

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS,

OF THE

TOWN OF DANA,

FOR THE

Year Ending Feb. 13th, 1886.



ATHOL, MASS.:

WATERMAN'S BOOK AND JOB PRINTING HOUSE, C. A. J. WATERMAN,  
PROPRIETOR, NEAR UNION DEPOT.



# REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

OF THE

## TOWN OF DANA,

For the Year Ending Feb. 13, 1888.

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TOWN OFFICERS.

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TOWN CLERK.

Paid D. L. Richards, for recording births, deaths, and marriages, including sexton and phys- ician fees,	\$13 50	
D. L. Richards, [postage stamps, stationery and express on books,	1 89	
D. L. Richards, for attending clerk's meeting at Barre,	3 50	
D. L. Richards, for attending Registers Vot- ers meeting,	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$22 89

TREASURER.

Paid H. C. Longley,	\$36 00
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SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Paid C. N. Doane,	\$55 00	
F. S. Grover,	42 00	
E. A. Albee,	30 00	
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ASSESSORS.

Paid J. E. Doubleday,	\$26 00	
F. F. Simonds,	28 75	
Ira Witt,	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$79 75

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid G. M. Foskett,	\$17 75	
M. T. Knapp,	25 00	
Martha J. Richardson,	24 00	
	<u>        </u>	\$66 75
Paid for support of Schools,	\$995 87	
for Books and other supplies,	213 65	
Town of New Salem for schooling G. R.		
Hanson's children for '83 and '84,	32 00	
	<u>        </u>	\$1241 52

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Edwin Amsden,	\$122 78	
Erastus Weeks,	49 65	
T. J. Cummings,	39 45	
L. T. Lincoln,	11 40	
C. N. Doane,	162 75	
Ira Witt,	15 75	
F. E. Stevens,	6 75	
Joseph Stevens,	7 50	
J. B. Jacques,	3 15	
George Akers,	3 25	
F. S. Grover,	40 38	
Lucius Doubleday, for Bridge Plank,	35 93	
	<u>        </u>	\$498 74
Paid Geo. Tylor for Scraper Irons,	13 27	
L. C. Parmenter for shovels. &c.	4 70	
D. L. Richards for fuse and powder,	65	
	<u>        </u>	\$18 62

## PAID FOR BREAKING ROADS. 1885.

Paid Wm. Gibbs	\$1 50	
G. W. & A. E. Doane,	4 80	
Ira Witt,	4 20	
F. S. Grover,	4 00	
Lyman Randall,	1 80	
C. N. Doane,	5 85	
O. E. Greenleaf,	1 35	
	<u>        </u>	\$23 50

The whole number of paupers at the almshouse the past year was eleven. Average number 4 1-3.

Estimated cost of supporting each pauper per week without deducting interest and taxes on town farm is 87 1-2 cents.

The number of tramps put up at the almshouse the past year 11.

## COST OF SUPPORTING PAUPERS OUT OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Mrs. F. W. Lindsey and family,	\$106 50	
Miss Luthera B. Weaver,	280 00	
Miss Luthera Doubleday,	53 00	
Mary Ann Upton,	36 21	
Lilla Whitney,	22 11	
Mrs. Samuel Oakes,	19 50	
John White and wife,	76 49	
John Carter, (French)	7 00	
Harry Smith,	7 00	
Miss C. B. Reynolds,	97 66	
H. D. Stone,	34 50	
E. A Stevens,	144 29	
Horace Huntoon,	18 27	
Mrs. G. Etta House,	8 72	
Wm. Pollard, State Pauper,	21 25	
		\$932 50

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

## DR.

To balance due on settlement Feb. 13, 1885,	\$2077 40	
Received from A. W. Doane,	50 00	
Town of Greenwich,	17 75	
City of Boston,	24 25	
for horse,	60 00	
Town of New Salem,	12 00	
Town of Barre,	33 57	
Timothy Stone,	1 85	
of H. C. Longley on taxes collected by him for 1885,	3918 46	
National Bank tax, 1885,	187 49	
State aid,	150 00	
Burial of State pauper,	10 00	
Town of Wendell,	52 20	
Pierce Horr license money,	3 00	
County Treasurer dog tax,	63 22	
Income of school fund,	306 22	
E. A. Albee, taxes for 1884,	741 84	
A. W. Doane, taxes for 1885,	400 00	
		\$8109 25

