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TOWN OF MANCHESTER.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

1879-80

School Funds.

Appropriated by town,	\$700 00
Balance from last year,	278 38
Funds from State,	315 20
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	1293 58

EXPENDITURES.

No. District.	Funds.	Expended.	Balance.
1	\$340 39	\$308 52	\$31 87
2	112 98	112 82	16
3	105 00	71 55	33 45
4	267 05	School in operation.	
5	147 99	“ “ “	
6	207 24	“ “ “	
7	60 78	60 50	28
Parts of Dist.	52 15	45 52	6 93

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Highways.

Appropriated in labor,	\$1200 00
Overlayings,	51 72

EXPENDED.

Dist.	Surveyor.	Am't assigned.	Uncollected.	Overworked.
1	L. H. Hammond,	\$119 17	\$,80	
2	G. F. Wing,	117 75		
3	H. E. Farr,	76 55		1 44
4	J. Nelson Jones.	Bills not returned.		
5	W. T. Wilder,	64 41	1 60	
6	C. B. Collins,	25 43	80	5 00
7	Charles Nickerson.	Bills not returned.		
8	Frank H. Buswell.	" " "		
9	J. C. Hartung,	73 66		
10	George N. Page.	Bills not returned.		
11	H. S. Young,	88 14		
12	E. F. Lyon,	95 28	6 11	
13	V. Scribner,	56 78	1 05	10 00
14	J. E. Wing,	83 90	1 98	29 32
15	John A. Knowles.	Bills not returned.		
16	William Hall,	44 92		
17	G. L. Fifield,	35 54		

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Snow Bills.

Appropriation,

\$300 00

EXPENDED.

C. B. Collins,	10 53
M. Osborn,	1 50
G. W. Cottle,	1 87
L. H. Hammond,	36 09
J. G. Cummings,	17 60
P. Sampson,	10 49
Richard Dunn,	75
G. Hilton,	18 91
D. Pease,	32 81
G. Crowell,	13 93
John Prescott,	27 95
G. L. Fifield,	5 33
E. F. Lyon,	12 49
M. S. Fifield,	32 68
David Douglass,	28 86
Charles Nickerson,	13 00
Albert Knowles,	17 50
Edwin Caldwell,	11 05
Lewis Sanford,	6 34
Geo. F. Wing,	19 38
Tabor Lyon,	10 67
Alvah Bailey,	9 84
Geo. Cottle,	4 20

343 77

Excess,

43 77

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Support of Poor.

Appropriated. \$400 00

EXPENDED.

A. L. Drake for Mrs. C. A. Davis,	\$20 00
A. W. Cummings, for D. Morgan and others,	35 65
C. S. Pope, for Lida Gorden,	38 13
" " Ida Lyon,	7 00
L. S. Cole, " " (Medical assistance,)	2 00
N. Gilman, " " (Expenses to M ^t Vernon,)	3 00
C. S. Pope, " Hortense Holden (Gorden,)	19 70
Lottie L. Pierce, for D. Morgan, 1 qr., and Hortense Holden,	31 00
" " " D. Morgan, (2 qrs.)	50 00
Mrs. S. Groves, for Rebecca Cogswell, 4	00
J. L. Wood, " " " " " " " "	11 50
L. S. Cole, " " " " " " " "	23 00
C. S. Pope, " " " " " " " "	75
	<hr/> 39 25
Loring Farr, for witnesses in case W. Gard- iner v. Manchester,	11 70
A. W. Cummings, for J. H. Severns,	13 18
J. L. Wood, for I. C. Lovejoy,	7 00
	<hr/> 277 61
Due from town of Enfield on acct. Mrs. C. A. Davis,	20 00
" Sidney, " I. C. Lovejoy,	3 50
" Waterville, family of " "	3 50
Paid by town of Dixfield, on acct. Rebecca Cogswell,	39 25
	<hr/> 66 25
	211 36
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Unexpended,	188 64
Paid I. N. Wadsworth on acct. Dora Hutchinson, \$100 00	

Roads and Bridges.

Appropriated by Town, \$200 00

EXPENDED.

