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ANNUAL REPORT

SELECTMEN,

Assessors and Overseers of Poor,

TOWN TREASURER,

AND

Superintending School Committee,

FOR THE

TOWN OF WINTHROP,

For the Year ending March 9th, 1868.



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# TOWN OFFICERS.



MODERATOR,  
WILLIAM H. PARLIN.

TOWN CLERK,  
CYRUS BISHOP.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

JOHN MAY,  
GEORGE A. LONGFELLOW,  
JOHN E. BRAINERD.

TREASURER,  
F. E. WEBB.

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

DAVID CARGILL,  
HENRY WOODWARD,  
EBEN MARROW.

COLLECTOR,  
A. C. CARR.

CONSTABLES,  
M. B. SEARS,  
A. C. CARR,  
L. P. MOODY,  
E. W. KELLY.

# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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The Municipal Town Officers for the year 1867—68, submit the following Report :

## Town Grants.

For Support of Schools,	\$1,753 50	
“ “ “ Poor and other charges,	1,600 00	
“ Discharging Indebtedness,	6,000 00	
“ Repair of Highways,	300 00	
“ Burying Ground at the Village,	400 00	
“ Town Farm Land,	650 00	
		\$10,703 50

State Tax,	4,619 78	
County Tax,	1,387 18	
Overlayings for fractions,	487 87	
Tax on Dogs,	59 00	
		6,553 83

Total amount of Money Tax, \$17,257 33

The rate per cent. twenty-one mills on the dollar.

For Repair of Highways, in labor, 3,000 00

Percentage for collecting taxes, six mills on the dollar.

Number of Polls assessed, 527  
 Amount of Real and Personal Estate assess'd 743,810

## Schools.

For Support of Schools,	\$1,753 50	
The School Fund Interest,	170 24	
Bank Tax received from State,	55 48	
		1,979 22

Amount due the several Districts in Treasury, 516 89

Number of Scholars returned last Spring, 714

## Town Farm.

Mr. Elbridge D. Hutchins was employed as Superintendent of Farm the present year, at a salary of \$275 for himself and wife. Their management has given to the Overseers good satisfaction. Whole number of paupers at the Almshouse during the year 12; now receiving support there, 10, viz: Azi Woodcock, Love Patch, Philo Fairbanks and wife, Peter Hopkins and wife, John McDuffee, Joseph Heselton, Susannah Lambert, and Wm. Bearce. George

Chandler left about the first of September, and went to live with Cyrus S. Robbins, and still remains there. Mrs. Elizabeth Avery has been on the Farm a few weeks this winter, but at present is absent.

#### INVENTORY OF FARM.

2 oxen, \$225; 3 cows, \$180; 1 two years old, \$40; 1 yearling heifer, \$20; 23 sheep, \$70; 2 swine, \$25; 15 tons of hay, \$225; 20 bushels corn, \$30; 22 bushels barley, \$22; 1 bushel peas, \$2; 3½ bushels white beans, \$14; 50 bushels potatoes, \$30; 25 bushels roots, \$10; 100 pounds pork, \$15; 70 pounds bacon, \$10,50; 250 pounds beef, \$25; 30 pounds tallow, \$3,50; 25 pounds lard, \$3,50; 100 pounds butter, \$6,75; 15 pounds cheese, \$2,25; 40 pounds dried apple, \$4; half barrel cider, \$2,50; lumber sawed this winter, \$30; 20 cords fire wood, \$75. Total, \$1,070 92.

The expenditures for the Farm and family up to Feb. 25th, were \$400 73; the proceeds, \$182 64, deducted, leaves a balance against the Farm of \$218 09, to which add salary of Superintendent, \$275, allowing nothing for use of premises, makes the family expenses \$493 09.

#### PAUPERS OFF THE FARM.

Paid for support of Wm. H. Bearce, \$23; for support of Samuel A. Frost, \$5.

#### Highways.

The Board has expended the past season on the Berry bog road, three hundred dollars, which we were obliged to do in order to *lift* an indictment made against the town at the August term of the S. J. Court, on account of said road being flowed and impassable. We have expended in different parts of the town, over and above the highway taxes assessed, the sum of \$138,06, having exceeded by necessity the appropriation to that amount.

We recommend that the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars be raised in labor, and the sum of eight hundred dollars in money, for the repair of roads and bridges in town, the year ensuing.

We shall be obliged to expend on the Berry bog road as large an amount the coming season as we expended last year, in order to avoid another indictment.

