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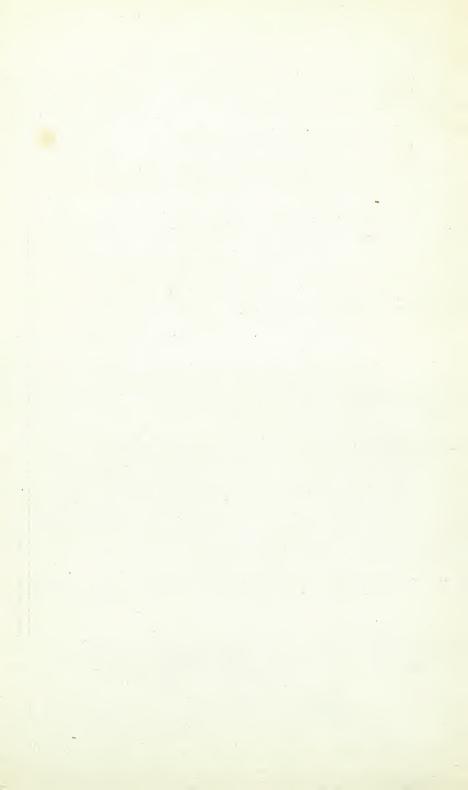
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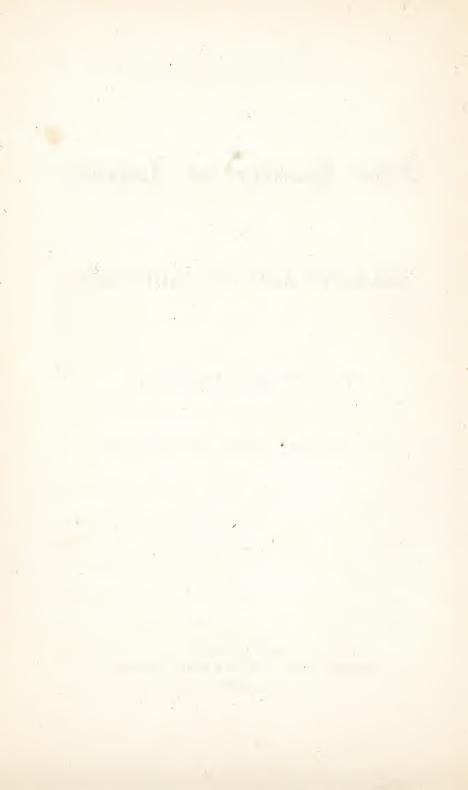
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### TOWN WARRANT.

#### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. HAMPDEN SS.

To H. A. Northrop, Constable of the Town of Palmer, GRE

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Palmer qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Palmer on Monday, the eighteenth day of March inst. at ten o'clock A. M., to act on the following articles, viz.:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To determine the number of Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, School Committee and Constables the town will choose for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To elect all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To act upon the report of the School Committee, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, and other Town Officers.

ART. 5. To raise such sums of money as are necessary to defray the current expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

ART. 6. To see if the town will raise any money to reduce the debts of the town.

ART. 7. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges for the ensuing year.

ART. 8. To see if the town will allow a discount upon the taxes that may be assessed for the ensuing year.

ART. 9. To determine the manner the town will take to collect the taxes that may be assessed, and state the terms and conditions of the same.

ART. 10. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

ART. 11. To see if the town will continue to hire the rooms now occupied for a lock-up and tramp rooms.

Art. 12. To choose Committees and give them instructions.

ART. 13. To hear reports of Committees and act thereon.

ART. 14. To see if the town will make any By-Laws and Regulations to prevent the pasturing of cattle and other animals upon the streets and highways of the town.

ART. 15. To see if the town will vote a salary for the Sealer of Weights and Measures.

The names of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, School Committee and Constables who are voted for, must be all on one ballot; Town Clerk and Treasurer on a separate ballot; and you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the different public places designated by a vote of the Town, seven days at least before the holding of said meeting, and cause this warrant to be printed in the Palmer Journal, at least two issues before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this sixth day of March, A. D., 1878.

PARKER W. WEBSTER, Selectmen J. O. HAMILTON, of JOSEPH KERIGAN, Palmer.

## ASSESSORS' REPORT.

	VA	ALUA	ATIO.	N (	OF PA	LMI	ER 18	77.		
Real estate,	-	-	pr#	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,316,8	571
Personal,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	656,6	884
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	٠_	-	\$1,973,5	255
Number of p	olls,	-	-	-	_	_	-	-	1,0	061
Total tax on			-	_	-	_		_	\$21	
Rate of taxat		_	-	_	-	_		\$ 1	1.25 to \$1	100
State tax, -		-	-	_	**	-	-		\$1,560	
County tax,	<u>-</u>	- '	-	_	_	-	-	**	1,972	
Town app	ropria	tions	:							
For support				_		_	٠_	_	\$2,500	00
Highwa		_	_	_	_	_		_	2,500	
Bridges		_	_	_	_	_	_		600	
Conting		з.	-	_	_	_	_	_	2,000	
Schools,		_	_	_	_	_	_	_	6,500	
Repairs		hool-l	ouses.		-	_		_	600	
Conting					-	_		_	600	
Discoun								_	1,000	
Interest		,		-	***	_	_		1,325	
Reducin			_	_	-	_	_	_	5,000	
Decorati			_	_	_	_	_	_	100	
Cemeter		-	ent.	***	_	_	_		300	
Overlay				_	_	_	_		271	
										_
Total to			-	-	-	-	-	-	\$26,789	41
Non-res				-	-	-	-	-	508	62
Total an	nount	on co	llector	r's k	ook,	-	-	-	\$27,298	03

JOHN CLOUGH, Assessors DAVID KNOX, D. B. BISHOP, Palmer.

