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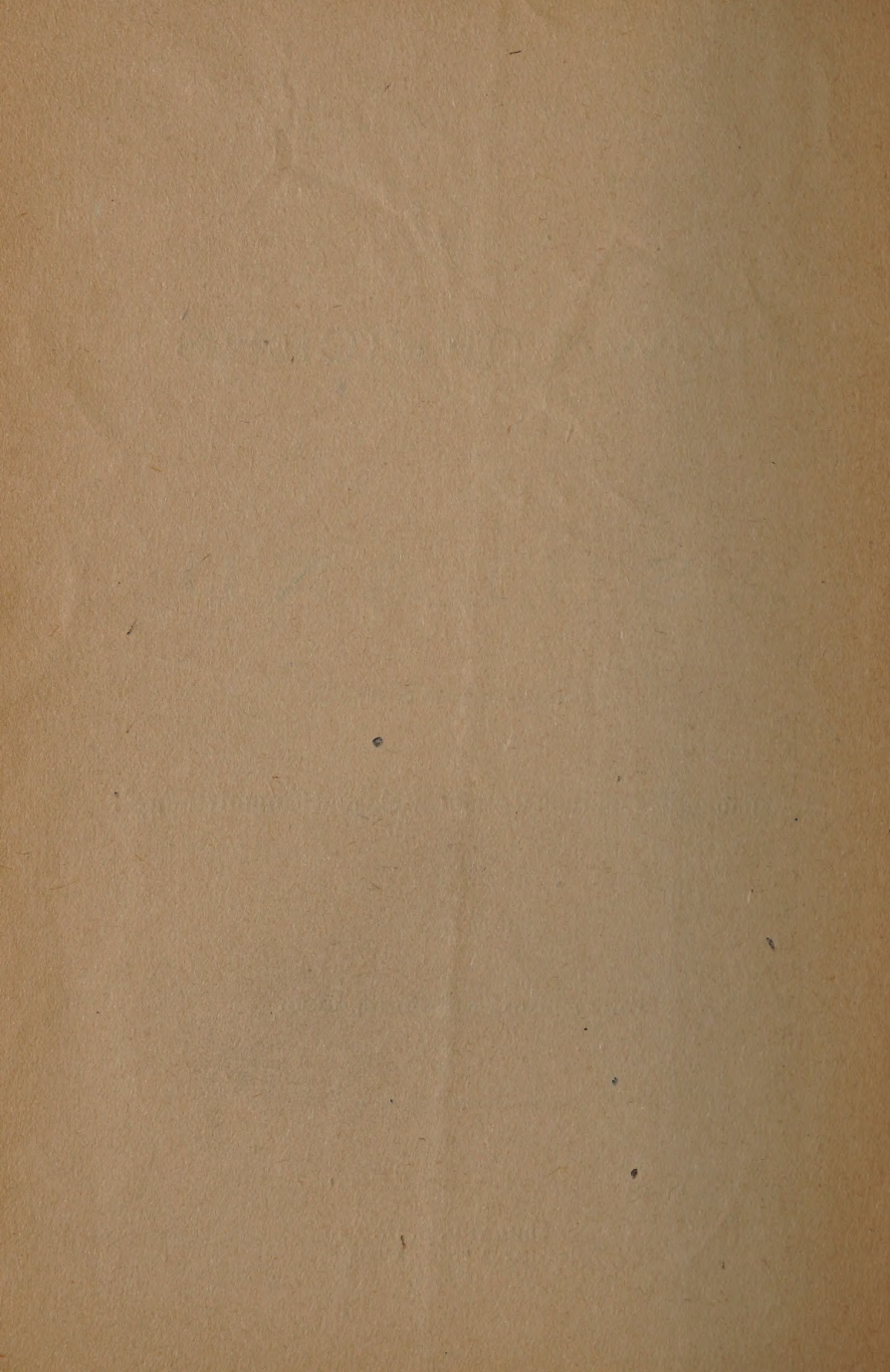
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# == SELECTMEN'S REPORT. ==

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## TAXABLE ARTICLES.

Polls, 280.	\$28,000 00
Real Estate,	248,920 00
Horses, 147.	11,778 00
Oxen, 58.	3,544 00
Cows, 201.	6,034 00
Other Neat Stock, 110.	2,034 00
Sheep, 185.	728 00
Hogs, 9.	84 00
Carriages, 22.	1,416 00
Money at Interest,	20,780 00
Stock in Trade,	40,876 00
Mills and Machinery,	\$4,100 00
Non-Resident,	2,080 00
Total Inventory,	\$450,174 00
State, County, Town and School Tax on Poll in District No. 1,	\$1 09
Highway Tax on Poll,	25



OUTSTANDING CLAIMS.

