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## TOWN OFFICERS, 1877.

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Clerk, - - - - -	THOMAS BAKER.
Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor,	ROSCO BROWN. SOLON G. WALKER. SAMUEL P. STUART.
Treasurer, - - - - -	GEORGE E. HAWKES.
Agent, - - - - -	GEORGE P. WHITNEY.
Supervisor of Schools, - - - - -	GEORGE HAZEN.
Collector and Constable, - - - - -	SETH H. FAUNCE.
Constable, - - - - -	A. L. FAUNCE.

*R Report of Selectmen*

## REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

### VALUATION

Of the Town of Oxford, as taken by the Assessors April 1st,  
1877 :—

Total Valuation,	\$185,028.00
Total Valuation in 1876,	186,541.00
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Decrease,	\$1,513.00
Number of Polls, 374.	

### TAXES FOR 1877.

State Tax,	\$1,545.55
County Tax,	642.56
Town Tax for support of Schools,	1,325.00
To pay Debts and defray Town Charges,	3,000.00
For Freelam Holme's Library,	50.00
For Joseph French,	15.00
Delinquent Highway, Overlay,	119.04
	94.73
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Total Assessment,	\$6,791.88

### HIGHWAY TAXES, 1877.

Amount raised,	\$3,000.00
Overlay,	114.00
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Total Highway Tax,	\$3,114.00

## TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Thomas Baker, Town Clerk,	\$2.00
Seth T. Holbrook, Selectman, &c.,	9.56
Rosco Brown, “	6.75
S. S. Smith, “	9.75
Rosco Brown, “	95.75
Solon G. Walker, “	58.50
Samuel P. Stuart, “	56.25
George E. Hawkes, Treasurer,	25.00
George P. Whitney, Agent,	10.75
George Hazen, Supervisor,	74.75
Seth H. Faunce, Collector,	110.00
Seth H. Faunce, Constable,	4.50
Sullivan Fuller, Collector—1875,	42.95
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	506.51

## POOR ON TOWN FARM.

No. of Inmates at Poor House, February 15, 1877,	6
“ Admitted during the year,	10 16
“ Discharged during the year,	9 9
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“ Remaining February 15, 1878,	7

## NAMES AND AGES OF INMATES.

Mary Moor, 58 years ; Harriet Morey, 33 years ; Harriet Maddox, 30 years ; David Cates, 78 years ; G. W. Peabody, 71 years ; Job Dean, 34 years ; Bertie Morey, 2 years.

Number of Tramps fed, lodged and forwarded, 61.

Expense of sending five Morey children to the Baldwin Place Home for little Wanderers, Boston, Mass :—Cash presented to the House,	\$40.00
Clothing and fitting children to travel,	35.44
R. R. Tickets,	11.10 86.54

## TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

Stocks, Hay, Furniture, Tools, &c. :--		
4 Oxen,		\$240.00
2 Three yrs. old Steers,		75.00
5 Cows,		190.00
1 Two yrs. old Heifer,		20.00
1 One year "		12.00
5 Sheep,		12.00
4 Swine,		50.00
21 Hens,		8.40
15 Tons Hay, 1st quality,		225.00
5 " 2d "		- 50.00
½ Ton Straw,		3.00
Furniture,		186.61
Farming Tools,		166.05
Other Tools,		18.45
Provisions,		259.78
Total Personal Property February 15th, 1878,		\$1,516.29
" " " 15th, 1877,		1,591.82
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Personal property on Farm less than last year,		\$75.53

## ANNUAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR, 1877.

Total Assessment,		\$6,791.88
State Tax,	\$1,545.55	
County do.	642.56	
Money raised for Schools,	1,325.00	
Disc't on Taxes paid prior to Sept. 15, 1877,	135.22	
" " " Jan. 1, 1878,	35.18	
Abatement on Tax Bill from 1871 to 1877,	182.40	\$3,865.91
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Available amount from cash Taxes,		2,925.97



