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FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1894.



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WORCESTER:

The Maynard-Gough Co., Book and Job Printers, 187 Front Street.

1894.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1893.

Town Clerk,

JESSE ALLEN.

Selectmen,

C. H. PARKER, D. R. DEAN, D. O. LOVELL.

Assessors,

H. W. LINCOLN, S. H. BULLARD, E. N. HUNT.

Overseers of the Poor,

JESSE ALLEN, JAMES PACKARD, W. M. ROBINSON.

Collector,

LEONARD P. LOVELL.

Treasurer,

JESSE ALLEN.

Constables,

C. H. PARKER, W. C. BLISS, W. M. ROBINSON, W. S. CRAWFORD,
H. P. AUSTIN, W. R. DEAN.

Auditor,

F. S. CONANT.

Fence Viewers,

JESSE ALLEN, L. N. HASKELL, A. C. BULLARD.

Field Drivers,

W. M. ROBINSON, C. P. McCLENATHAN, H. D. BULLARD,
PETER WHITE, HENRY FORBES.

Surveyors of Lumber,

D. M. PARKER, D. R. DEAN, W. S. CRAWFORD.

Measurers of Wood and Bark,

D. R. DEAN, D. M. PARKER, W. S. CRAWFORD.

Scaler of Weights and Measures,

A. J. HOLDEN.

School Committee,

JESSE ALLEN, W. M. ROBINSON, H. P. AUSTIN.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

WORCESTER—ss :

To William S. Crawford, or either of the Constables of the Town of Oakham, in the County of Worcester, Greeting :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Oakham, qualified to vote in elections, and in town affairs, to meet at the town hall, known as "Memorial Hall," on Monday, the fifth day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit :

ARTICLE I.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. II.—To hear the annual report of the several town officers, and to act thereon.

ART. III.—To bring in their votes for Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Assessors, three Overseers of the Poor, Collector of Taxes, Treasurer, three Fence Viewers, six Constables, and Auditor, for one year. One School Committee, for two years. One School Committee, Library Trustee, and Cemetery Committee, for three years. Also, to vote "Yes" or "No," in answer to the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town," all on one ballot. Ballot to be folded as received, when presented for deposit in the ballot-box. The polls to be opened at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and may be closed at two o'clock in the afternoon.

ART. IV.—To choose all necessary town officers and committees for the ensuing year, not required to be elected by ballot.

ART. V.—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

ART. VI.—To see if the town will borrow money to meet any liabilities of the town, or to pass any vote relative thereto.

ART. VII.—To see if the town will accept the list of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen.

ART. VIII.—To determine the manner of collecting Taxes the ensuing year.

ART. IX.—To see if the town will employ some person to take care of town hall and ring church bell for the ensuing year, or pass any vote relative thereto.

ART. X.—To see what compensation the town will allow for men and teams in repairing highways and opening roads the ensuing year.

- ART. XI.—To see if the town will abate any taxes that may be presented for abatement.
- ART. XII.—To determine the manner of supporting paupers the ensuing year.
- ART. XIII.—To see if the town will provide for lighting the street lamps the ensuing year, or pass any vote relative thereto.
- ART. XIV.—To see if the town will vote to have their valuation by the Assessors printed the ensuing year.
- ART. XV.—To see what compensation the town will allow their Treasurer and Collector the ensuing year.
- ART. XVI.—To see if the town will raise and appropriate any money for the relief of poor and needy soldiers, as required under Chap. 298, Sec. 1 and 2, of the Acts and Resolves of the year 1889.
- ART. XVII.—To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to be expended for seats and desks, a new floor, and other necessary repairs for Coldbrook school-house. The said expenditures to be made by a joint committee, consisting of the Selectmen and School Committee.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up three attested copies thereof, one at each of the Post-offices, and one at the Congregational Meeting-house 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, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fourteenth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four.

CLARENCE H. PARKER, } Selectmen
D. R. DEAN, } of
D. OSCAR LOVELL, } Oakham.

APPROPRIATIONS

ESTIMATED FOR 1894-95.

