

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TREASURER, AUDITORS,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF HENNIKER,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

FEB., 1857.

CONCORD:
JONES & COGSWELL PRINTERS,
1857.

REPORT.

*Horace Gibson in account with the Town of Henniker as
Treasurer, for A. D. 1856,* DR.

To cash remaining in the hands of Treasurer for 1855,	\$898 32
“ received of A. Winship, it being the Literary Fund money,	110 88
“ received of Jacob Straw, town agent for the sale of liquors, for 1855,	30 75
“ received of David L. Cogswell, town agent for the sale of liquors, for 1856,	61 12
“ received from State, Railroad tax,	72 80
“ received from Jas. P. Baker, collector, at sundry times,	3.459 84
“ received of Jas. P. Baker, highway surveyor in Dist. No. 10, money collected and not expended,	23 00
	\$4.656 71

Horace Gibson, aforesaid, in account with the Town of Henniker, for A. D. 1856, CR.

Paid Wm. Berry, State Treasurer, the State tax, ...	\$ 389 90
“ T. B. Martin, County Treasurer, county tax, ...	777 83
“ N. H. Asylum for the support of Jane Whitney, pauper,	105 92
“ N. H. Asylum for the support of Paul C. Abbott, pauper,	108 23
“ Stephen S. Bean, school commissioner,	32 42

Paid David Stevens, for boarding and nursing Anna Chase from March 2nd, to July 6th, 1856,	\$22 50
" David Stevens, for boarding and nursing Anna Chase from July 6th, to July 17th, 1856,...	2 00
" the town of Somersworth for the support of James A. Gove's child,.....	9 89
" Dr. Jacob Straw, for services as agent for the sale of spirituous liquors,.....	30 00
" Dr. Jacob Straw, for cash advanced for liquors,.	17 64
" Oliver Pillsbury, jr., for cash advanced for support of Lucinda Kezer, & journey to Weare,	29 25
" Mrs. Abigail Kezer for boarding and nursing Lucinda Kezer from Feb. 27, to May 28, 1856,.....	32 50
" Mrs. Abigail Kezer for boarding and nursing Lucinda Kezer from May 28th to Sept. 24, 1856,.....	42 50
" Jeremiah Foster, for paying bills for boarding, nursing, medicine, and funeral expenses for Lucinda Kezer,.....	15 00
" Joseph B. Colby, for time and expense to Somersworth, on pauper business,.....	10 14
" Jeremiah Foster, for time and expense to Somersworth, on pauper business,.....	16 46
" Oliver Pillsbury, jr., for recording taxes in 1856 and services as selectman in 1855,.....	6 50
" Peterson & Horton for attendance on Lucinda Kezer from March 1st to Sept. 8, 1856,..	1 50
" Jones & Cogswell, for printing Town Reports,..	15 00
" Luther L. Williams, for boarding Asa Richardson and family four days,.....	5 00
" Eri Colby, for cash advanced for the support of Mehitable Withington,.....	7 33
" Levi Connor, for putting up six guide posts,....	3 00
" Eri Colby, for cash advanced and expenses to Croydon, after pauper,.....	12 75
" Eri Colby, for journey to Deering on pauper business,.....	2 00
" Eri Colby, for cash advanced for a supporter for Alvin Whitman,.....	2 50
" Miss L. B. Howe, for grave clothes for Anna Chase,.....	2 75
" David L. Cogswell, for furnishing a bier for the use of the grave yard near town house,	2 50

