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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OF OXFORD.



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For the Year Ending February 15,

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## TOWN OFFICERS:

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SELECTMEN:

WM. N. THOMAS.

CYRUS S. HAYES.

HENRY W. COY.

TOWN CLERK,

THOMAS BAKER.

TREASURER,

GEO. E. HAWKES.

COLLECTOR AND CONSTABLE,  
SETH H. FAUNCE.

CONSTABLE,  
JOHN W. CHADBOURNE.

SUPERVISOR,

W. E. HOLMES.

## REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

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Valuation for the year 1882,	\$169,646 00
Valuation for the year 1881,	167,362 00

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Increase,	\$2,284 00
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### APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED.

Amount raised to support poor and pay	
town charges,	\$2,500 00
Amount raised to pay debts,	1,000 00
Amount raised to support schools,	1,500 00
Amount raised for free high school,	250 00
Amount raised for Freeland Holmes	
Library,	50 00
State tax,	2,178 66
County tax,	483 25
Delinquent highway,	115 69
Overlay,	302 35

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Total assessment,	\$8,379 95
Poll tax \$3. Rate .042. Number of Polls, 342.	

### SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Amount raised by town,	\$1,500 00
School fund and mill tax from State,	794 07

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\$2,294 07

## Apportioned to school districts :

District No. 1,	\$ 74 45	
" 2,	133 72	
" 3,	712 42	
" 4,	136 11	
" 5,	150 07	
" 6,	166 74	
" 7,	168 26	
" 8,	132 60	
" 9,	32 22	
" 10,	293 56	
" 11,	146 26	
" 12,	147 66	
	<hr/>	\$2,294 07

## POOR NOW ON FARM.

## Names and ages of inmates :

David Cates,	83 years.	Susan D. B. Bessey,	62 years.
Harriet Morey,	38 years.	Job Dean,	49 years.
Cyrus Bessey,	78 years.	Freeland Morey,	13 years.

Average number for the year  $5\frac{2}{3}$ .

## VALUE OF PROPERTY ON FARM.

Two oxen,	\$150 00	
Four cows,	130 00	
Six three-year-olds,	160 00	
Six two-year-olds,	90 00	
Three one-year-olds,	25 00	
Twenty-three sheep,	80 00	
Four swine,	20 00	
Fifteen hens,	6 00	
Hay first quality, 18 tons,	270 00	
Hay second quality, $4\frac{1}{2}$ tons,	45 00	
Furniture appraised,	265 00	
Farming tools appraised,	380 00	
Grain and provisions,	207 91	
Rolls and yarn,	7 40	
Total value,	<hr/>	\$1,836 31
Value, Feb. 15, 1881.		1,891 85

Loss,

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\$55 54

## RECEIPTS FROM FARM.

Wood sold Mousam M'f'g Co., 59 $\frac{3}{4}$		
cords, at \$3.25,	\$194 18	
Wood sold Farris,	6 19	
Superintendent's labor off farm,	10 25	
Poultry sold,	8 90	
Calves    "	7 00	
Lambs     "	6 00	
Pair oxen sold,	137 50	
Steer      "	22 50	
Five young cattle sold,	92 00	
Two hogs       "	43 00	
Apples         "	7 50	
Peas,           "	1 25	
Cow hide       "	3 00	
Paid on store bills,	39 99	
Farm wagon sold,    )	( 20 00	
Wagon and gig sold, ) Bessey property, )	( 10 00	
One plow, No. 4, " )	( 8 50	
Premium on oxen, town team,	67	
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Total receipts,		\$618 45
Total expenditures,		896 88
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Cost of poor on farm,		\$278 45

Mr. Charles A. Richards and wife have been hired for the coming year for \$250.

