

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS,

OF THE

TOWN OF ENFIELD,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 7, 1883.



AMHERST, MASS.

J. E. WILLIAMS, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER.

1883.

List of Jurymen for 1883.

Henry C. M. Howe,	Joel W. Martindale,
Benj. T. Harwood,	Reuben K. Aldrich,
William W. Hanks,	Arthur J. N. Ward,
Lauriston H. Towne,	William Bester,
William Delano,	Henry M. Smith,
Henry E. Brown,	Benj. F. Davis,
Edward Rohan,	Charles Felton,
Royal G. Thurston,	Charles Scott,
William B. Kimball.	

Town Warrant.

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 nineteenth day of March, instant, at one o'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 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 appropriate the same.

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

Appropriations.

	For 1882.	Recommended for 1883.
Contingent expenses,	\$1,000	\$1,000
Highways and bridges.	1,500	1,500
Schools,	1,500	1,500
Paupers,	500	800
Interest,	525	365
Town debt,		1,000
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	\$5,025	\$6,165

Selectmen's Report.

The Selectmen of the town of Enfield submit the following as their report of expenditures under the several appropriations in their charge, and a statement of orders drawn by the approval of the various officers chosen by the town, for the year ending March 7th, 1883.

CONTINGENT.—APPROPRIATION, \$1,000.

Paid M. L. Collis, repairs on town clock,	\$ 3 49
J. E. Williams, printing town reports,	17 00
J. E. Woods, rent of town officers' room,	30 00
P. Hannum, highway damage,	2 00
Francis H. Pitsinger, work at town farm,	5 00
D. B. Gillett, rent of engine room,	20 00
Charles Richards, blank book for records,	5 00
John Merriam, care of street lamps,	59 62
Delano & Hammond, advice on pauper case,	2 00
Charles Wright, care of street lamps,	6 45
B. F. Davis, books and stationery for assessors,	2 11
Charles Richards, administering oath,	50
Reuben Fleming, care of street lamps,	13 03
S. R. Towne, vaccinating school children,	32 50
L. D. Potter, services to Northampton,	5 00
Myron Harwood, for book-case,	20 00
Samuel Allen, services as civil engineer,	75
Weaver & Shipman, printing posters on account of incendiary,	3 50

Paid B. F. Davis, services to Springfield,	\$4 00
Reuben Fleming, care of street lamps,	4 00
B. F. Davis, perambulating town lines,	2 00
Selectmen, support of church cemetery,	4 00
Selectmen, for voters' register,	1 00
Selectmen, support of lower cemetery,	5 00
Wm. B. Kimball, chairman of Whiting Street Fund committee,	50 00
Ira Woods, wood at town house,	1 50
Weaver & Shipman, check list,	3 15
John Foley, care of street lamps,	2 50
Wm. Hannum, care of street lamps,	20 00
Mrs. M. S. Howe, Treas., for benefit of public library (dog fund),	77 26
W. G. Moore & Son, return of deaths,	3 75
E. H. Moore, care of hall and clock,	20 00
W. F. Howe & Co., mdse. for street lamps,	4 91
Wilber Chapin, care of street lamps,	11 75
Charles Scott, perambulating town lines,	1 20
Charles Scott, services to Springfield,	4 00
E. G. Wells, use of pound,	3 00
Jared Gould, labor, and mdse. for street lamps,	12 10
J. E. Woods, mdse. for street lamps,	1 51
E. C. Ewing, express on books,	3 15
E. C. Ewing, postage,	29
Charles Richards, administering oaths,	3 50
L. D. Potter, investigation of Wm. E. Keep case,	8 00
L. D. Potter, express and postage,	2 75
Jared Gould, repairs on street lamp,	1 00
Charles Richards, recording births, marriages, and deaths,	13 50
Selectmen, posters, on account of dogs,	1 00
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	\$497 77

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

Paid R. K. Aldrich, support of highways, (1881)	\$ 12 62
George Downing, " " "	6 00
Henry Woods, " " "	10 41

