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Treasurer's Report.

DR.

To cash in treasury, March, 1898.....	\$151 73
Received of Jonas K. Fowle, Coll., 1895.....	70 29
“ “ James R. Heal, “ 1896-7-8.....	1, 322 64
“ from State, school fund.....	275 14
“ “ Fred S. Bailey, dog license, 1898.....	19 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ 1897.....	2 00
“ for toll-house and bridge.....	20 00
“ of J. H. Stephenson & Co.....	5 00
“ “ J. F. Knight, hall.....	2 00
“ “ J. R. Heal, plank.....	50
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	\$1,868 30

CR.

By orders paid of 1898.....	\$1,093 53
“ Old orders paid.....	168 97
“ Paid State tax, 1898.....	250 18
“ “ State dog license.....	19 00
“ “ County tax.....	119 61
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	\$1,651 29
Balance, cash in treasury.....	217 01
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	\$1,868 30

Collector's Accounts.

Jonas K. Fowle, Collector for 1895.

DR.	
Uncollected, March, 1898.....	\$70 29
CR.	
By paid in March, 1899.....	\$70 29

James R. Heal, Collector for 1896.

DR.	
Uncollected, March 11, 1898.....	\$109 02
CR.	
By paid in.....	59 86
Uncollected, March 4, 1899.....	\$49 26

James R. Heal, Collector for 1897.

DR.	
Uncollected, March, 1898.....	\$810 75
CR.	
By paid in.....	603 19
Uncollected, March 4, 1899.....	\$207 56

James R. Heal, Collector for 1898.

DR.	
To list of commitments.....	\$1,732 54
CR.	
By paid in.....	659 59
Uncollected, March 4, 1899.....	\$1,072 95

Amount of Orders Drawn by Selectmen, Year Ending March 4, 1899.

Pauper Account.

Geneva Whitten, paid Mrs. A. T. Pierce total expenses for poor.....	\$7 87
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Snow Bills.

Paid Horace Lewis.....	\$1 92
Will Lewis.....	1 92
Nehemiah Colby.....	14 25
William Harrington.....	5 70
Q. C. Hodgdon.....	5 15
T. F. Knight.....	2 05
C. A. Welch.....	1 08
Oscar Whitten.....	7 12
H. E. Greenleaf.....	5 50
Henry Tarbox.....	84
Chester McCullam.....	1 02
Arthur Tarbox.....	1 08
Robert Cameron, Jr.....	96
Charles Tarbox.....	78
Burton B. Jewett and G. A. Jewett.....	11 55
Geo. H. Dickinson.....	96
Ernest F. Knight.....	84
Fred S. Bailey.....	1 02
Jonas R. Whitten.....	88
Charles H. Whitten.....	88
Jonas S. Knight.....	7 00
E. E. McCarty.....	3 00
Wm. A. Whitten.....	88
James Thomas.....	6 25
Irving M. Fowle.....	11 89
Parkman F. Jewett.....	1 56
Charles Brooks.....	2 10

Henry F. Greenleaf.....	1 05
Jonas K. Fowle.....	5 00
Wm. P. Colby.....	85
M. C. Brooks and Erastas Jewett.....	3 21
Warren F. Hodgdon, 1897.....	1 25
W. M. Colby.....	1 00
Geo. D. Colby.....	1 00
Frank P. Tarbox.....	1 08
J. R. Heal.....	2 76

\$114 77

Road in Summer.

Paid C. A. Welch.....	\$14 62
Will Lewis.....	12 37
Horace Lewis.....	8 25
Harold Hodgdon.....	5 25
Ernest F. Knight.....	10 50
Nehemiah Colby.....	30 00
S. D. Judkins.....	23 75
T. F. Knight.....	18 75
Chester Colby.....	3 44
Willie Colby.....	9 75
Irving M. Fowle.....	15 62
Ulysses G. Whitten.....	8 25
James H. Knight, labor and commission.....	34 59
Oscar Whitten.....	4 50
Jonas K. Fowle.....	5 63
M. V. Fowle.....	4 87
William Harrington.....	4 35
H. E. Greenleaf.....	3 75
Jonas H. Jewett.....	5 25
Rial P. Colby.....	2 10
Berton H. Higgins.....	6 87
M. C. Brooks.....	2 01
Warren F. Hodgdon and team.....	54 00
P. O. Jewett.....	4 50
J. R. Heal.....	2 00
Charles H. Whitten.....	75

\$295 72

Interest.

Paid Warren F. Hodgdon.....	71
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Abatements.

Paid Jonas K. Fowle, J. H. Ringot's tax 1895.....	\$70 29
J. R. Heal on Knickerbocker Ice Co.....	3 69
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Pond Bridge.