## EXPENDITURES FOR FARM.

For Superintendent's salary,	\$225 00
Extra labor,	142 09
Morris Clark, grain and provisions	104 63
Durell & Hawkes, supplies,	71 80
King & Holmes, supplies,	108 57
John B. Robinson supplies,	13 14
Superphosphate,	10 40
W. F. Foster, 1 bbl. flour,	7 00
A. R. Paine, four pigs,	4 00
Wm. H. Thomas, 15 lambs,	41 25

H. W. Coy, bull,	13 00
Geo. Prundy, 4 calves,	28 00
Wm. Harlow, two year old steers,	35 00
W. Ryerson, one year old bull,	14 00
Superintendent's supplies,	44 54
McKeen & Watson, blacksmithing,	10 73
Edgar Everett, blacksmithing,	1 00
H. O. Blake, pump and supplies for farm,	15 74
S. D. Edwards, farming tools,	3 51
Orin Stevens, medicines,	3 48

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\$896 88

#### COST OF POOR OFF FARM.

Chas. Morey family,	\$5 00
Louis Strout,	16 86
Dennett Cotton,	16 54
Mrs. Eunice Edwards,	35 45
Cyrus Staples,	116 00
Cyrus Bessey,	5 55
Mrs. Emmons Verrill, (bill of 1882,)	50 00
Mrs. Geo. Hamlin, " "	4 27
Miss Elizabeth Yeaton,	11 61
Freeland Morey,	39 79

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\$271 07

#### DUE FROM OTHER TOWNS.

From Woodstock, for Carver family,	\$40 93
" Dennett Cotton family,	16 54

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\$57 47

Net cost.

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\$213 60



## TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS, 1881.

Wm. F. Caldwell, services as Selectman,	\$ 12 00
S. P. Stuart, " "	15 01
C. F. Durell, " "	15 00
R. Brown, services as Collector,	163 41
R. Brown, Constable,	3 00

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\$208 41

## TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS, 1882.

Thomas Baker, services as Clerk,	\$ 2 00
Geo. E. Hawkes, services as Treasurer,	20 00
Wm. N. Thomas, services as Selectman,	56 75
Cyrus S. Hayes, " "	58 50
Henry W. Coy, " "	44 20
W. E. Holmes, Supervisor,	84 00
Seth H. Faunce, Collector,	75 00

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\$340 45

## RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR 1882.

Total assessment,	8,379 95
State tax,	\$2,178 66
County tax,	483 25
For schools,	1,500 00
Free high school,	250 00
Freeland Holmes's Library,	50 00
Discount allowed Collector,	225 22
Abatements,	63 99

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\$4,751 12

Available taxes,

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\$3,628 83

## RECEIPTS OUTSIDE OF TAXATION.

Licenses for show,	\$2 00
Cyrus Bessey estate,	50 38
Robinson Mfg. Co., bal. of highway tax,	57 87
Mousum " " " "	35 75
For old bridge plank,	3 40
Town of Woodstock, support of Dennett	
Cotton family,	22 37

Town of Livermore, support of Going		
Dorr,	8 58	
Town of Albany for support of Georgie		
Beard	8 00	
Harper Mfg. Co.'s highway tax,	8 48	
Silas N Wright highway tax,	2 90	
Bonds exchanged for cash and orders,	2,640 25	
Received from Agricultural society pre-		
mium on town team,	67	
	<hr/>	\$2,844 60
Available net resources for 1882,		<hr/> 6,473 43

## PAID OUT FOR THE YEAR 1882.

Poor off Farm,	\$271 07	
Poor on Farm,	278 45	
Repairs on highways and bridges,	503 63	
Balance of town officers' bills 1881,	208 41	
Town officers bills of 1882,	340 45	
Interest on debt,	336 51	
Outstanding town orders taken up,	3,530 57	
Outstanding bond taken up,	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$5,969 09

## LIABILITIES.

Outstanding bonds and accrued in-		
terest,	\$12,078 50	
Outstanding orders,	881 27	
Due school districts,	513 34	
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Total,		\$13,473 11

## RESOURCES.

Due from Seth H. Faunce, Collector,	\$3,229 04
Roscoe Brown, Collector,	28 21
Mousum Mfg. Co., for wood,	194 18
*Denison Paper Mfg. Co., for	
wood,	99 12

\*An error against Farm of \$193.28, wood estimated in 1882.

Interest on the same,	4 46	
State school fund and mill tax 1881,	885 63	
Unpaid non-resident taxes turned in and tax title,	433 72	
State for free high school,	250 00	
Town of Woodstock for Carver family,	40 93	
Town of Woodstock for Den- nett Cotton family,	16 54	
Cash in treasury,	1,400 74	
	<hr/>	\$3,582 57
Debt above resources,		<hr/> \$6,890 54

## TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

GEO. E. HAWKES,

DR.