Contingent,	\$800 00
Discount on Taxes,	200 00
Paupers,	900 00
Street Lights,	50 00
Salaries,	350 00
Schools,	1,200 00
Library,	35 00
Highways,	1,000 00
Soldiers' Relief,	75 00
Opening Roads,	700 00
Repairs on School-houses,	150 00

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

We have the pleasure of bringing before you the following Report for the year ending March 1st, 1894:

TOWN CLERK.			
Paid Town Clerk for services,			\$34 99
COLLECTOR.			
Paid Collector for services,	\$50 00		
cash book, tax bills, postage, etc.,	11 00		61 00
TREASURER.			
Paid Treasurer for services,			30 00
SELECTMEN.			
Paid Selectmen for services, C. H. Parker,	25 00		
D. R. Dean,	25 00		
D. O. Lovell,	25 00		
stationery and postage,	90		75 90
ASSESSORS.			
Paid Assessors for services, H. W. Lincoln, 1892,	41 00		
H. W. Lincoln, 1893,	38 00		
S. H. Bullard,	30 00		
E. N. Hunt,	20 00		129 00
SCHOOL COMMITTEE.			
Paid School Committee for services, Jesse Allen,	55 11		
W. M. Robinson,	25 00		
H. P. Austin,	15 00		95 11
SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.			
Paid Overseers of the Poor,			\$47 69
AUDITOR.			
Paid Auditor for services,			15 00
SCHOOL EXPENSES.			
Paid for Centre District,	703 30		
Coldbrook District,	275 50		
West " "	229 25		
South " "	93 75		
School Supplies,	196 67		
Repairs on School Houses,	27 89		1526 36

. STREET LIGHTS.

Paid S. M. Sargeant,	19 10	
C. H. Parker,	25 00	44 10

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

Paid W. A. Nye, repairs on Highway,	968 81	
Repairs on Bridges,	45 47	
Opening Roads,	778 81	1793 09

STATE AID.

Paid Eliza Caldwell,	48 00	
H. M. Green,	36 00	
Geo. E. Reed,	15 00	99 00

MILITARY AID.

Paid Daniel Rogers,		23 00
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SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

For James Caldwell,		
Paid H. M. Green, care,	4 00	
E. L. Sawyer, services,	30 00	
C. H. Parker, clothing,	4 17	
James Packard, burial,	20 00	
For Mrs. J. W. Caldwell,		
C. H. Parker, groceries,	4 27	62 44

SOUTH SCHOOL HOUSE.

Paid R. F. Parker, building school house,	390 00	
R. F. Parker, building closet,	12 50	
James Robinson, labor,	22 27	
Patrick McGreavy, labor,	6 12	
Walter M. Robinson, labor,	5 90	
L. E. Ballou, stove,	9 50	
James Robinson, painting outside and finishing inside,	42 05	
D. R. Dean, cement, freight, and lumber for fence,	30 81	
For Seats and Desks,	70 00	589 15

LOCK-UP.

Paid J. Shores, mason,	69 00	
F. E. Reed, labor,	11 70	
C. Pequin, bolts, etc.,	2 90	
Priest & Brigham, moulding,	1 94	
C. H. Parker, 3 bbls. cement,	7 61	
C. Baker & Co., door,	5 00	
Geo. N. Briggs, lumber and second-hand brick, carting sand and water,	30 24	

James Robinson, stove.	3 00	
F. E. Loring, roofing and ceiling,	25 10	
Codding & Taft, registers,	1 90	
L. N. Haskell, labor,	9 50	
F. S. Conant, supplies,	6 51	
O. D. Tottingham, pails,	1 10	
C. H. Parker, blankets, lock, etc.,	6 60	
W. H. White, stove pipe,	2 07	
J. E. Crosley, 1 bbl. lime,	1 65	
D. M. Parker, lumber,	18 66	204 48

