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# ANNUAL REPORTS

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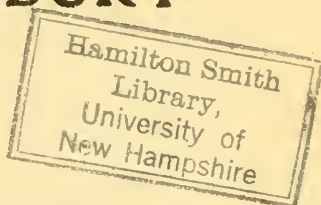
Treasurer and School Board

OF THE

## TOWN OF MADBURY

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1904.



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THE MARSHALL PRESS,  
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## TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

### RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1904.

#### STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid Solon A. Carter, State Treasurer....	\$561 00
Stephen D. Wentworth, County Treasurer .....	877 43

#### SCHOOLS.

Paid Charles W. Hayes, Treasurer of School Board .....	\$800 00
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#### SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Wm. S. Hayes, First Selectman.....	\$25 00
Edwin L. Jenkins, Second Selectman .....	25 00
Harry H. Evans, Third Selectman....	11 00
Charles W. Hayes, Treasurer.....	15 00
Thomas W. Fernald, Collector.....	30 00
Lewis H. Young, Town Clerk.....	16 00
Willis W. Hoitt, Dog Constable.....	8 00
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	\$130 00

#### DOG LICENSES.

Received of Lewis H. Young, licenses of 45 dogs \$94.70, less \$9.00 clerk's fees .....	\$85 70
Balance of 1902 .....	1 60
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	\$87 30

#### DAMAGE BY DOGS.

Paid George O. Hayes, 1 sheep killed .....	\$3 00
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## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid D. B. Foss, 35 hours work.....	\$ 5 25
H. A. Smith, 26½ hours work and 3 loads gravel.....	4 27
John W. Hodgdon, 55 hours work...	8 25
J. F. Crosby,       77     "     "     ...	10 47
Harry P. Jenkins, 10     "     "     ...	1 50
Horace W. Jenkins, 59     "     "     ...	8 58
Asa Young,         57     "     "     and timber,.....	9 28
George O. Hayes,    7     "     "     and timber,.....	1 80
Chas. G. Sanders, 115     "     "     ...	15 09
Edward Pendexter, 82     "     "     and 52 loads gravel,.....	21 30
F. L. Richardson, 18     "     "     ...	2 70
James H. Dailey, 90     "     "     ...	11 70
Ivory H. Kelley, 127     "     "     and railing,.....	19 80
H. E. Canney,       166     "     "     ...	25 50
G. E. Gerrish,      228     "     "     plow scraper and 61 loads gravel,....	43 57
Horace G. Whalley, 23     "     "     ...	3 45
Harry H. Evans,    43     "     "     ...	6 39
Andrew N. Jackson, 90     "     "     ...	15 75
David B. Hayes,    25     "     "     on Gerrish Bridge. ....	3 75
David B. Hayes, surveyor, 73 hours work.....	10 05
E. L. Jenkins,      285     "     "     and use of scraper, .....	45 00
Henry L. Felker, 113     "     "     ...	15 80
G. W. Hodgdon,     20     "     "     ...	3 00

Paid M. V. B. Felker,	90 hours work,...	\$13 50
A. W. Simpson,	96 " " ...	12 96
T. W. Fernald,	48 " " ...	7 14
David B. Hayes,	.....	65
Charles E. Perkins,	50 " " ...	7 44
L. H. Young,	151 " " ...	22 65
John A. Randall,	77 " " ...	11 50
B. R. Palmer,	47 " " ...	7 05
Jos. & T. Cole,	165 " " ...	22 77
L. H. Young,	119 " " and	
plow and scraper.....		18 59
W. S. Hayes,	60 " " ...	8 28
W. S. Hayes, paid for work in King-		
man district, Gerrish Bridge and		
Cocking Culvert as follows:		
D. A. Hayes,	20 hours work	\$3 00
C. T. Norman,	30 " " "	4 50
G. W. Hodgdon,	30 " " "	4 50
J. W. Hodgdon,	20 " " "	3 00
W. T. Fernald,	180 " " "	23 40
T. W. Fernald,	40 " " "	6 00
D. B. Hayes	15 " " "	2 25
B. R. Palmer	52 " " "	7 80
Chas. Brown	57½ " " "	8 63
W. S. Hayes and horse,	239	
hours work		53 71
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		118 79
Fred E. Gerrish,	59½ hours work....	8 81
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		\$552 38