# TREASURER'S REPORT,

Of the Receipts and Expenditures for the Year ending March 1, 1878.

Balance in Treasury March 1, 1877,	\$6,435 65	
Received of State Treasurer for State aid 1876, -	695 87	
" of State Treasurer, National bank tax, -	414 68	
of State Treasurer, Corporation tax,	192 83	
" of State Treasurer, Income Mass. School fund,	252 80	
" of State Treasurer, transportation State pau-		
pers,	1 95	
" of County Treasurer, dog tax,	298 56	
" of County Treasurer, lock-up fees,	45 50	
of J. G. Allen, lock-up fees,	10 00	
" interest on Merrick fund,	52 27	
" interest on Thompson fund,	48 14	
" circus licenses,	35 00	
" auctioneer licenses,	2 00	
" Town of Brimfield, bridge account, -	83 82	
" City of Springfield, pauper account, -	123 98	
" Town of Monson, schooling Hayden children.	15 00	
" Town of South Hadley, supporting M. Bolton		
" use of Town Hall,	29 00	
" use of Three Rivers school-house, -	- 16 50	
" tuition Fisherdick children,	- 16 00	
" Charles Gerald,	- 100 00	
" Mrs. Shumway,	- 165 86	,
" old plank sold,	1 50	
" E. Calkins,	- 50	,
" insurance on town buildings,	- 2,681 75	
" John Clough, fees for sealing weights and	,	
measures,	- 12 15	,

"6	H. A. N	lorthr-	op, tax	colle	ector 1	876,	-	_	1,512	00
"	H. A. N		_				-	-	23,764	70
									#97 A92	01
			RVD	END	ITUI	ס מו כ			\$37,036	UI
			MAI	כן אועו	1101	A PIO.				
Paid Sta	ite tax,	-	-	-	-	-	**	-	\$1,560	00
Paid bar	ak tax,	-	-	-	- 1	-	-		473	19
Paid Co	unty tax,	-	-		-	-	-	-	1,932	63
Reducin	g town de	ebt,	-	-	_	-	-	_	5,000	00
Interest	on notes,		-	-	-	-	_	-	1,312	66
State aid	i, -	-	1	~	-	_	_	_	658	00
Support	of poor,	_	-	_	_	_		_	2,806	28
Highwa	-	_	_	_	_	-	_	_	2,610	
Bridges		_	_	_	_	_	_	_	689	
_	g railing,	_	_	-	_	_	_	_		72
Conting	<b>J</b>	_				-		_	2,156	
Decorati									100	
	ildings on	torm	for more				_	_		
		town	iarm,	-	-	-	-		1,045	
School 6	expenses,		-	-	-	-	-	-	7,831	25
									\$28,247	45
m 1	. ,								· ·	
Total re		-	-	-	-	men .	-	-	37,036	-
Total ex	penditure	s,	- 0	-	-	-	-	-	28,247	45
Balance	in Treasu	ıry,	_	_	_	_	_	1	\$8,788	56
									,	

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES B. SHAW, Treasurer.

### REPORT

OF THE

# Overseers of the Poor,

For the year ending March 1, 1878.

### SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid, Northampton Hospital for support of Mrs. H.		
Gerald,	\$182	90
Northampton Hospital for support of Mary Dwyer,	87	25
State of Massachusetts, for support of O'Donnell		
& Ball,	34	00
City of Boston, for support of S. Lucas,	35	82
City of Newburyport, for support of H. White, -	<b>5</b> 0	75
City of Worcester, for support of Patk. Owen, -	18	70
City of Worcester, for support of Owen Sullivan, -	<b>54</b>	58
City of Holyoke, for support of T. Sullivan, -	121	65
Town of Pelham, for support of J. Bacon, -	44	50
John Lehan, for support of Mrs. Driscoll,	10	00
Dennis Fenton, house rent for pauper,	3	00
H. T. Bishop & Co., merchandise for pauper,	10	00
J. F. Holbrook, coal for Mrs. Donavan,	15	<b>4</b> 9
J. C. Warner, support of E. Thompson,	38	98
Morse & Parent, merchandise for Kate Collins, -	8	53
G. A. Murdock, merchandise for pauper,	10	00
Joseph Thompson, coffin for P. McManamy, -	15	00
Thomas Griffin, coffin for Mrs. Collins,	12	<b>5</b> 0
Julia McGraw, supporting Hurly children,	66	00
Wd. J. Dailey, supporting McCarty children, -	96	00
Morse & Parent, goods for H. Harrigan	8	00

