

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF—

THE SELECTMEN,

TREASURER, COLLECTOR, OVERSEER
OF THE POOR, SCHOOL COM-
MITTEE, AGENT TOWN
HALL AND LI-
BRARIAN

—OF THE—

TOWN OF ASHLAND,

—FOR THE—

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1877.

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ASHLAND, N. H.:
RALPH H. SHAW, JOB PRINTER.

1877.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

March 1, 1877. TAXABLE ARTICLES, 1876.

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| 274 Polls, | \$27,400 |
| Carriages, | 2,700 |
| 126 Horses, | 13,060 |
| 353 Cattle, | 11,830 |
| 381 Sheep, | 1,472 |
| Stock in trade, | 32,150 |
| Money at Interest, | 11,800 |
| Factories and their Machinery, | 115,000 |
| Real Estate, | 260,334 |
| Non-Residents, | 4,200 |
| | \$479,946 |
| Total Inventory, | |
| State, County, Town and School tax on Poll, | \$1.18 |
| Highway tax “ | .33 |
| | \$1.51 |

OUTSTANDING CLAIMS.

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| Paid by orders on Town Treasurer:— | |
| F. M. Hughes, notifying land holders, Mitchell | |
| road, | \$2 00 |
| Ai Willoughby, bill on road, Dis. No. 1, | 17 70 |
| Horatio N. Smythe, Overseer of the Poor 1875, | 50 00 |
| R. W. Smith, land damage on Fogg road, | 10 00 |

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| John B. Carr, damage to sheep by dogs, | \$3 00 |
| Daniel R. Smith, balance of Ames brook bridge, | 9 67 |
| Frank H. Leavitt, road bill Dis. No. 4, 1875, | 5 00 |
| Elias H. Whitten, work on road, bill 1875, Dis. No. 1, | 2 00 |
| John F. Maynard, damage to wagon in 1875, | 12 50 |
| F. E. Shaw, printing Town reports, | 26 00 |
| Horace E. Bickford, road bill, Dis. No. 4, | 1 20 |
| Joseph Lambert, land damage, | 5 00 |
| Ben F. Pease, counsel fees, | 4 00 |
| James L. Wilson, counsel fees in J. H. Ellison case, | 6 50 |
| " " " New Hampton road, | 32 70 |
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| | \$187 27 |

TOWN EXPENSES.

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| Paid by orders on Town Treasurer ;— | |
| Henry Page, Auditor, | \$4 00 |
| Francis M. Hughes, " | 4 00 |
| Dexter Sanborn, " | 4 00 |
| B. W. Sanborn, for books and stationery, | 9 45 |
| J. M. Cotton, for transients, | 6 50 |
| E. J. Hughes, copying inventory and Collector's tax-book, | 7 00 |
| F. M. Hughes, labor on Town Hall, | 8 15 |
| Geo. F. Dow, " " " | 1 00 |
| R. L. Baker, " " " | 1 50 |
| Geo. W. Baker, for work on Town Hall, for tramps, and expenses out of town, | 8 45 |
| S. M. Smith, for stove pipe for Town Hall, | 3 75 |
| John S. Drew, for painting Tomb door, | 1 00 |
| E. B. Currier, Damage to sheep by dogs, | 2 50 |
| Daniel S. Baker, " " " | 5 00 |
| Dexter Sanborn, for tax bills, | 2 50 |
| Barnett Hughes, Selectman's bill, | 62 25 |
| Geo. W. Baker, " " " | 40 50 |
| Henry Page, " " " | 45 50 |

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| B. B. Worthen, Town Clerk, | \$40 00 |
| Frank L. Hughse, Town Treasurer, | 35 00 |
| Dexter Sanborn, Collector, | 75 00 |
| Horatio N. Smtyh, Overseer of Poor, | 50 00 |
| Sarah J. Brown, Librarian, | 25 00 |
| John A. Dana, School Committee, | 35 00 |
| Frank N. Flanders, Police, | 7 00 |
| W. F. Harris, " " | 3 00 |
| Barnet Hughes, for transients, | 2 25 |
| " " " Postage, Express, and ex- pense out of town, | 3 15 |
| " " " Board of Selectmen, | 12 00 |
| Henry Page, for horse and expenses out, of town, | 3 80 |
| John A. Dana, for registering births, | 5 00 |
| Joseph A. Baker, damage to sheep by dogs, | 9 00 |
| Dow & Wheeler, Architects, | 7 40 |
| A. C. Whipple, registering births, | 2 50 |
| F. E. Shaw, printing Police Regulations, | 3 00 |
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| Overseer of the Poor, | \$535 25 |
| | \$337 43 |

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

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| Paid H. Page, breaking roads, Dis. No. 1 and 4, | \$10 20 |
| Town of New Hampton, for new road, | 300 00 |
| Jane LaBarron, damage in Dis. No. 1, | 20 00 |
| Frank H. Leavitt, for plow broken, Dis. No. 4, | 3 00 |
| Zenas Benton, for labor, Dis. No. 4, | 1 65 |
| David H. G. Fogg, powder and drills, | 1 62 |
| S. W. Constantine, watering trough, | 3 00 |
| Benjamin Cass, labor on Rollins wall, | 3 50 |
| Joseph B. Smith, " " " | 1 50 |
| Samuel W. Fletcher, for lumber, | 36 19 |
| John Smith, Jr. damage to sleigh, | 4 00 |
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| | \$384 66 |

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SCHOOL MONEY.

