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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Town of Candia in account with the Selectmen.

PAUPER EXPENSES.

Paid A. A. Whittredge, goods for Herbert Moore  $4 49
D. S. Bean, wood for Mrs. Herbert Moore  1 00
John H. Gile, for nursing Mrs. William Brown in 1875  45 00
H. L. McDuffee, for boarding Lavinia Haselton  42 28
Joseph Watson, for boarding Gilman Clark  3 50
Jesse M. Young, coffin for Mrs. Brown  10 00
Jesse M. Young, coffin for Gilman P. Richardson  10 00
State Reform School, for boarding George A. Johnson  104 00
T. B. Turner, wood for Hannah Turner  5 50
R. H. Page, medical attendance on Mrs. Rollo  5 00
R. H. Page, medical attendance on Herbert Moore  6 35
R. H. Page, medical attendance on Hannah Turner  2 00.
MRS. GEO. A. TURNER, boarding.
Hannah Turner one year . 26.00
John Ewer, 1 1-2 cords wood for
W. G. Fitts . . . . 9.00
E. S. Berry, medical attendance
on W. G. Fitts . . . . 8.00
W. J. Dudley, house rent and
goods for Mrs. Robie . . 17.00
A. Frank Patten, conveying Le-
vina Haselton to county farm,
and expenses on pauper busi-
ness . . . . 9.50
Philbrick & Lang, goods for Free-
man Abert . . . . 8.00
Frank P. Mead, keeping trans-
sient paupers . . . . 3.00
William Hudson, keeping trans-
sient paupers . . . . 18.00
Joseph M. Young, keeping trans-
sient paupers . . . . 1.20
Geo. F. Robinson, keeping trans-
sient paupers . . . . 2.25
John Rowe, taking pauper affida-
bits . . . . 4.00
Asa S. Dutton, keeping transient
paupers . . . . 2.00
A. S. Dutton, time and team to
Raymond . . . . 2.00
A. S. Dutton, time and team to
county farm . . . . 4.00
A. S. Dutton, time and cash paid
paupers . . . . 4.00
E. R. Ingalls, conveying David
McDuffie to county farm . 4.50
E. R. Ingalls, time and cash paid
paupers . . . . 3.25

$364 82
SCHOOL FUND.

Paid Samuel Gile, District No. 1. $204.87
John S. Patten, " 2. 102.83
Jesse W. Sargent, " 3. 135.58
Sam'l G. Wentworth, " 4. 113.88
Frank Hall, " 5. 67.89
Ira B. Ordway, " 6. 90.69
Lorenzo Hoitt, " 7. 81.75
Isaiah S. Lang, " 8. 72.29
Levi D. Smith, " 9. 150.77
Joseph M. Young, " 10. 89.14
Charles H. Smith, " 11. 67.42
John Abbott, " 12. 72.27
John F. Neal, " 13. 65.85
Frank P. Wallace, " 14. 54.77
John Currier, Deerfield . . 1.25

$1,371.25

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid George C. Goss, repairing culverts on highway . . . $21.50
Lewis H. Cate, labor on highway . . 5.00
Augustus Hartford, labor on turnpike . . . 1.50
James H. Brown, 3 1-2 days labor on culverts . . 5.00
Daniel S. Bean, 11 days labor on highway . . . 16.50
Kidder B. Haynes, labor on bridge in 1875 and 1876 . . 4.50
Jonathan Pillsbury, labor on highway . . . . 16.50
Jonathan C. Hobbs, labor on highway . . . . 18.00
Samuel F. Rowe, labor on highway . . . . 4.50
Frank D. Rowe, labor on highway . . . . 18.00
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Lowell F. McDuffee, labor on highway  .  .  .  .  9 00

