

REPORTS  
OF THE  
*Selectmen of Acushnet,*  
ON THE  
FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE TOWN;  
AND OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE,  
For the Year 1864-65.

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## REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

The Collector is charged with the

Uncollected taxes of 1860,	\$15.52	
Uncollected taxes of 1861,	24.10	
Uncollected taxes of 1862,	64.08	
Uncollected taxes of 1863,	232.40	
The tax bills of 1864,	10,046.00	
	<hr/>	\$10,382.10

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By amount paid Treasurer of Commonwealth,	\$2,160.00	
By amount paid Treasurer of County,	678.45	
By amount of taxes remitted,	21.74	
By discount for prompt payment on taxes, 1864,	345.97	
By commissions,	73.50	
By uncollected taxes, 1860,	12.52	
By uncollected taxes, 1861,	14.50	
By uncollected taxes, 1862,	35.60	
By uncollected taxes, 1863,	54.36	
By uncollected taxes, 1864,	96.97	
By amount paid Town Treasurer,	6,888.49	\$10,382.10

The amount of uncollected taxes is \$214.45

The Treasurer is charged with the

Balance of last year's account,	\$3,209.27	
The amount received of the Collector,	6,888.49	
Cash received of James Hammett,	8.48	
Cash received from Freetown,	73.25	
Cash received from Mattapoisett,	31.04	
Cash received from Fall River,	68.00	
Cash received from the estate of Pardon Gifford,	13.75	
Cash received from Fairhaven Bank dividends,	40.00	
Cash received from Treasurer of Commonwealth,	90.00	
Cash received of Gideon Nye, Jr., a present,	200.00	
Cash received from Treasurer of Commonwealth, corporation tax,	586.16	
Cash received for school books sold,	41.08	
Cash received of Treasurer of Commonwealth, school fund,	69.69	

*Carried up,*

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\$11,319.21



<i>Brought up,</i>	\$11,319.21
Cash received of the Collector of Fairhaven,	140.94
Cash received of town of Sterling,	28.84
Cash received for sale of old papers and pamphlets,	2.47
Cash received for dog licenses,	1.80 \$11,483.26

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By amount paid for support of poor,	\$1,526.29
By amount paid for schools,	941.37
By amount paid for repairs of highways,	500.14
By amount paid for incidentals,	6,756.44
By commissions,	21.68 \$9,745.92
Balance,	\$1,737.34

## PAID FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

Paid Coggeshall & Co., coffins,	\$25.25
Paid John M. Weaver,	10.00
Paid J. H. Perry & Co., coal for J. Lewis,	5.96
Paid C. L. Kenyon,	10.91
Paid Gideon A. Harding, support of A. Votau,	13.00
Paid Pardon Taber, Jr., wood for Mrs. Leonard,	2.12
Paid Reuben Washburn, wood for Mrs. Spooner,	4.87
Paid A. B. Grinnell, hearse,	5.50
Paid M. H. True, flour,	26.64
Paid Mrs. H. Davis, support of Ruth Cook,	26.00
Paid Wm. B. Omev, wood for Mrs. Leonard,	3.11
Paid John M. Weaver,	10.00
Paid Asa Raymond, support of Mrs. Skiff,	10.00
Paid A. B. Grinnell, hearse,	4.50
Paid Gideon A. Harding, Miss Votau,	4.00
Paid Shaw & Brother, soap,	6.60
Paid Dartmouth, support of H. Pierce,	10.00
Paid John M. Weaver,	10.00
Paid Sarah W. Fuller,	2.50
Paid Ansel White, meal,	3.12
Paid New Bedford,	77.94
Paid Bradford O. Braley, cow,	50.00
Paid Walter Spooner, wood,	8.84
Paid Ruamy Gray, Sarah Gifford,	6.50
Paid Doctor Webster,	18.00
Paid Reuben Washburn, Mrs. Spooner,	3.00
Paid C. H. Burgess, support Mrs. Skiff,	32.00
Paid James L. Humphrey, butter,	15.06