Paid J. B. Shaw, goods for F. C. Tourtellott, -	-	\$5	63
J. B. Shaw, goods for Mrs. Donavan, -	-	5	25
J. B. Shaw, goods for C. Clink,	-	1	80
A. B. Adams, supporting Mrs. Farrel,	-	24	00
P. McMahon, grave-stone for Mrs. Shumway,	-	15	00
Joseph Thompson, paid for boarding McCar	ty		
children,	-	18	00
Joseph Thompson, goods for M. Dillon, -	_	28	49
Mrs. E. Fitzgerald, support of Honora Griffin,	_	20	00
J. B. Shaw, goods for R. Craw,	-	3	00
J. B. Shaw, goods for Joseph Leury, -	-	7	35
Joseph Kerigan, aid furnished Mrs. Burke,	_	3	00
Mary Driscoll, aid furnished her,	-	3	00
Wm. Holbrook, medical attendance on paupers,	-	77	00
W. H. Drake, care of C. Clink,	-	15	00
Owen Sullivan, aid furnished him,	-	8	00
J. P. Shaw, estate, goods for C. Clink, -	-	9	85
J. P. Shaw, estate, goods for paupers, -	-	10	70
Joseph Kerigan, wood for M. Dillon, -	-	5	00
P. W. Webster, cash paid helping State pauper	s,	14	95
P. W. Webster, cash expenses out of town,	=	27	90
J. B. Shaw, goods for D. Shay,	- '	8	93
J. B. Shaw, goods for Owen Sullivan, -	-	7	03
J. F. Holbrook, coal for town farm,	-	12	21
A. W. Wilder, repairing harness for town farm.	-	<b>2</b>	95
J. S. Loomis, coffins for paupers,	_	56	50
C. A. Brown & Co., goods for town farm, -	_	67	87
F. Keyes, lumber for town farm,	-	6	14
Daniel Dewire, care of Mary Dewire,	-	5	00
George Moores, cash paid for pauper,	-	2	00
E. J. Wood, paper for town farm,	-	4	60
P. W. Webster, ladder for town farm,	-	4	67
F. M. Shaw, crackers for town farm, -	-	8	32
Foskit & Holbrook, meal for town farm, -	-	63	85
George Robinson, goods for town farm,	-	11	<b>75</b>
J. B. Shaw, goods for town farm,	-	189	20
J. O. Hamilton, straw for town farm,	-	4	00
J. O. Hamilton, house rent, hay and wood,	-	238	50
W. Winter, blacksmithing for town farm, -	-	15	98
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Paid L. Dimock, goods for town farm,	\$1	00
E. S. Gibbons, shoes for town farm,	9	10
A. H. Willis, goods for town farm,	9	13
T. D. Potter, wood for Mrs. Harrigan,	2	25
H. Hunt, labor on town farm,	5	25
D. Darling, sawing for town farm,	3	92
G. A. King, labor and keeping paupers,	23	75
W. H. Hitchcock, goods for town farm,	11	22
C. H. Keith, goods for town farm,	16	16
A. E. Park, goods for town farm,	1	90
F. M. Hastings, repairing harness for town farm,	8	<b>3</b> 9
C. W. Johnson, labor on town farm,	4	00
Henry Lamb, for labor on town farm,	5	00
G. B. Paul, for labor on town farm,	5	80
B. W. Gray, for labor on town farm,	3	00
F. M. Shaw, for services on town farm,	275	00
P. W. Webster, for services as Overseer of Poor,	50	00
J. O. Hamilton, for services as Overseer of Poor,	35	00
Joseph Kerigan, for services as Overseer of Poor,	25	00
	\$2,430	94
TRAMPS.	\$2,430	94
	\$2,430	94
Paid J. G. Allen, for rent of rooms, \$75 00	\$2,430	94
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Inven	tory, March 1, 1878,	_	_		832	54		
	pts from town farm, -	-	-	-	417	03	\$1,249	57
	Balance against town fa	arm,	_	-		_	\$1,187	91
	e number of paupers adm		at the	town -	farm,	-		16 8
	Respectfully su		ted,					
	J. (	). H	R W. AMIL I KEI	TON	BSTER , N,	,, <b>)</b>	Overseer of Poor.	s

# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

### CONTINGENCIES.

Paid	D. B. Bishop, abating taxes 1876, -		-	\$5	00
	D. B. Bishop, for services as assessor,		-	100	00
	John Clough, for services as assessor,		-	97	<b>5</b> 0
	John Clough, for stationery,		-	6	97
	G. M. Fisk & Co., printing reports and lists, -		•	58	<b>5</b> 0
	G. M. Fisk & Co., printing warrants and advert	isin	g,	35	<b>2</b> 0
	H. A. Northrop, posting warrants 1876,		-	7	<b>5</b> 0
	Joseph Kerigan, wood for town house, -		-	5	<b>5</b> 0
	David Knox, for services as assessor,		-	97	50
	Dr. Breck, services in Bagley case,		-	35	00
	R. Jenks, filling at Three Rivers bridge, -		~	20	00
	L. M. Squier, opening graves,		-	2	00
	P. Cooley, maintaining water tub in highway,		~	• 5	00
	S. B. Winchester, surveying,		-	6	00
	A. L. Haynes, opening graves and returning de	eath	s,	42	<b>2</b> 0
	John Monahan, returning deaths,		-	17	<b>5</b> 0
	John Feeney, liquors taken to be analyzed, -		Uar	5	00
	Michael Griffin, liquors taken to be analyzed,		-	6	00
	Joseph Thompson, damage to wagon and lo	ss	of		
	liquors,		-	18	00
	C. A. Brown & Co., merchandise for town house	se,		1	56
	Louis Dankoff, for injuries received on highway	,	-	475	00
	C. W. Bryan & Co., record book,		_	6	<b>75</b>
	Secretary of State, for registration book,		-	1	20
	J. B. Shaw, services clerk and treasurer, -		-	75	00
	J. B. Shaw, recording births, marriages and d	eath	ıs,	86	70
	Joseph Kerigan, services as selectman, -		-	75	00
	J. A. Hamilton, services as selectman, -		-	100	00