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid principal on note to Commonwealth,	\$1000 00	
Interest,	100 00	
Principal on note, Barre Savings Bank,	1000 00	
Interest,	25 42	
County Tax,	258 00	
State Tax,	375 00	
Printing, I. W. Mullet,	42 00	
L. P. Lovell, abatement taxes,	29 31	
A. H. Prouty, inspecting cattle,	20 10	
For Fire Extinguisher,	150 00	
Jesse Allen, Public Library,	25 00	
Freight on Fire Extinguishers,	2 42	
L. N. Haskell, wood for Town Hall,	6 00	
H. J. Lawrence, printing ballots,	12 50	
H. P. Austin, arrest of Leon Hapgood,	5 39	
S. Bothwell, arrest of W. W. Luce,	20 90	
For insurance on school houses,	35 00	
C. A. Gleason, care Memorial Hall,	10 00	
C. A. Gleason, ringing Church bell,	35 00	
J. F. Balcom, building fence around cemetery,	5 75	
E. L. Sawyer, damage,	12 50	
F. S. Conant, town pump,	19 27	
James Packard, services as Sexton, and return of deaths,	26 00	
L. P. Lovell, discount on taxes,	209 28	3424 84
Total,		9955 15

RECAPITULATION.

Paid Town Officers,	\$441 00
Support of paupers,	847 69
Schools,	1526 36
Highways,	1793 09
State aid,	99 00
Military aid,	23 00

Lock-up,	204	48	
South school house,	589	15	
Miscellaneous expenses,	3424	84	
Street lights,	44	10	
Soldiers' relief,	62	44	9055 15

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE H. PARKER, } Selectmen
 DAVID R. DEAN, } of
 D. OSCAR LOVELL, } Oakham.

LIST OF JURORS, AS REVISED BY THE SELECTMEN:

E. L. Parker,	Walter R. Dean,	O. D. Tottingham,
William S. Crawford,	N. W. Packard,	Jesse Allen,
James Sheern,	Geo. W. Stone,	Carlos P. Hill,
		W. C. Bliss.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

JESSE ALLEN, Treasurer.

In account with the Town of Oakham.

1893.	DR.		
To Balance in Treasury,		\$2506	39
Cash from grass on Common,		7	00
" W. P. Delahanty, innholder's license,		2	00
Cash borrowed Barre Savings Bank,		1000	00
Cash from sale of school supplies,		2	11
" W. S. Crawford, treasurer of Church,		3	94
" Use of Hall,		2	00
" Sale of bricks,		6	51
" Sale of ashes,		2	00
" Insurance on South School House,		250	00
" Fines returned,		5	00
" State Treasurer, Corporation Tax,		9	27
" " National Bank Tax,		9	50
" " State Aid refunded,		123	00
" " School Fund,		300	00
" County Treasurer, dog fund,		159	20
" State Tax,		375	00
" County Tax,		258	00
" Town grant,		5525	00
" Overlays,		63	17
			10,609 09
	CR.		
By paying Selectmen's orders,		9055	15
Uncollected taxes, 1892, due from Collector,		143	48
" " 1893, " " " "		1696	54
Unpaid orders,			286 08
			\$10,609 09

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN.

Due Commonwealth Dec. 31, 1894, \$1500 00

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN, Treasurer.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

DR.			
State tax,		\$375	00
County tax,		258	00
Town tax,		5525	00
Overlayings,		63	17
Uncollected taxes, 1892,		143	48
			6364 65
CR.			
Treasurer's receipts, 1893,		4524	63
Uncollected taxes, 1892,		143	48
" " 1893,		1696	54
			6364 65

L. P. LOVELL, Collector.

Report of the Superintendent of Streets.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1ST, 1894.

FOR REPAIRING HIGHWAY.

Paid W. A. Nye,	\$349 94	
L. P. Green,	39 36	
E. N. Hunt,	6 05	
R. F. Parker,	8 75	
Edwin Green,	146 43	
Elbridge Mullet,	44 51	
George Parker,	5 15	
Edson Hapgood,	5 77	
Warren Haire,	77 33	
George Reed,	71 69	
Wm. C. Crawford,	6 08	
John Haire,	100 47	
George Clarke,	88	
Henry Crawford,	8 10	
Edward Crawford,	3 50	
Patrick McGrevey,	5 77	
James Sheern,	3 66	
James Butler,	3 32	
L. N. Haskell,	9 25	
Wm. Gaffney,	7 12	
S. F. Woodis,	1 75	
D. M. Parker,	15 38	
Geo. E. Allen,	18 00	
W. H. White,	3 90	
S. H. Bullard,	75	
G. N. Briggs,	11 84	
A. & F. Loring,	7 05	
M. M. Butterfield,	2 00	
C. H. Parker,	1 93	
N. W. Packard,	1 85	
James Packard,	1 23	968 81

FOR REPAIRING BRIDGES.