## BREAKING ROADS.

Paid A. W. Simpson	56 hours work...	\$ 7 80
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Paid Harry H. Evans,	5½ hours work,...	\$	83
A. D. Emerson,	27 " " ...		3 83
C. E. Perkins,	172 " " ...		25 40
Horace W. Jenkins,	52½ " " ...		7 37
John A. Randall,	90 " " ...		13 57
A. K. Wormwell,	139 " " ...		20 65
Ivory H. Kelly,	36 " " ...		5 08
Frank E. Tibbetts,	16 " " ...		2 40
H. E. Canney,	36 " " ...		5 65
Asa Young, Surv.	198 " " ...		29 66
Fred E. Gerrish,	57 " " ...		8 55
Gardner E. Gerrish,	90 " " ...		13 50
George E. Bodge,	27 " " ...		3 51
David B. Hayes,	282 " " ...		40 93
Charles G. Sanders,	24 " " ...		3 51
A. Biederman,	102 " " ...		15 27
W. A. Biederman,	84 " " ...		12 60
G. S. Drew,	25½ " " ...		3 80
Joseph Cole,	12 " " ...		1 80
Fred L. Richardson	28 " " ...		4 20
James H. Dailey,	18 " " ...		2 43
W. S. Hayes,	67 " " ...		9 78
M. V. B. Felker,	110½ " " ...		16 46
T. W. Fernald, S.	271 " " ...		39 67
Marshall B. Foss,	54 " " ...		8 10
L. H. Young,	65 " " ...		9 03
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			\$315 48

## HORSE SHEDS.

Paid Asa Young,	15 hours work,.....	\$	2 25
George E. Bodge,	water closet and teaming.....		5 00
Charles G. Sanders,	80 hours work,..		12 45

Paid W. T. Fernald, teaming lumber..	\$	5	30
69½ hours work..		10	42
taking down shanty			
and hauling stone		6	90
laying 23M shingles		23	00

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\$45 62

Cr.

50 lbs. nails	\$1	40
75 ft. boards		97
228 ft. timber	3	81
¼M shingles		36

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6 54

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39 08

Henry L. Felker, 4½ hours work....		67
D. B. Hayes, 20 hours hauling stone.		2 70
D. Chesley & Co., 9 granite posts,...		6 75
Irving M. Locke, 4252 ft. frame @\$18		76 53
shanty and boards...		25 00
Mathews Bros., 2M ft. second-hand		
sheathing, @\$11 ....		22 00
23M shingles @ \$2 75	\$63	25
lumber and corner boards,		9 26

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72 51

W. S. Hayes and horse, 12¾		
days work.....	34	42
1 day after sheathing....	2	70
Paid C. Brown, 8½ days	12	74
Paid C. T. Norman, ¾ day	1	20
hooping.....	1	00

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\$52 06

Cr. 388 ft. sheathing at 12c 4 65

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47 41

Paid J. H. Seavey, nails, paint and oils..	20 29
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\$332 64

## TOWN HOUSE.

Paid Charles G. Sanders, 15 hours work ..	\$2 25
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Henry L. Felker, hauling brick, lime and cement.....	2 34
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A. W. Drew, laying 16 $\frac{1}{4}$ M shingles ...	20 94
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O. J. Palmer, building chimney over..	11 30
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Mathews Bros, 16 $\frac{1}{4}$ M shingles..	\$54 44
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160 ft. lumber.....	3 95
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58 39

W. S. Hayes, $\frac{1}{2}$ day for masons.	1 35
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2 days on chimney.....	5 20
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$\frac{1}{4}$ day Town house and road machine.....	2 00
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Pd. Mary A. Cocking, 64 ft.	
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plank.....	1 00
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300 ft. boards @ 12....	3 60
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\$13 15

## Cr.

41 lbs. nails ...	\$1 12
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$\frac{1}{4}$ cask lime.....	30
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52 brick.....	36
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93 ft. lumber.....	1 12
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\$2 90

\$10 25

J. Herbert Seavey, nails.....	6 25
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\$111 72

## HIGH SCHOOL TUITION.

Paid A. N. Dow, R. F. S., Exeter, Lotta S.	
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Kingman, 1 term.....	\$10 00
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Paid F. H. Pease, D. H. S.	
Edith Gerrish, 1 term.....	\$ 9 00
Chester E. Jenkins, 1 term.....	9 00
Reuben Hayes, 1 term.....	9 00
Addie Canney, 3 terms .....	37 00
Franklin Perkins, 2 terms, 7 wks.	31 00
Hamilton Perkins, 2 terms.....	28 00
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	\$123 00

## MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid Marshall Press, printing 200 reports..	\$16 50
E. C. Eastman, Public Statutes..	6 00
Town office and postage,	2 65
Collector's book.....	65
2 Records, 600 p.....	24 00
	33 30
Stephen Young, M. D., reporting three births and one death.....	1 00
R. G. Blanchard, M D., reporting two births and two deaths.....	1 00
R. J. Ward, M D., reporting four births	1 00
A. E. Grant, M. D., reporting three births and three deaths .....	1 50
Robert Miller, 2 lamps, 7 reflectors...	2 16
C. F. Furbish, repairing R. Machine wheel.....	9 20
J W. Spinney, repairing R. Machine...	11 25
D. Chesley & Co., 116 ft. covering stone sheds.....	18 92
Rollins & Foss, 2,389 ft. plank timber @ \$18 per M.....	43 00
M. V. B. Felker, services as Tree Warden	3 06
A. W. Simpson, proportion of H. S. tui- tion, 1901-02.....	36

L. E. Simpson heirs, proportion of H. S. tuition, 1901-02, .....	1 42
Geo. O. and Martin T. H. Hayes, proportion of H. S. tuition for 1902 ....	3 20
L. S. Fernald, 1,590 ft. bridge plank at \$18 per M.....	28 62
Fred L. Richardson, washing hall twice and work on funnel and door lock...	10 25
V. Mathes & Son, lime and cement....	1 86
L. H. Young, distributing constitution- al amendments.....	1 50
L. H. Young, postage and stationery..	1 75

## DUE FROM THE TOWN.

School district by last report, \$252 69	
Surplus this year..... 130 77	\$383 46
School district, surplus revenue and literary fund, income to be used for schools.....	228 00
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	\$611 46
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	\$210 26

Balance in favor of the town.....

## ABATEMENT OF TAXES ASSESSED 1903.

George O. Hayes, school money.....	\$9 83
Martin T. H. Hayes, school money.....	32
Lydia E. Simpson heirs, school money....	9 98
Arthur W. Simpson, school money.....	2 29
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	\$22 42

TREASURER IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF  
MADBURY.

## RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury, Feb 23, 1903.....	\$ 960 57
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L. E. Simpson heirs, proportion of H. S. tuition, 1901-02, .....	1 42
Geo. O. and Martin T. H. Hayes, proportion of H. S. tuition for 1902 ...	3 20
L. S. Fernald, 1,590 ft. bridge plank at \$18 per M. ....	28 62
Fred L. Richardson, washing hall twice and work on funnel and door lock..	10 25
V. Mathes & Son, lime and cement....	1 86
L. H. Young, distributing constitutional amendments.....	1 50
L. H. Young, postage and stationery..	1 75

## DUE FROM THE TOWN.

School district by last report	
Surplus this year	
Paid W. S. Hayes, laws 1903 and postage.....	\$1 40
" " funnel and thimble time in regard to Foss tax.....	1 12
" " postage and stationery.....	1 00
" " time to Barrington for lumber.....	1 50
" " time for lumber and help for sheds....	<u>\$5 02</u>
" " 30 spikes for Ger-rish bridge.....	1 00
Paid D. B. Hayes, lights and work on Ger-rish bridge.....	<u>\$4 05</u>
	65
	<u>\$200 56</u>

## State, County, Town, School, and Road

Tax collected.....	2,022 46
Dog licenses for 1903 .....	87 30
Railroad tax.....	144 08
Savings Bank tax.....	787 75
Literary fund.....	43 07
F. L. Richardson, rent of town hall.....	7 00
Thomas W. Fernald, collector, 1902.....	208 64
W. S. Hayes, door handle.....	12
M. V. B. Felker, collector, 1901.....	4 41
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	\$4,265 40

## EXPENDITURES.

Paid State tax.....	\$561 00
County tax.....	877 43
Schools .....	800 00
Salaries of town officers.....	130 00
Damage by dogs.....	3 00
Roads and Bridges.....	552 38
Breaking roads... ..	315 48
Horse sheds. ....	332 64
Town House.....	111 72
High School tuition.....	123 00
Miscellaneous bills. ....	200 56
Auditors.....	3 00
Cash in treasury, Feb. 27. 1904.....	255 19
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	\$4,265 40

STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDI-  
TION OF THE TOWN FEB. 27, 1904.

