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FINANCIAL  
AND  
School Committee Reports,  
OF THE  
TOWN OF FALMOUTH,  
*For the Year ending March 1st, 1869.*

**FINANCIAL.**

MONEY RAISED MARCH 2, 1868.

For Schools, .....	\$2,000 00
“ Town Officers, .....	500 00
“ Contingencies, .....	550 00
“ Bridges, .....	500 00
“ Poor, .....	700 00
“ Interest, .....	1,500 00
“ Debts, .....	3,000 00
“ Roads, .....	1,500 00
“ Overlays on Assessment, .....	231 10
	\$10,481 10
Amount of State Tax, .....	3,114 12
County Tax, .....	1,998 59
	\$15,593 81
Total, .....	\$15,593 81
Total valuation, .....	\$625,932 00
Number of Polls, 411	
Percentage on the dollar, 2 cents, 3 mills.	
Poll Tax, \$3.00.	

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasurer's hands, .....	\$ 2 46 97
Received from Bela Blanchard, for timber, .....	45 00
“ “ Smith Barber, for joist, .....	4 05
“ “ Selectmen of 1867, .....	276 72
“ “ State School Fund, .....	50 66
“ “ State, Wm. Johnson's Pension, .....	48 00
“ “ Robert Huston, difference in cow, .....	20 00
“ “ Town of Westbrook, .....	10 00
“ “ Albert Winslow, on tax bills '67, .....	10,100 00
“ “ Glendy Moody, on tax bills '68, .....	715 36
	\$11,517 66
Amount of money hired to pay notes the past year, ....	2,736 00
	\$14,253 66

## EXPENDITURES.

## TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1867.

Paid Smith Barber, as Selectman, &c.,	\$ 73 00
“ Alfred Hicks, as Selectman, &c.,	67 00
“ Bala Blanchard, as Selectman, &c ,	103 00
“ E. H. Ramsdell, S. School Committee,	46 20
“ A. F Winslow, S. School Committee,	8 00
“ Nathaniel Pinkham, S. School Committee,	30 85
“ Albert Winslow, Constable,	12 00
“ John Noyes, Treasurer and Clerk,	52 73
“ C. W. Winslow, Auditor,	2 00
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	\$394 78

## CONTINGENCIES.

Paid E. C. Blanchard, care Town House, and Wood,	\$ 4 50
“ John Merrill, pressing Hay, 1867,	58 85
“ G. W. Knight, snowing Bridge,	5 00
“ Albert Winslow, hauling Hay,	8 25
“ Mark Leighton, Office Rent,	12 00
“ B. F. Hall, Blocks and Fall for Derrick,	36 53
“ B. F. Hall, Iron Band and Spar for Derrick,	5 12
“ B. F. Hall, for settling Indictment,	15 22
“ John Noyes, abatement Non-Resident Tax, 1867,	8 58
“ Albert Winslow, pressing Hay,	156 00
“ Rufus Soul, for notice, “bridge gone,”	1 50
“ S. D. Norton, Tax-Books, Stamps and Paper,	12 02
“ David Tucker, printing Town Report, 1868,	19 00
“ M. M. Butler, Fees,	75 06

## AMOUNT PAID FOR BREAKING ROADS 1868.

Paid Oliver Hardy, snow-bill,	5 25
“ John Woodbury, snow-bill,	19 80
“ Curtis Colley, snow-bill,	20 10
“ Lorenzo Mountfort, snow-bill,	6 80
“ Town of Gray, tax-bill,	1 64
“ Policy Insurance on Town Building,	23 50
“ John Noyes, services at Town Meeting and collecting Non-Resident Tax,	13 25
Paid Josiah Allen, snow bill,	17 00
“ Peter Ganmon, “	22 85
“ Stephen Huston, “	3 70
“ William Leighton, snow bill,	5 60
“ Joseph York, “	25 11
“ George O. Knight, “	2 50
“ Ezekiel Hodgdon, “ and labor on highway,	10 62

Paid Robert Dyer,	snow bill,	14 40
“ Albert Winslow,	“	17 60
“ Edmund Frye,	“	8 60
“ A. F. Winslow,	“	23 20
“ C. W. Winslow,	“	12 40
“ Nathaniel Pinkham,	“	13 60
“ Joseph Roberts,	“	8 20
“ John Williams,	“	30 00
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		267 33

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AMOUNTS PAID FOR REPAIRING ROADS 1868.