## RECEIPTS OUTSIDE OF TAXATION.

From Miss Ames,	1.00	
“ Stocks sold off Town Farm, less \$5.50,	264.00	
“ Ducello's Circus, (License),	2.00	
“ Job Dean,	114.31	
“ D. H. Blake, Estate,	37.62	
“ John Staples, “	125.00	
“ A. W. Morey, “	22.25	
“ Town Raymond,	28.00	
“ George Motley,	2.00	\$568.18
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Total Receipts,		3,494.15

## ANNUAL EXPENDITURES FOR 1877.

Town Officers' Bills,	\$506.51
Expense of Poor on Farm,	24.289
Expense of Poor not on Farm,	142.45
Medical attendance on Poor,	30.00
Paid interest on Debt,	803.45
Repairs on Highways and Bridges,	179.11
Blank Books and Stationery,	20.61
For building Martin Road,	190.00
Damages awarded on same,	100.00
For Stone Work on Morey Bridge,	129.00
Filling and grading same,	15.00
For Guide Boards,	17.61
Paid on Hyer case, Poland vs. Oxford,	41.64
For advertising non-Residents Taxes,	8.00
“ Sending Morey to Wanderer's Home,	86.54
“ F. Holme's Library,	50.00
“ Stove for Town House,	33.44
“ Printing Reports,	24.25
Paid Joseph French,	15.00
“ Hiram Gilbert care of Town House,	5.00
“ Dr. Stevens, (old bill)	12.50

# SUPPLEMENT.

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## COST OF POOR NOT ON FARM.

Wm. Stanley,	3 00
Seth B. Dudley,	6 00
Stephen Chase,	10 00
Alex Drew,	10 42
Amount claimed by Stoneham,	42 08
Paid to City of Lewiston, (C. Ham)	57 00
Burial expenses of Daniel Ordway,	13 95
	<u>\$142 45</u>

## EXPENSES OF TOWN FARM.

Amount paid C. A. Records, Supt.	300 00
“ “ H. L. Records for labor,	90 00
“ “ Lloyd Andrews “ “	7 50
Interest on Farm Stock and Tools,	30 00
Cash paid for Sundries on Farm,	26 92
Balance on Store Bill to S. E. King,	146 98
“ “ “ “ Thos. Baker,	18 86
Amount of Farm Produce exchanged for groceries,	76 46
Whitney & Clarke's Bill for Meal,	8 92
Amount paid for Stock,	21 00
Property on Farm less than last year,	75 53
	<u>\$802 00</u>

## RECEIPTS FROM TOWN FARM.

Stock sold off the Farm,	\$269 50
For board of Job Dean,	114 31
“ “ and supplies of Mrs. Harris,	22 00
“ Balance on Durrell & Hawkes' ac't.,	7 73
“ Keeping Tramps,	50 00
“ Clothing furnished Morey children,	12 89
Sundries sold off the Farm,	76 46
	<u>\$552 89</u>
Cost of Poor on Farm,	<u>\$249 28</u>

# FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN, FEB. 15, 1878.

## LIABILITIES.

Outstanding Orders,	\$13 688 86	
Interest now due,	157 73	
Due School Districts,	989 37	
Due Town of Stoneham,	42 08	
Other Bills,	10 00	
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## RESOURCES.

Cash in Treasury,	\$31 73	
Due from Collector, (S. Fuller,)	105 36	
Due from Collector, (S. H. Faunce,)	3 472 39	
“ “ Town of Poland,	23 00	
“ “ Town of Madison,	43 49	
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Debt above Resources,		<hr/>
		\$11 209 07

“ Thomas Baker, (Jackson Family,)	24.50
“ Settlement Exemption case, (J. Harper,)	245.67
“ S. S. Smith, Expense to Madison,	12.65
“ S. G. Walker “ West Paris,	2.50
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	\$2,944.71
Paid on Debt,	549.44
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	\$3,494.15

We further report that we have settled with the Treasurer and that his account stands as follows, viz :—