To cash in treasury Feb. 15, 1882,	\$2,094 07
Rec'd from Seth H. Faunce,	3,366 58
Rec'd from Roscoe Brown,	2,443 05
Rec'd from non-resident taxes turned in paid,	136 24
Rec'd for bonds sold and accrued interest on same,	2,640 25
Rec'd from the town of Wood- stock,	22 37
Rec'd from the town of Liver- more,	8 53
Rec'd from Cyrus Bessey estate,	50 38
Rec'd from the town of Albany,	8 00
Rec'd from license to show,	2 00
Rec'd from Harper Mfg. Co., highway tax,	8 48
Rec'd from John F. Martin, stock sold from farm,	86 00
Rec'd from Mousum Mfg. Co., highway tax 1882,	35 77

Rec'd from Silas N. Wright,	
highway tax 1882,	2 90
Rec'd from Agricultural socie-	
ty, premium on town team,	67
Rec'd from Robinson Mfg. Co.,	
bal. of highway tax 1882,	57 85
Rec'd from State school fund and	
mill tax 1882,	794 07
Rec'd from old bridge plank,	3 40
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	\$11,760 61

## CONTRA.

By cash paid out as per vouchers	
examined,	\$10,242 24
Unpaid non-resident taxes turned	
in,	117 63
Cash in treasury, Feb. 15, 1883,	1,400 74
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	\$11,760 61

We have this day examined the accounts of G. E. Hawkes, treasurer, and find the same correct as above set forth :

WM. N. THOMAS, } *Selectmen*  
 CYRUS S. HAYES, } *of*  
 HENRY W. COY, } *Oxford.*

*Oxford, Feb, 15, 1883.*

In accordance with the wishes of the town, the Treasurer, and Selectmen have labored to call in all outstanding orders. We think there is but a small amount now out against the town.

This, gentlemen, concludes our report, all of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. N. THOMAS, }  
 C. S. HAYES, } *Selectmen.*  
 H. W. COY, }

LIST OF TOWN ORDERS DRAWN  
FROM FEB. 15, 1882, TO FEB. 15, 1883.

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No. of  
Orders.

Old Series :

173.	Dennett Cotton, breaking roads, district No. 6,	\$7 50
174.	Seth H. Faunce, abatement of taxes on bills of 1879 and 1880,	6 00
175.	W. F. Caldwell, balance of services as Selectman,	12 00
176.	S. P. Stuart, balance of services as Selectman,	15 00
177.	M. Rose Giles, teaching school, district No. 8,	24 00
178.	Frank Garvel, abatement of tax for 1881,	2 10
179.	C. F. Durell, balance of services as Selectman,	15 00
180.	C. F. Durell, postage and stationery for 1881,	3 56
181.	S. B. Waterman, supplies furnished school, district No. 10,	8 55
182.	M. W. Brackett, breaking roads in district No. 5,	4 50

New Series :

1.	<i>Lewiston Journal</i> , printing town reports,	30 00
2.	Thomas Baker, coffin and box for Elizabeth Yeaton,	11 50
3.	George D. Parrott, labor, glass and printing reports for school district No. 3,	4 45
4.	R. A. Loring, collar, hames and traces for farm	9 00
5.	John Hutchins, boarding teacher, district No. 4,	18 00
6.	R. Brown, interest on town orders,	128 52
7.	“ abatement on taxes on bills of 1881,	16 59
8.	R. Brown, collecting taxes (in part) for year 1881,	120 00