$267 72

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**BREAKING ROADS.**

Paid Geo. J. Dearborn, as per bill  .  $24 38
John A. Brown,  "  "  "  .  4 00
Geo. F. Patten,  "  "  "  .  14 40
John Brown,  "  "  "  .  9 16
Daniel S. Bean,  "  "  "  .  5 10
Charles Osgood,  "  "  "  .  3 75
Lorenzo Hoitt,  "  "  "  .  27 30
Joseph S. Colcord,  "  "  "  .  5 10
Isaac Fitts,  "  "  "  .  8 32
Asa T. Truell,  "  "  "  .  12 45
Dana M. Hall,  "  "  "  .  14 55
Andrew J. Mead,  "  "  "  .  17 40
Chas. S. Bickford,  "  "  "  .  7 50
George Emerson  "  "  "  .  7 20
Sewall C. Brown,  "  "  "  .  23 55
A. J. Butterfield,  "  "  "  .  6 00
Jos. A. Johnson,  "  "  "  .  7 55
Edmund E. Smith,  "  "  "  .  15 60
James H. Brown,  "  "  "  .  15 60
H. L. McDuffee  "  "  "  .  17 10
Lowell F. McDuffee  "  "  "  .  11 25
Lewis H. Cate,  "  "  "  .  44 46
John P. French,  "  "  "  .  9 35
Moses Palmer,  "  "  "  .  21 83
Isaiah S. Lang, out of district  .  6 00
Daniel D. McDonald,  .  9 75

$349 15

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**ABATEMENTS.**

Paid William Patten, loss of cow in 1875  .  .  .  .  $0 47
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<td>On Moses T. Emerson’s list, George H. Carr</td>
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Total: $69.49
NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid Mary P. Bean, note and interest $289 66
Ruth Lovejoy, " " " 1,367 00
Congregational Society, interest 108 75
Jacob S. Morrill, " " 86 59
Edmund Hill, " " 25 00
S. E. Gilman, " " 90 39
John Rowe, " " 40 00
William Cushing, " " 30 00
Louisa Towl, " " 25 00
Daniel S. Bean, " " 55 00
Bradbury C. Bean, " " 30 10
Eliza A. Turner, " " 3 00
Jesse M. Young, " " 70 00
Sarah E. Merrill, " " 5 00
Lydia Dolba, " " 62 78
Judith T. Currier, " " 32 50
Melind Dearborn, " " 135 00
Eugene S. Healey, " " 10 00
Albert Bean, " " 25 00
Deborah Hall, " " 5 00
Josiah M Fitts, " " 23 50
Joseph W. Langford, " " 30 00
— Ephraim Davis, part principal and interest 60 00
— John Atkins, part principal and interest 107 38
— Merriam Reed, part principal and interest 488 30
— Mary E. Geer, part principal and interest 1,244 28
— Phebe A. Norton, part principal and interest 713 63
— Samuel Davis, part principal and interest 386 15
Jesse R. Towle, interest 27 50
Nancy Towle, " 5 00
Benjamin Taylor, " 44 45
Judith T. Dearborn, " 60 00

$5,685 96
## MISCELLANEOUS.

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<td>Jonathan Pillsbury, time and expense to Manchester</td>
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<td>Dr. R. H. Page, report of births and deaths</td>
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<td>Dr. E. S. Berry, report of births and deaths</td>
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<td>William Patten, cutting ice in 1875</td>
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<td>C. F. Livingston, printing 600 tax bills</td>
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<td>Congregational Society, cleaning vestry in March and Nov.</td>
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<td>Edmund E. Smith, damage to wagon by defect in highway</td>
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<td>French Smith, maintaining watering place</td>
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George E. Eaton, maintaining watering place 3 00
Sewall C. Brown, maintaining pound 5 00
True Eaton, tolling bell and care of hearse 13 50
A. Frank Patten, services as selectman 45 00
A. Frank Patten, use of horse five days, taking inventory 5 00
A. Frank Patten, time and expenses to Manchester and Deerfield twice, Pittsfield and Concord once each 11 25
Dana M. Hall, working O. Hall heirs' non-resident tax 5 72
Isaiah S. Lang, working Nathan Pulsifer's non-resident tax 1 50
Lorenzo Hoitt, sheep killed by dogs 4 50
Asa S. Dutton, six days taking inventory 9 00
Asa S. Dutton, horse one day 1 00
Asa S. Dutton, five days making taxes 7 50
Asa S. Dutton, dinners for selectmen when making taxes and settling town accounts 8 00
Asa S. Dutton, expenses when taking inventory 5 00
Asa S. Dutton, one day delivering highway surveyors' books 2 00
Asa S. Dutton, one day at Raymond, to pay note 2 00
Asa S. Dutton, one-half day at Gordon Bean’s, on road case 75
Asa S. Dutton, paper, postage and express 3 75
Asa S. Dutton, check-list and pamphlet laws 1 22
Asa S. Dutton, services as town treasurer 50 00
Asa S. Dutton, other services as selectman 25 00
Edmund R. Ingalls, services as selectman 45 00
Edmund R. Ingalls, widening road 75
Moses F. Emerson, services as collector 75 00
John W. Cate, services as collector, (1875) 50 00

LAW SUITS AND ROAD CASE.