Cash in Treasury February 15th, 1877,	\$5.30	
Received from Collectors,	4,839.88	
“ non-Residents Taxes turned in,	24.95	
“ Portland and Raymond,	82.18	
“ State Treas., Pensions reimb'd,	192.00	
“ “ “ Mill Tax,	539.82	
“ “ “ School Fund,	337.83	
“ all other sources,	1,449.22	\$7,471.18
Paid for support of Schools,	\$1,213.25	
“ Highways and Bridges,	513.11	
“ Interest on Debt,	832.98	
“ Execution in D. H. Blake case,	900.00	
“ Settlement Hyer case Poland vs. Oxford,	41.64	
“ State Pensions,	192.00	
“ Harrison Road,	63.94	
“ To Maine Asylum for Insane,	66.11	
“ all other bills as per. Vouchers,	3,613.42	\$7,436.45
Cash in Treasury February 15th, 1878,		34.73
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		\$7,471.18

The poor on Town Farm have been well cared for the past year, by Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Records,—the popular Superintendents for the last five years. Mr. and Mrs. A. Bean has been en.



gaged for the present year, at a salary of two hundred (\$200.00.) There are eleven thousand shingles and eight hundred laths, not credited to property on Town Farm.

We would respectfully suggest that the extension of the Stanton Bridge, the easterly abutment of the covered Bridge at Oxford Village, and the bridge at Welchville may require attention the coming year.

We are able to report no actions pending against the Town at this time, except Stone case.

Respectfully submitted,

ROSCO BROWN,  
 SOLON G. WALKER, } Selectmen.  
 SAMUEL P. STUART. }



## LIST OF TOWN ORDERS DRAWN,

*From February 15, 1877 to February 15, 1878.*

1877.

No. 237	G. E. Hawkes, services for copying.....	1 50
238	Whitney & Clark, supplies furnished F. B. Young.....	1 38
239	do Meal for Town Farm.....	8 92
240	Durell & Hawkes, oil for school house.....	1 32
241	C. F. Work, for breaking roads, .....	11 05
242	Thomas Baker, supplies furnished Mrs. Jackson, .....	24 50
243	Orin Stevens, medical services.....	40 00
244	Rufus Cushman, hauling bridge plank, .....	1 50
245	Moses Ordway, building fires district No. 3.....	1 00
246	Cora G. Knight, teaching do do .....	50 00
247	Seth H. Faunce, boarding teacher do .....	27 50
248	S. Richardson & Co., stove &c. for town house.....	33 44
249	M. N. & F. G. Rich, printing town reports .....	24 25
250	Horace Sanborn, teaching district No. 5.....	61 25

251	George P. Whitney, cash paid out for town,.....	8 25
252	do services as town agent,.....	10 00
253	S. S. Smith, expenses to Madison,.....	12 65
254	Sullivan Fuller, labor on highway,.....	3 17
255	Hiram Gilbert, care of town house,....	5 00
256	Sam'l B. Libby, labor on highway,.....	6 00
257	Abner Thayer, do .....	6 00
258	Mrs. J. D. Holt, teaching district No. 10,.....	120 00
1877.		
No. 1	S. S. Smith, services as Selectman.....	9 75
2	S. T. Holbrook, do .....	9 56
3	Roscoe Brown, do .....	6 75
4	I. A. Fletcher, orders taken up .....	328 90
5	Charles Abbott, repairs on town house.....	1 50
6	L. Augusta Nelson, interest on town order, .....	137 49
7	do do do .....	8 86
8	A. A. Nelson, insurance district No. 7,.....	10 00
9	Abner R. Paine, wood for do .....	7 09
10	Orin Jones, wood for Mrs. Holt,.....	1 00
11	J. L. Green, tuition district No. 4.....	8 53
12	Ernest H. Boynton, building fires No. 10.....	4 40
13	Rosco Brown, interest on town order.....	19 72
14	Seth T. Holbrook, repairs on school house No. 3 .....	4 40
15	Rosco Brown, damage paid J. W. Brackett.....	2 50
16	Thomas Baker, blank and record books.....	19 30
17	Joseph French, boarding Hyer family.....	15 00
18	Rosco Brown, paid Poland Hyer bill.....	15 00
19	Seth H. Faunce, interest on town orders.....	9 28
20	do do do .....	56 61
21	Albert Witham, labor on highway.....	14 75
22	G. C. Pratt, labor on highway,.....	7 25
23	Annie Porter, teaching district No. 8.....	28 00
24	H. B. Wells, wood for district No. 12.....	3 30
25	S. A. Webber, do do 4.....	7 30
26	J. B. Noble, orders taken up.....	728 30
27	J. L. Woodsome, labor on highway.....	11 00
28	Mary A. Nelson, interest on town orders .....	17 09
29	do do do .....	88 61
30	do order taken up.....	60 32
31	L. A. Nelson, interest on town order.....	12 00
32	George R. Paine, insurance district No. 6.....	10 10
33	Silas Scribner, interest on town order.....	60 32
34	Seth T. Holbrook, labor and material on highway.....	11 60
35	B. F. Flood, hauling bridge plank .....	4 00
36	Daniel Whitehouse, moving wood and house district No. 3..	10 00
37	H. K. Pratt, repairing school house No. 7.....	10 00