State, county, town, school, and road taxes assessed, 1903.....	\$2,461 16
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State, county, town, school and road taxes collected, Feb. 27, 1904.....	2,022 46
State, county, town, school and road taxes of 1903, abated.....	22 42
State, county, town, school and road taxes of 1903, outstanding.....	416 27
Rate of taxation on \$100.....	1 10
Total valuation, April 1, 1903.....	222,819 00

## SCHOOL MONEY FOR 1903.

Raised by law.....	\$792 00
Literary fund.....	43 07
Balance of dog licenses.....	84 30
Surplus revenue and Literary fund loaned the town, interest.....	11 40
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	\$930 77

## DUE THE TOWN.

Outstanding—T. W. Fernald's list,	1892..	\$1 26
“ “ “	1893..	87
“ “ “	1894..	1 05
“ “ “	1895..	3 74
“ M. V. B. Felker's “	1899..	11 49
“ “ “	1900..	15 87
“ “ “	1901..	23 25
“ T. W. Fernald's “	1902..	92 73
“ “ “	1903..	416 27
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		\$566 53
Cash in treasury.....		255 19
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		\$821 72

## REPORT OF DOG CONSTABLE

MADBURY, N. H., Feb. 15, 1904.

To the Selectmen of the Town of Madbury :

I return the following report for the year 1903.

No. of dogs returned by Selectmen

Males..... 38

Females..... 3

Total... 41

No. owned after inventory was taken

Males..... 11

Females..... 4

Total..... 15

Total No. of dogs..... 56

No. killed by owners..... 4

No. taken out of state..... 2

No. licensed in Dover..... 3

No. licensed in Rochester ..... 1

Total ..... 10

No. of dogs licensed..... 46

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. HOIT,

Dog Constable for 1903.

## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

IN MADBURY, FOR YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 1903.

## BIRTHS.

1902.

Aug. 25. Alice Evelyn Sanders, daughter of Frank  
W. Sanders and Carrie A. Burke.

- 1903.
- Jan. 13. ———Norman, daughter of Charles T. Norman and Effie F. Hodgdon.
- Jan. 29. ———Emerson, daughter of Albert D. Emerson and Bertha Berry.
- Feb. 24. Adaline R. Young, daughter of Lewis H. Young and Mary S. Hale.
- April 1. ———Drew, son of Greenleaf S. Drew and Neoma Miles.
- Oct. 2. Mildred Caroline Sanders, daughter of Frank W. Sanders and Carrie A. Burke.
- Oct. 27. Marion E. Norman, daughter of Charles J. Norman and Mary L. Nichols.
- Oct. 27. Minnie E. Norman, daughter of Charles J. Norman and Mary L. Nichols.
- Dec. 30. ———Norman, daughter of Charles T. Norman and Effie F. Hodgdon.

## MARRIAGES.

- 1903.
- Jan. 1. Charles T. Norman of Madbury, age 25, farmer, son of Charles J. Norman and Clara E. Daniels, deceased, and Effie F. Hodgdon of Madbury, age 18, daughter of John Hodgdon and Susan Stevens of Madbury.

## DEATHS.

- 1903.
- Jan. 21. Sarah A. Emerson, aged 70 years, 9 months, 4 days; widow; daughter of Curtis Demeritt and Elizabeth Snell; cause of death, general debility.
- Feb. 4. John Bartlett, residence Dover, aged 79 years, 8 months, 25 days; married; son



- of Jonathan Bartlett and Lovey Laskey ;  
cause of death, heart disease.
- March 16. Sarah E. Littlefield, aged 72 years; widow ;  
daughter of Alpheus Clay and Esther  
Lamos; cause of death, heart failure.
- May 15. Lucy A. Meserve, aged 74 years, 1 month-  
24 days; married; father's name, Hender-  
son; cause of death, heart disease.
- May 30. Clara A. Miles, aged 75 years, 7 months,  
22 days; married; daughter of William  
Mathes and Sarah Mathes; cause of death,  
heart disease.
- Aug. 13. Avri Jane Roberts, aged 78 years, 2 months  
married; daughter of Stephen Bodge and  
Sarah Williams; cause of death, phthius.
- Aug. 20. Bertha E. Smith, aged 31 years, 6 months  
22 days; daughter of Hiram A. Smith  
and Melissa Weston; cause of death, con-  
sumption.
- Oct. 24. Charles, E. Tibbetts, aged 79 years, 4  
months, 24 days; widowed; cause of  
death, heart disease.

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## FINANCIAL REPORT

OF THE

## SCHOOL BOARD AND TREASURER

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1904.

