

REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF BRISTOL,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 3, 1858.

CONCORD:
JONES & COGSWELL, PRINTERS
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REPORT.

The Selectmen credit the town for the year ending March 3d, 1858, as follows:

1857.	By list of taxes assessed in April, 1857,...	\$2.633 77
	School house tax in Dist. No. 4,.....	439 67
	“ “ “ “ No. 3,.....	30 26
	Railroad tax, 1856,.....	114 41
	Cash of collector, 1856,.....	514 52
	Literary fund for 1857,.....	88 80
	Cash on highway tax,.....	144 52
	Interest on D. B. Bartlett's note,.....	6 00
	Cash of New Hampton,.....	45 22
	Cash on Abbott Lovejoy's note,.....	74 29
	Railroad tax, 1857,.....	98 95
	Cash J. C. Blaisdell, on settlement of agency,	64 74
		\$4.255 15

DISBURSEMENTS BY THE SELECTMEN.

1856. Paid outstanding orders,..... \$475 43

Outstanding Bills.

1857.	Paid F. Bartlett, for going to Grafton,.....	\$3 75
	J. C. Blaisdell, robe for Mrs. Blodgett,...	3 24
	Joseph Moor, for support of Wm. Sanborn,	48 00
	Gilman Sanborn, “ “ “	2 00
	C. H. Sanborn, for boarding and nursing	
	Wm. Hanaford,.....	34 50
	Seth E. Pecker, for liquors,.....	185 00
	J. S. Gilman, for labor,.....	8 00
		\$284 49

1857.		
	Paid State tax,.....	\$190 40
	County tax,	279 25
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		\$469 65

Abatement of Taxes.

1857.		
	Abbott Lovejoy, collector,.....	\$40 00
	J. W. Sanborn, collector,.....	42 23
	Alonzo Gordon,.....	5 70
	Alonzo Cheney,.....	2 94
	James Musgrove,.....	2 10
	Osman Powell,.....	2 10
	Abel Hart,.....	2 10
	L. P. Cushman,.....	2 89
	Clark Fuller,.....	3 20
	George Anistry,.....	2 10
	Horace Pearsons,.....	2 10
	G. W. Mooney, non-resident highway,.....	1 40
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		\$108 86

School House Money.

1857.		
	Paid J. M. R. Emmons, District No. 4,.....	\$432 00
	O. S. Hall, District No. 3,.....	30 00
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		\$462 00

School Money.

1857.		
District No. 1.	Paid Robert Smith,.....	\$45 45
“ “ 2.	Calvin Cass,.....	218 02
“ “ 3.	O. S. Hall,.....	64 75
“ “ 4.	J. M. R. Emmons,.....	53 89
“ “ 5.	R. M. Mason,.....	75 14
“ “ 6.	S. N. Heath,.....	76 69
“ “ 7.	J. F. Cass,.....	37 83
“ “ 8.	David S. Fallansbee,.....	68 76
“ “ 9.	J. Martin Sleeper,.....	81 15
“ “ 10.	Joseph Kidder,.....	113 00
“ “ 11.	D. B. Bartlett,.....	92 15
	Wilson Foster's portion,.....	6 00
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		\$933 83

Highways and Bridges.

1857.

Paid S. S. Fellows, for labor on highway,.....	\$26 20
S. S. Brown, labor on highway,.....	11 25
Joseph Kidder, labor on highway,.....	25 00
Calvin Swett, labor and lumber,.....	10 22
Levi Lock, labor on highway,.....	8 75
Noah Horn, labor on bridge,.....	8 50
Gould & Haines, bolts for bridge,.....	48 75
Wm. Wells, labor on bridge,.....	2 25
H. M. Emmons, labor and lumber,.....	6 00
J. M. R. Emmons, labor and lumber,....	5 75
Rufus Eaton, labor,.....	4 50
Samuel Paige, labor,.....	4 00
A. S. Dearborn, lumber,.....	48
Joseph Kidder, repairing highway,.....	75 00
C. S. Mason, labor,.....	7 25
Daniel Tyrell, labor,.....	34 89
S. H. Rollins, lumber,...	12 26
E. W. Cheney, labor,.....	10 05
C. L. Clay, labor,.....	4 90
Wilson Foster, lumber,.....	8 00
Cyrus Taylor, labor and lumber,.....	22 00
Bartlett & Taylor, for spikes,.....	2 05
Calvin Swett, labor,.....	6 00
D. S. Mason, labor and lumber,.....	4 40
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	\$396 65

Support of the Poor.

