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## TREASURER'S REPORT.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE TOWN OF CHICHESTER FOR THE YEAR  
ENDING MARCH 1, 1884:—

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To balance in favor of town, March 1, 1883,	\$748.89
Received of N. M. Batchelder, collector,	4,952.13
N. M. Batchelder, summer highway tax,	3.47
State treasurer, railroad tax,	184.13
“ “ savings bank tax,	749.50
“ “ literary fund,	99.96
County treasurer, pauper account,	310.83
B. Sanborn, unexpended hearse money,	5.55
Charles Stanyan, use of hearse,	6.00
N. T. Edmunds, for old plank,	1.25
Selectmen, balance on old hearse,	25.20
	\$7,086.91

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By paid amount of town orders of selectmen during past year, numbered from No. 1 to 137 inclusive,	\$4,724.32
Matured town bonds,	1,000.00
Accrued interest on town bonds,	500.00
Accrued interest unpaid in 1883,	14.00
	\$6,238.32
Amount of receipts,	\$7,086.91
“ expenditures,	6,238.32
	\$848.59

CHARLES A. LANGMAID, *Treasurer.*

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the town treasurer for the fiscal year ending March 1, 1884, and find them correctly cast and supported by proper vouchers.

CHARLES LAKE, }  
GEORGE M. MUNSEY, } *Auditors.*

CHICHESTER, March 3, 1884.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The selectmen submit the following report of the receipts and expenditures of the town of Chichester for the year ending March 1, 1884 :

The sum available for expenditures during the year, is as follows :

Cash in hands of treasurer, March 1, 1883,	\$748.89
Resident money taxes, non-resident money taxes, non-resident highway taxes and highway winter taxes, of 1883,	4,915.13
Tax on dogs,	37.00
Savings bank taxes,	749.50
Railroad tax,	184.13
Literary fund,	99.96
County, for pauper account,	310.83
Old hearse and runners,	32.00
Amount of highway summer taxes unworked,	3.47
C. Stanyan, use of hearse,	6.00
	\$7,086.91

### EXPENDITURES.

The expenditures of the year have been as follows :

Paid State tax,	\$780.00
County tax,	877.45
For support of schools,	962.46
Religious societies,	51.88
County pauper bills,	310.83
County pauper bills since settlement with commissioners,	34.56
Town pauper bills,	142.16
Repair of roads and bridges,	254.36
Incidental expenses,	665.73
Abatement of taxes,	16.61
Town officers,	304.12
Damage to sheep by dogs,	54.00
Matured town bonds paid,	1,000.00

Paid coupons paid on town bonds,	\$500.00
Breaking roads,	250.21
Literary fund paid to S. A. Kendall,	19.95
Coupons paid for 1883,	14.00
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	\$6,238.32
Receipts,	\$7,086.91
Expenditures,	6,238.32
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Cash in hands of treasurer,	\$848.59

## EXPENDITURES.

## RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES.

Paid Congregational Society,	\$23.89
Methodist Society,	16.51
Baptist Society,	7.48
Advent Society,	4.00
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	\$51.88

## SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid School District No. 1,	\$132.85
"        "        2,	144.73
"        "        4,	124.40
"        "        5,	104.38
"        "        6,	185.25
"        "        7,	69.53
"        "        8,	145.20
"        "        9,	56.12
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	\$962.46

## COUNTY PAUPER BILLS.

Paid G. P. Haines, supplies for J. Puffer,	\$5.50
G. P. Haines, supplies for Mrs. T. B. Marston,	3.00
G. P. Haines, supplies for D. Mathes,	43.71
Joseph Morse, supplies for Mrs. W. H. Sargent,	2.00
Joseph Morse, supplies for True B. Marston,	78.00
Charles Lake, wood for D. Mathes,	18.37
H. T. Leavitt, supplies for F. Jenness,	3.00
Hannah Morgan, for aid,	32.00

Paid E. Bailey, board of Sally Brown,	\$91.00
E. Bailey, shoes for Sally Brown,	2.00
A. H. French, M. D., medical aid for Daniel Mathes,	5.00
A. H. French, M. D., " " Sally Brown,	13.00
Rev. Joseph Harvey, services at funeral of Persis Bennett,	3.00
A. H. French, M. D., medical aid for True B. Marston,	3.25
Lewis Bunker, coffin for Mrs. Buzzell,	8.00
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	\$310.83

COUNTY PAUPER BILLS PAID SINCE SETTLEMENT WITH COMMISSIONERS.

