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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TOWN OF FALMOUTH,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1874.

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ASSESSED 1873.

For State Tax,		\$3,447 06
“ County Tax,		926 99
“ Support of Schools,	\$2,000 00	
“ Town Officers,	500 00	
“ Bridges,	1,000 00	
“ Poor,	500 00	
To pay Debt,	1,500 00	
“ “ Interest,	1,000 00	
“ “ Contingencies,	600 00	
Overlay,	86 92	7,186 92
Total,		<u>\$11,560 97</u>

Total valuation for 1873, \$662,044.00.

Number of Polls, 354.

Rate, \$1.60 per 100.

Poll tax, 3.00

## CONTINGENCIES.

Paid E. H. Starbird,	\$4 25
“ Tax and Cost bid in by town,	51 65
“ Cushing & Harmon, Printing Reports,	20 00
“ E. C. Blanchard, care of Town House,	4 50
“ John Merrill, Abatement,	7 89
“ Joseph Newman, “	185 18
“ Hoyt, Fogg & Breed, Stationery,	9 37
“ Soloman Chenery, Damage,	10 00
“ Charles Cobb, office rent,	12 00
“ Oliver Hardy, Highway 1872	22 00
“ C. W. Winslow, Expense of Elbridge Field,	31 75
“ Arthur Bucknam, labor on highways,	12 55
“ Advertising for Town Orders,	6 50
“ A. F. Drinkwater, damage to wagon,	1 00
“ John Merrill, labor on highway,	7 00
“ Mrs. Geo. Gallison, damage,	35 00
“ Ezra Bucknam, labor on highway,	3 50
“ Kendall & Whitney, bush scythe,	2 00
“ Silas Skillings, labor on highway,	7 00
“ Jeremiah Pennell, for tax,	1 09
“ G. W. Snell, for blacksmithing,	1 20
“ Edmund Frye, materials and labor,	9 50
“ D. F. Small, tax and cost on non-residents land, bid in by Town,	398 54
“ Oliver Hardy, labor on highway,	31 75
“ Thomas Brown, highway,	14 50
“ Loring Short & Harmon, book,	4 50
“ Eliza Swett, abatement,	2 30
“ Edmund Frye, highway,	9 00
“ E. A. Noyes, “	27 50
“ C. W. Winslow,	20 10
“ Insane Hospital for support of Elbridge Field, 1873,	62 85
“ Expense of Elbridge Field,	31 75
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	\$1,047 72

## FOR BRIDGES.

Paid John Woodbury, culvert,	\$167 38
“ Alfred Hicks, bridge and material,	15 69
“ Charles Hicks, plank,	1 44
“ B. F. Hall, stone,	11 00
“ Joseph Roberts, culvert,	16 80
“ John Merrill, labor,	3 50
“ B. F. Hall, “	38 00
“ John F. Mountfort, labor,	3 50
“ J. P. Gurney, culvert,	5 00
“ C. W. Winslow, labor,	6 00
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	\$268 31

## PAID FOR SNOW BILLS.

Paid Wm. Leighton, Surveyor,	\$30 58
E. P. Merrill, “	78 10
J. H. Whitney,	8 50
J. C. Cobb, Surveyor,	12 40
S. Huston, Jr., “	51 10
R. H. Whitney, “	29 70
Seward Frye, “	78 91
J. J. Merrill, “	41 60
C. W. Winslow, “	20 94
J. A. P. Merrill, “	14 78
E. Hodgdon,	9 40
N. Bidder,	4 45
D. W. Ward, Surveyor,	28 40
E. Cole,	6 60
Asa Leighton, Surveyor,	59 20
Alex. Pride,	23 20
Samuel Watts,	12 60
B. U. Swett, Surveyor,	46 95
Joseph Hadlock,	8 20
A. F. Winslow,	19 50
Albion Field Surveyor,	9 00
Charles Hicks,	30 00
Elbridge Grant,	3 60