Paid P. W. Webster, services as selectman,	\$125	00
Samuel Bowles & Co., advertising,	.,	50
H. A. Northrop, services as collector 1876,	112	00
Estate of Elias Paul, attendance at court,	2	50
Robert McMaster, opening graves and returning		
deaths,	- 4	00
C. L. Gardner, legal services,	18	46
S. S. Taft, legal services,	10	00
J. D. Sullivan, liquors taken to be analyzed -	- 2	50
J. P. Dunn, liquors taken to be analyzed,	2	50
Wm. Holbrook, attendance at court,	5	00
D. Knox, going with hearse, opening graves and re-		
turning deaths,	251	90
John Clough, sealer of weights and measures,	20	00
	\$1,949	94
LOCK-UP.		
Paid J. G. Allen, for rent, \$150 00		
J. F. Holbrook, for coal, 3 27		
J. M. Converse, for wood, 3 00		
P. W. Webster, care of lock-up, - 50 00		
-	206	27
	\$2,156	6)1
HIGHWAYS.	Φ2,100	41
	*	
Paid O. N. Powell, for labor,	\$409	
C. R. Shaw, for labor,	137	-
Charles Upham, for labor,	873	
J. D. Sawyer, for labor,	488	
H. C. Smith, for labor,	74	
Bradley Olney, for labor,	93	
Abel Graves, for labor,	72	
Charles Sherman, for labor,	124	-
Charles Hastings, for labor,	126	
J. H. Keith, for labor,	141	
Eugene Shorley, for labor,	90	
Joseph Kerigan, for labor,	117	
M. Whitney, for labor,	300	
Geo. Mooers, for labor,	3	60

Paid Bryan Rouke, for labo	r, -	-	-	-	-	\$9	00
A. L. Haynes, for labor	or, -	-	-	-	-	5	15
P. W. Webster, for la	bor, -	-	-	-	-	6	<b>21</b>
Palmer mill, cement pi	pe and b	ick,	-	-	-	18	60
W. H. Hitchcock, for	labor,	- "	-	-	-	4	00
Daniel Dewire, breaking	ng out roa	d,	-	-	-	<b>2</b>	00
Dennis Murphy, break	ing out re	oad,	-	-	•••	5	<b>4</b> 0
E. B. Gates, putting in	culvert,	-	-	-	**	8	<b>5</b> 0
						0.010	07
					,	\$2,610	87
	BRID	BES.					
Paid Joseph Kerigan, for	plank a	nd la	bor, I	hornd	ike		
bridge, -		-	_		-	\$37	94
T. D. & P. H. Potter	, for plan	k and l	labor,	-	-	53	25
T. D. Potter, plank.	-	_	- 1	-	-	32	24
I. H. Plumley, timber		k,	_	-	-	158	<b>7</b> 8
Geo. Griffin, labor on			hard,	-	-	45	50
A. L. Haynes, labor,	-	-	-	-	***	3	40
Town of Brimfield, re		bridge,	-	-		2	03
J. A. Hamilton, labor		-	-	Na.	-	9	00
P. W. Webster, labor,		-	~	-	***	7	50
H. Thayer, plank,		-	-	-	-	12	00
Jas. Mahoney, buildir	ng wing w	all at '	Three	River	s, -	. 323	00
C. Wilson, use ropes,		-	~	-	~	5	00
•						<b>#</b> 600	0.1
						\$689	64
PUTT	ING U	P RA	ILIN	G.			
Paid H. C. Smith, -		_		_	-	\$20	00
W. B. Fenton, -		2	_	-	_	.,	00
C. R. Shaw,			~	_	_	11	
Joseph Kerigan,		_	u		_	6	00
D. B. Bishop, -			_	-	_	18	72
D. D. Bishop,						<del></del>	
			•			\$71	72
APPROPRIATI	ON FO	R DE	COR	ATIO	N D	AY.	
Paid H. H. Paine,		- 1	~	-	-	\$100	00

