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REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF FALMOUTH,

For the Year ending March 2nd, 1868.

AMOUNT OF MONEY RAISED FOR 1867.

For Schools,	\$1,500 00
“ Contingences,	500 00
“ Town Officers,	450 00
“ Bridges,	400 00
“ Poor,	700 00
“ Interest,	1,500 00
“ Payment of Debts,	5,500 00
“ Snow Bills,	700 00
	\$11,250 00
 Total valuation,	 \$603,117 00
Number of Polls,	422
Percentage on the dollar, 2 cents 6 mills.	

RECEIPTS.

From Albert Winslow on tax bills for 1866 and '67,	\$7,758 74
“ State School fund,	51,70
“ J. H. Cobb, pension,	48 00
“ F. F. Hall, for timber,	4 15
“ Westbrook, for Poor,	21 00
“ Nathaniel Low, for use of Derrick,	15 19
“ E. H. Ramsdell, balance due as Treasurer,	40 49
Amount of money hired for 1867 and '68,	12,929 53
Received of State for aid to families of Volunteers,	92 42
	\$20,963 22

EXPENDITURES.

For Schools,	1,500 00
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CONTINGENCIES.

Paid G. O. Knight, for Highways,	\$8 00
" E. N. Tukesbury, for Taxes overpaid,	45 00
" Curtis Colley, for Highways,	4 80
" Bela Blanchard, as Committee to buy Town Farm,	6 50
" Robert Huston, for Highways,	3 50
" Bailey & Noyes, for Stationery,	9 88
" James D. Fessenden, for Advice,	5 00
" Smith Barber, for Stamps,	2 55
" Smith Barber, for buying Farm,	5 00
" Samuel Watts, for buying Farm,	4 00
" Maurice Huston, for Hewing,	7 50
" Charles Knight, for Contingencies,	7 40
" Cyrus Noyes, for Hewing timber,	8 50
" Bela Blanchard, for E. H. Starbird,	3 00
" Mark L. Leighton, for Office rent,	12 00
" Bailey & Noyes, for Stationery,	2 50
" Joseph B. Hall, for Printing Voting list,	7 00
" Smith Barber, for Highways,	21 20
" Samuel Watts, for Highways,	6 40
" Bela Blanchard paid A. L. Winslow,	1 15
" Ross & Roundy, for Guy,	18 55
" B. F. Hall, for Land damage,	60 00
" B. F. Hall, for Highways,	1 75
" James S. Williams, for Highways,	13 00
" Bela Blanchard, for Highways,	13 00
" Amos Leighton, for Highways,	14 40
" J. A. P. Merrill, for Highways,	4 10
" Phinelia Williams, for Abatements,	8 25
" Josiah Allen, for Highways,	4 40
" Samuel Watts, for Highways,	12 00
" A. F. Winslow, for Highways,	8 11
" John Woodbury, for Highways,	25 00
" Cynthia Leighton, for Abatements,	7 80
" E. H. Starbird, for Land damage,	33 00
" Edmund Frye, for Highways,	11 65
" John Noyes, Abatement Non-resident tax, 1866,	36 80
" Asa Leighton, for Highways,	23 00
" John Noyes, for Contingencies,	11 13
" George O. Knight, for Highways,	17 67
" Joshua Saunders, for Highways,	3 20
" Albert Winslow, Abatement on 1866 tax,	13 85
" Bela Blanchard, for Stamps,	5 25
" Joel Leighton, for Committee buying Farm,	4 00
" Oliver Hardy, for Highways,	8 03

 \$528 82

PAID FAMILIES OF VOLUNTEERS.

Paid Amelia F. Field,	\$5 18
“ Sally Burk,	17 25
“ Sally Burk,	3 75
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	\$26 18

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid E. H. Ramsdell,	\$58 00
“ A. F. Winslow,	5 75
“ James M. Anderson, as Selectman,	77 65
“ Bela Blanchard, as Selectman,	81 80
“ Alfred Hicks,	60 80
“ C. W. Winslow,	8 05
“ Albert Winslow, Constable, &c.,	14 50
“ Albert Winslow, Collecting 1866 tax,	136 97
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	\$443 52

POOR OUT OF THE ALMS HOUSE.

