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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

WESTHAMPTON, MASS.,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1884.



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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1884.

EXPENDITURES.

ON HIGHWAYS.

By H. S. King, old bill,	\$ 5 76	
“ H. S. King, snow bill,	4 27	
“ I. O. Shaw, “	3 52	
“ O. W. Bartlett, “	3 20	
“ Theo. Edwards, “	6 57	
“ George Tower, “	6 59	
“ F. C. Montague, “	6 39	
“ M. H. Montague, “	1 50	
“ J. Connery, “	3 42	
“ P. Conners, “	9 70	
“ H. L. Williams, “	8 25	
“ L. L. Rhodes, “	6 65	
“ H. Hathaway. “	4 00	
		\$69 82
By I. O. Shaw, surveyor,	\$57 46	
“ M. H. Montague, “	32 75	
“ F. C. Montague, “	49 90	
“ H. C. Williams, “	39 60	
“ M. C. Pelton, “	28 31	
“ Theo. Edwards, “	26 29	
“ O. W. Bartlett, “	29 98	
“ L. L. Rhodes, “	53 75	
“ M. L. Elwell, “	35 96	
“ S. D. Lyman, “	93 30	

" Wm. Slattery,	"	21 25	
" C. H. Hooker,	"	42 41	
" G. K. Langdon,	plank,	1 56	
" Ezbon Burt,		4 16	
" A. G. Jewett,		3 50	
		<hr/>	\$520 18

ON BRIDGES.

Loudville and Southwest bridge,		44 80	
Brewer bridge,		61 25	
Manhan Reservoir bridge,		72 67	
C. N. Loud's bridge,		50 00	
		<hr/>	\$228 72
On Schools, by School Committee,		\$1154 36	
On Loudville School house,		39 53	
		<hr/>	\$1193 89
On Cemetery, by Committee,			76 19

PAUPERS.

Ezra French,		\$156 00	
Elizabeth Adams and family,		26 20	
Chas. Frisbee,		48 00	
Wm. Lawler,		58 50	
A. Chilson,		3 00	
		<hr/>	\$291 70
State Tax,		\$240 00	
County Tax,		397 91	
Collecting taxes,		32 95	
Discount on taxes,		95 82	
Abatement on taxes and books,		11 72	
		<hr/>	\$778 40
Paid in account of Thayer fund,		\$ 60 00	
" " Street and Wright fund,		112 00	
		<hr/>	\$172 00

REPAIRS ON TOWN HALL.

Shingling,	\$90 00	
Chimney,	37 94	
Painting and other repairs,	45 58	
Stove, pipe, etc.,	50 25	
	—————	\$223 77

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

F. H. Judd, recording births, etc.,	\$11 25	
“ express, postage, etc.,	11 78	
“ care of hall,	43 25	
A. G. Jewett, express, postage and other expenses,	5 65	
A. G. Jewett, repairs and opening sewer,	3 40	
“ library lamp.	4 70	
“ copying Valuation book,	5 00	
“ settling up and making up annual reports,	7 50	
A. D. Rice, settling up and making up annual reports,	2 25	
Torrey Bros., printing annual reports,	10 56	
A. D. Montague, library blank book,	2 00	
“ “ ½ dog fund,	23 04	
J. D. Norton & Son, book case and ladder,	77 00	
G. E. Knight, care of hall,	7 29	
“ wood for hall,	3 00	
C. N. Loud, wood for hall,	4 50	
Insurance on hall,	15 06	
Oil, brooms, glass and glazing, etc.,	8 01	
M. L. Chapman, care of library,	20 00	
Auditing accounts,	3 00	
Driving and care of hearse, and cemetery,	15 00	
Repairs and painting hearse,	23 00	
	—————	\$306 24

TOWN OFFICERS' FEES.

