ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF HATFIELD,
For the Year Ending March 1, 1887.

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1887.
Articles in the Warrant for Town Meeting to be held March 21, 1887.

ARTICLE 1.—To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2.—To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing, including three persons for members of the School Committee, one for three years, one for two years and one for one year.

ART. 3.—To choose an Elector under the Will of the late Oliver Smith, Esq.

ART. 4.—To revise and accept the list of Jurors as submitted by the selectmen.

ART. 5.—To hear the reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, and School Committee and act thereon.

ART. 6.—To receive and pass on Town accounts.

ART. 7.—To take action in relation to raising money to defray the necessary expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

ART. 8.—To see what method the Town will adopt for the maintenance and repairs of highways and bridges the ensuing year.

ART. 9.—To see what action the Town will take in relation to the prompt payment of taxes the ensuing year.

ART. 10.—To see if the Town will raise money to pay the outstanding debts of the Town.

ART. 11.—To see if the Town will make an appropriation for the public library and choose a committee for the same.

ART. 12.—To take action in relation to the support of the poor for the ensuing year.

ART. 13.—To see if the Town will make an appropriation to defray the expenses of celebrating "Memorial Day."
Art. 14.—To take action under Chap. 100, Sec. 5, of the Public Statutes. The vote must be by separate ballot, yes, or no, in answer to the question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

Art. 15.—To see if the Town will pay a bounty for the killing of noxious animals and birds.

Art. 16.—To see if the Town will employ a teacher of music in the schools.

Art. 17.—To see what action the Town will take in relation to the railroad crossings in the Town, and to act on all matters between the Town and the railroads running through the Town.

Art. 18.—To see if the Town will take action in relation to the cemeteries of the Town.

Art. 19.—To see if the Town will provide another public water trough.

Art. 20.—To see if the Town will buy a road machine.
Selectmen's Report.

To the Inhabitants of Hatfield,

HIGHWAYS.

As directed by the town, we contracted with the following named parties to perform the ordinary repairs on the highways and bridges in their several highway districts:

D. W. Wells, South Center District, $100.00
Fred. Carl, North Center District, 75.00
Ben. M. Warner, Hill District, 115.00
Frank J. Saffa, West Hatfield District, 75.00
Chas. A. Jones and W. H. Belden, West Farms, 100.00
John Fitzgibbon, West Brook, 75.00

We have settled with but two of these parties as the final accounts of the rest have not been presented to us.

We have allowed D. W. Wells $10.72 for over work.

We have inserted an article in the Warrant to see if the Town will buy a road machine. The agent of the "New Champion," asked us to store one of his machines for the winter, so that the town after trial, could buy it if they wished to do so.

BRIDGES.

We have expended $93.64 in excess of the appropriation for bridges, which was less than we recommended.

The bridges of the town are in fair condition. A little more money could have been expended advantageously the past season in our opinion.

POOR.

The wisdom of the policy pursued by us for several years is shown by the fact that we have but few families or young children that we are aiding. We have found places
for a number of children where they have been adopted, and have helped families to take care of themselves so that now while our list of full support paupers is quite large and rather expensive, it is mostly composed of old people. It may be well for the town to consider whether or not it will be advisable to keep them all at one place.

We are now hiring the following named persons boarded:

Charles Morton, aged 72, $3.00 per week.
Michael Ryan, aged 79, $2.00 per week.
Patrick Russell, aged 60, $2.75 per week.
Joseph Beauregard, aged 75, $2.00 per week.
Letty Wheeler, aged 7, $1.50 per week.
John Tobin, aged 5, $1.50 per week.

Besides A. M. Richmond and Catherine Tobin, insane at the Hospital, Joseph Proulx and family are being temporarily aided by the Overseers of Poor of Northampton at our expense, because of sickness.

TOWN DEBT.

We congratulate the tax payers that at the end of next year the town may be out of debt. The balance against the town at the end of last year of $2,758.12, being now reduced to less than $1,000.00.

Our expenditures we report as follows:
OLD BILLS.

