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Annual Report

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

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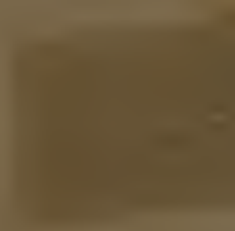
School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTHAMPTON,

For the Year Ending March 1, 1878.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

For the Year Ending March 1, 1878.

EXPENDITURES.

For Schools, by School Committee,		\$1,367 65
Highways, old bills,	\$43 35	
“ snow bills,	211 44	
“ Joseph Hathaway,	45 75	
“ A. D. Montague,	61 70	
“ Amariah Elwell,	74 28	
“ Wm. J. Lyman,	68 95	
“ Edmund Slattery,	64 50	
“ A. H. Bridgman,	41 03	
“ George Burt,	57 00	
“ Wm. E. Lyman,	50 36	
“ E. A. Bartlett,	35 00	
“ Lewis Burton,	46 75	
“ Chas. Hooker,	26 50	
“ Wm. Slattery,	38 43	
“ R. W. Clapp,	62 10	
“ L. L. Rhoades,	70 00	
“ D. S. Montague, extra,	9 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,006 14

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Ezra French,	\$160 25	
Mrs. Sarah French,	99 40	
Mrs. McCarty,	188 50	
Allen Lewis,	79 00	
A. L. Fish,	57 25	
Wm J. Fish,	54 80	
J. M. Chapman,	22 00	
John Conway,	42 25	
Patrick McCarty,	16 18	
F. Thompson,	1 50	
Tramps,	2 25	
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State tax,	\$240 00	
County tax,	408 05	
Interest on County tax,	8 64	
Abatement of taxes,	29 30	
Abatement by Thayer fund,	70 00	
Care of hall,	40 00	
Wood, oil, etc.,	19 71	
Town debt,	500 00	
Interest on town debt,	30 10	
Printing reports,	11 00	
Driving hearse,	18 00	
Care of cemetery,	6 50	
Recording births, deaths, etc.,	10 45	
Express, postage, and stationery,	22 80	
Hearse sleigh,	30 00	
Repairs on hearse sleigh,	5 15	
Water tank,	10 00	
Counsel fees, D. W. Bond,	2 00	
Town library,	15 00	
One-half dog fund for library,	16 58	
Damages on highway,	8 75	
Collecting taxes, 1875,	45 35	
" " 1876,	19 95	
Return of bank tax, C. J. Clark,	6 12	
J. M. Chapman's tax, 1875, and costs,	82 72	
Road scraper,	8 10	
Repairs of drain near church,	7 88	
License fee to State,	12 50	
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TOWN OFFICERS' FEES.

A. G. Jewett,	\$41 53	
George Burt,	31 05	
E. P. Lyman,	22 00	
N. A. Kingsley,	15 00	
F. H. Judd,	18 00	
T. C. Davenport,	5 00	
George E. Knight,	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$135 58
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Total,		\$4,917 40
Outstanding orders,		157 69
Orders paid by Treasurer,		4,759 71

RESOURCES.

Balance from last year,	\$2,007 84
Amount of tax committed to collector,	2,915 69
Treasurer's account,	676 52
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Amount,	\$5,600 05
Amount due from Treasurer,	\$682 65

A. G. JEWETT,	}	<i>Selectmen</i>
GEORGE BURT,		
E. P. LYMAN,		
		<i>of</i>
		<i>Westhampton.</i>

TREASURER'S REPORT,

For the Year ending March 1, 1878.

DR.	
To balance from last year,	\$2,007 84
“ interest on taxes,	47 80
Received of T. C. Davenport, interest on Thayer fund,	1 81
“ L. H. Clark, “ “ “	56 00
“ H. S. Rhodes, “ “ “	17 15
“ A. J. Fargo, use of law library,	15 00
“ E. P. Lyman, license fee,	50 00
“ State Treasurer, National Bank tax,	222 77
“ State aid,	16 00
“ State Treasurer, School fund,	214 48
“ County Treasurer, Dog fund returned 1877,	33 16
“ John Conway,	2 35
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	\$2,684 36
Amount of assessment,	2,915 69
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Total,	\$5,600 05

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Outstanding orders, last year,	\$32 25
By paid orders of Selectmen,	4,759 71
Amount due from Collectors,	658 50
Balance in Treasury,	149 59
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	\$5,600 05

N. A. KINGSLEY, *Treasurer.*

WESTHAMPTON

School Committee's Report,

1877-78.

