



**Annual
Official
Reports**

OAKHAM, MASS.

1915

**For Financial Year
Ending December 31st.**

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICIALS
OF



FOR THE
Financial Year Ending Dec. 31, 1915.

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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1915.

Town Clerk:

JESSE ALLEN, Term expires 1918

Selectmen:

JOHN P. DAY, Term expires 1916
GILBERT T. BUTTERFIELD, Term expires 1917
SYLVESTER R. DEAN, Term expires 1918

Assessors:

SYLVESTER H. HASKELL, Term expires 1916
WALTER A. WOODIS, Term expires 1918
WILLIAM H. PARKMAN, Term expires 1917

Overseers of the Poor:

CHARLES H. TROWBRIDGE, Term expires 1916
JESSE ALLEN, Term expires 1917
WILLIAM H. PARKMAN, Term expires 1918

School Committee:

J. NELSON BALL, Term expires 1916
*MRS. M. L. WOODIS, Term expires 1917
JESSE ALLEN, Term expires 1918
*Deceased.

Measurers of Lumber:

W. R. DEAN, W. A. WOODIS, O. D. WEBBER

Measurers of Wood:

A. C. MORSE, F. H. PARMENTER, S. R. DEAN

Library Trustees:

JESSE ALLEN, Term expires 1916
SARA E. BUTLER, Term expires 1917
*MRS. M. L. WOODIS, Term expires 1918
*Deceased.

Cemetery Committee:

JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1916
JAMES P. FAIRBANK,	Term expires 1917
ALFRED C. MORSE,	Term expires 1918

Collector:

EDMUND CODY.

Treasurer:

JOHN W. DWELLEY.

Auditor:

WALTER M. ROBINSON.

Tree Warden:

HENRY W. GRIMES.

Highway Surveyor:

GILBERT T. BUTTERFIELD.

Sealer of Weights and Measures:

*WAYLAND ANGIER.

Fence Viewers:

JESSE ALLEN, C. H. TROWBRIDGE, S. H. HASKELL

Constables:

W. C. AYRES, W. R. DEAN, FRANK L. CHEEVER
 FRED H. PARMENTER, FREDERICK EXLEY,
 HENRY W. BARTLETT.

Field Drivers:

*WAYLAND ANGIER, JOHN W. DWELLY,
 ROGENE F. PARKER.

Town Agent:

FRANK S. CONANT.

Undertaker:

JAMES P. FAIRBANK.

*Deceased.

Cattle Inspector :
HENRY W. STONE.

Forest Fireward :
C. H. TROWBRIDGE.

School Superintendent :
ROBERT I. BRAMHALL.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

The selectmen submit the following report for the financial year ending December 31, 1915:

PAID TOWN OFFICERS.

TOWN CLERK.

Paid Town clerk for services,	\$43.05	
Postage and express,	3.93	
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		\$46.98

TREASURER.

Paid Treasurer for services,	50.00	
Postage and express,	8.76	
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		58.76

COLLECTOR.

Paid Collector for services,	85.00	
Postage,	8.75	
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		93.75

SELECTMEN.

Paid John P. Day,	50.00	
G. T. Butterfield,	40.00	
Sylvester R. Dean,	40.00	
Postage and telephoning	1 71	
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		131.71

ASSESSORS.

Paid S. H. Haskell,	30.50	
W. A. Woodis,	49.25	
W. H. Parkman,	45.00	
Abstracts,	7.94	
	<hr/>	132.69

AUDITOR.

Paid W. M. Robinson,	50.00
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SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Paid Richard Malcolm,	15.00
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OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Services and support of poor,	110.95
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid for support of schools,	4,850.65
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SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

Paid for highways and bridges,	1,396.98
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LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

Paid for support of library,	414.00
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BALLOT CLERKS AND TELLERS.

Paid F. E. Davis,	6.00	
E. J. Crawford,	2.00	
John Dwelley,	4.00	
W. M. Robinson,	4.00	
A. C. Morse,	4.00	
J. P. Fairbanks,	2.00	
H. W. Stone,	2.00	
	<hr/>	24.00

UNDERTAKER.

Paid for services and death returns,	24.50
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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

Paid John P. Day,	6.00	
G. T. Butterfield,	6.00	
Sylvester R. Dean,	4.00	
Jesse Allen,	4.00	
G. M. Dean,	2.00	
	<hr/>	22.00

STREET LIGHTS.