O. F. Dana,		3 90
S. D. Norton,	Surveyor,	7 08
Daniel Maston,	"	32 60
H. B. Wilson,	"	21 60
Thomas Brown,	"	6 60
Oliver Hardy,	"	34 95
Albert Winslow,	"	16 46
Edmund Frye,	"	13 80
J. L. West,	"	10 00
Moses Lunt,		6 40
Joseph Knight,	Surveyor,	17 00
Curtis Colby,	"	60 50
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		\$859 60

## MONEY PAID OUT FOR POOR.

Paid Mitchell & Lord, for Supplies,	\$13 32
Small & Newman, " "	333 93
S. N. Colley & Co., for Supplies,	256 13
James E. Fowler, for labor,	62 25
Thomas Fowler, for salary,	125 00
S. A. Coffin, for pressing hay,	161 78
Samuel Watts, for use of bull,	4 00
Richard Mountfort, for labor,	6 00
C. W. Winslow, for bedding bought of R. Dyer,	20 00
Bela Blanchard, for barley,	1 50
Geo. W. Knight, for labor haying,	60 00
Geo. W. Snell, for labor,	13 85
Eliza Swett, for board,	11 00
Dr. L. Ingalls, for medical attendance,	7 00
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	\$1,075 76

## OUTSTANDING NOTES.

One note dated May 12, 1866,.....	\$300 00
“ “ Aug. 10, 1866,.....	200 00
“ “ Aug. 10, 1866,.....	300 00
“ “ Aug. 10, 1866,.....	300 00
“ “ Feb. 25, 1867,.....	100 00
“ “ Nov. 18, 1867,.....	100 00
“ “ Dec. 30, 1867,.....	200 00
“ “ Jan. 3, 1868,.....	100 00
“ “ Feb. 4, 1868,.....	200 00
“ “ Feb. 9, 1868,.....	1,000 00
“ “ Feb. 17, 1868,.....	417 45
“ “ March 27, 1868,.....	700 00
“ “ June 1, 1868,.....	200 00
“ “ Dec. 7, 1868,.....	1,000 00
“ “ Feb. 8, 1869,.....	200 00
“ “ March 23, 1869,.....	275 00
“ “ Jan. 3, 1870,.....	1,100 00
“ “ Feb. 18, 1867,.....	600 00
“ “ Sept. 2, 1867,.....	698 51
“ “ Aug. 30, 1872,.....	700 00
“ “ Jan. 6, 1873,.....	296 05
“ “ Feb. 11, 1873,.....	400 00
“ “ Feb. 17, 1873,.....	400 00
“ “ Feb. 14, 1874,.....	400 00
“ “ Feb. 17, 1874,.....	1,700 00
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	\$11,887 01

## LIABILITIES.

Notes,	\$11,887 01	
Outstanding Orders,	609 33	
Due for Schools,	400 00	
Smith Barber, Selectman, &c.,	69 00	
Chas. W. Winslow, “ “	63 00	
Geo. D. York, “ “	64 00	
D. F. Small, Clerk and Treasurer,	44 85	
F. B. Blanchard, Supervisor of Schools,	64 00	
A. O. Field, Constable,	22 00	
Chas. W. Winslow, Town Agent,	13 00	
Chas. W. Winslow, Moderator,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$13,241 19

## AVAILABILITIES.

Cash in treasury,	\$ 445 31	
A. O. Field, Collector 1873,	7,158 17	
Hay on Town Farm,	576 00	
Due from other towns,	271 56	
Individual tax 1872, bid in by town,	398 54	
	<hr/>	\$8,849 58
Balance against the town,		<hr/> \$4,391 61

## OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Greatest number of paupers in Alms House,.....	6
Present " " " " .....	6
Males,.....	3
Females,.....	3

## INVENTORY OF STOCK AND PRODUCE ON TOWN FARM.

1 yoke of oxen, 4 cows, 2 swine, 75 bushels of potatoes, 2 barrels of barley. 3 bushels of beans, 3 bushels of meal, 1 bushel of corn, 1 bushel of oats, 1 $\frac{1}{4}$  barrel of pork, 1 barrel of flour, 40 lbs. of fish, 10 gallons of molasses.

