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CITY OF ELLSWORTH.

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ELLSWORTH,

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1870.
CITY OF ELLSWORTH.

IN CITY COUNCIL.

APRIL 9TH, 1870.

ORDERED, That the City Clerk cause to be published in pamphlet form two hundred copies of the proceedings at the organization of the City Government April 5th 1869, with the Mayor's Address—together with the Mayor's Address and reports of the last municipal Year; and a particular account of the receipts and expenditures for the municipal year just closed.

W. O. McDONALD, CITY CLERK.
INAUGURATION OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT.
APRIL 5TH, 1869.

The members elect of the Common Council, pursuant to the City Charter, assembled at Whiting’s Hall, at ten o’clock, A. M., and were called to order by N. A. Joy, of ward one, on whose nomination, Mr. Hartshorn, of ward 4, was chosen chairman.

Henry Whiting, Geo. H. Brown, and Geo. Cunningham were appointed a committee on credentials. The committee retired and subsequently reported a quorum present. The same committee was charged with a message to the Board of Aldermen, that a quorum of the common council was present and ready to receive any communication. Subsequently a message was received from the Aldermen proposing a joint convention for the inauguration of the Mayor. The council concurred and presently the Aldermen elect came in when a convention was formed with Alderman Dutton in the chair.

Messrs. Grant, Hopkins and Lord, were appointed a committee to wait upon the Mayor elect, and invite him to attend upon the convention. Subsequently the committee escorted Hon. James F. Davis the Mayor elect into the Hall, and introduced him to the Convention.

At the request of the President, the Rev. Sewall Tenney, invoked the Divine Blessing. The oath of office was administered to the Mayor elect, by Hon. A. Drinkwater, Judge of the Police Court, The Mayor then administered the oath to the members of the City Council.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN,

April 5th, Capt. Jesse Dutton chosen temporary President, and J. T. Grant, Secretary. J. D. Hopkins and Philander Austin, committee on credentials. Committee reported as entitled to seats at the board, J. D. Hopkins for ward 1; J. T. Grant, ward 2; C. P. Jordan, ward 3; Philander Austin,
ward 4 and Jesse Dutton, ward 5. J. T. Grant and C. P Jordan chosen committee to notify the council, of the organization of the board of Aldermen, and of their readiness to meet them in convention for the purpose of receiving any communication the Mayor elect was pleased to make.

The Mayor then addressed the City Council as follows:—

MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

Gentlemen of the City Council:

We have assembled to-day for the purpose of inaugurating the new system, under which, in future our municipal affairs are to be administered.

Allow me to say, in relation to myself, that it will be my earnest endeavor, with your assistance and advice, to discharge my official duties in such a manner, as shall best promote the interests of our citizens, individually and collectively.

The duty of establishing ordinances, and making such regulations as may be required, in consequence of the change from a town to a city government, will be among the first acts demanded of you.

Owing to the late hour at which the report of the Selectmen was received, I am unable to give you any information in regard to the financial condition of the town. The report will be laid before you.

It would by well, however, in my estimation to ascertain as early as possible, the total amount of liabilities now outstanding, so that we may act understandingly in relation to providing for their liquidation. From my own limited information in relation to the affairs of the town, I can only call your attention to a few brief suggestions, in regard to the several interests committed to your care.

Good order, peace and safety to person and property, will demand an efficient and judicious Police, to enforce the law, and such necessary regulations and ordinances as you may
think proper to adopt. The rigid enforcement of the statutes of the State in regard to the sale of intoxicating liquors, will remove the principal source of disorder and crime, and I trust no considerations will be allowed to obstruct its impartial and complete execution.

The Fire Department will require, and will doubtless receive your careful attention. At present, there is no fire organization. The public security will justify the necessary additional expense that may be incurred by the re-organization and full equipment of this department.

The present method of repairing the highways, by expending the appropriations in labor on the roads, through the agency of highway surveyors, is in many respects objectionable. It is a question for your consideration, whether the expending of the appropriations in cash, under the supervision of the Street Commissioner, would not be more judicious, and the roads thereby kept in better condition, and at less expense to the City. The frequent accidents happening upon our sidewalks, and the consequent frequent claims for damages, demand in my opinion greater care and watchfulness over their condition, and a full discussion, and a wise decision regarding the substitution of sidewalks of concrete, instead of those of wood.

The contract for the support of the Poor having been terminated by notice from the Contractor, it will be your duty to make such provision for this unfortunate class as their necessities require, and in such a manner as in your judgment will be most judicious and humane.