Paid M. F. Smith, M. D., medical aid for True B. Marston,	\$6.56
L. Bunker, coffin for True B. Marston,	10.00
Supplies for J. Puffer,	13.00
M. F. Smith, M. D., medical aid for Daniel Mathes,	5.00
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	34.56

TOWN PAUPER BILL.

Paid N. H. Asylum, board of Sarah J. Wood,	\$142.16
DAMAGE TO SHEEP BY DOGS.	
Paid Charles Lake,	\$30.00
J. C. Reed,	12.00
John Shaw,	7.00
Stephen Perkins,	5.00
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	\$54.00

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid J. P. Staniels, non-resident tax receipt,	\$0.54
B. Shaw, repairs in Dist. No. 7,	1.85
L. W. Towle, non-resident tax receipt,	2.46
J. P. Staniels, " " "	2.46
J. Morse, spikes,	.48
Wilder Hall, cutting bushes in Dist. No. 17,	2.50
Wilder Hall, non-resident tax receipt,	1.97
G. M. Warren, labor on Holmes bridge,	.75
G. M. Warren, labor on Joy road,	.50
G. M. Warren, labor on Mason bridge,	.96
C. H. Towle, cutting bushes and repairing road in Dist. No. 10,	4.80

Paid C. Lake, labor and men employed repairing Centre road,	\$22.12
H. Carpenter, labor and men employed repairing Turnpike road,	190.00
L. Ambrose, labor in Dist. No. 2,	11.61
L. Ambrose, non-resident tax receipt,	2.00
John Mason, " " "	3.08
W. S. Parker, " " "	3.98
John K. Towle, " " "	.62
John K. Towle, labor on road,	1.68
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	\$254.36

## BREAKING ROADS.

Paid C. F. Lane, District No. 1,	\$16.71
Harris Clough, " 2,	11.37
J. W. Smith, " 3,	12.66
J. T. Lake, " 4,	2.52
C. H. Carpenter, " 5,	10.32
C. Lake, " 6,	13.40
B. Shaw, " 7,	15.68
A. A. Groves, " 9,	17.86
W. Langley, " 10,	2.75
C. A. Langmaid, " 11,	4.25
P. C. Hutchinson, " 12,	19.26
H. S. Edgerly, " 13,	21.66
L. W. Towle, " 14,	8.40
James Hook, " 15,	12.36
C. Stanyan, " 19,	2.04
O. C. Phillips, " 20,	8.80
J. L. Satarley, " 16,	6.84
G. W. West, " 22,	12.07
C. H. Towle, " 21,	5.46
W. S. Moulton, " 23,	8.00
W. L. Glidden,	1.48
Harris Clough, " 2,	2.32
C. Lake, breaking Centre road,	3.75
C. Stanyan, breaking Range road,	.48
C. A. Langmaid, breaking Turnpike road,	3.60

Paid S. D. Edgerly, District No. 4,	\$12.75
J. S. Sanborn, breaking roads,	3.12
C. A. Langmaid, breaking Turnpike road,	4.00
S. W. Langmaid, breaking roads,	6.30
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	\$250.21

## INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid Arthur W. Silsby, att'y for Daniel W. Mann, in settlement and discharge of the suit Daniel W. Mann v. Town of Chichester,	\$100.00
J. B. Sanborn, check-lists,	.60
Evans, Sleeper & Woodbury, printing posters,	1.00
G. W. Lane, perambulating line between Loudon and Chichester, and Pembroke and Chichester,	4.00
Benjamin Shaw, perambulating line between Loudon and Chichester, and Pembroke and Chichester,	4.50
Noah G. Edmunds, perambulating lines between Loudon and Chichester, and Pembroke and Chichester,	4.50
G. M. Warren, perambulating lines,	4.50
G. M. Warren, expenses paid in perambulating lines,	1.00
G. M. Warren, stationery,	.56
D. T. Brown, insuring town-house,	10.00
Express on reports,	.25
A. Deering, for books,	.65
Charles Stanyan, $\frac{1}{2}$ cord wood,	2.50
Charles Lake, damage to team,	2.00
A. H. French, M. D., certificates of births and deaths,	2.50
N. W. Bean, M. D., certificates of births and deaths,	2.25
Postage,	.38
Evans, Sleeper & Woodbury, printing town reports,	24.00
Evans, Sleeper & Woodbury, printing town orders,	4.50
J. B. Sanborn, stationery,	3.74
For hearse,	400.00
For runners and fixtures,	50.45
Charles Stanyan, care of hearse,	2.00
Charles Stanyan, services as committee to buy hearse,	4.00
Charles Stanyan, services making sale of old hearse,	1.00



