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TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF BREWER,

For the Year 1867—'68.



BANGOR:  
PRINTED BY SMITH & HILL.  
1868.

**Dr. David B. Doane, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Brewer, for 1867-'68. Cr.**

1867-'68.		1867—,68.	
To balance due on settlement, Feb. 25, 1867,	\$5,722,31	By amount paid State Tax, 1867,	\$3380,63
“ amount of assessments committed to Treasurer and Collector for State, County and Town Taxes, for 1867,	21,840,51	“ “ “ County Tax, 1867,	1161,80
“ amount supplemental tax, 1867,	76,56	“ “ “ Loans and Interest,	7398,77
“ “ State School Fund, “	86,20	“ “ “ Discount on Taxes, 1867,	681,15
“ “ Town School Fund, “	48,80	“ “ “ Abatements, 1865, made June 1865,	30,38
“ “ from J. D. Holmes, for entering Sewer,	25,00	“ “ “ “ 1866,	113,97
“ “ note of P. Carey,	16,52	“ “ “ “ 1867,	143,16
“ “ “ “ Willard Howard, and interest,	132,60	“ “ “ Non-Resident tax deeds, 1866,	75,78
“ “ “ “ W. Robertson,	6,16	“ “ “ State Pensions, 1867—'68,	468,00
“ “ from J. S. Paine, for stone sold,	5,00	“ “ “ Insurance on Town Hall,	8,20
“ “ “ City of Bangor,	5,18	“ “ “ Town Officers,	867,46
“ “ “ State, State aid refunded, for 1866,	202,06	“ “ “ Highways,	3524,52
“ “ “ “ Pension money refunded, 1866,	792,00	“ “ “ Maine Insane Hospital,	129,86
“ “ “ “ Bounty refunded,	200,00	“ “ “ Poor,	1705,49
“ “ “ P. B. Gray, refunded,	12,00	“ “ “ Miscellaneous,	170,02
“ “ “ Tax Deeds,	254,92	“ “ “ Sewer, on Centre street,	2430,35
“ “ “ Leases, Town Landings, Brewer's proportion, 1867,	46,31	“ “ “ Fire Department,	633,99
“ “ “ Loans,	1,450,00	“ “ “ Schools,	2568,18
		“ “ “ Interest on Town School Fund,	58,16
		“ “ Notes returned,	12,68
		“ Balance due on settlement, Feb. 24, 1868,	5358,58
	<u>\$30,922,13</u>		<u>\$30,922,13</u>

### Pay of Town Officers.

George A. Snow, S. S. Committee, 1866,—'67,.....	\$42,40
Melville P. Nickerson,.....	30,35
Joseph Holyoke,.....	26,50
Charles A. Green, First Constable,.....	10,00
Charles B. Nason, Health Officer, 1867—'68.....	6,00
George O. Goodwin, Moderator of annual meeting, 1867,.....	2,00
Jacob L. Barker, Moderator of meeting March 26,.....	2,00
Edward H. Burr, Moderator " " June 3,.....	2,00
William Morgan, Town Clerk, 1867—'68,.....	12,00
Zenas Lawry Jr., Auditor " ".....	5,00
David B. Doane, Treasurer and Collector, 1867—'68,.....	358,21
Rufus K. Cushing, Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of the Poor and Street Commissioner, 1867—'68,.....	160,00
Jeremiah S. Paine, " " " ".....	108,00
Jesse Hinks, " " " ".....	103,00
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	\$867,46

## FINANCES OF THE TOWN.

### ASSETS.

Amount due from the Town Treasurer,	5,358.58
" " " " State for Pensions, 1867,	468.00
" " on Tax Deeds,	127.93
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	\$5,954.51

### LIABILITIES.

Loans and Interest,	\$30,933.00
Amount due Schools,	163.68
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	31,096.68
Deduct Assets,	5,954.51
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Balance against Town,	\$25,142.17
Town Debt, 1867,	\$27,630.35
" " 1868,	25,142.17
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Decrease of debt, last year,	\$2,488.18

### Unavailable Property.

Town Hall,	2000,00
Alms House and Farm	1800,00
Gravel Lot,	80,00
House on James Cary's land,	60,00
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	\$3,940,00