B. J. Adams,	\$30 30	Albert Hicks,	\$68 50
Edmund Frye,	68 76	Peter Gammon,	75
Albion Field,	50 00	Robert Huston,	72 76
John Woodbury,	130 85	J. C. Cobb,	10 00
Stephen Huston,	5 77	A. F. Winslow,	40 00
J. M. Anderson's heirs,	3 50	Nathaniel Pinkham,	64 35
James Babbage,	3 97	Nathaniel Packard,	15 20
Elbridge Field,	3 15	J. G. Leighton,	6 20
John Morrison,	1 93	Oliver Hardy,	13 35
Samuel Watts,	8 44	S. M. Latham,	10 90
Jason Winslow,	3 28	A. L. Leighton,	12 60
Merrill Huston,	5 74	Rodman Allen,	4 80
Bela Blanchard,	20 19	C. W. Winslow,	52 85
Joseph Hadlock,	5 20	Albert Winslow,	16 80
Levi Hicks,	6 80	George Richards,	8 60
Geo. O. Knight,	60 00	A. W. Noyes,	9 10
Samuel Weymouth,	57 12	John Merrill,	6 90
A. G. Marston,	28 35	Nathaniel Bowe,	4 30
John West,	14 50	Samuel G. York's heirs,	10 24
Wilson Libby,	7 55	John M. Locke,	7 27
Joshua Marston,	5 70	Thomas Brown,	15 40
Rufus Soule,	4 60	George Mountfort, Jr.,	1 60
Lorenzo Mountfort,	10 00	William P. York,	39 30
B. U. Swett,	58 75	J. J. Merrill,	11 00
Samuel Adams,	8 20	J. M. Pettengill,	13 00
Samuel York,	10 57	Moses Lunt,	7 60
Curtis Colley,	11 90	J. B. Fillebrown,	4 60
Hiram Howard,	7 25	Granville Hall,	31 60
Josiah Richards,	25 80	Asa Leighton,	22 20
A. M. Hall,	3 00	John Williams,	70 00
R. H. Whitney,	13 00	Wm. H. Allen,	69 85
Wm. Field,	7 00	A. J. Dearborn,	5 60
Joseph York,	6 37	J. E. Marston,	2 00
Richard Mountfort,	4 03		
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			\$1,423 79

Paid for Schools,.....\$1,893,84

## FOR BRIDGES.

## ALLEN'S BRIDGE.

Paid for Stone, Timber and Labor for Butment,.....\$236,00

## MILL BRIDGE.

Paid Rebuilding and Covering, .....\$398,03  
 " Repairing Bridge near A. F. Winslows,.....31,99  
 " W. H. Lufkin, for repairing culvert and use of jack  
 Screws, .....6,75  
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 \$672,77.

## PAID FOR POOR, OUT OF ALMS HOUSE.

Paid Daniel P. Hobbs for Mrs. Melville Leighton,.....\$ 2,00  
 " Small and Newman,....."..... 6,90  
 " Silas Buzzell, for Allen Child, .....13,50  
 " Ursula Leighton, house rent Leighton family, .....25,50  
 " John Skillings for Mrs. Leighton family,.....1,50  
 " Expense removing Cashen family out of State,.....19,75  
 " Small and Newman provisions Melville Leighton family, 64,64  
 " S. D. Norton supplies to R. Jones,.....10,85  
 " Town of Windham for Mary E. Leighton,.....12,00  
 " Town of Jay for Mrs. Blackstone,.....104,00  
 " Town of Thomaston for Owen Adams family,.....37,72  
 " B. F. Hall expense of Straglers,.....4,00  
 " Silas Buzzell for Allen child,.....22,50  
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 \$322,86

## FOR POOR IN ALMS HOUSE.

Paid Alvin Leighton work on building 1867,.....\$ 5,13  
 " Daniel Merrill for rails,..... 6,30  
 " Samuel Merrill for Beef 1867,..... 6,32  
 " John Noyes difference in oxen,..... 5,00  
 " Ralph Sinnett for stores, ..... 198,24  
 " A. L. Mitchell for stores,..... 70,00  
 " Cash to George T. Richards, to pay labor on farm,... 185,00  
 " Nelson C. Robbins, services as sexton,..... 5,00  
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 \$480,99  
 Debts paid,..... **6813.98** ~~\$6,856.50~~  
 Interest paid,.....1,407,79