F. H. Judd, Clerk and Elector,	\$18 00	
" Sealer,	5 00	
N. A. Kingsley, Treasurer,	25 00	
A. K. Chapman, Constable,	1 50	
O. W. Bartlett, "	1 50	
L. L. Rhodes, Selectman,	19 25	
A. D. Rice, "	24 25	
A. G. Jewett, "	34 00	\$128 50
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Amount of Expenditures,		3,989 41

RESOURCES.

Balance from last year,	\$1,704 55	
Cash from other sources, (Treas. book),	754 54	
Taxes assessed and school books,	3,294 86	
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	\$5,753 95	
Balance March 1st., 1884.		\$1,764 54

Respectfully Submitted,

A. G. JEWETT,	} Selectmen of Westhampton.
A. D. RICE,	
L. L. RHODES,	

Treasurer's Report

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1884.

DR.,

Balance from last year,	\$1704 55
Received from Southampton, school fund,	7 50
Interest on Taxes,	9 00
Received from A. P. Bridgman, Int. on Thayer fund,	12 00
“ Irene Clark, “ “	12 00
“ F. H. Judd, “ “	37 50
“ Caleb Loud, “ Wright fund,	52 00
“ H. H. Chilson, “ Street fund,	60 00
“ A. J. Fargo, for use of Law library,	15 00
“ County Treas., dog fund returned,	44 98
“ State Treas., Corporation Tax,	3 27
“ “ National Bank tax,	261 93
“ “ Relief of Soldiers and Sailors,	27 40
“ “ School fund,	211 96
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	\$2,459 09
Amount of Assessment,	3,294 86
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Total,	\$5,753 95

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By paid orders of Selectmen,	\$3,989 41
Balance in Treasury,	1,764 54
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	\$5,753 95

N. A. KINGSLEY, Treasurer.

The undersigned, Auditors for the town of Westhampton hereby certify that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find them correct, with vouchers on file for disbursements to the amount of Three thousand nine hundred and eighty nine dollars and forty one cents, (\$3,989 41), and a balance in the Treasury of seventeen hundred and sixty four and 54-100 Dollars (\$1,764 54).

We also certify, that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and found them correct with vouchers for orders drawn to the amount of three thousand nine hundred and eighty nine dollars and forty one cents (\$3,989 41).

A. K. CHAPMAN, }
 CHAS. N. LOUD, } Auditors.

March 4th, 1884.

REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF
WESTHAMPTON, MASS.,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1884.

The past school year has been unfortunate in some respects, but we think a fairly good result has been obtained. During the spring and summer terms, the schools were sadly interrupted by the prevalence of measles and scarlet fever, and in the South school by changing teachers during the term, and we have to excuse some of the irregularity in attendance, and consequent bad work at the various studies. But we think if more care were taken at home the record would have been better and we urge again that all take pains that there be no absent and tardy scholars from your family.

If our record of attendance should come to the notice of our State school authorities they would have occasion to think we did not appreciate the provision made for us.

If the regulations were enforced in our schools, which are in some others, requiring all scholars, absent or tardy, to present a sufficient excuse before re-entering the school, some would be highly displeased, and not slow to make

their displeasure known. But there is no good reason why the children should be deprived of the full benefit of the schools on account of the carelessness, or willfulness of their parents, but such is the case to a great extent and for which very poor excuses are made.

The winter term has been favorable for attending school, as we have had very little severe weather and snow to prevent, yet notice how few scholars were neither tardy nor absent. We are glad so many from our schools have desired to pursue their studies in higher institutions, and hope to see more doing the same thing, but such sometimes lose much valuable time because of the careless manner of attending the common school.

No first rate progress can be made at school, any more than at anything else, without hard work, close application and punctuality. The habits thus acquired are of no small account in making up character for future usefulness, (or uselessness), and this is largely under the control of the training at home. It is a well known fact among educators, that the character of the child is usually a true reflection of his home. To obtain the best results it may be best not to ignore the plain directions laid down in Proverbs, 23rd Chap, 13th and 14th verses, and elsewhere from the same authority. We are glad to commend again the scholars in the North West school for their good record of attendance, that so many have been neither absent or tardy through the three terms; there are others that have but just missed a complete record. We hope they will try again with better success.