Paid W. A. Nye,	\$6 73	
D. M. Parker,	12 76	
D. R. Dean,	17 16	
E. Green,	3 32	
R. F. Parker,	2 50	
E. L. Parker,	3 00	45 47

BREAKING ROADS.

Paid John F. Balcome,	\$5 15
Patrick McGrevey,	13 98
Horace Green,	12 48
A. B. Spooner,	10 59
G. L. Perkins,	2 45
James Butler,	9 97
James Gilboy,	10 50
H. D. Bullard,	9 80
Eugene Green,	1 75
G. M. Ayres,	1 23
E. Mullet,	19 20
W. C. Ayres,	2 98
James Robinson,	5 17
S. R. Dean,	1 80
C. M. Maynard,	4 37
Wallace Grimes,	4 55
G. W. Stone,	23 50
Edwin Green,	12 50
Wm. Gaffney,	37 32
Patrick Moran,	12 25
Peter White,	15 23
George Allen,	13 09
S. J. Foster,	3 32
Patrick King,	36 43
J. F. Gaffney,	35 24
Alfred Morse,	3 06
George Duffy,	3 42
John Ravene,	2 37
G. L. Parker,	1 23
S. O. Butler,	3 60
James Sheern,	8 31
F. D. & F. R. Russell,	3 62
S. H. Bullard,	9 39
Pliny Woods,	14 17
J. W. Knight,	15 54
H. W. Bartlett,	17 64
J. E. Stone,	18 28
Charles Adams,	6 48
Joseph Adams,	8 58
P. Ducett,	2 01
Daniel Wells,	88
Chas. S. Brook,	7 53
Elias Swindle,	8 75
H. E. Sargeant,	1 25
C. H. Trowbridge,	12 01

John Gaffney,	40	65	
Wm. C. Crawford,	21	27	
H. A. Crawford,	19	83	
J. K. Parmenter,	3	85	
A. D. White,	7	52	
E. H. Dwelly,	11	25	
John Keep,	30	07	
George Temple,	1	23	
Thomas Winter,	1	84	
Bert Banks,	10	12	
James Fennessy,	1	31	
John Leyden,	1	31	
Frank Weld,	6	83	
H. A. Crawford, Jr.,	3	59	
W. M. Robinson,	14	96	
W. A. Nye,	30	08	
Sidney Dean,	2	75	
L. P. Green,	3	50	
N. J. Green,	2	02	
Isaiah Dean,	1	93	
G. W. Reed,	1	58	
G. E. Reed,	7	56	
John Gilboy,	11	25	
Charles Woodbury,	1	05	
D. R. Dean,	5	95	
George Thrasher,	6	77	
M. M. Butterfield,	23	96	
John Lynch,	1	13	
Thomas Kelley,	1	14	
H. W. Lincoln,	37	27	
L. N. Haskell,	10	40	
Dennis Leyden,		53	
E. O. Crawford,	9	92	
John Bowers,	1	42	778 81

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. NYE, Street Superintendent.

Report of the Overseers of the Poor.

Paid Poor Farm Association,	\$299 27
For support of Lydia Chamberlain,	52 00
“ “ Almira Woodis,	52 00
“ “ Mrs. Charles Burt,	34 00
“ “ Mrs. Fannie Spencer,	24 00
“ “ Mrs. John King,	22 00
“ “ Moses Bartlett,	15 75
“ “ Miss Lucy Robinson,	28 50
“ “ Henry Parker,	4 00
“ “ Family of Oliver Lloyd,	129 37
“ “ “ Elmer Wood,	50 00
“ “ “ O. B. Alden,	18 05
“ Burial of Lucy Robinson,	12 00
Dr. Prouty, medical attendance on Lucy Robinson,	28 15
Dr. Brown, medical attendance on Geo. Thresher's family,	19 50
For keeping 68 tramps,	14 80
For postage and telephoning,	1 80
Overseers for services,	42 50
Total for the year,	\$847 69

Due the Town from the City of Newton, for aid furnished the family of O. B. Alden, \$18 05

Persons and families aided by the Town during the year:—Miss Eunice Walker, Miss Lydia Chamberlain, Miss Almira Woodis, Miss Lucy Robinson, Mrs. Fannie Spencer, Mrs. John King, Moses Bartlett, Geo. Ash, Henry Parker, family of O. N. Lloyd, family of Elmer Wood, family of Geo. Thresher, family of O. B. Alden.