## ALMS HOUSE ACCOUNT WITH TOWN.

## DR.

To Supplies furnished Alms House,.....	\$950 76	
" Salary of Overseer,.....	275 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,225 76

## CR.

By Cash for articles sold, and Hay on hand,.....	\$791 82	
" boarding inmates of Alms House,.....	433 94	
	<hr/>	\$1,225 76

## PAID FOR POOR OUT OF ALMS HOUSE.

Paid Bela Blanchard,.....	\$ 9 25
Bela Blanchard,.....	132 85
Wm. Osgood for medical services,.....	13 00
Town of Andover for Thos. Roberts,.....	21 10
Smith Barber, for Mary A. Duffey,.....	10 00
S. S. Rich, for coffin for French woman,.....	9 00
C. W. Winslow, for services for same,.....	5 00
Small & Newman, supplies,.....	8 50
S. N. Colley, ".....	13 12
Lucine Ingalls, attendance on French woman,.....	13 00
	————— \$234 82

SMITH BARBER, ) Overseers of Poor  
 C. W. WINSLOW, ) of  
 GEO. D. YORK, ) Town of Falmouth.

## REPORT OF OUTSTANDING BILLS ALLOWED BY THE AUDITOR.

Smith Barber, Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of Poor,.....	\$69 00
C. W. Winslow, " " " ".....	63 00
Geo. D. York, " " " ".....	64 00
D. F. Small, Clerk and Treasurer,.....	44 85
F. B. Blanchard, Supervisor of Schools,.....	64 00
A. O. Field, Constable,.....	22 00
C. W. Winslow, Town Agent,.....	13 00
C. W. Winslow, Moderator,.....	5 00

## SUMS RECOMMENDED TO BE RAISED.

For Schools,.....	\$1,500 00
Debts,.....	3,000 00
Interest,.....	1,000 00
Bridges,.....	1,000 00
Town Officers,.....	500 00
Poor,.....	800 00
Contingencies,.....	500 00
Highways.....	1,000 00
	————— \$9,300 00

SMITH BARBER, ) Selectmen  
 C. W. WINSLOW, ) of  
 GEO. D. YORK, ) Falmouth.



DR.		D. F. SMALL, TREASURER,	
1873.			
Feb. 17.	To Cash on hand, last report,.....	\$813	31
" 19.	" received from hay sold,.....	47	97
Mar. 5.	" " school fund, 1872,....	203	74
" 14.	" " Joseph Newman,.....	185	18
April 1.	" " County of Cumb.,....	142	00
June 2.	" " C. C. Humphrey,.....	7	17
Sept. 1.	" " hay sold,.....	413	83
1874.			
Jan. 5.	" " int. non res. tax,.....	47	42
" 15.	" " W. Melcomb's heirs,.	3	75
" 21.	" " Thos. Fowler,.....	100	00
" 21.	" " A. M. Hall, .....	42	26
Feb. 7.	" " Albert Jordan,.....	21	69
" 11.	" " A. O. Field, tax bill '72, 8,038	89	
" 14.	" received and hired,.....	400	00
" 17.	" " " .....	1,700	00
" 19.	" " from Amherst Whitmore,...	82	99
	" " " Albert Winslow,.....	5	00
			\$12,255 20

DR.		A. O. FIELD, COLLECTOR, IN ACCOUNT	
1873.			
Feb. 17.	To Bal. due on tax bills, 1872,.....	\$8,285	39

			\$8,285 39
1873.			
June 2.	To tax bills committed for year 1873,.....	\$7,441	74

## IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN.

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1873.			
Mar. 5.	By Cash paid A. O. Field, for deeds,.....	\$ 1 50	
1874.			
Jan. 9.	“ “ E. H. Starbird “ .....	25 83	
Feb. 20.	“ “ for revenue stamps,.....	1 16	
“	“ “ for postage,.....	72	
“	“ “ on town debt,.....	2,725 00	
“	“ “ for interest,.....	1,070 76	
“	“ “ for schools,.....	3,439 60	
“	“ “ for highways,.....	464 72	
“	“ “ for town officers,.....	350 95	
“	“ “ for bridges,.....	194 38	
“	“ “ for poor,.....	1,630 07	
“	“ “ snow bills,.....	757 80	
“	“ “ contingencies,.....	1,084 55	
“	“ “ Insane Hospital for E. Field, &c.	62 85	
“	“ on hand,.....	445 31	

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 \$12,255 20

## WITH D. F. SMALL, TREASURER.

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1873.			
Mar. 5.	By Cash as per receipt,.....	\$771 00	
“ 15.	“ .....	607 00	
Apr. 1.	“ .....	520 62	
“ 28.	“ .....	594 00	
May 31.	“ .....	561 00	
“	“ .....	624 28	
July 1.	“ .....	777 00	
Aug. 11.	“ .....	1,052 00	
Oct. 6.	“ .....	540 00	
Dec. 19.	“ .....	501 00	
1874.			
Jan. 5.	“ .....	500 00	
Feb. 2.	“ .....	554 00	
“ 11.	To Abatements,.....	246 50	
“ 11.	“ Cash as per receipt,.....	436 99	

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 \$8,285 39

1874.			
Feb. 20.	By Bal. due,.....	\$7,158 17	
“	“ Commission,.....	283 57	

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 \$7,441 74

Having examined the accounts of D. F. Small, Treasurer of Falmouth, I hereby certify that the same are correctly cast and properly vouched, and find in his hands \$445.31.

B. F. HALL, Auditor of Falmouth.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. F. SMALL, Treasurer of Falmouth.

## SCHOOL REPORT.

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### DISTRICT No. 1.

Summer term. For sufficient reason I could not visit the school at the close, but judging from its appearance soon after it commenced, I trust the time and money were not misspent.

Winter term. Mr. Ramsdell is a teacher of large experience. On my first visit I found the school orderly and well classified; at my last visit the same order was exhibited. I found there had been great improvement in all the studies pursued. The classes in geography showed specimens of map-drawing; examples in arithmetic and algebra were performed with readiness.

### DISTRICT No. 2.

Summer term. The school appeared orderly and prosperously soon after it commenced, and the teacher seemed to be at home in her work. There was every reason to think that this would be a successful term. As I did not visit it at the close cannot state its final condition.

Winter term. At our first visit we found both teacher and scholars at work. There is some good talent in this school, yet no teacher however zealous, nor scholars however punctual and studious, can expect to meet with that degree of success which would attend their labors in a commodious and properly constructed house. With a large number of scholars crowded into this uncomfortable room, it is almost impossible to have a good school. Some of the scholars have been kept out of school for want of room. Will not the people of this district awaken to their own interest, and with united efforts, see that their children have a suitable and convenient house? At our last visit, however, we found there had been good improvement in all studies, particularly in arithmetic. We wondered so much could be accomplished in such a dismal place.

## DISTRICT No. 3.

Summer term. This district has acted wisely in employing the same teacher for several successive terms. We seldom have the privilege of visiting a school under the instruction of such a teacher as Mr. Moulton. He is a teacher of large experience and wide reputation. We believe he teaches, not only as a means of support, but because he loves the work. At our first visit near the commencement, we found everything moving with regularity. All the elementary principles of learning are thoroughly investigated in this school, which is necessary to a practical education. The scholars are required to think and reason for themselves, which is the true method of developing the mental powers. There is always a promptness in recitation that is gratifying. We found some fine scholars in this school. It was pleasing to see how successfully one of them conducted the recitation in natural philosophy; she seemed at home in her work. We wish this was more fully introduced into our schools.