## RECAPITULATION.

Amount of receipts from all sources, \$14,253 66

### EXPENDITURES.

For Schools,	\$1,893 84	
Contingencies,	476 02	
Town Officers,	394 78	
Snow Bills,	267 33	
Highways,	1,423 79	
Bridges,	672 77	
Support of Out Poor,	322 86	
Poor in Alms House,	480 99	
Interest,	1,407 79	
	\$7,340 17	
Debts paid,	6,913 49	
	\$14,253 66	

### OUTSTANDING NOTES, FEB. 17, 1869.

1 Note, Dated December 2, 1863, ten years,	\$2,000 00
3 Notes, " February 11, " seven years,	1,400 00
1 Note, " " 5, 1866, one year,	100 00
1 Note, " May 12, 1866, one year,	300 00
1 Note, " " 12, " bal. due,	400 00
1 Note, " August 9, " two years,	700 00
1 Note, " " 10, " two years,	200 00
2 Notes, " " 10, " two years, bal. due,	600 00
1 Note, " " 10, " on demand,	430 00
1 Note, " " 13, " one year,	300 00
1 Note, " " 31, " three years,	1,000 00
1 Note, " January 10, 1867, two years,	200 00
1 Note, " February 4, " on demand,	233 66
1 Note, " " 11, " two years,	500 00
1 Note, " " 12, " two years,	100 00
1 Note, " " 18, " two years,	600 00
1 Note, " " 25, " three years,	5 15
2 Notes, " April 17, 1867, one year,	2,000 00
1 Note, " Aug. 5, " one year, bal. due,	250 00
1 Note, " " 15, " on demand,	100 00
1 Note, " Sept. 2, " 1 year,	698 51
1 Note, " Nov. 18, " 1 year,	100 00
1 Note, " Dec. 30, " 1 year,	200 00
1 Note, " Jan. 3, 1868, 1 year,	100 00
1 Note, " " 7, " 1 year,	115 00
1 Note, " " 20, " 1 year,	1,100 00

1 Note, Dated Feb. 4, 1868,	two years,	300 00
1 Note, " " 4, "	on demand,	200 00
1 Note, " " 7, "	on demand,	800 00
1 Note, " " 9, "	one year,	1,000 00
1 Note, " " 17, "	five years,	417 00
1 Note, " " 17, "	three years,	1,500 00
1 Note, " Mar. 27, "	1 year,	1,000 00
1 Note, " June 1, "	1 year,	200 00
1 Note, " Sept. 15, "	two years,	500 00
1 Note, " Dec. 7, "	two years,	1,000 00
1 Note, " " 11, "	two years,	1,300 00
1 Note, " Feb. 8, 1869,	one year,	200 00
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		\$22,659 17

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LIABILITIES.

Out standing orders,	\$3,412 31
" " Notes,	22,659 17
Amount due Master of Alms House,	319 75
" " Town of Jay, for support of Mrs. Blackstone,	104 00
" " " Thomaston, for support of Orren Adams' family,	41 29
Amount due Silas Buzzell, for child,	16 50
" " Mark L. Leighton, office rent,	12 00
" " for Schools,	124 71
" " S. D. Norton, Selectman, &c.,	89 00
" " B. F. Hall, "	80 00
" " Daniel Merrill, "	90 00
" " A. F. Winslow, S. S. Committee, } probably,	50 00
" " Nathan'l Pinkham, " }	
" " E. H. Ramsdell, "	17 00
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	\$27,015 73

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AVAILIBILITIES.

Due from Albert Winslow, tax bills, 1867,	\$ 398 13
Due from Glendy Moody, tax bills, 1868,	9,929 97
Due from State, (School Fund.)	52 33
Cash in Treasury,	42 00
Due for lot Hay sold, about	180 00
Hay on hand more than required for stock, 56 tons, estimated	650 00
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	\$11,252 43
Balance against the Town,	15,763 30

## REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR

Greatest number in Alms House,	6
Died within the year,	2
Present number,	5
Females,	4
Males,	1

## INVENTORY OF STOCK AND PRODUCE ON FARM.

Two Oxen,	value,	\$290 00
Three Cows,	“	190 00
Six Sheep,	“	24 00
Two Swine,	“	30 00
Sixty-five tons Hay, estimated value,		750 00
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		\$1,284 00

## PRODUCE ON HAND.

Four bushels Beans, sixteen bushels Corn, twenty pounds Butter, forty pounds Lard, fifty bushels Potatoes, three bushels Apples, three hundred and fifty pounds Pork.