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### RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury Feb. 21, 1903..... \$ 47 17

Received from Town Treasurer .....	800 00
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	\$847 17

## EXPENDITURES.

Paid Charles W. Hayes, salary .....	\$ 15 00
Henry L. Felker, salary .....	15 00
Charles S. Kingman, salary .....	15 00
Jennie Farwell, teaching 10 weeks....	65 00
F. Mercy Durgin, " 22 " ...	143 00
Lotta S. Kingman, " 21 " ...	136 00
Arthur G. Lord, " 20 " ...	150 00
Henry L. Felker, " 11 " ...	71 50
G. L. Drew, transporting scholars from Hayes school to North school .....	43 75
American Book Co., exchange of read- ers .....	48 37
Edward E. Babb, 50 gross W. crayons at 7c .....	3 50
Edward E. Babb, 4 Scudder's histories	1 80
" " " kindergarten supplies	1 71
Freight on books and crayons, .....	70
Express on histories and arithmetics.	55
McIntosh Bros., 6 copies of by-laws..	1 50
Fred H. Foss, 3 frames for by-laws...	2 14
R. E. Lane, 1000 book labels .....	2 85
" " " 2 order books .....	1 70
" " " 50 school notices .....	75
C. E. Brewster Co. :	
1 gross lead pencils .....	1 30
3 qts. ink .....	1 13
1 gross pens .....	50
Horace G. Whalley, tuition, spring term 1902 .....	8 00

Paid Horace G. Whalley, transportation,...	\$3 33
Arthur L. Fernald, 1 cord hard wood fitted.....	5 00
Arthur L. Fernald, $\frac{1}{2}$ cord pine wood fitted.....	1 50
Mathes & Son, 1 cord hard wood....	5 00
1 cord pine wood....	3 50
C. S. Kingman, fitting wood.....	1 25
broom and glass....	60
H. L. Felker:	
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cords pine wood fitted.....	10 00
2 cords hard wood fitted.....	12 00
cleaning school houses.....	2 00
supplies and labor.....	1 38
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	\$776 81

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD FOR THE  
YEAR 1903, ENDING FEB. 15, 1904.  
RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury Fed. 21, 1903.....	\$47 17
Received from Town Treasurer.....	800 00
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	\$847 17

EXPENDITURES.

Paid salaries of school board.....	\$45 00
Salaries of teachers.....	566 00
Transportation.....	47 08
Tuition.....	8 00
Fuel and fitting.....	38 25
School books.....	50 17
School supplies.....	8 14
Miscellaneous.....	14 17
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	\$776 81

Balance in Treasury Feb. 15, 1904..... 70 36

\$847 17

CHARLES W. HAYES, Treasurer.

CHARLES W. HAYES, }  
HENRY L. FELKER, } School  
CHARLES S. KINGMAN, } Board.

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts of the School Board and Treasurer, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

FRANK W. SANDERS, }  
JOHN F. CROSBY, } Auditors.

#### SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1.

	Spring	Fall	Winter
Length of term.....	10	11	10
Wages per week.....	6.50	6.50	6.50
Number of pupils.....	13	16	19
Average number of pupils.....	12	14	14
Percentage of daily attendance.....	98.58	94.	73.95
Number not absent.....	9	8	8
Number of pupils Reading.....	13	16	18
Spelling.....	13	16	18
Penmanship.....	13	16	18
Arithmetic... ..	13	14	18
Geography... ..	7	7	7
Grammar... ..	8	4	8
History... ..	8	6	6
Composition.....	4	4	5
Drawing... ..	8	16	18
Physiology... ..	8	4	5

#### ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

*Spring Term*—Edna Sanders, Carl Sanders, Mary Sanders, Ida Sanders, Ernest Sanders, John Rowe, James Darley, John Darley, Perry Cooms.

*Fall Term*—Franklin C. Bemis, Elizabeth H. Bemis, Eloise Bemis,<sup>†</sup> John Darley James Darley, Carl Sanders, Ernest Sanders, Ida Sanders.

*Winter Term*—Ida Sanders, Mary Sanders, William Sanders, Carl Sanders, Edwin Sanders, Warren Knox, Byron Bonser.