Paid Elbridge Packard, support of highways,	\$15 00
O. H. Bartlett, " "	47 05
Selectmen, " "	140 44
William Avery, " "	25 50
R. K. Aldrich, " "	26 60
Elbridge Packard, " "	52 00
Wm. Jones, " "	30 00
H. E. Brown, " "	40 00
R. K. Aldrich, " "	24 05
Alexander Bartlett, " "	41 10
Charles Felton, " "	45 45
Selectmen, " "	166 08
William Jones, " "	21 90
Elbridge Packard, " "	15 00
F. A. Tucker, " "	3 00
O. H. Bartlett, " "	71 25
H. E. Brown, " "	21 50
E. F. Shaw, " "	96 32
R. K. Aldrich, " "	24 75
George Downing, " "	34 50
Henry Stone, " "	56 75
L. F. Shearer, " "	58 00
Charles Scott, " "	9 60
L. D. Potter, " "	2 10
Selectmen, " "	6 74
Samuel Rohan, bridge plank,	5 60
Wm. B. Downing, plank and bridge timber,	162 00
H. M. Downing, work on bridge,	23 75
L. M. Morton, building railing,	30 00
Elijah Newell, painting bridge,	15 00
J. E. Woods, nails, &c.,	4 05
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	\$1,344 11

SCHOOLS.—APPROPRIATION, \$1,500.

Paid B. F. Davis, support of schools,	\$ 10 00
Wm. B. Downing, bill for wood,	21 39
E. C. Ewing, support of schools,	107 77
Wm. B. Kimball, " "	58 00

Paid H. E. Brown,	support of schools,	\$56 50
E. C. Ewing,	“ “	11 34
Wm. B. Kimball,	“ “	363 20
S. R. Towne,	“ “	84 00
H. E. Brown,	“ “	73 00
Wm. B. Kimball.	“ “	214 00
S. R. Towne,	“ “	77 00
H. R. Squires,	“ “	10 00
F. L. Martindale,	“ “	60 50
Fanny P. Newcomb,	“ “	66 00
A. R. House,	“ “	15 65
S. R. Towne,	“ “	6 00
H. E. Brown,	bill for wood,	16 50
E. C. Ewing,	support of schools,	193 78
B. F. Davis,	“ “	62 50
H. R. Squires,	“ “	66 00
A. R. House,	“ “	66 00
E. C. Ewing,	“ “	1 11
S. R. Towne,	“ “	198 83
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		\$1,839 07

PAUPER ACCOUNT.—APPROPRIATION, \$500.

Paid Maria M. Allen,	State aid, \$4 per month.	\$ 48 00
Isabella Wares	“ “ 4 “ “	48 00
Henry C. Wester,	“ “	8 00
Support of Mrs. John Montgomery,		30 00
H. R. Squires,	settlement of farm account,	29 10
Support of Wm. E. Keep,		34 50
Support of Mrs. John Montgomery,		58 00
H. R. Squires,	support of Mrs. Woods.	112 50
Abner Hutchinson,	support of McMellen children.	99 00
Support of Daniel P. Hatch,		27 50
Support of Mrs. John Montgomery,		24 00
Overseers of poor of Barre,	for support of Mrs. Martin	
McGrath,		50 25
Overseers of poor of Warren,	support of Willie Hall,	26 00

Paid Ira D. Haskell, mdse. for paupers,	\$ 5 81
J. E. Woods, " " "	10 01
S. R. Towne, professional services,	4 75
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	\$615 42

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Joel Martindale, services as assessor,	\$ 32 50
B. F. Davis, " "	35 00
H. E. Brown, " "	32 50
E. C. Ewing, " school committee,	27 25
S. R. Towne, " " "	17 50
Charles Richards, " treasurer,	50 00
L. D. Potter, " selectman,	50 00
B. F. Davis, " "	25 00
Charles Scott, " "	10 00
James Foster, " Sexton, (1881)	54 50
James Foster, " " (1882)	41 60
E. G. Wells, " constable,	5 00
J. W. Flint, " "	5 00
J. W. Flint, " collector,	49 65
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	\$435 50

DISCOUNTS AND ABATEMENTS.

Paid R. M. Woods, excess of taxes,	\$ 7 00
Porter Plimpton, " " (1881)	1 95
J. W. Flint, abatement of taxes, (1881)	16 49
J. W. Flint, " " (1882)	67 40
J. W. Flint, discount on taxes,	367 41
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	\$460 25

RECAPITULATION.