#### Liquor Agency.

After a great deal of importunity, the Board of Selectmen succeeded in procuring the services of a person for the agency. On the 12th day of August last, we appointed Mr. Henry Robinson, agent, who has discharged the duties acceptably to the town. We know of no violation of his duty or the law. We were to pay him for his services at the rate of one hundred dollars per annum.

He reports the following amount sold since his appointment, viz :

138 gallons Medford rum, 13 gallons alcohol, 28 gallons Bourbon whiskey, 7 gallons Holland gin, 1 1-2 gallons Cognac brandy, 3 1-2 quarts French cherry brandy.

The liquor remaining on hand is as follows, viz: 38½ gallons Medford rum, 7 gallons alcohol, 12 gallons Bourbon whiskey, 2 gallons Holland gin, 1-2 gallon Cognac brandy, 1 gallon French cherry brandy.

### Town Hall.

Mr. L. P. Moody has been employed to take care of the hall the	
past year, and reports the income at	\$30 00
Expenses for repairs on hall,	18 98
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Nett income,	\$11 02

### Current Expenses.

Insurance on town farm buildings,	\$ 3 17
Town Officers' bills, estimated,	400 00
Salary to E. D. Hutchins, on town farm,	275 00
Paid for shingles for town farm,	32 40
For repairs on Metcalf burying ground fence,	13 70
“ “ Haskell “ “	23 58
“ “ Village “ “	34 65
Interest on School Fund for 1867,	170 24
Discount on taxes for the year 1867,	396 28
Paid L. F. Jones for cow for town farm,	60 00
For support of paupers off the farm,	28 00
“ excess of expenses over income of town farm,	218 09
“ recording deed and running line of town farm land,	2 25
“ books, stationery, and postage for office,	13 35
“ printing town reports, &c., 1866—7,	14 20
Paid L. P. Moody, for repairs on town house and pump for town farm,	14 00
Paid Henry Atkinson for loss of ox,	50 00
Apple trees for town farm,	12 50
J. L. Stanley for abatement of taxes for '65-6,	140 13
“ “ “ commissions on taxes, '65-6,	163 87
“ “ “ notifying town officers and meetings,	25 79
A. C. Carr, abatement of taxes for 1867,	50 49
Costs paid for indictment of Berry bog road,	4 35
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	\$2,246 04

**Liabilities of the Town.**

Outstanding orders,	\$ 25 00	
Bills of Town Officers,	400 00	
Salary of Town Farm Supt., now due,	275 00	
School Money apportioned and not expended,	516 89	
Unsettled Bills against the town, estimated,	150 00	
School Fund loan,	2,837 34	
Amount of Outstanding Bonds, February		
27th, 1868,	43,832 50	
Int. accrued & unpaid on same, estimated,	1,600 00	
	<hr/>	\$49,636 73

**Resources.**

Amount of uncollected taxes in hands of J.		
L. Stanley,	\$ 437 68	
Amount of uncollected taxes in hands of		
A. C. Carr,	3,899 04	
Cash in hands of Town Treasurer,	4,395 54	
Bank Tax for Schools due from State,	55 48	
Amount of Pensions due from State,	168 00	
Amount due for Town Hall in hands of L.		
P. Moody,	14 48	
	<hr/>	\$8,970 22
Indebtedness of Town,		<hr/>
		\$40,666 51

Respectfully Submitted,

JOHN MAY,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
G. A. LONGFELLOW,	
J. E. BRAINERD,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Winthrop.</i>

## TREASURER'S REPORT—MARCH, 1868.

F. E. WEBB, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Winthrop.

		DR.		
<b>1867</b> —	March 12.	To Cash in Treasury,	\$	350 70
	" 12.	" Balance due from J. L. Stanley, col.,		11,057 59
	" 28.	" Amt. received of State School Fund,		54 27
	" 28.	" " " for State aid		141 66
		in 1866.		
	" 28.	" Amt. received of State for State pen-		174 00
		sions in 1866,		
	July 6.	" Taxes committed to A. C. Carr, col.,		11,285 16
	Sept. 5.	" Amount received of State for pensions,		30 00
		quarter ending Feb. 23, 1867,		
	" 9.	" Highway tax of C. M. Bailey,		234 34
	Oct. 19.	" Amt. rec'd for grass in burying ground,		18 00
<b>1868</b> —	Feb. 27.	" Bonds issued from No. 399 to 432, inclu-		9,220 00
		sive,		
	" 27.	" Cash of J. L. Stanley on Wm. Trafton's		3 80
		tax,		
				\$32,569 52
		CR.		
	By Bonds paid,		\$	14,919 75
	" Town Orders paid,			5,073 88
	" Interest paid,			3,472 26
	" Bounty of Geo. L. Smith paid,			150 00
	" State Pensions paid,			198 00
	" Paid Costs of Indictment,			4 35
	" " Insurance bill,			3 17
	" " Printing Town Bonds,			10 00
	" " For Revenue Stamps,			5 85
	" Amount of Uncollected Taxes, A. C. Carr,			3,899 04
	" " " " J. L. Stanley,			437 68
	" Cash on hand,			4,395 54
				\$32,569 52

