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# SELECTMEN'S REPORT FOR 1885,

RECEIPTS. Remaining in hands of treasurer for 1884, " " William Fowler,		\$827.88
collector, 1884, Amount committed to Frank P.	860.46	
Ricker for collection for 1885, Dog tax,	5629.72	
School-house tax in District No. 7,	65.00 183.02	248.02
RECEIVED OF STATE TRE	A CLIDED	240.02
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Insurance tax, Railroad "	\$9.00 166.43	
Savings bank tax, Literary Fund,	864.27 107.36	
Bounty on 190 woodchucks,	19.00	1166.06
RECEIVED OF COUNTY COMMISSION	EDC	1100100
Support of Eliza A. Cotton,	\$65.00	
Osum Dowst.	59.15	
Mrs. S. Batchelder,	121.60	
Louisa A. Randall,	104.00	
Lemuel E. Hanscomb,	159.60	
Hannah Marden,	58.00	
Josiah D. Howe,	69.22	
Transient person,	8.25	
Received of Albert Pickard by note,307.70		644.82
" Ben. B. Yeaton, highway		
tax, 1885,	3.74	
" Wm. Fowler, in interest on		
taxes, list 1884,	23.41	
" F. P. Ricker, in interest on		
taxes, list 1885,	7.01	
, =000,		34.16
Total amount of receipts,		\$9718.82

# 4 EXPENDITURES.

	EAFENDITURES.	
March 28,	Paid Mrs. S. C. G. Avery, services	
	as Supt. School Committee,	\$36.00
April	Alonzo Wallace, end of note,	531.16
" 24	J. B. Sanborn, town supplies,	8.32
	Evans & Sleeper, printing town	
	reports,	22.00
	Free Baptist Society, interest or	
	note,	32.44
	Z. Leighton, one-half cord wood	32.11
	for J. D. Hovve,	2.00
	William Goss, for public watering	2.00
		3.00
	trough in 1884,	
	Z. Leighton for one sheep killed	
	by dogs,	3.00
	T. F. Kelly, shoveling snow in	2.50
	Dist. No. 9,	2.50
	Lucian Heath, breaking roads	10.50
	in Dist. No. 10,	12.50
	Ben. Bickford, repairing roads	
	in Dist. No. 16,	4.36
	J. Lawrence, breaking roads,	3.00
May 12,	J. Y. Mugridge's estate for le	
	gal services,	148.30
	N. W. Bean, medical service,	
	J. D. Howe,	12.05
	John H. Dolbeer, for services	
	as supervisor, auditing ac	
	counts and breaking roads,	6.80
May 13,	S. T. Page, for breaking roads	
	in Dist. No. 24,	7.69
	Rufus S. Marden, for care of J.	
	D. Howe,	22.50
	Geo. H. Rand, repairing road	
	in Dist. No; 5,	7.50
	Sam. Bickford, for Memorial	
	Service,	50.00
	Geo. W. Ham, work on high	
	ways,	3.00
June 5,	John S. Philbrick, for work on	
	road in Dist. No. 8,	9.87
	Addison S. Davis, for work on	
	north-east road,	3.00
Aug. 31,	Albert Pickard, note, 30	7.70
Sept. 5,	J. D. Blake, damage to horse,	40.00
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		Dist. 110. 1, cutting ice,	2.30	
		Dist. No. 1, cutting ice,	2.30	
Dist. No. 1, cutting ice, 2.36				