9.	R. Brown, services as Constable, for year 1881,	3 00
10.	Seth H. Faunce, abatement on tax bills of 1880,	9 36
11.	Mark Crockett, wood furnished school, dis't No. 4,	7 25
12.	S. B. Yeaton, wood furnished Mrs. Hamlin,	3 50
13.	State Reform School, on account of H. C. Whitehouse,	13 00
14.	John F. Martin, balance due labor on farm, 1881,	88 18
15.	Frank L. Wilson, wood furnished school district No. 5,	8 70
16.	Freeland Howe, insurance on school house, district No. 7,	9 00
17.	F. B. Andrews, prosecuting parents of absent scholars,	6 00
18.	E. F. Bradford, M. D., for medical attendance on Mrs. Emmons Verrill,	50 00
19.	Wm. N. Thomas, superphosphate for town farm,	10 40
20.	John E. Burns, insurance on school house, district No. 11,	9 00
21.	A. L. Hersey, M. D., medical attendance on Carney Young,	10 50
22.	A. R. Paine, wood furnished school district No. 7,	8 50
23.	H. W. Coy, one year old bull for farm,	13 00
24.	Charles Johnson, labor on highway, district No. 13,	4 07
25.	Thomas Baker, supplies for town farm for year 1881,	6 00
26.	Geo. F. McAllister, supplies for school district No. 4,	11 10
27.	A. W. Harris, supplies and labor furnished C. Bessey,	5 55
28.	Mr. Cyrus Staples, care of Cyrus Staples,	50 00
29.	Wm. N. Thomas, seed for town farm,	11 80

30.	Wendell H. Adams, teaching free high school,	162 50
31.	E. C. Ambrose, teaching free high school two days,	4 00
32.	E. C. Ambrose, making deed for C. Bessey's estate,	1 50
33.	Geo. J. Parrott, wood furnished district No. 3,	45 44
34.	Ella H. Haskell, teaching free high school,	54 00
35.	Alex B. Dwinal's abatement of tax, 1880,	4 46
36.	Morris Clark, supplies furnished town farm,	41 82
37.	Town of Brunswick, for Mrs. Eunice Edwards,	35 45
38.	C. F. Work, labor on highway,	18 09
39.	Rose S. Burns, teaching school in district No. 11,	24 40
40.	Mabel Yeaton, teaching school in district No. 10,	45 00
41.	Cyrus Brown, boarding teacher in district No. 10,	32 50
42.	Ella E. Webster, teaching school, district No. 1,	43 84
43.	N. W. Pendexter, teaching school, district No. 3,	76 50
44.	Ella R. Doten, teaching school, district No. 3,	72 00
45.	Laura E. Tenney, teaching school, district No. 2,	20 00
46.	A. T. Stone, boarding teacher, district No 12,	12 00
47.	A. L. Faunce, repairs on school house, dis't No. 3,	2 17
48.	A. L. Faunce, labor on highway,	12 98
49.	Eugene L. Burns, boarding teacher, district No. 11,	15 60
50.	State Reform School, Harry C. Whitehouse,	13 00
51.	Annie S. Parker, teaching school district No. 4,	32 00
52.	Hiram Strout, boarding teacher, dis't No. 2,	8 88

52.	Ervie G. Pratt, teaching school, dis't No. 7,	51 70
53.	Alice M. King, " " " 12,	32 00
54.	John F. Hutchins, boarding teacher in dis't No. 4,	12 00
55.	Walter G. Gilbert, care of school house, dis- trict No. 10,	2 00
56.	S. L. Weston, M. D., medical attendance, small pox,	8 00
57.	John F. Martin, part payment (labor on) farm,	100 00
58.	John F. Martin, clothes furnished Freeland Morey,	5 70
59.	Oliver Descoteaux, blacksmithing for town farm,	10 86
60.	W. N. Thomas, carting bridge plank,	3 00
61.	" " expenses and time, taking Morey boy to Portland,	6 50
62.	Maine General Hospital, treatment of Morey boy,	33 29
63.	Peter N. Haskell, lumber furnished for bridges,	15 75
64.	Edith Wilson, teaching school in district No. 5,	27 51
65.	W. F. Wardwell, calling Dr. Weston, small pox scare,	2 00
66.	King & Holmes, per order Mrs. Cyrus Sta- ples,	30 00
67.	Jacob T. Washburn, wood furnished district No. 10,	3 20
68.	George J. Parrott, supplies for school dis't No. 3,	17 69
69.	S. E. Ripley, teaching school, district No. 6,	40 00
70.	W. W. Dennen, wood furnished district No. 10,	8 25
71.	Alpheus Morse, part payment for building Harris bridge,	20 00
72.	Jacob S. Martin, wood furnished district No. 11,	3 50



