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OF THE

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FOR THE

Year ending March, 1882.
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PORTLAND, ME.: 
PRINTED BY WILLIAM M. MARKS. 
1882.
Report of the Selectmen.

To the inhabitants of the town of Falmouth:

We herewith submit for your consideration a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the town, for the year ending March, 1882.

TAXES ASSESSED, 1881.

<table>
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<tr>
<td>For State tax,</td>
<td>$3,466 44</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; County,</td>
<td>926 26</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; Schools,</td>
<td>$2,000 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; Bridges,</td>
<td>500 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; Town Officers,</td>
<td>400 00</td>
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<td>&quot; Snow Bills,</td>
<td>350 00</td>
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<td>&quot; Contingencies,</td>
<td>500 00</td>
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<td>&quot; Poor,</td>
<td>600 00</td>
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<td>&quot; Out Poor,</td>
<td>400 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; Discount,</td>
<td>300 00</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$5,050 00</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; Overlayings,</td>
<td>365 53</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; Deficient highway tax for 1880,</td>
<td>324 78</td>
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<td>&quot; Supplementary tax,</td>
<td>59 06</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$10,192 07</strong></td>
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VALUATION, 1881.

Real and Personal Estate, $703,500.
Number of Polls, 385.
Rate of taxation, $1.23 on $100.00.
Poll tax, $3.00.
Account of Expenditures.

Appropriation, $400.
Geo. D. York, selectman, assessor and over. of poor, '80, $78 24
Samuel Bell, " " " " " " " 82 80
Stephen Staples, " " " " " " " 53 62
D. F. Small, Treasurer,
30 00
D. F. Small, Collector,
23 16
D. F. Small, Clerk,
7 50
D. F. Small, Constable,
4 50
J. M. Thompson, School Supervisor,
75 00

Balance in favor of the town,
45 18

BRIDGES.

Appropriation, $500 00
John T. Mountford, splitting stone,
$6 56
W. P. Newman, powder,
1 30
A. S. Noyes, powder,
1 05
Thomas Pearson, labor,
9 00
George W. Leighton, labor,
42 00
Amos Leighton, labor,
20 25
Stephen M. Elder, posts and railing,
7 56
W. P. Newman, powder and fuse,
71
Jesse Babidge, splitting stone,
5 68
Charles E. Knight, labor,
18 30
Thomas Pearson, labor,
9 75
Stephen Huston, labor,
26 00
B. F. Hall, hauling stone and labor on bridge,
75 00
W. H. Barker, stone for Fall's bridge, 1880,
10 08
S. M. Latham, labor,
37 30
Berlin Mills Co., 627 feet of plank,
10 03
Samuel Bell, labor,
26 90
J. S. Hobbs, labor,
18 00
Fred O. Whitehouse, labor,
4 80
Samuel Bell, labor,
3 15
Legrow Brothers, plank,
1 34
Granville Hall, stone,
12 50
Stephen Staples, labor,
1 50
George W. Snell, sharpening drills,
90

Balance in favor of the town,
150 34

$354 82
$349 66
CONTINGENCIES.

Appropriation, $500 00

Isaac W. Sholes, making ballot box, 75
W. P. Newman, stationery, 43
E. C. Blanchard, care of town house and wood furnished, 5 00
Wm. M. Marks, printing 400 town reports, 22 50
W. P. Newman, stationery, 47
Dresser, McLellan & Co., books, 13 45
Oliver Hardy, lumber, 2 58
Chas. Cobb, heirs of, office rent, 12 00
Hale Leighton, for gravel, 10 00
Sewell P. Winslow, damage on highway, 2 50
A. L. Burbank, revising shipping list, 2 00
D. F. Small, taxes bought by town, 90 02
A. S. Noyes, printing 100 surveyors’ limits, 1 00
Town of Gray, town, county and school tax on wood lot, 3 12
Portland Publishing Co., advertising non-res. tax, 12 00
Stephen Staples, interest on note, 120 00
George W. Leighton, stove for office, 4 00
D. F. Small, taxes paid on land held by the town, 35 12
D. O. Moulton, for gravel, 1880, 10 60
D. O. Moulton, “ 1881, 10 00
L. S. Washburn, labor on highway, 5 40
A. S. Noyes, stationery, 25
D. F. Small, non-resident taxes bid in by town, 35 50
A. P. Field, labor on highway, 8 27
Richard Mountfort, labor on the highway, 2 25
W. A. Anderson, services as constable, 1 50
W. W. Libby, for gravel, 1880, 6 00
W. W. Libby, “ 1881, 8 00
Granville Hall, “ 1881, 10 00
Granville Hall, damage to plow, 6 00
John S. Colby, highways, 1 40