1857.

May 1. Paid N. H. Asylum support of Lydia Glidden,	\$109 25
Samuel Paige, coffin for David Eaton,.....	4 00
Gilman Ingalls, for digging grave for David Eaton,.....	1 25
Merrill Simons, support of Polly Lowell,....	49 00
C. S. Mason, support of Elijah Truell,.....	47 00
Clothing for Elijah Truell,.....	9 68
J. W. Sanborn, goods for David Eaton,....	1 43
Bartlett & Taylor, and Mrs. Blaisdell, goods for Polly Lowell,.....	5 04
H. B. Fowler, medical attendance on Hutch- inson family,.....	5 34
J. T. Sanborn, and goods for Hutchinson family,	6 00

Paid	D. B. Bartlett, 1 cord of wood,.....	\$2 75
	Joseph Moor for support of Wm. Sanborn,...	21 09
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		\$261 83

Current Expenses.

Paid	Merow and Pike, and A. Burpee, damage in slewing of highway,.....	\$42 30
	Printing Reports, and Blank Books,.....	19 35
	Wm. G. Gould,.....	37 50
	Lovejoy & Kelley, for hearse,.....	75 00
	Calvin Cass, for Treasurer's trunk,.....	2 00
	J. M. R. Emmons, for time and expenses in road case, and investigating the settlement of pau- pers,.....	26 41
	Levi Lock, for time and expenses in road case, and investigating the settlement of paupers,..	10 40
	Bartlett & Taylor, stationery,.....	2 26
	Ministerial money, to three societies,.....	6 00
	D. E. Everett, enrolling soldiers,.....	1 00
	J. W. Patterson, for support of teachers' institute,	16 32
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		\$238 54

Town Officers' Bills.

Paid	J. W. Sanborn, collector for the year 1856,....	\$26 97
	D. E. Everett, Town Clerk,.....	15 00
	J. T. Sanborn, collector 1857,.....	40 35
	Calvin Cass, Town Treasurer,.....	10 00
	S. S. Brown, services as Selectman, in part,...	11 77
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		\$104 09

Orders Unpaid.

Paid	S. S. Brown, } Selectmen's	\$35 23
	J. M. R. Emmons, } services.	48 00
	Levi Lock, }	40 00
Paid	L. W. Fling, S. S. Committee,.....	\$30 60
	Jeremiah A. Haines, to filling in front of town house,..... :	3 00
	L. W. Fling, for Attorney in prosecution of the liquor law,	5 85
	S. S. Brown, time and expenses on road case, labor on bridge, horse hire, &c.,... ..	54 56

Paid Samuel Berry, tolling bell,.....	\$5 25
J. T. Sanborn, labor on bridge, money paid to witnesses, and services as Deputy Sheriff,....	46 65
S. S. Brown, for wood and lumber,.....	2 25
J. S. Chase, abatement of taxes assessed 1849-50,	6 25
J. D. Prescott, for board and horse hire,.....	11 00
White & Prescott, shoes for the poor,.....	5 75
Joseph Kidder, school order,.....	85 56
Caleb Whittemore's portion,.....	3 83
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	\$383 18

RECAPITULATION.

1857.

Whole amount received,.....	\$4,255 15
Paid outstanding orders,.....	\$475 43
Outstanding bills,.....	284 49
State and County tax,.....	469 65
Abatement of taxes,..	108 86
School house money,.....	462 00
Support of schools,.....	933 83
Highways and bridges,.....	396 65
Support of poor,.....	261 83
Current expenses,.....	238 54
Due the Treasurer, March 3, 1857,	53 20
Town officers' bills,.....	104 09
Due from collector of 1857,.....	461 80
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	\$4,250 37

Balance from the Treasurer, March 3d. 1858, \$4 78

ESTIMATED DEBTS AGAINST THE TOWN, MARCH 3, 1858.

1858.