Nov. 28,	Paid William P. Babb, for work on road in Dist. No. 9,	3.75	
	John Wheeler, M. D., death	3.73	
	certificate for Almira J.		
	Page,	.25	
	Abby I. Haines, for board of		
	Eliza A. Cotton,	30.00	
	William Fowler, on note in		
	School District No. 8,	35.00	
	Geo. W. Batchelder, for work	26.50	
	on road in Dist. No. 2, James Baker, for care of	36.50	
	Lemuel E. Hanscomb,	120.00	
	James A. Bryant, note in full,	115.26	
	Mary A. Evans, on note,	1000.00	
	H. O. Wells, for breaking and	1000.00	
	repairing roads in 1884 and		
	1885,	15.18	
Feb. 19.	John T. Cotterell, school mon		
	ey for Dist. No. 1,	168.86	
	Horace B. Sherburne, school		
	money for Dist. No. 2,	113.83	
	James H. Tripp, school mon	67.60	
	ey for Dist. No. 3, Horace Fowler, school money	67.60	
	for Dist. No. 4,	155.55	
	James Yeaton, school money	133.33	
	for Dist. No. 5,	63.50	
	Edwin C. Emerson, school		
	money for Dist. No. 6,		
	(union),	44.00	
	Robert C. Brown, school		
	money for Dist. No. 7,	95.33	
	Phillip Fowler, school money	50.07	
	for Dist. No. 8,	59.07	
	J. C. Brown, school money for Dist. No. 9,	100.05	
	Geo. C. Knowles, school	100.03	
	money for Dist. No. 10,	64.47	
	Geo. E. Ordway, school	,	
	money for Dist. No. n,		
	(union.)	41.53	
Jan. 28,	Joseph Lawrence, Jr., for la		
	bor on highways and	<b>*</b> 0	
	bridges in Dist. No. 1,	59.37	

Jan. 28,	Paid J. C. Philbrick, bounty on 28		
,	woodchucks,	2.80	
	Z. Leighton, for wood for J.		
	D. Howe,	2.00	
	Z. Leighton, going to Con		
	cord for coffin for J. D.		
	Howe,	1.00	
	Langdon Lear, for lodging		
	and feeding two tramps,	1.50	
	Abby J. Haines, for board		
	ing Eliza A. Cotton,	35.00	
	James Baker, for board and		
	care of Lemuel E. Hans-		
	comb,	31.72	
	Silver & Hall, for goods furnished		
	——————————————————————————————————————	104.00	
	Silver & Hall, for goods furnished		
	Mrs. S. Batchelder,	104.00	
	Silver & Hall, for goods furn		
	ished Josiah D. Howe,	12.30	
	C. S. Heath, for goods furn-		
	Osum Dowst,	52.00	
	C. S. Heath, for goods furn		
	ished Mrs. S. Batchelder,	3.00	
	G. W. Lane, for services per		
	ambulating town line and		
	return of same,	4.00	
	State tax,	800.00	
Feb. 15,	W. L. Foster, for legal ad		
	vice in Hannah Mar-		
	den case,	5.00	
" 14,	J. C. Philbrick, for feeding		
	and lodging tramp,	1.00	
	John Chesley, for feeding		
	and lodging tramps,	5.75	
	Daniel L. Locke, medical at		
	tendance on J. D. Howe,	2.60	
	J. T. Cotterell, for work on		
	highway in Dist. No. 3,	3.60	
	M. F. Smith, medical attendance to		
	Mrs. Osum Dowst,	7.15	
	M. F. Smith, to medical attendance		
	to L. E. Hanscomb,	7.88	
	M. F. Smith, medical attend	14.20	
	ance to J. D. Howe,	14.20	

Feb. 14,	Paid M. F. Smith, medical attend	14.60	
	ance to Mrs. S. Batchelder,	14.60	
	William Goss, for use of wat	3.00	
	ering trough, William Goss, for labor on high	3.00	
	way in Dist. No. 3,	1.75	
	William Goss, for 347 feet of	1.75	
	plank,	3.00	
	William Goss, grade from Evans	2.00	
	Bank,	2.00	
	Z. Leighton, repairing bridge,	3.00	
	John H. Fife, for labor on high		
	way in Dist. No. 14,	5.58	
	J. B. Cass, for shoveling snow		
	in 1882.	2.50	
	J. B. Cass, for shoveling snow		
	in 1883,	3.00	
	J. B. Cass, for shoveling snow		
	in 1884,	2.50	
	J. B. Cass, breaking 3 sleigh		
	shafts,	2.50	
	J. B. Cass, shoveling snow in		
	1885,	1.00	
	Charles H. Hall, for cutting	1.00	
	bushes in Dist. No. 11,	1.00	
	M. F. Smith, for services as	15.00	
Esh 25 D	town clerk,	15.00	
Feb. 25. Pa	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	1.80	
	twelve deaths, M. F. Smith, for record	1.60	
	ing nine births,	1.35	
	M. F. Smith, for return	1.33	
	ing nine deaths,	2.25	
	M. F. Smith, for return	2.23	
	ing eight births,	2.00	
	James Yeaton, for labor		
	on highway, in Dist.		
	No. 6,	2.10	
	James B. Tennant,. for		
	labor on highway,	5.00	
	Stephen F. Brown for		
	public watering trough,	3.00	
	Lucian Heath, for 2,000		
	feet plank,	24.00	