—— $442 11

Balance in favor of the town, 57 89
SNOW BILLS.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Name</th>
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<tr>
<td>Lorenzo Leighton</td>
<td>20 00</td>
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<td>Amos Leighton</td>
<td>8 18</td>
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<tr>
<td>Alfred Soule</td>
<td>5 47</td>
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<tr>
<td>Levi W. Hadlock</td>
<td>1 42</td>
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<tr>
<td>Geo. O. Knight</td>
<td>27 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>John K. Watts</td>
<td>31 61</td>
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<td>John S. Colley</td>
<td>16 30</td>
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<td>B. J. Adams</td>
<td>8 59</td>
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<td>J. L. Whitehouse</td>
<td>26 40</td>
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<td>Curtis Colley</td>
<td>19 30</td>
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<td>Nathaniel Bowie</td>
<td>2 40</td>
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<td>W. A. Anderson</td>
<td>44 98</td>
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<tr>
<td>George Libby</td>
<td>35 59</td>
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<td>Maurice Huston</td>
<td>8 62</td>
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<tr>
<td>George W. Allen</td>
<td>8 39</td>
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<tr>
<td>L. S. Washburn</td>
<td>16 26</td>
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<tr>
<td>F. O. J. Pride</td>
<td>24 75</td>
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<td>Joseph Knight</td>
<td>26 55</td>
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<td>Oliver Hardy</td>
<td>13 43</td>
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<tr>
<td>A. P. Field</td>
<td>3 75</td>
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<tr>
<td>Stephen Huston</td>
<td>5 63</td>
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<tr>
<td>Leander N. Swett</td>
<td>19 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Alexander Pride</td>
<td>1 80</td>
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<td>Samuel Bell</td>
<td>8 32</td>
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<td>Adam F. Winslow</td>
<td>12 30</td>
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**Total:** $396 04

Balance against the town, 46 04
## OUT POOR.

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<td>Appropriation, $400 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>A. L. Perry, supplies furnished Asa Field, 97 49</td>
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<td>W. S. Oliver &amp; Co., supplies furnished Asa Field, 48 77</td>
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<td>Sargent &amp; York, &quot; J. E. True, 82 60</td>
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<td>Sargent &amp; York, &quot; Geo. F. Libby, 9 97</td>
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<tr>
<td>Leighton &amp; York, expense of taking Wilson Libby to Augusta, 20 85</td>
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<tr>
<td>Geo. D. York, Montreal Telegraph Co., telegram from Augusta, 65</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Maine Insane Hospital for board of Wilson Libby, 14 81</td>
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<tr>
<td>F. C. Dolley, certificate for Wilson Libby, 5 00</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>James M. Bates, &quot; &quot; &quot; &quot; 5 00</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Lucien Ingalls, estate for Asa Fields, 15 50</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Josiah Bailey, for board of Mrs. Roberts, 65 00</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong> $366 31</td>
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<td>Due from Pownal, $9 97</td>
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<td>Balance in favor of the town, $43 66</td>
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## DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

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<tr>
<td>Appropriation, $300 00</td>
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<td>Amount allowed W. A. Anderson, 346 39</td>
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<td><strong>Balance against the town</strong>, $46 39</td>
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## TAXES ABATED FOR 1881.

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<tr>
<td>On list of W. A. Anderson, $10 89</td>
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Report of the Overseers of the Poor.

TOWN FARM IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN.