38	E. J. Holt, teaching No. 3.....	48 00
39	Emma Hayes, teaching district No. 12 .....	31 50
40	L. B. Fickett, boarding teacher No. 12.....	14 85
41	Rose Burns, teaching district No. 4 .....	36 00
42	Emma E. Shurtleff, teaching district No. 6 .....	36 00
43	Abijah Paine, boarding teacher district No. 7.....	15 00
44	Addie A. Russell, teaching do .....	37 50
45	Orin Stevens, vaccine and old bill, (Davis,).....	12 50
46	Rosco Brown, interest on town order .....	36 00
47	Seth H. Faunce, boarding school teacher No. 3 .....	35 46
48	Thomas Baker, do do .....	5 00
49	Cora G. Knight, teaching district No. 3.....	48 00
50	Bertie M. Phillips, teaching district No. 2 .....	44 00
51	A. H. Chadbourne, boarding teacher No. 2.....	23 61
52	Mary L. King, board and teaching district No. 10 .....	77 00
53	Mark Crockett, boarding teacher No. 4.....	15 75
54	T. J. Frost, boarding teacher district No. 5.....	10 20
55	Edna E. Wardwell, teaching district No. 3 .....	22 50
56	Benj. Sanborn, interest on town orders.....	45 48
57	George B. Yeaton, damage on location of new road.....	20 00
58	Jacob S. Martin, damage on location of new road.....	25 00
59	John F. Martin, damage on location of new road.....	35 00
60	H. K. Pratt, interest on town orders .....	167 06
61	Bennie M. Pratt, interest on town orders.....	14 70
62	Dora M. Jackson, teaching district No. 5.....	15 00
63	Seth H. Faunce, endorsement on town order, No. 230, for 1877	13 50
64	L. Augusta Nelson, order taken up.....	1024 44
65	Mary A. Nelson, orders taken up.....	1182 37
66	Washington Dean, interest on town order.....	42 00
67	Washington Dean, orders taken up.....	216 66
68	Rosco Brown, money paid L. A. and M. A. Nelson.....	300 00
69	Lloyd Andrews, labor on town farm.....	7 50
70	John B. Haley, making guide boards .....	13 75
71	Rosco Brown, money paid, " Home for little Wanderers "...	40 00
72	Rosco Brown, tickets for A. W. Morey's children.....	11 10
73	City of Lewiston, supplies furnished C. Ham.....	57 00
74	George F. McAllister, cleaning school house, district No. 4.	2 00
75	Benjamin Crockett, labor on Stanton Bridge.....	2 50
76	J. T. Washburne, Hauling timber for Morey bridge.....	1 50
77	Ann Dean, interest on town order.....	57 44
78	J. F. Fuller, labor on highway district, No. 21.....	14 00
79	A. S. Fuller, stone work on Morey bridge.....	129 00
80	A. S. Fuller, grading and filling Morey bridge.....	15 00
81	Thomas Baker, burial of Daniel Ordway.....	13 95
82	Henry Perkins, damage on location of new road.....	20 00
83	Cyrus T. Wardwell, wood furnished district No. 3.....	24 75



