

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS,

OF THE

TOWN OF ENFIELD.

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1884.

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## List of Jurymen for 1884.

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Benj. T. Harwood,	Ambrose Munsell,
William W. Hanks,	Arthur J. N. Ward,
Lauriston H. Towne,	Royal G. Thurston.
Reuben K. Aldrich,	John Cuddihey,
Charles Felton,	Charles Richards,
Charles Scott,	Hollis Dodge,
John H. Stone,	Charles W. Hawes.
Edward B. Downing,	Edmund D. Chaffee,
Ansel Hess.	

# Town Warrant.

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

*HAMPSHIRE SS.*

To either of the Constables of the town of Enfield,

GREETING :—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Enfield, qualified to vote in Elections, to meet at the Town Hall in said Enfield, on Monday the seventeenth day of March instant, at one of the clock in the afternoon, at which time the polls will be opened; then and there to act on the following articles, viz. :

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear the annual reports of the Selectmen, School Committee, and other town officers, and act thereon.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

ART. 4. To choose overseers of the income of the Whiting Street will fund for the town of Enfield.

ART. 5. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges for the year ensuing.

ART. 6. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town for the year ensuing, and to appropriate the same.

ART. 7. To see if the Treasurer be authorized, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of taxes of the next ensuing year, and to issue notes of the town therefor, and the debts incurred under the authority of this vote to be paid from said tax.

ART. 8. To see if the town will raise money to pay any part of the town debt, and how much.

ART. 9. To see if the town will accept the list of Jurymen selected by the Selectmen.

ART. 10. To see if the town will authorize a discount on taxes paid on or before a certain day, and how much.

ART. 11. To see what action the town will take in regard to the support of street lamps.

ART. 12. To bring in their ballots "Yes," or "No," in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale of intoxicating liquors for the year ensuing?"

ART. 13. To see what action the town will take in regard to appropriating the dog tax refunded to the town for the benefit of the public library.

ART. 14. To see if the town will vote to ask the County Commissioners to establish a truant school.

ART. 15. To fix the amount of the salary of the town Treasurer for the year past, as per law; see Section 110, Chap. 27, Public Statutes.

ART. 16. To see if the School Committee shall have permission to transport children to school, in accordance with the Public Statutes.

ART. 17. To see what action the town will take in the matter of the sidewalk from the house occupied by Nathan Barton to the house of William Bestor.

ART. 18. To see what action the town will take in the matter of the railroad crossing, on the road from the bridge in the center of the town to the town of Ware.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this third day of March, A. D., 1884.

LYMAN D. POTTER,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
CHARLES SCOTI,	
H. M. SMITH,	
	} <i>of</i>
	} <i>Enfield.</i>

## Appropriations.

	For 1883.	Recommended for 1884.
Contingent Expenses,	\$1,000	\$1,000
Highways and bridges,	1,500	1,500
Schools,	1,500	1,500
Paupers,	800	800
Interest,	365	680
Town debt,	1,000	1,000
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	\$6,165	\$6,480

# Selectmen's Report.

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The Selectmen of the town of Enfield submit the following as their report of expenditures for the year ending March 1st, 1884.

## CONTINGENT.—APPROPRIATION, \$1,000.

Paid J. E. Woods, rent of town officers' room,	\$ 30 00
Charles Wright, care of street lamps, ('82),	12 00
William Hannum " " " ('82),	35 21
Printing town reports,	19 00
Smith & Hawks, for hearse pole,	18 00
Charles Richards, expenses to Boston.	7 00
Insurance on school house,	12 50
D. B. Gillett, rent of Engine room,	20 00
M. L. Collis, repairs on town clock,	1 00
H. C. Davis, Esq., services on railroad crossing question,	25 00
For cow, for the benefit of Daniel P. Hatch,	30 00
G. M. Stearns, for legal advice,	5 00
Repairs on Aldrich school house,	26 75
Samuel Allen, as civil engineer,	3 00
Insurance on Town House,	100 00
F. A. Tucker, labor on school house.	4 00
L. D. Potter, books, express, telegrams, on account of Assessors,	4 02
L. D. Potter, perambulating town lines,	4 00
John Foley, care of street lamps,	8 00
Recording deed,	85
Wm. E. Bassett, Esq., legal advice,	9 00