NEW BUILDIN	GS (	ON To	OWN	FAI	RM.		
Paid L. Giffin, for drawing plan	ı,	-	-	-	-	\$15	00
S. Leach, for house in par		_	-		_	870	00
J. M. Converse, building		for ba	rn,	-	-	140	00
C. L. Gardner, insurance p			_	-	_	20	00
						\$1,045	00
REDUCING DE	BTS	OF ?	THE	TOW	N.		
Paid Nancy J. Loomis note,	_	-	_	_	_	\$200	00
Monson Savings Bank,	-	-	_	_	-	2,300	00
Palmer Savings Bank,	_	-		-	-	2,500	00
					•	\$5,000	00
· INTERES	ST C	)N N(	OTES	•			
Paid Robert McMaster, -	-	-	-	-	-	\$180	00
Nancy J. Loomis, -	-	-	-	-	-	21	66
A. N. Dewey,	-	- /	-	-	-	84	00
J. K. Child (Admr.),	-	-	-	-	-	90	00
Mary B. Webster, -	-	-	***	-	_	33	00
Reuben Rogers, -	-	-	-	-	-	185	<b>5</b> 0
Permilia Rogers, -	-	-	-	-	-	91	00
Rebecca Gates, -	-	-	-	-	-	14	00
P. P. Potter,	-	-	-	-	) _	182	00
Monson Savings Bank,	-	-	~	-	-	172	50
Palmer Savings Bank,	-	***	-	-	-	259	00
						@1 910	CC
an	1111	A TO 37				\$1,312	00
	MINL	ARY.				-	
Paid State tax,	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,560	
State bank tax,	-	-		-	-	473	
County tax,	-	~	-	-	-	1,932	
Reducing town debt, -	-	-	-	-		5,000	
Interest on notes,	-	-	-	-	-	1,312	
State aid,	-	-	-	-	-	658	
Support of poor,	-	-	-	-	-	2,806	
Highways, '	-	-	-	-	-	2,610	
Bridges,	-		-	-	-	689	
Building railing, -	-	-	-	-	-	71	12

Paid Contingencies,	_	-	-	- \$2,156 21
School expenses,		-	-	- 7,831 25
Decoration day,	-	-	-	- 100 00
New buildings on town farm,	-	-	-	- 1,045 00
				\$28,247 45
DEBTS OF T	HE.	TOWN		-
NOTES DUE ON				
Robert McMaster,	_	\$1,500	00	*
Mrs. Mary B. Webster,	_	450		
Reuben Rogers,	_	2,650		
Permelia Rogers,	_	1,300		
Rebecca Gates,	_	200		
P. P. Potter,	_	2,600		
Palmer Savings Bank,	_	1,200		
,				\$9,900 00
		•		
NOTES DUE IN	ONE	VEAR.		
	OLVIE	\$1,500	00	
Robert McMaster,	-	1,400		
A. N. Dewey,	-	1,500		
J. K. Child (Admr.),	-	1,000	00	\$4,400 00
				φ <del>1</del> ,400 00
				\$14,300 00
Interest on the above (estimated),	-	_	_	- 860 00
Theorem of the district (statement),				
·		•		\$15,160 00
CLAIMS AGAINST THE T	'O W	N MAR	СН	1, 1878.
Notes and interest,	_	\$15,160	00	
Due H. A. Northrop, collector 1877.	_		00	
Due F. M. Shaw, services on town fa			00	
Due Silas Ruggles, M. D., attenda		30	0.0	
on paupers,	_	35	00	
Due Mary Finerty, boarding Chas. Cli	ink.		00	
Duo Ling Pinorty, bourding Onds. On	,	10		\$15,463 00
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### DUE THE TOWN MARCH 1, 1878.

Balance in the Treasury,	\$8,788 56	
Thompson fund in Palmer Savings bank,	963 39	
H. A. Northrop, tax collector 1877,	<b>2,200 00</b>	
From State for State aid 1877, -	658 00	
From State for paupers,	157 30	
		\$12,767 25
Balance against the town,		- \$2,695 75

Included in the cash in the treasury is a balance of \$1,640 secured from the insurance on the town buildings, and which will be called as soon as the new buildings are completed.

### Respectfully submitted,

PARKER W. WEBSTER, Selectmen J. O. HAMILTON, JOSEPH KERIGAN, Palmer.

#### The Selectmen recommend raising the following sums:

					-						
For	paupers,	-	-	-	-	_'	-	-	_	\$2,800	00
	Contingenci	ies,	-	-	-	-	-	- +	-	2,000	00
	Highways,	-	-	- '	-	-	-	-	-	2,500	00
	Bridges,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	600	00
	Interest on	town	debts,	-	-	-	-	-	-	860	00
	Reducing to	own d	ebt,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,000	00
	Also appro	priatin	g from	n the	$\operatorname{cash}$	in th	e trea	sury fo	r		
	reducin	g town	debt,	,	-	-	-	-	-	3,000	00
	Putting up	railing	g,	-	-	-	-	-	-	200	00
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### REPORT

OF THE

## Committee on Schools.

WE have never known a year in which the teachers have taken a deeper interest in the schools than in the last. They have tried intelligently to find out and to use the most promising methods. There has been a consequent real advance in the zeal and intelligence of the pupils.

