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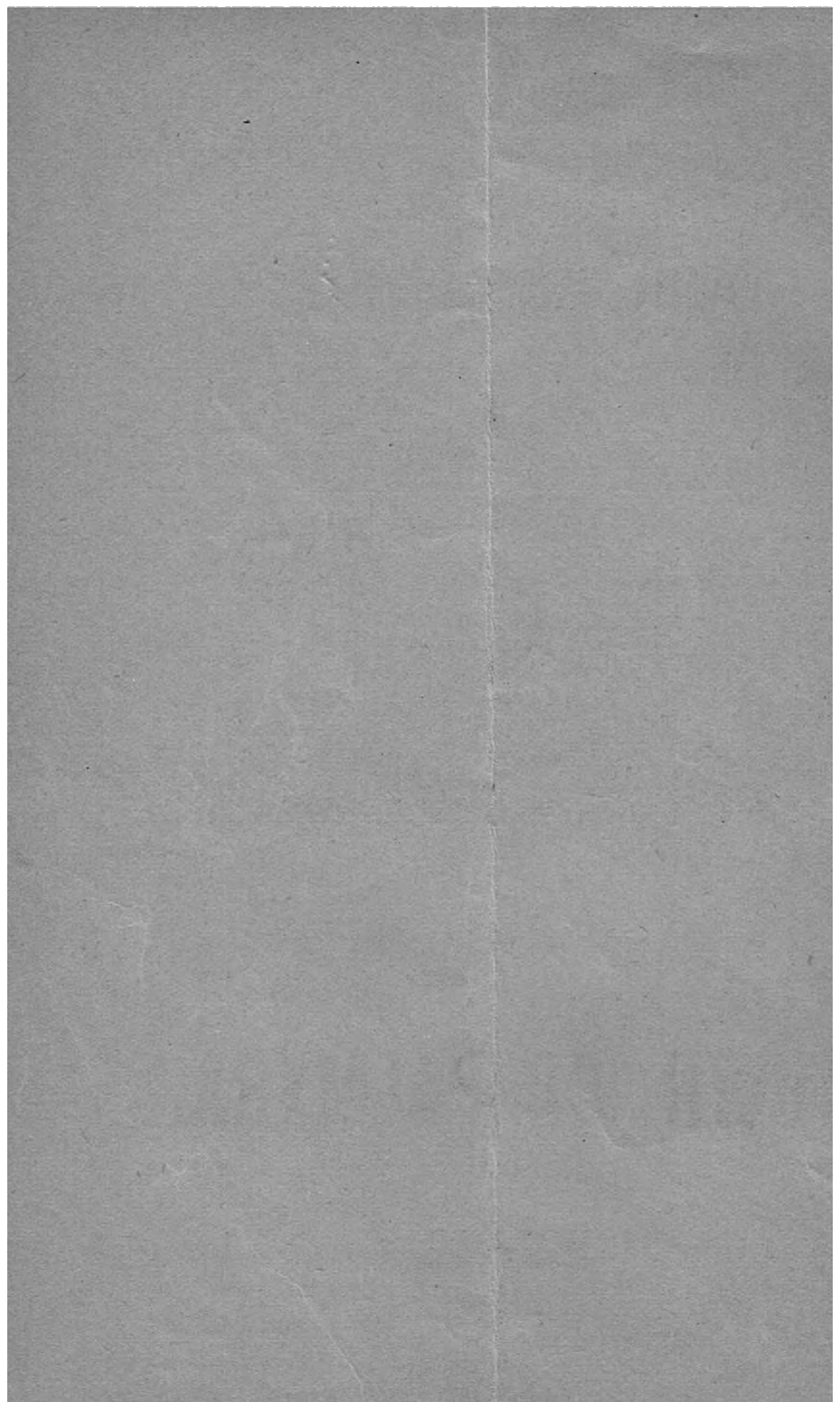
SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,

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Overseers of Poor.



PAUPER BILLS BELONGING TO PALMYRA.

Paid on account of Mrs. Berry.....	\$ 78 00	
“ “ Henry Morton.....	28 00	
“ “ J. H. Fairbrother bill of 90	16 50	
“ “ “ do “ 91	8 96	
		<u>\$131 46</u>

PAUPER BILLS BELONGING TO OTHER TOWNS.