*Alms House in Account with the Town*

To Salary of Overseer, G. T. Richards,	\$325 00
Additional,	20 00
Ralph Sennet's Bill,	198 24
A. L. Mitchell, “	70 00
Samuel Merrill, for Beef, 1867,	6 32
D. Merrill, for Rails,	6 30
Paid for difference in Oxen,	5 00
Alvin Leighton, repair of building, 1867,	5 13
Paid for Labor and Provision in haying,	351 15
Albert Winslow, for pressing Hay,	156 00
N. C. Robbins, Undertaker,	5 00
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	\$1,148 14
By Produce sold from the Farm, amount,	182 80
Due for Hay, from the Farm, about	180 00
Balance of Hay not sold, estimated	650 00
Received for difference between Cows,	20 00
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	\$1,032 80
Showing a balance against Alms House, of	\$115 34

## SUMS NECESSARY TO BE RAISED.

For Schools,	\$2,000 00
“ Contingences,	550 00
“ Town Officers,	500 00
“ Bridges,	500 00
“ Poor,	700 00
“ Interest,	1,400 00
“ Debt,	3,000 00
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	\$8,650 00

S. D. NORTON,  
 B. F. HALL,  
 DANIEL MERRILL. } *Selectmen of Falmouth.*

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## Superintending School Committee

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FELLOW TOWNSMEN:—In accordance with past custom, we submit our Report to your consideration, feeling assured that we have acted our part strictly from the obligation of duty imposed upon us.

The reader will observe that we have almost abandoned the report of each School in detail, but will notice in our general and conclusive remarks, allusions to certain Teachers or Schools, which will, we trust, be as creditable as if personality were more generally indulged.

Please notice in the statistical table, the negligence and indifference of Teachers to render a complete register of their several Schools. Some have not returned any; others have returned their's with the most essential requests unanswered. The blanks in the table give evidence of this fact. A register not fully answered is about worthless.

We would here remark, our summer terms of school were so poorly attended that the interest was not shown which should be, to make a school profitable. The order was quite good in most cases; especially in Dist. No. 3, where also parents were interested. That there was improvement in every School, we do not deny. Irregular attendance greatly impeded the progress of studies.

The winter terms of school do not admit of so good report, either in advancement in their studies or of good discipline; the latter hinderance has in some schools nearly destroyed all improvement. The Teachers in Nos. 2, 8, 11 and 7, maintained good order.

Boys from the age of 12 to 18 years control the discipline in many districts in town. In these small specimens of manhood, "Young America" is exhibited in its most terrific attitude, often seen viewing his clenched fist or the strong muscles of his huge arm, imagining what would our Master be, as an impediment, against the nerve and blows from such a momentous weapon; and am sorry to notice a disposition to sustain such conduct by inconsiderate parents. Our Teachers have shown a weak disposition in many cases, in allowing their rules to be trampled upon without resistance.

We don't wish to be understood that pugilistic performances are recommended in our school-rooms, but we do wish to be understood that much leniency is allowed children by parents and guardians, while they oppose the orders of the Teacher, who feels no aid from the parents to assist him in enforcing laws for the government of his School;—until this order is reversed, whereby the Scholar may know he has no one to sustain him in breaking the laws of School, and the Teacher, confidently, may know he is sustained in

