars depend too much on the teacher for solving problems. Teachers do the scholars' work too much and too frequently. Scholars must think for themselves. It is better to think for yourself and be wrong, than not to think at all.

The thought often comes to me, why scholars are more destructive of school property in one district than in another, and why one school uses twice as many supplies as another of equal size. I have pondered on this question for three years and have come to the conclusion that the explanation is found in the gratification of every wish and indulgence in the home life of the children.

I want to give our teachers this advice, relating to their reputation, as the instructors of children, and gathered from observation and experience. The people among whom you move, in one sense, make your reputation, for they do the talking while you do the acting. How necessary, then, that you appear decorous, respectful and observant to the mandates of propriety; whether in the school-room or out of it, in society or at home, by night or by day, remember, the people are watching.

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

Feb. 11—April 25, 1902. (10 weeks.)

The spring term held at Brettun's Mills, commenced with J. A. Hunnewell as teacher, but circumstances required that he return to college and his classmate, E. A. Child, completed the term in a very acceptable manner. Excellent

progress was made under both instructors. The school closed with a concert by the Mandolin Club of Bates College and a reception given by the scholars. The studies for the term included mathematics, astronomy, geography, grammar, history, geometry, physics, physical-geography, Shakespeare, Latin and Greek.

Number of pupils, 30. Average attendance, 25.

Wages of teacher per week, \$13.00.

AUTUMN TERM.

September 2—November 7, 1902.

This term was held at North Livermore with Ferd W. Wallace of Bates College as teacher, and although run in connection with the primary department of the common school with Miss Hattie B. Goding as assistant teacher, the constant attendance was phenomenal, viz.: Whole attendance, 33. Average attendance, 30.

The school closed with an exhibition that reflected great credit on both the scholars and teacher. The studies for this term were mathematics, grammar, (physical-geography), elocution, geography, book-keeping, and Latin. Wages of teacher per week, \$9.00.

I. T. MONROE, *Superintendent.*

February 12, 1903.