## LIABILITIES.

Whole Amount of Bonds outstanding March 1, 1868,		\$43,832 50
Bonds due in 1868,	\$5,900 00	
" " " 1869,	6,950 00	
" " " 1870,	8,262 50	
" " " 1871,	4,490 00	
" " " 1872,	2,730 00	
" " " 1873,	5,200 00	
" " " 1874,	6,500 00	
" " " 1875,	300 00	
" " " 1876,	1,500 00	
" " " 1877,	2,000 00	
		\$43,832 50
Bonds falling due in 1868,	\$5,900 00	
" " " " 1869,	6,950 00	
Interest on town debt one year,	2,500 00	
		\$15,350 00

## RESOURCES.

Amount of uncollected taxes,	\$4,336 72	
Cash in Treasury,	4,395 54	
Amount due from the State,	226 48	
		\$8,958 7

F. E. WEBB, TREASURER.

Winthrop, February 27, 1868.



## ABSTRACT OF TOWN WARRANT.

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*Meeting to be held at Town Hall, Monday, March  
9th, 1868, at half past 9 o'clock, A. M.*

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- ART. 1. To choose a Moderator.
- ART. 2. To choose all necessary officers.
- ART. 3. To grant a sum of money for schooling.
- ART. 4. To grant a sum of money for support of poor, etc.
- ART. 5. To grant a sum of money for repair of highways.
- ART. 6. To adopt measures to break out the roads next winter.
- ART. 7. To grant a sum of money to discharge town indebtedness.
- ART. 8. To see if town will vote to hire a sum of money to be applied towards the payment of town debt.
- ART. 8½. To see if the town will vote to accept a road duly laid out by the Selectmen, leading from a point near dwelling house of Thomas Doogan, south-westerly to a point at the foot of the Woodcock Hill, so called.
- ART. 9. To see if the town will vote to tax dogs.
- ART. 10. To determine what time the town taxes shall be payable, and order that interest on same shall be collected after said taxes become due.
- ART. 11. To see if town will vote to abate the taxes of Luther Whitman, on machinery, for years 1866 and 1867.
- ART. 12. To grant a sum of money for repairs of East Winthrop burying ground.
- ART. 13. To instruct Selectmen to repair village burying ground fence.
- ART. 14. To purchase a fire-proof safe for use of town.
- ART. 15. To choose Committees, hear reports, etc.
- ART. 16. To allow accounts against the town.



R E P O R T

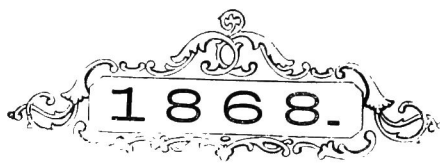
OF

Superintending School Committee,

OF WINTHROP,

For the Year ending March 9th, 1868.





# REPORT.

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In presenting our annual report, it is with much satisfaction to ourselves, credit to our teachers and scholars, and honor to parents and guardians, that we are able to say, no trouble has arisen in any of our schools the past year, requiring the interference of your Committee.

We had, as shown by return of Agents, on the first day of April, 1867, 714 scholars; and there was raised by vote of town, \$1,753 50. Interest on School Fund and Bank Tax, \$225 72, which has been apportioned to the several School Districts and nearly all expended for school purposes. There may be some not yet drawn from the treasury, as the bills for some of our winter schools have not yet been presented.

The whole number attending our Summer Schools was 362; average, 293. In Winter, whole number registered, 434; average, 380.