Paid Ezekiel Hodsdon for support of Sally Hodsdon,	\$188 00
“ Silas Buzzell, for support of Child,	86 43
“ E. N. Tukesbury, for Medical attendance,	71 00
“ Lemuel Dyer, for Robert Jones,	18 05
“ Paul Prince, for Robert Jones,	2 25
“ Crispus Graves for Alpha Knight,	2 50
“ Charles Lufkin for George Ralph,	5 00
“ A. G. Huston for Sarah A. Kelley,	34 00
“ John DeLaski for Medical attendance,	50 00
“ Alfred Hicks for Melvill Leighton's family,	6 50
“ Daniel P. Hobbs for “ “ “	4 75
“ Smith Barber for “ “ “	3 00
“ Small & Newman “ “ “	52 68
“ Sawyer & Ricker for Wm. Johnson,	10 00
“ B. U. Swett for M. Leighton's family,	7 00
“ Smith Barber, for Coffin for G. Ralph,	10 00
“ Charles Jones, for Mary E. Leighton,	6 00
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	\$557 16

DEBTS PAID,

\$12,282 58

POOR IN THE ALMS HOUSE.

Paid B. J. Adams, as Overseer,	\$400 00
“ B. J. Adams, extra, as Overseer,	125 00
“ B. J. Adams, as Overseer for 1867,	98 61
“ Daniel Merrill, for Lumber,	41 00

Paid Ralph Sennet, for Supplies,	356 40
“ Thomas C. Brown,	185 58
“ E. N. Tukesbury, for Medical attendance,	5 00
“ Small & Newman,	14 35
“ Davis, Chapman & Haskell, for Clothing,	8 54
“ A. S. Small, for Labor,	19 50
“ John De Laski, for Medical attendance,	3 00
“ John P. Gurney, for Cow,	52 00
“ Willis Watts, for House rent,	150 00
“ Sawyer & Rickcr,	21 64
“ Kendall & Whitney, for Farming Tools, &c.,	41 56
“ Thomas C. Brown,	82 50
“ John Merrill, for Pressing hay,	50 00
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	\$1,654 68

FOR BRIDGES.

Paid Fenwick Merrill, for Stone,	\$10 00
“ Smith Barber, for Labor on bridge near Staples' Point,	39 95
“ A. M. Hall, for Plank,	214 62
“ Edward Merrill, for Sawing,	1 13
“ Albert Winslow, on bridge near the Alms House,	3 50
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	\$269 20

LAMBERT BRIDGE.

Paid building Butment and Shingling,	\$746 48
Culverts near Lufkin's,	299 50
Shingling Presumpscot Bridge,	76 64

SNOW BILLS.

Paid Seward Frye,	\$54 81
“ Curtis Colley,	20 90
“ Jacob J. Merrill,	27 60
“ Richard Mountford,	99 17
“ Samuel Newman,	73 65
“ Lorenzo Mountford,	51 20
“ John Woodbury,	29 08
“ C. W. Winslow,	40 10
“ Edmund Frye,	39 70
“ Josiah Allen,	48 56
“ Stephen Huston,	16 95
“ William Leighton,	32 80
“ Peter Gammon,	55 50
“ Robert Huston,	61 90
“ Oliver Hardy,	42 74

Paid Nelson B. Elliott,	57 86
“ Levi W. Hicks,	10 00
“ James L. West,	9 70
“ Albert Winslow,	43 00
“ George Mountfort,	39 70
“ Daniel Merrill,	28 05
“ John Noyes,	1 50
“ George O. Knight,	33 85
“ Samuel Buckman,	33 88
“ John Williams,	68 88
“ Moses G. Blake,	59 00
“ Asa Field,	7 20
“ R. N. Merrill,	2 40
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	\$1,095 68
Interest paid,	\$1,482 03

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Greatest number of inmates at Alms House,	7
Died within the year,	1
Present number,	7
Number of Females,	4
Number of Males,	3

ALMS HOUSE IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN.

To Salary of Overseer, B. J. Adams,	\$98 61
“ Salary of Overseer, T. C. Brown,	400 00
“ Ralph Sennet, for Supplies,	356 40
“ Small & Newman, “	14 35
“ Sawyer & Ricker, “	21 64
“ John Merrill, Pressing Hay, about	105 00
“ T. C. Brown, for Supplies,	174 36
“ Paid out for labor,	172 82
“ Stoves 25.00 ; Barley, 13.40,	38 40
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	1,381 58
By articles sold from the farm,	1,015 90
“ Labor done off the farm,	86 00
“ Balance Hay not sold, estimated at	450 00
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	\$1,551 90
Showing a balance in favor of the Alms House	\$170 32

INVENTORY OF ARTICLES AT THE ALMS HOUSE.