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<th>Appropriation,</th>
<th>$600 00</th>
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<tr>
<td>Dr.</td>
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<tr>
<td>To W. P. Newman, for supplies,</td>
<td>$191 09</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A. S. Noyes,</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>John K. Watts, balance on cow,</td>
<td>15 20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Samuel Bell, 2 swine,</td>
<td>13 00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C. E. Winslow, 1 range,</td>
<td>3 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mark O. Morrill, received on salary,</td>
<td>187 50</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; &quot; balance on salary,</td>
<td>62 50</td>
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<tr>
<td>F. W. Jenney, labor haying,</td>
<td>35 50</td>
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<tr>
<td>George Adams, &quot; &quot;</td>
<td>75</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oscar Reed, 1 shoat,</td>
<td>6 24</td>
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<tr>
<td>1 plow,</td>
<td>4 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Nathaniel Bowie, service of bull,</td>
<td>4 50</td>
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<tr>
<td>Edward Merrill, sawing lumber,</td>
<td>4 10</td>
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<tr>
<td>Goods bought off the farm,</td>
<td>59 98</td>
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<tr>
<td>George W. Snell, blacksmith work,</td>
<td>16 75</td>
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<td>$735 54</td>
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<td>By Produce sold and labor off the farm.</td>
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<tr>
<td>708 lbs. butter,</td>
<td>$164 83</td>
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<td>550 3-4 galls. milk,</td>
<td>69 75</td>
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<tr>
<td>329 dozen eggs,</td>
<td>60 65</td>
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<tr>
<td>87 lbs. chickens,</td>
<td>13 11</td>
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<tr>
<td>12 bush. potatoes,</td>
<td>11 85</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11 11-62 bush. beans,</td>
<td>28 20</td>
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<tr>
<td>1 bush. onions,</td>
<td>1 00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>straw,</td>
<td>12 18</td>
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<tr>
<td>fresh hay,</td>
<td>19 29</td>
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<tr>
<td>5 bush. apples,</td>
<td>3 75</td>
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<tr>
<td>scythe and tobacco sold to Jenney,</td>
<td>90</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 calf skin,</td>
<td>40</td>
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<tr>
<td>2 meals,</td>
<td>25</td>
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<tr>
<td>1 veal calf,</td>
<td>3 50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 oil barrel,</td>
<td>40</td>
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<tr>
<td>sundries,</td>
<td>1 72</td>
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<tr>
<td>labor performed off farm,</td>
<td>97 50</td>
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<td>---</td>
<td>$489 28</td>
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Balance in favor of the farm, $353 74
BILLS PAID FOR POOR FARM FOR 1880.

Mark O. Morrill, $358 75

There are now at the Almshouse, Freeman Grant, Francis Blair, John Whitney, John E. Mailard, and Lydia Allen. Greatest number of inmates in the Almshouse during the year 5, present number 5, average number, 4 1-2.

Inventory of stock and produce on farm:—2 oxen, 4 cows, 1 two year old, 2 swine, 30 hens, 40 bush. potatoes, 8 tons english hay, 1 ton fresh hay, 1-2 ton straw, 150 lb. shorts, 2 bush. meal, 2 bush. corn, 11 bush. barley, 6 bush. y. e. beans, 3-4 bush. white beans, 1-2 bush. cranberry, do 70 lbs. lard, 4 lbs. butter, 15 lbs. ham, 10 lbs. dried apples, 4 galls. molasses, 2-3 bbl. flour, 10 lbs. sugar, 1 lb. tea, 1 lb. saleratus, 1 lb. coffee, 3 bars soap, 2 bbls. pork, 2 bush. beets.

Additions made to farming tools and household articles:—1 bush. basket, 1 bail, do 1 rake, 1 shovel, 1 manure fork, 1 wood saw, 1 auger, 1 plow, 1 stove, 1 butter firkin, 2 hoes, 1 tie chain, 1 comforter, 8 towels.

At the commencement of the year we made an inventory of all the stock produce, farming tools, household articles, groceries and lumber, at the Almshouse at a cash value. We have done likewise at the close of the year and find an increase of $74.14.

GEORGE D. YORK, AMOS LEIGHTON, STEPHEN STAPLES, Overseers of the Poor of Falmouth.

SUMS RECOMMENDED TO BE RAISED.

For Schools, $1800 00
" Highways, 2500 00
" Bridges, 400 00
" Town Officers, 400 00
" Poor, 500 00
" Out Poor, 400 00
" Snow Bills, 400 00
" Contingencies, 500 00
" Discount, 350 00

GEORGE D. YORK, AMOS LEIGHTON, STEPHEN STAPLES, Selectmen of Falmouth.
Treasurer's Report.

Herewith is submitted the annual report of the receipts and expenditures of the town of Falmouth, for the year ending March, 1882, with its present financial condition.