Paid Jonas R. Whitten.....	\$2 40
Wm. A. Whitten.....	4 20
Charles H. Whitten.....	5 25
G. A. and M. C. Jewett, freight.....	5 00
Scott R. Hilton, lumber.....	64 36
Oscar Whitten and team.....	6 50
Q. C. Hodgdon, nails.....	54
Woodbury Hodgdon.....	3 75
M. C. Brooks, bolts.....	1 25
M. P. Heal, admix. lumber.....	60
	<hr/> \$93 85

Dyke Bridge.

Paid Thomas F. Knight.....	\$2 25
W. F. Hodgdon and team.....	1 50
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Reporting Births and Deaths.

Paid O. M. Kingsbury, M. D., deaths.....	\$1 00
Mrs. Lucy J. Moore, births.....	50
Mrs. R. D. Cromwell, births.....	75
Fred S. Bailey to State.....	2 85
	<hr/> \$5 10

Hilton's Pond Bridge.

Paid A. T. Webber, 1897	\$2 50
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Town Hall.

Paid Mrs. Lucy D. Knight, wood	\$2 00
T. F. Knight, labor and sawing wood	5 37
M. C. Brooks, hauling wood	50
Wm. McKinney, nails 1897	1 96
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	\$9 83

Repairs on School-Houses.

Paid Scott R. Hilton, lumber	\$13 72
T. F. Knight, labor	1 35
Rial P. Colby, labor	1 15
James Thomas, labor	75
W. F. Hodgdon, hauling	1 00
James R. Heal	97
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	\$18 94

Miscellaneous Expenses.

Paid Mrs. E. V. Lewis, cleaning school-house, 1897	\$2 00
Mrs. L. J. Jewett, cleaning school-house, 1897	3 25
Mrs. Jacob Colby, " " "	2 00
James R. Heal " " "	2 00
Loring, Short and Harmon, books	4 80
J. O. Shaw, books	2 00
American Book Co, books	17 28
Bath Daily Times, printing	8 25
M. C. Brooks, paid for deeds postage	82
D. M. Humphreys, Ins	7 50
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	\$49 90

Town Officers.

Paid Q. C. Hodgdon, ballot clerk	\$1 50
Irving M. Fowle, " "	1 50
Jonas K. Fowle, superintendent of schools and taking census	23 00
Fred S. Bailey, town clerk	6 00
W. M. Colby, truant officer	3 00
M. C. Brooks, Selectman, Assessor & Overseer of Poor	45 00
H. E. Greenleaf, " " " " " "	18 00
T. F. Knight, " " " " " "	13 50
James R. Heal, collector, commission, 1897	39 17
James R. Heel, treasurer, 1898	15 00
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	\$165 67

Schools.

Paid Mrs. Etta Cromwell, board, 1897	\$16 00
J. H. L. Fowle, board and teaching	142 50
M. P. Heal, " " "	67 70
C. M. Jewett, " " "	142 70
F. D. J. Fowle, " " "	157 50
Helen White, teaching	55 00
T. F. Knight, sawing wood	3 00
Nehemiah Colby, hauling wood	1 50
Robie Higgins, sawing wood	1 25
Wm. McKinney, wood supplies	21 45
Robie Higgins, janitor	2 75
J. K. Fowle, supplies	2 00
Florence Jewett, janitor	2 75
Mrs. R. D. Cromwell, board	27 50
T. F. Knight, wood	1 35
James Thomas, wood	2 75
James R. Heal, wood	1 75
Andrew Lawson, wood	4 38
E. V. Lewis, board and teaching	82 50
F. P. Tarbox, sawing wood	1 20
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	\$737 53

Account with Schools.

To amount raised March, 1898.....	\$400 00
“ “ Received from State.....	275 14
“ “ Unexpended, March, 1898.....	87 11
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Total resources.....	\$762 25
Paid for teaching, board and fuel.....	\$737 53
Due the schools, March 4, 1899.....	24 72
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	\$762 25

Recapitulation.

Paid State tax.....	\$250 18
County tax.....	119 61
Poor	7 87
Snow	114 77
Highway.....	295 72
Interest.....	71
Abatements.....	73 98
Bridges	100 10
Repairs on school-houses.....	18 94
Town hall.....	9 83
Miscellaneous	49 90
Births and deaths.....	5 10
Town officers.....	165 67
Schools	737 53
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Total amount expended for the year..... \$1,949 91

Summary Statement.

DR.

Orders outstanding, March, 1898.....	\$593 40
Drawn.....	1,580 12
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	\$2,173 52

CR.

Amount of orders paid during the year.....	\$1,262 50
Outstanding orders, March 4, 1899.....	911 02
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	\$2,173 52

Liabilities of the Town.

Outstanding orders, March 4, 1899.....	\$911 02
Due the schools.....	24 72
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	\$935 74
Resources above liabilities.....	649 94
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	\$1,585 68

Resources of the Town.