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| Dis. No. 1, 759 86 | Dog tax, 33 60 | Lit'y fund, 55 00 | \$848 46 |
| " 2, 20 80 | " 33 60 | " 6 30 | 60 70 |
| " 3, 37 00 | " 16 90 | " 4 00 | 57 90 |
| " 4, 60 80 | " 33 60 | " 7 00 | 101 40 |
| " 5, 10 54 | " 11 30 | " 2 40 | 24 24 |

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| | | \$1092 70 |
| Cash over-paid Dis. No. 1, | | 10 00 |
| Paid N. S. Calley, School house tax, Dis. No. 3, | | 12 00 |

RECAPITULATION.

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| Outstanding Claims, | 187 27 |
| Town Expenses, | 535 25 |
| Roads and Bridges, | 384 66 |
| School Money, | 1102 70 |
| Overseer of the Poor, | 337 43 |
| School house tax, Dis. No. 3, | 12 00 |
| | 2559 31 |

Respectfully submitted,

BARNETT HUGHES, } *Selectmen*
 GEORGE W. BAKER, } *of*
 HENRY PAGE, } *Ashland.*

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

DEXTER SANBORN, } *Auditors for the*
 FRANCIS M. HUGHES, } *Town of Ashland.*

Ashland, N. H., March 1, 1877.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

Frank L. Hughes, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Ashland,

Dr.

To Cash received as follows:—

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| Balance brought forward from last year, | \$679 92 |
| Horatio N. Smyth, | 13 63 |
| James Rowe, | 39 00 |
| Franklin Eaton, | 126 50 |
| Mrs. Sybil N. Cass, | 150 00 |
| F. M. Hughes, for Town Hall, | 24 30 |
| W. F. Harris, | 200 00 |
| Solan A. Carter, R. R. Tax, | 49 98 |
| " " Literary Fund, | 74 70 |
| " " Savings Bank, | 632 26 |
| Sarah J. Brown, Librarian, | 4 10 |
| B. F. Pease, Collector 1875, | 1143 60 |
| Dexter Sanborn, Collector 1876, | 4822 25 |
| | \$7960 24 |

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By Cash paid as follows:—

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| Franklin Eaton, County tax, | \$962 12 |
| Solan A. Carter, State tax, | 1016 00 |
| Notes and interest, | 1595 46 |
| Town Orders, | 2550 46 |
| Cash in hand of Treas. | 1836 20 |

\$7960 24

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK L. HUGHES, *Treasurer.*

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

DEXTER SANBORN, *Auditors for the*
FRANCIS M. HUGHES, *Town of Ashland.*

STATEMENT OF TOWN DEBT,

March 1, 1877.

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| Mrs. Charlotte Sanborn, notes and int, | \$1140 91 |
| Geo. W. Mooney, " " | 136 29 |
| Mary M. Abbott, " " | 133 95 |
| Geo. W. Mooney, " " | 166 46 |
| Phebe Morrison, " " | 203 85 |
| Julia A. Rollins, " " | 265 88 |
| Asinathe Scribner, " " | 108 96 |
| Melinda Drake, " " | 56 50 |
| Julia A. Rollins, " " | 165 12 |
| Thomas H. Ricker, " " | 659 17 |
| Huse P. Smith, " " | 116 51 |
| James F. Briggs, " " | 107 01 |
| Melinda H. Barnard, " " | 436 56 |
| Charles S. Barnard, " " | 114 08 |
| Mary E. Cummings, " " | 62 97 |
| Phebe C Reed, " " | 323 63 |
| D. H. Currier, Guard'n, for H. D. Wells, | 446 33 |
| James H. Plaisted, " " | 777 72 |
| Sarah A. Fellows, " " | 209 00 |
| Sybel W. Cass, " " | 155 40 |
| Josephine A. Cox, " " | 161 31 |
| Amy L. Dearborn, " " | 654 66 |

\$8664 64

FRANK L. HUGHES, Treasurer

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| Amount brought up, | Dr. | \$8664 64 |
| By Cash in hand of P. Perkins, for use of Town Hall in 1875, | Cr. | \$100 00 |
| " " over-paid in Dis. No. 1, | | 100 00 |
| " " Uncollected taxes in hands of D. Sanborn, | | 914 88 |