**Town Landings.**

Amount rec'd on Lease of Town Landings, 1867-'68,	\$65,00
Brewer's proportion,	\$46,31
Holden's       "       "	18,69
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	\$65,00
Decimal proportion for Brewer,	,7124 per cent.
"       "       "       Holden,	,2876   "   "

**HIGHWAYS.**

Amount of money raised,	\$3,000,00
Amount expended for repairing roads,	3,154,82
"   Paid Washington Hall, land damage, allowed by County Commissioners,	200,00
"   "   Jotham Pierce, land damage, by County Commissioners,	30,00
"   "   Ira Dole, for making new road,	139,70
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Total, for Highways,	\$3,524,52

**Account with the Alms House and Town Farm.***Dr.*

To stock on hand, Feb. 25, 1867,	453,00
" salary of Superintendent, one year,	275,00
" supplies for Alms House,   "   "	676,43
" cash paid for horse, for the farm,	225,00
" medical attendance on Inmates,	14,50
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	\$1643,93

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By stock on hand, Feb. 24, 1868,	449,90
" labor of Superintendent and team on highways and Sewer,	145,00
Balance against Farm,	1049,03
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	\$1643,93

**Inmates of the Alms House.**

Butler, Michael,	Newell, Frederic, Indian,
Cook, Amaziah,	Newman, Sophia,
Cook, Caroline,	Newman, Robert E.
Dougherty, Charles A.	Newman, Infant son of Mrs. N.
Grondin, Levi,	Severance, Caleb,
Grondin, Jane,	Thorn, Joseph,
Grondin, Joseph,	Wilson, John,
Grondin, Mary,	Wilson, Hannah,
Grondin, Matilda,	Wyman, Harriet,
McNeal, James,	

## Support of the Poor out of the Alms House, 1867—'68.

Carey, James,	52,22	Saunders, Elmon P.	12,00
Carey John,	14,75	Severance, Caleb,	25
Carey, Patrick,	,50	Severance, Sophia,	50
Carlile, Almira,	5,18	Shehan, Patrick,	10,07
Glidden, Isadore,	23,82	Smith George,	18,40
Grondin, Levi,	8,94	Thompson, John,	2,00
Hoverman, John P.	92,36	Thorn, Joseph,	64,88
Knights, George W.	30,71	Wilson, John,	15,00
Lessor Lorenzo,	38,27	Woods, Julia,	42,17
Morrill, Lucy,	13,08	Wyman, Harriet,	51,22
Nalley, Richard,	4,75		
O'Maley, Margaret,	13,49		<hr/>
			\$514,56
Deduct amount received from other towns,			5,18
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Cost of the poor out of the House,			\$509,38
Add balance against Alms House,			1049,03
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And the cost of the Poor will be			\$1558,41

## Miscellaneous Expenses.

Paid Smith & Hill, printing Town Reports, 1866-'67,	\$38,89
“ “ “ “ Blanks,	2,60
“ Wheeler & Lynde, printing Assessors' Notice, 1867,	3,00
“ D. Bugbee & Co., & als., Books and Stationery,	27,17
“ Jefferson Chamberlain, for Town Plans,	10,00
“ J. W. Phillips, Surveyor's bill, running Town line between Brewer and Orrington,	1,00
“ E. H. Burr, Surveyor. Laying out Town ways,	4,00
“ William Morgan and D. B. Doane, Revenue and Postage Stamps,	6,31
“ “ “ Recording Births and Deaths,	4,40
“ “ “ Justice of the Peace on Pensions,	4,00
“ D. B. Doane, services revising Jury list,	1,00
“ James Carey, Land Rent. to July 1, 1867,	1,00
“ Manly Hardy, damage to land from crossing, by J. Carey,	5,00
“ J. S. Paine, on account of Patrick Carey,	16,52
“ Sundry persons, repairs on Town Pumps,	25,11
“ Samuel Given, Sexton's fees,	10,00
“ J. D. French, for abatement of nuisance,	1,00
“ Amasa Barrett, for watering trough for public use,	3,00
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	\$170,00

**SCHOOL FUND.**

This Fund, amounting to \$969,36, is loaned to the Town, at six per cent. interest.

After payment of Trustees, for services, the balance of interest is paid to the several School Districts.