Wm. H. Belden, salary registrar of voters, $10 00
Joseph S. Wells, “ “ “ 12 50
A. L. Strong, assistance to “ “ 5 00
Alvin L. Strong, building committee school house, 5 00
Fred. Carl, labor on highways, 61 11
Patrick Mullarney, labor on highways, 7 85
Daniel A. Vining, “ “ “ 3 93
Henry A. Wade, “ “ “ 3 25
Anthony Douglass, “ “ “ 1 50
Charles E. Wilkie, “ “ “ 1 30
Lawrence Vollenger, “ “ “ 1 25
Alfred Breor, “ “ “ 6 50
T. Baggs, “ “ “ 5 50
E. W. Field, “ “ “ 8 20
Peter Balise, “ “ “ 3 15
Wm. B. Langdon, “ “ “ 1 62
John Dimleon, “ “ “ 1 25
J. D. Porter, “ “ “ 5 17
A. H. Marsh, “ “ “ 3 00
F. H. Bardwell, “ “ “ 11 50
H. S. Hubbard, earth, 5 15
Peter Saffa, labor on bridges, 5 00
Michael Boyle, labor on bridges, 5 75
Michael O'Dea, “ “ “ 5 00
A. S. Jones, “ “ “ 2 00
H. Shumway, “ “ “ 3 25
Caleb D. Bardwell, care of Town hall, 8 00
Brown & Bailey, mason work, Hill School House, 39 77

POOR.

Michael Flavin, board of Tobin children, $60 00
Sisters of Charity, Holyoke, board of Tobin children, 48 00
Mary Wheeler, board of Letty Wheeler, 78 00
N. L. Hospital, board of Catherine Tobin, 180 03
“ “ A. M. Richmond, 191 56
“ “ Pomeroy Doppman, 58 80
Mrs. T. Graves, house rent “ 8 00

$234 87
E. M. Martin, goods Charles Morton, $1 43
Wm. W. Field, board Charles Morton, 169 15
Dr. Seymour, medical attendance, C. Morton, 2 00
John Karin, board of Michael Ryan, 59 00
Mary E. Waite, support, 55 00
“ house rent, 24 00
Clifford Russell, board of Patrick Russell, 82 50
Peter Pecor, 35 75
Edward Farlin 30 25
Joseph Baker, board Joseph Beauregard, 64 00
T. Baggs, lodging tramps, 39 00
Mrs. John Setright, board James Shea, 24 00
J. H. Howard, goods, James Shea, 2 88
Railroad fare, James Shea, 40
City of Northampton, support of Mrs. Jos. Martin, 14 16

Paid by Town of Wenham:
Mrs. Dodge, cash support, $45 00
Wm. H. Dickinson, house rent, Mrs. Dodge, 24 00
J. E. Doane, wood, 3 75
John Karin, wood, 7 00
Michael Dea, drawing wood, 1 00
H. Shumway, drawing wood, 1 50

To be paid by State:
H. Shumway, wood for Joseph Patrick, $4 00

SCHOOLS.

Eunice J. Morton, teaching schools, $245 00
Carrie L. Warner, 245 00
Kate Wells, 243 60
Nellie Waite, 245 00
Mary L. Waite, 182 00
Minnie A. Bourne, 77 00
Hattie L. Haven, 77 00
Lottie Porter, 156 00
Elsie L. Elder, 150 50
Carrie Porter, 63 00
Gertie A. Strong, 54 00
Hattie Stedman, 78 00
Lulu Field, 60 00
Eddie Burke, janitor,  $1 45
Eugene Jubinville, janitor,  3 25
G. W. Hubbard, "  11 00
Frank Cutter, "  22 00
J. H. Sanderson, "  19 50
H. G. Moore, cash for janitor,  20 34
H. G. Moore, "  19 50
Mrs. John Smith, "  15 45
C. C. Wolfram, "  10 38
Smith & Dwight, coal,  71 13
E. M. Martin, coal,  28 13
H. G. Moore, drawing coal,  7 75
John Maxwell, wood,  10 00
J. W. Field, "  8 00
H. Shumway, "  6 00
John B. Smith, sawing wood,  2 18
Philos Doane, "  2 50

$2,134 66

SCHOOL BOOKS.

A. C. Stockin,  $51 25
S. E. Bridgman & Co.,  121 76
D. Appleton & Co.,  5 46
Harper & Bros.,  27 60
F. M. Ambrose,  4 40
Van Antwerp Bragg & Co.,  16 35
H. G. Moore, express,  1 75

$228 57

MUSIC IN SCHOOLS.