Paid Earl Lawless,	45.00	
Wayland Angier,	22.00	
Mrs. Angier,	11.00	
Roy Howe,	32.50	
Ralph Cody,	15.00	
C. H. Parker,	12.95	
Geo. S. Butler,	15.37	
Mrs. Angier,	8.65	
	<hr/>	162.47

BONDS FOR TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Mass. Bonding Co.,		
for Treasurer,	12.00	
for Collector,	12.00	
	<hr/>	24.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid C. H. Trowbridge,	14.92	
H. K. Barnes, supplies,	17.46	
Geo. Morse, 1 extinguisher,	8.00	
Commonwealth of Mass., supplies,	7.13	
	<hr/>	47.51

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

Paid	Eva Green,	153.60	
	J. P. Fairbanks,	10.60	
	Raymond Thresher,	22.80	
	W. A. Nye,	34.47	
	W. H. Parkman,	6.70	
	Ira W. Stone,	17.75	
	A. C. Morse,	4.00	
	H. A. Crawford,	1.95	
	F. E. Loring,	5.00	
	Geo. S. Butler,	2.40	
	M. S. Dean,	3.00	
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			262.27

BROWN-TAIL MOTHS.

Paid	Richard Malcolm,	25.25	
	Albert M. Briggs,	12.56	
	Geo. A. Briggs,	25.00	
	C. H. Trowbridge,	41.50	
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			104.31

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid	State tax,	975.00	
	County,	442.00	
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			1,417.00

STATE AID.

Paid	John E. Stone,	72.00	
	S. Amanda Reed,	72.00	
	Horace M. Green,	36.00	
	Emma A. Blodgett,	20.00	
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			200.00

INSPECTOR OF MEATS.

Paid H. W. Stone,		91.10
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WORCESTER TRUST CO.

Paid for money borrowed,	1,975.00	
Interest,	84.63	
	<hr/>	2,059.63

POLICE.

Paid F. L. Cheever,	3.00	
W. R. Dean,	6.00	
	<hr/>	9.00

TREE WARDEN.

Paid G. T. Butterfield,	9.25	
Henry Grimes,	4.78	
	<hr/>	14.03

STATE ROAD.

Paid for building state road,		1,250.00
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OPENING ROADS.

Paid for opening roads,		163.19
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MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid F. E. Davis, care of clock,	25.00	
W. W. Russell, care of hall,	76.45	
G. S. Butler, supplies,	16.79	
C. G. Rogers, printing,	114.40	
G. M. Dean, postage and tel.,	.80	
R. F. Parker, labor, lumber,	132.50	
John P. Day, labor, lumber,	16.25	
Chas. Cleveland, plastering,	6.80	
David Lebonte, bolts and iron,	9.75	

G. T. Butterfield, labor, drawing lumber,	9.90	
Leroy Weaver, labor,	4.00	
George Turner, wood,	11.81	
Dan Rice, Needham case,	6.65	
Wakefield Daily, stationery,	3.40	
W. C. Ayres, painting,	7.98	
Hobbs & Warren, stationery,	1.71	
Fred Parmenter, Maynard-Kenney case,	19.62	
E. Howard Clock Co., cleaning clock,	11.50	
C. F. Gettemy, certifying note,	4.00	
W. & L. E. Gurley Die, paper seals,	2.40	
State Treasurer, $\frac{1}{4}$ liquor license,	250.00	
Soldiers' Memorial Association,	17.01	
C. H. Trowbridge, spraying, repairs,	25.70	
Sanford, Putnam Co., book,	1.30	
W. W. Russell, repairing fence,	.80	
F. H. Parmenter, dog officer,	10.50	
F. E. Howe, labor,	10.75	
E. W. Coffin, safe for collector,	25.00	
G. T. Butterfield, perambulating,	3.00	
John P. Day, perambulating,	2.00	
E. S. Douglas, reporting births,	1.50	
F. S. Conant, supplies,	1.71	
D. F. Howard & Sons, cement,	3.85	
R. M. Briggs, express,	1.71	
W. C. Ayres,	1.37	
		837.91
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Total,		\$14,014.39

List of Jurors.

F. E. Davis, Librarian
Thomas Gaffney, Farmer
William C. Ayres, Painter
Fred Parmenter, Officer
Appleton Newton, Farmer
Walter Woodis, Farmer
Roy Weaver, Laborer

Respectfully submitted

JOHN P. DAY
G. T. BUTTERFIELD
SYLVESTER R. DEAN

Selectmen of Oakham.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Dr.