## CR.

Paid State aid,	\$216 00	
County tax,	219 00	
State tax,	240 00	
Notes and interest on notes,	2779 25	
Support of schools,	828 95	
General orders,	3508 96	
	<u>          </u>	\$7792 16
Balance in Treasurer's hands, Feb. 13, 1886.		317 09

## NOTES AGAINST THE TOWN.

Commonwealth note,	\$2,234 00	
Athol Savings Bank note,	6000 00	
Athol Savings Bank note,	2000 00	
Mrs. Isaac Doane, note,	500 00	
Timothy Stone, note,	300 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$12,034 00
Interest due on the above notes,	165 70	
Outstanding bills (estimated),	800 00	
	<u>          </u>	12,999 70

## ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

In the hands of H. C. Longley, treasurer,	\$317 09
of A. W. Doane, collector,	1473 87
of G. A. Streeter, collector,	35 50
of E. A. Albee, collector,	36 65
due from other towns,	107 15

## DUE FROM THE STATE.

For State aid,	\$66 00	
Town farm and personal property,	4000 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$6036 26
Balance against the town,		6963 44

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. N. DOANE, } Selectmen  
 F. S. GROVER, } of  
 E. A. ALBEE. } Dana.

Dana, Feb. 13, 1886.



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TO THE CITIZENS OF DANA:

We present for your consideration our report of the progress and the present condition of the schools committed to our care. We have endeavored to give to each school our most careful and earnest consideration in order that we might judge intelligently concerning the needs, the particular advantages or disadvantages, the possibilities, the progress and the condition of each.

In our report of last year we suggested that the number of pupils at the North School *viz. three*, did not warrant its continuance. In accordance with the views then presented, and as one of the three pupils voluntarily asked permission, which was granted, to attend another school, it seemed best to discontinue this school and to provide conveyance to other schools, for these pupils. The expense of this conveyance of course can not be defrayed from the money appropriated by the town for schools, but your committee have thought this the better course to take in the matter and suggest a suitable appropriation for this purpose for the ensuing year.

We desire to remind the citizens of Dana that no town in our vicinity possesses better natural advantages for good schools than do we. Good schools should be the pride of every citizen and we think we may honestly take much encouragement in the fact that our pupils of all ages compare favorably with those who come from other and in some respects, more highly favored communities

We are however, very deficient in certain school furnishings such as maps, charts of various kinds, drawing cards, globes, and apparatus for illustrating various studies, which are really of great importance and of great help to the teacher. We have appropriated \$50.00 this year to supply so far as may be this need and we hope that this may serve as a precedent to be followed in ensuing years, till our school houses are properly equipped with these helps.

There were, upon the first of May last, one hundred and seven (107) children between the ages of five and fifteen in Dana. We have supported during the year five schools. We have employed the best teachers possible with the money at our command and we believe that the result of the year's work will compare favorably with those which have preceded it. We have found our teachers careful and pains-taking, and generally the pupils willing and eager to succeed in their studies and to conform to the rules of the school room. But neither committee, teachers, or pupils should rest content with doing well in the past, for improvement and advance are always possible and no class should be more mindful of this than those to whom we commit the care and instruction of our children. Our parents indeed should not consider that in providing school rooms and teachers that their duty is ended and that all responsibility rests thereafter with the teacher. To be sure, that of the teacher is great but that of the parent is not less. It is the duty of parents to often visit the school room, to form an acquaintance with the teacher in charge of their children, to see that the school room is properly supplied with the necessary apparatus to illustrate the school studies, that the children are constant in attendance, and well behaved, for parents are more largely responsible for the behavior of their children than they are apt to regard themselves. Teachers and parents should be in harmony and constant communication for their interests in this matter are identical. When they cease to be so there is something seriously wrong. It is easy, very easy, to place serious obstacles in the way of a teacher for children read very surely, and are very apt to do what they shrewdly suspect will not be disapproved at home, if not actually encouraged. It is quite as easy on the other hand, to so influence a child at home that the success of a teacher shall be assured. So we say to each and every parent: We wish your help in every possible way, to improve our schools; we wish your sympathy and your encouragement as shown by your presence in the school room; we wish you to visit them often, not merely a visit of ceremony at the closing exercises of the term but during term time when you will see them in their every day work and be able to judge what they are doing from one time to another. We have been much pleased by the frequent visits of parents and friends to some of our schools.