Interest for 1867-'68, is		\$58,16
Paid Trustees,		9,36
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Balance paid Schools,		\$48,80
Amount paid Schools, 1867-'68,	\$2,568,18	
Amount apportioned to each scholar,	\$2,25	

**Maine Insane Hospital.**

Amount paid for the support of Simeon L. Phelps, at the Hospital, for 1867,	\$129,86
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**Sewer on Centre Street.**

Amount raised for Sewer,	\$2,000,00	
“ Expended,	2,430,35	
Paid F. H. and P. L'B. Coombs. Engineers,		9,00
“ C. A. Severance, and B. G. Eldridge, labor and materials for Sewer,		1,363,13
“ Z. L. Bragdon, Grates for Sewer,		43,17
“ S. F. Jones, Scuttle Stones for Sewer,		34,00
“ Sundry persons, damage to buildings by blasting,		46,63
“ Sundry persons, labor and materials,		934,42
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Total expenses,		\$2,430,35

**Fire Department.**

Amount raised for Reservoir, on Holyoke Street,	\$400,00
“ paid C. A. Severance and B. G. Eldridge, for labor and materials for Reservoir,	600,00
“ paid F. Muzzy & Co., for iron cover for Reservoir,	9,03
“ “ S. F. Jones, Scuttle Stone for Reservoir,	8,00
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Total expense of Holyoke Street Reservoir,	\$617,03
Amount paid N. J. Bunker, Repairs on Centre street Reservoir,	8,11
“ “ D. Shedd, Repairs on Fire Ladders at Village,	1,25
“ “ Farrington Brothers, Refreshments to Bangor Fire Department, at fire, May 20, 1867, Steam Mill,	7,60
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Total expense of Fire Department, for 1867,	\$633,99

**Valuation for 1867.**

Real Estate of Residents,	336,725
Personal Estate of Residents,	161,095
Non-Resident Estates,	90,695
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Total,	\$588,515

**Assessments for 1867.**

On Real Estate of Residents,	\$11,448.65
On Personal Estate of Residents,	5,477.23
On Non-Resident Estates,	3,083.63
On 586 Polls, at \$3 per Poll,	1,758.00
On 73 Dogs, at \$1 per Dog,	73.00
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Total,	\$21,840.51

Per cent. on \$100, is \$3.40. Census of 1860, 2836.

**Estimates for 1868—'69.**

For Schools,	2,500.00
For Poor,	1,200.00
For Highways,	2,000.00
For Miscellaneous,	800.00
For Loans,	3,000.00
For Interest,	1,700.00
For Discount on Taxes,	1,000.00
For Abateinents,	300.00
For Town Officers,	900.00
For Sewer on Centre Street,	1,500.00
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	\$14,900.00

R. K. CUSHING,	} <i>Selectmen</i>	
J. S PAINE,		of
J. HINKS,		<i>Brewer.</i>

BREWER, MARCH 9, 1868.

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TOWN OF BREWER, February 24, 1868.

Having this day carefully examined the accounts of the Town as kept by the Selectmen and Treasurer for the past municipal year, I find the accounts accurately kept, the expenditures accompanied by proper vouchers, and I hereby certify that the same are correct.

ZENAS LAWRY, Jr., *Auditor.*



# R E P O R T

## O F T H E

### SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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Although the success of our schools the past year has perhaps been an average one compared with that of late years ; yet so limited is their amount, that we cannot expect a very high degree of attainment, or scholarship. We ought to have three terms of school a year ; we have but two. The increasing number of children strolling about our streets and corners, half of the year ; our obligation to give better opportunities for education ; our future standing and the public safety alike require it. Quite a number, and those generally our best scholars are now sent from this town to the neighboring city or elsewhere, for schooling ; having an extremely depressing effect upon those who remain. This is all wrong. Our schools should be of an amount and character to command the confidence and patronage of the whole community ; such as to draw the best scholars from other towns. instead of sending them from this ; such that in them we may feel a just pride, and of which we may well boast. A larger amount of money, it is true will be needed for three, than two terms, a year ; but it should be remembered that the amount raised for quite a number of years has been down to the lowest point consistent with the requirement of the law, sometimes below ; while the expenses of schooling have greatly increased. While we are actually doing far less than we did many years ago, the demand is far greater in all respects. We cannot expect to stand still in the matter of education, more than in other things.

More school room is needed, and will have to be provided immediately in Central district ; and it is suggested in this connection, whether the inhabitants of this and Brimmer district, had not *now* better try and unite the districts ; the former wanting room, the latter having more than is needed. One high school would well answer the purpose of both districts. If a union could be effected on proper terms we see no reason to doubt that something would be gained on the score of economy ; but much more in the increased usefulness of our schools.