*Carried up,*\$405.42



<i>Brought up,</i>	\$405.42
Paid F. H. Pasel, fish,	4.00
Paid Nancy C. Terry, cloth,	1.92
Paid Hannah Horr,	59.25
Paid Alexander Howland,	2.00
Paid Ansel White, meal,	6.93
Paid John Vincent,	6.00
Paid Alden Rounseville, shingles,	25.85
Paid C. L. Kenyon, beef,	5.94
Paid Joseph S. Spooner,	2.93
Paid Z. H. Wright,	16.32
Paid Benjamin Robinson,	11.60
Paid Mrs. B. Kendrick,	12.00
Paid Mrs. Sarah Eldredge,	6.00
Paid William H. Washburn,	75.30
Paid J. W. Webster,	4.00
Paid Stephen Hathaway,	6.84
Paid John M. Weaver,	20.00
Paid William Hall, wood Mrs. Leonard,	4.65
Paid A. B. Grinnell,	2.75
Paid John R. Davis, Jr.,	62.08
Paid Gideon A. Harding, A. Votau,	11.00
Paid Seth C. Bradford, Mrs. Eldridge,	21.50
Paid John M. Weaver,	9.50
Paid Ruamy Gray, Sally Gifford,	16.50
Paid Samuel S. Wing, wood,	3.50
Paid C. H. Burgess, Mrs. Skiff,	36.00
Paid Sharon, A. Fuller,	15.00
Paid Daniel V. Smith, pig,	17.00
Paid Thomas Ely, flour,	11.00
Paid Pardon Taber, Jr., wood,	17.50
Paid J. W. Webster, Freetown,	15.00
Paid Nancy C. Terry, cloth,	25.31
Paid Anami N. Howard, beef,	6.65
Paid Coggeshall & Co., coffins,	21.00
Paid Simeon Hawes,	11.67
Paid Ansel Ellis, wood,	61.24
Paid Daniel V. Smith, chain,	3.25
Paid Samuel S. Wing, wood,	3.50
Paid Reuben Washburn, wood,	3.00
Paid Amos K. Haswell, hay,	17.87
Paid Gideon A. Harding, Votau,	16.00
Paid Reuben Washburn, wood,	7.00
Paid C. L. Kenyon, beef,	12.32
Paid A. B. Grinnell, coal, Lewis,	6.75
Paid Samuel S. Wing, wood,	3.50
Paid E. G. Dillingham, wringer,	6.00
<i>Carried up,</i>	\$1,120.34



<i>Brought up,</i>		\$1,120.34
Paid Thomas Ely, flour,		22.50
Paid H. N. Thomas, beef,		13.66
Paid Pardon Taber, Jr., wood,		6.25
Paid F. H. Pasel, fish,		3.25
Paid Nancy C. Terry,		10.64
Paid Abram Skiff, wood,		5.46
Paid Lund Brothers,		14.38
Paid Samuel S. Wing, wood,		3.50
Paid Bradford Mosher, Shepard,		6.22
Paid J. W. Webster,		3.00
Paid Samuel Wilde,		81.10
Paid Marcus T. C. Ashley, hay,		9.11
Paid Samuel S. Wing, wood,		3.50
Paid A. B. Grinnell, coal, Lewis,		7.25
Paid Samuel T. Patterson,		5.00
Paid Pardon Taber, Jr., wood,		7.21
Paid Ruamy Gray, support of Sally Gifford,		6.50
Paid Bradford O. Braley, hay,		18.25
Paid Sylvanus Westgate, small pox,		36.00
Paid Susan Skiff,		4.72
Paid William H. Washburn,		127.95
Paid Ansel White,		3.50
Paid Jeremiah, Hammett, opening grave,		1.50
Paid Ruamy Gray,		6.50
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		\$1,526.29
Due from Freetown,	\$120.45	
Due from Mattapoisset,	44.50	164.95
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		\$1,461.34
Due from Middleborough,		36.00
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		\$1,425.34

## SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid Hope L. Ashley,	District No. 1,	\$45.00
Paid Sarah E. Grinnell,	" " 2,	54.50
Paid Sarah A. Keen,	" " 3,	44.00
Paid Ella S. Cook,	" " 8,	45.00
Paid H. L. Ashley,	" " 1,	45.00
Paid Martha M. Ellis,	" " 6,	30.00
Paid Fanny C. Brownell,	" " 7,	36.00
Paid Myra S. Rounseville,	" " 2,	40.00
Paid Sarah J. Haswell,	" " 5,	50.00
Paid Sarah E. Grinnell,	" " 4,	49.50
<i>Carried up,</i>		<hr/>
		\$439.00