#### REPORT OF THE HAYES SCHOOL.

	Spring	Fall
Length in weeks.....	11	11
Number of pupils.....	9	6
Wages per month.....	\$26	\$26
Average daily attendance....	7 <sup>70</sup> / <sub>104</sub>	4 <sup>96</sup> / <sub>106</sub>
Per cent. of attendance.....	.9755	.9774
No. of tardinesses.....	0	0
No. not absent.....	5	2
No. of visitors.....	13	4
No. of pupils in Reading.....	8	6
Spelling.....	8	6
Penmanship..	8	6
Arithmetic...	8	6
Geography...	6	6
Grammar....	6	6
History.....	6	6
Vocal Music..	7	6
Composition.	6	6
Physiology...	2	4
Algebra. ....	4	4
Drawing.....		6

Miss F. Mercy Durgin taught the Spring and Fall terms. During the Winter term the scholars were transported to the North school.

#### ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

*Spring Term*—Grace A. Blackmer, Edna G. Black-

mer, Gertrude S. Drew, Frederick E. Drew, Benjamin V. Drew.

*Fall Term*—Grace A. Blackmer, Benjamin V. Drew.

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4.

	Spring	Fall	Winter
Length in weeks.....	11	10	10
Number of pupils.....	21	20	17
Wages per month.....	\$26	\$28	\$32
Average daily attendance... .	18 $\frac{54}{108}$	12 $\frac{98}{96}$	13 $\frac{22}{96}$
Per cent. of attendance.....	.8809	.7751	.7786
No. of cases of tardiness.....	37	26	47
No. not absent.....	4	0	1
No. of visitors.....	31	8	10
No. of pupils in Reading .....	21	20	17
Spelling.....	21	20	17
Penmanship..	21	20	17
Arithmetic...	21	18	15
Geography...	13	10	6
Grammar....	19	12	5
History... ..	10	8	6
Composition.	18	0	0
Physiology...	1	1	6
Algebra.....	0	0	2
Book-keeping	0	0	1

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

*First Term*—Gertrude E. Ross, Nellie M. Brown, Charlie Ross, Fred Ross.

*Winter Term*—Grace Blackmer.

Spring term was taught by Elizabeth E. G. Snell, and Helen M. Buzzell. Fall and Winter terms were taught by Arthur G. Lord of So. Berwick, Me. Mr. Lord is a graduate of the Normal School at Gorham, Me., and has had an experience of thirty terms teaching in Maine and New Hampshire.

## CITIZENS OF MADBURY :

We are spending about \$800 a year or \$10,400 for 13 years to educate about 40 scholars. What is that education worth? What is it for? Why do we send our children about 415 weeks away from home and put them under the care, sometimes, of strangers?

Is it not to fit them for active duties of life? Is it not to fit them to better enjoy the pleasures and bear the sorrows that come to each and every member of the human family? To be an honored and respected member of society and bear its responsibilities and perform its duties in an honest and upright manner. In fact, that wherever they are they may be on an equality with the best, and be capable of earning enough of this world's goods to make them and those dependent on them comfortable under all circumstances and something for others.

While we care for them now, what is our ideal of their future, and what are we doing to have them *reach that ideal*? When we criticize others for their actions or want of action, what *are we doing*?

If our children are not what we would like for them to be, do they not get the larger part of that at home where they are most of the time, especially before they go to school, when we are their parent and teacher.

If they do not learn as fast as we want them to, what are we doing to help them along? But you may say, I have no time. *Which* is of the most value, a little of your time or your children's welfare? You may say, my education is limited, I had but little chance to go to school, or it was hard for me to

learn. Granted, but is not these excuses the more reason why your children should be always prompt at school that they may make up for what you cannot give them, and get a little inspiration and help from the teacher. No true teacher will refuse to help any scholar, that wants to learn, either in school or out.

Again, is your life at home just what your ideal would have your children be in the future? Should not discipline and correction commence with you and leaven the whole family. Someone has said truly that "The same rain and sun that draws from the small acorn the mighty oak, will rot the the post." The education we give our children will make them wiser and better if properly directed, but it may make them the worst criminals, if started in that direction in youth. Is not this the secret of the large number of desperate boy criminals lately caught in their downward career.

In view of these facts, what is the duty of every person in this matter? When we consider this matter, if we love our children, and no one doubts it, let us make ourselves and the environment of our children as near perfect as possible and remove from our shoulders the burden of responsibility. Then and not till then can we demand of others that they do likewise.

CHARLES W. HAYES,  
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School Board.



CHARLES W. HAYES, Treasurer.

W. S. HAYES, } Selectmen of  
E. L. JENKINS, } Madbury.

We, the undersigned, certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts of the town treasurer and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

FRANK W. SANDERS, }  
JOHN F. CROSBY, } Auditors.

Madbury, Feb. 27, 1904.