To whom.			
C. B. Collins,	Labor on highway,	5	00
S. R. Clark,	“ “ “	3	75
P. Sampson,	“ “ “	4	66
G. T. Page,	“ “ “	4	12
Edmund Mears,	Breaking plow,	5	00
R. W. Sandford,	Scraper for dist. No. 1,	4	50
Isaac Varney,	labor on highway,	7	04
A. L. Sanford,	“ “ “	4	50
Ithiel Knowles,	Building bridge,	33	00
Charles Wing,	repairs on bridge,	52	00
I. L. Pierce,	“ “ “	4	83
W. H. Hunt,	Stone for bridge,	4	00
G. E. Crowell,	labor on highway,	4	06
A. W. Cummings,	repairs on bridge,	10	00
E. L. Norcross,	labor on highway,	10	94
Virgil Scribner,	“ “ “	10	00
H. S. Young,	“ “ “	2	00
G. Hilton,	“ “ “	5	65
John Longfellow,	“ “ “	9	19
J. C. Hartung,	“ “ “	10	28
E. L. Eaton,	repair of bridge,	10	00
W. T. Wilder,	labor on highway,	6	00
J. E. Wing,	“ “ “	29	32
A. Daggett,	Breaking plow,	7	00
		<hr/>	246 84
Excess,			<hr/> 46 84

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Incidental Charges.

Appropriated,		\$275 00
	EXPENDED.	
C. S. Pope, selectman, assessor, &c.,		39 50
S. Kilbreth, " "		31 75
W. H. Wing, " "		38 49
G. H. Kilbreth, Town Clerk,		5 00
I. W. Hawkes, Supervisor,		30 00
C. S. Pope, auditing accounts 1878,		6 00
Sprague, Owen & Nash, printing reports 2 yrs,		26 00
Loring Farr, attorney fees,		15 00
Baker & Baker, legal advice,		2 00
A. W. Cummings, settees for hall,		6 00
S. Kilbreth, wood for office,		3 25
" " blank book and stationery,		3 46
Horace North, blank book,		5 50
Charles Hewins, commissions 1878,		51 39
" " constable,		5 00
William Torrence, care of hearse, &c.,		3 45
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		271 79
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Balance,		3 21

Town Debt.

	NOTES OUTSTANDING.	
Abigail Sanford,		\$1000
John Hammond,		300
William Fifield,		475
	INTEREST ON DEBT.	
Appropriation,		137 00
Paid interest on debt,		123 20
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Balance,		13 80

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General Summary.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Schools,	\$700	
Support of Poor,	400	
Roads and Bridges,	200	
Interest on debt,	137	
Breaking snow,	300	
Incidental charges,	275	
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MISCELLANEOUS.

School fund and mill tax, 1879,	\$315 20	
Rent of town hall,	18 50	
From town of Dixfield,	39 25	
Bridge plank sold,	4 90	
Overlay,	28 41	
Uncollected highway tax of 1878,	99 05	
Supplemental tax,	6 44	
	<hr/>	511 75
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		2,523 75

EXPENDITURES.

Assigned to schools,	\$1,015 20	
Support of poor,	277 61	
Roads and bridges,	246 84	
Breaking snow,	343 77	
Interest,	123 20	
Incidental charges,	271 79	
I. N. Wadsworth,	100 00	
Abatements,	66 76	
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		78 58

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Treasurer's Account.

C. F. Hewins, Treasurer, in acc't with town of Manchester :

Dr.

To Cash from Treasurer of 1878,	\$84 12
School money from State,	316 34
Town of Dixfield,	39 25
Rent of hall,	18 50
Bridge plank sold,	4 90
From Collector,	2,078 39
	<hr/> 2,541 50

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By paid Selectmen's orders,	\$1,005 94
" School " "	961 66
" Overseers' " "	377 61
Cash on hand,	196 29
	<hr/> 2,541 50

Collector has paid State tax of 1878,	\$1,266 48
" " " " 1879,	550 00
County tax of 1879,	504 03
	<hr/> 2,320 51

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General Statement.

Town debt,	1775 00	
Due on State tax,	716 48	
“ School districts,	481 92	
“ March 15, 1880, on acc't D. Morgan,	25 00	
“ on acc't D. S. Lyon, about	4 00	
	<hr/>	3,002 40
School funds due from State,	315 20	
Due from town of Enfield,	20 00	
“ “ “ Sidney,	3 50	
“ “ “ Waterville,	3 50	
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	196 29	
Uncollected taxes,	1,886 77	
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Balance against town,		577 14
Collector reports —		
Uncollected taxes of 1876,	6 60	
“ “ 1877,	82 03	
“ “ 1878,	229 57	
“ “ 1879,	1,568 57	
	<hr/>	1,886 77
State tax,	1,266 48	
County tax,	504 03	
Town tax,	2,145 90	

GEORGE H. KILBRETH, *Auditor.*

Manchester, Feb. 20, 1880.