It will be seen that there has been many more absences than there should be. We admit that there are cases when it is not practicable, and some not possible, for scholars to attend school, yet as a general thing too frivolous excuses are made for being absent. We are well aware that many think it is none of your Committee's or teacher's business how much their scholars are away or how late they come to the school. This is a great mistake, to use a very mild term. The scholar that enters the school-room late, or comes one day and stays away the next, and so on through the term, makes very little progress himself and actually retards the advancement that others would make if he or she stayed away entirely. Nothing but absolute necessity should prevent any scholar from attending school constantly and in season, after they have once entered.

We have been compelled to exchange our reading books, and we have endeavored to do it with as little expense to parents as possible. We hope you will not charge us with fickleness in regard to this matter, for to our certain knowledge there has been but one thorough change made, by authority of School Committee, for the last twenty-five years.

This change of reading books has been no small trouble to your Committee, and has probably cost them more money than any other individual; yet in this we have felt fully compensated by the interest and consequent advancement that has been made in the art of reading; still we feel that this branch of learning is altogether too much neglected.

However much we should be glad to present our views in regard

to our loved and cherished institution, the "Common School," we are admonished that we must be brief; and we will now present in detail, but briefly, the condition of the various schools taught in town, formed from a personal visit to each, except those kept in District No. 4, which has been furnished by the Directors of that District.

### District No. 1.

EBEN MARROW, Agent.

Summer term taught by Miss Elzura A. Chandler, of this town.

Length of School, 45 days. Whole number of Scholars registered, 14. Average attendance, 11.

Miss Chandler is a good teacher, having had much experience. Good proficiency was made. The School-room was a pattern of neatness.

Miss Lenora C. Mank, of this town, taught the Winter term of 70 days. Whole number of Scholars registered, 17. Average attendance, 14.

Miss Mank is one of our best teachers. Her government is always good and recitations thorough.

### District No. 2.

JOSEPH L. METCALF, Agent.

Summer term of 50 days, taught by Miss Lenora C. Mank, of this town. Whole number of Scholars registered, 34. Average attendance, 29.

This was a good School—recitations prompt and accurate—and there appeared to be a mutual understanding between teacher and scholars, to labor with profit.

Winter term of 55 days was taught by Mr. C. H. Cumston, of Monmouth. Whole number of Scholars registered, 69. Average attendance, 53.

At the beginning, this school bid fair to be a first-rate school. At the close we did not find so good order as we had hoped to see, nor quite so much energy on the part of the teacher, or as much enthusiasm on the part of the scholars as we had a right to expect. Some did well; but there was not that interest in the school that there should have been.

### District No. 3.

HENRY PACKARD, Agent.

Summer term was taught by Miss Sarah V. Albee, of Hallowell. Length of School, 75 days. Whole number registered, 59. Average attendance, 39.

Miss Albee done well with this large number of small scholars. She was quite systematic and energetic. Order, quite good, but perhaps a little too noisy at times.

Winter term of 70 days taught by Miss Olive C. Fuller, of Livermore.. Whole number of Scholars registered, 55. Average attendance, 44.

Miss Fuller is a teacher of large experience, and in this large and for some years past somewhat difficult school, has shown herself competent to govern and teach with perfect ease any school she may undertake. This school has been the best governed and taught of any in town the past year; and we feel to congratulate this District on being so successful in their teacher. We hope it will be their good fortune to have her services in the future.

#### District No. 4.

DIRECTORS—Rev. E. P. Baker.

F. E. Webb.

D. H. Sherman.

Whole number attending Summer Schools,	166
Average " " " "	136
Whole " " Winter "	174
Average " " " "	164

The several schools in this District have been under the same teachers through the entire year. The following is a list of the teachers :

High School—D. H. Sherman, principal, Winthrop; Miss Luetta G. Jackson, preceptress, Winthrop.

Grammar School—Miss Helen M. Moody, Monmouth.

Intermediate School—Miss Lucilla M. Page, Winthrop.

Primary—Miss Martha W. Jackson, Winthrop.

The following extracts from the records of the Board of Directors will show the condition of each school :

*Primary*—We found good order, classes advancing in their studies, and the teacher evidently taking an interest in her work.

*Intermediate*—The examination was quite satisfactory. There has been a decided improvement in government and discipline during the year.

*Grammar*—Miss M. labors under some difficulties on account of the different editions of text books. Her government and discipline are excellent and the progress of her pupils satisfactory. Of 45 scholars, the daily average was 42. Can any District show a better result?

The High School was largely attended by high school and tuition scholars. Mr. Sherman is an excellent teacher,—enthusiastic, thorough, ready, and apt in imparting instruction to his pupils. His success in developing like qualities in his pupils was good.