The process of grading the schools has been kept up during the last, as in former years. This, however, is a work of time. In order to carry it on to the best results, it would be necessary to establish, at least, one more school in each of the villages. In some cases, the numbers are so great that a single teacher cannot do justice to the individual scholars. The difficulties of teaching are the greater, the larger the number of the grades of scholarship in the same school. the school is very large, and the attainments of the scholars very varied, no one scholar can have anything like a fair chance to be taught. Still we have sought to secure the possibility of getting a good average education in the town, and are having in the attempt, a fair measure of success. We desire, on this point, to say that, in our judgment, those whose means are limited, have small occasion to lament the necessity of sending their children to our own schools, and that all may as profitably rely upon these schools for the education of their children, as to send them away to any institutions except the very few of the first grade. Our effort has

been to produce such schools as we desired to have our own children attend, at least until they were fitted for business or ready to enter institutions of the highest class.

We have painted the houses at Palmer and Three Rivers, and in the Centre and Whiting districts. The Three Rivers house, however, was in so bad a condition, that it needs an additional coat of paint.

Your Committee would recommend the purchase of more land at Palmer for the site of a new school building, or the enlargement of the present house.

On account of the increase of attendance upon the village schools, under the operation of the law respecting the employment of children, we feel that a larger appropriation is a necessity; and would ask for the following sums: For teachers, fuel and care of houses, \$7,500.00; for general repairs, \$600.00; for miscellaneous, contingent expenses, \$700.00.

Appended is a detailed statement of our expenditures:

#### TEACHERS, FUEL AND CARE OF HOUSES.

Appropriation, -	•	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$6,500	00
*		TEACH	ers'	SALARI	ES.				
E G. Baldwin,	-		-	- '	٠ ـ	\$667	00		
Frank A. Hosmer,	-	~	-	-		161	00		
Mrs. E. G. Baldwin	,		-	-	-	241	67		
L. A. Holden,	-	-	dis	-	-	58	33		
Hattie E. Wallis,	-		-	-	-	300	00		
Lavinia M. Newell,	-	- 0	-	-	-	300	00		
Emily L. Graves,	-	-	-	_	_	300	00		
Ida A. Taft, -	· -	-	-	_	-	300	00		
M. Emma Murdock	,	-	~	-	-	300	00		
Fannie H. Paige,	-	-	-	-	-	300	00	'	
Mary L. Graves,	-	-	-	-	-	300	00		
Ella J. Graves,	-	-	-		-	300	00		
Clara F. Abbott,	-	- '	-	-	-	120	00		
C. Hudson Childs,		-	-	-	-	240	00		
Sarah A. Buxton,	-	-	-	-	-	300	00		
Minnie Parmenter,	-	-	-	-	1	84	00		

Clara J. Searle, -	_		_		\$200 00	
Kate S. Thompson, -	_	_	_	-	218 75	
Hattie A. Bliss,	_	_	_	_	283 50	
Fannie J. Watkins, -	_	_	-	_	75 00	
Annie E. Olney, -	_	_	_	_	161 00	
Ida F. Lewis,	_	_	_		228 00	
Belle H. Searle,	_	_	_		83 33	
Sarah E. Knox, -	_	_	tue.	_	118 75	
Saran II. Ichoz,						\$5,640 33
		FUEL	•			
Joseph Holbrook, for coal,		-	-	-	\$235 70	
Joseph Kerigan, fuel,	-	-	-	-	30 00	
S. J. Bullock, fuel, -	-	-	***	-	4 50	•
Daniel Holden, fuel,	-	-	-	-	4 00	•
James Burns, fuel, -	-	-	-	-	<b>42</b> 00	
Charles R. Shaw, fuel,	-	-	-	-	19 95	
Daniel D. Shea, fuel,	-	-	-		3 50	
T. D. & P. H. Potter, fu	el,	-	-	-	22 00	
T. D. & P. P. Potter, fue		-	-	-	4 00	
Austin R. Smith, fuel,	-	-	-		28 00	
Josiah Gates, fuel, -	-	-	-	-	3 50	
Fosket & Holbrook, fuel,	-	- 1	-	-	3 00	
J. M. Converse, fuel,	-	-	-	-	4 00	
Henry Thayer, fuel,	_	-	-	-	8 50	
Benj. B. Fenton, fuel,	-	-	-	-	$11\ \ 25$	
M. C. Fenton, fuel, -	_	-	-	-	10 00	
Josiah Stebbins, fuel,	-	-	-	-	5 62	
y comments of the second					<del></del>	\$439 52
	CART	e OF	попе	ma.		
	CARI	SOF	nous		\$82 50	
Sam'l Atwood, -	-	-	-	-		
Daniel D. Shea, -	-	-	-	-	57 00	
Hattie A. Bliss, -	-	-	-	-	15 00	
Katie Thompson, -	-	-	-	-	15 00	• 11 1
Franklin Stebbins, -	-	-	***	-	68 00	
Mrs. McGowan, -	-	-	-	-	5 00	
Mrs. Flemming, -	-	-	-	-	5 00	١.
Elmer Whiting, -	-	-	-	-	7 00	
E. G. Baldwin & T. A.	Hosm	er,		-	72 00	