Prof. Charmbury,  $150 00

HIGHWAYS.

D. W. Wells,  $110 72
Fred. Carl,  50 00
Benj. M. Warner,  86 25
C. H. Jones & W. H. Belden,  100 00
Frank Saffa,  55 00
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HIGHWAYS.

(SPECIAL REPAIRS) HILL DISTRICT.

J. D. Porter, drain tile, $4.75
J. D. Porter, labor, 15.25
John McGrath, labor, 1.87
A. Allair, labor, 2.50
Frank Lovette, labor, 1.87
David McGrath, 3.75
David Fitzgerald, 2.50
E. S. Warner, 9.75
James Porter, 6.93
Chas. E. Kingsley, 1.25
Patrick Mullarney 1.25
Ben. M. Warner, 4.87
L. S. Dyer, 6.50
J. T. Fitch, 11.00
M. N. Hubbard, 4.50
Thomas Whalen, 2.50
H. Shumway, 9.75
A. H. Graves, 3.25
Thaddeus Graves, 3.25
MacLaMountain, 2.50

$99.79

(SPECIAL REPAIRS) NORTH CENTER DISTRICT.

Fred. Carl, labor, $47.30
Wm. B. Langdon, labor, 19.25
Edwin Brainard, 23.63
James Breor, 16.25
John Fitzgibbon, 7.75
John Karin, 4.38
L. S. Crafts, 1.75
Michael Clancy, 1.88
Charles W. Wolfram, 12.87
" " earth, 5.00
C. G. Waite, earth, 10.00

$150.06
SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS AND SUPPLIES.

H. G. Moore, supplies, $39 92
H. A. Brackett, painting roofs, 21 67
S. W. Kingsley, repairs, 8 50
W. B. Langdon, repairs, 2 50
W. L. Smith & Co., table, 2 50
Eames & Sprague, stoves, 73 04
J. H. Howard, supplies, 18 33
Geo. E. Coats, repairs, 5 95
Mrs. Michael O'Dea, cleaning, 2 75
  John Burke, " 6 00
  John Sheehan, " 2 75
  John Smith, " 3 00
E. M. Martin, supplies, $4 78
John Springer, " 1 85
D. J. Wright, " 1 20
Wm. Daugherty, repairs, 2 50

——  $197 24

REPAIRS ON HILL SCHOOL HOUSE.

C. N. Harlow & Co., $191 90
David Laidley, mason work, 4 37
M. H. Burke, painting, 29 20
H. G. Moore, labor, 18 50

——  $243 97

TOWN OFFICERS.

1885.

Chas. K. Morton, Selectman, $125 00
Eurotas Morton, " 58 00
R. P. Smith, " 50 00
E. A. Hubbard, School Committee, 50 00
Henry G. Moore, " 50 00
A. L. Strong, Tax Collector, 125 00
Wm. C. Dickinson, Treasurer, 100 00
TOWN OFFICERS.

1886.

E. F. Billings, Assessor, $55 00
A. L. Strong, 55 50
W. D. Billings, Town Clerk and Registrar of voters, (part payment) 50 00
D. W. Wells, Elector, 10 00

---- $728 50

STATE AID.

Mrs. Covill, $38 00
Mrs. Anderson, 38 00

---- $76 00

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

S. E. Bridgman & Co., books, $125 65
E. F. Billings, librarian, 12 50
Mrs. Leary, cleaning room, 1 50
Philos Doane, sawing wood, 1 00
Cutting, Brewster & Draper, repairing stove, 6 44
R. M. Woods, books, 5 50
H. Shumway, wood, 4 00
J. H. Howard, lamps and oil, two years' bill, 9 50

---- $166 09

MISCELLANEous ACCOUNTS.