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Greater interest upon the part of scholars has been developed thereby, and greater progress made. We hope in the year to come every school in town will be more freely visited than in the past. We have endeavored to keep in mind the fact that in a very few years at least, these scholars in our schools today, will take our places and that upon us at this time rests the grave responsibility to so teach and train them that they may go out of our school into life, fitted, as far as may be possible to face the world and to take the part of true men and true women in the struggles and labors which will arise in after life.

During the past year the Central, South, and Plain schools have had thirty-three weeks of school. The village schools will have thirty, owing to sickness in the family of the teachers, and the desire to retain in these schools well tried and faithful teachers.

## REVIEW OF SCHOOLS.

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### CENTRAL SCHOOL.

This school being the largest in town, calls for unusual interest on the part of parents, pupils, and teachers to insure good results. We have endeavored to secure as teachers, only such as had proved their fitness by their success in teaching ungraded schools.

It has been necessary to change teachers each term during the year, but notwithstanding this disadvantage, an unusually good year's work has been done. The instruction given by each teacher has been most thorough, and the long terms have been a great advantage.

Much credit is due to those pupils who by their good work have made this a pleasant school to teach.

### NORTH DANA PRIMARY SCHOOL.

This school has been in charge of Mrs. E. L. Carter, a faithful conscientious, and successful teacher, for several years.

Her long continued service is evidence of the satisfaction with which your committee regard her efforts to make this school what it really is—one of the best and brightest schools of this grade, which we have ever been permitted to visit.

### NORTH DANA MIXED SCHOOL.

Miss M. J. Richardson still continues in charge of this school, which under her unremitting care has attained a high standard of scholarship, which it easily maintains. Much improvement has been manifest during the past year. These schools illustrate in a marked manner, the advantage of retaining well tried and faithful teachers, from year to year, and the superior scholarship in these schools we attribute to this fact alone.

## PLAIN SCHOOL.

During the spring and fall terms this school was taught by Miss Nellie Doubleday, with whose work we feel well satisfied. Earnest, careful and painstaking in her work, we regard her as a very promising and successful teacher.

During the winter term Mr. M. T. Knapp was in charge of the school. This simple statement is sufficient guarantee of thorough work and marked improvement during the term.

## SOUTH SCHOOL.

Mrs. Smith as teacher has instructed the pupils of this school with her usual care and ability.

The fact that this school ranks one of the first in town in scholarship is proof that all parties interested have improved their opportunities.

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## ROLL OF HONOR.

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

## CENTRAL SCHOOL.

Hattie Tolman 3, Emma Grover 3, Lucy Grover 2, Alice Brown 2, James White 2, Carl Stevens 1, James Goodman 1, Harry Blackmer 1, Minnie Huntoon 1.

## VILLAGE GRAMMAR.

Augusta Kendall 1, Mattie Woods 2, Sadie Woods 2, Mabel Williams 2, Gracie Powers 1, Gracie Oakes 2, Fred H. Cooley 1, Frank Sanderson 2, Charlie Hunter 1, Mabel Butler 2, Gracie Haskins 1.

## VILLAGE PRIMARY.

Clara Sprague 1, Florence Lindsey 2, Georgie Woods 1, Mabel Weeks 1, Lizzie Hunter 1, Lucy Hunter 1, Nellie Maynard 1, Frank Gilbert 1, Gracie Bosworth 1.