The entire control of our public schools is, by our Charter, placed in your hands; you have authority to consolidate districts, and grade the schools, and I trust such a system will be adopted as will secure for this interest, that measure of success, which its importance demands. Liberal appropriations for schools, provided the money be well expended, is in my opinion a wise policy.
Constant, thorough, and efficient supervising, are always required for the successful conduct of any enterprise, and I am confident it will be your pleasure, as well as your duty, to appoint faithful and earnest men, who will prudently superintend the expenditure of the public money raised for schools, and what is of still more importance, rightly direct in the discipline and culture, mental and moral of the young.

The town at its annual meeting in 1868, chose a committee to build a town hall, and voted to authorize the treasurer to hire money for the town, for such purpose, and to pledge as security for the same, the claim of the town under the late act of the Legislature, for the assumption of municipal war debts. No restrictions were placed upon the committee or treasurer, in regard to the cost of the building, or the amount of funds to be provided. Under these instructions the treasurer has issued notes to the amount of $40,000. Three thousand of which becomes due the present month, and the balance during the year. The committee will inform you what further amount will be required to complete the building. As many of our citizens have expressed doubts in regard to the legality of the appropriation, it may be advisable to submit the matter to competent legal authority, before making provision by assessment for the payment of the notes.

The better management of their financial affairs, being one of the chief objects, which our citizens had in view, in changing their form of government, it is important that the utmost economy, consistent with the best interest of the City, be exercised in the expenditure of the public money, and all agents employed in the collection and disbursements be held to strict account.

It will be my duty to bring to your notice from time to time, such matters as demand your consideration, and to recommend such measures as in my judgment, the interests of the City may require.

Ellsworth, April 4th, 1869.

J. F. DAVIS, Mayor.
At the conclusion of the address the Convention dissolved, and the common council then adjourned till 2 o'clock P. M.

**CITY GOVERNMENT.**

**IN CONVENTION Tuesday, the 6th.**

The following officers were chosen:—

City Clerk—John H. Brimmer.


Overseers of the Poor—J. L. Moore, Hatch Macomber and Chas. Whitcomb.

Street Commissioner—Jesse Dutton.

Collector and Treasurer—Wm. O. McDonald.

Superintending School Com.—Rev. Dr. Tenney, A. F. Drinkwater and L. A. Emery Esqs.

Chief Engineer of Fire Department—S. K. Whiting, 2d Ass't, A. B. Spurling, 3d S. J. Morrison.

Surveyors of Lumber, &c., the same as last year, with the addition of Jos. H. Emerson and Geo. H. Brown.

Sealer of Weights and Measures, J. T. Osgood, also Inspector of oils.

Pound Keeper, D. S. Beal.

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The following committee was appointed to revise the Jury box; J. T. Grant and Jesse Dutton, Aldermen, with Geo. Cunningham, Myrick Avery and Sylvester Lord from the council.
In accordance with the usual custom I lay before you a brief statement of the financial condition of the city, with such suggestions in regard to the several departments as occur to me.

**FINANCIAL.**

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<td>Appropriations for 1869, for the expenses of the City and the several departments were</td>
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Included in the above amount is the sum of $2,797.30 which has been paid for debts left over from former years thereby reducing the actual expenditures for the past year to 22,514.68. It may be gratifying in this connection to know that the expenditures during the first year of the City Government have been reduced very much below the last years or the average of the last years of the town organization. The City debt funded and unfunded is $62,000; $13,000 of which is now due, or will become due during the year.
the year with but one engine in serviceable condition, it is not difficult to imagine what would be our situation in case a conflagration should occur. I deem it one of the most important duties of the City Government to provide for such emergencies, and to that end a thorough organization of this department is imperatively demanded.

SCHOOLS.

The report of the Sup. School Committee shows an interest that promises a gratifying improvement in this department. The suggestion of the committee that a high school be established, with permanent and competent instructors, which shall be available to all the advanced scholars in the city, is recommended to your careful consideration. By adopting such a course it would seem that the best results might be obtained at a small additional expense. The expenditures the past year have been $6,092.50 an additional appropriation of $800 will probably accomplish all that the committee propose, and in view of its importance for the purpose of education that cannot be thought extravagant.

CITY LIBRARY.

The Ellsworth Library Association in January last, made a donation to the city, of the books and property of the Association. The books are what remain of what was once a very respectable library, and it was thought by the association, that by presenting them to the city they might be saved from complete loss, and made to become a valuable auxiliary to the schools of the city.

In my opinion the object is a laudable one and I would suggest the propriety of making such appropriation as will establish the library upon a permanent basis.

THE POOR

of the city will continue to need, and will no doubt receive, such attention and care as their circumstances require. The Overseers report the number assisted to be one hundred and seventy-three, of whom one hundred are domestic poor, thirty
Reports the highways to be in better condition than usual. The amount expended in his department has been $6,408.05; for highways and streets $4,979.67; for Bridges $516.62; for Side-walks $911.76. The policy adopted last year of making an appropriation in money for the repairs of highways has in my opinion been an improvement on the old system, both in economy and in the better condition of the highways, and I would recommend that the same be continued.