Winter term. We were pleased to find this school under the same good tuition. Instruction in drawing has been given during the past year by Mr. M. At our last visit some fine specimens of the work were shown, which were indeed creditable to both teacher and scholars. This is a very important branch and we are glad it has met with so good approval.

## DISTRICT No. 4.

Summer term. There were but few scholars in this district who attended; these mostly small. In a school of this kind it is difficult to awaken such an interest as might be desired, yet at my last visit I found an improvement.

No winter term.

## DISTRICT No. 5.

Summer term. At my visit near commencement I found the school rather noisy; evidently there had been want of order in terms past. As the school closed suddenly on account of sickness, I was unable to visit the second time, therefore cannot state its condition at close; I believe good satisfaction was given.

Winter term. The first five weeks of this term were taught by Miss Leighton, but on account of sickness she was obliged to leave

school; Miss Allen was employed the remainder of the term. Miss A. has many excellent qualities for a teacher; she is untiring in her efforts and decided in her government. Unfortunately I could not visit it at the close; but I feel free to say that if there was any dissatisfaction it was no fault of the teacher.

#### DISTRICT No. 6.

Summer term. On my first visit I found the school orderly; both teacher and scholars seemed interested. Miss M. has good methods of imparting knowledge and a faculty of gaining the good will of her scholars. But at the second visit I found a want of interest among the scholars, also a defect in order. I think with more experience Miss M. would make a successful teacher.

Winter term. The school appeared orderly, both at commencement and close. There was good progress made in some studies, yet as a whole, there was not that improvement that might be expected.

#### DISTRICT No. 7.

Summer term. Miss Mountfort seems to be at home in the school-room; she has had considerable experience in teaching and seems to understand the wants of her scholars; she is a working teacher and the final examination showed the good results of her labor. This school in my opinion was a decided success.

Winter term. This district was very fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Morrill. Although he has had but little experience in teaching, yet it is rarely we see so much energy displayed, or such results, among teachers of larger experience. Upon entering the school-room you will at once see that Mr. M. is master of his situation. At our last visit we found there had been good improvement in all classes. There are some good scholars in this school. It is of the utmost importance that this district employ none but first-class teachers.

#### DISTRICT No. 8.

Summer term. The school appeared well at commencement; the order was good and the scholars seemed interested in their studies. At the close I found there had been good improvement in all branches pursued.

Winter term. There was a good degree of interest manifested by

both teacher and scholars; the order was very good. At my second visit it was evident the teacher had tried to do too much, yet there was creditable improvement. If the district would erect a suitable and convenient school-house I think they would receive better results.

#### DISTRICT No. 9.

Summer term. The scholars of this district are mostly small, consequently there is not that high degree of scholarship which we find in most schools, but there is good material here and under the tuition of Miss R. the scholars made good improvement. The order was very good and everything seemed to run smoothly.

Winter term. The district acted wisely in securing the same teacher for this term that they had in summer. Scholars and teacher were ready for work at once. The improvement manifested at close was highly commendable.

#### DISTRICT No. 10.

Winter term. This school has been under the instruction of an experienced teacher. At my first visit I found the school well classified; it was evident that the teacher intended for the scholars to understand everything they went over. At the final examination the scholars exhibited a creditable improvement. With the exception of some disturbance occasioned by scholars moving carelessly in their seats, the school was very orderly.

#### DISTRICT No. 11.

Summer term. At my first visit the scholars were interested and orderly, but I did not see the desirable energy on the part of the teacher. At the close I found there had been fair improvement in some branches, yet there was not the real life in the school that is necessary for success.

Winter term. This was Mr. Lord's first school. On my first visit I found Mr. L. doing all that could be expected; there was an interest manifested by the scholars. The weather being unfavorable at the last visit not many were present, but those that were there showed that their time had not been idly spent.