73.	Alpheus Morse, part payment on Harris bridge,	19 42
74.	Alpheus Morse, part payment on Harris bridge,	20 00
75.	H. O. Blake, pump and repairing tinware for farm,	8 50
76.	H. O. Blake, pump for district No. 3,	9 00
77.	S. H. Faunce, discount on taxes to Sept. 15, 1882,	198 83
78.	Charles A. Thayer, abatement on taxes for 1881 and 1882,	6 00
79.	Alpheus Morse, part payment on Harris bridge,	24 04
80.	State reform school, Harry Whitehouse,	13 00
81.	Alpheus Morse, part pay on Harris bridge,	51 89
82.	“ “ bal. due on Harris bridge,	14 55
83.	Morris Clark, supplies for town farm,	52 11
84.	H. K. Pratt, splitting and laying stone bridge,	19 00
85.	L. S. Billings, plank for bridges,	139 62
86.	C. C. Rowe, repairs on road, dist. No. 16,	10 00
87.	Thomas Baker, Freeland Holmes Library,	50 00
88.	S. R. Child, teaching free high school,	279 50
89.	S. R. Child, fixtures for school house, dist. No. 3,	6 00
90.	Ida E. Greggs, teaching school, dist. No. 10,	50 00
91.	Cyrus Brown, boarding teacher, dis. No. 10,	25 00
92.	Ella R. Doten, teaching school, dis. No. 3,	72 00
93.	Hannah L. Manson, teaching school, dis. No. 3,	63 00
94.	Charles C. Rowe, repairs on school house, district No. 7,	9 00
95.	Ada M. Morton teaching school, dis. No. 8,	32 00
96.	W. N. Thomas, boarding teacher, dis. No. 8,	14 00
97.	McKeen & Watson, blacksmithing for town farm,	10 73
98.	A. T. Stone, wood furnished dis. No. 12,	4 20

99.	N. G. Frost, labor on highway,	7 91
100.	Granville Fernald, maps for dis. No. 3,	24 00
101.	H. W. Coy, building fence around cemetery,	65 77
102.	W. B. Haskell, teaching school, dis. No. 5,	46 25
103.	Egbert Ellis, care of school house, dis. 3,	7 50
104.	Hattie A. Hooper, teaching school, dis. No. 9,	32 22
105.	S. E. Ripley, teaching school, dis. No. 6,	55 00
106.	R. C. Thomas, wood furnished school, dis. No. 6,	8 45
107.	R. C. Thomas, boarding teacher, dis. No. 6,	17 50
108.	W. H. Coy, labor on highway, dis. No. 11,	30 25
109.	H. W. Coy, labor on highway, dis. No. 22,	32 17
110.	F. W. Murdock, care of school house, dis. No. 10,	2 50
111.	Annie S. Parker, teaching school, dis. No. 4,	60 00
112.	Fred Crockett care of school house, dis No. 4,	2 75
113.	Mrs. Cyrus Staples, care of C. Staples,	36 00
114.	State reform school, Harry Whitehouse,	13 00
115.	E. Everett, blacksmithing, town farm,	1 00
116.	M. T. Haskell, boarding teacher, dist. No. 12,	18 72
117.	Alice M. King, teaching school, dist. No. 12,	78 00
118.	J. G. Rowe, boarding teacher, dist, No. 5,	20 00
119.	S. W. Blake, " " " 2,	15 36
120.	John F. Hutchins, " " " 4,	18 00
121.	Rose S. Burns, teaching school, dist. No. 11,	98 00
122.	S. H. Faunce, discount on taxes to Jan. 1883,	26 39
123.	R. Skillings, guide boards,	3 00
124.	C. S. Hayes, money paid out for lumber, extra labor, and rods on Harris bridge,	36 83
125.	Roscoe Brown, abatement on taxes for 1881,	104 00
126.	Seth H. Faunce, abatement on tax on D. B. Yeton place, 1882,	2 00