## SOUTH SCHOOL.

May Smith 3, Maud Smith 3, Florence Lincoln 2, Harry Whitney 1, Guy Stevens 3, Geo. E. Stevens 3, Leon Stevens 3, Lizzie Stevens 3, Gertie Reynolds 1, Alice Reynolds 1.

## PLAIN SCHOOL.

Effie Lindsey 2, Alice Towne 2, Luella Huntoon 1, Bertha Goodman 2, Eva Thayer 1, Frank Edson 1.

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## SCHOOL HOUSES.

At Dana Centre we have a cheerful and pleasant school room with modern furniture, which needs only a few maps and charts upon its walls to be a model school room. It is an honor to the town. At the South school house we would suggest that the stove which did service some twenty-five years ago when one of your committee first taught school, has at last outlived its usefulness and safety, and that a new stove will soon be necessary here. With this addition and a few new curtains which seem very much needed, this room would be very pleasant.

At the Brick school house upon the plain the interior is sadly in need of repairs. It should be thoroughly examined by some person of experience in such matters, and nothing should be done unadvisedly. It is probable that the whole interior will have to be made new in the near future if a school is to be maintained, and there appears to be a sufficient number of scholars in the district to require a school.

At North Dana both school rooms have been recently papered, which add much to the fine appearance of the rooms. The most urgent need here is a change from the hard, uncomfortable and unhygienic seats and desks, to more comfortable and more modern furniture.

The North school house has been provided with blinds or shutters to protect the property from mischievous or wanton injury.

## STATISTICAL TABLE.

School.	No. of Term.	Wages per Month.	No. of Pupils.	Av. per term.	Av. Attendance.	No. over 15 years.	No. under 5 years.	No. between 8 and 14.	Name of Teacher.
CENTRAL.	1	\$32 00	36	34 $\frac{1}{2}$	29 $\frac{3}{5}$	2	0	22	Miss Lura H. Upton.
	2	32 00	45	40.9	39 $\frac{1}{20}$	2	0	26	Miss Hattie M. Whipple
	3	32 00	38	36 $\frac{2}{5}$	34 $\frac{3}{20}$	3	0	25	Mr. M. H. Leamy.
VILLAGE GRAMMAR	1	28 00	24	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	23 $\frac{1}{4}$	2	0	14	Miss M. J. Richardson
	2	28 00	23	22 $\frac{1}{3}$	21 $\frac{1}{3}$	3	0	15	" "
	3	28 00	28			7	0	21	" "
VILLAGE PRIMARY.	1	24 00	22	21 $\frac{7}{8}$	20 $\frac{3}{5}$	0	0	8	E. L. Carter.
	2	24 00	25	21 $\frac{1}{3}$	20 $\frac{7}{5}$	0	1	13	" "
	3	24 00	27			0	0	14	" "
SOUTH.	1	20 00	11	11	10.9	0	1	7	Mrs. M. C. Smith.
	2	20 00	11	11	10.9	0	0	8	" "
	3	20 00	12	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{3}{4}$	2	0	8	" "
PLAIN.	1	18 00	19	18	16	1	0	12	Miss N. A. Doubleday.
	2	20 00	16	16	15	1	0	9	" "
	3	24 00	12			1	0	8	Mr. M. T. Knapp.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Town Appropriation,	\$800 00	
Income of School Fund,	306 22	
Dog Fund,	63 22	
Town of Prescott, tuition,	11 00	
	\$1180 44	

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

Teachers' wages, South School,	\$165 00	
"    "    Central    "	264 00	
"    "    Plain    "	170 50	
"    "    No. Dana Mixed School,	210 00	
"    "    No. Dana Primary School,	180 00	
Care of school houses,	14 50	
Town of New Salem, tuition,	17 50	
Wood,	56 38	
Map, charts and other school apparatus,	50 00	
	\$1127 88	
Balance unexpended,		\$52 56

Respectfully submitted.

G. M. FOSKETT, M. T. KNAPP, MARTHA J. RICHARDSON.	}	School. Committee.
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Dana Feb. 22nd, 1886.