When we consider the importance of this school to the District and to the town, and the small inducements which are offered, pecuniarily, to any teacher to remain in this school, we hope parents will feel called upon to do all in their power to sustain the school by their patronage and good will. This school has suffered heretofore by a too frequent change of teachers. We hope Mr. Sherman may be induced to become a permanent teacher in Towle Academy.

### District No. 5.

J. H. MOORE, Agent.

The Summer term of 60 days, was taught by Miss Eleanor C. Pettingill, of Leeds. Whole number registered, 35. Average attendance, 27.

This teacher labored hard, as every teacher must in this school, if they succeed in keeping the school within proper bounds. Many of the recitations were good; order fair. We should think some of the parents thought the government a little too stringent, but a little more so would have been beneficial.

Winter term of 60 days, taught by Mr. Charles E. Smith, of Monmouth. Scholars registered, 41. Average, 36.

At our first visit, this school appeared well. Teacher was thorough, systematic and energetic. With these qualifications, if this teacher had been backed up at home by the parents as he should have been, this would have been one of the best, if not *the* best, school in town. At our closing visit, we found some of the scholars absent, whom we hoped to see there, reaping the advantages and benefits of this school. The teacher fully sustained the estimation we formally had of his abilities. The scholars present had made good proficiency in the various studies pursued, and evinced a thoroughness seldom exhibited in any of our school-rooms.

The school-house in this District is a disgrace to this wealthy, thriving community in which it is located, being with one exception decidedly the poorest in town.

### District No. 6.

L. K. LITCHFIELD, Agent.

Miss Lizzie E. Currier, of this town, taught the Summer term of 49 days. Whole number of Scholars registered, 25. Average attendance, 20.

This was an excellent School. The teacher succeeded in getting the good will of her scholars, commendation and hearty co-operation of their parents. Good proficiency was made.

Winter term was taught by Mr. F. E. Jackson, of this town, 30 days. Whole number of Scholars registered, 30. Average attendance, 28.

Mr. Jackson is young and inexperienced, but he succeeded admirably with this School. The money was well expended.

This District has reason to congratulate themselves on the success of their Schools the past year. Their School-house is an honor to them, being a pattern of neatness. A little outlay in ornamenting their grounds would be a good investment, and future generations would bless them for it.

### District No. 7.

WILLIAM GOWER, Agent.

No School in Summer.

Winter term of 45 days taught by Miss Nellie F. White, of this town. Whole number of Scholars registered, 14. Average attendance, 11.

Miss White is a good teacher, systematic and thorough. Her pupils made good proficiency in the short time she was with them. The moral influence that had been exerted on them was decidedly good.

### District No. 8.

B. W. CHANDLER, Agent.

Miss Abbie C. Howard, of this town, taught the Summer term of 40 days. Whole number registered, 13. Average, 11.

Miss Howard is an excellent teacher as far as her health will permit. She did well for this School.

Mr. M. S. Spear, of West Gardiner, was the teacher for the Winter term of 30 days. Whole number of Scholars registered, 13. Average attendance, 9.

This was Mr. Spear's first experience in teaching. He was a good teacher for the District. The scholars learned well for the short time they were under his instruction.

### District No. 9.

Maj. G. A. BENSON, Agent.

No School in Summer.

Miss Julia White, of this town, was employed 30 days in the Fall. Whole number of Scholars registered, 21. Average attendance, 16.



Miss White is a good scholar and teacher. Her health failing her, it was thought best not to prolong the school. She did well while there.

Mr. F. E. Jackson, of this town, taught the Winter term of 40 days. Whole number of scholars registered, 16. Average attendance, 15.

Mr. Jackson is young in years and young in experience, but he did pretty well. With more maturity, we think he will make a successful and competent teacher.

### District No. 10.

ORRIN SHAW, Agent.

Summer term of 40 days, taught by Miss Nellie M. Mank, of this town. Whole number of scholars registered, 5. Average attendance, 4.

This was Miss Mank's first attempt at teaching, and she did well.

The same teacher was employed 40 days in the Fall with good results. Same number of Scholars.

This is a small School, but it appears to be impracticable to send these scholars to any other School.

In closing, we wish to say, we have endeavored to give as correct a report of our Schools as our limited space will allow, and as they have appeared to us from the stand-point we have been permitted to occupy.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DAVID CARGILL,	}	<i>Superintending School Committee of Winthrop.</i>
HENRY WOODWARD,		
EBEN MARROW,		