Contingent orders,	\$ 497 77
Highways and bridges,	1,344 11
Schools,	1,839 07

Pauper account,	\$615 42
Town officers,	435 50
Discounts and abatements,	460 25
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	\$5,192 12

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Note payable to State Treasurer, Sept. 1, 1883.	\$5,000 00
“ “ Sept. 1, 1884,	1,000 00
“ “ Sept. 1, 1884,	3,000 00
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	\$9,000 00

RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

Cash in treasury, March 7th, 1883,	\$4,812 62
State aid due from Commonwealth,	96 00
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	\$4,908 62
Balance of liabilities over resources.	4,091 38
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	\$9,000 00

LYMAN D. POTTER,	}	<i>Selectmen</i>
BENJAMIN F. DAVIS.		
CHARLES SCOTT,		
		<i>of</i>
		<i>Enfield.</i>

Treasurer's Report.

CHARLES RICHARDS,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF ENFIELD.

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1882.

Mar. 29,	Received of Wm. B. Kimball, ex-Treasurer,	\$2,974 83
Apr. 22,	James Foster, sexton,	3 00
May 19,	Selectmen, on account of Mrs. Dexter Barton,	75 00
29,	E. G. Wells, license,	150 00
July 6,	B. F. Davis, auction license,	2 00
10	Whiting Street Will Fund,	55 00
Oct. 9,	Selectmen, on account of Neil McMellen,	23 71

COMMONWEALTH.

Corporation tax,	\$960 72	
Nat. bank tax,	862 41	
State aid,	96 00	
Relief of indigent soldiers and sailors,	18 00	
		1,937 33

1883.

Jan. 8,	Dog fund refunded,	77 26
26,	Income of school fund,	216 65
Feb. 14,	W. G. Moore & Son, use of hearse,	50
20,	Town of Hardwick, support of Union school,	10 15
	Town of Greenwich, support of Union school,	30 46
	Books sold (School Committee),	10 98
	Selectmen,	10 98
	Assessors' certificate of taxes.	7,092 50

\$12,490 35

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1882.

May 29,	Paid State Treasurer $\frac{1}{4}$ of license,	\$ 37 50
July 10,	Expense and time to collect Whiting Street Will Fund,	5 00
Aug. 9,	County tax,	1,071 14
29,	Interest on state notes,	262 50
Nov. 8.	Expense to Belchertown, to attend meeting of town clerks,	1 00
	State tax,	840 00

1883.

Feb. 26,	Interest on state notes,	262 50
	Express, postage, and moving safe,	5 97
	Town orders,	5,192 12
	Cash on hand,	4,812 62

 \$12,490 35

Cash to account of 1883, \$4,812.62

CHARLES RICHARDS, TREASURER,

Enfield, March 10, 1883.

Report of School Committee.

TO THE CITIZENS OF ENFIELD :—

In presenting to you our annual statement of the condition of the public schools, we desire to call your special attention to the intimate relation that exists between the parent and the teacher. This connection is closer and of larger importance than many are disposed to imagine. A school may be greatly aided, and the duties of the teacher greatly simplified, if the homes from which the children come be what they are intended to be ; while, on the other hand, the object for which a school is established and a teacher employed may be largely defeated by a lack of certain important elements in the home life of the pupils. It would not be difficult for one conversant with the affairs of a given school to deduce certain inferences concerning the families with which the several scholars are connected.

The statute law requires that all public teachers “ exert their best endeavors to impress on the minds of the children and youth committed to their care and instruction, the principles of piety and justice and a sacred regard to truth, love of their country, humanity, and universal benevolence, sobriety, industry, and frugality, chastity, moderation and temperance ; and those other virtues which are the ornament of human society, and the basis upon which a republican constitution is founded ; and it shall be the duty of such instructors to endeavor to lead their pupils, as their ages and capacities will admit, into a clear understanding of the tendency of the above-mentioned virtues to preserve and perfect a republican constitution and secure the blessings of liberty, as well as to promote their future happiness, and also to point out to them the evil tendency of the opposite vices.” Chap. 44, sect. 15.

In accordance with this direction your committee have endeavored to employ such teachers as are fitted to confer a broader and nobler training than that which is included in the study of books; and the teachers thus employed, for the most part, have faithfully endeavored to inculcate lessons of morality, politeness, and good order, as well as lessons in geography, arithmetic and the like. Without disparaging the efforts of others, it may be proper to add that special success in this line has been manifest during the past year in the schools of Mrs. Crosby and Miss Smith.