Paid on account of J. H. Baker.....	\$134 52	
“ “ Susan M. Buzzell Charlestown	16 61	
“ “ Israel Tuttle Brighton....	7 07	
		<u>\$158 20</u>
Due on the above bills.....	\$23 68	

Having but one woman to support on the town farm we leased it to F. B. Marsh for one year ending April 15, next. By the terms of his lease he is to return the property to the town in as good condition or pay its appraised value and support the woman on the farm and pay the town fifty dollars for the use of the property at the expiration of his lease.

H. C. WEBBER,	} Overseers	
W. H. MILES,		of
W. D. MITCHELL,		Poor

Selectmen and Assessors Department

ASSESSMENTS.

VALUATION OF PROPERTY 1891.

Amount of real estate.....	\$263,350 00	
personal estate.....	58,944 00	
		<u>\$322,294 00</u>

AMOUNT OF MONEY ASSESSED.

Amount raised for schools.....	\$1,000 00	
town charges.....	1,000 00	
roads and bridges.....	1,200 00	
school books.....	450 00	
Memorial Day.....	15 00	
State tax.....	910 78	
county tax.....	253 95	
of overlayers.....	114 37	
Supplemental tax.....	4 00	
Whole amount raised.....		<u>\$4,948 10</u>

Number of polls, 216; amount assessed on polls, \$4 32; rate per cent, 14 mills.

CASH PAID ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

S. D. Parkman	\$ 6 42	C. F. Parkman	\$ 2 00
W. S. Spaulding	4 50	Joseph Sedgwick	6 54
L. Morton	2 33	A. H. Parkman	2 25
Nathan Cole	17 96	J. L. Parkman	2 25
E. D. McFarland	2 25	Edwin Cook	2 72
Henry Morton	1 50	S. Bowman	55
Bert Crosby	3 00	C. W. Foster	8 20
Bert Southards	35 00	J. McKenney	3 30
L. Foley	322 00	John Carr	3 00
Geo. W. Applebee	8 00	W. J. Robinson	3 75
C. R. McCrillis	57 55	Sam'l Farnham	3 00
C. L. Hubbard	2 90	C. E. Libby	5 20
Joshua Nichols	3 00	L. H. Todd	3 00
W. D. Mitchell	28 22	C. A. Leavitt	14 81

A. G. Pollard	20 00	Aaron Berry	6 00
Bowman Eldridge	2 80	L. B. Hanson	47 00
J. Coston	23 75	Perry Furbush	54 50
I. L. Nason	6 50	J. H. Mahoney	50 00
S. Marsh Jr.	5 97	J. Manson Taylor	18 15
C. A. Farnham	21 89	A. Linnell	14 10
E. Whittaker	5 30	Albert Huff	3 00
Joel M. Parkman	6 75	L. E. Sinclair	3 25
W. E. Lord	19 45	J. Q. Adams	6 35
W. Farnum	4 35	J. B. Chase	7 75
F. H. Farnum	24 30	F. L. Brown	22 85
Joseph Patten	17 50	W. A. Blaisdell	5 55
C. R. Pratt	5 00	Henry Shaw	11 75
N. A. Davis	9 65	S. E. Pray	3 45
R. W. Parkman	21 40	N. T. Sinclair	20 95
W. B. Mills	9 50	H. B. Allen	31 66
J. R. Emery	5 32	John Pooler	32 17
J. P. Folsom	2 45	S. S. Goodrich	48 37
J. R. Stacy	2 85	H. C. Webber	7 50
G. W. Thomas	6 63	G. W. Stuart	5 25
Alvin Howes	1 25	Geo. Hodsdon	10 45
Freeman Fernard	1 20	N. E. Towle	1 97
M. C. Stuart	1 50	R. A. Stacy	60
C. M. Jewett	29 38	W. J. Thomas	5 20
H. McFarland	1 70	G. W. Varney	1 80
G. W. Leavitt	11 10	E. F. Rowe	4 53
W. H. Miles	8 75	P. H. Lang	2 40
C. A. Wyman	8 95	C. F. Holway	9 23
C. W. Homstead	5 33	B. Grant	4 05
C. G. Brackett	11 60	W. J. Hinton	3 75
F. Dyer	6 25	Elmer E. Parkman	12 00
R. Cramp	2 50	C. F. Gerald	21 84
J. R. Bennett	8 62	S. P. Dexter	9 00
Moses Keene	1 00	D. H. Pooler	9 45
W. W. Davis	2 30	D. S. Robinson	2 80
L. B. Hanson	2 00	J. H. Mahoney moving road	
S. A. Parkman	3 42	machine	1 00
Mrs. John Spaulding	3 00	H. A. Whitman	6 45
		C. B. Cowen	1 20
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	\$825 84		
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			567 89
			825 84
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			\$1393 73

The above sums of money stands against the names of the men who drew it from the treasury. But many of the men were Survey-

ors or Agents and divided the sums drawn with neighbors who assisted in the work.