Chas. E. Davis, work on town clock,	29 00
Edwin H. Moore, return of deaths,	5 75
“ “ fixtures for clock.	1 56
James Foster, repairs on cemetery gate,	3 65
“ “ mowing lower cemetery,	6 00
Edwin H. Moore, care of town clock and hall,	20 00
L. D. Potter, express. postage, and telegrams,	5 71
Chas. Richards. administering oaths,	3 50
L. D. Potter. services and expenses to Northampton twice,	9 50
Secretary of State, for plan of town boundaries,	1 00
State Sealer, for adjusting weights.	6 05
S. R. Towne, reporting births,	4 50
Insurance on town farm buildings.	7 00
Repairs on Upper Village school house,	32 25
E. G. Wells, use of Pound,	3 00
Chas. Richards, recording births, marriages and deaths,	18 60
“ “ express and postage,	4 90
Jared Gould, support of street lamps.	3 98
Repairs on Town Farm buildings,	17 68
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	\$557 96

#### HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.—APPROPRIATION, \$1,500.

Paid William Avery, support of highways, ('82),	\$ 6 70
John Bartlett. “ “ ('82),	14 00
William Jones, “ “	9 60
Selectmen, “ “	3 00
Elbridge Packard “ “	35 00
Daniel Montgomery, “ “	12 00
Selectmen, “ “	6 00
William Hannum, “ “	3 00
Selectmen, account of Pettengill bridge.	141 96
H. E. Brown, breaking road,	7 50
H. E. Brown, support of highways,	35 00
Daniel Montgomery, “ “	6 30
R. K. Aldrich, “ “	32 70
Charles Felton, “ “	40 80
J. W. Flint, “ “	23 70



John Bartlett, support of highways,	39 05
Selectmen, " "	5 00
James Thayer, " "	36 75
Ellsworth Elmer, " "	39 40
Selectmen, " "	9 65
Elbridge Packard " "	15 60
Elbridge Packard, bridge plank,	7 50
L. F. Shearer, support of highways,	51 25
Selectmen, " "	95 90
Elijah Newell, painting bridge,	11 75
E. F. Shaw, support of highways,	295 75
O. H. Bartlett, " "	17 90
George Downing, " "	37 13
J. E. Woods, nails, etc., for bridge,	4 15
R. K. Aldrich, support of highways,	15 90
Chas. Scott, " "	16 10
L. D. Potter, " "	1 50
W. B. Downing, bridge plank,	14 27
Selectmen, support of highways,	8 25
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	\$1,100 06

SCHOOLS.—APPROPRIATION, \$1,500.

Paid Albert R. House, support of Schools,	\$ 23 47
Wilber Chapin, " "	3 00
Henry M. Smith, " "	52 67
S. R. Towne, " "	85 50
H. E. Brown, " "	13 50
S. R. Towne, " "	48 00
Wilbur Chapin, " "	66 15
S. R. Towne, " "	144 00
H. W. Richards, " "	60 50
S. R. Towne, " "	58 00
C. E. Ewing, " "	5 00
S. R. Rowne, " "	34 45
W. B. Kimball, " "	40 00
C. E. Ewing, " "	3 35
S. R. Towne, " "	85 50

H. W. Richards, support of schools,	66 00
S. R. Towne,           "           "	287 00
O. H. Bartlett,       "           "	6 30
S. R. Towne,           "           "	14 70
I. N. Beston,         "           "	2 00
H. W. Richards,      "           "	27 50
W. F. Chapin,        "           "	36 00
S. R. Towne,           "           "	130 69
W. B. Kimball,       "           "	24 00
H. E. Brown,         "           "	6 75
W. B. Kimball,       "           "	114 51
H. M. Smith,         "           "	25 04
W. B. Kimball,       "           "	48 00
W. B. Kimball,       "           "	80 00
Flora C. Smith,      "           "	36 00
S. R. Towne,           "           "	51 98
W. B. Downing,      "           "	26 00
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	\$1,705 56

PAUPER ACCOUNT.—APPROPRIATION, \$800.