Paid Albert R. Hatch, services in 1875 $165 45
Geo. A. Robie, teams for county commissioners on road case 10 00
County commissioners, services on road case 112 25
Samuel A. Davis, horse to Manchester 1 50
John L. Fitts, one day surveying road 3 00
John L. Fitts, one day to Portsmouth, and expenses 3 20
John L. Fitts, one day with transit 4 00
John L. Fitts, two days on road with commissioners 2 00
John L. Fitts, two days at Hooksett, and expenses 3 70
John H. George, services rendered town to Oct. 13, 1876 50 00
Henry M. Eaton, cash paid sheriff 11 20
Henry M. Eaton, cash paid Dr. Ferguson 10 00
Henry M. Eaton, cash paid Nathaniel Ellis 8 50
Henry M. Eaton, cash paid John H. George's expenses 23 10

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<td>Time and expenses to Portsmouth, 2 times</td>
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<td>Expenses posting and serving notices on land owners in road case</td>
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<td>One day with J. Lane Fitts surveying road</td>
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Asa S. Dutton, five days at Hooksett, on road case . . . 15 00
Asa S. Dutton, six days at Manchester on Sanford case . . 15 00

$826 93

RECAPITULATION.

Paid Pauper expenses . . . . . 364 82
School Fund . . . . . 1,371 25
Roads and bridges . . . . . 267 72
Breaking roads . . . . . 349 15
Abatements . . . . . 69 49
Notes and interest . . . . . 5,685 96
Miscellaneous . . . . . 684 06
Law suits and road case . . . . . 826 93

$9,619 38

Dr.

By sundry orders on Treasurer . . . . . 9,619 38
Settled as above.

EDMUND R. INGALLS,
A. FRANK PATTEN,
Selectmen of Candia.
TREASURER’S ACCOUNT.

The Town of Candia in account with the Treasurer.

Dr.

Paid State tax for the year 1876  $1,332 00
County tax for the year 1876  1,353 60
School-house tax for the year
1876  173 43
Sundry orders of selectmen  9,619 38
Auditors  4 50

$12,482 91

Cr.

By cash of Treasurer for 1875 $1,777 43
Savings bank tax for 1875  1,787 98
Railroad tax for 1875  115 45
Literary fund  138 60
County for support of Geo.
Johnson  146 00
Hannah Turner  28 00
Mrs. Robie  17 00
Lavina Heselton  42 24
Mrs. Rolls  5 00
Abraham Emerson on note  83 00
Orthodox church, money hired  1,000 00
Betsy G. Morrill, money hired  75 00
Bradbury C. Bean, money hired  30 00
Mary A. Rand, balance between notes  11 87
Baxter Currier, on sheep by dog  2 00
Hiram C. Mathews, collector for 1872  44 38
Moses F. Emerson, collector for 1876 . . . 6,127 65  
Moses F. Emerson, interest on 1876 tax . . . 60 00  
Moses F. Emerson, dog tax for 1876 . . . 91 00  
John W. Cate, collector for 1875 . . . 4,464 23  
John W. Cate, interest for 1875 tax . . . 48 76  

\[ \text{Amount received} \quad 16,095 58 \]
\[ \text{Cash paid out} \quad 12,482 91 \]

\[ \text{Cash on hand} \quad 3,612 67 \]

\text{ASA S. DUTTON, Treasurer.}

\text{TOWN DEBT.}

\[ \text{Notes outstanding against the town} \quad 22,782 00 \]
\[ \text{Interest on same} \quad 688 47 \]

\[ \text{Total debt} \quad 23,470 47 \]

\text{ASSETS.}

\[ \text{Abraham Emerson, balance on note} \quad 164 58 \]
\[ \text{Cash in hands of Treasurer} \quad 3,612 67 \]

\[ \text{Total assets} \quad 3,777 25 \]

\[ \text{Town debt, less assets} \quad 19,693 22 \]

\text{ASA S. DUTTON, EDMUND R. INGALLS, AARON F. PATTEN, Selectmen of Candia.}

\text{CANDIA, March 1, 1877.}

This day examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer of the Town of Candia, for the year past, as presented to us, and find them correctly cast, with proper vouchers for the same.

