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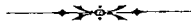
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# TOWN OFFICERS,

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TOWN CLERK.

GEORGE S. WEBB.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR:

WM. B. SNOW,      LEVI C. EMERY,      R. F. PARKER.

TREASURER:

ROLAND T. PATTEN.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

L. L. WALTON,      FORREST GOODWIN,      NATHAN FOWLER,  
JOHN H. MITCHELL,      I. B. MOWER.

TOWN PHYSICIAN:

DR. HOWARD C. TAGGART.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

GEO. CUSHING,      W. H. WILDES,      SAMUEL A. BICKFORD.

HEALTH OFFICER:

DR. J. N. MERRILL.

CONSTABLES:

SAMUEL A. BICKFORD,      H. H. TUFTS,      H. P. THING,  
GEO. A. FLYE.

AUDITOR AND AGENT:

SAMUEL W. GOULD.

## TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF SKOWHEGAN:

We herewith submit the sixty-ninth annual report of the financial standing of the town.

Our roads are now in good condition generally in our town, considering the amount of money raised for building and repairing the same being two thousand less than in 1891. We should not raise, in our opinion, less than six thousand dollars for that purpose, being the amount which we recommended in our report of 1892.

The amount raised for culverts and bridges was not sufficient for the demand, we should recommend the sum of one thousand dollars for the ensuing year. We have re-built the bridge on South Side near Loran Allen's, which we now consider a permanent bridge for years to come. We have repaired the bridge across the Wesserunsett Stream, North Side, and have had the two bridges across the Kennebec river in the village thoroughly examined and had new timbers and new plank put in which was quite extensive and expensive.

We have built about 250 square yards of concrete side walk.

Our pauper population has been less than in former years as we have denied many who have called that have been furnished by our town who had no legal settlement here, although the question of paupers has caused much annoyance for the past year.

Drainage has been neglected for the past year on account of there being no appropriation. We would recommend an appropriation for sewerage.

The road laid out by the Selectmen known as Milburn street and accepted by the town at the March meeting in 1892 with the understanding that there was to be no land damages has not been built for the reason that when we come to run the side lines some of the parties living on the street claimed heavy damages.

In the matter between Whittemore and the town of Skowhegan, in relation to the land known as the "Quarry lot" on the Notch road, referred to the Selectmen and town agent, we have to report that after a careful examination of the case, we would recommend the town to convey to Whittemore, the said lot, excepting therefrom the stone quarry with necessary rights of way to, from and around the same.

There have been two deaths at the town farm the past year.

Mrs. Merrow, died April 15th 1892, aged 91 years, Mrs. Ricker died Dec. 4th, 1892, aged 84 years.

There has been on the town farm the past year an average of about eleven in number, overseer and wife making in all thirteen.

We spoke one year ago in our report of our efficient Overseers, Mr. and Mrs. Huntly who have had charge the past year and we still appreciate them for their faithfulness in their duties and manner in which they have cared and provided for the aged people at the town farm.

We have made some improvements on the farm and buildings. We have also added quite an amount to the farmings tools. Being unfortunate in the loss of our horse we deemed it for the best interest of the town to replace it with a good one, making an additional expense, in all of about two hundred dollars.

The labors of the Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the poor, for the past year have been much more than in former years, partly, on account of the new system of voting, and much more expensive on account of preparing voting precincts and salaries to clerks.



## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

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I have examined the Receipts and Expenditures of the Selectmen, for the year ending Feb. 20th, 1893, and find them correct, with vouchers for all orders drawn.

Feb. 28, 1893.