Paid David Plumer, Prudential Committee, Dis. No. 1,	\$107 46
" William Cheney, " " " 2,	61 28
" Harrison Morrill, " " " 3,	76 34
" Cyrus R. Bacon, " " " 4,	97 94
" Charles H. Woods, " " " 5,	128 16
" Joseph B. Colby, " " " 6,	92 32
" Thomas W. Sargent, " " " 7,	125 32
" Samuel B. Heath, " " " 8,	101 45
" Parker Smith, " " " 9,	45 00
" John A. Newton, " " " 10,	69 72
" Harrison A. Rice, " " " 11,	188 07
" John K. Connor, " " " 12,	56 58
" Joseph H. Mathews, " " " 13,	60 14
" Walter Felch, his pro'n of school and Lit. Fund,	4 74
" George W. Hoyt, " " " "	2 76
" K. G. Morrill, " " " "	8 74
" Andrew D. Favor, for hay delivered to Thomas Livingston,.....	6 50
" Andrew D. Favor, for pasturing Thomas Livingston's cow in 1855,.....	6 00
" John Barnes, for plowing for Thos. Livingston, .	1 50
" Timo. Emerson, shoemaking for " " "	2 00
" Nahum Colby, for hay delivered to " " "	6 30
" Jesse Webster, for cloth " " "	4 02
" Hanson & Rice, for 2½ cords wood " " "	6 75
" Zebulon Foster, pasturing cow 1856, " " "	6 00
" James Wilkins, for coffin for Anna Chase,.....	3 50
" Charles Knott, painting guide boards,.....	3 27
" Wm. B. Swett, cupboard for use of town farm,.	4 00
" Hiram M. Davis, for notifying town officers, plank for bridge and labor,.....	17 56
" Morrill & Silsby, for stationery,.....	2 42
" Caleb D. Perry, for boarding Mrs. Sarah Pressey, from Dec. 8th, 1856 to Feb. 9th, 1857,	9 00
" Morrison & Fitch, for term fees and services in case of Town vs. C. V. R. Railroad,.....	45 00
" Baker & Peabody, for legal advice rendered the town in 1853,.....	5 00
" Jeremiah Foster, for cash advanced to the town of Salisbury for assistance rendered Moses Dolby,.....	27 55
" Jeremiah Foster, for journey to Concord to procure stationery,.....	2 75
" Annas Goss, for work on bridge,.....	1 00

Paid John C. Ray, for work on bridge,	\$ 75
" Wm. O. Flanders for lumber and work on bridge,	3 50
" Elijah P. Flanders, for work on highway,	2 50
" A. D. L. F. Conner, for repairing bridge,	1 00
" D. D. Perry, for plank and repairing bridge, . . .	3 68
" Jeremiah Foster, for balance due for services as selectman last year,	2 50
" Jeremiah Foster, for money advanced to the town of Salisbury, for Moses Dolby's family,	2 75
" Jeremiah Foster, for money advanced to Jas. F. Briggs, for services,	4 13
" Jas. P. Baker, for the amount of non-resident highway taxes,	29 87
" G. W. Hoyt, for breaking roads last year,	12 44
" John K. Connor, " " "	3 54
" Israel P. Dodge, " " "	2 19
" Joshua H. Colby, " " "	13 66
" Wm. H. Conner, " " "	6 65
" Levi C. Newton, " " "	6 80
" Warren Gove, " " "	4 00
" Geo. A. Eastman, " " "	1 60
" Carlos Childs, " " "	9 52
" Geo. W. Chase, " " "	1 36
" Micajah Peaslee, " " "	18 88
" Winthrop Dow, " " "	6 73
" Ezra Eastman, " " "	1 51
" Elijah B. Huntington, " " "	1 20
" Asa Gordon, " " "	7 09
" Hanson & Rice, breaking roads, Parker Smith's District, by order of the selectmen,	4 00
" Squire Dow, breaking roads last year,	5 36
" Josephus Smith for taking care of the town house furnishing wood and repairing windows, . . .	7 00
" Eri Colby, for journey to Washington on pauper business and expense at Concord, in suit Colby vs. Town,	9 21
" Moses Brown, for services and expenses as agent in Wadsworth's and Colby's suits against the town, to Feb. 19th, 1857,	61 19
" Moses Brown, for cash advanced to witnesses in suits,	42 48
" David L. Cogswell, cash advanced for liquors, . .	49 27
" Samuel W. Morrison, for services as agent on town farm for the year 1855,	250 00

Paid Sam'l W. Morrison, for paying bills against the town farm,	\$299 23
" Dr. W. W. Wilkins, for attendance and medicine for Peleg W. Smith, from Jan. 28th, to Feb. 26, 1857,	16 60
" Dr. B. F. Skinner, for consultation with Dr. Wilkins, on Peleg W. Smith's case,	2 00
" Jonathan Gordon, for sawing and splitting one cord of wood for Peleg W. Smith,	1 00
" Nath'l Paige, jr., for repairing two bridges in his district,	3 00
" James P. Baker, for collecting taxes in 1856, . .	40 00
" James P. Baker, for abatement of taxes in 1855 as follows:	
Hartwell L. Brooks,	\$1 27
Richard Brownigg,	1 27
Thomas Brownigg,	1 27
Asa Connor,	1 93
Hosea Davis,	1 27
Alpha Smith,	1 27
Peleg W. Smith,	1 27
John C. Darling,	1 27
Daniel F. Collins,	2 86
Charles Colby,	1 38
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	15 06
" A. D. L. F. Connor, for abatement of Hosea Davis' tax in 1853,	1 72
" Jeremiah Foster, for nine days attendance at the court of common pleas at four different times during the season, as witness,	9 00
" Jeremiah Foster, for expenses same time,	8 50
" " " cash advanced to J. F. Briggs for advice in pauper case, recording deed of gravel pit, blanks and postage,	2 35
" Jeremiah Foster, three journeys to Weare on pauper business,	5 50
" Jeremiah Foster, two days at Salisbury and Bos- cawen on pauper business, and expenses, . .	6 00
" Jeremiah Foster, for two bridge stringers and other bridge timber,	3 50
" Jeremiah Foster, for work on bridge,	1 25
" Rev. J. M. R. Eaton, services as S. S. Com., . .	20 00
" Warren S. Childs, " " " . .	10 00
" Rev. Elijah R. Wilkins, " " " . .	6 75