E. G. Baldwin, cleaning,		_	_ ′	.4	30		
William A. Thompson, sawing wo	od,	-	_	2	25		
Willie Nelson, sawing wood, -		_	_	1	00		
Everett Sedgwick, sawing wood,		_	_	6	00		
Franklin Stebbins, 1876-7,	•	_	1	31	00		
Susan Gaffney, cleaning,		_	_	4	00		
,						\$375	05
					×	***	
Total for teachers, fuel and	d car	e,	-	-	-	\$6,454	90
Balance from appropriation,		-	-	-	-	<b>\$</b> 45	10
GENERA	L R	EPA	IRS.				
Appropriation,	_	_	_	_	_	\$600	00
George A. King, painting school-	hous	es.	_	\$67	15		
George D. Whiting, painting scho			_	95			
Francis Keyes, door,	_	_	_		00		
Fred. D. Thompson, labor, -	_		_		00		
John Wilson, repairing stove,	_	_	_		00		
T. D. Potter, lumber,	_	_	_	36	-		
H. O. Hancock, labor,	_	_	_		50		
John Barnes, blinds and labor,	_		_	_	90		
Mr. Rogers, blackboard, -	_	_			00		
H. P. Marcy, lumber,	_	_	_	_	16		
Michael Dillon, labor, -	_	_	_		00		
George Robinson, merchandise,	_	_			59		
Horace Kimball, labor, painting	10°. 1	repairi	ino		•		
stock, etc.,		<u>-</u>	-	53	80		
Ellis Dodge, labor,	_	_	_		00		
Charles R. Shaw, blinds, -	_	· _	12		00		
A. M. Bond, repairs on furnace,		_	_		30		
Nathan Howard, repairs, -	_	_	_		26		
E. G. Baldwin, repairs,	_	_	_	_	50		
Wm. A Thompson, repairs,	_	_	_	1	65		
James H. Tuthill, repairs bell wh	neel.	_	_		00	4.1	
W. G. Kenerson, repairs 1876-7		_	_		00		
Fred. Pett, painting school-house,			_		00	-	
, I am and a mouse,			_			\$487	71
Dalama from opposite						@110	90
Balance from appropriation,	-	-	-	-	-	\$112	29

### MISCELLANEOUS CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

				<b>#</b> @^^	00	
Appropriation,	-	- 00	- 0.3	\$600	00	
Allen & Cowan, books for poor, crayons, etc.			66			
Dan'l F. Holden, books for poor, crayons, etc	3.,		10			
M. W. French, use of hall,	-	10				
Frederick Allen, insurance,	-	97				
Henry McMaster, labor on yard 3 hours,	-	10				
C. A. Brown & Co., stove, pipe, nails, etc.,	-	29	30			
J. S. Hammett, school furniture, -	-	165	00			
Wm. Holbrook, freight, expenses and cash f	or					
labor,		14	17			
Hubbard Lawrence, brooms,	-	5	00			
James S. Loomis, chairs,	-	3	00			
G. M. Fiske & Co., printing,	_	1	00			
Chas. H. Murdock, merchandise,	-	3	26			
E. G. Baldwin, erasers,	_	3	00			
H. P. & J. S. Holden, brooms, etc., -	-14	2	10			
Wm. A. Thompson, drawing stone, etc.,		3	00			
W. H. Hitchcock, labor, dippers and materi	al,	4	83			
John H. Gamwell, water 1876-7,	-	8	00			
John H. Gamwell, water 1877-8,	_		00			
Clark W. Bryan & Co., diplomas, -	_	22	00			
B. M. Fullerton, horse hire, stamps, books	for					
poor children, etc.,	_	14	78			
E. B. Gates, cash paid out,	-		75			
B. M. Fullerton, services,	-	118				
William Holbrook,	_	125				
E. B. Gates,			00			
23. 25. Gucos,	-			\$841	45	
Evnanditure above appropriation						
Expenditure above appropriation,	-	-	-	\$241	40	
STATEMENT OF SCHOOL	) T T	PERMIT	G			
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Appropriation for teachers, fuel, and care of	hou	ses,	-	\$6,500	00	
Appropriation for general repairs, -	-	-	-	600	00	
Appropriation for miscellaneous contingent	expe	nses,	3	600	00	
Massachusetts school fund,	-	-	-	252	80	
Merrick school fund,	-	-	-	52	27	
Dog tax,	-		-	298	56	

Tuition from Town of Monson,	_	\$15	00
Tuition from George Fisherdieck,	_		00
Rent of school house Three Rivers,	-		50
Total,	_	\$8,351	13
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES FOR S	CE	IOOLS.	
Teachers' salaries,	-	\$5,640	33
Fuel and care of houses,	-	814	57
Miscellaneous contingent expenses,	_	841	45
General repairs,	_	487	71
		-	-
Total,	-	\$7,784	06
Balance in favor of expenditures,	-	567	07
The following sums are due the town for tuition:			
From Monson, tuition of Barnes, Davis and Sisk children	en.	\$24	31
A. J. Northrup, tuition of D. G. Northrup, -	_		66
Geo. Fisherdieck, tuition of children,	_	13	59
Mr. Cutler, tuition of son,	_	10	82