127.	Seth H. Faunce, abatement on bills of 1876,	18 69
128.	“ “ 1877,	37 10
129.	“ “ 1878,	63 07
130.	“ “ 1879,	63 66
131.	“ “ 1880,	50 67
132.	“ “ 1882,	63 99
133.	Morris Clark, supplies furnished town farm,	9 32
134.	Orrin Stevens, medicine for inmates of farm,	3 48
135.	“ for professional services,	3 75
136.	S. D. Edwards, farming tools for town farm,	3 51
137.	H. O. Blake, repairs on stoves and tinware,	7 24
138.	C. F. Durell, services in Hamlin trial, Norway,	3 00
139.	S. H. Faunce, for collecting taxes in part for the year 1882,	75 00
140.	Roscoe Brown, for collecting balance for 1881,	43 41
141.	Thomas Baker, mdse. for town farm,	4 99
142.	“ Coffin and robe for Louis Strout,	14 00
143.	Thomas Baker, services as Clerk for 1882,	2 00
144.	S. H. Faunce, part payment for collecting tax, 1879,	35 00
145.	S. H. Faunce, part payment for collecting tax, 1880,	55 00
146.	Geo. H. Jones, books and stationery for town,	14 02
147.	Geo. J. Parrott, supplies furnished dist. No. No. 3,	19 15.
148.	C. S. Hayes, carting bridge plank,	17 50
149.	John F. Martin, balance services on farm,	113 50
150.	Durell & Hawkes, supplies for farm,	63 00
	Geo. E. Hawkes, postage and looking up town bonds,	5 20
152.	Durell & Hawkes, supplies furnished Louis Strout,	2 86
153.	Durrell & Hawkes, supplies furnished Mrs. Hamlin,	88

154.	Durrell & Hawkes, stamps furnished Thos. Baker for election returns,	36
155.	Durrell & Hawkes, supplies furnished Dennett Cotton family,	16 54
156.	Geo. E. Hawkes, services as Treasurer,	20 00
157.	Charles C. Rowe, wood furnished, dis't No. 7,	1 57
158.	Ella R. Doten, teaching school " 3,	85 00
159.	Bertie M. Phillips, " " 7,	70 00
160.	H. K. Pratt, boarding teacher, " "	35 00
161.	King & Holmes, supplies for school district No. 10,	9 09
162.	King & Holmes, supplies for Town Farm,	91 90
163.	W. E. Holmes, Supervisor,	84 00
164.	Geo. E. Hawkes, cash paid for printing,	1 00
165.	Peter Rich, breaking roads, dis't No. 2,	10 00
166.	A. L. Faunce, supplies for school district No. 3,	4 25
167.	Mark Crockett, wood furnished, dis't No. 3,	8 50
168.	A. L. Faunce, driving and care of hearse,	24 00
169.	D. Albra S. Young, balance due for teaching school, district No. 3,	67 32
170.	Geo. Hawkes, abatement on highway, non resident taxes,	5 18
171.	Joseph Perkins, abatement,	4 00
172.	W. N. Thomas, to Buckfield, self and horse,	2 00
173.	" " Poland, " "	2 00
174.	" " postage, stationery and money paid out,	2 77
175.	W. N. Thomas, services as Selectman, etc., to Feb. 15, 1883,	56 75
176.	C. S. Hayes, services as Selectman, etc., to Feb. 15, 1883,	58 50
177.	C. S. Hayes, cash paid out,	3 75
178.	Henry W. Coy, services as Selectman, etc., to Feb. 15, 1883,	44 20

## SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

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### DISTRICT NO. 1.

Summer Term was taught by Miss Ella E. Webster. Miss Webster has taught in this school before. The interest of the scholars was well kept up and good work was done.

Winter Term was taught by Clarence E. Haskell. Mr. Haskell taught this school last winter and at the beginning seemed to have the confidence of the scholars. Was not able to visit this school at the close, on account of bad traveling; but have no doubt it was a successful term. The Agent died soon after the close of the summer term, and the district failed to elect a successor and are now without this officer.

### DISTRICT NO. 2.

Summer Term was taught by Miss Lena E. Tenney, and a fair degree of advancement was made.

Winter Term is now in session, under charge of Bennie M. Pratt. The scholars seem to be making good progress, though a few did not have quite enough work laid out to employ all their time. All things considered, I think the winter term promises well.