Mrs. Fannie Spencer died in February, 1893.

Mrs. Elmer Wood died May 20, 1893, age 32 years.

Miss Lucy Robinson died May 22, 1893, age 64 years.

Moses Bartlett died January 1, 1894, age 86 years.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,	}	Overseers of the Poor.
JAMES PACKARD,		
W. M. ROBINSON,		

Fourth Annual Report

—OF THE—

Poor Farm Association, for year ending Feb. 1, 1894.

TO THE CITIZENS OF HOLDEN, HUBBARDSTON, OAKHAM, PAXTON,
RUTLAND, AND WESTMINSTER :

By the new By-laws of the Association, "the annual report shall be made the first day of February, every year." Hence we submit the following for the ten months now closed.

Inmates supported during a part or all the time :

NAME.	SETTLEMENT.	WHEN ADMITTED.	AGE.	DAYS SUPPORTED.	
Martha Parker,	Holden,	Apr. 1, 1890,	55	306	
Patrick Doyle,	"	Nov. 1, 1892,	79	306	
Lizzie Kenney,	"	Apr. 1, 1890,	37	306	
Nahum S. Newton,	"	Dec. 24, 1891,	63	306	
Mrs. M. Kennan,	"	Apr. 11, 1892,	95	306	
Peter King,	"	Apr. 26, 1893,	76	280	1810
Nancy Boynton,	Hubbardston,	Apr. 1, 1890,	55	306	
David Rice,	"	Apr. 1, 1891,	75	306	
Charles Clark,	"	May 26, 1891,	18	306	
Moses Clark,	"	May 26, 1891,	16	306	
Henry Clark,	"	May 26, 1891,	14	38	
Emmons Smith,	"	Aug. 5, 1892,	83	306	
Elbridge G. Thatcher,	"	Oct. 6, 1892,	76	306	1874
Eunice Walker,	Oakham,	Apr. 1, 1892,	68	306	
George Ash,	"	Apr. 1, 1892,	71	306	
Moses Bartlett,	"	Apr. 3, 1893,	86	272	
Henry Parker,	"	Oct. 2, 1893,	32	43	927
Albert Woodis,	Paxton,	Nov. 29, 1892,	73	54	54
Moses Clark,	Rutland,	Apr. 1, 1893,	83	91	
Louisa Smith,	"	Apr. 1, 1893,	63	208	
Rosa Boen,	"	July 22, 1893,	55	203	
Lucy Sawyer,	"	June 5, 1893,	86	176	
Austin Preston,	"	Jan. 1, 1894,	52	30	708

NAME.	SETTLEMENT.	WHEN ADMITTED.	AGE.	DAYS SUPPORTED.
Lawrence Cronin,	Westminster,	Apr. 1, 1892,	84	149
Maggie Cronin,	"	Apr. 1, 1892,	47	306
Mary Cutting,	"	Apr. 1, 1892,	68	306
Adaline Eager,	"	Apr. 1, 1892,	52	306
Wm. Baker,	"	Apr. 1, 1892,	79	306
Frank Lavine,	"	Jan. 6, 1894,	15	22
Joseph Brown,	"	Jan. 6, 1894,	38	1
				1396

Whole number of inmates, 30.

Whole number of inmates remaining, 25.

Total number of days, 6769, or 967 weeks.

Average weekly number, $22\frac{37}{6}$.

Nahum S. Newton and Lawrence Cronin are veterans and have consented to receive their "military support" at the almshouse, although they might insist upon being boarded elsewhere.

INMATES DECEASED DURING THE YEAR.

