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TOWN OF MANCHESTER.


SCHOOL FUNDS.
Appropriated by Town,..................$750 00
Funds from State,..........................334 08
Balance from last year,..................424 30

$1,508 38

Orders drawn after March meeting,..............408 36

Balance,.....................................$1,100 02

EXPENDITURES.

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$1,100 02 Due School Districts,......$195 91

HIGHWAYS.
Appropriated in labor, ....................$1,000 00

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Executed: $105 40

Excess: $605 40
SUPPORT OF POOR.

Appropriation, ............................................ $350 00

Expended.

Mrs. L. M. Newell, for Ruel Smith, (4 qrs.) $99 12
C. C. Cummings, for David Morgan, (1 qr.) 26 25
Mrs. Ann H. Cummings, “ “ (3 qrs.) 82 50
Insane Hospital, for Timothy Higgins, ............. 58 11

$265 98

Balance, ............................................... $84 02

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Appropriation, ............................................ $75 00
Uncollected Highway Tax of last year, ................. 136 70

Total, ................................................. $211 70

Expended.

L. R. Sanford, labor on highway, ...................... $9 66
Virgil Scribner, “ “ “ ............................. 3 50
G. W. Cottle, “ “ “ ................................. 6 00
E. L. Eaton, for road scrapers, ...................... 17 00
S. P. Bolden, repairs on Outlet Bridge, ............... 7 60
Albert Knowles, plank for Wade Bridge, .......... 12 36
G. N. Page, repairs on Wade Bridge, ................ 4 00
C. B. Collins, planking Beaver Dam Bridge, ........ 8 00
R. Packard, damages to plow on highway, ............ 5 00
H. S. Young, logs for culvert, ....................... 2 00

$75 12

Balance, ............................................... $136 58

INCIDENTAL CHARGES.

Appropriated, ............................................ $250 00

Expended.

W. A. Newcombe, auditing accounts, ................... $6 00
Horace North, blank books, .......................... 2 00
Sprague & Son, printing reports, ..................... 11 50
Loring Farr, services as Supervisor last year, ........ 33 05
C. W. Crowell, damages on highway, ................... 15 00
G. H. Kilbreth, services as Town Clerk,.............$5 00
County Treas., witness fees in case T. Lyon et als,.....10 44
William Torrence, care of hearse,.................$3 00
I. W. Hawkes, services as Selectman, &c.,...........42 75
S. Kilbreth, “ “..........................34 00
Edwin Caldwell, “ “................................29 50
I. W. Hawkes, services as Supervisor of Schools,......32 00
J. G. Sampson, “ Constable,........................5 00
J. G. Sampson, Collector’s commissions,............65 10

$294 34

Excess,......................................$44 34

INTEREST ON TOWN DEBT.

Appropriated, .......................................$125 00
Paid interest in part, ................................42 00
Balance,...........................................$83 00

GENERAL SUMMARY.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Schools, ...........................................$750 00
Support of poor, ....................................350 00
Roads and bridges, ..................................75 00
Incidental charges, ..................................250 00
Breaking snow, ......................................500 00
Interest on town debt................................125 00

$2,050 00

State tax, ...........................................1,312 20
County tax, ...........................................450 07

$3,812 27

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.

School fund and mill tax, 1882, ......................$334 08
Overlay, ............................................67 06
Uncollected highway tax of 1881.........................136 70
Rent of hall, ........................................9 00

$546 84

Total..............................................$4,359 11
EXPENDITURES.

Assigned to schools, $1,084.08
Support of Poor, $265.98
Roads and bridges, $75.12
Incidental charges, $294.34
Breaking snow, $605.40
Interest on debt, $42.00
Abatements, $31.55
Paid balance of State tax for 1881, $1,051.20
" part " 1882, $200.00
" County tax for 1882, $450.07

$4,099.54

Balance, $259.57

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

J. G. Sampson in account with the town of Manchester.

Dr.
To cash from Collector of 1879, $37.86
" " 1880-1-2, $2,073.16
" Treasurer of 1881, $216.52
Rent of hall, $9.00
School funds from the State, $301.85

$2,638.39

Cr.
Paid Selectmen's orders, $1,016.65
" School orders, $1,243.14
" Overseers' orders, $265.98
Cash on hand, $112.62

$2,638.39

GENERAL STATEMENT.