The school house in the Center would be greatly improved if it was reseated and differently arranged inside. The room is crowded, the seats uncomfortable, and detrimental to health, and the blackboards insufficient; the heating arrangement is also bad. We hope some improvement will be made soon. Sheds for teams at the school houses would be a convenience, for they are bleak places in uncomfortable weather for horses to stand.

We need one thousand dollars for ordinary running

expenses, and you may think best not to incur extra expenses this year.

We have been able for the most part, to employ experienced teachers of acknowledged ability, and the results have proved very satisfactory, the improvement being very evident.

There were one hundred and seventeen children between 5 and 15 years of age on the first day of May last; of these 103 have attended the schools sometime during the year, aside from those attending the Loudville school.

We have no report from the Truant Officers to make.

The Clark Scholarship prize, for the best reader and speller in the Center school, was awarded to Miss Emily A. Edwards.

TERMS, WAGES AND ATTENDANCE.

Fractions Discarded.

SCHOOLS.	Teacher's Wages & Board per Week.			No. of Scholars.			Average Attendance.		Tardiness.		No. Not Tardy.		No. Not Absent.						
	No. of Weeks.	Spr.	Sum.	Win.	Spring.		Summer.		Winter.		Spring.		Summer.						
			DOLLARS.																
Center.	32	6.50	6.50	7.00	38	37	35	30	33	33	61	15	15	17	32	27	7	5	4
Hill.	32	6.00	6.00	6.50	20	16	22	18	14	36	40	47	4	4	5	4	0	1	3
South.	32	6.00	6.00	6.50	20	23	18	13	18	6	22	7	9	9	18	13	5	3	5
N. West.	32	6.00	6.00	6.50	22	18	9	20	16	2	4	0	20	17	17	9	11	7	3

Names of those who have not been absent or tardy during the whole year : ARTHUR T. EDWARDS, FRANK L. WILLIAMS, HENRY C. WILLIAMS, GEORGE M. SMITH, EMILY A. EDWARDS.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURES.

For Loudville school, 1882-3,	\$ 112 70	
Salaries of teachers,	810 40	
Fuel,	48 80	
Transportation of scholars,	40 00	
Repairs and cleaning,	21 46	
Janitors,	7 25	
School furniture,	2 40	
Books and apparatus,	75 07	
Care of books,	3 00	
Committee's fees, Miss Carrie Burt,	10 00	
" " A. D. Montague,	13 00	
" " F. H. Judd,	22 00	
Balance not drawn,	345 55	
	————	\$1,511 63

RESOURCES.

Balance from last year,	\$ 244 14	
State school fund,	211 96	
Dog fund,	22 49	
Sale of books,	25 54	
Town appropriation,	1000 00	
Due from Southampton,	7 50	
	————	\$1,511 63
There are books, crayons, etc., on hand, valued at	\$ 52 23	
There are books charged out,	28 75	

TEACHERS.

Center School : Spring and Summer terms, Miss MATTIE L. CLARK; Winter term, T. WATSON PHELPS.

Hill School : Miss LIZZIE C. EWING, three terms.

South School : Mr. JOHN D. ANABLE, three terms.

North West School : Spring and Summer terms, Miss LAURA H. CLAPP; Winter term, Mr. FRED D. MONTAGUE.

COMMITTEE.

MISS CARRIE BURT, - - - term expires March, 1884

A. D. MONTAGUE, - - - term expires March, 1885

F. H. JUDD, - - - term expires March, 1886

Respectfully submitted,

F. H. JUDD, for the Committee.

The auditors of accounts for the town of Westhampton hereby certify that we have this day examined the accounts of the School Committee for the year ending March 1, 1884, and find them correct, with an unexpended balance of school money in the hands of the treasurer of three hundred forty five 55-100 dollars. (345.55)

CHAS. N. LOUD, }
A. K. CHAPMAN, } *Auditors.*