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Feb. 27. Paid H. O. Wells, perambulat		
ing town lines between		
Epsom, Allenstown,		
and Pembroke,	5.50	
H. O. Wells, for services	3.50	
as selectman,	57.38	
J. C. Philbrick, for per	37.30	
ambulating town line		
between Northwood,		
Allenstown, Pembroke,		
and Epsom,	7.00	
J. C. Philbrick, for ser	7.00	
vices as selectman,	46.00	
C. S. Heath, for services	40.00	
as selectman,	48.00	
H. S. Knowles, for din	70.00	
ners for selectmen,		
treasurer and supervis		
_	29.25	
OIS., H. S. Knowles, for pow	27.23	
der and fuse,	1.97	
by abatement on Wm.	1.57	
Fowler's tax-list, for		
1884,	90.61	
Wm. Fowler, services as	70.01	
collector of taxes for		
1884,	80.00	
Albion Lake, for labor on	00.00	
highway and bridge,	6.00	
Wm. Fowler, for Dist. No.	0.00	
8, note in full,	102.52	
Warren Yeaton, note in	102.02	
full,	2,139.28	
by abatement on Frank	_,,	
P. Ricker's tax-list for		
1885,	38.79	
H. O. Wells, for postage		
and stationery,	.87	
Daniel G. Chesley, for		
2,431 ft. bridge plank,	29.17	
John H. Dolbeer, for tak		
ing affidavits in coun		
ty pauper case and		
check-lists,	2.00	
A. G. Noyes, service as		
treasurer,	30.00	
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Feb. 27, Paid Daniel G. Chesley, two

days auditing ac

counts, 3.00

by abatement in part of Amos Burton's tax for

Amos Burton's tax for 1885,

non-resident highway tax, 9.77

Total expenditures, \$8,875.41
Remaining in hands of collector for 1885, \$388.74
" treasurer for 1885, \$454.67

\$9,718.82

HANOVER O. WELLS, ) Selectmen JACKSON C. PHILBRICK, Of CHRISTOPHER S. HEATH, ) Epsom.

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## TREASURER'S EEPORT.

Cash in treasurer's hands March 1, 1885,	\$827.88
Received of Merrimack county, for board of paupers,	644.82
state treasurer,	1,: 66.06
borrowed money,	307.70
William Fowler, collector, 1884,	883.87
Frank P. Ricker, " 1885,	5,496.01
Benj. B. Yeaton, highway tax, 1885,	3.74
	\$9,330.08
Paid 132 orders,	<u>8,875.41</u>
	\$454.67

ALBERT G. NOYES, Town Treasurer—1885.

We, the undersigned auditors of the town of Epsom, hereby report that we have examined the books and accounts of the selectmen and treasurer of Epsom and find them correctly cast and supported by suitable vouchers, and following is a statement of the finances of the town March I, 1886:

Indebtedness of the town, by note, Due F. P. Ricker, for collecting taxes,		\$7,298.84 <u>58.77</u>
Total liability of the town, Remaining in the treasury, Remaining in hands of collector,	\$454.67 388.74	\$7,357.61
Actual indebtedness of town, Indebtedness of town, March 1, 1885,		\$843.41 6,514.20 9,545.02
Reduction of debt the past year		\$3,030.82
JOHN H. DOLBEER, )		
DANIEL G. CHESLEY, ) Auditors		
March 1, 1886.		