Paid. support of Mrs. John Montgomery,	\$120 00
"       Frank T. Wethereli,	77 85
"       Mrs. Ransom Wood,	152 50
"       McMullen children,	41 57
S. R. Towne, professional services rendered Mrs. Wood,	7 50
Support of John Traverse,	53 69
"       Oscar H. Keeler,	19 00
"       Ira L. Jones,	179 53
F. M. Gould, M. D., professional services rendered Ira L. Jones' family,	133 00
Support Daniel P. Hatch,	72 00
Ira D. Haskell, supplies for paupers,	35 92
J. E. Woods,           "           "	19 75
Support of Mrs. H. Hall's child,	52 00
S. R. Towne, professional services rendered Mrs. R. Woods.	1 50
S. R. Towne, professional services rendered Mrs. George Boynton,	6 00
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	\$971 81

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid W. B. Kimball, services as School Committee, ('83),	\$	26	25
A. J. N. Ward,                    "     Assessor,		37	50
H. E. Brown,                    "     "                    "		37	50
L. D. Potter,                    "     "                    "		35	00
James Foster,                   "     Sexton,		66	50
J. W. Flint,                    "     Collector,		74	32
J. W. Flint,                    "     Constable,		5	00
W. B. Kimball,                   "     School Committee,		31	50
S. R. Towne,                    "     School Committee,		30	25
L. D. Potter,                   "     Selectman,		50	00
E. G. Wells,                    "     Constable.		5	00
Chas. Richards,                "     Treasurer.		50	00
			<u>\$448 82</u>

On account of the amount of money the Treasurer has been responsible for in the year past, the Selectmen recommend that he be paid \$50 in addition for his services.

## TOWN HALL BUILDING ACCOUNT.

Paid Enfield Improvement Co. for land,	\$1,200	00
S. R. Towne, on account Town Hall Building,	7,481	12
H. M. Smith,                    "     "     "     "	1,781	65
S. R. Towne, grading bill,	61	80
		<u>\$10,524 57</u>

## DISCOUNTS AND ABATEMENTS.

Paid Swift River M'fg. Co., excess of taxes,	\$1,367	57
Horton Ward,                    "     "	1	10
John Gross,                    "     "	4	94
J. W. Flint, discount on taxes,	437	97
J. W. Flint, abatement of     "	39	21
		<u>\$1,850 79</u>

## STATE AID.

Paid Mrs. Isabella Wares,	\$48 00
Maria M. Allen,	48 00
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	\$96 00

## WHITING STREET FUND.

Paid W. B. Kimball, Chairman of Whiting Street Fund Committee,	\$55 00
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## PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid Mrs. M. S. Howe, Treas., (Dog Fund),	\$80 03
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## TOTAL PAYMENTS.

Contingent Orders,	\$ 557 96
Highways and bridges,	1,100 06
Schools,	1,705 56
Paupers,	971 81
Town officers,	448 82
Town Hall Building,	10,524 57
Discounts and abatements,	1,850 79
State Aid,	96 00
Whiting Street Fund,	55 00
Public library,	80 03
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	\$17,390 60

## LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Note payable to State Treasurer, Sept. 1, 1884,	\$ 1,000 00
"    "    "    "    Sept. 1, 1884,	3,000 00
Ten notes of \$1,000 each, payable one note each year, from June 1, 1883, to the Worcester North Insti- tution for Savings,	10,000 00

Note of \$2,000, payable to Worcester North Institution for Savings, Feb. 1, 1894,	2,000 00
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	\$16,000 00

## RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

Cash in Treasury, March 1, 1884,	\$ 3,250 53
State Aid due from Commonwealth,	96 00
Due from Commonwealth on account of Oscar H. Keeler,	15 00
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	\$ 3,361 53
Balance of liabilities over resources,	12,638 47
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	\$16,000 00

LYMAN D. POTTER,	}	<i>Selectmen of Enfield.</i>
CHARLES SCOTT,		
H. M. SMITH,		

# Treasurer's Report.

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CHARLES RICHARDS,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF ENFIELD.

*Dr.*

1883.