**RECEIPTS.**

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<td>Cash on hand</td>
<td>$2,920 64</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>from Deering</td>
<td>155 32</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>A. F. Winslow</td>
<td>1 00</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>C. Rice</td>
<td>8 13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>May 18</td>
<td>C. Rice</td>
<td>8 13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>June 6</td>
<td>L. F. Adams</td>
<td>74 80</td>
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<tr>
<td>July 1</td>
<td>Hiram Fields' estate</td>
<td>34 50</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Caroline Libby</td>
<td>9 38</td>
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<td></td>
<td>J. M. Anderson's heirs</td>
<td>54 36</td>
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<td>Aug. 15</td>
<td>C. Rice</td>
<td>8 13</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sept. 3</td>
<td>Margaret A. Field</td>
<td>125 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Oct. 8</td>
<td>Mill tax</td>
<td>541 74</td>
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<td>School Fund</td>
<td>215 50</td>
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<td>L. F. Adams</td>
<td>102 20</td>
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<td>Nov. 7</td>
<td>W. A. Anderson, taxes, 1881</td>
<td>4,237 44</td>
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<td>C. Rice</td>
<td>8 15</td>
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<tr>
<td>Dec. 16</td>
<td>Margaret A. Field</td>
<td>44 31</td>
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<td>Jan. 2</td>
<td>J. C. Humphrey</td>
<td>8 17</td>
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<td>Feb. 15</td>
<td>C. Rice</td>
<td>8 13</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Bela Blanchard</td>
<td>55</td>
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<td>M. O. Morrill, for the year</td>
<td>276 71</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Tax bills, 1879 in full</td>
<td>623 42</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>1880</td>
<td>2,727 00</td>
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**Total:** $12,192 71
EXPENDITURES.

April 4. Paid town orders, $1,510 34
  " 4. " on state tax, 1,000 00
May 2. " Town orders, 397 74
June 6. " " 424 75
Aug. 4. " State tax, 2,447 07
Oct. 3. " Town orders, 1,025 76
Nov. 7. " " 665 00
Dec. 5. " " 450 10

1882.
Jan. 2. " " 412 79
Feb. 16. " " 558 38
" " Cash on hand, 3,800 78

$12,192 71

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

Cash on hand, $3,800 78
Due on notes, 765 42
  " from Pownal, 9 98
  " State, 787 57
  " W. A. Anderson, 4,671 07
  " Tax bills of 1880, 1,465 00
  " Tax deeds estimated, 100 00

$11,099 82

LIABILITIES.

Due to schools, $ 921 13
  " on notes, 2,513 30
  " State tax of 1881, 3,466 44
  " G. D. York, 65 00
  " Amos Leighton, 68 25
  " Stephen Staples, 51 00
  " D. F. Small. Clerk, 7 40
  " Treasurer, 30 00
  " Collector, 4 50
  " H. J. Merrill, 70 00
  " Bela Blanchard, 2 00
  " M. O. Morrill, 62 50
  " W. A. Anderson, 55 00
  " Outstanding orders, 40 00

$7,356 52

Balance in favor of town, 3,748 30

$11,099 82
W. A. ANDERSON, Collector.

In account with the town.

1881.

July 4. To total commitment, $10,192 07

Aug. 24. By cash, $125 00
Oct. 7. " " 450 00
Nov. 7. " " 3662 44
" " " county tax paid, 926 26
" " " discount, 346 89

1882.

Feb. 16. " abatements, 10 89

$5,520 98

4,671 09

Respectfully submitted,

D. F. SMALL, Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of D. F. Small, treasurer and collector, and find them correct and properly vouched.

BELA BLANCHARD, Auditor.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of D. F. Small, treasurer and collector, and find them correct and properly vouched.

AMOS LEIGHTON, Selectmen of Falmouth.

STEPHEN STAPLES, Selectmen of Falmouth.
Gentlemen:—In reviewing the work of our schools since the issue of the report one year ago, I find that no changes of importance have occurred. Progress has been made in many directions and, with two exceptions, as good results have attended the efforts of our teachers as could reasonably be expected. I am happy to note that harmony and good will have prevailed between teacher and scholars, to all appearance in every instance. Without further remark I will proceed to relate such common place circumstances and events as may be of interest, giving an outline of our work during the year.

Amount of money raised by the Town, $2000.00
" " School Fund and Mill Tax, 787.57

AGENTS.