# Report of the Superintending School Committee,

In compliance with the law, the Superintending School Committee respectfully presents the following report:—

#### GENERAL STATEMENTS.

- 1. The number and length of schools.—The number of terms kept during the year, including those in the Union districts, is 27; the whole length of schools for the year, 214 weeks; the average length of school to each district, 191-2 weeks.
- 2. Different scholars and number of each sex.—The whole number of different scholars attending school during the year is 192; number of boys, 100; number of girls. 92.
- 3. Money expended.—The amount of money raised by the town for school purposes was \$700; amount of literary fund, \$107.36; amount of railroad tax, \$166.43; an average of \$5.07 for each scholar.
- 4. Number of children.—The number of children in town, of each sex, by selectmen's enumeration in April, 1885, is: boys, 75; girls, 70.

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D i s t r	Prudential Committee.	T E R M S	TEACHERS.	^	ı															
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3	James H. Tripp	3	Myrtta E. Cass	28.00 1600	3 7	1	8	7	9	9	9	8	5	4				1	2 13	67.60
4		2	Clara E. Dearborn	12.00	14	8 15	12 7		20 20	20 19	14	16 19	5	6		3	,	,	15	155.55
4	Horace Fowler	2	M. Emma Chanman	28.00 28.00	8	13	8 13	19	19	17	16 15	19	8	4	3	1	1 1	1	15 7	155.55
5	James Yeaton	3	Charles W. Tarleton ClaraS. W. Lake	4000 20.00	5 7	12	13 5	23	25 8	25 8	8 7	25 7	9 6	6	4	3		7	7 10	63.50
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6	E. C. Emerson	1 2	Frank B. Brown Cora A. Emerson	26.00 28.00	9.2 13	4	5 5 5	8	9	9										44.00
7	Robert C. Brown	1 2	Eliza J. Wallace Ella F. Chesley	20.00 24.00	7 10	13		16 17	19 18	13 18	12 15	12	9	3	2	1	1	1	4 10	95.33
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10	George C. Knowles	2	" Nellie B. Harden	20.00 16.00	10.3 6	8 2 2 3	8	14 5	16 6	16 .6	12 4	13	13 3	6	3				36 6	64.47
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#### DISTRICT NO. I.—CENTRE.

Summer and fall terms, Miss Ella F. Chesley teacher. Winter term, Mr. William Whittier of Deerfield, teacher.—There are no dullards here, and the teacher who expects to win the reputation of being an excellent instructor in this school must first earn it by hard and continuous labor. There is something to do besides giving out and hearing lessons, but even this is of no small moment, since there are some forty classes ranging from the primer to the higher English branches, which must be pnne through with in the course of a day. The scholars are naturally enthusiastic and desirous of learning and t<sup>u</sup>ey know how to appreciate a good teacher. On the other hand, they love play almost as well as study, and will take an ell if given an inch. If the teacher can sit calmly by and pursue the even tenor of his way, unmolested by the pranks of mischievous boys and girls during school hours, it may be well for him, but bad for the children. They require for their good, someone who will interest himself in their interests, keep them in order if they have any inclination to be disorderly, using, if necessary, some proper mode of discipline, without fear or favor. Such a teacher we could heartily commend. It is to be supposed that Mr. Whittier knows the importance of making the return of school registers in season for the committee to report at the annual town meeting, but we are sorry to say that his has not been received. For this reason we are obliged to omit some of the statistical items pertaining to the school.

#### DISTRICT NO. 2.—GOSSVILLE.

First term taught by Miss Lillie M. Bickford of New Durham. Fall and winter terms by Miss Hattie M. Brown of Deerfield. Miss Bickford evidently tried to make this, her first term, a successful one, but met with obstacles which discouraged her. Perhaps a little more energy on her part would not have been amiss. We consider it no disparagement to her to add that she has not the tact to deal with unruly boys.