### DISTRICT NO. 3.

Summer Term of Primary School was taught by Miss Nellie M. Pendexter, who fully sustained her former reputation as a first class teacher. Her withdrawal from the school is a great loss.

Fall Term was taught by Miss Hannah S. Manson. This was Miss Manson's first attempt at teaching. She labored hard to make the term successful, but did not have the support of the parents, without which no school can be a success.

Winter Term was taught by Miss Clara A. Gould, who, at first, met with serious opposition; as this died away, the school improved, and at my last visit was in good condition and seemed to have made good progress.

All three terms of this school were under charge of Miss Ella R. Doten. Miss Doten is entirely at home in the school-room, and is loved and respected by her scholars. A few more such teachers in our schools would be of great advantage.

Winter Term of Grammar School (Summer and Fall Terms were merged in the High School) was taught by Miss D. A. S. Young, who has few equals and no superior in the school-room. The success of this term was determined the moment Miss Young consented to take charge of it.

#### DISTRICT NO. 4.

Both Terms of this school were taught by Miss Annie S. Parker. Miss Parker is an excellent teacher, and has had several terms' experience in this school which, tended much to make her work successful.

#### DISTRICT NO. 5.

Summer Term was taught by Miss Edith Wilson and was her first essay. We regret that this term was not more successful.

Winter Term was taught by W. B. Haskell. An attempt on his part to have good recitations was frustrated by the removal of several scholars from the school. A little more interest on the part of the parents in this district would add much to the value of the school.

#### DISTRICT NO. 6.

All terms of this school were taught by Miss S. E. Ripley. Miss Ripley's connection with our schools is extended, and her work in the year just closed is quite up to that of former years. The parents of this district have the good of the school fully in view at all times.

## DISTRICT NO. 7.

Summer Term was taught by Miss Evvie G. Pratt. I was not able to visit her school at its close, but have no doubt it was successful. She passed a fine examination, and seemed quite at home in the school-room, though this was her first school.

Winter Term was taught by Miss Bertie Phillips, an experienced and successful teacher, and this term proved the advantage of having first-class teachers.

## DISTRICT NO. 8.

Fall Term was taught by Miss Ada M. Morton.

Winter Term is now in session under charge of Miss Isabel Boynton.

The Misses Morton and Boynton are teachers of experience and the year in this school will be marked by the rapid strides and thorough work done.

## DISTRICT NO. 10.

Summer Term was under charge of Miss Mabel Yetton. Miss Yetton is a teacher of great abilities but the district could not retain her.

Fall Term was taught by Miss Ida Griggs who did very effective work. Miss Griggs is a teacher of much experience and untiring energy, and whoever engages her services has the battle well fought.

Winter Term is now in session, under charge of R. S. Rounds. At my first visit was much impressed by Mr. Rounds's methods of teaching.

I regret that in this district, as well as in some others, the teacher has been hindered from doing good by the removal of several scholars from the school, and that without reasonable excuse.

## DISTRICT NO. 11.

This was taught through the year by Miss Rose Burns.

I was not able to visit the school at the close of the Winter Term, but am satisfied from what I saw of it that the money could not have been expended better.

## DISTRICT NO. 12.

Through the year this school was taught by Miss Alice King. Miss King gave her entire interest to the school, and her efforts met with good returns. I trust that she may be found filling the same position another year.

## THE FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

The Spring Term was taught by Wendell H. Adams, M. D., with Miss Ella Haskell as Assistant.

Fall Term was conducted by S. R. Childs of Bowdoin College, with Miss Alice Welch as Assistant.

These teachers were all untiring in their efforts to do all that they could in the interest of the school, and all who attended faithfully to their studies made rapid progress under their instruction.

We regret that there was an undercurrent of opposition to this school, and especially in the Spring Term, that was not a benefit to it.

That the highest number attending this school at any one time was 38, and the highest average 31, shows, I think, the lack of interest the parents have in the cause of education.

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In closing, would say the schools of the town have generally been doing good work. District No. 3 has purchased a full set of outline maps. If other districts would follow their example, a long stride would be taken for the better.