The agents chosen by the several districts have performed their duties as required, and well, unless it be in some cases in the selection of teachers or a too frequent change. Some agents fail to secure the best teachers to be had for the place and money. None claim such knowledge as would fit them to select the best teachers and, while doing their best, often make mistakes. Again, the circumstances attending the election of some to office sometimes produces discord in the district. In such a case the best teacher fails to give satisfaction. The agent employs. The Committee or Supervisor is held responsible by law and public sentiment for the success of the school. The power and responsibility are separated. Would such a separation prove successful in a business point of view? Let that man be school agent who can and will give all the
time needed to meet the wants of the district, then let him be sustained by every citizen of the district and there will be less school money wasted.

DISTRICTS.

Former Supervisors have recommended that the smaller districts be united with the larger ones next adjoining them. The advice has not been heeded and for many reasons it seems to me would not be the best thing to do. There has been no great difference in the length of the schools. The smallest school has been taught 6½ months by a graduate from Gorham Normal School, and the largest school has received only 7 months "schooling." One great need in our small schools is apparatus that the work may be more thorough. In this the larger schools excel. I am sorry to say that only four (4) districts are provided with a dictionary and five (5) with a globe. Six only have maps of any kind and one has charts. A great stride in the right direction would be to supply this want. A small outlay each year would do this.

TEACHERS.

Twenty one (21) teachers have been employed the past year in our schools; 8 male, 13 female. Four (4) districts have retained the same teacher through the school year. Praise is due the majority of our teachers but when a teacher is retained only one term much time is lost in getting a start and results cannot be fairly estimated. As teachers, we little understand our calling when we suppose it to be merely a teaching of book-knowledge. Natural as well as acquired abilities, coupled with a good moral character, control of what he knows, and the ability to communicate it to others, uniform temper, patience, forbearance, decision, and firmness, tact to illustrate the studies of the school, and show the value of knowledge, to discern character, and a love for the profession are essential for success.
The teacher forms principles, establishes habits and moulds character. His influence is felt no less in the moral than in the mental part. The production of pure and noble characters are a greater and better work for the future than noble intellect without character. "Who can meet and sustain such responsibility." Let the teacher well consider. If the good of a school can be promoted by continuing the same teacher do not change a certainty for an uncertainty. A successful teacher should be retained as long as possible that the advancement made in one term may be continued into and through the next. If the children are receiving good instruction,—keep it. Six weeks of good school is better than any amount of poor.

SCHOLARS.

The whole number of scholars in the town is 439. The number attending school 310. Average age of scholars registered 11 years. Do not the scholars in the town of Falmouth graduate too young? Have they acquired what they should know to become men? The attendance and deportment of the scholars throughout the town during the year has been excellent. By the outline report, you may see that in some schools $\frac{1}{4}$ of all the scholars have been in attendance every half day.

PARENTS.

The whole number of visits during the year by citizens has been 331.

Our common schools, where three-fourths of the children receive all their education, can claim and ought to receive the true, unprejudiced interest of all parents having children who do or should attend the same. Comparatively few send their children away to school, then it must be our district school, such as it is or such as you can make it, that shall fit them for business or whatever positions in life awaits them. In such a country as ours where the government itself rests upon the
intelligence and integrity of the people let not a lack of the right sort of interest on the part of parents, be a hindrance to success. Let the attention of the parents be turned toward the instruction of their children, let the whole community be alive to the necessity of having better schools for the education of the youth and better supervision, parental as well as official, then good teachers will put forth their best efforts, and poor ones may seek other employment.

SUPERVISOR.

The number of visits made by me have been 58 official and 8 "neighborly calls." You are all aware of the change in school books effected by me. I herewith give my reasons for the change:

1st. To secure to our town uniformity.

2nd. To secure, without expense to the scholars, new books for their old ones. New books (issued 1881) worth at wholesale over $300 have been exchanged for all the books in town of whatever series or edition.

3rd. To reduce the number of classes and secure better classification. Many who could hardly afford to purchase new books and "new comers," having stray books have become possessors of new books and so classified.

Greenleaf's Arithmetics have been used in some of our schools ten years. Some teachers knowing this series by heart, advocate its continuance and oppose the change. The reason is obvious. They seldom have to look into a book to assign or prepare a lesson; and mechanical teaching results, as a rule. When the teacher is compelled to exercise his brain to solve the problems, the explanations will be with a clearer knowledge and understanding than is possible from memorization. The same is true among our older scholars. The habit of brushing lightly over lessons is noticeable in some schools. The teacher does not explain sufficiently, and the scholars fail to understand the "reason of things." More practical teaching and more system is needed. The work is broad and demands
the careful attention of every citizen. On it depends the future welfare of our town, state and nation. In criticizing, let us be just, for it is easier to pull down than build up.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY J. MERRILL,
Supervisor of Schools.