March 7, Cash on hand from account of 1883,	\$ 4,812 62
Apr. 14, Received from W. J. Newcomb, auction license.	2 00
May 8,       "       "   Chas. Gardner,       "       "	2 00
June 1. Borrowed of Worcester North Inst. far Savings,	10,000 00
16, Received from E. G. Wells, license,	150 00
Aug. 11,       "       "   Whiting Street will fund,	60 00
Dec. 3,                                    STATE.	
Corporation tax,	\$1,279 51
Nat. bank       "	868 96
State aid,	96 00
	\$2,244 47

1884.

Jan. 17, Dog tax refunded,	80 03
Feb. 4, School fund from State.	215 57
4, Corporation tax, (2d Dis.), from State,	55 99
4, Borrowed of Worcester North Inst. for Savings,	2,000 00
Mar. 1, Assessors' certificate of taxes.	8,258 12
1, Towards Town farm, (rent),	57 95
1, Use of water, (E. G. Wells),	10 00
1, Sale of cemetery lot,	23 50
1, H. Moore, use of Hall,	4 00
1, W. G. Moore & Son, use of hearse.	50

\$27,976 75

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1883.

June 16,	Paid State Treasurer $\frac{1}{4}$ of license,	\$ 37 50
6,	Expense to Boston, to borrow money,	10 00
Aug. 14,	County tax,	1,069 37
14,	Expense to Northampton, to collect Whiting Street will fund,	5 00
Sept. 1,	Paid interest on note, May 1, 1879,	162 50
1,	" " May 4. '77, and Sept. 1, '79,	100 00
1,	Note, May 1, '71,	5,000 00
Nov. 7,	Expense to Belchertown, (meeting of Clerks),	1 25
Dec. 1,	Paid interest on \$10,000 notes,	200 00
3,	State tax,	645 00
3.	Expenses to Fitchburg,	5 00

1884.

Mar. 1,	Paid Interest on notes, May 4, '77, and Sept. 1, '79,	100 00
1,	Orders,	17,390 60
1,	Cash on hand,	3,250 53

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 \$27,976 75

 Cash to account of 1884, \$3,250 53

CHARLES RICHARDS, TREASURER.

# Report of School Committee.

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TO THE CITIZENS OF ENFIELD :

Your School Committee, nine in number, met and organized March 19, 1883. W. B. Kimball was chosen Chairman, and H. E. Brown Secretary, and these with Dr. S. R. Towne were constituted a Visiting Committee for the year. We respectfully submit the following report.

The number of children of school age May 1, 1883, was 159. There has been enrolled in the public schools during the year 174—including one under five and eight over fifteen years of age:—including also two from the town of Greenwich. Two of our children have attended the school in the easterly part of the town, which has been controlled and managed by the town of Greenwich, and the expense has been much less than the cost of transportation would have been.

There was appropriated for the support of schools \$1,400, and for the purchase of books \$100, and there has been received from the state \$215.57, making a total of \$1,715.57 as the financial resources at our disposal. There has been expended for payment of teachers, \$1,337.70; for books, etc., \$125.00; for repairs and supplies, \$236.11, and to the town of Greenwich, on account of scholars sent to the school in the east part of the town, \$6.75, leaving a balance of \$10.01 belonging to school account.

There are various matters connected with the administration of school affairs which demand attention. This town has adopted in advance of legislation, the system of supplying text-books to all the



children in town. Your Committee believe this to be, on the whole, wise and equitable, but there is a liability to abuse and carelessness in this respect, and there is need of care and wisdom on the part of parents and guardians, as well as by teachers and pupils, to see that there is no unnecessary and foolish waste of books and material furnished. This town has not, in the years which have passed, been extravagant in the building of school-houses, but there has been a gradual and perceptible improvement in later years. Now, the time has come when the town is to be congratulated upon the completion of two attractive and healthful school-rooms, and these, with that at the Upper Village, so lately built, ought to give a decided impetus, a real quickening, to our educational prospects and interests, and in the future make it evident to all that these substantial and permanent improvements have come none too soon. There is much of education in the surroundings and accompaniments of our lives, especially in youthful days. and those who are advanced in years, know well that much more has been learned from observation and experience than from books. Your Committee have endeavored to obtain the most approved teachers, and believe that they have been able to raise the standard of teaching in our midst. "The true idea of education is to lead out, or to draw forth the faculties of mind and body into vigorous action."