NAME.	TIME OF DECEASE.	DISEASE.
Albert Woodis,	May 24, 1893,	Pneumonia
Moses Clark of Rutland,	July 1, 1893,	La Grippe
Lawrence Cronin,	Aug. 27, 1893,	Heart Failure
Lucy Sawyer.	Dec. 18, 1893,	La Grippe
Moses Bartlett,	Jan. 1, 1894,	Pneumonia

While the number of deaths has been large, it has been with those weighted by the debility and weakness incident to old age, and not from lack of proper food or from want of proper nursing.

The increase in the number of inmates has been less than was expected at the beginning of the year, and is smaller than might be expected from the general condition of the country. This indicates that actual poverty has increased but little, if any, in the agricultural towns.

RECEIPTS.

Milk, 2861 cans,	\$744 48
Calves,	36 37
Stock,	55 00
Sundries,	5 00
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	\$840 85

The demand for milk has been less than the farm could supply, and less stock has been kept on that account. This is contrary to our past experience and to our expectation when the Holden almshouse was rented by the Association.

EXPENSES.

Warden's and Matron's salary,	\$458 06
Outdoor labor,	237 50
Indoor labor,	132 00
Groceries,	404 89
Grain,	426 25
Meat,	150 22
Repairs to House,	142 85
Ice,	5 40
Insurance,	54 00
Advertising and Printing,	7 35
Dr. C. W. Stickney's bill,	47 25
Dr. J. I. Ames' bill,	30 00
Mowing machine,	48 00
Wood,	23 50
Manure,	6 00
Fish,	39 47
Clothing,	72 97
Smithing and Repairs of Tools,	29 56
Fertilizer,	148 80
Crockery,	13 90
Stock,	173 00
Sundries,	81 18
Rent of Farm,	166 67
Rent, personal property,	100 83
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Total expense,	\$2999 65
Deducting sales,	840 85
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	\$2158 80

Dividing this (\$2158.80) by the whole number of weeks (967) gives weekly expense per inmate, \$2.232.

The expense to each town is as follows:

Holden,	\$577 27
Hubbardston,	597 61
Oakham,	295 65
Paxton,	17 23
Rutland,	225 81
Westminster,	445 23
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	\$2158 80

The house has been painted and papered, and some changes have been made in rooms for the convenience of the family.

The pro rata expense is somewhat larger than last year. The following figures for each year of the Association may be of interest:

	WHOLE NUMBER OF MEMBERS.	AVERAGE NUMBER PER WEEK.	WHOLE NUMBER OF WEEKS.	COST PER WEEK.
First year,	12	$7\frac{7}{6}$	$377\frac{5}{7}$	\$2 875
Second year,	16	$11\frac{7}{6}$	586	2 24 $\frac{33}{86}$
Third year,	26	$21\frac{5}{3}$	1142	1 959+
Fourth year,	30	$22\frac{37}{30}$	967	2 232+

It will be remembered that there are now six towns in the Association instead of four as in the first two years. It is hardly probable that the weekly expense can be much, if at all, reduced in the future. The just and humane spirit of the day is more and more exacting in the arrangement and equipment of all charitable institutions. It insists that they be made homelike, comfortable and comforting. To obtain the best results and not the cheapest must be our policy.

HENRY A. FARWELL, HUBBARDSTON, *Chairman*,
 HOBART RAYMOND, WESTMINSTER, *Secretary*,
 FRED. T. HOLT, HOLDEN, *Treasurer*,
 JESSE ALLEN, OAKHAM,
 FRANK A. PIERCE, PAXTON,
 HENRY A. KENNEN, RUTLAND,

Board of Management.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Whole number of books, February 1st, 1893,	541
Additions during the year,	181
Present number of books,	722

Twenty-five dollars was received from the Village Improvement Society, for the purchase of books.

Valuable gifts of books have been received from "friends in Beverly," Hon. E. B. Hayes of Lynn, Miss Emma K. Dean, Hon. M. O. Ayres, H. P. Austin, D. O. Lovell, Mrs. L. A. Kellogg, Miss Lois Delvey, Miss M. B. Allen, and Jesse Allen.

A catalogue has been prepared by the Trustees, the books having been arranged both by their titles and authors.

Number of books taken out during year,	1854
Number of persons taking out books,	153

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

DR.