84	Rosco Brown, looking up residence of D. Edward's family...	3 25
85	A. J. Smith, taking E. E. Smith to Insane Asylum.....	16 10
86	Seth T. Holbrook, iron for Stanton bridge.....	3 00
87	Franklin Sargent, boarding teacher district No. 7.....	16 00
88	Addie A. Russell, teaching district No. 7.....	30 00
89	Rosco Brown, expense in C. Ham's marriage.....	19 00
90	Seth H. Faunce, discount on taxes, before Sept. 15, 1877....	135 22
91	Thomas Baker, support of F. Holme's Library.....	50 00
92	J. E. Burnes and C. T. Linnell, for building road.....	190 00
93	A. A. Nelson, repairs on school house district No. 7.....	2 59
94	Fred Rowe, hauling bridge plank.....	3 00
95	Solon G. Walker, labor on highway.....	12 75
96	H. L. Records, labor on town farm.....	40 00
97	H. L. Records, labor on town farm.....	50 00
98	C. A. Records, cash paid for wheat and pigs.....	14 00
99	Bertie M. Phillips, teaching district No. 3.....	6 00
100	H. A. Chamberlain, teaching district No. 3.....	66 00
101	Joseph French, boarding teacher, No. 3.....	2 50
102	Annie D. Hall, teaching district No. 10.....	55 00
103	S. P. Stuart, boarding teacher, district No. 10.....	27 50
104	E. V. Walker, repairs on school house No. 3.....	3 10
105	Sylvia Burnes, boarding teacher, district No. 11.....	13 50
106	Lizzie Sawyer, teaching district No. 11.....	18 00
107	Cyrus T. Wardwell, building culvert.....	5 00
108	J. A. Bucknam, insurance on school house No. 2.....	10 00
109	George H. Motley, cleaning stovepipe, district No. 3.....	2 59
110	Jacob S. Martin, stove for district No. 11.....	12 00
111	A. S. Fuller, building culvert, village.....	17 50
112	Hermon Bumpus, repairs on school house No. 3.....	1 15
113	W. L. Stanton, labor on bridge.....	13 00
114	S. N. Wright, labor on bridge.....	7 50
115	S. G. Walker, labor on bridge.....	12 00
116	S. G. Walker, labor on Harrison road.....	3 00
117	Hannah Caldwell, interest on town order.....	12 00
118	C. E. Waterman, teaching district No. 12.....	55 00
119	A. T. Stone, boarding teacher, No. 13.....	20 35
120	Rosco Brown, repairs on school house No. 12.....	1 00
121	G. W. Thomas, repairs on highway.....	8 00
122	Hiram Strout, wood for school district No. 2.....	9 08
123	A. H. Chadbourne, boarding teacher, No. 2.....	21 00
124	Nellie S. Whitman, teaching district No. 2.....	60 00
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No. 125	Joel Sawyer, supplies furnished A. Drew.....	20 42
126	Seth H. Faunce, discount of tax before January 1, 1878....	35 18
127	John Harper, settlement in exemption case.....	245 67
128	Nathan Dudley, labor on highway.....	2 24