S. W. GOULD, AUDITOR.

# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

## ASSESSMENT FOR 1892.

Repairs on Highway,	\$ 5,000 00
Bridges and Culverts,	1,000 00
Breaking Snow Roads,	1,000 00
Support of Poor and to defray Expenses,	6,000 00
"    " Schools,	6,000 00
"    " High School,	500 00
"    " Text Books,	250 00
Repairing Cemeteries,	100 00
Evening School,	200 00
Interest on Debt,	800 00
Bond due May 1st, 1892,	3,200 00
Memorial Day,	100 00
Refunded to J. P. Oak over paid on Tomb,	103 35
Overlayings,	1,741 08
	\$40,167 11

## VALUATION.

Real Estate,	\$ 2,062,900 00
Personal Estate,	1,149,697 00
	\$3,212,597 00

Rate \$11.40 per \$1,000 on \$3,212,597	\$ 36,623 61
1319 Polls at \$2 50 each,	3,297 50
219 Dogs,	246 00
	\$40,167 11

## SUPPLEMENTAL.

77 Polls at \$2 50 each,	\$ 192 50
Real Estate,	3.050 34 77
Personal Estate,	11.700 133 38
	\$ 360 65

## RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR 1892-1893.

1892.

Feb. 20, Cash on hand, .....	\$ 9,791 93
One year interest on R. R. Bonds, .....	14 00
Sales from Farm, .....	283 38
Licenses for Circuses, .....	35 00
" " Auctioneer, .....	2 00
of Bangor for Wm. Delany, .....	7 50
" Fairfield, J. McMann, .....	24 00
" Concord, .....	103 12
" Patient at Insane Hospital, .....	25 35
Non-Resident Taxes for 1891, .....	1,563 88
Concrete Walks and Abutters, .....	369 48
S. A. Bickford Collector, .....	39,301 53
State of Maine for Free High School, .....	250 00
" " " Mill Tax, .....	3,398 75
" " " Railroad Tax, .....	819 04
" " " Pensions Paid, .....	336 00
For surrender of Tax Deeds, redeemed on account of Tax 1890, .....	35 51
Refunded from Village Corporation on account of Tax Titles of 1891, .....	3 56
Cash of Superintending School Committee, .....	165 49
" on Concrete Walk, .....	20 00
" James Buzzell for sale cemetery lots, .....	16 00
" Temporary Loan at Bank, .....	2,000 00
" S. A. Bickford, collection on abatements of 1891, .....	33 90
	<hr/> \$58,599 42

EXPENDITURES FOR 1892-93.

Paid for Electric Lights, . . . . .	39 66
“ Stationery, Janitor and general expense, . . . . .	259 15
“ Rent of Armory, . . . . .	175 00
“ for Printing bills, . . . . .	78 50
“ “ Repairing Cemeteries, . . . . .	50 50
“ “ Unsettled Accounts 1891, . . . . .	360 85
“ “ Town Poor outside of Town Farm, . . . . .	1,016 77
“ Town Officers Bills, (see detailed statement) . . . . .	2,391 58
“ on account Target Grounds, . . . . .	10 00
“ for Recording Deaths, Births and Marriages, . . . . .	65 00
“ out on Highways, . . . . .	5,747 29
“ “ Bridges and Culverts, . . . . .	1,207 11
“ Sup. School Com. for support of Schools, . . . . .	11,728 35
“ J. P. Oak, bal. due on Tomb, per vote of Town, . . . . .	103 35
“ on account of Tramps, . . . . .	23 25
“ out on Snow Roads . . . . .	881 41
“ “ for Memorial Day, . . . . .	100 00
“ Maine Insane Hospital, . . . . .	919 60
“ for Bond due May 1, 1892, . . . . .	3,200 00
“ Overseer's Salary on Town Farm, . . . . .	350 00
“ Interest on Borrowed Money, . . . . .	752 66
“ State Tax, . . . . .	11,077 93
“ County Tax, . . . . .	3,094 75
“ Abatements and Overtaxation 1891 and 1892, . . . . .	791 30
“ State Pensions, . . . . .	336 00
“ Expenses on Town Farm, . . . . .	812 77
“ Watering Tubs, . . . . .	21 00
“ Maine Industrial School, . . . . .	39 00
“ Insurance on Park School House, . . . . .	97 50
“ Damages, . . . . .	8 00
“ Tax Deeds in Treasurer's hands, . . . . .	90 53
“ Bounty on one Bear, . . . . .	5 00
Temporary loan at Bank, . . . . .	2,000 00
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	47,833 81
Cash on hand, . . . . .	10,765 61
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	\$58,599 42