Paid Gibson & Cogswell, for goods del. T. Livingston, Peleg W. Smith, and stationery,.....	\$4 41
“ Horace Gibson, services as town clerk,	16 00
“ “ “ for preparing town Reports for press for 1855, and for services as treasurer for 1856,	16 00
“ Jeremiah Foster, services as selectman for 1856,	35 00
“ Eri Colby, “ “ “	29 28
“ Joseph B. Colby, “ “ “	30 50
“ Silas Colby, for expense of town officers,.....	21 75
“ Joel M. Howe, for one cord wood delivered to Peleg W. Smith,	2 50
“ Imri Woods, for services as auditing committee,.	1 00
“ D. L. Cogswell, “ “ “	1 00
“ Cash remaining in the hands of the Treasurer,.	381 30
	\$4.656 71

The foregoing accounts are correctly cast and properly vouched.

DAVID L COGSWELL, } *Auditing*
IMRI WOODS, } *Com.*

Condition of the Finances of the Town

Estimated amount of bills outstanding,.....	\$100 00
Due Agent on Town Farm,.....	250 00
Est. bills for breaking roads this winter,....	550 00
	\$900 00
Cash remaining in hands of the Treasurer,..	381 30
	\$518 70

Audited by the undersigned, this 27th day of Feb. 1857.

D. L. COGSWELL, } *Auditing*
IMRI WOODS, } *Com.*

PAUPER ESTABLISHMENT.

Sam'l W. Morrison in account with the Town of Henniker, Dr.

To amount of real and personal property, as per inventory taken by selectmen, Feb. 26th, 1856,.....	\$3.713 28
Interest on same,	222 79
Agent's compensation,	250 00

Other bills as follows :

Paid for 64 lbs. sugar, 6.50 ; flour, 36.50 ; 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ galls. molasses, 8.69 ; salt, 4.66 ; corn, 12 ; rye, 13.50 ; coffee, 24 lbs. 3.05 ; pork, 337 lbs. 38.18 ; beef, 40 lbs. 2.80 ; wagon, 46.00 ; threshing, 3.25 ; plaster, 1.56 ; fish 172 lbs. 8.36 . mackerel, 4.61 ; tea, 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. 10.59 ; tobacco, 15 lbs. 1.95 ; boots and shoes, 15.25 ; doctoring and medicine, 7.25 ; 2 hoes, 1.00 ; shovel, 1.12 ; 14 lbs. salaratus, .84 ; 3 lbs. cream tartar, 1.20 ; cloth and trimmings, 5.19 ; files, .40 ; soap, .39 ; nails and screws, .58 ; grass seed, 5.99 ; axe and helves, 1.60 ; 3 butter tubs, .93 ; spices, .83 ; snuff, .12 ; crackers, .75 ; needles, .15 ; lime, .52 ; 3 pails, .70 ; stocking yarn, .44 ; thread, .36 ; wash tub, 1.12 . scythe and snaths, 2.58 ; hay fork, .67 ; rakes, .50 ; door handle, .08 ; 2 table cloths, 1.50 ; oil, 1.25 ; miscellaneous, 3.00 ; cotton cloth, 163 yds. 16.85 ; flannel, 10 3-8 yds. 3.98 ; tin ware, 6.86 ; repairing pump, 1.25 ; neat stock, 164.00 ; labor, 14.08 ; ox yoke, 3.00 ; ox work, 2.00 ; 3 pigs, 7.25 ; hats, 1.75 ; clothes, 6.00 ; boiler, .2 clothes basket, .50 ; harness, 8.00 ; carding wool, .25 ; beans, .25 ; coopering, .70 ; 2 stoves, 4.50 ; use of plough, 1.00 ; repairing harness, .42 ; 5 lbs. wool, 2.10 ; seed, 6.00 ; pasturing, 2.67 ; funeral expenses, 4.00 ; digging 3 graves, 5.00 ; blacksmithing, 7.65 stove pipe, 2.30 ; 2 coffins, 7.00 ; tailoring, .40 ; goods of O. C. Fisher, 11.52 ; brick, 1.50 ; soap barrel, .50 ; matches, .20 ; rice, .13 ; whole amounting to,.....