Her successor, Miss Brown, was of a different type. She showed by her whole bearing that she could and would govern, and her subjects must obey. Her scholars evinced no disposition of rebel-ion and consequently they were terms of profit.

#### DISTRICT NO. 3.—MOUNTAIN.

Teacher, summer term, Miss Myrtta E. Cass of Manchester.— Miss Cass entertained an idea that she would like to teach a country school. Having had no experience, she found the work somewhat different from what she had anticipated, and labored hard to accomplish a little. Most of the scholars made commendable improvement. We venture to say that Miss C's enthusiasm for teaching was short-lived.

The teacher of the second term was Miss Clara E. Dearborn of Deerfield, whose services were acceptable to the district and profitable to the school. Love and good-will seemed to exist between teacher and scholars. Progress and order, satisfactory. The teacher's board was generously contributed by the prudential committee to lengthen the winter school.

#### DISTRICT NO. 4.—SHORT FALLS.

Summer and fall terms taught by Miss M. Emma Chapman, of Greenland. The teacher's appearance in the school room was such as to excite the admiration of her pupils, and her manners were pleasing. Having won their respect, it was not difficult to hold their attention, and at each of our visits we found the school orderly and attentive. A good degree of progress was made. The copy-books and spelling blanks were typical of neatness. No unfavorable remarks of criticism concerning the teacher or school have been heard and we believe all were satisfied. A deficient register caused us a little vexatious trouble.

Mr. Charles W. Tarlton had charge of the winter term of only five weeks. From what we gleaned from our one visit to the school, we are confident that he accomplished as much as could be expected in so short a time.

#### DISTRICT NO. 5.—NEW ORCHARD.

There were two terms in this district, both taught by Miss Clara S. W. Lake of Chichester—This school does not require much of the teacher's attention to keep the scholars out of mischief. They come from home ready disciplined and strive to make the most of their short schooling. Result, good order and good progress.

#### DISTRICT NO. 6.—DOWBORO.

Summer term, Mr. Frank B. Brown of Chichester, teacher. Winter term taught by Miss Cora A. Emerson, Pittsfield.—This school is under the superintendence of the Pittsfield committee, but it was our good fortune to visit it near the close of the winter term. Miss Emerson holds rank as an experienced and successful teacher. The school appeared finely.

#### DISTRICT NO. 7.—NORTH ROAD.

Miss Eliza J. Wallace teacher, summer term.—Miss Wallace has all the advantages which are derived from experience, and does not make hard work of teaching. We saw nothing in her method of instruction to condemn, and feel sure that the school, under her charge, was benefited. A few of the parents' names on the list of visitors are greatly to be desired.

Winter term, Miss Ella F. Chesley teacher.—We forbear saying anything personal concerning this teacher. We are only cognizant of the fact that " she hath done what she could." The scholars in this school are all well disposed, and it is but little trouble to keep them in order. They cheerfully performed all tasks set them, fully realizing that they were the ones who were to receive the benefit there from. The teacher reports this as one of the pleasantest terms she has ever taught, and will regard the future success of her pupils with the kindliest interest.

#### DISTRICT NO. 8.—FOWLER.

Three terms, all taught by Miss Lizzie F. Johnson of Allenstown. —The fact that the "appointing power " had confidence in Miss Johnson's ability to instruct this school is shown by his retaining her for the whole school year. This district may well boast of always having a good school, if the terms just ended are fitting examples of those of previous years. Although much credit is due the painstaking teacher, it must not be forgotten that this is a *model* district, where parents and pupils unite in their efforts to sustain the school. Excellent improvement was made by all the scholars. One little girl has not failed in spelling during the year. The exercises at the close of the winter term were well conducted and exceedingly interesting. The teacher's board and the fuel were contributed by the district. 2

#### DISTRICT NO. 9—NEW RYE.

Mrs. Clara C. Woodman taught both summer and winter terms. — Mrs. Woodman's scholars of the summer term were all quite small and she did not aim so much to keep them quiet and in order as she did to keep them interested in school work. Under her tuition the children could not have Found school life monotonous. The winter term was attended by larger scholars and still that keen interest was manifest which marked the success of the preceding term. The classes in grammar and fractions are worthy of special mention as having done good work. The examinations did not (ail to elict the admiration of all who enjoyed the privilege of being present.