STOCK ON FARM.

Two oxen,	\$275 00
Three cows,	140 00
Six sheep,	18 00
Two Swine,	25 00
Added to the value of Farming tools,	40 00

PRODUCE ON HAND.

Thirty-five bushels barley, five bushels corn, five bushels beans, three hundred lbs. pork, twenty-five lbs. Lard, thirty lbs. butter, thirty-five bushels potatoes.

Added to Bedding within the year,—one feather bed, two straw beds, twelve sheets, four blankets, four pillows, five pillow slips, three comforters, five quilts.

AVAILABILITIES.

Taxes in the hand of Albert Winslow, on bills of 1866-7,	\$10,744 27
Due from the State for aid to families of Volunteers,	26 18
Due from the State on Bank tax,	50 66
Due from the State for Wm. Johnson's pension,	48 00
Cash in the hands of the Treasurer,	246 97
	\$11,116 08

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding orders,	\$4,003 89
Estimated interest on the same,	300 00
Due the Town of Jay for support of Mrs. Blackstone,	104 00
John Noyes, services as Clerk and Treasurer,	52 73
E. H. Ramsdell, services as Superintending School Comm.,	46 20
A. F. Winslow, " " " "	8 00
Nathaniel Pinkham, " " " "	30 85
Smith Barber, services as Selectman, &c.,	73 00
Bela Blanchard, " "	103 00
Alfred Hicks, " "	67 00
Albert Winslow, services as Constable,	12 00
C. W. Winslow, services as Auditor,	2 00
Probable Abatement of taxes for 1867,	20 00
E. C. Blanchard, taking care of Town House,	4 00
	\$4,826 67

OUTSTANDING NOTES.

1	Note dated	Dec'r	2,	1863,	payable	10	years	from	date,	\$2,000 00
1	"	"	Jan'y	13,	"	5	"	"	"	1,000 00
3	"	"	Feb'y	11,	"	7	"	"	"	1,400 00
1	"	"	Feb'y	5,	"	1	"	"	"	100 00

1	Note dated	May	12, 1866,	payable	1 year from date,	300 00
1	"	May,	12, 1866,	"	"	500 00
1	"	Aug.	6, 1866,	"	"	650 00
1	"	Aug.	9, 1866,	"	"	700 00
1	"	Aug.	10, 1866,	"	"	200 00
1	"	Aug.	10, 1866,	on demand,		430 00
3	"	Aug.	10, 1866,	2 years from date,		1,025 00
1	"	Aug.	13, 1866,	"	"	300 00
1	"	Aug.	31, 1866,	"	"	1,000 00
1	"	Sept.	1, 1866,	"	"	1,000 00
1	"	Jan.	10, 1867,	"	"	200 00
1	"	Feb.	5, 1867,	"	"	100 00
1	"	Mar.	27, 1867,	"	"	500 00
1	"	April	17, 1867,	"	"	1,000 00
1	"	April	17, 1867,	"	"	1,000 00
1	"	April	17, 1867,	"	"	828 00
1	"	Aug.	5, 1867,	"	"	500 00
1	"	Aug.	15, 1867,	on demand,		100 00
1	"	Sept.	2, 1867,	1 year from date,		698 51
1	"	Nov.	18, 1868,	"	"	100 00
1	"	Nov.	23, 1867,	"	"	300 00
1	"	Dec.	5, 1867,	"	"	500 00
1	"	Dec.	30, 1867,	"	"	200 00
1	"	Jan.	3, 1868,	"	"	100 00
1	"	Jan.	7, 1868,	"	"	115 00
1	"	Jan.	14, 1868,	"	"	125 00
1	"	Jan.	20, 1868,	"	"	1,100 00
1	"	Feb.	4, 1868,	"	"	300 00
1	"	Feb.	4, 1868,	on demand,		200 00
1	"	Feb.	4, 1868,	in 6 months,		703 50
1	"	Feb.	4, 1868,	on demand,		800 00
1	"	Feb.	7, 1868,	1 year from date,		286 00
1	"	Feb.	10, 1868,	"	"	1,500 00
1	"	Feb.	13, 1867,	"	"	1,000 00
1	"	Feb.	9, 1867,	"	"	417 45
1	"	Feb.	17, 1868,	"	"	101 00
1	"	Feb.	1, 1867,	"	"	233 66
1	"	Feb.	4, 1867,	on demand,		400 00
1	"	Feb.	7, 1866,	1 year from date,		500 00
1	"	Feb.	11, 1867,	"	"	100 00
1	"	Feb.	12, 1867,	"	"	600 00
1	"	Feb.	18, 1867,	"	"	515 00
1	"	Feb.	25, 1867,	"	"	100 00
1	"	Feb.	19, 1865,	"	"	
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Interest on Notes up to March 1, 1868,						\$25,828 12
Liabilities brought forward,						250 00
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						4,826 67
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						\$80,904 79

RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount of Receipts,	\$20,963 22
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EXPENDITURES.

Schools,	\$1,500 00
Contingencies,	528 82
Town Officers,	443 52
Poor out of the Alms House,	557 16
Debts paid,	12,282 58
Poor in the Alms House,	1,654 68
Bridges,	1,391 82
State aid,	26 18
Interest,	1,482 03
Snow Bill,	1,095 68
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	\$20,962 47
Whole amount of Liabilities,	\$30,904 79
Whole amount of Availabilities,	11,116 08
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Balance against the Town,	\$19,788 71

SUMS NECESSARY TO BE RAISED.

For Schools,	\$1,500 00
“ Contingencies,	550 00
“ Town Officers,	500 00
“ Bridges,	500 00
“ Poor,	700 00
“ Interest,	1,500 00
“ Payment of Debts,	3,000 00
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	\$8,250 00

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
OF THE
TOWN OF FALMOUTH,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 2d, 1867.

FINANCIAL.

The whole amount of money raised by the Town for the support of Schools for the past year, \$1,500 00
 Whole number of scholars in Town, 653,
 Amount per scholar, \$2 30

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Showing, 1st, the No. of District; 2d, the name of the Teacher; 3d, wages per month or week, not including board; 4th, length of school in days; 5th, whole number of scholars registered; 6th, average number in attendance.

SUMMER TERM.

NO.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	WAGES.	4th.	5th.	6th
1	Miss Margaret Blanchard,	\$3.50 per wk.	47	35	26
2	Mrs. E. A. Greenleaf,	3.00 "	38½	31	27
3	Miss M. A. B. Wilson,	9.00 "	45	70	55
5	Miss Edna H. Leighton,	4.00 "	54½	52	40
7	Miss M. K. Lunt,	3.00 "	38½	39	31
10	Miss				
12	Miss Ellen L. Hunt.	2.00 "	44	30	24

WINTER TERM.

NO.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	WAGES.	4th.	5th.	6th.
1	Miss Sarah Wilson,				
2	Miss L. T. McAlister,	\$18.00 per m.	38	36	22
3	Mr. George C. Hall,	36.00 "	40	82	64
4	Miss Ella F. Wilson,				
5	Miss Edna H. Leighton,	25.00 "	34	57	50
6	Mr. E. H. Ramsdell,	30.00 "	44	30	27
7	Miss Desiah L. Hayes,	16.00 "	49	38	33
8	Mr. Charles L. Orne,	30.00 "	55	26	25
9	Miss Martha E. Dunn,	16.00 "	60	32	21
10	Miss Elva R. Elder,		55		
11	Mr. D. R. Tukey,	26.00 "	55	34	27
12	Mr. J. L. Elder,	25.00 "	44	34	31

The blank places in the above table show neglect on the part of teachers or agents in not returning registers to the Committee. They should be sent in immediately, or the Committee will be unable to make proper returns to the State.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Summer Term. Order, discipline and method of instruction, good, and consequently the scholars made a creditable improvement.

Winter Term. We found this school in charge of a very smart working teacher, and the scholars showed a thoroughness of discipline which is seldom seen. We heard some of the best reading here that we ever heard in any school. We understood that some of the scholars had been unruly, but prompt and decisive action on the part of the teacher had preserved the order of the school.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Summer Term. School appeared well at examination, and we should judge that the scholars made a fair improvement.

Winter Term. Reading and writing had not received as much attention and care as we desire; but in other branches a fair improvement had been made.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Summer Term. The scholars appeared to have made a creditable improvement, and on examination day this was certainly a model school. The order was equal to military discipline.