Total debtor, 554 20
\$4.740 27

CREDIT.

By real estate, \$2.600 00
 By personal property, as per inventory of selectmen, taken

Feb. 25th, 1857, as follows:

11½ tons hay, 138.00; corn fodder, and straw, 6.00;
 36 bush. corn, 36.00; 3 bush wheat, 5.25; 4 bush.
 oats, 2.00; neat stock and horse, 385.00; 2 shotes,
 32.00; 27 lbs. dried apples, 2.70; 2¾ bush. beans,
 5.50; 1¼ bbls. soap, 5.00; 1½ bbl. cider, 2.00; 100
 bush. potatoes, 60.00; 63 lbs. lard, 8.82; 57 lbs.
 tallow, 6.84; 27 lbs. butter, 55.0; 225 lbs. beef,
 18.00; 275 lbs. pork, 38.50; 113 lbs. cheese, 14.12;
 farming tools and furniture, 325.00. amounting to, . . . 1.096 23

Also by the following articles sold:

104 lbs. butter, 19.98; 89 lbs. dried apple, 3.56;
 2 bbls. apples, 2.75; 2 hides, 10 62; 52½ lbs. cheese,
 6.54; labor, 6.58; poultry, 10.37; barrel, .15; neat
 stock, 137.50; colt, 28.00; 30 lbs. lard, 4.50; 3
 calves, 12.90; knitting, 11.52; amounting to, 254 97

Whole amount of credit, \$3.951 20
 Balance against the farm, \$789 07

RECORD OF PAUPERS.

Alvin Whitman, aged	70	Joshua Dolby, until Oct. 1st, .	45
David Purinton,	80	Hiram Colby, from May 20th, .	37
Salome Leslie,	40	Dorcas Stone, until Aug. 13th, .	83
Betsey Joslyn,	81	Nancy Gould, until Jan, 12th, .	98
Mehitable Kezer,	80	Ed. K. Gove, since Nov. 20th, .	2
Betsey Purinton,	72	Harriet B. Gove, since Dec. 9th, .	4
Betsey Putney,	68	Judith Hardy, since Feb. 4th, .	70

Whole number, 14. Present number, 11.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DISTRICT No. 1. *Summer Term.* SARAH C. HOWE, Teacher. Mrs. Howe was successful as usual with this school, and there was evidence of progress, particularly with a class of young ladies.

Winter Term. CHARLES A. MILTON, Teacher. This school was a failure. It is noted as being a hard one to manage in winter, and the teacher, this term, was too young and inexperienced. Yet no scholar can be justified in being impudent or disrespectful to his teacher, as has been the case in this school.

DIST. No. 2. *Winter Term.* HIRAM B. CHENEY, Teacher. The school was quite small, and had but one term during the year. In looking in upon it in the early part of the term, the various classes appeared well and seemed to be pursuing the right direction to ensure success.

DIST. No. 3. *Summer Term.* MARIA H. BERRY, Teacher. This was the first effort of Miss B. in teaching, and we were glad to find that she possessed the requisites of a good teacher. The order of the school-room, and the progress of the scholars in their various studies were highly satisfactory.

Winter Term. THOMAS A. WIGGIN, Teacher. We cannot speak so well of the winter term. Some of the scholars made tolerable progress in their studies, but there was a lack of good order, and energy on the part of the teacher, consequently the school was not so profitable as could have been desired.

DIST. No. 4. *Summer Term.* H. LIZZIE FARRER, Teacher. Judging from the past success of Miss F. We presume she gave satisfaction in this school, but of this we cannot speak definitely, inasmuch as we were not present at the close of the term.

Winter Term. P. C. SCOTT, Teacher. The committee were highly gratified with the school. Miss S. has formerly earned among us a good reputation as a teacher, and this term she has more than sustained it. The pupils have been thoroughly drilled in every department. Much use has been made of the black-board, in both Arithmetic and Geography.