\text{GILMAN C. LANG, JONATHAN PILLSBURY, O. IRV. BEAN, Auditors.}
Your committee having attended to his duties, would submit the following report:

The schools of the town, upon the whole, have had better teachers than last year, and some of the schools have made much better progress.

DISTRICT No. 1.

This school was during the year under the instruction of Miss Laura A. Burnham, of Vermont. Miss B. is a superior teacher, having had much experience in district schools, and also in high schools. It may be said of this school that it never appeared better. The scholars were all wide awake, and all seemed ambitious to do their very best. Improvement was made in all the branches pursued, but especially was this true in the reading classes. The singing and gymnastic exercises added much to the interest of the school. Besides the usual branches of study, much information was given upon matters of history and other useful topics. It was a good school, taught by a live teacher.
DISTRICT No. 2.

Miss Ella F. Hanson, of Auburn, teacher. This was a good school. The order was good, and the progress, especially in arithmetic, excellent. This school is made up mostly of large scholars, and with Miss H. for an instructor, they did justice to themselves and credit to the school.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Teacher, summer term, Miss Grace G. Robinson, of Plymouth. Miss R. was a graduate of the State Normal School, and proved herself to be a competent and valuable teacher. She was thorough and progressive in her instruction, firm and decided in her discipline. The order of the school was excellent. The oral instruction in grammar was very interesting.

Teacher, winter term, Miss Hattie J. Hoit, of Meredith, another graduate of the Normal School. Miss H. won the love of all her pupils, by her pleasing manner and kind address. She was very thorough in her instruction. Being perfectly familiar with all the branches taught, she needed no text-book in recitation. The examination was highly creditable to both teacher and scholars, and seemed more like a High school than some of the district schools in town. There was one class in geometry, one in philosophy, one in physiology, and one in algebra. Such schools are an honor to the town, and we hope Mr. Sargent will be committee another year.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Teacher, summer term, Miss M. Wentworth. This is a good school, but did not quite come up to its usual level. Miss M. labored hard and with quite good success.

The winter term was taught by Miss Fidelia F. Adams, an old and experienced teacher who needs no comments from us. Suffice it to say that under her instruction No. 4
did its "level best" and perhaps a little better. Some of the older scholars left to attend the High school, which tended to take from the interest of the closing examination. All the classes were good.

**DISTRICT No. 5.**

Teacher, Mrs. Julia A. Eaton. Only one term of twelve weeks was taught in this district. We missed some of the older scholars, whose scholarship in previous terms had made it so successful. Mrs. E. labored for the good of the school, and not without profit. The order was good, and the progress commendable.

**DISTRICT No. 6.**

Teacher, Miss Alice J. Putnam, of Hooksett. Miss P. seems well adapted for this school, as she always succeeds finely. The school this year was much larger than heretofore, but the ages of the scholars were much below the average of the schools in town. There was only one scholar sixteen years of age. The recitations were prompt, the progress apparent.

**DISTRICT No. 7.**

Teacher, Miss Mattie Sanborn. This was her first school and she did well. Considering the condition of the school-room, and the small number of pupils, no teacher's reputation can be established or injured. To this time-honored tabernacle we would say, "halo and farewell."

**DISTRICT No. 8.**

Teacher, summer term, Miss Fannie M. Emerson. This was her second term in this district, and she succeeded to the satisfaction of both parents and committee.