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid for blank books, stationery and stamps.....	\$ 8 25	
town clerk for burial permits and stationery	1 50	
for printing town reports for 1890.....	14 40	
C. R. McCrillis last qr on town farm '90..	68 75	
for labor and materials rebuilding chimneys at farm.....	32 94	
S. S. Hackett for making bond and lease for town farm.....	1 00	
temporary loans of money.....	400 00	
interest on the same.....	6 77	
N. B. Douglas services with hearse.....	30 00	
J. B. Homestead wood and care town house	5 75	
Myra Damons for tax deed, by vote of town	34 89	
W. D. Mitchell for Memorial purposes....	5 00	
for labor and materials for painting cem- etry fence.....	20 81	
constable for warning two town meetings '91 and '92.....	2 00	
costs made by L. B. Hanson, Perry Fur- bush and J. H. Mahoney.....	22 45	
outstanding order of 1890.....	12 42	
L. Foley for oxen for town farm.....	100 00	
Supervisor for bal of services due for 1890	51 45	
		<u>\$818 38</u>

EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOL BOOKS AND SCHOOLS.

Paid C. H. Jonhonnott for new books purchased.	\$406 43	
“ “ old books purchased		
in town.....	3 55	\$409 98
Delivered C. H. Jonhonnott books on hand from		
O. L. Soule.....	58 59	<u>58 59</u>
Total cost of books in hands of Supervisor.....		468 57
Paid the several school districts.....	\$1,746 57	

TOWN OFFICERS BILLS.

Paid H. C. Webber, selectman &c.....	\$55 25	
W. H. Miles, ".....	43 50	
W. D. Mitchell, ".....	37 75	
E. Q. Frost, town treasurer.....	25 00	
R. A. Stacy, town clerk.....	10 00	
C. H. Johonnett, Supervisor.....	77 77	
H. C. Webber, road commissioner.....	19 50	
W. H. Miles, " ".....	22 50	
W. D. Mitchell, " ".....	12 00	
H. C. Webber, moderator Mar. '81.....	1 50	
C. M. Jewett, board of health.....	10 75	
J. B. Chase, ".....	3 75	
N. B. Douglas, ".....	1 50	
J. M. Parkman, col. of taxes.....	69 27	
		<u>\$390 04</u>

ABATEMENTS.

Paid J. F. Harvey, bills '88.....	\$ 2 23	
J. P. Longley bills '89 and '90.....	22 35	
Joel M. Parkman, bills '91.....	14 06	
Treasurer, abatement on non resident tax..	9 22	
		<u>\$47 86</u>

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES.

Paid miscellaneous bills.....	\$ 818 38	
on account of roads and bridges.....	1,393 73	
town officers bills.....	390 04	
pauper bills belonging to Palmyra.....	131 46	
" " other towns...	158 20	
abatements.....	47 86	
the several school districts.....	1,746 57	
for school books.....	409 98	
		<u>\$5,096 22</u>
Amount of orders rec'd from Treasurer.....		5,096 22

Treasurer's Report.



RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury March 20, 1891.....	\$374 30	
received from State school fund of 1890..	597 80	
collected on non-resident tax of 1890....	170 40	
received from State bounty on crows....	11 40	
sale of town-farm oxen.....	100 00	
“ “	125 00	
loans for temporary purposes	400 00	
town of Greenwood bill '90	69 81	
Montville bills of '90		
and '91.....	271 94	
sale of school books..	13 31	
of C. H. Johonnett from		
school books sold....	8 34	
Cash rec'd from rent of town		
farm.....	5 00	
from E. F. Rowe, Agt. District		
No. 4.....	7 00	
J. F. Harvey Col. of '88....	9 54	
J. M. Parkman “ '91....	4,080 83	
Selectmen bal. in settlement		
with C. R. McCrillis.....	5 05	
J. B. Homstead for rent of		
town hall.....	5 75	
J. P. Longley abated tax col-		
lected.....	2 00	
	6,257 47	

EXPENDITURES.

Paid on town orders and returned.....	\$5,096 22	
on State tax of 1891.....	231 16	
County tax in full.....	253 95	
Feb. 2, 1892, cash in treasury to balance....	676 14	
	6,257 47	

RESOURCES OF TOWN.