Paid Charles Stanyan, journey to Concord after hearse,	\$2.00
Charles Stanyan, for lock,	.25
Charles Stanyan, labor grading at hearse-house,	2.50
Charles Stanyan, repairing door,	.75
Benning Sanborn, services as committee to buy hearse,	7.00
Benning Sanborn, services making sale of old hearse,	.50
Benning Sanborn, drawing hearse and runners from Concord,	2.50
John W. Severence, services as committee to buy hearse,	2.00
W. L. Foster, counsel fee,	2.00
G. M. Warren, team to Epsom,	1.00
G. M. Warren, car fare,	.60
M. F. Smith, certificates of births and deaths,	1.50
G. M. Warren, journey to Loudon and Pittsfield to notify selectmen,	1.00
S. W. Langmaid, board of town officers,	9.75
N. G. Edmunds, labor grading at hearse-house,	1.50
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	\$665.73

#### ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Benjamin Lake, loss of horse,	\$0.25
Charles A. Langmaid, overtaxed,	2.80
N. S. Marston, loss of buildings,	3.57
William Carroll, loss of cow,	.29
Asa F. Hutchinson, overtaxed,	2.26
J. O. Merrill, physical disability,	2.61
C. E. West, tax paid in Pittsfield,	1.61
Horace G. West, tax paid in Mass.,	1.61
W. Whittemore, tax paid in Enfield,	1.61
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	\$16.61

#### TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid N. M. Batchelder, services as collector of taxes,	\$49.52
S. A. Kendall, services as school committee,	35.00
Charles Lake, services as auditor,	1.50
G. M. Warren, services as selectman,	45.23
G. M. Warren, care of poor,	5.37

Paid G. M. Warren, four journeys to Concord,	\$9.00
N. G. Edmunds, services as selectman,	47.25
N. G. Edmunds, six journeys to Concord,	12.00
N. G. Edmunds, care of poor,	6.25
B. Shaw, services as selectman,	41.00
J. W. Severence, services as auditor,	2.00
C. A. Langmaid, services as treasurer,	35.00
C. A. Langmaid, services as town clerk,	15.00
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	\$304.12

## TOWN FUND.

Parsonage fund, loaned to town,	\$864.66
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## TOWN PROPERTY.

Town-house, at cost,	475.00
Hearse and hearse-house,	500.00
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	\$975.00

## DUE THE TOWN.

Cash in hands of treasurer,	\$848.59
Amount of highway summer taxes unworked for 1882,	14.95
County for support of poor since settlement with commissioners,	34.56
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	\$898.10

## INDEBTEDNESS OF TOWN.

Outstanding town bonds,	\$11,250.00
Parsonage fund,	864.66
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	\$12,114.66
Deduct amount due the town,	898.10
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Total indebtedness of town,	\$11,216.56

GEORGE M. WARREN, } *Selectmen*  
 NOAH G. EDMUNDS, } *of*  
 BENJAMIN SHAW, } *Chichester.*

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the selectmen for the fiscal year ending March 1, 1884, and find them correctly cast and supported by proper vouchers.

CHARLES LAKE,  
GEORGE M. MUNSEY, } *Auditors.*

CHICHESTER, March 3, 1884.

REPORT  
OF  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF CHICHESTER,  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1884.

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During the year now closing we have been especially favored in having secured teachers of experience and established reputation ; only two of the whole number being without previous experience in teaching, and these were both well qualified and faithful instructors. For all this we gladly give the credit to our prudential committees.

Our school-houses are substantially in the same condition as last year—all in fair repair, and some are well adapted to the purpose. There have been wonderful improvements made in school furniture, and I should rejoice to see all our school-rooms equipped with seats and desks both agreeable to the eye and comfortable to the occupant. In one instance a school-room is without a suitable chair for teacher or visitor. In others more and better blackboards are needed. These are matters which some may consider unimportant, but it is doubtless true that neglect on the part of parents in any of these directions is noted by keen observing minds, and becomes an excuse for carelessness in more important concerns. I am glad to believe that a wise liberality towards our schools is becoming popular. Five of our districts (by subscription) have furnished their schools with "The Complete School Chart," which doubtless prove a great help, especially awakening in the younger scholars a desire to know more of the branches thus prominently outlined before them. In fact, although but recently introduced, much use has already been made of them and with gratifying results.

The State law directs that a certain part of the literary fund shall be used each year for the purchase of books, maps, etc., for the use of schools. The selectmen have entrusted to me the amount, \$19.95, to be expended for this purpose. The purchases, as soon as made, will be delivered to the several prudential committees, and any unexpended balance returned to the treasury.