1884.			
Apr.	9,	Geo. F. Cummings, breaking roads,	\$7 57
"	26,	F. H. Leavitt, " "	5 40
May	24,	Geo. W. Lambert " "	10 35
"	31,	Arthur Huckins, " "	75
June	3,	Jas. L. Wilson, on account of Carr case,	165 22
"	9,	Chas. C. Eastman, breaking roads,	14 55
"	"	Sam'l Shepard, " "	18 60
"	12,	Paul Perkins, " "	16 00
Nov.	10,	B. E. Plaisted, land damage on Baily road,	100 00
		F. M. Hughes, labor on roads,	1 00
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			\$339 59

CURRENT EXPENSES.

1884.			
Mar.	22,	G. B. Gordon, services as Supervisor,	\$10 00
		F. M. Hughes, " " and Auditor,	6 00
	27,	R. R. D. Dearborn, printing reports, 1883,	16 00
Apr.	8,	L. A. Dearborn, Town Library,	150 00
	12,	D. Sanborn, Supervisor and Auditor,	7 00
May	15,	Mrs. Ashworth, keeping tramp,	5 69
		E. C. Eastman, Surveyor's book,	1 06
	29,	R. F. Sanborn, for Decoration Day,	50 00
Aug.	7,	Geo. C. Rowe, painting signs,	1 25
Oct.	31,	C. C. Smith, labor laying Town Hall floor,	20 00
Nov.	14,	L. D. Fogg, labor on road,	2 25
	17,	D. Sanborn, services on check-list,	6 00
		G. B. Gordon, " "	7 00
		F. M. Hughes, " "	6 00
	26,	Geo. H. Clark & Co., floor Town Hall,	90 27
Dec.	5,	R. R. D. Dearborn, printing 500 tax bills,	2 50
	10,	" " " 30 check-lists,	7 00
	16,	Geo. F. Cummings, sheep killed by dogs,	10 00
1885.			
Jan.	3,	G. B. Stevens, bounty on woodchucks,	53 60
	31,	D. B. Baker, police and keeping tramps,	5 00

Jan. 31,	H. C. Dearborn, services as S. S. Com.,	\$21 00
	“ “ Auditor and Moderator,	5 00
Feb. 1,	E. G. Clapp, stove zinc and pipe,	19 55
6,	F. H. Leavitt, sheep killed by dogs,	3 00
19,	Henry Page, plank for District No. 5,	3 00
	M. C. Spaulding, registering births and deaths,	3 50
	A. E. Porter, services as Town Clerk,	40 00
20,	Asa Drew, breaking roads,	1 80
	Paul Perkins, “	7 84
	Chas. Shepard, “	10 90
	B. F. Cox, services as Selectman,	18 00
	E. B. Currier, shoveling snow, Union bridge,	1 50
	“ services as Selectman,	9 00
23,	R. R. D. Dearborn, “ Collector,	75 00
	Lucy A. Dearborn, “ Librarian,	25 00
24,	John R. Carr, gravel and breaking roads,	26 28
25,	S. C. Baker, services as Selectman,	61 00
	A. E. Harriman, copying inventory,	5 00
	S. C. Baker, books and stationery,	5 25
26,	Hughes & Huckins, supplies as per bill,	4 25
	Geo. B. Stevens, services as Selectman,	60 00
	“ “ Overseer of Poor,	15 00
	Frank L. Hughes, Treasurer,	25 00
28,	Geo. F. Dow, services as Police,	6 00
	“ labor on Town Hall,	24 00
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		\$932 49

EXPENSE OF POOR.

1884.		
May 29,	Paid Hughes & Huckins, supplies furnished G. H. Lougee,	\$36 48
July 19,	A. R. Garey, attendance upon Mrs. Bonner,	6 00
Nov. 10,	Hughes & Huckins supplies furnished F. Bonner,	14 21



Nov. 10,	Paid Hughes & Huckins, supplies furnished Glines & Brown,	\$6 83
	A. E. Porter, medicines, Glines & Brown,	1 60
13,	A. R. Garey, services at Concord, in- quest on body of John Noel,	2 00
	M. C. Spaulding, account of Glines & Brown,	3 00
1885.		
Jan. 3,	R. W. Ladd, burial of Mrs. Bonner and John Noel,	27 00
Feb. 25,	M. C. Spaulding, medicine and atten- dance, George H. Lougee,	3 75
	Hughes & Huckins, supplies furnished G. H. Lougee,	17 10
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		\$117 97

**SCHOOL MONEY.**

	School Money.	Literary Fund.	Total.
District No. 1,	\$1,393 59	\$80 42	\$1,474 01
2,	34 47	9 85	44 32
3,	30 73	7 91	38 64
4,	55 72	15 00	70 72
5,	7 88	5 54	13 42
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	\$1,522 39	\$118 72	\$1,641 11



. RECAPITULATION.