<i>Brought up,</i>			\$439.00	
Paid Myra S. Rounseville,	"	" 2,	40.00	
Paid Sarah J. Haswell,	"	" 5,	35.00	
Paid S. S. Haswell, wood,	"	" 5,	11.81	
Paid Sarah E. Grinnell,	"	" 4,	45.00	
Paid Sarah A. Keen,	"	" 3,	40.00	
Paid Ella S. Cook,	"	" 8,	27.00	
Paid H. L. Ashley,	"	" "	27.00	
Paid Mary J. Wing,	"	" 9,	72.00	
Paid H. C. Wing, fuel,	"	" 9,	14.00	
Paid Sherman Ashley, fuel,	"	" 2,	10.00	
Paid John Manter, Jr., fuel,	"	" 5,	10.00	
Paid Allen Russell, fuel,	"	" 4,	27.37	
Paid Jabez Wood, fuel,	"	" "	14.00	
Paid Jabez Wood, fuel,	"	" 8,	18.61	
Paid Fairhaven,	"	" "	40.08	
Paid Fanny C. Brownell,	"	" 7,	36.00	
Paid Martha M. Ellis,	"	" 6,	22.50	\$941.37

### REPAIRS OF HIGHWAY.

*Under the direction of EDWARD MORSE.*

Paid Alden W. Ball,	\$5.22	
Paid Luther Reynolds,	2.25	
Paid John Haskins,	4.60	
Paid John Wilcox,	.52	
Paid Peter Merrihew,	15.75	
Paid George P. Morse,	34.00	
Paid Elisha Reynolds,	1.50	
Paid Joshua Morse,	22.75	
Paid Benjamin White,	12.00	
Paid Leonard Bennett,	18.37	
Paid Gustavus L. Bennett,	9.75	
Paid Philip H. Omev,	7.75	
Paid Thomas Potter, Jr.,	7.75	
Paid Bradford O. Braley,	3.00	
Paid Alexander Howland,	1.50	
Paid Benjamin Wilson,	11.50	
Paid Thomas Potter,	2.00	
Paid Charles Morse,	10.00	
Paid Leonard Keen,	7.50	
Paid Calvin Ashley,	7.50	
Paid William S. Peckham,	3.00	
Paid Phineas Peckham,	6.00	
Paid Charles Leonard,	2.00	
Paid Augustus White,	5.00	
Paid Edward Morse,	105.75	
Paid Allen S. Morse,	3.00	\$314.78



*Under the direction of JOSEPH C. OMEY.*

Paid Mason Taber,	\$16.50
Paid William H. Washburn,	18.75
Paid William Jenney,	11.25
Paid George Whitney,	11.25
Paid Thomas Jenney,	6.37
Paid John M. Hammett,	8.25
Paid Augustus Ellis,	12.75
Paid H. C. Wing,	25.50
Paid E. Pope,	5.75
Paid for powder,	.75
Paid Benjamin Braley,	4.50
Paid Samuel Stacy,	4.50
Paid William A. Spooner,	6.00
Paid H. C. Wing,	12.00
Paid Jonathan Taber,	6.00
Paid Allen Dexter,	3.00
Paid William Washburn,	10.50
Paid Joseph C. Omev,	21.30
	\$500.14

**INCIDENTAL.**

Paid Walter Spooner, School Committee,	\$10.00
Paid on A. Harrington's note,	700.00
Paid Charles G. Davis, *	6.00
Paid William H. Washburn,	3.00
Paid A. Taber & Brother, books,	39.19
Paid E. Anthony, printing,	23.00
Paid Levi Wing, shingling engine house,	109.37
Paid Jabez Wood, collecting E. A. Hammond's tax,	74.98
Paid James Warren,	.83
Paid J. W. Webster, vaccinating,	4.50
Paid Jason S. Peckham's note,	150.00
Paid on Francis Pittsley's note,	10.00
Paid William H. Washburn,	29.50
Paid Walter Spooner, Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor,	55.00
Paid Pardon Taber, Jr., Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor,	55.00
Paid Cyrus E. Clark, Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor,	60.00
Paid M. H. True,	7.55
Paid George A. Bourne, safe,	125.00
Paid A. B. Grinnell, births and deaths,	1.20
Paid Jabez Wood, births and deaths,	10.33
Paid Cyrus E. Clark, sundries,	19.00
Paid Jabez Wood, School Committee,	30.00
Paid Jabez Wood, sundries,	10.80
Paid subscription for Volunteers,	856.00
Paid for Volunteers,	3,783.00
Paid interest on town debt,	583.19
	\$6,756.44