OUTLINE REPORT BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICT NO. 1.—SILAS SKILLIN, AGENT.

Amount of school money, $251 37

Whole number of scholars in the District, 49. Spring term, Alma M. Brackett, teacher. Length of school, 9 weeks. Wages of teacher including board, $7.50, per week.

Whole number of scholars attending school, 24
Average number, 20
Number not absent \( \frac{1}{2} \) day, 1

Winter term, Alma M. Brackett, teacher. Length of school, 14 weeks. Wages of teacher, including board, $10.00 per week.

Whole number of scholars attending school, 34
Average number, 25
Number not absent \( \frac{1}{2} \) day, 2

DISTRICT NO. 2—HENRY K. NORTON, AGENT.

Amount of school money, $261 63

Whole number of scholars in the District, 51. Spring term, Georgie Wells, teacher. No returns received.

Fall term, Olive H. Merrill, teacher. Length of school, 8 weeks. Wages of teacher including board, $9.50 per week.

Whole number of scholars attending school, 34
Average number, 27
Number not absent \( \frac{1}{2} \) day, 4
Winter term, E. H. Ramsdell, teacher. Length of school 12 weeks. Wages of teacher $40.00 per month.
Whole number of scholars attending school, 39
Average number, 33
Number not absent \( \frac{1}{2} \) day, 7

DISTRICT NO. 3.—JOHN S. COLLEY, AGENT.

Amount of school money, $328 32
Whole number of scholars in the District, 64. Spring term, Julia M. Thompson, teacher. Length of school, 8 weeks. Wages of teacher, including board, $8.00 per week.
Whole number of scholars attending school, 39
Average number, 28
Number not absent \( \frac{1}{2} \) day, 4

Fall term, Julia M. Thompson, teacher. Length of school, 8 weeks. Wages of teacher, including board, $8.00 per week.
Whole number of scholars attending school, 40
Average number, 34
Number not absent \( \frac{1}{2} \) day, 10

Winter term, D. O. Moulton, teacher. Length of school 13 weeks. Wages of teacher, including board, $50.00 per month.
Whole number of scholars attending school, 37
Average number, 35
Number not absent \( \frac{1}{2} \) day, 5

We hail the return of our respected teacher of the past and earnestly hope that his labors may be continued among us.

DISTRICT NO. 4.—ARTHUR BUCKMAN, AGENT.

Amount of school money, $204 29
Whole number of scholars in the District, 31. Spring term, Anna C. Colley, teacher. Length of school, 10 weeks. Wages of teacher, including board, $6.00 per week.
Whole number of scholars attending school, 19
Average number, 15
Number not absent \( \frac{1}{2} \) day, 2
Fall term, Anna C. Colley, teacher. Length of school 10 weeks. Wages of teacher, including board, $6.00 per week. Whole number of scholars attending school, 24 Average number, 20 Number not absent $\frac{1}{2}$ day, 3

Winter term, Anna C. Colley, teacher. Length of school, 10 weeks. Wages of teacher, including board, $7.00 per week. Whole number of scholars attending school, 18 Average number, 16 Number not absent $\frac{1}{2}$ day, 6

District No. 5.—Alonzo Knight, Agent.

Amount of school money, $282.15
Whole number of scholars in the district, 55. Spring term, Henry J. Merrill, teacher. Length of school, 10 weeks. Wages of teacher, including board, $40.00 per month. Whole number of scholars attending school, 31 Average number, 25 Number not absent $\frac{1}{2}$ day, 5

Winter term, Henry J. Merrill, teacher. Length of school, 15 weeks. Wages of teacher, including board, $40.00 per month. Whole number of scholars attending school, 35 Average number, 28 Number not absent $\frac{1}{2}$ day, 6

District No. 6.—Albert Winslow, Agent.