Mrs. P. W. Eaton, two notes,.....	\$742 76
F. Bartlett, note,.....	117 97
Mrs. Mary C. Mudgett, note,.....	154 34
Mrs. Rebecca Taylor, note,.....	118 56
Calvin Swett, note,.....	41 68
J. M. R. Emmons, note,.....	244 95

Lovejoy & Kelley, note,.....	\$102 00
Due for the support of William Sanborn,.....	23 91
Orders unpaid,.....	383 18
	<hr/> \$1.929 35

Schedule of Notes and Claims due the Town, March 3d, 1858.

Reuben Lowell, June 22, 1843, principal, — \$150 00; interest, \$190 72,.....	\$341 72
Benjamin Cass, Feb. 26, 1853, principal, \$2 00; interest, \$5 81,.....	7 81
Milo and S. S. Fellows, March 8, 1855, principal, \$38 42; interest, 3 45,.....	41 87
D. L. & Cyrus Bennett, Nov. 7, 1855, prin- cipal, \$14 55; interest, \$2 11,.....	16 56
D. B. Bartlett, Aug. 2, 1853, principal, \$100 00; interest, \$2 90,.....	102 90
March 3, 1858. J. W. Sanborn, collector of 1856,.....	192 24
March 3, 1858. J. T. Sanborn, collector of 1857,.....	461 80
April 13, 1857. Liquors on hand on settle- ment of J. C. Blaisdell, estimated,.....	194 10
	<hr/> \$1.359 00
Balance against the town,	\$570 35

Which is respectfully submitted :

SILAS S. BROWN,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
J. M. R. EMMONS,	
LEVI LOCK,	

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

FOR THE YEAR

1857-8.



SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it,” is as true now as in the days of Solomon. Though all admit the wisdom of this maxim, comparatively few act as if they realized its truth. We profess better things than we practice.

Parents everywhere eulogise good schools, but how much do they do towards making them what they should be. Much the larger portion never visit them, never speak an encouraging word to the teachers, never gladden the school-room with an approving look or smile. Had we in our employ a person in any business, save that of teaching our children, should we not *manifest* greater interest in their work than we *seem* to in this all important pursuit of moulding and directing the human mind, the immortal soul? What say you farmers, mechanics, merchants and professional men?

If our children fail, agriculture, manufactures, commerce, learning, liberty and religion fail with them.

The *chief* responsibility of training the child “in the way he should go,” rests upon the parents. Children who receive a *proper home education*, seldom make disturbance in school, and are always the best scholars socially, morally and intellectually, and make the best men and women.

You love your children, you desire their prosperity, you think and feel that you are willing to make almost any sacrifice for them, you know the importance of education, and are resolved to give them the advantages of the district school. All this is well. Many of you have but little more to give them. But make your schools what they should be, and they will need no other gift, no other legacy, no other aid to positions of usefulness and respectability in society.

It is generally conceded by those of the largest experience and most intimate acquaintance with our schools, that nothing is so much needed to make them better, as a more vital interest and active zeal on the part of parents and citizens.

More money should be raised for their support, and more visits made to the school room. If the reports of our teachers be true, there has, at least, been one school in Bristol the past year, that has not been visited by a parent or other person, save your committee. No one *apparently* feeling interest enough to go in and spend an hour with the children, and see and judge for himself how they were being

taught, how his money was expended, whether profitable or otherwise.

The County Commissioners, all my predecessors in office, have been constant in urging you to *visit* your schools. Will you not see to it in future, that it may not be said of Bristol that she is indifferent to her highest interests.

Many of the schools deserve more than the short notice given them in this Report.

DISTRICT No. 1. One term only during the year, taught by Miss KATE S. SAWYER, an experienced and successful teacher. School well governed and progress good.

DISTRICT No. 2. *Summer term* taught by Miss MARTHA A. CLARK. This is the largest school in town, and most difficult to *satisfy* and govern. There are evils outside of the school room that must be corrected before the school can be made by *any* teacher, what it should be. A more efficient and energetic government and discipline was required than the teacher was able to maintain. She evidently labored hard to improve and benefit the school, and some progress was made in all the studies.

The *winter term* was taught by Mr. JONATHAN T. JACKSON, who, in the opinion of your committee, is an excellent teacher. Order good. Improvement great. One of the best schools in town.

DISTRICT No. 3. One term during the year, taught by Miss LIZZIE V. RANDALL. This was one of the best schools. Good order prevailed, and good progress made in all the branches taught.