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| " " Cash in hands of Treasurer, | | 1836 26 |
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| | | \$2771 08 |

Amount outstanding, March 1, 1877, \$5893 56

Amount outstanding, March 1, 1876, \$7508 42

Decrease of debt in 1876, \$1694 86

Respectfully submitted,
FRANK L. HUGHES, Treasurer.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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| To State, County, Town and School Taxes, | \$561 57 |
| " Non-Resident Tax, | 49 56 |
| " " Highway Tax, | 13 88 |
| " School house, Tax Dis. No. 3, | 14 14 |
| " Dog Tax, | 91 00 |
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| Total, | \$5780 15 |

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| | Cr. | |
| By Paid Cash to Town Treasurer, | | \$4822 25 |
| " Abatements, | | 37 40 |
| " Non-Resident Highway Tax, (worked out), | | 5 62 |
| " Uncollected Tax, | | 914 88 |
| | | \$5780 15 |

Respectfully submitted,

DEXTER SANBORN, *Collector.*

This is to certify, that I have examined the foregoing account, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

F. M. HUGHES, *Auditor for the Town of Ashland.*
Ashland, March 1, 1877.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT, 1875.

Ben. F. Pease, in account with the Town of Ashland,

Dr.

Taxes uncollected, March 1, 1876, \$1214 28

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| | Cr. | |
| By Paying Town Treasurer, | | \$1143 50 |
| " Abatements, | | 24 70 |
| " Discount on absentees, | | 46 08 |
| | | \$1214 28 |

Respectfully submitted,

BEN. F. PEASE, *Collector.*

REPORT OF THE OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

Horatio N. Smyth, in account with the Town of Ashland,
Dr.

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| Whole amount received of Selectmen by orders on Town Treasurer, | \$337 43 |
| Received of County, | 126 50 |
| | \$463 93 |

Accounted for as follows:—

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| Paid Stephen N. Morse, for the support of James Rowe, | \$153 00 |
| A. R. Eastman, for the support of Mrs. Drew, | 144 00 |
| Mary Gilman, " " " Mrs. J. Drew, | 12 00 |
| John A. Dana, for medical services, | 8 25 |
| Hodgdon & Pollard, supplies for J. W. Tucker and Mrs. Drew, | 6 73 |
| H. N. Smyth, for supplies for J. W. Tucker, | 1 70 |
| Town Treasurer, balance, | 11 75 |
| County Treasurer's order, delivered to Town Treasurer, | 126 50 |
| | \$463 93 |

Respectfully submitted,

HORATIO N. SMYTH, *Overseer of the Poor,*

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REPORT OF THE JAUNITOR OF TOWN HALL.

F. M. Hughes, in account with the Town of Ashland,

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| | DR. | |
| To Cash received for rent of hall, | | \$117 50 |
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| By Care of Town Hall, | \$61 00 | |
| " Cash paid for supplies and repairs, | 32 20 | |
| " Cash paid Town Treasurer, | 24 30 | |
| | | \$117 50 |

F. M. HUGHES, *Jaunitor.*

This certifies that I have examined the above report, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

DEXTER SANBORN,

Auditor for the Town of Ashland.

Ashland, March 1, 1877.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

| Districts. | Teachers. | Summer or Win. | Weeks of School. | Arithmetic. | Grammar. | Geography. | Reading. | Spelling. | No. attending to | No. of Scholars. |
|----------------|-------------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------|----------|------------|----------|-----------|------------------|------------------|
| District No. 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1st Grade. | Miss Anna G. Clement, | Sum. & Win. | 22 | 18 | 0 | 9 | 51 | 51 | } | 51 |
| 2d Grade. | " Fanny M. Keyes, | Summer. | 8 | 36 | 13 | 36 | 36 | 36 | | 36 |
| 3d Grade. | " Grace G. Robinson, | Winter. | 10 | 39 | 9 | 39 | 39 | 39 | 39 | |
| | " Lydia A. Webster, | Summer. | 8 | 23 | 24 | 20 | 24 | 24 | 24 | |
| | " Miss Angie B. Smith, | Winter. | 16 | 34 | 26 | 30 | 34 | 34 | 34 | |
| | " Gustie C. Sargent, | Summer. | 6 | 10 | 2 | 3 | 12 | 12 | 12 | |
| Number 2 | | Winter. | 8 | 11 | 2 | 7 | 13 | 13 | 13 | |
| | Miss Mary E. Galley, | Summer. | 10 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 6 | |
| Number 3 | Mr. Ralph W. Cornell, | Winter. | 10 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | |
| Numbers 4 & *5 | Mrs. Mary McLeod, | Winter. | 17 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 9 | 9 | |
| Number 6 | Miss Ida A. Willoughby, | Winter. | 11 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | |

*No. 5 has been annexed to No. 4.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

The Primary Department taught by Miss Anna G. Clement has been a school entirely satisfactory in every respect. The little scholars have been busy all the time, in some useful exercise, either physical or mental, without fatigue or the least weariness; and consequently have treasured a vast amount of useful knowledge upon which to build up a valuable life and character.