The Side-walks are reported to be in as good condition as plank side-walks can well be kept. Such walks are expensive and never entirely safe, and in view of the suits now pending against the city for damages and the constant liability to accident, it would be well to institute an enquiry into the expediency of making in future all new sidewalks of Concrete.

The commissioner reports several of the bridges as being in need of repairs, and it is thought, one or two of them may require to be rebuilt. I would suggest that an examination be made at as early a day as possible, in order that the necessary appropriations may be made if it is found advisable to rebuild, or make extensive repairs.

POLICE.

The City Marshal's report will give you the number of arrests during the year for offenses against law and order, and as usual it will be found, that a large proportion are caused by the use of intoxicating drinks. The Marshal has given his attention chiefly to the seller, instead of the drinker, and the wisdom of his action is demonstrated by the comparative quiet and order of the city, and the great reduction in the expense of the Police department.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The remarkable exemption from fire in the city during the past year, has caused the inefficiency of this department to pass unnoticed, and apparently uncared for. Without an Engineer, or any organized force, and for the greater part of
are chargable to other towns, and the rest foreign paupers. The amount expended for their support the past year has been $3,552.

The charge of the city affairs has been entrusted to us for the coming year. Where all are individually interested in the judicious management of our municipal affairs it is unnecessary that I should comment upon the duties of the City Council.

The management of all matters pertaining to the City Government may be safely entrusted to your hands.

J. F. DAVIS, Mayor.

Ellsworth, April 4th, 1870.
REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Finance Committee in accordance with requirements of City Ordinances have examined the accounts of those officers who had the disbursing of the city money and have found their accounts correct.

It appears from the examination of these several accounts that the

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR
Have received from the Treasury on Mayor's orders, $3,552.48
and have expended for Support of Poor, $3,480.56
they have paid the Town of Orland, 71.92
$3,552.48

The Commissioner of Streets has received from the City Treasury on Mayor's orders, $4,979.67
and have expended for labor of men and teams
on Highways and Streets, $3,776.40
for breaking snow, 449.11
for Lumber, Tools, &c., 198.66
Salary of Commissioner, 555.50
$4,979.67

CITY TREASURER AND COLLECTOR.
Had balance from last year, $126.33
He has received from Peter McGown, 280.00
" " S. D. Wiggins, 245.00
" " Liquor Agency, 32.84
" " Licenses, 10.00
" " State for Pensions, 132.00
" " Police Court, 298.88
" " State School Fund 1868, 162.86
" " " " " 1869, 142.72
" " " " Bounty on animals, 2.00
" " on Tax deeds, 480.46
" " Am't received for Taxes 1868, 155.70
" " Elliot Jordan, 250.00
" " State Bonds, 26,908.30
" " H. Macomber Collector 1868, 6,832.58
" " W. O. McDonald " 1869, 24,349.27
$60,408.94
He has paid on Mayor’s orders, $19,522.28
  " " Old orders, - 3,845.27
  " " For interest on City debt, 3,066.36
  " " For State Pensions, 330.00
  " " County Tax, 1,564.92
  " " State Tax, - 2,632.00
  " " " " of 1868, 1,499.63
  " " City debt, 26,900.00

Total amount of payments, $59,360.46
Balance in the Treasury, 1,048.48
--- $60,408.94

There is due from taxes of 1868, $7,249.69
  " " " 1869, 100.09
  " " " 1869, 7,149.69

J. F. DAVIS.
N. A. JOY.
GEO. CUNNINGHAM.

Finance Committee.

MAYOR’S REPORT.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1869.

Contingent Fund, $4,000.00
Highways, 4,500.00
Bridges, 500.00
Sidewalks, 800.00
Fire Department, 200.00
Schools, 6,000.00
Support of Poor, 3,500.00
Support of Insane Poor, 800.00
Ringing Bell and Lighting Street Lamp, 150.00
Interest on City Debt, - 2,500.00
State Tax, 6,282.56
County Tax, 1,564.92
--- $30,797.48

EXPENDITURES.