Jan. 1, to cash on hand,		\$786.59
Received of E. Cody, taxes 1913,	\$7.65	
E. Cody, taxes 1914,	1,066.13	
E. Cody, taxes 1915,	5,395.95	
State of Massachusetts, corporation tax,	.79	
State of Massachusetts, National bank tax,	47.52	
State of Massachusetts, state aid,	172.00	
State of Massachusetts, support of sick paupers,	6.00	
State of Massachusetts, tuition of children,	17.00	
State of Massachusetts, high school tuition,	766.25	
State of Massachusetts, transporta- tion of high school pupils,	912.70	
State of Massachusetts, temporary aid,	3.00	
State of Massachusetts, Highway Commission,	250.00	
State of Massachusetts, state school fund,	1,271.62	
Worcester County Highway Com- mission,	500.00	

Borrowed of Worcester Trust Com- pany,	2000.00
Guy C. Allen, Jr., & Co., liquor license,	1,000.00
W. C. Temple, account school su- perintendent,	187.50
Boston appropriation for school committee,	103.00
Dog fund returned, 86.4872%,	122.47
Rent of Memorial hall,	59.50
Town of Barre, tuition,	95.00
Estate of Geo. Parkman, tuition,	15.00
Cemetery Committee,	42.38
Perpetual Care Funds,	38.50
Lot No. — in Pine Grove Ceme- tery,	20.00
Lot No. 82 in Pine Grove Ceme- tery,	5.00
One innholder's license,	1.00
One butcher's license,	1.00
O. J. Either, peddler's license,	3.00
Grass on Library lot,	1.00
Matthew Walker, balance of fines,	19.13
F. E. Davis, cards and fines,	8.34
Charlton Poor Farm Association,	14.60
Mrs. Celia Fobes,	1,000.00
William A. Fobes Estate,	100.00
Mrs. M. T. F. Rugg,	100.00
Henry A. Morse Estate,	100.00

\$16,239.62

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By paying selectmen's orders,	\$14,014.59	
Trust funds deposited,	1,300.00	
Overlaying taxes,	132.84	
		\$15,447.43
Balance in treasury,		792.19
Due Worcester Trust Co.,		\$2,000.00

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS.

George H. Gould,	\$100.00
Daniel H. Dean,	100.00
Caroline M. Maynard,	150.00
Stephen Lincoln,	50.00
Charles H. Fobes,	100.00
Martha M. Macullar,	100.00
Mrs. Samuel B. Ripley,	25.00
Fannie W. Kimball,	50.00
Mary E. Brown,	50.00
Weeks & Elliott,	100.00
Sumner Reed,	100.00
Lewis N. Haskell,	100.00
Lewis Allen,	100.00
Jesse Allen,	100.00
Ruth H. Robinson,	50.00
A. J. Holden,	50.00
Lyman S. Walker,	100.00
William A. Fobes,	100.00
Mrs. M. T. F. Rugg,	100.00
Henry A. Morse,	100.00

LIBRARY FUND.

B. P. Clark,	\$702.00
Mrs. Celia Fobes,	1,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. DWELLY,
Treasurer.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

	Dr.		
Uncollected taxes 1913,		\$33.97	
Interest,		1.38	
			\$35.35
	Cr.		
By Treasurer's receipts,			7.65
			\$27.70
	Dr.		
Uncollected taxes, 1914,		\$1,037.06	
Interest,		44.04	
			\$1,081.10
	Cr.		
By Treasurer's receipts,			1,066.13
			\$14.97
	Dr.		
Taxes committed to me for collection Aug. 23, 1915.			
State tax,		\$975.00	
County tax,		442.00	
Town tax,		5,705.00	
Overlayings,		132.84	

Dec. 18,	83.06	
Interest,	3.05	
	<hr/>	\$7,340.95
	Cr.	
By Treasurer's receipts,		5,395.95
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		\$1,945.00

Respectfully submitted,
EDMUND CODY,
Collector.

REPORT OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

Paid G. T. Butterfield,	\$383.80
A. L. Newton,	176.00
A. Car Co., oiling road,	175.00
Ev. Green,	144.84
James Woodis,	132.58
C. A. Wheeler,	89.03
Ed. Green,	55.69
F. Howe,	50.00
P. Woodis,	20.00
J. Leyden,	17.76
W. R. Dean,	17.60
D. Hallowell,	16.23
E. Sanders,	15.00
W. Boyd,	18.67
G. Keep,	11.00
W. H. Parkman,	10.50
F. Loring,	9.10
W. A. Woodis,	7.50
J. P. Fairbank,	7.00
J. A. Allen,	6.75
F. H. Boyd,	6.69
E. J. Crawford,	6.00
Geo. Morse,	5.00
Al. Hapgood,	4.69
G. S. Butler,	4.00
Geo. Turner	3.45
M. M. Butterfield,	3.00
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	\$1,396.98

OPENING HIGHWAYS.