Annual appropriation,	\$25 00
From Village Improvement Society,	25 00
From fines and sale of catalogues,	5 12
	\$55 12

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Paid for books,	\$40 00
Paid for catalogues,	20 00
Paid for cards,	20
Paid for express,	40
Paid to balance account of 1893,	22
Paid postage, etc.,	35
	\$61 17

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN, H. W. LINCOLN, E. J. CRAWFORD,	}	Trustees.
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SCHOOL REPORT.

The Report of the School Committee of the Town of Oakham, for
the year ending March 1st, 1894.

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To amount appropriated for Schools, by Town,	\$850 00
" " " school house repairs,	100 00
Received from State school fund,	300 00
" " Dog tax refunded,	124 20
" Cash for school supplies,	2 11
	\$1376 31

CR.

By expenses of the several schools, as follows :

CENTRE SCHOOL—GRAMMAR.

Amount paid Miss Edith Gray, spring term,	\$80 00
" " " Eliza D. Bean, fall term,	90 00
" " " " " winter term,	90 00
	\$260 00

CENTRE SCHOOL—PRIMARY.

Amount paid Miss Florence I. Sargeant, spring term,	\$70 00
" " " " " fall term,	70 00
" " " " " winter term,	70 00
	\$210 00
Fuel and care of school rooms,	\$117 20
Carrying scholars to Centre School,	91 10
	\$678 30

COLDBROOK SCHOOL.

Amount paid Miss Bertha C. Lovell, spring term,	\$80 00
" " " " " fall term,	80 00
" " " " " winter term,	80 00
Fuel and care of house,	35 50
	\$275 50

WEST SCHOOL.

Amount paid Miss J. H. O. Lovell, spring term,	\$65 00
" " " " " fall term,	65 00
" " Mr. E. J. Crawford, winter term,	60 00
Fuel and care of house,	39 25
	\$229 25

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Amount paid Miss Sara E. Butler, spring term,	\$60 00
Fuel and carrying scholars,	33 75
	<u>\$93 75</u>

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Value of school supplies on hand March 1st, 1894,	\$95 25
“ “ “ “ “ 1893,	124 14
Paid for “ “ “ during year,	196 65
“ school house repairs,	27 89
Total expense of schools,	<u>\$1501 34</u>

The attendance in the several schools has been as follows :

CENTRE SCHOOL—GRAMMAR.

Spring Term, whole number,	26	Average attendance,	24
Fall “ “ “	26	“ “	24
Winter “ “ “	33	“ “	24

CENTRE SCHOOL—PRIMARY.

Spring Term, whole number,	34	Average attendance,	27
Fall “ “ “	35	“ “	34
Winter “ “ “	36	“ “	31

COLDBROOK SCHOOL.

Spring Term, whole number,	37	Average attendance,	32
Fall “ “ “	37	“ “	29
Winter “ “ “	36	“ “	26

WEST SCHOOL.

Spring Term, whole number,	13	Average attendance,	11
Fall “ “ “	14	“ “	13
Winter “ “ “	16	“ “	13

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Spring Term, whole number,	12	Average attendance,	11
Fall “ “ “	22	“ “	16

The attendance in all the schools has been as follows :

Spring Term, whole number,	122	Average attendance,	105
Fall “ “ “	134	“ “	116
Winter “ “ “	121	“ “	94

Number of scholars enrolled in all our schools, 160.

On the 17th of August, the South School house was entirely destroyed by fire, the only school building ever thus destroyed in the history of the town. By vote of the town this has been replaced by a new and tastefully furnished school house pleasantly situated on land given by Mr. Cheney Bothwell for the purpose.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Names of scholars neither absent nor tardy :

CENTRE SCHOOL.

THREE TERMS—Roger Conant, Leroy Burt, Robert Briggs, Alice Allen, Clement Ayres.

TWO TERMS—Ruth Briggs, Blanche E. Packard, Edward S. Crawford, John P. Day, David H. Robinson, James Allen, Herbert Hapgood, Henry Grimes, Edith Clifford, Walter Clifford, Anthony Marsh, Joseph Swindle.