CONTINGENT FUND

April, 1869, By Appropriations, $4,000.00
  " " Overlayings, 510.62
July 16, " " License Circus, 10.00
Oct. 9, " " License to Billiard Room, 280.00
  " " S. D. Wiggin, 10.00
  " " Fractional part of State Bonds, 245.00
  " " Liquor Agency, 8.33
  " " Police Court, 32.94
  " " Received on Tax Deeds 298.88
  " " Received on Tax Deeds 486.46
  " " Non-Resident Tax of 1868, 155.70
  " " Loan, 250.00
  " " Supplementary Tax, 135.00
--- $6,422.83
Abatement of Taxes for 1867, $129.15
" " " 1868, 304.57
" " " 1869, 133.80
Paid Assessors, 313.55
G. W. Newbegin Damage on Sidewalk, 151.15
Seals for Police Court and City, 7.50
T. Holmes, Police Service, 7.50
Geo. W. Newbegin, Police Service, 7.50
" " " for Posting Warrants, 8.00
For Printing, 112.75
J. R. Jordan, for procuring evidence in Bounty Claims, 63.00
" Costs, Orland vs. Ellsworth, 32.71
" A. Wiswell, Legal Services, Orland vs. Ells., 30.28
" Peters & Wiswell, Legal Opinion, 25.00
" H. Whiting, for use of Hall March 19, 8.00
" " " Rent of Office, 1868, 50.00
" " " Use of Hall April 5th, 4.00
" J. A. Hale, Stationery, 3.62
" R. Cole, Blank Books and Stationery, 39.35
" D. Bugbee, Record Books, 29.35
" Gas for Street Lamps, 94.09
G. Cunningham & Co., for furniture for Council Rooms and Police Court, 66.91
I. Hopkins, for Exploring route for road, 16.50
Ellsworth Falls Cemetery for Burial Lot, 8.00
" J. T. Grant, for Lamp Posts, 40.00
" J. M. Hale & Co., for Gas Pipe and Gas Corks, 9.21
" Gas Co., for Packing Lamp Posts, 1.50
" E. F. Robinson for Repairing Clock, 3.00
" Aiken & Co., for Dockets for Police Court, 3.00
" I. T. Smith for Painting Hearse, 9.00
" A. C. Holt for damage to Carriage, 3.50
" Z. Foster for Town Bounty of 1864, 218.40
" J. M. Hale & Co., for Horse Hire, 10.50
" J. F. Hooper for Allowance on Road, 15.25
" J. F. Sargent for Town Bounty of 1863, 50.00
" Sundry Persons for Truckleage, 6.70
For Nails, 4.45
Expense of Committee to Bangor, 6.20
L. E. Norris for Flax Seed, 3.00
Z. Foster for repairing Ladder and Reservoir, 4.25
C. D. Treworgy for Making Road at Branch Pond, 243.26
A. F. Drinkwater for rent of Room for Police Court, 25.00
" " " For Furniture and Fuel for Police Court, 7.90
J. D. Hopkins for Rent of Council Rooms, 67.50
" " Table for Same, 7.50
" J. P. Whitmore for Setting Lamp Posts, 29.00
H. Macomber, Collector 1868, 1,032.79
W. O. McDonald Collector 1869, 639.61
Salary of Police Judge, three quarters, 112.50
" " " City Marshal, 150.00
" " City Clerk, 75.00
" " " Clerk of the Common Council, 20.00
" " Mayor, 150.00
" Transfers to other accounts, 1,044.38
Balance unexpended, 733.31
$6,422.83

HIGHWAYS.
April 1869. By appropriation $4,500.00
" Transfer from contingent, 479.67
$4,979.67
EXPENDITURES.

Paid for Labor of Men and Teams, $3,776.40

- Breaking Snow, 449.11
- J. T. & G. H. Grant, for lumber, 45.56
- H.M. & B. Hall, for 13.45
- B. F. Austin, for 57.55
- O. Collins, 4.00
- N. R. Jellison, 8.25
- E. F. Sawyer for Gravel, 13.60
- S. & H. A. Dutton for Powder, 3.60
- B. J. Bagley for Sledge Handles, 2.75
- J. F. Davis for Nails & Tools, 31.73
- T. Mitchell for Blacksmith work, 3.32
- J. Dutton Street Commissioner, 410.00
- C. F. Jordan, 145.50

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$4979.67

BRIDGES.

April 1869 By appropriation $500.00

Transfer from contingent 16.62

EXPENDITURES.

Paid J. Heath for Labor, $5.75
- J. D. Hopkins & Co. for Stringers, 40.00
- Hartshorn & Ellis for Hauling Stone, 6.00
- C. D. Treworgy for Labor, 20.44
- J. Wood 4.50
- P. Carnes 5.25
- G. H. Grant, 17.85
- H. Lufkin, 14.00
- J. Limeburner 15.00
- B. F. Austin for lumber, 198.87
- H. M. & B. Hall 65.73
- J. T. & G. H. Grant 12.06
- J. D. Hopkins for Lumber Stringers, 60.40
- J. F. Davis for Nails and Iron, 23.27
- F. Frazier for Labor, 4.00
- Levi Joy, 6.00
- Whitcomb & Morrison Blacksmith work, 11.50
- S. Kelliher for Labor, 2.00
- Geo. Hamilton, 2.00
- Geo. W. Gray, 2.00

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$516.62

SIDEWALKS.

April, 1869, By appropriation $800.00

Transfer from Contingent 111.76

EXPENDITURES.