## RECAPITULATION.

Balance in Treasury March 1, 1864,	\$3,209.27
Appropriation for Schools,	1,500.00
Appropriation for Poor,	1,500.00
Appropriation for Highways,	500.00
Appropriation for Incidentals,	1,800.00
Overlay on Taxes,	234.06
Received from State School Fund,	69.69
Due from the State for State aid to soldiers families,	764.66
Received for School Books sold,	41.08
School Books on hand,	
Due from Freetown,	120.45
Due from Mattapoisett,	44.50
Due from Middleborough,	36.00
Received of Fairhaven Bank dividends,	40.00
Received for Dog Licenses,	1.80
Received from the State Corporation Tax,	586.16
Received from the Treasurer Commonwealth,	90.00
Received from Gideon Nye, Jr.,	200.00
Five Shares Fairhaven Bank Stock,	400.00
Received of the Collector of Taxes Fairhaven,	140.94
Due for uncollected Taxes 1860, 61, 62, 63,	86.98 \$11,365.59

## Amount paid out

For the support of Schools,	\$941.37
For the support of Poor,	1,526.79
For the support of Highways,	500.14
For Incidentals,	6,756.44
For prompt payment of Taxes,	345.97
Paid interest on Town debt,	583.19
Interest due on Town debt,	387.13
Amount of Taxes remitted,	21.74
Collector's commissions,	73.50
Treasurer's commissions,	21.68
Due Schools,	628.32
Add Notes against the Town,	9,130.00 \$20,015.27

Balance against the Town, \$9,550.68

The Guide-Boards in the Town are in good condition so far as we have any notice.

Respectfully submitted.

CYRUS E. CLARK,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
WALTER SPOONER,	
PARDON TABER, JR.,	

*of*  
*Acushnet.*



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## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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The School Committee of Acushnet present their Annual Report, which, as will be seen, is brief; for the suggestions and recommendations which have been made in preceding reports to the citizens of the town, with reference to the condition of the schools, and the statements in relation to the cause of education among them, have apparently claimed so little attention, or have been so nearly disregarded, that the Committee are beginning to feel that it is a waste of time to repeatedly urge these, or to make other and additional ones.

The Committee was organized by the choice of Jabez Wood as Chairman, and the appointment of Amos K. Haswell Secretary.

Soon after our last annual election, at which George T. Russell, Jr., was chosen to the office of School Committee for one year, information was received that he had resigned the position; and according to the provisions of law, George P. Morse was elected to supply the vacancy on the Board.

The special superintendence of the several schools in the town was assigned to the members of the Committee as follows, viz.:

The Schools in Districts Nos. 1, 6 and 8, to Amos K. Haswell.
“ “ “ “ 2 and 3, to George P. Morse.
“ “ “ “ 4, 5, 7 and 9, to Jabez Wood.

The Chairman has continued his practice of visiting the schools *not* under his own immediate care, once during both summer and winter terms.



The Committee still keep a depository of the books prescribed by the Board for the use of the schools, which appears to accommodate many of the children.

We give below the items of importance with reference to each school.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Summer Term—Taught by Hope L. Ashley. Length of school 4 months; wages of teacher \$18 per month; whole number of scholars 28, average attendance  $17\frac{41}{50}$ .

Winter Term—Taught by Hope L. Ashley. In session. Wages of teacher \$20 per month; whole number of scholars 29, average attendance  $19\frac{37}{40}$ .

Prudential Committee, JOHN C. HERVEY.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Summer Term—Taught by Myra S. Rounsevell. Length of school  $4\frac{19}{20}$  months; wages of teacher \$16 per month; whole number of scholars 26, average attendance  $14\frac{19}{25}$ .

Winter Term—Taught by Lucy A. Ashley. In session. Wages of teacher \$18 per month; whole number of scholars 22, average attendance  $16\frac{97}{110}$ .

Prudential Committee, SHERMAN ASHLEY.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Summer Term—Taught by Sarah A. Keen. Length of school  $5\frac{1}{4}$  months; wages of teacher \$16 per month; whole number of scholars 32, average attendance 23.3.