## TOWN OFFICERS BILLS.

Wm. B. Snow, } Selectmen, Assessors }	\$500 00
Levi C. Emery, } and }	350 00
R. F. Parker, } Overseers, }	200 00
Dr. H. C. Taggart, Town Physician,	50 00
S. W. Gould, Auditor and Town Agent,	20 00
George Cushing, } Board of Health,	10 00
W. H. Wildes, } }	10 00
S. A. Bickford, } }	10 00
A. K. Butler, Superintendent of Schools,	633 33
J. N. Merrill, Health Officer,	30 00
R. T. Patten, Treasurer,	40 00
Wardens, Election Clerks and Warden Clerks,	70 00
S. A. Bickford, Collector of Taxes,	463 25
" " Posting Warrants,	5 00
	----- \$2,391 58

## SUPPORT OF POOR ON TOWN FARM.

Stock and Supplies on Farm Feb. 20, 1892,	\$580 80
Overseer's Salary,	350 00
Supplies and Expenses,	812 92
	----- \$1,743 72
Sales from Farm,	283 38
Bangor for Tramp,	7 50
Stock and Supplies on hand Feb. 20, 1893,	936 18
625 weeks Board of Inmates and Overseer's family, at 82 $\frac{2}{3}$ cents per week,	516 66
	----- \$1,743 72

## LIST OF POOR NOT ON TOWN FARM.

Ames, Elijah	822 41
Alard, A. H.	1 71
Blanchett, Mrs. Peter	153 38
Boyanton, Willie	5 50
Clukey, Mrs. Amelia	23 00
"    "    John	112 59
Cayford, Joseph,	14 66
Clark, James	56 60
Dickinson, Geo. E.	8 00
Dore, Joseph	13 50
Davis, Mrs. M. S.	(Refunded by Concord) 3 75
Fish, Danville T.	(To be refunded by Anson) 14 23
Goodrich, John M.	78 00
Galena, Frank	6 75
Groder, Mrs. Levi	39 00
"    Charles	3 00
John	16 12
Jewell, Mrs. D. S.	39 93
Murray, Phillip	144 16
"    Mrs. Daniel	13 65
McMahan, John	(824 00 Refunded by Fairfield) 52 75
Marco, Levi	16 50
Pooler, John	16 75
Parks, Kate	21 74
Stearns, Truman	10 00
Steward, Thomas	23 50
Taylor, Wm.	2 01
Targy, Joseph	31 65
Veague, Mrs. Lucy	68 10
"    Frank	3 83
	----- \$1,016 77

## SUPPORT OF INSANE AT HOSPITAL.

Thomas Tucot, .....	\$159 23	
John C. Foster, .....	184 02	
Edward P. Morrill, .....	152 51	
Mary W. Boyce, .....	99 29	
Joseph Burnor, .....	38 01	
Support of Patient, .....	(Refunded) 25 35	
Carol P. Barker, .....	145 86	
Mrs. M. A. Davis, .....	(Refunded by Concord) 99 37	
“ D. S. Jewell, .....	15 96	
	<hr/>	\$919 60
Whole amount paid out for the support of Insane	919 60	
Refunded, .....	124 72	
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Balance by our Town,		794 88

## INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

Laura A. Richardson, .....	\$39 00
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## APPROPRIATIONS.

FOR SCHOOLS:—

Balance due, unexpended in 1891, .....	\$ 1,118 98
Vote of Town (March 1892) .....	6,000 00
“ “ “ “ “ Free High schools, .....	500 00
“ “ “ “ “ Text books, .....	250 00
“ “ “ “ “ Evening School, .....	200 00
Amount from State school fund, .....	3,398 75
“ “ “ “ free High school, .....	250 00
Cash of Supt. School Committee for books and tuition, .....	165 49
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	11,883 22
Town order issued by Selectmen, .....	11,728 35
Balance unexpended, .....	154 87
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	\$11,883 22

## FOR HIGHWAYS :

Paid out on Highway, .. . . . . .	\$5,747 29	
Less amount received for Concrets Walks, Abutters and Materials sold, .. . . .	368 23	
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Appropriation by Town, .. . . . . .		5,000 00
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Overdrawn, .. . . . . .		379 06