REPORT

OF THE

Supervisor of Schools,

FOR THE YEAR

1879-80

DISTRICT No. 1.—SULLIVAN KILBRETH, *Agent*.

The Summer and Fall terms, of eight weeks each, were taught by IDA A. PORTER, of Mount Vernon. Miss Porter commenced her labors under discouraging circumstances. The previous Winter term had been a failure and had left its impress on the school in idle and disorderly habits plainly apparent at my first visit. She won the esteem and confidence of her pupils, awakened an interest in study and made her school a success. The examinations were interesting and satisfactory. The school appeared under good discipline; while the prompt and intelligent answers of the pupils and their progress in the different branches of study pursued gave clear evidence that their school hours had been well improved.

Whole number in Summer term, 21, average 17.

Fall term, whole number 19, average 17.

Winter Term.

This district was fortunate in securing for the Winter term the services of I. M. NORCROSS of Winthrop; an accomplished teacher. The term is now in progress under his care. At a recent visit I found a studious, orderly school and satisfactory evidence of careful, thorough instruction. The interest of the pupils is apparent in the attendance. Whole number 27, average in ten weeks, $25\frac{1}{2}$. Five scholars have not been absent a half day. The teacher merits the hearty commendation of all interested in the school.

 DISTRICT No. 2.—MARK OSBORNE, *Agent*.

There was but one term in this district commencing Aug 18th, and closing Dec. 18th. A short vacation near the middle of the term. It was taught by MATTIE L. WARE, of West Gardiner. There have been many good schools in this district but none more satisfactory than this. Miss Ware had taught twenty schools before, and was perfectly at home in the school room. She was beloved by her scholars and they made excellent progress under her tuition. Several of the parents and friends of the pupils were present at the examination, which was interesting to all. A very pleasant feature of this school was the instruction given in singing, which was a daily exercise much enjoyed by the scholars and also by others who were occasionally privileged to sit as listeners. Length of term $15\frac{2}{3}$ weeks.

Whole number of scholars 18, average 17.

DISTRICT No. 3.—LEMUEL J. MYERS, *Agent*.

The little Summer school in this district was taught by NELLIE M. MORSE of Caribou, an experienced teacher, who came to visit her relations and decided to make herself useful while here. It was an interesting and profitable school; and Miss Morse is followed to her Aroostook home by the good wishes of her pupils and of the many friends who formed a pleasant acquaintance with her during her brief stay in Manchester.

Length of term 8 weeks. Whole number of scholars 7, average, 6.

Winter Term.

This school although small numbers a few excellent scholars, and as many classes as many larger schools in town. It was taught by IDA A. PORTER, and was a profitable school. Length of term 10 weeks.

Whole number 10, average 8.

DISTRICT No. 4. — CHARLES NICKERSON, *Agent*.*Summer Term.*

CARRIE A. THOMPSON of West Gardiner, Teacher. Irregularity in attendance was the most unfavorable feature of this school; but it was evidently a habit of a portion of the pupils for which the teacher cannot justly be blamed. She devoted herself faithfully to the duties of her position and the school improved under her care.

Length of term, 10 weeks.

Whole number 27, average 19.

It is pleasant to record a decided improvement in this district. With a new school house as good as any in town,—an effort is being made to elevate the character of the school. A Fall term of ten weeks was held, taught by E. P. Seavey Supervisor of schools in West Gardiner; and a Winter term of ten weeks is now in progress under the care of the same teacher. He has evidently done an excellent work in this school, not only with the advanced scholars but with the small and backward. His method of conducting recitations is calculated to interest his pupils and impart as far as practicable a clear understanding of the subject before his class.

Whole number in Fall term 23, average 17.

Winter term, whole number 29, average to date, about 24.

DISTRICT No. 5. — WILLARD R. MERRILL, *Agent*.

The summer term was taught by FLORA E. MCGLAUFLIN of Presque Isle, a student from Kent's Hill. This school appeared well at both my visits, and the closing examination gave evidence of careful, thorough instruction and good advancement.