# TABULAR STATEMENT.

	TEACHERS.	Wages.	Months.	Whole No. School.	Average.
Palmer, High,	Earl G. Baldwin,	\$92	3	36	34
" Grammar,	Mrs. E. G. Baldwin,	$33\frac{1}{3}$	3	. 36	28
" Intermediate,	Hattie E. Wallis,	331	3	60	50
" Primary,	Lavinia M. Newell,	$33\frac{1}{3}$	3	64	51
Thorndike, Grammar,	Emily C. Graves,	$33\frac{1}{3}$	3	35	25
" Intermediate,	Ida A. Taft,	$33\frac{1}{3}$	3	49	38
" Primary,	M. Emma Murdock,	$33\frac{1}{3}$	3	63	52
Bond's Village, Grammar,	Fannie H. Paige,	$33\frac{1}{3}$	3	23	18
" Intermediate,	Mary L. Graves,	$33\frac{1}{3}$	3	36	28
" " Primary,	Ella J. Graves,	$33\frac{1}{2}$	3	59	47
Three Rivers, Grammar,	Clara F. Abbott,	40	3	28	26
" " Intermediate,	Sarah A. Buxton,	$33\frac{1}{3}$	3	34	28
" " Primary,	Minnie Parmenter,	28	3	61	48
Blanchardville, Mixed,	Kate L. Thompson,	25	3	26	20
Centre, Mixed,	Hattie A. Bliss,	$31\frac{1}{2}$	3	35	25
Whiting, "	Fannie I. Watkins,	25	3	14	11
Mason, "	Annie E. Olney,	28	3	23	16
Shaw, "	Ida F. Lewis,	25	$2\frac{3}{4}$	9	8
Palmer, High,	Earl G. Baldwin,	92	3	51	47
" Grammar,	Mrs. E. G. Baldwin,	$33\frac{1}{3}$	3	36	33
" Intermediate,	Hattie E. Wallis,	$33\frac{1}{3}$	3	42	34
" Primary,	Lavinia M. Newell,	$33\frac{1}{3}$	3	56	39
Thorndike, Grammar,	Emily C. Graves,	$33\frac{1}{3}$	3	29	19
" Intermediate,	Ida A. Taft,	$33\frac{1}{2}$	3	52	41
" Primary,	M. Emma Murdock,	$33\frac{1}{3}$	3	79	63
Bond's Village, Grammar,	Fannie H. Paige,	$33\frac{1}{3}$	3	38	29
" " Intermediate,	Mary L Graves,	$33\frac{1}{2}$	3	. 58	43
" " Primary,	Ella J. Graves,	$33\frac{1}{3}$	3	55	49
Three Rivers, Grammar,	C. Hudson Childs,	40	3	34	23
" " Intermediate,	Sarah A. Buxton,	331	3	56	46
" " Primary,	Clara J. Searle,	$33\frac{9}{3}$	3	78	61
Blanchardville, Mixed,	Katie L. Thompson,	25	3	27	21
Centre, Mixed,	Hattie A. Bliss,	$31\frac{1}{2}$	3	33	24
Whiting, "	Ida F. Lewis,	29	$\frac{2\frac{1}{2}}{2\frac{3}{4}}$	14	11
Mason, "	Annie E. Olney,	28 25	$\frac{2\frac{3}{4}}{2}$	14	8
Shaw, "	Sarah E. Knox,		2	9	8
Palmer, High,	E. G. Baldwin,	92	3	50	42
	Frank A. Hosmer, S				
" Grammar,	Mrs. E. G. Baldwin,	$33\frac{1}{3}$	3	36	29
	L. A. Holden,	991	3	42	34
" Intermediate,	Hattie E. Wallis,	$33\frac{1}{3}$ $33\frac{1}{3}$	3	45	31
" Primary,	Lavinia M. Newell,	003	1 0	40	1 91

	TEACHERS.	Wages.	Months.	Whole No. School.	Average.
Thorndike, Grammar,  " Intermediate,  " Primary,  Bond's Village, Grammar,  " Intermediate,  " Primary,  Three Rivers, Grammar,  " Intermediate,  " Intermediate,  " Intermediate,  " Primary,  " Ale Primary,  " 2d Primary,  Blanchardville, Mixed,  Centre, Mixed,  Whiting, "  Shaw, "	Emily C. Graves, Ida A. Taft, M. Emma Murdock, Fannie H. Paige, Mary L. Graves, Ella J. Graves, C. Hudson Childs, Sarah R. Buxton, Clara J. Searle, Belle H. Searle, Katie L. Thompson, Hattie A. Bliss, Ida F. Lewis, Sarah E. Knox,	$\begin{array}{c} 33\frac{2}{3}\\ 33\frac{2}{3}\\ 33\frac{2}{3}\\ 33\frac{2}{3}\\ 33\frac{2}{3}\\ 33\frac{1}{3}\\ 40\\ 33\frac{1}{3}\\ 33\frac{1}{3}\\ 25\\ 31\frac{1}{2}\\ 29\\ 25\\ \end{array}$	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	43 58 70 43 59 55 40 43 39 51 30 31 20	38 47 61 38 47 49 30 35 28 41 22 18 16

Respectfully submitted,

B. M. FULLERTON, WILLIAM HOLBROOK. E. B. GATES.





