Annual Reports of the Auditor and Supervisor of Schools of the Town of Manchester 1873-74

Manchester (Me.)
ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
AUDITOR
AND
SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS
OF THE
TOWN OF MANCHESTER.

1873-74.

AUGUSTA:
CHICK'S JOB OFFICE, GRANITE BLOCK, OPP. POST OFFICE.
1874.
TOWN OF MANCHESTER.

AUDITOR’S REPORT,

1873-74.

Amount raised by the town ...........................................$850 00

Amount set apart for Free High School ..............................150 00

Received from State ..................................................126 42

proceeds of Levee ..................................................31 81

tuition ............................................................3 33

$311 56

Salaries of teachers (including board) ............................257 50

Balance...................................................................54 06

Amount from town ....................................................$700 00

Balance from High School ...........................................54 06

Mill tax ............................................................237 20

Bank tax ............................................................159 21

$1150 47


No. 1 $432 60 $247 17

2 98 56 77 33

3 100 00 95 70

4 290 90 236 85

5 138 71 56 99

6 194 70 183 31

7 204 21 95 35

Parts of districts ...........................................13 80 14 30

Highways.

Appropriated in labor ..............................................$1000 00

Overlayings .....................................................21 90

$1021 90


No. 1 N. C. Weston $114 96 $6 92

2 F. J. Hewins 106 57 15 76

3 H. E. Farr 57 19 25 62

4 P. Sampson 34 15 3 52

5 R. T. Hopkins 42 89

6 C. B. Collins 27 74 Bills not returned.

7 Philo Benson 26 15
TOWN OF MANCHESTER.

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Committed to collect: $60 21
Not assigned or com: $11 15

Roads and Bridges.

| Appropriation | $125 00 |

EXPENDITURES.

| Albert Daggett, jr., building bridge | $29 50 |
| Samuel Snow, labor | 2 06 |
| A. L. Sanford, " | 7 42 |
| C. M. Savage, " | 2 45 |
| L. W. Hawkes, " | 0 87 |
| R. T. Hopkins, building bridge | 50 00 |
| R. T. Hopkins, labor | 4 75 |
| V. Scribner, " | 9 11 |
| F. J. Hewins, " | 15 29 |
| D. S. Lyon | 5 75 |

| Excess | $2 11 |

Appropriation for Cottle road | $75 00 |
Paid Geo. W. Cottle for building said road | $75 00 |

Snow Bills.

| Amount appropriated | $1100 |

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Excess of expenditures | $94 20
AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Support of Poor.

**Appropriation** .................................................. $900.00

**EXPENDITURES.**

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Edmund Mears, town poor, 3 quarterly payments. 600.00

Unexpended.................................................. $872.40

Incidental Charges.

**Appropriation** .................................................. $200.00

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Excess.................................................. 248.65

War Debt.

William Fifield ........................................ $475.00
Benj. Hill ............................................. 250.00
John Hammond ........................................ 300.00
J. B. Brown ............................................ 100.00
Greenlief Burgess ..................................... 100.00
Hallowell Savings Institution ..................... 1300.00

$2525.00
Interest on War Debt.

Appropriation .................................................. $200 00
Paid interest on the same ........................................ 116 15
Balance .............................................................. $83 85

General Statement.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Schools .............................................................. $850 00
Support of poor .................................................. 900 00
Roads and Bridges ............................................... 125 00
Breaking snow .................................................... 1100 00
Incidental charges ............................................... 200 00
Interest on debt ............................................... 200 00
Cottle road (so called) ......................................... 75 00

$3450 00

Miscellaneous Receipts.

Proceeds of Levee for High School .......................... $31 81
Mill tax .......................................................... 237 20
State School fund ................................................ 159 21
Received from State for Free High School ............... 126 42
" borrowed money ............................................... 100 00
" tuition of scholars ........................................... 3 33
Overlayings ...................................................... 174 21
Non-resident highway tax of 1873 ......................... 60 21
Uncollected do. 1872 ........................................... 106 08
For use of town hall .......................................... 4 37
Collector of 1872 (in cash) ................................... 102 40

$1105 24

EXPENDITURES.

Assigned to schools ........................................... $1150 40
Roads and bridges ............................................. 127 11
Support of poor ................................................ 872 40
Breaking snow .................................................. 1194 20
Incidental charges ............................................. 248 65
High School ..................................................... 257 50
Interest on debt ............................................... 116 15
Abatements ....................................................... 69 13
Outstanding bills, estimated ............................... 175 00
Cottle road ....................................................... 75 00

$4285 54

Balance .............................................................. $269 70
AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Abstract of Treasurer's Report.

C. F. HEWINS in account with the town of Manchester.

DR.