129	Town of Buckfield, supplies furnished S. B. Dudley.....	6 00
130	Norway Advertiser, advertising non resident taxes.....	8 00
131	Emma C. King, teaching district No. 8.....	35 00
132	L. M. Elder, teaching district No. 6.....	57 00
133	John E. Burns, wood for district No. 11.....	4 14
134	Rosco Brown, for stock on town farm.....	21 00
135	Seth T. Holbrook, labor on highway.....	17 00
136	C. S. Hunt, teaching district No. 3.....	122 00
137	Rose Burnes, teaching district No. 11.....	40 00
138	Mrs. N. E. Burnes, boarding teacher, No. 11.....	18 00
139	William F. Caldwell, wood for district No. 6.....	11 25
140	Ellis Stone, wood for district No. 3.....	7 00
141	J. L. Holden, boarding teacher, district No. 3.....	49 00
142	Mark Crockett, boarding teacher, No. 4.....	28 50
143	Hannah M. Jordan, teaching district No. 1.....	72 00
144	Lewis J. Hunt, wood for district No. 1.....	8 00
145	D. H. Millett, repairs on school house No. 1.....	10 00
146	J. F. Edwards & J. E. Parrott, for care of school house No. 3	16 00
147	G. H. Jones, chalk and erasers, district No. 3.....	3 45
148	Durell & Hawkes, goods for district No. 3.....	7 49
149	Thomas Baker, supplies furnished John Ordway.....	3 25
150	Thomas Baker, nails for sidewalk.....	5 21
151	Thamas Baker, paints for guideboards.....	1 67
152	Thomas Baker, collector's book and postage.....	1 30
153	Thomas Baker, services as town clerk.....	2 00
154	C. A. Records, labor on town farm.....	300 00
155	C. A. Records, groceries for town farm, 1873.....	5 00
156	C. A. Records, cash paid out on town farm.....	26 92
157	S. P. Stuart, repairs on school house district No. 10.....	5 22
158	S. P. Stuart, supplies furnished Morey family.....	12 25
159	S. P. Stuart, clothing furnished Morey family.....	4 00
160	T. L. Robinson, plank for bridges.....	5 26
161	S. E. King, wood &c., furnished district No. 10.....	18 26
162	George Hazen, services Supervisor of schools.....	74 75
163	A. G. Hinds, expense of S. S. Cummings.....	1 50
164	Rosco Brown, services as selectman, &c.....	95 75
165	Solon G. Walker, do do.....	58 50
166	Solon G. Walker, expense to West Paris.....	2 50
167	S. P. Stuart, services as selectman, &c.....	56 25
168	Emma C. King, teaching district No. 8.....	40 00
169	Seth H. Faunce, services as Constable.....	4 50
170	Seth H. Faunce, abatement on tax bills, 1871.....	6 62
171	Seth H. Faunce, " " " 1872.....	9 23
172	Seth H. Faunce, " " " 1873.....	15 12
173	Seth H. Faunce, " " " 1876.....	87 01
174	Seth H. Faunce, for collecting taxes for 1876.....	50 00

175	Seth H. Faunce, for collecting taxes for 1877.....	60 00
176	Seth H. Faunce, discount on highway takes, 1875.....	57 68
177	G. P. Whitney, services as town agent.....	10 75
178	Sullivan Fuller, abatement on tax bills, 1875.....	34 50
179	Sullivan Fuller, " " 1874.....	29 92
180	Sullivan Fuller, for collecting taxes 1875.....	42 95
181	Durell & Hawkes, amount due to balance account 1878.....	16 21
182	George E. Hawkes, for services as Treasurer.....	25 00
103	Thomas Baker, goods for town farm.....	18 86
184	S. E. King, goods " " .....	146 98
185	Orin Stevens, medical attendance on poor.....	30 00
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No. 186	S. E. King, clothing for Morey family.....	8 22
187	S. E. King, supplies furnished S. Chase.....	10 00
188	George E. Hawkes, expense to Paris.....	3 08
189	S. E. King, supplies to Morey family.....	2 12
190	S. E. King, materials for guide boards.....	2 19

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## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR.

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FELLOW-TOWNSMEN: — Your Supervisor would respectfully submit the following as his report of the Public Schools in the town of Oxford, for the past year.

The following shows the amount apportioned to each district, for the year 1877, and the number of scholars not attending school during the year.

No. of Dist.	Names of Agents.	No. of Scholars in Dis.	No. of Scholars not attend'g durn'g yr.	Amount Apportion'd.
1	David Millett,.....	18.....	0.....	\$ 95.00
2	A. H. Chadbourne,.....	33.....	2.....	142.00
3	George E. Hawkes, .....	192.....	28.....	702.00
4	C. F. Work, .....	40.....	List not returned,.....	162.00
5	Wm. L. Stanton,.....	21.....	1.....	122.00
6	George Paine, .....	25.....	5.....	116.35
7	A. A. Nelson,.....	54.....	3.....	205.40
8	G. C. Pratt,.....	8.....	0.....	106.70
10	S. P. Stewart,.....	25.....	10.....	309.90
11	Smith Martin,.....	20.....	1.....	112.90
12	Roscoe Brown,.....	28.....	12.....	127.90
9	.....	12.....	.....	38.50
		476	62	\$2240.65

## Brief Outline of Schools.

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### DISTRICT No. 1.—DAVID MILLETT, Agent.