Winter Term—Taught by Sarah A. Keen. In session. Wages of teacher \$22 per month; whole number of scholars 34, average attendance 25.8.

Prudential Committee, DAVID CHASE, JR.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Summer Term—Taught by Sarah E. Grinnell. Length of school 6 months; wages of teacher \$18 per month; whole number of scholars 30, average attendance  $22\frac{13}{30}$ .



Winter Term—Taught by Sarah E. Grinnell. Length of school  $2\frac{1}{2}$  months; wages of teacher \$18 per month; whole number of scholars 26, average attendance 20.

Prudential Committee, ALLEN RUSSELL.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Summer Term—Taught by Sarah J. Haswell. Length of school 4 months; wages of teacher \$20 per month; whole number of scholars 24, average attendance 16.5.

Winter Term—Taught by Abbie W. Gifford. In session. Wages of teacher \$24 per month; whole number of scholars 23, average attendance  $13\frac{3}{4}$ .

Prudential Committee, JOHN MANTER, JR.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Summer Term—Taught by Martha M. Ellis. Length of school  $3\frac{1}{2}$  months; wages of teacher \$15 per month; whole number of scholars 26, average attendance 15.28.

Winter Term—Taught by Sarah J. Haswell. In session. Wages of teacher \$25 per month; whole number of scholars 32, average attendance 23.7.

Prudential Committee, ABRAHAM SKIFF.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Summer Term—Taught by Fanny C. Brownell. Length of school 4 months; wages of teacher \$18 per month; whole number of scholars 38, average attendance  $30\frac{3}{4}$ .

Winter Term—Taught by Sophie W. Horton. In session. Wages of teacher \$24 per month; whole number of scholars 29, average attendance 20.

Prudential Committee, WILLIAM BROWNELL.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Summer Term—Taught by Ella S. Cook. Length of school 4 months; wages of teacher \$18 per month; whole number of scholars 35, average attendance 25.12.

Winter Term—Taught by S. Fannie Wood. In session. Wages of teacher \$28 per month; whole number of scholars 37, average attendance 30.9.



(Some of the children residing in the southerly part of this district, attend school in the adjoining district in the Town of Fairhaven.)

Prudential Committee, JABEZ WOOD.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Summer Term—Taught by Mary J. Wing. Length of school  $4\frac{1}{2}$  months; wages of teacher \$16 per month; whole number of scholars 23, average attendance 16.14.

Winter Term—Taught by Mary J. Wing. In session. Wages of teacher \$20 per month; whole number of scholars 17, average attendance 13.66.

This District has not organized by choice of officers during the year, and its affairs are under the care of the School Committee.

In the following schedule we exhibit the number of children in each District between the ages of 5 and 15 years, as returned by the Assessors 5th mo. 1st, 1864, and also the apportionment of school money to the several Districts.

Amount of money appropriated by the town for the support of Public Schools,	\$1,500.00
Amount received from State School Fund,	69.69
	<hr/> \$1,569.69

Districts.	No. of Children.	Apportionment.	
No. 1,	25	\$160.00	
No. 2,	25	160.00	
No. 3,	32	176.80	
No. 4,	34	181.60	
No. 5,	24	157.60	
No. 6,	33	179.20	
No. 7,	38	191.20	
No. 8,	44	205.60	
No. 9,	24	157.60	\$1,569.60
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We think the schools, with the exception of perhaps two terms, have made a commendable advancement during the year, if we take into account the causes which are operating against them. The teachers have generally exhibited a good degree of zeal and energy in their important vocation, and some of them have acquitted themselves very fully.



The small attendance and low average which is shown in the account of some of the schools, has been occasioned to quite an extent by epidemics among the pupils, and not wholly to lack of interest with parents in getting their children to school.

We wish still to encourage our teachers to the faithful performance of their duty. Notwithstanding the lack of interest and want of support which is so often witnessed, let a consciousness of the responsibility resting upon you, stimulate you to the discharge of *every* duty which the moral training or intellectual advancement of your pupils may require, contending with the obstacles occasioned by lethargy in the cause of education, and overlooking the discomforts of unpleasant surroundings, and the reward of the faithful will be yours.

JABEZ WOOD.

AMOS K. HASWELL.

Acushnet, 3d mo. 1st, 1865.