## DISTRICT No. 12.

Summer term. Although among her old school-mates the teacher succeeded well; good order was maintained throughout the term. The scholars seemed anxious to improve their privileges. The school was a success.

Winter term, F. B. Blanchard, teacher.

## FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

District No. 3 established and maintained a Free High School of ten weeks, under the tuition of D. O. Moulton.

Whole number of scholars attending,	39.
Average " " "	35.

The school was a success. We earnestly hope the town will establish such a school or schools the coming year.

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Amount of school money, \$2987.63, appropriated as follows .

District No. 1,	\$291 10
" " 2,	272 34
" " 3,	442 74
" " 4,	148 85
" " 5,	267 63
" " 6,	187 43
" " 7,	348 83
" " 8,	153 27
" " 9,	264 92
" " 10,	230 24
" " 11,	192 85
" " 12,	187 43

## GENERAL REMARKS.

In submitting to you the annual report of our schools, we would say that in most cases our schools have been a success, while in a few there has not been that high degree of interest and improvement that should attend our common schools, yet we think they will compare favorably with those of the past year. Still there are many imperfections in the management of our schools that must be blotted out before they fulfill purposes for which they are designed. We are willing to submit that the scholars of the present day have better facilities of education than their fathers; but is this any reason why we should stop here? Our motto should ever be, "onward and upward."

Nineteen different teachers have been employed during the past year, ten of whom belong in town.

SCHOOL-HOUSE AND SCHOOL APPARATUS :—We would call your attention to the condition of our school-houses. Although the most of them are in good repair, yet with one exception, No. 3, they all lack in some degree the necessary apparatus which is an indispensable aid to both teachers and scholars. Every district should provide their school with blackboards, globes, wall maps and a dictionary.

In conclusion, parents, will you see that your children attend school regularly? Will you not cheer and encourage both teacher and scholars by your presence in the school-room? Interest yourselves in our schools; take a pride in them; do your whole duty; then, working together in the same great cause, we shall accomplish good results.

F. B. BLANCHARD,  
Supervisor of Falmouth.

Falmouth, Feb. 20, 1874.



Tabular View of the Schools of Falmouth, for the Year ending  
February, 1874.

No. of District.	NAME OF AGENT.	NAME OF TEACHER. SUMMER TERM.	NAME OF TEACHER. WINTER TERM.	Whole No. Schol.	Length of School in days in Summer.	Length of School in days in Winter.	Wages of Teach'r pr mo. in summ'r inc. board.	Wages of Teach'r pr mo. in winter inc. board.	Price of board per week in Summer.	Price of board per week in Winter.
1	Dexter Ward,	Julia Duran,	E. H. Ramsdell,		55	65	30 00	50 00	2 50	
2	L. W. Swett,	Luie Merrill,	W. A. Anderson,	54	50	70	28 00	50 00	1 50	
3	H. M. Stone,	D. O. Moulton,	D. O. Moulton,	97	41	95	50 00	60 00		
4	F. F. Swett,	Olive Merrill,		24	60		28 32		2 08	
5	John Lambert,	Ellen Leighton,	Josie Allen,	43	34	50	32 00	40 00	3 00	
6	Fenwick Merrill,	Huldah Merrill,	Ferdinand Orne,	33	40	50	23 00	44 00	2 00	3 00
7	B. F. Hall,	Emma Mountfort,	C. W. Morrill,	74	50	56	32 00	57 00	2 00	3 00
8	Samuel Watts,	Olive Merrill,	Alma Brackett,	25	30	71	24 00	30 00		2 50
9	Charles Bailey,	Susie Roberts,	Susie Roberts,	52	50		29 00	32 00	2 25	2 25
10	Lorenzo Leighton,		Viola Kimball,	35		77		32 00		3 00
11	Nathaniel Wilson,	Lizzie Shaw,	Charles Lord,	32	40	65	30 00	37 00	2 50	3 00
12	Charles Hicks.	Ella Hadlock.	F. B. Blanchard.	33	49	60	24 00	48 00		