Amount of school money, $179.99
Whole number of scholars in the District, 26. Summer term, Hattie Locke, teacher. Length of school, 9 weeks. Wages of teacher, including board, $6.00 per week. Whole number of scholars attending school, 14 Average number, 11 Number not absent $\frac{1}{2}$ day, 2

Winter term, W. A. Anderson, teacher. Length of school,
14 weeks. Wages of teacher, including board, $40.00 per month.
Whole number of scholars attending school, 15
Average number, 13
Number not absent \(\frac{1}{2}\) day, 5

DISTRICT No. 7.—J. W. Huston, Agent.

Amount of school money, $323 19

Whole number of scholars in the District, 63. Spring term, Miss S. C. Hutchinson, teacher. Length of school, 7 weeks. Wages of teacher, including board, $9.00 per week.
Whole number of scholars attending school, 35
Average number, 29
Number not absent \(\frac{1}{2}\) day, 9

Fall term, F. B. Blanchard, teacher. Length of school, 12 weeks. Wages of teacher, including board, $40.00 per month.
Whole number of scholars attending school, 36
Average number, 30
Number not absent \(\frac{1}{2}\) day, 1

Winter term, F. B. Blanchard, teacher. Length of school, 9 weeks. Wages of teacher, including board, $40.00 per month.
Whole number of scholars attending school, 38
Average number, 33

DISTRICT No. 8.—Ira Winn, Agent.

Amount of school money, $150 87
Whole number of scholars in the District, 20. Spring term, Jenny A. Dow, teacher. Length of school, 10 weeks. Wages of teacher, including board, $5.00 per week.
Whole number of scholars attending school, 14
Average number, 11
Number not absent \(\frac{1}{2}\) day, 1

Winter term, Jennie A. Dow, teacher. Length of school, 16 weeks. Wages of teacher, including board, $6.25 per week.
Whole number of scholars attending school, 13
Average number, 11
DISTRICT No. 9.

Addison Leighton, teacher.

Amount of school money, $236 23
Whole number of scholars in the District, 46. Spring term,
Margie A. Knowles, teacher. Length of school, 10 weeks.
Wages of teacher, including board, $6.50 per week.
Whole number of scholars attending school, 24
Average number, 19
Number not absent $\frac{1}{2}$ day, 3

Winter term, Irving Merrill, teacher. Length of school, 14 weeks. Wages of teacher, including board, $38.00 per month.
Whole number of scholars attending school, 29
Average number, 26
Number not absent $\frac{1}{2}$ day, 10

DISTRICT No. 10.—WILLIAM E. GRAHAM, AGENT.

Amount of school money, $179 99
Whole number scholars in the District, 26. Spring term,
Miss S. E. Brackett, teacher. Length of school, 8 weeks.
Wages of teacher, including board, $5.00 per week.
Whole number of scholars attending school, 12
Average number, 10
Number not absent $\frac{1}{2}$ day, 1

Winter term, W. M. Austin, teacher. Length of school, 13 weeks. Wages of teacher, including board, $37.00 per month.
Whole number of scholars attending school, 14
Average number, 10
Number not absent $\frac{1}{2}$ day, 1

DISTRICT No. 11.—PEREZ BABIDGE, AGENT.

Amount of school money, $204 29
Whole number of scholars in the District, 31. Spring term,
Annie L. Gowen, teacher. Length of school, 9 weeks. Wages of teacher, including board, $7.00 per week.
Whole number of scholars attending school, 20
Average number, 17
Winter term, Edwin R. Cobb, teacher. Length of school, 10 weeks. Wages of teacher, including board, $38.00 per month.
Whole number of scholars attending school, 21
Average number, 19
Number not absent $\frac{1}{2}$ day, 5

District No. 12.—Benj. S. Huston, Agent.
Amount of school money, $185 25
Whole number of scholars in the District, 27. Spring term, Ida M. Washburn, teacher. Length of school, 9 weeks. Wages of teacher, including board, $6.00 per week.
Whole number scholars attending school, 20
Average number, 19
Number not absent $\frac{1}{2}$ day, 9

Fall term, Annie M. Leighton, teacher. Length of school, 8 weeks. Wages of teacher, including board, $6.50 per week.
Whole number of scholars attending school, 18
Average number, 17
Number not absent $\frac{1}{2}$ day, 8

Winter term, Annie M. Leighton, teacher. Length of school, 11 weeks. Wages of teacher, including board, $6.50 per week.
Whole number attending school, 18
Average number, 17
Number not absent $\frac{1}{2}$ day, 3