## FOR BRIDGES AND CULVERTS :

Paid out for Bridges and Culverts, .. . . . . .	\$ 1,207 11	
Appropriation by Town, .. . . . . .	1,000 00	
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Overdrawn, .. . . . . .		207 11

## FOR SNOW ROADS :

Appropriation by Town, .. . . . . .	1,000 00	
Expended, .. . . . . .	881 41	
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Unexpended, .. . . . . .		\$118 59

## FOR CEMETERIES :

Appropriation by Town, .. . . . . .	\$ 100 00	
Expended, .. . . . . .	50 50	
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Unexpended, .. . . . . .		49 50

## LIABILITIES.

Borrowed Money, .. . . . . .	\$ 14,450 00
Maine Insane Hospital (Estimated) .. . . . . .	200 00
" Industrial School .. . . . . .	30 00
R. E. Lyon Cemetery Deposit, .. . . . . .	100 00
Accrued Interest (about) .. . . . . .	400 00
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	\$15,180 00



## RESOURCES.

2 Maine Central Rail Road Bonds,	\$	200	00
Non-Resident Taxes 1892 uncollected not paid into the Treasurer,		1,060	55
Tax Titles in hands of Treasurer,		90	53
Due from Town of Anson,		14	23
“ “ Philander Whittier,		12	00
“ “ State of Maine Bounty on Bear,		5	00
“ “ State of Maine Rent of Armory,		100	00
	—————	\$1,482	31

Town Farm,	2,700	00
Austin Farm,	300	00
Lot on North Street,	500	00
Cemetery lot on Parkman Hill,	500	00
Lot on Pine Street,	500	00
Stone Quarry on Notch Road,	150	00
Six Tenths Coburn Park,	5,000	00
Personal Property as per Schedule returned by H. H. Gilman,	1,115	50

## ESTIMATES FOR 1893-94.

Interest on Debt,	700	00
Payment of Bond due May 1, 1894,	3,200	00
For Bridges and Culverts,	1,000	00
“ Highways	7,000	00
“ Snow Roads,	2,000	00
“ Support of Poor and Town Expenses,	6,000	00

Respectfully Submitted,

WILLIAM B. SNOW	} Selectmen of Skowhegan.
LEVI C. EMERY,	
R. F. PARKER.	

# TREASURER'S REPORT

*Of Receipts and Expenditures, for the year ending Feb. 20, 1893.*

## RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury March 2, 1892, .. .. .		\$9,791 93	
From S. A. Bickford, Collector on account of tax for 1892, .. .. .	\$ 39,301 53		
From S. A. Bickford collected on account of abatements for 1891. . . . .	33 90		
From S. A. Bickford, on account of Non-Resident taxes for 1891, .. .. .	1,063 08		
Realized on Real Estate sold for non-payment of taxes for 1891, .. .. .	77 29		
Collected on account of Non-Resident Taxes for 1891, .. .	423 51		
For surrender of tax deeds redeemed by original owners, on account of tax of 1890, .. .. .	35 51		
Refunded by Skowhegan Village Corporation on tax title of 1891, .. .. .	3 56	40,938 38	
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FROM STATE OF MAINE:			
For Free High School, .. .. .	250 00		
Refunded on State Pensions, .. .. .	336 00		
School Fund and Mill Tax, .. .. .	3,398 75		
Railroad and Telegraph Tax, .. .. .	819 04	4,803 79	
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FROM OTHER TOWNS:			
Concord, support of Mrs. Davis, .. .. .	\$103 12		
Bangor, expenses of Will Delaney, .. .. .	7 50		
Fairfield, support of John McMann and wife, .. .. .	24 00	134 62	
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Amount forwarded, .. .. .		\$55,668 72	

Amount bro't forward, .....		\$55,668 72	
FROM SKOWHEGAN SCHOOL COMMITTEE:			
Use of books from other towns, .....	\$34 25		
Sale of school books, .....	14 50		
Support in part of school in Whiting District, .....	95 32		
Tuition from Cornville, .....	21 42		165 49
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LICENSES:			
One Auctioneer's license, .....	2 00		
Three Circus licenses, .....	35 00		37 00
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MISCELLANEOUS:			
Sales from Town Farm, .....	\$ 283 38		
Support of Patients at Insane Hospital, .....	25 35		
James Lumsden & Co., concrete walk, .....	20 00		
Interest on two M. C. R. R. Bonds, .....	14 00		
James F. Buzzell, sale of Cemetery Lots, .....	16 00		
Temporary loan, .....	2,000 00		2,358 73
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			<u>58,229 94</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

