

→ ANNUAL REPORT ←

— OF THE —

TOWN OFFICERS,

OF THE

TOWN OF DANA,

FOR THE YEAR

1884--5.

ATHOL, MASS. :

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1885.

ANNUAL REPORT SELECTMEN,

OF THE

TOWN OF DANA,

For the Year Ending February 20, 1885.

TOWN OFFICERS.

TOWN CLERK.

| | | |
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| Paid D. L. Richards, for recording births, deaths and marriages, including sexton and Phys- ician fees | \$13 95 | |
| Paid D. L. Richards, postage stamps and sta- tionery | 1 06 | |
| D. L. Richards, for brooms, pails and nails | 1 55 | |
| D. L. Richards, express on books | 3 80 | |
| D. L. Richards, for going to Fitchburg for ballot box | 4 75 | |
| D. L. Richards, for cash for printing voters' lists and notices | 3 00 | |
| D. L. Richards, for register for voters | 1 00 | |
| D. L. Richards, for expense going to Barre to clerk's meeting | 3 50 | |
| D. L. Richards, for record book for mortg- ages | 5 00 | |
| | — | \$37 61 |

TREASURER.

Paid N. L. Johnson \$36 00

SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

| | | |
|-----------------|---------|----------|
| Paid Ezra Comee | \$50 00 | |
| C. N. Doane | 55 00 | |
| F. S. Grover | 32 00 | |
| | — — — | \$137 00 |

ASSESSORS.

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|----------------------|---------|---------|
| Paid J. E. Doubleday | \$25 00 | |
| O. J. Powers | 20 00 | |
| I. T. Shattuck | 15 65 | |
| | — — — | \$60 65 |

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

| | | |
|----------------------|---------|---------|
| Paid M. T. Knapp | \$31 75 | |
| Martha J. Richardson | 23 00 | |
| G. M. Foskett | 12 50 | |
| | — — — | \$67 25 |

SCHOOLS.

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| Paid for the support of schools | \$1,013 10 |
| for books, wood and other school supplies | 211 11 |
| | — — — |
| | \$1,224 21 |

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

| | |
|-------------------|----------|
| Paid Edwin Amsden | \$101 22 |
| E. T. Comee | 2 40 |
| Ezra Comee | 4 00 |
| Truman Thayer | 16 20 |
| Frank E. Stevens | 17 30 |
| Joseph Stevens | 9 90 |
| Charles Spooner | 7 00 |
| Ira Witt | 7 50 |
| C. N. Doane | 132 18 |
| J. W. Doubleday | 4 06 |
| J. E. Horr | 2 25 |
| Wm. Butler | 36 00 |
| F. D. Stevens | 35 25 |
| Fred Akers | 21 37 |
| Amos T. Towne | 7 50 |
| D. C. Blackmer | 5 25 |
| R. N. Doubleday | 88 |

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|---------------|--------|----------|
| J. N. Grover | 108 25 | |
| F. S. Grover | 10 50 | |
| Charles Lemon | 1 75 | |
| | ———— | \$530 76 |

PAID REPAIRS ON BRIDGES.

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| Paid on red bridge | \$149 49 | |
| Joel Thayer bridge | 21 50 | |
| Lyman Randall bridge | 5 08 | |
| | ———— | \$176 07 |

PAID FOR BREAKING ROADS, 1884.

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|--------------------|--------|---------|
| Paid Lyman Randall | \$2 59 | |
| C. N. Doane | 5 00 | |
| Ezra Comee | 2 00 | |
| E. T. Comee | 1 20 | |
| Henry J. Stevens | 2 40 | |
| J. N. Grover | 10 25 | |
| Jefferson Hill | 65 | |
| J. W. Doubleday | 75 | |
| F. J. Whitney | 6 45 | |
| | ———— | \$31 29 |

The whole number of paupers at the almshouse the past year was three. Average number 2 1-3.

Estimated cost of supporting each pauper per week without deducting interest and taxes on town farm is \$1.98.

The number of tramps put up at the almshouse the past year 7.