DIST. No. 5. *Summer Term.* MARTHA LANE, Teacher. The school begun well, with much interest on the part of both teacher and pupils. This interest was sustained, and the closing examination showed marked improvement, and was highly satisfactory to all present.

Winter Term. ROBERT D. RICE, Teacher. Mr. R. enters with spirit into the work of the school-room, and is rewarded for his fidelity by the progress of his pupils. The school has been not a little interrupted this winter, which has somewhat retarded its prosperity.

DIST. No. 6. *Winter Term.* FRANK A. GORDON, Teacher. The money in this district is all expended in one term. They have enjoyed the services of one of the most successful and thorough teachers we have among us; and for variety and advancement of studies this school may well compare with any in the town. Mr. Gordon is a man of few words, with a deportment in the school-room that commands love and respect. Every word has a meaning, which is perfectly understood and appreciated. We find in the school a good degree of general intelligence, showing, that the instructions have not been of a superficial character, nor confined alone to text books.

DIST. No. 7. *Summer Term.* JENNETTE CLARK, Teacher. The school appeared well. Miss C. is a successful teacher.

Winter Term WESLEY B. PAIGE, Teacher. An earnest and laborious teacher, a studious and flourishing school. We seldom visit a school which affords us so much satisfaction. Much attention has been given to reading, and with happy success. A better class of readers can hardly be found. The skill upon select pieces was very thorough, and this we regard the best method of teaching the science in the school-room.

DIST. No. 8. *Summer Term.* ERMINA H. POLLARD, Teacher. The school gave evidence of a commendable degree of advancement, but it is the impression of the committee that, although the teacher secured the affection of her pupils, yet she did not improve this advantage by applying those rules so highly necessary to the government and success of a school.

Winter Term. CHARLES H. DARLING, Teacher. Mr. D. is a tried and experienced teacher; well qualified to teach and manage a difficult school. We were highly pleased to witness the interest and vigor imparted to the school, and the rapid progress made in the various studies, especially in Colburn's Arithmetic and Geography.

DIST. No. 9. *Winter Term.* W. H. RICE, Teacher. This school, which numbered *one* last winter, now has upon its records *eight* names. The scholars have learned very well. Mr. R. is young, and has the elements of a good teacher; this, his first effort, has been successful.

DIST. No. 10. *Summer Term.* JENNETTE W. PATTERSON, Teacher. Miss P. governed her school well, and gave good satisfaction.

Winter Term. JENNETTE CLARK, Teacher. Miss. C. has taught this school with success a number of terms previous to this, and succeeded well during the winter term. The classes in Arithmetic and Geography appeared well, showing by their ready and confident answers that they had been well instructed. The school-house is open, cold and uncomely, and is a disgrace to the district.

DIST. No. 11. *Summer Term.* CHARLOTTE I. STEELE, Teacher. Miss S. was very successful with this school, and well sustained the good reputation it had acquired under the competent teachers that have preceded her. The examination at the close of the term was very creditable to both teacher and scholars.

Winter Term. HIRAM RICE, Teacher. We are happy to say, that Mr. R. continues his labors with this school with unabated zeal, energy and success. Feeling a deep interest in the education of the young, and possessing a happy faculty of communicating instruction, and of gaining the confidence of his pupils, his labors are crowned with marked success.

DIST. No. 12. *Summer and Winter Term.* SARAH P. HUSSEY, Teacher. Miss H. has been faithful to her little charge, and most of the children have made commendable progress in their studies.

DIST. No. 13. *Summer Term.* EMILY A. SAWYER; *Winter Term,* JULIA L. COLBY, Teachers. These were the first efforts of these teachers, and their success was all that could be expressed in so small a school.

For several years past, not a little complaint has been made to the committee by teachers in some of the schools, in regard to the Geographies they found in the hands of their pupils. In some instances, almost every scholar in the class would have a book differing from all the rest. The committee have felt this to be a growing evil, and in the Autumn of the past year felt themselves justified in making an effort to arrest it. After a careful examination of text books by different authors, they accordingly recommended, for the younger pupils, the adoption of "Colton & Fitch's Introductory Geography," and for the more advanced classes, "Colton & Fitch's Modern School Geography." *Seventy* copies of these have been placed in the schools, some of them sold, and the rest exchanged for old text books, and so far as we have learned, they have given entire satisfaction.