Paid J. T. & G. H. Grant for Lumber, $347.85
- B. F. Austin, 128.59
- B. Hays, 1.50
- W. Brown, 104.17
- J. D. Hopkins & Co., 81.00
- Fiske & Curtis, 21.28
Paid J. F. Davis, for nails, 60.73.
" H. Whiting, for nails, 2.58.
" J. Heath, for labor, 58.45.
" J. W. Jordan, for labor, 17.00.
" T. Harrington, " 7.15.
" A. Billings, " 37.00.
" J. Dutton, " 32.19.
" H. Hart, " 9.27.
" W. Murphy, " 1.50.
" J. Limeburner, " 1.50.

$911.76

FIRE DEPARTMENT.
April 1869, By appropriation, 200.00
By transfer, 116.21

EXPENDITURES.
Paid H. Whiting, for Linseed Oil, $13.66
" H. Swan, for Leather, 1.50
" J. F. Davis, for Rubber Packing, 5.50
" Standish & Co., for repairs of Engine, 26.50
" C. L. Stevens, for setting glass in Engine House, 3.20
" G. B. Reed, for repairs of Hose, 5.78
" J. Bresnahan, for cleaning ice from Reservoir, .75
" Aiken & Co, bill of Sundries, 3.20
" A. F. Somerly for taking care of Engine, 50.00
" Hanneeman & Co., for Suction Hose, 193.50
" J. F. Davis, Sundry Expenses, 12.62

$316.21

SCHOOLS.
April 1869, By balance, $1228.07
By appropriation, 6000.00
By State School Fund, 305.58

EXPENDITURES.
Salaries of Teachers, $4234.98
Board of " 574.30
Fuel, 389.31
Sweeping and making Fires, 62.85
Repairs, 464.53
Miscellaneous Expenses, 267.03
Superintending School Committee, 80.00
Books, 19.52
Balance unexpended, 1441.13

$7533.65

RINGING BELL & LIGHTING STREET LAMPS.
April 1869, By Appropriation, $150.00

EXPENDITURES.
Paid F. Stockbridge, $150.00
POOR.

April 1869, By appropriation,  $3500.00
By transfer,  52.48

EXPENDITURES.

Paid J. L. Moore, for support of Poor,  3468.06
" S. W. Perkins, for supplies furnished 1868, 12.50
" Town of Orland,  71.92

INSANE POOR

April 1869, By appropriation,  $800.00
" transfer,  281.22

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Insane Hospital,  $912.97
" Express Bill,  1.25
" Taking Mrs. Garland to Hospital and back,  63.00
" J. L. Moore for support of idiot child,  104.00

INTEREST ON CITY DEBT.

By Balance,  $194.01
" Appropriation,  2,500.00
" Balance overdrawn,  372.35

EXPENDITURES.

Amount paid for interest,  $3,066.36

STATE TAX.

April 1869. By appropriation,  $6,382.56

EXPENDITURES.

Amount paid on Tax of 1869,  $2,632.00
Balance unpaid,  3,650.56

COUNTY TAX.

April 1869, By amount appropriated,  $1,564.92

EXPENDITURES.

Amount paid of Tax of 1869,  $1,564.92

Summary of Mayors orders drawn on the several funds for the year 1869 and '70.

Contingent,  $4,645.14
Highway,  4,979.67
Bridges,  516.62
Sidewalk,  911.76
Fire Department,  316.21
Schools,  6,092.52
Bell and Street Lamps,  150.00
Poor,  3,552.48
Insane,  1,081.22

$22,245.62.
SCHOOL REPORT.

To his Honor, the Mayor and City Council of Ellsworth.

In conformity to the requirements of law, the undersigned respectfully submit their annual Report upon the Public Schools for the School year ending March 31, 1870.

STATISTICS.

Amount of money raised for the support of schools the current year, $6,000.

AMOUNT PAID FOR WAGES OF TEACHERS.

Highest wages paid any Master per month, $60.00
Lowest " " " " " " " " " " 30.00
Highest " " " Mistress per week 7.00
Lowest, " " " " " " " " " 2.00
Amount paid for Superintendence of Schools, $130.00.

Number of scholars within the limits of the City April 1st, '69, 1887
Number of scholars attending school, 1049
Largest number attending any school, 84
Smallest " " " " " 6
Number of School Houses, 23
Number of School-rooms, 27
Best per cent. attendance of scholars registered, 90

In Common Council, read and accepted.

W. O. MCDONALD, Clerk.

March 21st, 1870.

SCHOOL MONEY.

From the above it will be seen that the City pays for the school education of each scholar, the sum of $3.02 each year. Assuming twelve years to be the average time, during which children attend school, their whole education is completed at the total cost of $36.24.