#### DISTRICT NO. 10.—MARDEN

Miss Nellie B. Marden teacher of both terms. — This teacher was young and did not profess to "know it all," but she passed an examination which would have been creditable to a veteran in the cause. At our first visit to the school, we feared that one little lad by his noisy movements, wry faces, and innumerable questions, would attract too much of the scholars' attention, and prove a source of annoyance to the teacher. Fortunately an effective remedy for this "evil" grew in the school yard, which Miss M. obtained and discreetly applied, and at our subsequent visits, we were pleased to notice that

" All was calm, as summer evenings be."

Miss Marden intends to make teaching her profession and is fitting herself to become a thorough instructor of the young. The school made good improvement. A little miss of seven summers cannot be excelled in reading by any of her age in town.

DISTRICT NO. 11. — UNION with CHICHESTER.

For particulars concerning this school, see Chichester Report. ELLA F. CHESLEY,

Epsom, March 1, 1886.

## ROLLOFPERFECT ATTENDANCE,

Including the names of all pupils who have been present every half-day of a term without being tardy, as reported by teacher.

#### DISTRICT NO. I.

First Term.—Harry Sherburne, Millie Hilliard and several others.

Second Term.—Harry Sherburne, Millie Hilliard, Nellie Quimby and others.

#### DISTRICT NO. 2.

First Term.—Arthur L. Pinney.

*Second Term.*—Minnie E. Warren, Waldo A. Holmes, Arthur L. Pinney, Herbert P. Giles.

*Third Term.*—Alfred D. Yeaton, Minot R. Yeaton, Walter Quimby, Bert E. Holmes, Waldo A. Holmes, Nettie B. Douglas.

#### DISTRICT NO. 3.

First Term.—Jennie Robinson, Ida C. Hartford, Morris Hartford, Bertie Nute, Walter Tripp.

Second Term.—Walter H. Tripp, John L. Libbey.

#### DISTRICT NO. 4.

First Term.—Etta Marden, Augusta M. Baker.

Second Term.—Minnie Bickford, Lilla Marden, Nellie Marden, Jennie Bickford, Coly Burnham, George Bickford, Eddie Baker.

*Third Term.*—Augusta M. Baker, Myrtie A. Burnham, Grace Burnham, Nettie A. Stewart, M. Isabel Waterhouse, Eddie S. Baker, John S. Bickford, George W. Bickford, Herbert P. Giles.

#### DISTRICT NO. 5.

First Term.—Helen E. Yeaton, Frank W. Lewis. John C. Yeaton. Second Term.—Frank W. Lewis, John C. Yeaton, Helen E. Yeaton.

#### DISTRICT NO. 7.

*Second Term.*—Alfred M. Brown, Thomas Brown, John C. Brown, Earnest L. Heath, Emma Kelley.

#### DISTRICT No. 8.

First Term.—Annie L. Fowler, Georgia A. Fowler, Alice M. Fowler, Ida M. Fowler, Jennie M. Lovejoy, Florence L. Fowler, George H. Lovejoy.

Second Term.—Georgia A. Fowler, Ida M. Fowler, Florence L. Fowler.

*Third Term.—Bert* B. Lovejoy, Jennie M. Lovejoy, Alice M. Fowler, Georgia A. Fowler, Ida M. Fowler, Florence L. Fowler.

#### DISTRICT NO. 9.

First Term—Ethel G. Brown, Alice M. Wells, Grace L. Woodman, May I. Straw, Fred. T. Cass, Lewis Cass, Ralph E. Evans, George H. Haynes.

Second Term.—Bertie R. Towle, George H. Haynes, Fred. T. Cass, Lewis Cass, Grace L. Woodman, Alice M. Wells, Ethel G. Brown.

#### DISTRICT NO. 10.

Second Term.—Hattie A. Pike.