The number of children in town, between the ages of five and fifteen, is reported by the selectmen, as follows: Boys, 72; girls, 59; total, 131.

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### SPECIAL REPORTS.

#### DISTRICT NO. 1.

Prudential Committee, John H. Warren.

Teacher, both terms, Miss Emma M. Caswell.

Having taught in this district last year, the teacher was enabled to enter upon her work with many advantages arising from her thorough acquaintance with both parents and children. She evidently understood her duty, and, what is more important, had the rare tact and ability to place herself in entire sympathy with all her scholars, thereby overcoming diffidence, and enabling her to give effectual encouragement and aid to all who needed help. The classes in reading, spelling, arithmetic, and grammar all showed very marked progress, and other recitations were almost equally praiseworthy. The second term was like the first, and showed a steady advance in all branches of study. Good order and entire harmony of thought and feeling between teacher and scholars were marked characteristics. As far as I can learn both terms were satisfactory to the citizens of the district, a goodly number of whom were present on the closing days, and thus able to judge intelligently for themselves.

#### DISTRICT NO. 2.

Prudential Committee, Nathaniel Wiggin.

Teacher, both terms, John P. Brown.

This school, though the smallest in number of scholars, has fully sustained its former good reputation. A thoroughly qualified and skillful teacher, and earnest, industrious scholars, have made the school successful in all lines of effort.

The second term here, also, was but a continuation of the first—order excellent, and the interest fully sustained. Classes in arithmetic and book-keeping showed almost perfect familiarity with their subject, while other recitations were quite spirited and accurate.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Prudential Committee, Josiah P. Staniels.

Teacher, first term, Miss Florence A. Dow.

Teacher, second term, Miss Sarah E. Clarke.

The teacher of the summer term having had no previous experience in teaching, although well qualified in all respects, showed at first some diffidence of manner, of which in some schools advantage might have been taken. Thoroughly self-possessed, however, she appeared to govern easily and well, and on the closing day the various classes gave evidence of having been carefully drilled. Judging by the recitations I then heard I consider the term a creditable one to both teacher and scholars.

The second term, in charge of Miss Clarke, was a very successful one. Dull, obsolete methods were replaced by more modern ideas. Object teaching was given a prominent place. Pupils were taught to think for themselves, and to express their thoughts clearly, and with entire accuracy. The appearance of the various classes indicated that they were all interested and ready and willing to learn, and at the examination my expectations were fully realized, nearly every scholar performing their part promptly and well.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Prudential Committee, Warren Glidden.

Teacher, first term, Miss Alice C. Ladd.

Teacher, second term, Miss Alice German.

The summer term was in all respects a model school. The instruction was of a very high order. The methods employed in teaching arithmetic I have never seen surpassed. The reading was, as a rule, done understandingly, and the smaller classes showed very great progress. A foundation was also laid for the study of grammar by exercises (in second and third reader classes) in naming the different parts of speech, as found in the reading lessons. To this feature, suggested by our "readers," I would invite the atten-

tion of every teacher, in the hope that it may be more generally used and improved upon as opportunity offers. The order was good, and in many particulars the school deserves more commendation than we have space here to bestow.

Second term.—Miss German, without experience as a teacher, was employed for the winter term. At our first visit it was evident that no mistake had been made, and that the school was entering upon a prosperous term. At the close, in spite of inclement weather, I was gratified to find that many of the parents had come in to see for themselves what was being and what had been done. The younger classes were apparently outstripping their elders, and should they continue as they began their standard of scholarship will soon be materially raised. The discipline was good, and the exercises of the closing afternoon showed that, with hardly an exception, all the pupils took pride in their teacher and their school.

#### DISTRICT No. 6.

Prudential Committee, Augustus Shelden.

Teacher, first term, Miss Carrie E. Putnam.

Teacher, second and third terms, Mr. John P. Brown.

The summer term opened with a teacher of long experience and good reputation. At my first visit I was not satisfied with the order kept, and so told the teacher. She assured me, however, that her method of government had always been successful, and that she would get everything into good shape in a very few days. At the end of the school I found that several of the younger scholars took liberties which seemed to detract seriously from the appearance of the school. Some seemed to have made good progress. Still there appeared to be a lack of unity of purpose, so much so that each pupil seemed to have done about as suited their own inclination. As far as capacity for teaching was concerned, there was no lack. But a long experience in schools of another class had convinced her that the smaller pupils could bear but little restriction; so that little disorders became common, and this was a great drawback to what would otherwise have been a good school.