The Summer term of eight weeks, was taught by Miss Lizzie M. Faunce; there was a want of interest in the school and it did not make the progress we desired to see. Winter term, twelve weeks, under the charge of Miss Anna Jordn, who labored hard for success, did finely, and had a fine school.

### DISTRICT No. 2.—A. H. CHADBOURNE, Agent.

Summer term, eleven weeks, taught by Miss Bertie M. Phillips, the district was fortunate in securing the services of this teacher. She is an excellent teacher and taught a very satisfactory school. Winter term, twelve weeks, taught by Miss Nellie L. Whitman who is an excellent teacher and kept a good school.

### DISTRICT No. 3.—GEORGE E. HAWKES, Agent.

Intermediate Department.—Summer term, eight weeks, was under the charge of Mrs. E. J. Holt, who labored hard and kept a good school. Winter term, fourteen weeks, by Mr. C. L. Hunt, was a good school.

Grammar School.—Summer term, nine weeks was taught by Miss Cora G. Night, who in this term as in previous terms, kept an excellent school. Fall term, eight weeks by Mrs. H. N. Chamberlain was a fair school. The Winter term is now being taught by Miss Lizzie M. Green who is doing finely.

Primary School.—Winter term, Anna D. Hall, teacher, now in session, is doing well.

### DISTRICE No. 4.—C. F. WORK, Agent.

Summer term, nine weeks, was taught by Miss Rose S. Burns who fully sustained her past reputation by keeping a good school. The Winter term was taught by Mr. Preston I. Merrill, but having no notice of its close it was visited but once.

### DISTRICT No. 5.—WM. L. STANTON, Agent.

Miss D. M. Jackson taught the summer term with fair success. Winter term, twelve weeks, was taught by the veteran teacher Mr. William M. Brooks who has just finished his fifty-seventh school with excellent success.

### DISTRICT No. 6.—GEORGE PAINE, Agent.

Miss Emma E. Shurtleff taught the Summer term of nine weeks, and the school made fair progress, but there was not that interest manifested in the school we hoped to see. Winter term, ten weeks, by Mr. L. M. Elder; when we visited the school at the commencement it promised well for a good school, but not having been notified of its close we made but one visit.

### DISTRICT No. 7.—AUSTIN A. NELSON, Agent.

The Summer term of ten weeks, Fall term of eight weeks and Winter term of eleven weeks was taught by Miss Addie A. Russell. Miss Russell is well known as a good teacher; her efforts here were successful and three good schools was the result.



## DISTRICT No. 8.—G. A. PRATT, Agent.

Summer term, eight weeks, Annie Porter, teacher, fair school. Fall term ten weeks and Winter term, eleven weeks, was taught by Miss Emma C. King, who taught two very good schools.

## DISTRICT No. 10.—S. P. STEWART, Agent.

Summer term of ten weeks, was taught by Miss Mary L. King. Miss King is a good teacher and kept an excellent school. Fall term 11 weeks, by Miss Annie D. Hall, was a profitable school to the district. Winter term, now in session, by Mr. A. E. Cobb, promises well for a good school.

## DISTRICT No. 11.—SMITH MARTIN, Agent.

Fall term taught by Miss Lizzie Sawyer, 6 weeks, fair school, but teacher wanting energy. Winter term, eight weeks, by Miss Rose S. Burns, who is a teacher of experience, taught an excellent school, the scholars making both rapid and thorough progress.

## DISTRICT No. 12.—ROSCO BROWN, Agent.

Summer term. This school was taught by Miss Emma A. Hayes with good success. Winter term by Mr. Charles E. Waterman, who kept a good school.