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## B R I M M E R D I S T R I C T.

**Primary. Summer and Winter Terms. Miss M. E. Burr,  
Teacher.**

We should have been pleased to see a more thorough and accurate style of teaching in this school. Order and progress, fair.

**Intermediate. Summer and Winter Terms. Miss S. A. Curtis,  
Teacher.**

Miss C. possesses many qualifications for a good teacher. She governed her school well and evidently gained the good will of her pupils ; but the scholars did not make that advancement in their studies that we hoped to see, or had good reason to expect.

**Grammar. Miss E. D. Hinks, Teacher.**

At the closing examination, which was evidently well prepared for; the school appeared quite well. But we were not convinced that substantial progress had been made. This was the teacher's first school. Experience will probably improve her manner of teaching and governing a school.

**High School. Mr. Hiram Tuell, Teacher.**

This was an excellent school. The teacher was thorough, practical and accurate in his mode of teaching; and a good disciplinarian. We were highly pleased with the quiet and orderly appearance of the school at every visit. It was the largest, and had the highest average of any for the past ten years, that the school has been established. The closing examination was very satisfactory. The boys gave some good declamations and an excellent paper was read by one of the young ladies.

**CENTRAL DISTRICT.****Intermediate and Primary. (Mill Dam.) Summer Term.  
Miss H. C. Barrett, Teacher.**

Although this school fell somewhat below the expectations of many of its friends, yet it is believed that these would have been better realized, had proper efforts been made to secure as good attendance, throughout the term as at the beginning. It is but little use to provide schools and then keep our children at home.

**Winter Term. Miss E. H. Holyoke, Teacher.**

There was no closing examination of this school, in consequence of the illness of the teacher, the last week of the term. It undoubtedly would have sustained a good one, judging from the studious and orderly appearance of the scholars at our last visit.

**Primary. (Excelsior.) Summer and Winter Terms.  
MISS M. S. CURTIS, TEACHER.**

Miss C. possesses in an eminent degree the faculty of securing the respect and affection of her pupils. The power to mould, to guide and direct, found its work, not in mental improvement alone; but in manners and deportment as well.

**Primary. (Page.) Summer and Winter Terms. Miss S. D.  
Holyoke, Teacher.**

Miss H. has a good faculty of teaching and interesting the little ones; as shown by the prompt and correct recitations, not only at the examination, but during the term; by the quiet and happy appearance of the school, and also by the punctual attendance of the scholars. There were eighteen that had not been absent during the winter term.

**Intermediate. Summer and Winter Terms. Mrs. L. S. Colson,  
Teacher.**

These were both excellent schools. We do not often see the control of a school so completely under the will of the teacher; and, where that will is law from which there seemed no inclination to appeal; as was the case in the first or Summer term. The winter term, although a little harder to manage, was nevertheless well managed. In such schools, we look for marked progress; and we think that all were satisfied at the closing examination that such had been the case.

**Select. Summer Term. Miss E. H. Holyoke, Teacher.**

This school is composed mostly of scholars who attend the high school in the winter, with a few from the intermediaie. At the commencement of the term signs of irregularity were discernible; but by degrees these disappeared. By dint of hard labor the teacher succeeded in inspiring the scholars with a good degree of her own determination for their advancement. At the closing examination, it was clear that much had been accomplished, both in the variety and extent of studies pursued.

**High School. Mr. D. S. Alexander, Teacher.**

We believe Mr. A. to have been an earnest, efficient, and thorough teacher. Others may have possessed to a greater degree, the faculty of commending themselves favorably to their scholars. In his efforts for their advancement he was not so heartily seconded as he should have been by some of the large ones. Other adverse influences were at work. The main portion of the school however, were always found busily at work and the recitations good; by which we judge it not to have been an unprofitable term.

**DAY DISTRICT****Miss A. E. Mann, Teacher.**

This school was as successful as most terms have been in this district. But in so small a school as this, it has seemed to us that if much of the instruction were of a less formal character; more direct, and suited to the condition of the scholar; better advancement would be made.

**KINGSBURY DISTRICT.****Summer Term. Miss G. A. Kuhn, Teacher.**

This was a superior school. There was marked improvement made by the scholars in all their studies.