E. A. Hubbard, cost of drain, $94 00
J. H. Howard, Memorial Day expenses, 50 00
Wm. H. Dickinson, president village improvement society for cemeteries, 100 00
A. L. Strong, cash for printing, 6 00
Gazette Printing Co., order book and printing, 5 57
S. E. Bridgman & Co., stationary, 4 28
J. C. Hammond, legal services and fees in Tobin case, 26 54
Wade, Warner & Co., printing town reports and license ballots. $43 15
Peter McHugh, repair stove. Town hall. 1 00
L. S. Crafts, care of water trough. 5 00
A. M. Peck, recording deaths. 6 00
Morris Fitzgibbons, care water trough. 2 50
Wm. G. Bassett, legal services and fees paid in N. H. & N. Co.'s petition. 19 06
S. W. Kingsley, repairs road scraper. 6 75
J. T. Thayer. " " 1 25
H. Shumway, express on books. 8 50
J. D. Porter, cash for watching fires. 3 00
Chas. K. Morton, railroad fares and expenses. 4 90
" " cash witness fees. 2 00
" " cash postage. 2 00
J. H. Howard, burner. Town hall. 20
Wm. C. Dickinson, cash bounties. 51 20

Respectfully submitted.

CHAS. K. MORTON.
JONATHAN D. PORTER. } Selectmen
C. A. JONES. } of

Hatfield.

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen for the year ending March 1, 1887, and have found them correct with proper vouchers on file for all warrants drawn amounting to seven thousand twenty dollars and eighty-two cents. ($7,020.82.)

C. S. SHATTUCK, Auditor.

Hatfield. March 5, 1887.
Appropriations Town of Hatfield, 1886.

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Jury List Reported by the Selectmen.

MICHAEL LARKIN,  
CHAS. E. HUBBARD,  
ALPHEUS COWLES,  
J. E. PORTER,  
DANIEL W. WELLS,  
PHILIP CARL,  
EUGENE I. MORTON,  

CHAS. L. WARNER,  
ALBERT H. WEBBER,  
THOMAS J. RYAN,  
JONATHAN D. PORTER,  
O. S. GRAVES,  
EUROTAS MORTON,  
CHAS. S. SHATTUCK,  
E. M. MARTIN.
Treasurer's Report.

Wm. C. Dickinson, Treasurer, in Account with the Town of Hatfield.

Dr.

To balance from old account, $1,468 28
Cash rec'd from Alv. L. Strong, collector, $8,184 34
National Bank Tax, 1,769 91
Corporation Tax, 437 44
Income School Fund, 217 59
State Aid, 108 00
Dog Fund, 70 84
Town of Wenham, support of Mrs. Dodge, 172 40
Sale of Town land, 30 00
Town of Hadley, for ferry boat, 26 25
Memorial day appropriation, 14 00
Town of Whately, tuition, 5 00
Over pay school books, 4 00

$11,039 77
TO CASH RECEIVED FROM LOANS.

State Treasurer, 3½ per cent., $1,500 00
4 per cent., 1,500 00
$3,000 00

CASH RECEIVED FROM TEMPORARY LOANS.

State Treasurer, 3½ per cent., $1,500 00
Hampshire Savings Bank, 4½ per cent., 1,000 00
1,000 00
1,000 00
1,000 00
500 00
500 00
$6,500 00
$22,008 05

Cr.

By cash paid Selectmen's order, $7,020 82
Old orders, 1885-86, 1,085 29
County Tax, 1,348 22
State Tax, 810 00
Interest on notes, 306 47
Insurance, 140 00
State Treasurer National Bank
Tax refunded, 13 32
$10,724 12

BY CASH PAID ON LOANS.

State Treasurer, 1,500 00
Hampshire Savings Bank, 1,000 00
$4,000 00
BY CASH PAID ON TEMPORARY LOANS.

State Treasurer, $1,500 00
Hampshire Savings Bank, 1,000 00
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783 93
$22,008 05

Balance in Treasury,

IN ACCOUNT WITH ALVIN L. STRONG, COLLECTOR.

Dr.
To cash received, $8,184 34
Order of abatement, 29 85
---------- $8,214 19
Balance uncollected taxes, 981 42
$9,195 61

Cr.
By uncollected taxes 1885–86, $496 96
Assessors’ warrant, 1886–87, 8,698 65
---------- $9,195 61

SUMMARY.
State Treasurer, note due April 7, 1887, $1,500 00
" " Dec. 1, 1887, 1,500 00
---------- $3,000 00
Cash in Treasury, $783 93
Uncollected taxes, 981 42
Due from City of Northampton:
  Smith Charities' tax, 123 53
  Interest on above, 7 41
  State and Military Aid, 76 00
  Tuition Northampton scholars, 50 00
  State on account State paupers, 4 00

$1,026 29

Balance against the Town, $973 71

WM. C. DICKINSON, Treasurer.