While your Com. are fully aware of the heavy debt that rests upon the City, and of the importance of rigid economy in the raising and expending of money, they are still of the opinion, that nothing will contribute so much to the welfare and prosperity of our city as good schools. The people invariably prize them wherever established and cheerfully pay for their support. In the selection of a residence, parents desirous of the education of their children, are often influenced by the character of the Public Schools, and not unfrequently do
they remove from towns where schools are neglected, to places where they can better educate their children. Parsimony in the support of schools, is disastrous to every public interest. Liberality, is every way advantageous, both in the present and in the future.

**School Houses.**

Nearly allied in importance to liberality in the expenditure of money for the support of schools, is a generous appropriation for the erection and preservation of commodious, healthful and attractive school buildings. With the young, everything with which they come in contact, educates. Their surroundings make impressions deeper and more lasting than we know. Early habits and tastes formed and acquired, are the heritage of manhood. If a love for beauty, grace, order and neatness is implanted in the mind of a child, it will grow in the man to be a daily, living reality. On the contrary, deformity, disorder, and uncleanness, will produce a harvest like unto themselves. That Committee, Agent, Teacher, Parents, are derelict in duty who tolerate the latter and do not cultivate the former.

Complaints are often made by Taxpayers of the defacing and destruction of school property, by scholars, and in too many instances they are well founded. But in the opinion of your Com., Agents and Teachers are frequently as much in fault as the scholars. They do not carefully and watchfully superintend the buildings, and check the first indication of destructiveness. If this were done, and the offenders ferreted out and punished, less cause of complaint would exist.

During the past year, there has been little complaint and little injury done in this particular.

Within the limits of this city, there are but two pleasant, comfortable and convenient School Houses. One of them is the Brick School House in Dist. No. 3, and the other in Dist. No. 5.

There are ten which are decent respectable buildings, and in
fair repair, and there are eleven poor, miserable, dilapidated hovels, which to say the least, are disgraceful to the City and the Districts. If any think this statement too strong, your Com. will cheerfully convince them of its truth, if they will consent to sit six hours within their walls on a winter's day.

In behalf of one thousand children, in our city, we earnestly appeal to these several Districts to provide more comfortable school rooms. Let the School House where the children of rich and poor meet on the same level, instead of being the poorest habitable building, be an ornament and an honor to the District and the pride of the scholars.

**Teachers.**

There have been employed the past year in the schools of this city thirty-nine different Teachers. Of their fitness to teach and success, it is proper in general terms to allude. Almost all, have been faithful and earnest in the performance of their duties and have cheerfully aided the Com. to elevate the character of the schools. Two or three female Teachers failed through want of executive ability and of aptness to teach. Their schools were of short continuance, and little time or money was wasted. Two other Teachers also were not so successful as your Com. wished, but all the others gave general satisfaction and are entitled to much praise.

It is simply an act of justice, and fair minded Teachers will not object to the mention of the names of Three Teachers, whose schools were eminently successful.

That of Miss Sarah M. Joy, in District No. 5; that of Miss Lizzie True, in Grammar School District No. 3; and that of E. K. Dunbar in High School District No. 3. Good order, diligence and thoroughness characterized their scholars, and consequently, progress.

Let it not be supposed that the untiring efforts of other Teachers were not fully appreciated, and that their schools were not thought successful; for such was not the fact.

Whatever success has attended our schools the past year, is
due, in a great measure, to the laborious and efficient corps of Teachers, who have so fully and cheerfully carried out all the suggestions and wishes of the Committee.

The idea is somewhat prevalent that young, inexperienced Teachers will do well enough for Primary Schools. Nothing can be more erroneous. The right commencement of education is most important. On the foundation laid in the Primary School, the whole superstructure of after life is to be built. In mind, as in nature, slight causes produce mighty results.

The pebble, in the streamlet scant,
Has turned the course of many a river,
The dew drop, on the infant plant,
Has dwarfed the giant oak forever.

Neglect and mistake in the early training of a child will prove weakness and calamity hereafter.

Thorough, skillful and experienced Teachers are as imperatively demanded in Primary Schools, as in those of a higher grade.

Fortunately, the people are beginning to see that the vocation of the Teacher is second in importance to no other, and they have wisely established institutions for the purpose of fitting them for their work. It is the part of wisdom for Teachers to improve these advantages, and for the people to secure the services of those trained in those schools.

SCHOOLS.

In reviewing the character of the schools of the past year, it affords your Com. much gratification to be able to report that they have generally been successful. In many instances, a decided improvement has been shown.

The have been more fully and regularly attended, better discipline maintained, and more interest awakened than for many years.

Our citizens, we believe see this advance and are happy to acknowledge it.