During the fall and winter terms, under the care of Mr. Brown, the mistakes of the summer term were corrected, and as far as might be, remedied. Good order was maintained, and this alone

would have been a great improvement. The school being large, and divided into many classes, increased the labors of the teacher and rendered the time of each recitation short, so that each scholar could claim but a small share of attention. Yet the results at the several examinations were such as to satisfy the visitors as well as your committee. In arithmetic and book-keeping the classes evinced promptness and a good degree of accuracy. Thorough work appeared to be the rule, and in all respects the school has advanced its standing.

UNION DISTRICT, No. 8.

Prudential Committee, Miss M. R. Brigham.

Teacher, first term, Miss Georgia L. Powell.

Teacher, second term, Miss Minnie A. Batchelder.

The teacher of the summer term tried hard to make her school a good one, and with a good degree of success. While present in the school-room I saw indications of a disposition among some of the boys to hang back, a disinclination to yield to the authority of the teacher. This was met firmly, and in a good measure overcome. At the close, the classes generally answered readily, though there were some instances where a good deal more interest in study would seem very desirable.

The winter term, taught by Miss Batchelder, was a very long one, and as is usual many pupils left before it closed. The discipline was firm and effective, and the teacher spared no efforts to make the term both pleasant and profitable to all who wished to learn. At the close, owing to the bad travelling and other causes, only half the scholars were in school. Those present answered questions readily and clearly in most cases. In arithmetic two classes were prominent, and one scholar in particular showed a very definite knowledge of the problems assigned him. Others appeared to be but little behind in this respect, and the positive way in which most answers were given was in striking contrast to the guess-work, of which we saw but little.

CHICHESTER AND LOUDON UNION DISTRICT, No. 1.

Prudential Committee, William B. Hill.

Teacher, first term, Miss Mabel Osgood.



Teacher, second term, Mr. C. E. Harvey.

I visited the summer school at its beginning, and saw no reason to doubt its success. At its close, could see that fair progress had been made.

The winter term was in charge of a teacher who seemed to be doing his best, and the school at the beginning appeared well. At the close, did not hear any classes, but upon inquiry was satisfied that everything passed off satisfactorily.

CHICHESTER AND LOUDON UNION DISTRICT, No. 2.

Prudential Committee, George M. Munsey.

Teacher, both terms, Miss Lilla A. Merrill.

This has been called a backward school, but under Miss Merrill's wide-awake, energetic teaching, improvement is visible, and now it is not far, at any rate, behind others in similar situations. Scholars differ in all schools, and this is no exception. We look confidently to see the improvement continue in coming years.

## STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of District.	Summer or Winter.	Names of Teachers.	No. of Weeks of School.	No. of Scholars.														
				Whole No. of Scholars.	No. in Reading and Spelling.	No. in Penmanship.	No. in Arithmetic.	No. in Geography.	No. in Grammar.	No. in History.	No. in Drawing.	No. in Physiology.	No. in Book-keeping.	No. in Algebra.	No. over 5 yrs. old in sch. 2 wks.	No. in P. ilosophy.	No. in Composition.	No. betw. 5 and 15 not in sch.
No. 1.	Sum'r.	Emma M. Caswell.	7	22	18	15	15	11	5									
	Wint'r.	Emma M. Caswell.	12	21	21	17	16	13	6		1							
2.	Sum'r.	John P. Brown.	8	14	14	7	11	6	4									
	Wint'r.	John P. Brown.	10	17	17	10	14	8	6									
4.	Sum'r.	Florence A. Dow.	73-5	19	19	13	12	8	5									
	Wint'r.	Sarah E. Clarke.	113-5	20	20	8	14	5	5									2
5.	Sum'r.	Alice C. Ladd.	7	16	16	16	16	8	14		8	15						
	Wint'r.	Alice German.	11	23	23	19	18	11	5									
6.	Sum'r.	Carrie E. Putnam.	8	31	31	19	14	9	14									
	Fall.	John P. Brown.	6	37	37	12	28	6	9									
8.	Wint'r.	John P. Brown.	12	40	40	15	34	16	12									
	Sum'r.	Georgia L. Powell.	8	30	30	2	14	11	6		2							
*1.	Wint'r.	Min'e A. Batchelder.	16	33	33	18	24	8	12		2							
	Sum'r.	Mabel Osgood.	9	3	3	2	2	1	1									
*2.	Wint'r.	C. E. Harvey.	9	5	5	4	2	2	2									
	Sum'r.	Lilla A. Merrill.	8	12	12	8	8	4	6		2							
	Wint'r.	Lilla A. Merrill.	9	12	12	10	8	5	5									

\*1. Chichester and Loudon Union, No. 1.

\*2. Chichester and Loudon Union, No. 2.