# S T A T I S T I C A L      T A B L E

No of District.	Name of Agent.	Name of Teacher Summer Term.	Name of Teacher Winter Term.	Length of School in weeks, Summer Term.	Length of School in weeks, Winter Term.	Whole No. Scholars in District.	Whole No. attending Summer Term.	Average No. attending Summer Term.	Whole No. attending Winter Term.	Average No. attending Winter Term.	Wages of Teacher per Week, Summer Term.	Wages of Teacher per Month, Winter Term.	Price of Board per Week, Summer Term.	Price of Board per Week, Winter Term.
1	Robert Huston.	Susan Sweetser.	Seth Ramsdell.	7 3-11			33	26			3 50			
2	Henry K. Norton.	Mary E. Simmons.	E. H. Ramsdell.	8 2-11	10		25	18	31	27	3 50	30 00	1 50	2 50
3	E. N. Tukesbury.	Ella F. Wilson.		9 1-11		124	68	55			5 50		3 00	
4	Chas. Lufkin.	No School.	Adrianna Sherman.		6 4-11	34			28	22		16		
5	Joseph Knight.	Desiah Hayes.	Desiah Hayes.	10	10	72	51	44	45	41		25	3 00	3 00
6	Chas. Winslow.	Julia Merrill.	Chas. P. Huston.	3 7-11	10	30	20	16	27	25	3 75	22		2 00
7	B. Lunt,	Mary K. Lunt.	Mary K. Lunt.	8 9-11	12 9-11	56	39	29	41	29	3 25	20	2 25	3 00
8	Bela Blanchard.	No School.	Frank Blanchard.		14 2-11	39			30	25		25		2 00
9	Asa Leighton.		J. W. Pinkham.		9 10-11	45			31	21		26		3 50
10	Granville Leighton.	Juliette Leighton.	F. A. Downs.	6 4-11	5 9-11	49	21	17	33	28	3 50	40	1 50	2 00
11	Eben Huston.	Jennie Ingersol	Horace H. Hall.	6 4-11	7 4-11	33	21	16	28	20	3 00	26	2 00	3 00
12	Moses Blake.	Ellen L. Hunt.	Mary E. Pennell.	8	12	46	36	24	40	30	2 00	14	2 50	2 50

maintaining just laws, we shall witness the same detriment to good discipline. Some of our winter terms have been seriously injured by this very cause, and we have been called upon to discharge unpleasant duties, yet have acted cautiously and impartially, prompted by our sincere conviction and truly from a sense of duty.

A disposition has been evinced by unruly boys to injure the school-houses, which are none too good as they are; this breach of law is recommended to be punished by laws in all cases.

We have met at the examinations, but a few parents at No. 3, summer term, Nos. 7 and 11 winter terms, unless some cause of contention has arisen; furthermore but very little interest has been manifested in any direction for our common Schools. Does this evince the duty of the parent to his child? Does this show that our public schools are receiving the attention they demand? Does not this prove that our educational interest in this town will soon be in a state of retrogression, if not at the present time? When a few moments of reflection are employed by the thoughtful parent, a verification of these truths will appear, and a negative reply to the two former, and an affirmative to the latter, will be whispered.

The Committee thought it advisable to make a change in Geographies, resulting in much dissatisfaction in a few districts, where but little improvement has been made in this branch. In every district when it has been acceptably received, there has been more interest shown in its study than in any other branch; this is owing both to the aptness of the Teacher to interest, and its being a new method of teaching Geography; particularly has there been a striking interest in districts Nos. 2, 7, 8, 10 and 11. This branch has received but little attention of late, and but very few classes have, at our examinations, given any mark of distinction. Sincerely hoping this prejudice will soon cease, and the scholar and teacher will in consequence become conversant with the method, we confidently expect a decided improvement.

In conclusion, we will say, citizens of Falmouth:—You are an intellectual, a moral and religious people; you are also desirous of witnessing an advancement in the cause of these most essential and characteristic qualities; you are willing to exert the strong hand and heartfelt earnestness in the great cause which lies as the foundation of all other interests, and help move the mighty machine which is truly moving of our educational structure; the motion at times appears hardly perceptible, but with such ponderous force it still moves, although the bands of the connecting wheels may get broken or the shafts and cogs of propelling may get worn or melted, yet when

we all stand ready to replace and urge, the cause goes forward steadily and the more swiftly, in proportion to our willingness to combine in every matter connected with its interests.

Let us join hands and unite our faith in the work, parent, teacher, scholar, and school-officers, forgetting the past and looking only to the future,—and see what evidence of good faith, earnestness and unity will accomplish, when prompted by higher motives than selfish design or indifference.

This great interest which should most concern us,—the education of youth—needs the support of all, in connection with our Worthy Benefactor who aids us in all our good works, and chides us in our licentiousness and negligence, and will return favors when the great good is done, “work for our childrens’ instruction.”

A. F. WINSLOW,	} S. S. Committee	
N. P. PINKHAM,		of
E. H. RAMSDELL.		Falmouth.