But while this progress is a just matter of congratulation, still it must be admitted, that our schools are very far from
what they should be. There is yet too little system and too little labor in them. There is yet too much irregularity of attendance, and too much carelessness on the part of parents as to the true interests of a school. If these evils can be remedied (and they may be) we may rightly look for their increased usefulness.

If the present is an advance on the past, shall not the future be an advance on the present.

On S. S. Committee's in a great measure depend the character of our schools. Much power is given them and on them should rest the responsibility. It is but just that they should be held accountable for the manner in which they perform their important trusts, and the consequent success or failure of schools. Liberality on the part of tax-payers and fidelity on the part of school-officers will and must give good schools to our City.

**Recommendations.**

In conclusion the Com. beg leave to offer the following suggestions in relation to the establishment of a High School, and also some changes which would in their opinion be for the benefit of our schools.

The necessity of a High School free to the scholars of the whole city is widely and deeply felt. Many parents wish to educate their children at home and are unable to send them abroad. They rightly think that there is no valid reason why a High School cannot be maintained in this City. It must be admitted that our Common Schools, as they have heretofore existed, are not sufficient to meet this want. Hundreds of dollars have been annually expended by heavy tax-payers for the board and tuition of their children in other places. Can any one assign a reason, why as good a High School may not be supported here as elsewhere?

Let such a school be established, and the time will not be far distant, when instead of being regarded as a burden, it will be the pride and boast of our City. Its influence will be felt everywhere; in the lower schools, among the teachers.
and scholars and in the community at large. The establishment of a High School is imperitively demanded from the necessities of the community, at once. The finances of the City may not allow of the erection of an expensive building for this purpose at the present time, but they will allow that a suitable room be secured and the school commenced.

No act would in the opinion of your Com. reflect greater lustre upon your administration, than a hearty and urgent recommendation to the incoming boards composing the City Council, to grant an appropriation for this purpose.

The second recommendation we offer, is, Consolidate all the School Districts of the City into one and give the entire control of Public Education to a Com. on, schools chosen from the City Council and to the S. S. Committee.

The action of other cities of the State, and also of the State of Mass., where are to be found the best educators and the best schools in the land, is a sufficient guaranty of the wisdom of the suggestion.

Second. Give to the S. S. Com. the sole authority to employ all Teachers.

Third. There is imperitively needed a stringent ordinance against truancy and your Com. would respectfully suggest its passage and adoption prior to the commencement of the schools of the next year.

Appended to this report is a summary of the number of scholars, their attendance, and the length of schools in each district.

A. F. Drinkwater.
L. A. Emery.
S. Tenney.

March, 21, 1870.

Read and accepted in Common Council and referred to next City Council.

Wm. O. McDonald, Clerk.

Read in Board of Aldermen and referred to next City Council to be printed in conformity with the City Charter.

J. H. Brimmer, Clerk.
CITY LIBRARY.

To James F. Davis, Esq., Mayor and the Honorable City Council.

In accordance with the instructions given to me, I herewith offer the following Report as Superintendent of the Ellsworth City Library:

STATEMENT.

The Circulating Library became the property of the City of Ellsworth, Jan. 3d, 1870, as a donation from the Ellsworth Circulating Library Association.

The whole number of books and pamphlets donated to the City, as ascertained by inventory made in Feb. is six hundred and eighty volumes. Of this number one hundred and twenty-two volumes have been condemned as totally unfit for further use, unless means are obtained to re-bind them.

The remaining books, in all, five hundred and sixty volumes by the advice of the Mayor, were placed on suitable though temporary shelves in the anti-chamber opening from the Room in Hancock Hall now occupied by the City Council.

In the early part of March the Superintendent appointed Miss Addie True Librarian, with instructions to catalogue the books and suitably arrange them on the shelves.

The small Library Room was made accessible, Saturday March 12th for the delivery of books during four hours of the afternoon. By the present arrangement books are delivered every Saturday from 2 to 6 P.M. A small tax is collected on each volume taken, owing to the temporary necessity.

CONDITION.

The present size and quality of the Library is wholly inadequate to meet the wants of the reading community. The collection once respectable has been much abused. Sets of Historical and Biographical books have been broken by the loss of one or more of the volumes. Some of the books are mutilat-
ed and soiled, many of the less substantial literary productions, such as the juvenile series, and works of fiction, have been worn by the circulation of past years.

Suitableness.

An inspection of the Library warrants the opinion that all the books most generally read, were chosen wisely in the beginning. The selection of the best grade of novels and works of fiction is commendable and needful. We ought not to expect to confine the common mind and average taste, to the grave and serious side of literature; the shelves of every free popular library, must make ample provision for the natural love, on the part of the reading public, of amusement and entertainment. The problem to be solved by the institution of the popular library, is that of regulating and protecting, and wisely supplying, rather than of modifying or transforming the appetite for books. The young and the general laboring classes, use nine-tenths, if not ninety-nine one-hundredths of all the books provided, and offered in this way. Public libraries are auxiliaries and adjuncts, of the free common schools. The greatest dangers and temptations now offered to the young, are balanced and counteracted in no way so effectively; without them the reading of the people easily degenerates.