Outstanding Claims,	\$339 54
Current Expenses,	93 <sup>2</sup> 49
Expense of Poor,	117 98
School Money,	1,641 11
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	\$3,031 12

GEORGE B. STEVENS, } Selectmen  
 STEPHEN C. BAKER, } of  
 EDWIN B. CURRIER, } Ashland.

MARCH, 2d, 1885.

This certifies that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly avouched for.

F. M. HUGHES, } Auditors of the  
 DEXTER SANBORN, } Town of Ashland.

STATEMENT OF DEBT.

Am't notes and interest outstanding March 1, 1885,	\$1,303 90
	CR.
By cash in hand of Treasurer,	\$177 76
"        "        Collector,	42 00
Balance due from County,	20 85
Uncollected taxes,	455 53
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	\$696 14
Balance,	\$607 76
Amount of debt March 1st, 1884,	\$1,665 66
"        "        "        1885,	607 76
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Decrease of debt in 1884,	\$1,057 90

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

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	DR.
To balance brought from last year,	\$350 54
Cash of A. E. Porter, (billiard license,)	9 00
"  Grafton County, aid of paupers,	73 49
"  Belknap      "      "	57 42
"  Solon A. Carter, Railroad Tax,	165 55
"      "      Savings Bank Tax,	820 02
"      "      Literary Fund,	118 72
"      "      Bounty on woodchucks and hawks,	53 60
"  Selectmen, for stone sold,	10 00
"  Geo. F. Dow, Janitor Town Hall,	17 60
"  R. R. D. Dearborn, Collector, for 1883,	300 00
"      "      "      "      1884,	4,250 00
	\$6,225 94
	CR.
By paid notes and interest,	\$1,146 70
County Tax,	945 08
State Tax,	940 10
Town Orders,	3,016 40
Cash in hand of Treasurer,	177 76
	\$6,225 94

Respectfully submitted,

F. L. HUGHES, Treasurer.

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F. M. HUGHES,        } Auditors of the  
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# COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR 1884.

Amount of resident taxes committed to me for collection,	\$4,768 38
Amount of Non-resident taxes,	24 64
“ Interest collected,	10 16
“ paid to Treasurer and due on account of taxes for 1882 and 1883,	79 23
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	\$4,882 41

ACCOUNTED FOR AS FOLLOWS :

Paid Treasurer,	\$4,250 00
“ Dog tax,	48 44
W. B. Smith, Highway Surveyor,	1 00
Highway taxes worked—Non-resident,	1 25
Amount of Discounts,	59 05
Abatements,	25 14
Cash on hand,	42 00
Uncollected taxes,	455 53
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	\$4,882 41

Paid Treasurer, on account of uncollected taxes of 1882 and 1883,	\$300 00
“ on account of dog tax for 1883,	13 96
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	\$313 96

Respectfully submitted,

R. R. D. DEARBORN, Collector,

# JANITOR'S REPORT.

Cash received for use of Hall, \$72 20

ACCOUNTED FOR AS FOLLOWS:

Paid Hughes & Huckins, for wood and supplies,	\$14 85
Eri G. Clapp, for stove pipe and labor,	4 75
Geo. F. Dow, for fitting and piling wood,	2 00
James Corliss, for fitting wood,	75
James Stuart, for labor on Hall,	75
Geo. F. Dow, " " " "	2 00
Janitor, for care of Hall,	29 50
Town Treasurer,	17 60
	—————\$72 20

GEO. F. DOW, Janitor.

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F. M. HUGHES, } Auditors of the  
DEXTER SANBORN, } Town of Ashland.



# LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

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While the Library has been in my care I have constantly tried to improve it, and I think I have succeeded to an appreciable extent. Such books as needed re-binding and were thought worth the expense, have been re-bound at a reasonable price. Some 140 books have been bought and added to the Library, so there are now 800 volumes, or about that number.