The teacher says at the close of the summer term, "the term has been very pleasant; with a few exceptions the pupils have done remarkably well; thirteen have not a mark; fifteen have been absent only two days; thirty-seven have not been tardy during the term; seven others, but once".

The winter term would have been equally successful but for the unfitness of the school-room which was cold and unhealthy.

The Intermediate Department is taught in an improper place and building, uncomfortable and unhealthy. The summer term was somewhat broken up, by the sickness of the teacher, Miss Fanny M. Keyes; when she has been able to attend, all has gone well.

The Fall term was kept by Grace G. Robinson a kind-hearted and well educated young lady. She failed in discipline; which may be attributed to her inexperience, and especially with pupils of this class. This department is made up of scholars from nine, to fourteen years of age, a time when their wants are not thought of, or cared for by themselves; such a school of forty or fifty scholars is very hard to manage; and the teacher must be experienced, and have a forcible and commanding character to succeed.

The Grammar school taught by Lydia A. Webster has been in all respects first-rate; her experience and superior attainments,

have engaged the best energies of the pupils, and the progress has been excellent.

The only draw-back is the totally unfit condition of the school-room and its surroundings; it is a source of much regret that so many good chances should be marred by the want of attention to this matter.

The school year has been divided into three terms, of eight, ten, and six weeks each; the last would have been longer, but for the absolute impossibility of keeping the room comfortable for the scholars.

As evidence of the interest manifested by the pupils, we append the following honorable mention by the teacher.

NOT TARDY OR ABSENT DURING THE YEAR,

Della Dearborn, Ellen Webster, Gertrude Weeks.

NOT TARDY OR ABSENT DURING TWO TERMS,

Alice Gordon, Alice Appleyard, Nellie Brown, Amy Morse, Carrie Scribner, Emmie, Webster, Alice Ames, Allan Morrison, George Dearborn, Wilfred Brown.

NOT TARDY OR ABSENT DURING ONE TERM,

Louisa Cass, Ruth Gordon, Jessie Currier, Ada Peaslee, Alice Smith, Frank Shepard, George Scribner, John O'Neal.

Amy Morse was not absent or tardy during two years, with the exception of one half day to attend a funeral.

Alice Gordon was not tardy during two years, and absent only two days on account of sickness. During one term of ten weeks there were but two instances of tardiness.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Had a summer and winter term; the first, of six weeks, was taught by Miss Angie B. Smith. She is an experienced teacher, and the school was well managed and satisfactory.

The Winter term, of eight weeks, was taught by Gustie C. Sar-

gent. The scholars made good improvement, and the school was well conducted.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Had a summer and winter term; the first, taught by Miss Mary E. Calley, was well disciplined; Miss Calley being an excellent teacher.

The winter term was taught by Ralph W. Connell, but was somewhat broken up owing to the setting-in of the whooping-cough among the scholars, and only four or five were present at the close of the term.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Had for a teacher Mrs. Mary L. McLeod, who having had considerable experience, manages well; but the scholars were absent and tardy so much that they showed little progress. I think the parents are much to blame for the irregular attendance; there was but one term.—NO. 5. is annexed to this district.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Had but one term, taught by Miss Ida A. Willoughby. She is a good scholar, and the school was well managed, the pupils showing excellent progress. Miss W—, promises to rank high if she follows the profession.

REMARKS.

Too little interest is taken in our common schools. No extra money is raised; and scholars are too often kept from school, for the mere wages they may earn; thus, instead of the foundation which nearly every one can lay, for an education, fitting them for useful and true American citizens, they grow up in ignorance, and are the cause of all the evils in our towns, states, and the whole country.

Districts No's. 2, 3, 4, and 6, have school-houses very well fit-

ted for their necessities; but District No. 1, with nearly one hundred and fifty scholars, has school-rooms which *would*, and *should* reflect disgrace upon any civilized and intelligent community. This District should be divided into four grades, with a good room and teacher for each; then with prompt attendance, we should realized the full benefits of our expenditures.

JOHN A. DANA, *S. S. Committee.*

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

The Librarian respectfully submits the following report for the year ending 1876.

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| Number of books belonging to the Library, | 656 |
| Number of persons charged with books during the year, | 260 |
| Amount of fines collected, | \$4.10 |
| No books have been added or lost during the year, although quite a number have become useless by constant reading. | |

S. J. BROWN, *Librarian.*