Balance in Treasury, March 4, 1899.....	\$217 01
Uncollected taxes for 1896-7-8.....	1,329 67
Due from F. C. Littlefield & Co.....	10 00
“ “ G. A. Robinson & Co.....	5 00
“ “ David Greenlaw & Sons.....	5 00
“ “ State, dog license, 1898.....	19 00
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	\$1,585 68

M. C. BROOKS,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
H. E. GREENLEAF,	
T. F. KNIGHT.	

of
Westport.

School Report.

TO THE CITIZENS OF WESTPORT:—

The following report of the schools of this town for the year ending March 1, 1899, is herewith respectfully submitted:

Amount raised by town for support of schools, March, 1898..	\$400 00
Amount received from State.....	275 14
Unexpended, March, 1898.....	87 11
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Total school resources.....	\$762 25
Amount paid for teaching and exp.....	737 53
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Unexpended, March, 1899.....	\$24 72

Whole number of scholars belonging in town April 1, 1898, 113.

Whole number attending Spring schools, 63.

Average " " " " 56.

Whole number attending Fall schools, 63.

Average " " " " 51.

Whole number attending Winter schools, 60.

Average " " " " 45.

Total number attending two weeks or more for the year, 76.

At each school there has been for the year, a Spring term of nine weeks, a Fall term of ten weeks and a Winter term of eleven weeks, thirty weeks in all.

The wages paid teachers for the year have been \$7.50, including board.

NORTH SCHOOL.

This school, for the Spring and Fall terms, was under the instruction of Miss Josie H. L. Fowle of this town. The Winter term was taught by Miss Helen White of Wiscasset. Whole number of scholars registered for Spring term, 18; average, 16. Whole number registered for Fall term, 18; average, 16. The whole number attending the Winter term was 19; average, 13.

CENTRE SCHOOL.

This school, for the Spring term, was under the instruction of Miss Mabel P. Heal of this town. The Fall and Winter terms were taught by Miss Fannie D. J. Fowle of this town. The whole number of scholars registered for the Spring term, 23 ; average, 20. Whole number in the Fall term, 27 ; average, 22. Whole number in Winter term, 20 ; average, 13.

SOUTH SCHOOL.

The Spring and Fall terms were taught by Miss Carrie M. Jewett of this town. The winter term was taught by Mrs. Etta V. Lewis of this town. The whole number of scholars registered for Spring term, 22 ; average, 20. Whole number registered for Fall term, 18 ; average, 13. Whole number registered for Winter term, 21 ; average, 19.

Now in regard to the schools and the progress made in them, I will say the following :

During the year, I have visited each school twice during each term to ascertain to the best of my ability the standing of the schools, and the advancement made during the year. I have examined each school with the aforesaid purpose in view, and find that under the circumstances in which the schools are existing good advancement has been made. Not so good, however, but that it can be greatly improved.

One of the greatest faults in our schools is the fact that too many recitations are crowded into one day's work. Too much is attempted and nothing done. The limited time given to the preparation of so many lessons for each day, not only confuses the scholar, but materially injures him by arousing a sense of carelessness that should not exist in the school room or out of it. Our scholars would, in my opinion, be *better* scholars if the work could be differently arranged for each day or week. A programme of the work should be prepared so that more time could be devoted to a recitation. Our schools, containing as they do scholars of all ages and grades, are not easily managed to good advantage by attempting so many different recitations in one day. This plan of conducting recitations, I would suggest to be made among the scholars of the higher grades especially. So little work is done in the way of study outside of the school room that the time in school is apparently inadequate for the preparation of so many lessons. The schol-

ar has not time to think or do any real studying. We must not make the mistake of clinging to the idea that no improvement can be made on the method of imparting instruction that has been used in our schools for the past twenty-five or thirty years, and even longer. This is an age of progress and let us try and live in this age and not in the ages past and gone. Our schools are not what they ought to be. Circumstances which ought not to exist are working harm in this department. Scholars are not encouraged in the right direction. They are in many cases allowed and encouraged to be careless of these grave questions of childhood.

The home influence is strikingly apparent in the school. The same influence that has been working harm in our schools for the past half century and more is working today. We see the results of this influence—these results are self-evident. Why should this be continued? Greater effort should be made to countermand this detrimental feature of our schools. Let all family feuds find no place in this department. See that the boys and girls are impressed with a sense of greatness of character that will cause them to feel that the school is an institution in which they have duties to perform. Each scholar should by wholesome home influence be impressed with the fact that no one else can fill his place in the school. If he is to receive any benefit from the school he must fill that place himself. The home is the institution in which children should be prepared to enter this other institution, the school. It is the responsibility of the parent to prepare the child for the duties there to be performed. If this home preparation is faulty, the school cannot wholly supply the deficiency.

In conclusion, I will say that it is the duty of each citizen to do all in his power to help raise our schools to a higher standard, that, through them may come the benefits that these institutions are intended to diffuse.

JONAS K. FOWLE,

Supt. of Schools,