The number of people who come to the Library for books has largely increased since my last report. More books are really needed. I respectfully submit the following statement:

Received of Town Treasurer,	\$150 00
"    L. S. Hannaford,	50
"    in fines,	4 13
	\$154 63

### ACCOUNTED FOR AS FOLLOWS:

Paid Lothrop & Co., for 140 books,	\$100 00
For 2 books,	6 25
A. E. Porter, for blank book,	1 75
R. R. D. Dearborn, " "	50
Express on books from Lothrop & Co.,	1 50
Re-binding 88 books,	29 00
Freight on same,	50
Re-binding 38 books,	11 68
Express on same,	75
Paper to cover books,	10
Cards and postage,	10
R. R. D. Dearborn, for 500 Library by-laws,	2 50
	\$154 63

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. DEARBORN, Librarian.

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DEXTER SANBORN, }	Auditors of the
F. M. HUGHES, }	Town of Ashland.





REPORT OF THE  
-BOARD OF EDUCATION-

IN DISTRICT NO. I.

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The money for educational purposes the past year amounted to \$1,514 43, affording schools for 33 weeks, which was divided into three terms of 11 weeks each. The teachers of the four departments were severally paid \$12., \$9., \$8. and \$8. per week. Of 197 different pupils there was an average daily attendance of 126.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Under the instruction of Miss Delle A. Dearborn, the progress has been very marked; a well-earned result of her industry and experience, for it is here that the variety of work, patient care and persistent effort required especially test the abilities of the teacher. The whole attendance was 82, with an average of 41.

INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT.

In this department systematic exertion by the pupils themselves may be said to begin. There was an average attendance of 31; a total number of 61. After the close of the spring school Miss M. E. Calley, the teacher for several previous terms, was succeeded by Miss Lillie M. Beede, a young lady of some experience, who has since discharged the duties of the position with good success.

LOWER GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

This department numbers 46, with average daily attendance of 30. Miss A. M. Weeks taught here during the first term. Miss Ella M. Smith followed her in the care of the classes, all somewhat advanced in common school studies. The gratifying progress made fully attests the efficiency of her instruction.

HIGHER GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

This department, mainly devoted to academical branches, has continued in charge of Prof. D. W. C. Durgin. A large proportion of its members exhibit a very commendable scholarship, and this division of the school well serves the ends for which it was organized. A total number of 31 gave a regular attendance of 23.

The Board of Education has made several changes intended to adapt the number of pupils to the several rooms and distribute them in the different departments, according to their attainments, and present the studies in their proper place. A series of readers well suited to the condition of the school was introduced at the beginning of the year, and other text-books afterwards. A new plan of study has been adopted, tolerably free from omissions and defects which several years' trial had pointed out in its predecessor. Its introduction necessarily displaced some of the classes, while it imposed an unusual amount of work upon others, or gave them less than their customary share; but these inconveniences will be only temporary. The written examination at the close of each term is expected to show the standing of the classes, and stimulate the exertions of pupils and teachers.

HIRAM CASS, For the Board.



## REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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The schools under my care being Districts Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5, I submit the following report:

DISTRICT No. 2, has had two terms, one of 8 the other of 6 weeks, taught by Miss Mary E. Huckins. Whole number of pupils attending the spring term, 14; fall term, 8. In this school the following studies have been taken: reading, spelling, penmanship, arithmetic, algebra, geography, grammar and composition. Wages, \$12 per month, board given.

DISTRICT No. 3, has had two terms, one of 8 weeks, the other of 12; both taught by Miss Lilly M. Worthen. Number of scholars attending the spring term, 5; number attending fall term, 8. Studies: reading, spelling, penmanship, arithmetic, geography and book-keeping. Wages paid \$18 per month.

DISTRICT No. 4, has had two terms of 6 weeks each taught by Mrs. Luthera L. S. Blanchard. Number of different pupils attending the spring term, 13; fall term, 17. Studies taken in this school were reading, spelling, penmanship, arithmetic, geography and grammar. Wages, \$20 per month.

DISTRICT No. 5, had a summer term of 6 weeks and a fall term of 11 weeks; both taught by Miss Mary E. Huckins. Number of pupils the first term, 11. Number attending the

second term, 13. Studies taken include reading, spelling, penmanship, arithmetic, grammar and composition. Wages, per month, \$18.

Oral instruction has been given to some extent in history and physiology in all the schools. Good order has prevailed, good improvement been made and a degree of interest exhibited creditable to both teachers and pupils.

Respectfully,

HENRY C. DEARBORN, Sup't.