NOTES OUTSTANDING.

Abigail Sanford, $700.00
John Hammond, $300.00
William Fifield, $475.00
John Whitten, $450.00
Town debt, $1,925.00
Due on State tax, $1,112.20
Due school districts, $195.91
Outstanding bills (estimated) $200.00

$3,433.11
Assets.

School fund due from State, $334.08
Cash in hands of Treasurer, 56.84
Uncollected taxes of 1880, 20.64
" " 1881, 363.94
" " 1882, 2,366.74

$3,142.24

Balance against the town, $290.87

Amount of inventory, $218,061.00
Number of polls, 141
Rate, 16.1 mills

Respectfully submitted.

I. WARREN HAWKES, 
SULLIVAN KILBRETH, 
EDWIN CALDWELL, 
Selectmen of Manchester.

MANCHESTER, Feb. 27th, 1883.

DISTRICT NO. 1.—CHARLES WING, Agent.

A Summer Term of eight weeks was taught by Ettie F. Jackson, of West Gardiner. The average attendance was, for this district, unusually good. Miss Jackson is an earnest worker, and the closing examination furnished satisfactory evidence that she had faithfully performed her duties in her connection with this school. Whole number in attendance 19; average 17.

For the Fall Term of eight weeks the agent was fortunate in securing the services of Viola D. Howe, of Whitefield. Miss Howe had previously taught fifteen terms of school, and was amply qualified for the work before her. Never, perhaps, has a teacher in our public schools labored more assiduously for the advancement of her pupils. Apart from the regular hours of study her mind and time were largely devoted to the improvement of her school. The result was a term of unusual interest and profit. At its close the sentiment of parents and scholars appeared to be unanimous that she be employed for the winter school. Whole number in attendance 25; average 21.

This term of twelve weeks, although less marked in its results, was profitable. There was ample evidence of earnest, faithful labor on the part of the teacher, and good progress in the different branches of study pursued. To conduct a winter school like this,—made up of pupils of all ages from five years to twenty-one—of all grades of scholarship and all grades of character (within district school limits) requires a rare amount of both tact and patience. It is possible that in her management of this school Miss Howe may have sometimes erred in judgment, it is certain that she faithfully performed the important duties entrusted to her, and well earned the wages that she received. Whole number in attendance 31; average 26.
DISTRICT No. 2.—H. E. Farr, Agent.

A Summer School of seven weeks for the benefit of the "little folks," was taught by May H. Wingate of this town. It was a pleasant and profitable school. The interest of the pupils was manifest by their regular attendance. Six of them were not absent a half day. Whole number in attendance 7.

The Winter School was taught by Phebe Wing, of Fairfield. She came to this place with the reputation of being a first-class teacher, and sustained that character in her connection with this school. Miss Wing is one of those working teachers, whose plans for each day are perfected at home and systematically carried out in the school-room. Oral instruction was an interesting feature of the school exercises. Length of term 12 weeks. Whole number in attendance 16; average 15. Nine pupils in this school were not absent a half day.

DISTRICT No. 3.—George Wadsworth, Agent.

The Summer School was to have been eight weeks, taught by Eva R. Keith, a student from Kent's Hill. I was much pleased with its appearance at my first visit; the teacher was well qualified, energetic, and deeply interested in her work. During the five weeks she was unexpectedly summoned home, and the school closed without examination. Length of term 5 weeks. Whole number 6; average 5.

The Winter Term was taught by Anna Huntoon, of Hallowell. Sickness and other causes reduced this little school to two pupils. It is due to them, and their teacher, to say that they passed a splendid examination—not excelled by any scholars in town.

DISTRICT No. 4.—S. P. Bolden, Agent.