Paid Geo. L. Beal, State Treas., State Tax for 1892	11,077 93	
Paid Geo. Cushing, County Treas., County Tax for 1892,	3,094 75	
Paid State Pensions, .....	336 00	
Paid Bounty on Animals, .....	5 00	
Paid on Town Orders, .....	32,950 65	
Balance in Treasury, .....	10,765 61	
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		<u>58,229 94</u>

ROLAND T. PATTEN, TREASURER.

The following is the Report made to the town by the Special Committee, appointed by the Selectmen to look into the matter of increased facilities for schools:

TO THE SELECTMEN OF SKOWHEGAN:—

Fully appreciating the honor of our appointment, and realizing well the importance of the matter, the undersigned accepted with great reluctance the more than thankless task which you imposed upon us.

In order to make ourselves thoroughly understand the situation and become conversant with the facts, we at once entered upon a personal inspection of our village schools, all of which, with two unimportant exceptions, we visited and examined the registers of each. It is a remarkable fact that, notwithstanding the recent enlargement of the Leavitt street school house and the erection of the Park building, our schools at the time of our visit seemed to be over crowded, at least many of them were beyond their proper capacity. To be sure, in some of the primary schools there was room for a few more scholars, and in the Park building there was one vacant room, or one used only for an evening school, but in the spring that will be used, as we learn, for the massing in one school of a sufficient number of ungraded scholars, now out of school, to fill it, which seems to us to be a very sensible thing to do. We found also the school house on West Front street unoccupied, but we learn that there are truant children enough in the village to fill it when they are gathered in as they will be in time to come. In the high school building we found, especially in the high school proper, many more pupils than the room was ever intended to accommodate, or, in other words, many more pupils than desks, chairs having been put in the aisles for some 18 or 20 scholars to sit in, which greatly detracted from the otherwise good order of the school. Viewed only from an economical stand-point, it would seem to some that this school might continue in the same way, but that is impossible, because of the changed conditions at the beginning of the next term. It must be remembered that new scholars are coming into all the schools; that promotions from the lower fill the higher. The hardest problem, therefore, for the committee to solve is, what shall be done with the large number to be promoted to the grammar and high school, none going out this year, to say nothing about the indefinite number that may come in from out of the town under the Coburn bequest. This is the grave difficulty with which our school committee is confronted at the present time.

We do not hesitate to say—and we believe the facts show it—that the high school building, cannot accommodate all who will wish to, and

naturally should, enter there the next term. It is said by some that this is an exceptional year and this influx is spasmodic. With poor teachers and under the old method of supervision, ample room to accommodate all desiring to attend school would undoubtedly be found in a very short time, but with our present efficient corps of teachers we do not believe the occasion is spasmodic. Having this in view that our children must be provided for, we fail to see how the accommodation can be improved only by an expenditure of money—a sum sufficiently large to increase the seating capacity of the present high school structure, or to erect a new one of larger dimensions. We do not believe in any retrogressive steps in this matter. It is better to be a little way ahead of the times than to be any behind. However undesirable it may be to vote away our money, we know that the children must be educated, for that is the boast of our New England civilization.

Starting then with the fact staring us in the face that our high school building is too small to accommodate in a proper manner all the scholars we wish to send there, and that the town has outgrown the capacity of the building, we come to the conclusion, however unwelcome the fact may be, that larger and more suitable accommodations must be provided in some way, cost what they may.