Length of term, 8 weeks.

Whole number 10, average 8.

Winter Term.

The winter term was placed under the charge of the same teacher. This term was less successful than the previous one. There have been changes in the district since my former connection with the schools of this town which make the winter term a hard school to manage. Complaints were made to me and I believed it for the interest of the school to suspend one pupil. This act was followed by an earnest effort on the part of a few individuals to have the teacher displaced. After a careful examination of the case I thought

it would be an act of injustice to her and unfavorable to the future interests of the school to do so, and the teacher was sustained. Three pupils were withdrawn by their parents. Those present at the close of the school had made good improvement and it had evidently been to them a profitable term. Miss McGlauffin, although young and with a limited experience as teacher, is a christian lady, an excellent scholar, and anxious to succeed in her chosen vocation. Perhaps it would have been better to have employed for the winter term a teacher of more experience and greater *physical* ability,—but there are differences in the neighborhood to be settled, and home errors to be corrected before the schools in this district can be as successful as in years gone by.

DISTRICT No. 6. — ALBERT KNOWLES, *Agent*.

The Summer term was taught by FREDERIC E. LALLY, of Augusta, an experienced teacher. A few of the large scholars made good progress, but as a whole the school was not satisfactory; idle and disorderly habits prevailed to such an extent as to seriously impair its usefulness. The teacher is a fine scholar and appeared anxious to perform his whole duty, but was evidently better fitted for a class-room instructor than to have the general management of a large school. Length of term 12 weeks.

Register not returned.

Winter Term.

This is the largest school and numbers a few of the best scholars in town. I visited it six days before the close, and unexpectedly to all, consequently no preparation had been made for examination. It was taught by the same teacher as last Winter, H. R. TINKHAM, of Monmouth, a well qualified and wide-awake instructor but less disturbed by noise

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in the schoolroom than many of his profession. He evidently believes in having his pupils enjoy themselves and improve at the same time. Very pleasant relations appeared to exist between teacher and scholars. There was more interest manifested than at the Summer term, and the pupils passed a very creditable examination. Length of term 19 weeks.

Whole number 35, average about 30.

DISTRICT No. 7.————— HEWITT, *Agent*.

There is still a distinct organization known as No. 7, in which was a Winter school of ten weeks taught by J. F. HEWITT, a young man resident in the district. It numbered three pupils; a little boy just learning to read and spell, and two who were older and more advanced, these were smart, studious boys and made excellent progress in their studies.

Register not returned.

As will be seen by the reports the schools have been with little exception satisfactory — in several districts unusually so. Much of the credit is due to school agents, several of whom have, to my personal knowledge, exerted themselves to obtain first-class teachers and their efforts have been rewarded. Under our present system of leaving the employment of teachers with the school agents great care should be taken to choose men who have a real interest in the welfare of our public schools, and manifest their interest by their works. I would respectfully remind school agents that if they would secure good teachers who have an established reputation they must be prompt. Our best public school teachers do not as a rule seek situations — the situations

seek them. This rule will not of course apply to those who contemplate teaching and have yet to earn a reputation. From among this class will come those who in the future shall occupy positions of usefulness and honor in our public schools and higher institutions of learning and in their earliest efforts they need our sympathy and encouragement. I am glad that among the scholars in this town are several who are fitting for this noble work and I wish them abundant success. No changes have been made in text books during the past year. Among the legalized studies in our schools probably none has been more neglected than United States History, and I judge that this remark will apply to many other towns as teachers well qualified in other branches, almost invariably are faulty in History and often fail in this part of their examination entirely. It is not creditable to us either as parents or school officers to allow the children in our public schools to grow up to manhood, enter upon the active duties of life and the full enjoyment of their privileges as citizens of this great nation knowing little or nothing of its past history. I have encouraged the formation of classes and in each district except No. 7, there has been a class in History a part or all of the school year. Some of these classes, where the recitation has been conducted by topics, have been very interesting, particularly those in No. 2, and in the winter school in No. 5. In conclusion let us remember that "a good education is a better safeguard for a nation's liberties than standing armies or severe laws,"—and manifest a deeper and more general interest in our common schools.

I. WARREN HAWKES, *Supervisor.*
Manchester, Feb. 24, 1880.