In apportioning the money for the year, so far as it could be done, the weaker districts were helped by reserving the 20 per cent. allowed by law, and our outlying and thinly inhabited districts have, where the money was all expended, had good length of school.

I should be very glad to see a prosperous High School supported in town, and would gladly recommend that money be raised for this purpose; but looking back over the year and noting the op-



position with which it was received, and how few attended, I do not feel warranted in so doing.

I would, however, recommend raising more than the usual amount for our common schools, and so disposing of the amount raised, more than is required by law, that it may go to strengthen our weaker districts.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. HOLMES, Supervisor.

# SCHOOL STATISTICS OF THE TOWN OF OXFORD.

High School, Spring Term. Fall Term.	Name of Teacher, No. days.	Whole Average No.	Wages. Rate of	No. of Dist.	Name of Agent.	Name of Teacher.	Term.	Length in days.	Whole No. of Scholars in District.	Whole No. attending School	Average.	Amount of Money.	Wages Paid.
Fall Term. Alice Webber.	53	36	\$500 and he furnished assistant.	1	W. W. Wilkins. Deceased.	Ella E. Webster.	Summer.	40	16	20	17	\$77 44	\$5 48
				2	Charles Fuller.	Clarence E. Haskell.	Winter.	59	14	17	14	30 00	30 00
				3	Charles Fuller.	Lena E. Tenney.	Summer.	40	23	12	10½	150 00	3 61
				4	Geo. J. Parrott.	Bennie M. Pratt.	Winter.	In Session					
				5	Geo. J. Parrott.	Nellie M. Pendexter.	Summer.	45	199	60	46	599 74	—
				6	Geo. J. Parrott.	Hannah L. Manson.	Fall.	45	199	47	33		7 07
				7	Geo. J. Parrott.	Clara A. Gould.	Winter.	59	199	40	34		2 00
				8	Geo. J. Parrott.	Ella R. Doten.	Summer.	45	199	28	24		8 00
				9	Geo. J. Parrott.	Ella R. Doten.	Fall.	45	199	34	31		8 00
				10	Geo. J. Parrott.	Ella R. Doten.	Winter.	59	199	26	24		8 50
				11	Geo. J. Parrott.	D. A. S. Young.	Summer.	40	199	24	21	150 00	13 00
				12	George McAllister.	Annie S. Parker.	Winter.	50	35	15	13½	5 50	5 50
Fall Term. Alice Webber.	36	30	\$500 and he furnished assistant.	1	George McAllister.	Annie S. Parker.	Winter.	60	35	14	11½	6 50	6 50
				2	S. S. Smith.	Edith Wilson.	Summer.	35	19	9	7	150 00	3 93
				3	S. S. Smith.	W. B. Haskell.	Winter.	50	19	10	6	20 50	20 50
				4	Wm. F. Caldwell.	S. E. Ripley.	Summer.	40	28	18	15½	160 00	5 00
				5	Wm. F. Caldwell.	S. E. Ripley.	Winter.	50	28	19	17	7 25	7 25
				6	C. C. Lowe.	Evvie G. Pratt.	Summer.	47	46	13	11	184 74	5 50
				7	C. C. Rowe.	Bertie M. Phillips.	Winter.	70	46	20	18.3	7 50	7 50
				8	Wm. N. Thomas.	Ada M. Morton.	Summer.	40	10	8	7	140 00	4 00
				9	Wm. N. Thomas.	Isabel Boynton.	Winter.	In Session					
				10	W. F. Holmes.	Mabel Yetton.	Summer.	45	87	36	33	332 73	7 50
				11	W. E. Holmes.	Ida E. Griggs.	Fall.	50	87	37	29	7 50	7 50
				12	W. E. Holmes.	R. S. Rounds.	Winter.	In Session					
Fall Term. Alice Webber.	36	30	\$500 and he furnished assistant.	1	John E. Burns.	Rose Burns.	Summer.	40	27	17	14½	150 00	5 00
				2	John E. Burns.	Rose Burns.	Winter.	70	27	21	15.6	150 00	7 00
				3	A. T. Stone.	Alice King.	Summer.	40	19	10	6.7	150 00	5 50
				4	A. T. Stone.	Alice King.	Winter.	78	19	19	10½	150 00	6 17