ONE TERM—Minnie G. Dean, Lena E. Dwelly, Jennie M. Loring, Fannie E. Robinson, George Loring, Ethel Babcock, Edna Boyd, Bessie Hunt, Julia Lawlor, Alma Russell, Althea Russell, Walter Green, Edwin Hunt, Georgie Balcom, Ida Crawford, Eva Grimes, Alice Reed, Florinda Lincoln, Jennie Sheern, Lymert Balcom, Earnest Reed, Maynard Swindle, Harry Loring, Eva S. Allen.

COLDBROOK SCHOOL.

THREE TERMS—Dell Parker.

TWO TERMS—Myron Butterfield, Louis Sibley, Nattie Butterfield, Henry Butterfield, Denny Needham, William Tangley.

ONE TERM—Blanche Caldwell, Esther Clark, Millie Parker, Olive Woodbury, Edward Bliss, Bertie Needham, Paul Needham, Ruth Butterfield.

WEST SCHOOL.

TWO TERMS—Minnie Bullard, Willie Bullard, Milton Bullard, Sadie McClenathan, Helen Cummings.

ONE TERM—Stella Wyman.

SOUTH SCHOOL.

ONE TERM—John Dwelly, Robert Dwelly, Alice Dwelly, Henry Roper, Flora Gueley, Jennie Roper, Cora Roper.

Respectfully Submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,
HENRY P. AUSTIN,
WALTER M. ROBINSON,

School Committee.

This is to certify that I have examined and approved all original bills and vouchers on which moneys have been paid from the treasury for the year ending March 1st, 1894. Have also examined the books of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee and Superintendent of Streets, and have found them to be correct.

F. S. CONANT, *Auditor.*

Births, Marriages and Deaths in Oakham in 1893.

BIRTHS.

Jan. 6.	.....	Daughter to Amos Strong.
Feb. 2.	.....	Son to Charles Clifford.
Feb. 13	.....	Son to Levi Treen.
April 30	.....	Daughter to John Keep.
June 25	.....	Twin Daughters to Joseph Benoit.
July 3	.....	Son to James Cochran.
Sept. 4.	.....	Son to Patrick McGrevey.
Sept. 5.	.....	Daughter to Adolph White.

Whole Number 9.

MARRIAGES.

April 18.	.....	John C. Rutherford to Lillian Corbin.
May 29	.....	Chas. Paquin, Jr., to Etta M. Stone.
June 5	.....	Anthony Letendre, Jr., to Albina Esprit.
June 7	.....	Arthur B. Norton to Ethel A. Littlefield.
June 7	.....	Warren Haire to Mary E. Hale.
June 19.	.....	Chas. H. Trowbridge to Jennie E. Presho.
Aug. 24.	.....	Walter M. Robinson to Lilla B. Spooner.
Aug. 29	.....	Patrick Moran to Mary Gaffney.
Sept. 26	.....	George H. Temple to Mary E. Brown.
Nov. 16.	.....	William C. Thresher to Susie N. Ripley.
Nov. 22	.....	Michael J. Moran to Katie A. Mahan.
Dec. 25	.....	Pliny D. Wood to Eva J. Bradley.

Whole Number 12.

DEATHS.

		YEARS.	MONTHS.	DAYS.	
Jan. 25	Lucina C. Lovell,	51	2	21
Feb. 8	Ellen Temple,	50	10	4
Feb. 14	Patrick Gaffney,	58	1	8
Feb. 23	Lizzie B. Morse,	40		
Feb. 26	Emelia B. Keep,	63	10	10
Mar. 14	Edward H. Balcom,		9	10
Mar. 30	Nancy D. Bullard,	90	10	9
April 13	Eunetia D. Sargeant,	45	11	8
May 11	Adeline Knight,	83	2	
May 20	Mary C. Austin,	57	2	18
May 22	Lucy Robinson,	64	11	5
Oct. 18	James W. Caldwell,	57	8	3
Nov. 1	Martha A. Dwelly,	71	6	

Whole Number 13.

BURIED IN TOWN.

May 12	.....	Martha L. Haskell,			14
May 20	.....	Sarah A. Wood,	32	4	6
July 28	.....	Sophia D. Barnes,	65	8	25
Aug. 5	.....	Florence E. Parker,		5	10
Nov. 18	.....	Silas Thompson,	69	7	14

JESSE ALLEN, TOWN CLERK.