DISTRICT No. 4. The people of this district are deserving of much praise for the interest they feel and *manifest*, too, in the education of their children. The past year they built a new and elegant school house at a cost of \$500, furnished in a handsome manner, and employed a *thorough* scholar and efficient teacher, in all respects, to take charge of the school. Of course they have a number one school, no better in town. How could it be otherwise, when teacher, scholars and parents all coöperate together? "A word to the wise is sufficient."

DISTRICT No. 5. Two terms during the year, both by Miss JULIA A. SPILLER. This is the smallest school in town. When visited by your committee, the indications and appearances were favorable. No whispering allowed. Progress fair.

DISTRICT No. 6. *Summer term* taught by Miss ALMIRA S. DOLL-OFF. A good teacher and a good school. *Winter term* by M. H. C. AYER. Better order, doubtless, would have made it a better school. This was Mr. Ayer's first attempt at school teaching. Experience will enable him to correct some errors and deficiencies observable this winter. Progress average.

DISTRICT No. 7. First term taught by Miss AMANDA A. PRES-COTT. Second term by Miss OLIVE J. CHENEY. This is a small

school but contains some good scholars. The teachers acquitted themselves well, and the scholars made commendable progress.

DISTRICT No. 8. But one term during the year, taught by Miss REBECCA R. HAINES. Rather deficient in order, but on the whole a pretty good teacher. The classes in Reading, Spelling, Arithmetic, and Grammar appeared well at the close of the school.

DISTRICT No. 9. *Summer term* taught by Miss LUCINA G. PIKE, who is one of our best teachers. Order good and progress very commendable.

Winter term taught by Miss SUSAN M. ROSS. Had the teacher been able to maintain a stricter discipline, the school would have been more useful. The classes in Reading, Arithmetic, Grammar and Physiology acquitted themselves creditably. A number of scholars left the school before the term closed. Whether justified or not in so doing, your committee cannot determine. Perhaps an examination of the reports of some of my predecessors might throw some light upon the *home education* and influence received by a portion of the scholars in this district.

DISTRICT No. 10. This school has had three terms, taught by Miss MARY F. FERSON, an experienced and successful teacher. This has been one of our best regulated and conducted schools. Good progress has been made in all the branches taught.

Some simple music was introduced among the exercises of the day, which served the double purpose of interrupting the monotony of school hours, and of soothing and humanizing the spirit. Gentle music is a moral teacher.

DISTRICT No. 11. Two terms, taught by Miss SARAH C. MOOR, one of our best teachers, thorough and efficient in the discharge of her duties. This school, though small in numbers, has some of the best scholars in town. Marked attention was given to the reading and spelling exercises.

Appended to this report is a table of statistics relating to the schools.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

LEWIS W. FLING, *S. S. Committee.*

TABULAR STATEMENT.

No. of Districts.	Terms of School, summer and winter	Length of School in weeks.	Whole number of Scholars.	Average attendance,	Wages of Teacher, including board.	No. of visits by Sup. Com.	No. visits of Prudential Com.	No. visits of citizens & others.
1		11	12	10	16.00	2		
2	1st.	14	55	48	24.00	2		21
	2nd.	15 ¹ / ₂	66	47	34.00	3	1	45
3	1st.	9	18	12	16.00	1		4
	2nd.	7	20	17	16.00	1		16
4	1st.	12	27	24	19.00	1	2	10
	2nd.	12	17	15	19.00	2	2	16
5	1st.	8	11	7	13.50	1		8
	2nd.	12	10	6	14.80	1	1	6
6	1st.	8	24	21.33	12.28	1		6
	2nd.	10	29	20.33	16.20	2		8
7	1st.	6	9	8	13.00	1	1	12
	2nd.	9	11	9	13.00	1		1
8		16	23	18	14.49	2	1	18
9	1st.	6	15	10.69	16.00	1		4
	2nd.	11	21	16	18.00	2	1	15
10	1st.	8	38	30	20.00	2		10
	2nd.	9	46	35	20.00	2		12
	3rd.	15		42	20.00	3		
11	1st.	8	22	20	16.00	2		5
	2nd.	14	20	15	16.00	2		12
		220 ¹ / ₂	497	346.85	363.48	36	9	229