The School Committee of Westhampton present the following as their Annual Report to the Town :

RESOURCES.

Town appropriation,	\$1,000 00
State school fund,	214 48
Dog fund,	16 58
Balance from last year,	206 50
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	\$1,437 50

EXPENDITURES.

Salary of teachers,	\$600 00
Board of teachers,	421 00
Loudville school,	117 00
School books,	33 25
Fuel,	77 50
Committee's fees,	45 50
Repairs,	17 50
Fence for Center school house,	16 00
Stove and fixings, South school house,	16 00
Incidentals,	5 25
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	\$1,349 00

Your Committee, upon consultation with the Superintendent of Schools in Northampton, found that some of the scholars, formerly counted as belonging to Westhampton, were really from Northampton and Easthampton, and therefore a reduction was made in their first bill, and this year there will be due them less than \$100, as our share of the expense of the school. This expense might be still farther reduced if those who live at about an equal distance from this school and other schools in Town, should attend our schools.

This year we have not received as much from the State as in former years, and only one-half the Dog Fund, but have, notwithstanding, given the schools an average of thirty-one weeks each.

Our teachers, as in former years, have been procured in town as far as your Committee have deemed it advisable, and for the best interest of the schools; and in no instance have we been disappointed in our expectations by so doing. And where, as in two of the schools, the same teacher has remained through the year, the scholars have made a marked improvement in nearly all the branches taught.

In the North East School, your Committee have, in accordance with the wishes of those most interested, secured a teacher, qualified to teach the higher branches; and by shortening the term of school session have been able to pay a corresponding price to the teacher, and believe that the money has been expended.

You will see, by our expense items, that some things have been paid from the School money which have been formerly paid for by the Town, and we think that all permanent repairs should be made by the Town appropriation; but as there has been a deficiency in the Town Treasury, and the Town bills have been somewhat larger, your Selectmen thought it best to pay for all repairs from the School fund.

The difference in the account of the Treasurer from the one given by us, is caused by orders remaining unpaid from last year.

The prize for the best reader and speller in the Center School was awarded to Miss Mira Judd.

We give below the comparative standing of the several Schools, as taken from the Registers :

SCHOOL.	No. of Weeks.	No. of Scholars.			Average Attendance.			Tardiness.			No. not tardy.		
		Spring.	Autumn.	Winter.	Spring.	Autumn.	Winter.	Spring.	Autumn.	Winter.	Spring.	Autumn.	Winter.
Center,	32	32	29	24	27	24	22	11	13	8	26	24	19
Hill,	33	19	18	17	14	13	15	40	50	77	2	1	0
South,.....	32	19	21	21	16	13	14	60	125	203	7	4	5
North-West,	32	11	13	12	11	12	9	7	16	10	8	4	7
North-East,	31	8	9	16	7	8	16	10	6	11	4	7	10

TEACHERS FOR THE PAST YEAR.

Center.—MRS. M. L. CHAPMAN.

Hill.—Miss CLARA E. EDWARDS, Miss EMILY H. BARTLETT.

South.—Miss EMMA A. EDWARDS, Mr. C. F. THAYER.

North-East.—Miss H. A. ORCUTT, Miss EMMA I. HENSHAW.

North-West.—Miss ELLA R. FISHER.

Not absent or tardy during the year.—Guy Judd, Emily Ed-
Annie and Mary Whalen.

Absent only one day, from sickness.—Lillie Montague, Etta
and Mabel Palmer.

Not once absent, once tardy.—Eunice Williams.

COMMITTEE.

C. N. LOUD,	term expires	1878
A. D. MONTAGUE,	“ “	1879
Dr. H. L. BLAIR,	“ “	1880

CHARLES N. LOUD,

Chairman School Committee.