We cannot afford to forget that the interests and welfare of this community will soon pass into the hands of those who now are, or should be, in our public schools. Nor can we afford not to give unto the children and youth of to-day the best possible training for the positions of trust and influence which they are soon to occupy. No wiser expenditure of money is made by this town, or any other, than that which goes to support its public schools. No greater care is necessary than in the choice of officers who shall manage this branch of the town's affairs. No employees of the town are doing more to shape its future than the teachers of our public schools. And no other line of effort should more surely enlist the sympathies and co-operation of tax-payers and parents.

The reason why the world is not further advanced than it is to-day in matters of truth and virtue is largely, perhaps mainly, that parents and teachers in the past have failed to keep clearly before their eyes some high standard of excellence, and have been content that children grow up after a hap-hazard style, with little of method and an easily flagging ambition. The future will surely be an improvement upon the past, if every parent were to desire for his children that they rise to a higher level than he has himself succeeded in doing, in the attainment of knowledge and virtue, and would then make use of the schools, and other agencies, as means to this worthy end. Let parents unite with teachers in aiming high in behalf of the children committed to their charge; let them seriously and earnestly set about the task of preparing the next generation for positions of usefulness in advance of their own; let them furnish for it those advantages which promise most in the way of a wise and symmetrical development of mind, and heart, and soul; let them hold up before their children the highest and strongest incentives to a noble life which they can lay hold upon; let them recognize always the existence of broad fields of truth, and virtue, and activity, which yet remain to be

explored; and let their children learn that, with the advantages bestowed upon them, it is expected as matter of course that they will rise to some higher level than that to which their birth introduced them; and we may well hope that from age to age progress will be made toward that state of human perfection which is the hope and aim of all true men. It is expecting quite too much of the teacher, to require her in the school-room to make good the lack of parental instruction, and influence, and government at home.

The number of children in this town between the ages of five and fifteen, May 1, 1882, was 151. One hundred and eighty-one have been enrolled in the public schools within the year; including 4, less than five years of age, and 12 over fifteen. In general, the schools have made commendable progress, and we believe are advancing from year to year to greater efficiency and to a larger measure of success. At the same time, there is occasion to say that teachers should bear in mind that most faithful work is only their duty, and they are as responsible when employed by the town as when engaged in any other work. The practice of shortening regular school hours, of making up lost time by appropriating noons, recesses, and odd moments before and after school, and of using school hours for other than school purposes, has been justly complained of and is condemned.

Without attempting any statement in detail of the several schools, particular reference should be made to number 4. This school is supported in part by Hardwick and by Greenwich. During the Spring it was under the direction of the latter town, and only the Fall term was taught by us. This arrangement was regarded as on the whole more desirable than to transport our own pupils to some other school, as we were authorized to do, by vote of the town a year ago. Accordingly, the expense of this school has been but slight.

The financial resources at our disposal are—first, the town's appropriation of \$1,500, and next the income from the state fund, \$216.-65, making an aggregate of \$1,716.65. Our expenditures have been as follows: for payment of teachers, \$1,526.04; for books, &c., \$193.13; for repairs and supplies, \$119.90; in all, \$1,839.07. The bill for teaching, however, is reduced \$40.61 by money received for school number 4, as stated above; and the bill for books is reduced \$10.98 by the sale of books to that amount. The net expense for schools is therefore \$1,787.48.

The excess of expenditure for books over the appropriation for that purpose, is owing in part, perhaps, to the inadequacy of the appropriation. but chiefly to the fact that during the year we have made purchase of a large number of books in advance of the actual need of them, your committee esteeming it economy, on the ground of the large discount made from regular rates for the introduction of new books ; Supplementary Readers and Swinton's Language Lessons being the new books in question.

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

SCHOOL NUMBER.	WEEKS TAUGHT.	PUPILS ENROLLED.	AVERAGE MEMBERSHIP.	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.	COST.
1	35.6	39	29	27.44	\$356.00
2	36	47	38	35.75	264.00
3	34.6	41	34.74	32.85	242.20
4	12	13	13	12.3	33.73
5	34	15	10.74	10.18	187.00
6	35	15	10.7	9.97	210.00
7	35	11	7.4	6.44	192.50

W. B. KIMBALL. }
 E. C. EWING. } *Committee.*
 S. R. TOWNE, }

Enfield, March 9, 1883.