COST OF SUPPORTING PAUPERS OUT OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

| | |
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| M. C. Jones and wife and five children | 353 16 |
| F. W. Lindsey and family | 67 05 |
| Mrs. F. W. Lindsey and seven children | 47 31 |
| Luthera Doubleday | 60 00 |
| Luthera B. Weaver | 281 25 |
| Mary Ann Upton | 35 74 |
| Artemas Whitney | 20 35 |
| Emeline Rollins | 15 00 |
| Mrs. Samuel Oakes | 39 00 |
| Albert Poesan, (Albert Fish) | 20 70 |

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| Marsha Marsh | 17 75 | |
| Eliza Eaton | 24 25 | |
| Samuel A. Whitney | 20 00 | |
| John White and wife | 9 45 | |
| Mary Seeley | 2 50 | |
| | <u> </u> | \$1,013 51 |
| Due from the town of Barre for John White and wife | 9 45 | |
| Due from the City of Boston for Eliza Eaton | 24 25 | |
| Due from the town of Greenwich for Marsha Marsh | 17 75 | |
| | <u> </u> | \$51 45 |

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR.

| | | |
|---|-------------------|------------|
| To balance due on settlement Feb. 16, 1884 | \$1,117 60 | |
| Received from sale of cattle town farm | 212 50 | |
| dog fund | 60 44 | |
| school fund | 306 50 | |
| corporation tax | 17 25 | |
| national bank tax | 203 12 | |
| state aid | 236 50 | |
| from the town of Winchendon | 20 54 | |
| from the town of Wilbraham | 353 16 | |
| from D. L. Richards | 65 07 | |
| from A. W. Doane | 1,135 32 | |
| from E. A. Albee | 4,726 13 | |
| | <u> </u> | \$8,454 13 |

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| By school orders | \$1,013 10 | |
| state aid orders | 154 00 | |
| abatements of tax | 45 03 | |
| county tax | 195 00 | |
| state tax | 320 00 | |
| interest on notes | 855 38 | |
| on town debt | 1,000 00 | |
| general orders | 2,795 22 | |
| | <u> </u> | \$6,377 73 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands, Feb 20, 1885 | | \$2,077 40 |

NOTES AGAINST THE TOWN.

| | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Commonwealth note | \$2,234 00 | |
| Athol Savings Bank note | 7,000 00 | |
| Athol Savings Bank note | 2,000 00 | |
| Athol Savings Bank note | 2,000 00 | |
| Mrs. Isaac Doane. note | 500 00 | |
| Timothy Stone's note | 300 00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$14,034 00 | |
| Interest due on the above notes | 185 43 | |
| Outstanding bills, (estimated) | 500 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$14,719 43 |

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

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|--|------------|
| In the hands of N. L. Johnson, treasurer | \$2,077 40 |
| of Geo. A. Streeter, collector | . |
| for 1875 | 35 50 |
| of A. W. Doane, collector | 50 00 |
| of E. A. Albee, collector | 717 30 |
| due from other towns | 51 45 |

DUE FROM THE STATE.

| | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| For state and military aid for 1884 | 168 00 |
| Town farm and personal property | 4,000 00 |
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| | \$7,099 65 |
| Balance against the town | 7,619 78 |

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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| EZRA COMEE, | } Selectmen | |
| C. N. DOANE, | | of |
| F. S. GROVER. | | Dana. |

Dana, Feb. 20, 1885.

ANNUAL REPORT

— OF —

THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE, OF THE TOWN OF DANA,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 20th, 1885.

TO THE CITIZENS OF DANA :

We present our annual report of the progress, and present condition of the schools.

Having made a careful study of the needs and possibilities of improvement in the different schools, we have endeavored to supply their wants, and assist the teachers in their efforts to improve the condition of their respective schools. After a careful review of the work done during the past year, we are confident the result as a whole, will compare favorably with any equal period of time during which we have been connected with the schools.

Where the result has failed to be wholly satisfactory, open disparagement of the teacher, indifference with regard to punctuality of attendance, and a low estimate of the value of education, have borne their well known fruits of disobedience and its punishment, idleness, absence and its consequent loss of interest, and *as the natural result* complaints from the parents of the delinquent children that the teacher is not the right one for the place. We trust that those who feel that *their* children have not made so good progress as is desirable will calmly and rationally review the work of the past year and see if by word or act of theirs, the children have been encouraged to go forward in the path that leads to wisdom, knowledge, and virtue; if not, then a grave responsibility rests with *them* to help rouse the ambition that indolence and ill-doing has well nigh destroyed, and cause the children to understand that they are partly responsible for their own success or failure.