Two methods have been suggested to meet the exigency of the case, each having been somewhat considered. First, it is proposed, and it seems to be the most feasible, perhaps, because it requires less money, to enlarge the present high school building on the rear of the lot. This plan would be the cheaper of the two suggested, as but three walls would need to be constructed. But here we are confronted with a serious difficulty, two in fact, which cloud the undertaking and suggest grave doubts as to the advisability of doing anything there. Sometime, and in the near future, it is believed the water power in front of the high school building will be utilized for manufacturing purposes, and when that is done the hum of the machinery will drive from the island the high school. We therefore believe it unwise to enlarge the present structure by such an expenditure as will be required if undertaken. Another serious difficulty which cannot be overcome is the small and unsuitable lot on which the building now stands. Should an addition be made sufficiently large to accommodate all attending the high and grammar schools, the play ground, now altogether too small, would be completely spoiled for that purpose. Play and recreation for school children are essentials in school life. Well do we remember one of our own early lessons, not so well comprehended then perhaps as now—"all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy."

These facts lead us to say that in our judgement the high school building should not be enlarged, because at the best it would be but a

temporary improvement, but if the town has outgrown its present school accommodations, it will be the better policy to abandon the building for the high school, use it for a grammar school as long as possible, or till driven from the island and in the mean-time erect on some more suitable and eligible lot, away from the noise and bustle of machinery and business, on the best lot that can be had, of ample size—a modern structure adequate to the wants and pride of our thriving village and town. The taxpayers may not feel disposed to go to this expense now, but we submit whether its postponement may not be the evil thereof and lead us into a worse dilemma. When the teachers having in their care the education of our youth, who ought to be, and we believe are in touch with the better school methods, and our school committee who give their time to the town and are watching with patient and jealous care the progress of our children, “view with alarm” the future condition of our high school, unless some satisfactory relief is offered. it becomes evident to us that their fears for the prosperity of the school are well grounded, and that any delay in the matter will be to the great injury of our scholars who desire to enter our high school in the years to come, and tend to lower its present standard for excellence.

Fortunately for the boys and girls of Skowhegan they are blest with good school privileges. Our school committee have been untiring in their efforts to raise the standard of our schools to high rank, and in their zeal have accomplished much. We believe the schools of Skowhegan compare favorably with those in any village in Maine, and this is one of the causes that create the over-crowded condition of our high school at the present time; but in view of the fact that it is “open to the public free of tuition,” not only to the boys and girls of our town, but to all outside the situation as now existing, is one not pleasant to contemplate, for unwelcome as the fact may seem and is, our high school building cannot accommodate all the pupils that will wish to go there at the beginning of the next school year. The school committee, much better prepared than we are to go into details, foresee the difficulty in having more scholars than seats. and through them our attention has been called to it. In our investigation we have endeavored to faithfully perform our duty and have also endeavored to state the facts as we find them to exist.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. G. ESTES.  
J. P. MERRILL,  
A. H. LANG,  
M. B. HESELTON,  
R. L. MITCHELL,  
S. F. STEWARD,  
E. D. PACKARD.

# REPORT OF Coburn Charity Bequest.

## RECEIPTS.

1892.		
Feb. 22,	Cash on hand, .....	\$ 53 50
Apr. 1,	Me., Central R. R. Bonds Int., on \$10,000, .....	350 00
May 1,	Dividend on 25 Shares Hall Stock, .....	75 00
July 1,	“ “ “ 24 “ 1st National Bank, Fairfield, .....	84 00
“ 1,	“ “ “ 6 “ 1st National Bank, Portland, .....	18 00
Oct. 1,	Me., Central R. R. Bonds Int., on \$10,000, .....	350 00
Nov. 1,	Dividend on 25 Shares Hall Stock, .....	75 00
Jan. 1,	“ “ “ 24 “ 1st National Bank, Fairfield, .....	96 00
Jan. 1,	“ “ “ 6 “ 1st National Bank, Portland .....	18 00
		\$1,119 50

## PAYMENTS.

1892.		
April 1,	One Share 1st National Bank, Portland, .....	\$ 100 50
“ 1,	Woman's Aid Society, .....	250 00
July 1,	“ “ “ .....	250 00
Oct. 1,	“ “ “ .....	250 00
1893.		
Jan. 1,	“ “ “ .....	250 00
Feb. 22,	Cash on hand, .....	19 00
		\$1,119 50