I have this day examined the books and vouchers of the Treasurer and found them correct.

C. S. SHATTUCK, Auditor.

Hatfield, Mass., March 7, 1887.
Town Clerk's Report.

The vital statistics of the Town of Hatfield, for the year 1886, are as follows:

**BIRTHS BY MONTHS.**

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**PARENTAGE**

Native born 18, Foreign born 15, Foreign born father and native mother 3, Foreign born mother and native born father 3.
Birth rate for five previous years:

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MARRIAGES BY MONTHS.

January, May, September, November, ....

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All were first marriage of both parties.

Age youngest bride, 19 years.
Age oldest bride, 25 "
Age youngest bridegroom, 22 "
Age oldest bridegroom, 34 "

Of the persons married, native born 3 couples.
Native born groom, foreign born bride, 2 couples.

Number of marriage certificates issued from this office, 6.

Marriages for five previous years:

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DEATHS BY MONTHS.

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October, .......................... 2
November, ........................ 3
December, ........................ 2

Total, ........................... 24

Under 5 years of age,
Males.          Females.
Between 5 and 10 years of age,
  " 20 " 30 "                      1                      1
  " 40 " 50 "                      1                      1
  " 50 " 60 "                      1                      1
  " 60 " 70 "                      4                      1
  " 70 " 80 "                      3                      3
  " 80 " 90 "                      1                      1

Age of the oldest persons deceased were one male 84 years, one female 85 years.

Of the number deceased, 22 were native and 2 foreign born.

Death rate for five previous years:

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Causes of death classified according to the nomenclature adopted by the State Board of Registration:

**ZYMOTIC DISEASES.**

Croup, ....................................... 4
Erysipelas, .................................. 1
Cholera infantum, ............................ 1
Diarrhea, .................................... 1

**CONSTITUTIONAL DISEASES.**

Cancer, ...................................... 2
Tabes Mesenterica, ........................... 1
Hydrocephalus, ................................ 1
LOCAL DISEASES.

Paralysis,.............. 3
Disease of heart,........ 2
Convulsions,........... 2
Pneumonia,............... 1
Brights disease,........ 1
Insanity,................ 1

DEVELOPMENTAL DISEASES.

Old age,................ 1
Premature birth,......... 1

VIOLENT DEATHS.

Lightning,.............. 1

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STATEMENT OF THE DOG TAX ACCOUNT.

W. D. BILLINGS, Town Clerk, in account with the Town of Hatfield:

Dr.

To cash received from Dec. 1, 1885 to Dec. 1, 1886, for license of 51 dogs (males) at $2 each, $102 00
To cash received for license of 2 dogs (females) at $5 each, 10 00
Less Clerk’s fees, 53 dogs at 20 cents each, 10 60

$101 40
By cash paid Lewis Warner, County Treasurer, $101 40

Amount paid County Treasurer on this account for five previous years:

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There have been recorded in the Town Clerk's office from March 1, 1886 to March 1, 1887, 20 mortgages of personal property, one assignment of wages. All other papers, three.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. BILLINGS, Town Clerk.
REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Fellow Citizens:

Your School Committee herewith present the annual report upon the condition of the Schools.

The schools the past year have been maintained thirty-five weeks, at an expense, including the cost for music, books and supplies of a little more than $2,500.

The number of persons between the ages of five and fifteen years in the town, May 1, 1886, was 256. The number between the ages of eight and fourteen years was 157. The number of scholars enrolled in the schools was 248. The average membership in all the schools for the year was 194, and the average attendance 169.
The schools have been more than ordinarily successful. To a large extent, the experienced teachers of previous years have been retained, and the few inexperienced teachers we have been obliged to employ have shown good results.