Teacher, winter term, Frank H. Rowe, of Manchester. Mr. Rowe was a graduate of the Manchester High School,
and proved himself on examination, amply competent to instruct this school. But for reasons unknown to your committee, he failed to get the good will of some of the larger boys, who left school at the end of the first week. The prosperity of the school was materially affected by their withdrawal, and the closing examination was attended by only five scholars. For this reason we were unable to judge of the progress of the school. Had the parents of the district given Mr. Rowe their sympathy and support, we believe he would have kept a good school. As it was, it must be counted a partial failure.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Teacher, Mrs. M. J. Dolber. This school is in many respects difficult to manage by the same teacher two terms in succession. But Mrs. D., whose long experience has taught her how to use various expedients in the discipline of a school, got along very well. That she labored hard, no one can deny, and if any scholar did not learn, it was not her fault. The examination passed off pleasantly, and the recitations were prompt and well committed. One class in algebra did finely.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Teacher, Miss Dora M. Batchelder. Miss B. was not the right teacher for this school. It needs one older and more experienced. In some other school she may succeed better.

Teacher, winter term, Miss Alice D. Bean. The school appeared better than in the summer. Miss B. won the love of her scholars and labored for their improvement.

DISTRICT No. 11.

Teacher, Miss Clara A. Rowe. The smaller scholars in this school excel. There are some very good readers and speakers among the children. Miss Rowe was a favorite
with all her scholars, and gave good instruction and main-
tained good order.

DISTRICT No. 12.

Teacher, Miss Lizzie E. Crane. With the exception of two or three scholars, this is a backward school. Miss C. met with her usual success in the discipline of this school, and proved herself fitted for the position.

DISTRICT No. 13.

Teacher, Miss Emma E. Neal. It is enough to say of Miss Neal that she has taught this school a number of terms with the same unvarying success. The school was much smaller than formerly.

DISTRICT No. 14.

Teacher, summer term, Miss Lucretia F. Perkins, of Manchester. This was her first school. She was a good scholar, but lacked ambition.

Teacher, winter term, Miss Fanny M. Emerson. The school appeared well at its close.

REMARKS.

To have good schools, three things are essential,—pleas-
ant surroundings, good teachers, parental support. A school-house well situated, with pleasant scenery without, and adequate furniture within, has much to do toward the success of a school. Clean white walls, a sufficient amount of blackboard, with outline maps hung around the room, not only add to the pleasantness of the school, but tend to its prosperity as well. Besides all this, good ventilation and easy benches add to the comfort and health of the scholars. There are some such school-houses in town. There are others, the wonder of which is, how the scholars do as well as they show. They must, as in No. 7, do it in spite of their surroundings.
GOOD TEACHERS.

In every case in town where good teachers have been employed, there have been good schools. Some that heretofore have taken the lead, have in one or two instances sunk a little below their usual level. Others below the average standard have taken the highest place. The difference in each case lay wholly with the teacher. Give any school, however backward it may be, a competent teacher, and there will be a successful school; but a poor teacher will injure the reputation of the very best. It is with teachers as with every other calling, that the cheapest are often the dearest, in the education of children. Secure the best, and pay them for their work, and the result will over-balance the extra outlay. Eight weeks' school with a first-class teacher, is better than twelve with a second-rate one.

PARENTAL SUPPORT.

Good teachers cannot warrant a good school in every case, if parents withhold their sympathy and aid. Parents should support the teacher in the maintenance of good order, and the enforcement of wholesome rules. Districts where this support is given hardly ever have any trouble with the teacher. Scholars will always take advantage of division or lack of sympathy on the part of their parents. Parents should encourage the teacher by their presence in the school-room. By so doing, they could gain a right estimate of the school and its worth. Parents should in no case hear their children's complaints without investigating for themselves.

HIGH SCHOOL.

For the past two winters an excellent High school has been taught by Mr. E. M. Vittum, a student from Dartmouth College. The standard of scholarship has been very
much raised in those districts that have been under his tuition. The present term has been very successful, nearly all the advanced scholars in town attending. Such a school should be continued annually. Thereby good teachers may be produced from among the scholars of our own town. Parents, you cannot do too much for the mental and moral cultivation of your children. Character is worth more to them than a rich legacy of gold. The fathers are passing away. The coming generation demands of your successors, solid worth in head and heart. It looks for a broader culture, a higher manhood. See that you disappoint it not.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. C. LO THROP,
Superintending School Committee.

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