Proceeds of Levee for High School...... $31 81
Mill tax........................................ 237 20
From State for Free High School....... 126 42
State School fund......................... 159 21
Received in cash.......................... 100 00
Tuition of scholars at High School..... 3 33
For use of Town Hall..................... 4 37
Received Collector of 1872 (in cash).... 102 40
'' '' (in paid orders)................. 540 47
Non-resident highway tax............... 60 21
Overlayings............................... 174 21
Uncollected highway tax of 1872....... 106 08
Collector 1873............................ 3136 92

$4782 63

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By paid State tax.......................... $663 62
'' County tax............................... 221 00
'' Selectmen's orders..................... 1644 96
'' Overseers "............................ 872 40
'' School "................................. 1007 00
'' for Free High School................. 257 50
'' interest on war debt.................. 116 15

4782 63

State tax for 1873 was....................... $1592 69
County do.................................... 443 38
Town do..................................... 3450 00
Overlayings.................................. 174 21
Uncollected highway tax of 1872........ 106 08
Uncollected money of 1873 (estimated).. 2454 23
Rate, 18½ mills.
Report of the 

Supervisor of Schools, 

FOR THE YEAR 1873-4.

District No. 1.—Sullivan Kilbreth, Agent.

Summer Term. Dora A. Sprague, teacher. Fair progress was made in this school by those who attended regularly, but their number was small. Of all the scholars in this large district only 17 were present at examination, and more little boys in the street than in the school room. Miss Sprague is a young lady of excellent character, and is a good scholar, but failed to interest her pupils sufficiently to secure regular attendance. Length of term, 10 weeks. Whole number, 43; average, 25.

The Winter Term was commenced by Charles A. Tilson of Vassalboro', but proving unprofitable after an experience of six weeks, the teacher "had leave to withdraw." A vacation of two weeks followed, when the school was again opened and is now in progress under the charge of Charles Winchester, of Corinna. It numbers 48 pupils, and is progressing pleasantly and satisfactorily.

District No. 2.—H. E. Farr, Agent.

Both terms were taught by Lizzie A. Newell of this town. It was her first experience, and attended with good success. There is not a more pleasant school in town, for beginners, than this. The scholars, although young, are industrious and eager for information, and when aided by an energetic teacher are sure to make rapid progress. The attendance was nearly perfect and the examinations were interesting and satisfactory. Length of summer term, 8 weeks. Whole number, 10; average, 10. Winter term, 9 weeks. Whole number, 12; average, 12.

District No. 3.—George Wadsworth, Agent.

The Summer Term was taught by Louis T. Hopkins, of this district, an experienced and successful teacher. His experience in this school demonstrated the fact that a conscientious teacher will discharge his duty as faithfully in a school of eight as of forty pupils. It was a profitable term. Length of term, 8 weeks. Whole number, 8; average, 7.

Winter Term. Louise L. Eaton, teacher. This school was much disturbed by the prevalence of scarlet fever, and one bright-eyed boy, whose
winning smile has greeted my visits to the school room, was taken away to the Spirit Land. With sickness and death in their midst, it could not be expected that the pupils would feel the same interest in study as at other times, but there was evidence of improvement. Length of term, 9 weeks. Whole number, 12; average, not reported.

District No. 4.—Sewall Fuller, Agent.

The Summer Term was taught by Louise L. Eaton of this town. Very pleasant relations appeared to exist between teacher and pupils, and good progress was made in the different branches of study pursued. Length of term, 12 weeks. Whole number, 19; average, 16.

Winter Term. C. F. Kilbreth, of this town, teacher. I regret to say that this school was not satisfactory. Its leading features were a lack of interest, a lack of order, and irregular attendance. The teacher is a young man of excellent character, and with commendable courage has determined "to try, try again." I wish him success. Length of term, 9 weeks. Whole number, 14; average, 10.

District No. 5.—Samuel Snow, Agent.

Both terms were under the charge of the same accomplished teacher, Hattie S. Morgridge, who has, during two previous years, labored so faithfully in this school. Her labors during the present year have been marked by the same devotion to the interests of her pupils as in the past. The attendance of the summer term was good, and the examination interesting and satisfactory. The prevalence of scarlet fever in the neighborhood considerably reduced the size of the winter school, and one, a household pet, and beloved in the school room, was removed by death. To those who enjoyed the privileges of the school it was a profitable term. Length of summer school, 8 weeks. Whole attendance, 16; average, 14. Winter term, 8 weeks. Whole number, 14; average, 13.

District No. 6—Geo. L. Fifield, Agent.

The Summer Term, was taught by Nell Page of this town, one of our most successful teachers. To the larger and more advanced pupils it was a term of unusual interest and profit, and the examination furnished proof of thoughtful study, and careful training. The exercises in reading, physiology, and history are deserving of especial notice. More attention to the smaller and backward scholars would have been an improvement—the excuse given was, "want of time." Length of term, 10 weeks. Whole number, 27; average, 24.