**Fall Term. Miss Hattie S. French, Teacher.**

The character of this school for thoroughness and order, was well sustained by this teacher.

**LIBERTY DISTRICT.****Summer Term. Miss C. A. Griffin, Teacher.**

Teacher and scholars seemed interested in the business of the school-room, and working together, made this a pleasant and profitable term.

**Winter Term. Miss G. A. Kuhn, Teacher.**

The attendance upon this school was unusually large. The average being ninety per cent., which is a good indication for any school. A mutual feeling existed between teacher and scholars, and good progress was made in all the studies of the school.

**VILLAGE DISTRICT.****Primary. Summer Term. Miss E. S. Hodges, Teacher.**

This was a profitable school. The teacher has the tact of interesting the children by a variety of exercises, which are very conducive to an orderly school.

**Winter Term. Miss E. V. Hart, Teacher.**

There was a greater degree of thoroughness shown by the school at the examination, than is usual in schools of this grade.

**Grammar. Summer Term. Miss M. E. Holyoke, Teacher.**

Miss Holyoke sustained her reputation as one of our best teachers, and had an excellent school.

**Grammar. Winter Term. Mr. C. A. Ring, Teacher.**

The teacher labored to the best of his ability, but failed in discipline. The absence of one-half of the scholars, and the presence of but a few of the parents at the closing examination was evidence that the school was not a success. The scholars that were present showed a fair degree of improvement. The cause of this school being partially a failure, well understood in the district, it is unnecessary here to explain.

**WHITING HILL DISTRICT.****Summer Term. Miss R. A. French, Teacher.**

On account of the irregular attendance of the scholars, this school was not as profitable as it should have been. More energy on the part of the teacher might have awakened more interest in the school.

**Winter Term. Miss A. E. Mann, Teacher.**

A fair degree of improvement was made in this school, although the order was not as good as it should have been.

## STATISTICS.

DISTRICTS.	No. of Scholars.	Am't of Money Apportioned.	SCHOOLS.		No. in Summer Schools.		No. in Winter Schools.		Days of Summer Schools.	Days of Winter Schools.	Wages per week Summer schools.	Wages per week Winter Schools.
					Average.	Average.						
Brimmer,	273	\$614 25	High,	47	36	68	58		55		\$7 00	*\$75 00
			Grammar,	58	50	60	55	55	44	7 50	7 00	
			Intermediate,	71	61	66	49	55	44	5 50	5 50	
Central,	471	1059 75	Primary,			58	48					*65 00
			High,	47	28			60.5		7 00		
			Select,	47	42	70	63	60.5	66	7 00	7 00	
Day,	16	62 00	Intermediate and Primary.	43	24	39	33	60.5	66	4 50	5 50	
			Primary, Excelsior,	80	66	75	67	60.5	66	5 00	5 00	
			Primary, Page,	90	73	75	65	58	66	5 00	5 50	
Kingsbury,	17	64 25	Ungraded,	20	10			66		5 00		
Liberty,	84	189 00	Ungraded,	20	18	25	23	44	33	4 00	4 75	
Village,	234	526 50	Ungraded,	35	24	42	38	60.5	77	5 50	7 00	
Whiting Hill,	53	119 25	Grammar,	42	35	60	45	60	52	8 00	*58 00	
			Primary,	70	55	67	52	60	60	7 00	7 50	
			Ungraded,	20	14	53	41	55	55	4 00	6 00	
	1148	\$2635 00		690	536	748	677	810.5	750			

\* This designates the wages of male teachers per month, including board.

Whole number of Scholars in town,	1148
Whole number in Summer Schools,	690
Average attendance in Summer Schools,	536
Whole number in Winter Schools,	748
Average attendance in Winter Schools,	677
Average wages of female teachers per week, including board,	\$5 95
Average wages of male teachers per month, including board,	\$66.00
The average attendance upon the Summer Schools was 47 per cent. of all the Scholars in town; upon the winter Schools in was 59 per cent.	
Amount raised by the town for the support of Schools,	\$2500.00
Amount of State School fund,	86.20
Interest of School fund,	48.80
	<hr/> \$2635.00

JOSEPH HOLYOKE, }  
 GEORGE A. SNOW, } S. S. Committee.  
 H. P. SARGENT, }

BREWER, MARCH 9th, 1868.