Due from Peter H. Lang, col. of '82.....	\$ 24 84	
J. F. Harvey col. of '88.....	19 94	
Joel M. Parkman col. of '91.....	532 59	
on non resident tax returned.....	334 68	
Brighton on acc't of Israel Tuttle....	7 07	
Charlestown on acc't of Susan M.		
Buzzell.....	16 61	
J. Q. Adams overpaid on road bill	1 25	
State, school fund of 1891.....	679 72	
F. B. Marsh, for rent of farm.....	45 00	
Cash in treasury.....	676 14	
		-----\$2,337 84

LIABILITIES OF TOWN.

Due on school fund order.....	\$1,163 33	
State on State tax of '91.....	679 72	
the several school districts.....	309 16	\$2,152 21

Balance in favor of town.....		\$185 63
Balance against the town last year.....		\$83 72

We submit the foregoing as a correct statement of the expenditures of the past year and the present financial standing of the town.

H. C. WEBBER,	} Selectmen of Palmyra.
W. H. MILES,	
W. D. MITCHELL.	

Palmyra, Feb. 22, 1892.

Report of Supervisor of Schools.



Amount of money raised by the town.....	\$1,000 00
State school and mill tax.....	679 62
Interest on town school fund.....	69 80
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Total	\$1,749 42

Whole number of schools, 290; number of male teachers employed, 1; number of female teachers, 20; number of terms taught, 32.

SUMMER SCHOOLS.

From the diagram given on a following page, we see that twelve of the summer schools were taught by teachers of previous experience. These schools were fortunate in securing the services of such efficient teachers. For each school made satisfactory progress, did thorough work, and showed good discipline.

The teacher in district No. 12, although this was her first attempt at teaching, succeeded well, and proved that she has the qualities for a teacher.

District No. 13 called for an experienced teacher. Therefore, it was difficult for a young, inexperienced teacher to make the best possible showing, but the closing examination showed that the classes had made good advancement.

The teacher in district No. 15 was quite young, and had previously been a pupil in this school; so, it was more difficult for her to govern the school than it would have been under different circumstances. However, she succeeded in doing a very good term's work.

FALL AND WINTER SCHOOLS.

The diagram shows that eight of the teachers employed for the summer schools were retained for the fall and winter terms. These schools were

the most prosperous in town, and proved the wisdom of retaining the SAME TEACHER throughout the school year.

Again looking at our diagram we find that there are still seven teachers unreported.

The teacher in district No. 1 worked faithfully with very good results.

No. 7 had the undivided attention of both teacher and supervisor. The supervisor is able to report that the teacher endeavored to do honest work.

The teacher of No. 13 proved to be the right one in the right place.

No. 9 was conducted by the veteran teacher, but sickness caused it to be suddenly stopped, so we did not visit it at the close, and are not able to report it, but we presume that it was a success. This school has again started under the instruction of Miss Nellie A. Morse.

The other three teachers had not taught before, but the schools flourished well under their instruction. We think that each of them possesses the elements of a teacher.

The winter term in district No. 12 was suspended, and the pupils attended school in districts Nos. 4 and 11.

SCHOOL BOOKS.

The schools have been properly supplied with books, as the law requires.

We have allowed the pupils to keep their books during vacation, as the town so voted, and the sentiment of the people has demanded it; but we do not regard it as a wise plan for it will cause loss to the town, and great inconvenience to school officers. Space will not permit us to say any more upon this subject, but, at the annual meeting, we shall ask the privilege of more fully stating the facts.

FREE HIGH SCHOOLS.

We recommend that the town raise a small sum of money for this purpose.

TRUANT OFFICER.

The town should comply with the law, and elect a truant officer. During the past year several cases have been brought to my notice where children have not been sent to school, and it is for the public good that THESE children be educated.

THE FLAG OVER THE SCHOOLHOUSE.

District No. 13 has the honor of being first to place the "stars and stripes" over its schoolhouse. We hope that the other districts will follow this example, and that the flag will be seen over every schoolhouse in town.

In submitting this report we wish to say that we have carefully inquired into the condition of each school, and have tried to give an impartial report of each. The schools have enjoyed a good degree of prosperity the past year, but the standard of our schools ought to be raised. Therefore, we hope that all will study the NEEDS of the schools, and strive to place them on a higher plane.

C. H. JOHONNETT.

Supervisor of Schools, Town of Palmyra.