Importance.

The Superintendent feels that the present City Council and Municipal Government of Ellsworth deserve the special thanks and gratitude of the people, for making even this humble beginning of the foundation of a popular library. The ordinance creating the library has opened the way for doing an incalculable good to this place. The multiplication of Free Libraries everywhere in this country during the last twenty-five years, in itself is illustrative of the glory and promise of of the times. These first steps, and infant stages of enterprises of this character, generally cost the most of conflict and sacrifice.
Present Opportunity.

This outwardly insignificant initiatory step taken during the very first year of your corporate existence, to supply a popular intellectual need, is unspeakably provident and useful. Now that this city is committed to that which is an ornament, and an honor to all intelligent and well governed communities; now that we have taken this initiatory step, let the good work be perfected. Some special action might be taken without further delay to really found a Free Public Library for the use of the reading community; we have nothing at present suitable to be styled "the Ellsworth City Library."

With a sum of money wholly within easy command, (a third part of which we are able to say, is now offered by one individual among our lumber manufacturers), we can endow an excellent auxiliary of the common schools. By all means, and eagerly, let the people secure the fund needed to place a library of upwards of two thousand volumes in possession of this city. To refuse or neglect the offer now made, to furnish the best of reading to the people, were well nigh inexcusable and unpardonable.

Conclusion.

In closing this already too long first report, the Superintendent urges the importance of providing, and respectfully recommends, a small annual appropriation for the salary of a Librarian, through whom books may be delivered, and the City Library made accessible to the public, at least one half day during each and every week.

Respectfully submitted, by

WM. H. SAVARY, Sup't.

Ellsworth, March 21st, 1870.
REPORT OF OVERSEEERS OF THE POOR.

To the Mayor and Council of the City of Ellsworth:

GENTLEMEN:—The Overseers of the Poor herewith submit their report for the year ending April 1st 1870.

EXPENDITURES.

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<td>&quot; Persons who had no settlement in the State,</td>
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<td>Mayors orders,</td>
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The number of families whose settlement is in the City are 30. Individuals, and children abandoned by their Parents, and orphans 20; persons, and vagrants, who had no settlement in the State 10; numbering in all 142.

The number of persons assisted chargeable to other towns 31.

Our poor expenses in other towns have not been more than one fourth of former years. In our City the past year the expenses have been about the same as usual.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. MOOR,
HATCH MACOMBER.
REPORT OF CITY MARSHAL.

To the Hon. Mayor and City Council, Gentlemen:—

I have the honor to lay before you my annual report as City Marshal, for the year ending March 1870, and am happy to say that although the reputation of our city abroad, has been considered hard, I find with but a few individual exceptions that our citizens are in favor of law and order, and are ever ready to assist in their preservation. As Marshal I deem it my duty to remind your honorable body that those individual exceptions are almost invariably the Rum Sellers. Their shops are the recruiting rendezvous for the Poor House, County Jail, States Prison, and Insane Asylum, and it is a lamentable fact that they have been the cause of nine-tenths of the criminal arrests made in this city during the past year. In order to diminish this evil,—as I do not expect wholly to cure it,—I would respectfully suggest the appointment of an agent, who would be obligated to sell according to law, and whenever he violated the law should receive the severest penalty for so doing. Then, there could be no possible excuse for other parties selling, and it would be a great benefit to officers in ferreting out those damnable dens of iniquity, where the unfortunate inebriate is robbed of his hard earnings that otherwise would have fed, clothed, and made happy, many a family who now are suffering for the common comforts of life. I would also suggest the passage of a Truant ordinance to prevent children from idling away their time on the streets and in the stores, during school hours; there are those who need looking after in this direction.

Whole number of arrests for the year, 108
For Assault and Battery, 9
   " Larceny, 7
   " Intoxication, 26
   " Violation of Liquor Law, 85
   " Assaults and Theats, 2
   " Obtaining money under false pretences, 4
   " Vagrant, 1
   " Burglary, 1
   " Keeping Dog without License, 1
For Aggravated Assault, 2
" Aiding in Escape, 2
" Violation of the Sabbath, 5
" Keeping a Gaming House, 1
" Malicious Mischief, 4
" Throwing Stones and Snow Balls, 3
Liquors seized and delivered to Mayor as follows:—
Gin, Whiskey, Rum and Brandy, 182 gallons.
Ale, 1 barrel,
Ale Bottled, 4 "
Porter 1 "
Number of Dogs Licensed, 73
All of which is respectfully submitted,
A. B. SPURLING, City Marshal.
Ellsworth, March 21st, 1870.