## FUND AS INVESTED FEBRUARY 22, 1893.

<i>Description of Security.</i>	<i>Cost.</i>	<i>Carried at</i>	<i>Par Value.</i>
Maine Central R. R. Bonds, Reg. 75, 1912, .....	\$13,200	\$12,328	\$10,000
*Shoe and Leather Bank, Auburn, 16 shares, .....	1,840	1,740	1,600
First National Bank, Fairfield, 24 shares, .....	2,832	2,832	2,400
First National Bank, Portland, 6 shares, .....	603	600	600
Skowhegan Hall Association, 25 shares, .....	2,500	2,500	2,500
	\$20,975	\$20,000	\$17,100

\*The Shoe and Leather Bank, according to the Cashier's Statement, will pay no dividend till January 1st, 1894.

R. B. SHEPHERD, *Treasurer.*

# WOMAN'S AID SOCIETY.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY 21, 1893.

Number of meetings of the Executive Board, . . . . .	27
“ “ money orders voted by the Executive Board, and signed by by the President and Secretary, . . . . .	153
“ “ families aided, . . . . .	74
“ “ “ “ with money, (\$431.05) . . . . .	25
“ “ .. “ “ wood, (12½ cords) . . . . .	8
“ “ “ “ “ boots and rubbers, (40 prs.) . . . . .	18
“ “ “ “ “ dry goods and groceries, . . . . .	30

We have paid the board of two persons, one the full year, and one for nine months, also house rent of one family the full year.

The following articles of second-hand clothing contributed by residents of the town have been distributed:

Suits of clothes, (four new).....	6	Boots and rubbers, (pairs) . . . . .	17
Sheets, (new) . . . . .	5	Cloaks and jackets, . . . . .	16
Pillow cases, (new) . . . . .	3	Dresses, . . . . .	17
Quilts and comforters, . . . . .	5	Skirts, . . . . .	15
Blankets, . . . . .	3	Shirts, . . . . .	12
Hose and leggins, (pairs) . . . . .	41	Pants, . . . . .	12
Undervests, . . . . .	11	Coats, . . . . .	7
Drawers, . . . . .	24	Vests, . . . . .	6
Shirt-waists, . . . . .	32	Blanket wrapper, . . . . .	1
Hats and caps, . . . . .	16		

MARY E. PAGE, *Secretary*



# WOMAN'S AID SOCIETY.

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FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT TO THE TOWN OF SKOWHEGAN BY  
THE TREASURER OF "SKOWHEGAN WOMAN'S  
AID SOCIETY."  
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1893.			
Feb. 23.	By cash balance Feb. 1892,.....	\$ 161 31	
	“ “ interest from Coburn fund, .....	1,000 00	
		-----	\$1,161 31
To paid 153 orders voted by the Executive Board of the Society and signed by the President and Secretary, the items of which will be shown in the report of the Secretary of the Society, .....		1,025 67	
Cash balance to new account, .....		135 64	
		-----	\$1,161 31

MARY W. VARNEY, *Treasurer.*

# Coburn Library Fund.

## RECEIPTS SINCE NOV. 7, 1892.

Received Nov. 7, 1892 from former Treasurer, .....	\$	268	12
“ rents of Library Parlors, .....		94	00
“ rents from sale of cards, .....		50	00
Dividend on 20 shares First National Bank, Portland, ..		60	00
Interest on \$7,450, St. Paul and Taylor's Falls R. R. Bonds,		260	75
“ “ 3,000 Mexican Central R. R. Bonds, .....		60	00
“ “ 2,000 Little Rock & Ft. Smith R. R. Bonds, .....		70	00
“ “ 2,000 Maine Central R. R. Bonds, .....		60	00
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		922	87

## EXPENDITURES SINCE NOV. 7, 1892.

Paid Librarian, .....	65	00
“ New Books, .....	268	39
“ Skowhegan Water Co., .....	12	50
“ Electric Lights, .....	46	60
“ Binding Books, .....	17	05
“ Repairs, .....	10	99
“ Janitor, .....	25	00
“ Wood and Coal, .....	58	07
“ Sundries, .....	13	35
Cash on hand Feb. 18, 1893, .....	405	92
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	\$922	87

Investments same as last year.