We believe that in all our school rooms, justice, truthfulness, courtesy and kindness to others are faithfully taught; but a fair candid judgment, free from selfish bias, the kindly thought that finds expression in word and deed, the use of correct language instead of slang phrases and profanity, and the manliness and womanliness of character which finds deceit and untruthfulness revolting,—these qualities must chiefly result from that cultivation of heart and mind which the true home only can furnish.

It has encouraged us very much to find that so many parents and friends have visited our schools the past year: let all continue the good work and induce others to do the same, until the children feel that the whole community desire to see them improving their advantages; these advantages might be greater if some of our schools were united, for instance, \$113 would furnish every school in town with 3 1-2 weeks more schooling than we have been able to furnish this year.

If it were possible to unite so that only four schools would have to be supported, still better results could be secured, among these would be grading, and classing of pupils, so that advancement would be more rapid and thorough, and the certainty that the older pupils could be given an opportunity to learn many branches which in ungraded schools cannot be taught for lack of time. We hope all will consider the matter.

Meanwhile let us have an advance all along the line—an advance in attendance, punctuality, diligence, and good behavior of the children, in interest of parents, and in that charity which enables all to overlook some slight imperfections where right motives lead to good results.

LENGTH OF SCHOOLS.

The Village, Plain, and Central schools have had twenty-nine weeks, the North 26 and the South 28. The latter closed before it could be known that any school in town would have a winter term of nine weeks.

REVIEW OF SCHOOLS.

CENTRAL SCHOOL.

This school was taught the past year by Miss Alice P. Fay. Great credit is due to her for her faithfulness in the discharge of her arduous duties. The weather, bad traveling and sickness, together with the indifference of a few parents rendered the attendance during the Winter term very unsatisfactory. Still good results proved the thoroughness of instruction, and the school is left in unusually good condition. Many parents and friends attended the closing examination.

VILLAGE SCHOOLS.

These schools under their former teachers have made steady progress during the year. An unabated interest was proved by the constant attendance of the pupils, and the number of visitors during, and at the close of the several terms.

PLAIN SCHOOL.

This school was again taught by Mrs. Doubleday. Her work was satisfactory to the Committee. It would be difficult to find another teacher willing and able to do so well by this school. In this school as well as at the Central the average attendance has had an unfavorable effect.

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Under the instruction of Mrs. Smith this school has continued in a prosperous condition. Few schools can show better results. Credit is due to all parties interested.

NORTH SCHOOL.

This school, though very small, has again been successfully taught by Miss Nellie Doubleday. That she has succeeded in keeping up the interest in so small a school proves her ability and faithfulness.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following are the names of those who have been neither absent nor tardy ; the number after each name indicating the number of terms.

CENTRAL SCHOOL.

Nettie Simonds 1, Walter Simonds 1, Walter Comee 1, Herbert Bates 1, Mabel Doane 1, Emma Grover 1, Nellie Shattuck 1, Lillian Stone 1, Alice Stone 1, John White 2, Minnie Huntoon 2, Frank Witt 1, James Goodman 1, Harry Tolman 1.

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Maud Smith 3, May Smith 2, Guy Stevens 3, Eddie Stevens 3, Leon Stevens 3, Willie Tyler 2, Gertie Reynolds 2, Alice Reynolds 1, Frank Witt 2, Lizzie Stevens 2, Carrie Stone 1, Harry Whitney 2.

VILLAGE MIXED SCHOOL.

Alice Hale 2, Everett Stone 1, Frank Crawford 1, Frank Lindsey 3, Gracie Oakes 3, Augusta Kendall 1, Clinton Cook 1, Ida Dorr 1, Fred Cooley 1, Caddie Peckham 3, Mattie Peckham 1,

Mattie Woods 3, Sadie Woods 1, Harry Haskins 2, Gracie Haskins 2, Eva Thayer 1, Arthur Powers 1, Gracie Powers 1, Mabel Williams 2, Harry Witt 1, Abbie Thompson 1.

VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Abbie Thompson 1, Sadie Woods 1, Mattie Peckham 1, Flossie Goodman 1, Clara Sprague 1, Willie Stone 1, Allan Farrar 1, Effie Cooley 1, Florence Lindsey 1, Frank Doubleday 2, Georgie Peckham 1.

PLAIN SCHOOL.

Bertha Goodman 1, Alice Towne 2, Gracie Doubleday 3, Lewis Lindsey 1, Jessie Lindsey 1, Lulu Huntoon 2.

NORTH SCHOOL.

Harry Witt 2, Flowerbel Witt 1, Mary Foster 1, Willre Thompson 1.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

| School. | No. of Term. | Salary per Month. | No. of Pupils. | Av. No for the year | Av. Attendance. | No. over 15 years. | No. under 5 years. | No. between 8 & 14. | Name of Teachers. |
|------------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| CENTRAL. | 1 | \$32 00 | 31 | 31 | | | | | Alice P. Fay. |
| | 2 | 32 00 | 34 | | 25½ | 3 | 26 | | " " |
| | 3 | 32 00 | 28 | | | | | | " " |
| VILLAGE MIXED. | 1 | 28 00 | 23 | 21½ | | 6 | 14 | | M. J. Richardson. |
| | 2 | 28 00 | 17 | | 20⅞ | | | | " " |
| | 3 | 28 00 | 25 | | | | | | " " |
| VILLAGE PRIMARY. | 1 | 24 00 | 26 | 22⅔ | | | | | Mrs. E. L. Carter. |
| | 2 | 24 00 | 28 | | | | | | " " |
| | 3 | 24 00 | 14 | | 21½ | 1 | 15 | | " " |
| PLAIN. | 1 | 20 00 | 18 | 17⅓ | | 1 | 1 | | Mrs. E. Doubleday. |
| | 2 | 20 00 | 18 | | 14¾ | | | | " " |
| | 3 | 20 00 | 16 | | | | 14 | | " " |
| SOUTH. | 1 | 20 00 | 13 | | | | | | Mrs. M. C. Smith. |
| | 2 | 20 00 | 12 | 12 | 11⅞ | 1 | 8 | | " " |
| | 3 | 20 00 | 11 | | | | | | " " |
| NORTH. | 1 | 16 00 | 4 | 4 | | | 4 | | Miss Nellie Doubleday. |
| | 2 | 16 00 | 4 | | 31¾ | | | | " " " |

BOOKS FURNISHED BY THE TOWN.

During the year books and other school supplies, required by law, have been furnished at an expense to the town of \$144.83.

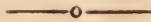
In supplying books, we have endeavored to form classes, and supply them in such manner as would insure the best results under the new law, and yet make the cost as small as possible during this and *next* year. But few have purchased books during the year.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

But little has been spent the past year upon our school buildings. We think the sum spent for school books could have been better employed in making our school rooms attractive and comfortable. As there was not a sufficient number of blackboards at the South, Central and Village Primary rooms; the lack was partially supplied by having one made for the South, and Village Primary at a cost of \$150 each. To correspond with the rest of the interior, better lumber ought to be used for the Central than we were able to procure last Fall.

Reading Charts costing \$5.30 were furnished the Central school.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.



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|------------------------|------------|
| Town Appropriation, | \$700 00 |
| Income of School Fund, | 306 00 |
| Dog Fund, | 60 44 |
| | \$1,066 44 |

The expenditures for teachers' wages, fuel and care of houses are as follows :

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|-------------------------|----------|
| Central School, | \$247 35 |
| Village Mixed School, | 211 88 |
| Village Primary School, | 184 87 |
| Plain School, | 159 52 |
| South School, | 150 50 |
| North School, | 113 50 |

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| Total expenditures, | \$1,067 62 |
| Total Income, | 1,066 44 |

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| Deficit | \$1 18 |
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Respectfully submitted.

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| MARTHA J. RICHARDSON, G. M. FOSKETT, M. T. KNAPP. | } | School Committee. |
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Dana, February 20, 1885.