Winter Term. Mr. Hall was quite successful in this school. The deportment was fair, and the scholars who attended regular, made a fair proficiency in their studies; but irregular attendance was seriously detrimental to the progress of the school.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Winter Term. This school at both our visits appeared well; the order was excellent, and a good improvement was made in all the branches of study pursued. Miss Wilson is an excellent teacher for one who has had no more experience. This was her second school.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Summer Term. Order, excellent, and a very good improvement made.

Winter Term. At our first visit the school appeared well, with the exception of a few large scholars, who were not so orderly as they ought to have been; and also at the closing examination, the school was not so quiet as is desirable; but a creditable improvement was made by most of the scholars. Miss Leighton is an experienced teacher and labored hard for the improvement of this school.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Winter Term. We found this school in a prosperous condition, and the closing examination showed good improvement in the various branches of learning pursued. Much credit is due to the scholars of this school for the care which they take of their school house, outline maps, books and other school property.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Summer Term. This school appeared well at the commencement; but as we were unable to visit it at the close, we cannot speak of its improvement from personal knowledge.

Winter Term. At our first visit this school appeared well; the teacher and scholars manifested a lively interest in their labors. On account of bad traveling the attendance was small at the close; but the scholars who were present passed a good examination, and we believe that it was a profitable school.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Winter Term. We are satisfied that Mr. Orne taught a good school in this district. The school was orderly and respectful; and at examination a good improvement was manifested.

We found some scholars in this school as good as any in town.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Winter Term. We were much pleased with this school at the commencement. The order was good, the classes well arranged, and it bid fair to be a pleasant and profitable term: but some of the scholars became disorderly, and the committee were called in to investigate the trouble. They found the scholars in fault, but on promise of good conduct in future, they were permitted to continue in school; but we learn that some of them left before the school closed. The school passed a good examination, and we have no doubt but that it was a profitable term to those who attended regularly to the end; for we found some very good scholars here. We were pleased to see so many of the parents show their interest by their presence on examination day.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Summer Term. We found this school badly classed and the teacher consequently laboring under a great disadvantage, and gave instruction how to remedy the difficulty; but at the close we found that our advice had been unheeded, and also that the order and discipline had been very poor; and the school consequently unprofitable.

Winter Term. The school appeared well at the commencement, but soon after, some of the large scholars became unruly, and their conduct was a great injury to the school. We believe that the teacher labored hard to have good order and a good school, and we think she did well considering what she had to contend with. A number of large scholars were absent at examination, but those who were present acquitted themselves with credit to themselves and their teacher.

DISTRICT No. 11.

Winter Term. We cannot speak particularly of the merits of this school as we visited it but once. The order was good—it appeared well; and we have no doubt but that it was a profitable school.

DISTRICT No. 12.

Summer Term. The school appeared well and made a fair improvement.

Winter Term. A creditable improvement was made, especially in arithmetic. Order was good, and we consider that the time and money have been profitably spent.

 GENERAL REMARKS.

With the exception of the house in No. 2 (where a new one is much needed), we have a set of good and convenient school houses throughout the town.

It is often better to employ good female teachers in our winter schools than poor male teachers; but the experience of the past winter has taught us, that in some of our winter schools, particularly in Nos. 5, 9 and 10, a little more physical power is needed than females ordinarily possess.

While it is a matter of rejoicing that our schools generally are in so prosperous a condition, it should not be forgotten that much remains to be done. The work of improvement should go on in every department of our Educational system. But to effect this the citizens generally must be more interested. The teachers need more than they receive of their co-operation and support. In almost every thing the child's interest corresponds to, and may be fathomed by, the interest manifested by the parent. And what would more naturally manifest the interest of parents in their schools than going frequently to the school room and observing for themselves what their children, and the servants whom they have employed there with them are doing? Also, regularity of attendance deserves to be more strenuously sought. Our schools are very short; and then the schools are so arranged and made to move along together in classes, with so much dependence on every lesson to aid them in acquiring the next, that loss of time by absence is like the loss of rounds in a ladder,—it makes it hard to ascend; if too many are gone, all progress is stopped.

A few lessons lost, especially in the discussion of rules and principles, rarely fail to cripple the scholar for the whole term afterwards.

In conclusion, we would express the hope that our public schools may receive a larger share of the attention of the whole community. The school children of to-day will soon control the destinies of the nation; so our ark of safety is the common school, so conducted as to fulfill its highest and noblest purposes.

E. H. RAMSDELL,	} <i>Superintending</i>	
A. F. WINSLOW.		} <i>School Com.</i>
N. PINKHAM,		