The Summer School was taught by Viola V. Carter, of Farmingdale. Miss Carter was young and inexperienced, but succeeded well in this, her first attempt at teaching. The school appeared to be under good discipline, and the progress made was all that could be reasonably expected, considering the irregularity of attendance; this has become so much a chronic habit with many of the pupils that it would be hardly just to blame the teacher for it. Length of school 8 weeks. Whole number 19; average 12.

The Fall Term was taught by Ettie F. Jackson, of West Gardiner.
There was some improvement in average attendance over the previous term. Good order was maintained. In short my report may be condensed into one brief sentence: it was a good school. Length of school 8 weeks. Whole number 15; average 12.

The Winter Term was commenced by Harry B. Williams, of Gardiner. After a session of four weeks it was suspended by reason of sickness among the pupils. A vacation of six weeks followed, during which the teacher (on the plea of ill health) cancelled his engagement with the district. The school was re-opened and has been in progress two weeks, under the charge of James T. Collins of this town. At a recent visit I found sixteen pupils, who appeared well employed, and under a faithful, conscientious teacher. I predict a profitable term. Number registered, 18.

District No. 5.—A. W. Palmer, Agent.

A Summer Term for the smaller scholars was taught by Ella S. Palmer, of this town. Miss Palmer was faithful in the discharge of her duties, and her pupils made good improvement under her instruction. Length of term eight weeks. Whole number 8; average 6.

Both Fall and Winter Terms were taught by Miss Addie H. Dana, a graduate from the Augusta High School. It was her first attempt, and successful. The school prospered under her care. All united in support of the school and its accomplished young teacher, and will unite with me in praise of her work. Fall Term seven weeks. Whole number 11; average 10. Winter Term eight weeks. Whole number 14; average 10.

District No. 6.—Albert Knowles, Agent.

In this district there were three terms; a Spring Term of five weeks—a Fall Term of seven weeks, and a Winter Term of twelve weeks—each taught by Gardiner M. Knowles, of this town. Mr. Knowles is a good scholar, and passed an excellent examination; but considering the past record of the school the employment of a citizen of the district as teacher seemed a hazardous experiment, especially for the winter term. It resulted, however, favorably. The schools were visited seven times in the course of the three terms, and the closing examination of the winter term was the most satisfactory of them all. The pupils had evidently made good im-
The reading classes especially gave evidence of careful training. Spring Term, whole number 15; average, 12. Fall Term, whole number 21; average 13. Winter Term, whole number 24; average 20.

DISTRICT No. 7.—NATHANIEL GILMAN, Agent.

In this district a Winter School was taught by Stella M. Phillips, of Belgrade. It was her first experience as teacher, and attended with very fair success. With only three pupils and eight weeks' schooling in the year, it would be unreasonable to expect the same results as appear in our larger and more favored schools. Were a part of the school funds now used in this district given to the three sturdy boys who compose the school, as traveling fees to No. 6, and the balance applied to the benefit of the school in that district, it would in my judgment be a decided improvement over the present arrangement.

Four scholars not included in any district, draw their proportional part of the school funds and are being educated out of town. As indicated by the reports herewith submitted, the character of our schools for the past year has been good. Agents have been careful in their selection of teachers, and no complaint has been lodged with your supervisor against teacher or pupil. Irregular attendance still detracts from the usefulness of our public schools. It is an evil that can only be removed by the united efforts of parents and teachers. I am happy to say that the longstanding and perplexing trouble in No. 4 as to legal rights in school property has been harmoniously settled, leaving the district in undisputed possession of one of the best appointed school-houses in town. Most of our school-houses are now comparatively new, and all except the dilapidated structure in No. 7 are in good condition. As appears by official reports very few towns in this State are as liberal in their appropriations for the cause of education, and all that we need is a judicious selection of teachers, careful supervision, and a healthy home influence to insure the best results from our public schools.

I. WARREN HAWKES, Supervisor.

Manchester, Feb. 26, 1883.