## SUGGESTIONS.

We have thus given somewhat in detail, the result and statistics for our schools during the past year, and now offer for your consideration a few thoughts or ideas that occur to us in connection with the work of the whole school year. The schools as a whole have taken no backward step this year and although in a few of them we have not realized the results we had hoped for, yet we feel confident that the experience of these few, during the past year, will prove a benefit to them and bring about better results during the ensuing years. Parents, it becomes you to be as much interested in the welfare and prosperity of your schools as the Supervisor or teacher; you have greater influence than either over your children, and can work in some places where we cannot, and you can wonderfully help the common cause of education in your own school by frequent visitation, by consultation with your supervisor, and above all by requiring the punctual and regular attendance of your children.

Fathers and mothers are you aware of the foundations that your children are laying for the future? Are you assisting them, and are you helping to increase their interest in their studies at your firesides? You wish your children to become true men and women, therefore do all that in your power lies to aid the work which is of so great importance to you, and is certainly a most glorious cause.

It is very important that every district should have a good agent, since the selection of the teachers lies wholly with him, and it is of the greatest importance to the district that good teachers be engaged, and let it always be remembered that it is better to have a good teacher, although it may necessitate a short school, than to have a poor teacher and a long school.

I am sorry to say that there are quite a number of children in our town between the ages of 7 and 17 who have not attended school *at all* during the past year; and although the law is wisely provided for such cases, yet, it does not seem to be understood by many, and in order that there may be no misunderstanding in the future we quote the law:—See Acts and Resolves of 1875, chapter 24, Sec. 1.



“Every parent, guardian or other person in the State of Maine, having control of any child or children between the ages of nine and fifteen, shall be required to send such child or children to a public school for a period of at least twelve weeks in each year, unless such child or children are excused from such attendance by the school officers of the town in which such parent or guardian resides, upon its being shown to their satisfaction that the mental or bodily condition of such child or children has been such as to prevent attendance at school or application to study for the period required, and the certificate of a physician should be deemed sufficient to satisfy said officers; or that such child or children have been taught at a private school or at home in such branches as are usually taught in primary schools; provided, in case a public school shall not be taught for three months in the year within one and one-half miles by the shortest traveled road of the residence of such delinquent, nor within the school district within which such child resides, he shall not be liable to the provisions of this act.

Sec. 2. In case any parent, guardian, or other person having such control shall fail to comply with section one of this act he shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five dollars and costs of prosecution for such offence, to be recovered in any court competent to try the same, and the magistrate or court to which said fine shall be paid shall pay the same to the treasurer of the town in which the offence was committed, and shall be by him accounted for, the same as money raised for school purposes.

Sec. 3. Every boy in this State between the ages of nine and fifteen, who shall neglect or refuse to attend school as required in section one of this act, unless excused by the school officers of the city, town or plantation in which he resides, on being convicted of such offence, shall pay a fine not exceeding five dollars.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the school committee, or town supervisor to enforce the several provisions of this act.

The town voted, in addition to the foregoing, at the March meeting, 1877, as follows:—

“Voted, that the Supervisor of schools enforces the law in relation to scholars attending school, to the letter—and when he gives a certificate to a teacher, he furnish said teacher with a list of names and ages all scholars in the district in which he or she is to teach—and at the same time, direct them in writing, to report at once, to said supervisor, all cases of non-attendance of scholars, between the ages of 7 and 17 years—and when so notified, the supervisor shall forthwith attend to the matter—and cause the law to be strictly obeyed and make his and the teachers doings in the matter, a part of his annual report.”

Attest, THOMAS BAKER, *Town Clerk.*

There are in town over sixty-two scholars who have not attended school *at all* during the past year, and many more who have not attended the twelve weeks required by law, and most of them are children of poor parents. I have taken considerable pains to have the law generally understood and complied with, yet in most of these cases I doubt if it is understood. I make this report in order that there may be no misunderstanding in the future about the law, and also to see if the town will give any instructions in regard to these cases of non-attendance.

GEORGE HAZEN, *Supervisor.*