"Education is the process of developing and training the powers and capacities of human beings."

"The mere acquisition of knowledge is not education."

"The great majority of mankind can spend but a very small part of their lives in acquiring it. To know how to use the mind or the body is to have given it a real education."

"The object of education is to build up and strengthen character, and fit those obtaining it for the important duties of life."

"Children instinctively imitate older persons, even in trifling particulars. The importance of good models and correct examples is therefore obvious. Education in manners, though it may seem to be merely superficial, has a closer connection with character than is often believed."

And thus we see the necessity of having trained teachers, those who have been especially educated to teach others.

Here we see and learn the benefit of our Normal schools; and your Committee believe that in this direction lies the future well-being of our common schools.

We are trying to avail ourselves of the perfected appliances and methods which Massachusetts so kindly and abundantly provides for the benefit of her sons and daughters. Let us adopt every approved and tested plan. Teachers should be well equipped. School-days are too short and time is too precious for indifferent and inferior workers in the school-room.

Our schools during the past year have been reasonably successful. Six schools have had ten teachers. The Grammar School (No. 1) was taught for two terms by Miss Minnie L. Dana, a graduate of the Amherst High School, and latterly by Mr. Marcus White, who has studied at Westfield Normal School, and at Oberlin. No. 2, at the Upper Village, has had Miss Ida E. Miner and Miss Esther H. Cross, both of whom have been students at the Westfield Normal School, and No. 3, the Village Primary, was taught for the year by Miss Nettie S. Lamberton, a graduate of Westfield. No. 5 has had for teacher Miss Eva May Scott of our own town, and No. 6 was taught the first term by Miss T. Lillian Howe, the second term by Miss Iola E. Whitman, and the third term by Miss Flora A. Smith. No. 7 has had for teacher Miss Whittaker of New Salem.

The larger schools have had a greater number of weeks, and the Grammar school most of all. Some fault has been found in certain quarters because some of the smaller children were not kept in school more hours of the day. In a crowded school-room, there is some reason for such action, not only for the benefit of the smaller scholars, but for the advantage of those who are older.

There has been but little change in text-books during the year, and there are in the hands of the Committee quite a variety of necessary books for the coming school year.

Your Committee have been much gratified by the interest taken in the schools, which has manifested itself in the increased attendance of parents and friends upon school sessions and examinations.

There has been during the year no sickness or disease to break in upon the regularity of attendance. We take pleasure in calling to your notice the remarkable success which has been achieved by the teacher of the Grammar school, and we do this without disparagement to others. We invite the friends of education, and all especially interested, to observe for themselves the methods used, and the clearness of his presentation of subjects, sometimes supposed to be dry and uninteresting. Some of our citizens make serious mistakes, when they take their children from school at an early age, and set

them at work in the mills or on the farms. Where the sum of advantage and attainment is limited, the amount of school-days should not be curtailed in the case of particular scholars.

The attention of citizens is called to the question of a truant school, and an article in the Warrant will explain the matter fully.

It is a recommendation of your Committee that the amount of money for school purposes be somewhat increased, so that we may be able to keep at the head of our Grammar school a teacher of first class ability and character, and may employ throughout the town the best available talent, and also give to all the children in town at least eight months of schooling during the year to come.

We ask authority from the town for the transportation of pupils, in case it should be thought necessary.

The following table will indicate the relative condition of the several schools during the year.

No.	WEEKS	PUPILS ENROLLED	AVERAGE MEMBERSHIP.	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.	COST.	PER PUPIL.
1	36	40	28	25	\$363.67	\$9.09
2	34	49	37	33	359.91	7.35
3	32	47	34	32	294.55	6.27
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5	27.6	15	13	11.6	167.50	11.17
6	28	16	11.3	10.2	185.76	11.61
7	29	7			171.15	24.45

W. B. KIMBALL, {  
S. R. TOWNE, { *Committee.*  
H. E. BROWN, {

*Enfield, March 10, 1884.*