Our schools are not well graded, and under our circumstances cannot be. We are a scattered population, and the number of persons between five and fifteen years of age is not large, and hence it is practically impossible to bring a great number of pupils into any one of our school buildings. We have but two grades, the primary and the grammar, but the grammar grade might with more propriety be called the intermediate if we had anything above it. Were there a vacant room in the Center School house, it would be possible without great additional expense to the town to bring the highest class from at least three of our grammar schools into that building. This would make a school of fifteen to twenty pupils, would provide for a grade that might properly be called grammar, would furnish at the expense of the town one year more of school privilege to its advanced pupils, and would give them a fair education even if they did not afterward enter Smith Academy.

The department of music has been in charge of Prof. Charmbury, and the progress made and the enthusiasm awakened have satisfied the committee and we trust also our fellow citizens that the money has been well expended.

The expense of the repairs upon the Hill School house exceeded the appropriation, for it was found impossible otherwise to make the repairs contemplated when the town made the appropriation, and after the work was begun it was necessary to complete it that there might be a school there in the fall term.
STATEMENT OF SCHOOLS, TEACHERS EMPLOYED, &c.

CENTER—GRAMMAR.

Miss Nellie A. Waite.

Number of scholars enrolled, 23
Average membership, 21.38
Average attendance, 19.22
Number of scholars over 15 years of age, 1
Number weeks school, 35
Amount paid as wages, $245

CENTER—PRIMARY.

Miss Kate Wells.

Number scholars enrolled, 45
Average membership, 27.75
Average attendance, 23.2
Number weeks school, 35
Amount paid as wages, $245

HILL—GRAMMAR.

Miss Eunice J. Morton.

Number scholars enrolled, 29
Average membership, 25.5
Average attendance, 20.5
Number of scholars over 15 years of age, 2
Number weeks school, 35
Amount paid as wages, $245
HILL—PRIMARY.

Miss Carrie L. Warner.

Number scholars enrolled, 40
Average membership, 29.33
Average attendance, 26.25
Number weeks school, 35
Amount paid as wages, $245

WEST HATFIELD—GRAMMAR.

Misses Annie Bourne, Lottie Porter and Carrie Porter.

Number school enrolled, 22
Average membership, 15.03
Average attendance, 13.63
Number of scholars over 15 years of age, 1
Amount paid as wages, $230

WEST HATFIELD—PRIMARY.

Misses Mary L. Waite and Gertrude Strong.

Number scholars enrolled, 32
Average membership, 29.79
Average attendance, 25.88
Number weeks school, 35
Amount paid as wages, $236

WEST BROOK.

Misses Lottie Porter, Lulu Field and Hattie Stedman.

Number of scholars enrolled, 36
Average membership, 29.73
Average attendance, 26.68
Number weeks school, 34
Amount paid as wages, $204
FARMS.

Misses Hattie L. Haven and Elsie E. Elder.

Number scholars enrolled, 21
Average membership, 16.47
Average attendance, 14.58
Number of scholars over 15 years of age, 1
Number weeks school, 35
Amount paid as wages, $227 50

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Number of persons between the ages of 5 and 15 years, 256
" " " " 8 and 14 " 157
Number of scholars enrolled, 248
Number of scholars between the ages of 5 and 15 years, 229
" " " " 8 and 14 " 159
Average membership in all the schools for the year, 194.53
" attendance " " " " 169.94
Number of scholars over 15 years of age, 5

APPROPRIATIONS AND RECEIPTS.

Balance unexpended last year, $219 09
Appropriated by the town, 1,700 00
Received from State Fund, 217 59
Dog Fund, 70 84
Tuition Whately, 5 00

$2,212 52

Amount expended for teachers, $1,876 10
wood and coal, 137 19
care of schoolhouse, 121 37
Balance unexpended, 77 86

$2,212 52
Appropriation for music, $150 00
Amount paid Prof. Charmbury, 150 00

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Amount expended for these items for the year is $228.57, which has been judiciously expended, and your Committee are unable to devise any plan whereby a less sum than this can be used the coming year, as there must necessarily be more or less yearly waste of books and supplies while this plan is pursued. We think, however, that $250 for next year will meet the needs of the schools for these items.

Estimate of expenditures for 1887:

For Schools, $1,800 00
Books and supplies, 250 00
Music, 200 00

Respectfully submitted,

H. G. MOORE, School Committee.
DAVID BILLINGS, JR.
E. A. HUBBARD.

Hatfield, March 4, 1887.