Winter Term. George F. Stimpson of East Winthrop, teacher. This, his first experience, was a decided success. He is evidently a live teacher. Pleasant and familiar, but at the same time firm and decided, he wins the esteem of his pupils and secures obedience with very little apparent effort. Prompt and lucid in explanations, he gains their attention and awakens an interest in study. I had not time to examine all the classes, but enough were reviewed to prove it a profitable term. This school embraces some of the best scholars in town. Length of school, 12 weeks. Whole number, 32; average, 28.
REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

District No. 7.—John Knowles, Agent.

The Winter Term was taught by H. Clara Wixon of Sidney, an energetic teacher, who commenced with the evident purpose to do her whole duty and who succeeded in awakening an interest in study such as I have not before witnessed in this school. Not having been correctly informed of the time of closing, my second visit was made prematurely, but though taken by surprise the teacher and scholars were not unprepared, and the examination was satisfactory. Length of term, 12 weeks. Whole number, 12; register not received.

Free High School.

An unexpected and perplexing duty—perplexing because of the various and conflicting interests with which I was surrounded—devolved upon me in attempting to carry out the instructions of the voters of the town at their second meeting, to open a Free High School. But regardless alike of praise or censure, I endeavored to do my duty, and spared no effort to make the school a success. Aware of the power of prejudice, teachers were employed against whom no feeling in any quarter was known to exist. The principal, J. Frank Stevens, is a graduate from one of our Normal Schools, and an energetic, thorough and experienced teacher; his assistant, Nellie A. Rogers, an accomplished scholar and graduate of the Female College at Kent’s Hill. Arrangements were made for 70 scholars, there being that number in town who needed the advantages of such a school; but from various causes very few of those living at a distance attended, and instead of seventy only fifty were registered; these may be distributed as follows:

- District No. 1 ........................ 26 pupils.
- " 2 ............................ 4 "
- " 3 ............................ 1 "
- " 4 ............................ 3 "
- " 5 ............................ 10 "
- " 6 ............................ 4 "
- " 7 ............................ 0 "
- Out of town ............................ 2 "

The average attendance was forty-three, and the term 10 weeks.

Although disappointed in the attendance I was well satisfied with the school. The discipline was good and the instruction thorough and practical.

Another school year with its successes and failures has passed, and we cannot, if we would, turn back along its pathway to correct mistakes. Well would it be for the future of our public schools if all in anyway connected with them would pause right here on the threshold of the new municipal year and carefully reviewing the past, draw lessons from experience that shall aid them in their future course. I sometimes hear the remark from a teacher at the close of his school,—"If I had that work to do over again I could do it better." It is an encouraging remark; it indicates that the teacher realizes, what every thoughtful teacher must realize, that he has not yet reached the plane of perfection and that his course is "upward and onward." It is such thoughtful, progressive teachers that we need, and I wish their number was largely multiplied. But no matter how thorough and apt the teacher, a healthy home influence is needed in order to realize
the best results from the school; and this subject is not perhaps enough considered in reporting the different schools. A teacher surrounded by healthful and encouraging influences may succeed admirably, while another teacher of equal ability, in a less favorable situation, might realize very little fruit from his labors. Parents: let us keep this thought in view, that no matter how closely we may confine ourselves to our own homes, or how carefully we may avoid the school room, our influence is felt there if we have children in the school. Do we converse with our children about their studies, and aid and encourage them when they are with us in the home circle? they will go to the school room with the feeling that father and mother are really interested in their progress, and this to the dutiful child will be a powerful incentive to improvement. And again, it is the testimony of universal observation that there is never any trouble in school with scholars that are habitually obedient to parental authority and respectful in their demeanor at home. Let us then, instead of too sharply criticizing the conduct of our teachers, and especially in the presence of our children, train those children to studious habits and habits of respectful obedience, and thus we shall not only discharge our duty as parents, but there will go out from our homes an influence that will greatly aid our teachers in the discharge of their duties and will elevate the character of our public schools.

In conclusion, I would say, in the language of another, "as you prize your own happiness and the happiness of your children—as you love your country and your inheritance, the institutions transmitted from your fathers, and would have them perpetuated to your children—cherish carefully our system of public schools, to which we are more indebted than to anything else, except its foster mother, the Gospel. It is the secret of our general intelligence and pre-eminence, the glory of our country, the bulwark of our liberties, and the guaranty of our future prosperity. We cannot value it too highly, we cannot sustain it too faithfully."

I. Warren Hawkes, Supervisor.

Manchester, Feb. 23d, 1874.