	Number of Terms Taught before.	No. of District.	Length of Term in Weeks.	Wages per Week.	Board per week.	No. Re-registered.	Average Number.
SUMMER TERMS.							
Augusta M. Lord	60	1	8	\$3 00	\$1 25	9	7.6
Grace E. Libbey	4	2	8	3 00	2 00	9	8.5
Carrie Miles	4	3	10	3 00		8	6
Eda M. Rix	5	4	6	4 00	1 75	34	27
Minnie Mitchell	5	5	8	3 00	1 14	10	10
Alice M. Miller	6	6	9	3 50	1 25	17	13
Mrs. C. F. Wilbur	18	7	10	5 00	1 50	45	40
Lena A. Hanson	2	8	10	3 00	1 00	9	8
Bertha B. Felker	1	9	8	3 00	90	17	15.7
Annie Furbush	1	10	10	2 75	1 25	7	5
Angie M. Chase	1	11	6	2 00	1 45	4	3.6
Etta C. Hodgkins	0	12	8	2 00	1 25	5	3
Gertie M. Cole	0	13	9	2 50		17	14
Nellie E. Walker	7	14	8	3 50	1 25	10	8.5
Cora Weeks	0	15	9	2 25	1 00	12	11

FALL TERMS.

Eda M. Rix	6	4	8	\$4 00	\$1 75	29	25
Mrs. C. F. Wilbur *	19	7	10	5 00	1 50	38	32
Lucy M. Farrum	0	11	13	2 00	1 45	6	5

WINTER TERMS.

Eva Graves	2	1	10	\$2 75	\$1 50	10	8
Grace E. Libbey *	5	2	8	3 00	2 00	7	5.8
Agnes M. Brackett	0	3	10	3 00	1 15	6	3
Eda M. Rix *	7	4	10	5 00	1 75	33	29
Minnie Mitchell *	6	5	14		1 14	8	7
Alice M. Miller *	7	6	9	4 75	1 25	21	17
C. H. Johonnett	8	7	9	8 00	2 00	26	22
Lena A. Hanson *	3	8	11	4 00	1 00	8	7
M. Annie Thomas		9	9	5 00	1 00	22	18
Annie Furbush *	2	10	9	3 00	1 25	6	5
Lucy M. Farrum †	1	11	5	2 25	1 50	5	5
J. Annette Collamore	18	13	15	5 00	1 25	18	16
Nellie E. Walker *	9	14	8	4 00	2 00	10	9
Angie L. Beatty	0	15	16	3 00	1 05	10	8

* Taught the same school in the summer. † Taught fall and winter terms.

LIST OF BOOKS OWNED BY THE TOWN.

Barnes' 1st Readers.....	66
" 2d " 	50
" 3d " 	49
" 4th " 	49
" 5th " 	83
" Complete Geographies	73
" Elementary " 	56
" U. S. Histories.....	53
Conklin's Grammars.....	99
Harrington's Complete Spellers.....	183
American Citizens.....	12
Greenleaf's Complete Arithmetics.....	71
" Brief Courses.....	54
" First Lessons.....	58
" Elementary Algebras.....	26
Brand's Physiologies.....	41
New Normal 1st Readers.....	15
" 2d " 	9
" 3d " 	10
" 4th " 	10
" 5th " 	14
Raub's Lessons in English.....	4
Meservey's Single Entry Book-keepings.....	24
Spelling Blanks.....	18
Meservey's Double Entry Book-keepings.....	18
" Single " Blanks.....	12
" Double " 	10
Copy Books.....	55
Academic Dictionaries.....	14

Total number of books, blanks and copy blanks..... 1236

No. of the above named books now in Supervisor's hands..... 601

No. distributed among the several school districts..... 635

BOOK ACCOUNT.

To American Book Co.....	Dr.	\$278 80
Porter & Coates.....		17 60
D. C. Heath & Co.....		9 00
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn.....		82 10
Thompson, Brown & Co.....		29 70
Old books bought in town.....		3 55
Books furnished by C. H. Johonnett.....		2 22
Blanks, labels, trucking and express.....		6 25
Books from O. L. Soule's store.....		58 59
Dictionaries furnished gratis by Am. Book Co		14 00
Total.....		\$501 81
By Books sold.....	Cr.	\$8 34
Copy books used.....		9 64
Books exchanged.....		19 24
Books lost in the Baker fire.....		4 68
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		\$41 90
Total value of books on hand.....		\$459 91