Paid G. T. Butterfield,	\$20.25
James Scott,	15.28
H. A. Crawford,	13.28
Tom Gaffney,	17.11
Jim Gaffney,	9.50
Will Gaffney,	8.75
Ira W. Stone,	7.05
O. D. Webber,	7.00
Ev. Green,	7.50
A. L. Newton,	7.00
S. R. Dean,	5.78
J. C. Rawson,	5.50
H. W. Stone,	4.55
John Thresher,	4.00
Fay Russell,	3.55
D. A. Rutherford,	3.13
Ed. Bullard,	3.11
F. Stone,	2.89
W. E. Swindell,	2.89
Leroy Weaver,	2.44
John P. Day,	2.00
W. A. Woodis,	2.25
Paul Needham,	1.78
John Maran,	1.33
Joe Marshall,	1.33
Geo. Arnold,	.89
F. Howe,	1.11
W. Howe,	1.11
Richard Malcolm,	.56
Fred Allen,	.44

 \$163.19

REPORT ON GRAVEL ROAD

Paid G. T. Butterfield,	\$156.03
Ev. Green,	110.06
A. L. Newton,	117.38
S. R. Dean,	78.19
John Robinson,	74.19
Frank Boyd,	49.89
C. A. Wheeler,	48.42
Clifford Knight,	46.64
Jim Woodis,	45.53
W. Beacham,	41.89
Peter Cossick,	41.89
W. A. Parkman,	40.50
D. A. Rutherford,	39.89
Frank Stone,	37.89
Paul Needham,	37.89
Joe Beacham,	34.78
Lewis Green, . .	34.00
W. A. Boyd,	32.00
P. B. Woodis,	29.00
W. E. Buckwith,	24.00
W. A. Andrews,	24.50
Ed. Bullard,	28.00
H. D. Bullard,	22.50
David Hallowell,	18.00
John Rautty,	18.00
Ed. Green,	12.75
Martin Lincoln,	6.19
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	\$1,250.00

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Received from the State Treasurer,

Weekly payrolls, Sept. 2,	\$349.78
Sept. 9,	250.12
Sept. 16,	348.00
Sept. 23,	145.75
Oct. 7,	114.25
Paid C. E. Horne, for piping,	42.10

\$2,500.00

Respectfully submitted,

G. T. BUTTERFIELD.

Superintendent of Streets.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Paid Dr. W. S. Bates,	\$9.00
Dr. E. S. Douglas,	12.00
G. S. Butler,	15.25
C. S. Lane,	20.00
W. H. Parkman, Overseer,	21.00
Jesse Allen, Overseer,	23.00
C. H. Trowbridge, Overseer,	8.00
Postage and blanks,	2.70
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	\$110.95

Respectfully submitted,
JESSE ALLEN,
CHARLES H. TROWBRIDGE,
W. H. PARKMAN,
Overseers of the Poor.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
Charlton Poor Farm Association.**

From January 1, 1915 to January 1, 1916.

EXPENDITURES.

Orrin L. Potter and wife,	\$650.00
Outside labor,	309.05
Inside labor,	417.06
Groceries,	1,649.79
Meat,	414.70
Hardware,	68.25
Dry goods and clothing,	364.86
Boots and shoes,	86.63
Grain,	1,362.63
Blacksmithing,	46.40
Tobacco,	73.30
Stock,	184.50
Sleigh,	25.00
Selling ice-house,	38.50
Filling silo,	77.60
Phosphate,	128.25
Miscellaneous,	483.89
Furniture,	72.93
Tools and seeds,	118.61
Medicine and medical attendance,	13.43
Fish and oysters,	42.97
Printing,	15.00
Coal,	317.32

Oil,	12.40	
Painting wagons,	9.00	
Rent and interest,	585.96	
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		\$7,568.03

RECEIPTS.

Milk,	\$2,087.75	
Stock,	661.83	
Eggs,	73.18	
Potatoes,	19.58	
Hay,	40.00	
Miscellaneous,	31.50	
Outside labor,	197.86	
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		\$3,111.70

ASSESSMENTS.

Charlton,	\$44.70	
Holden,	57.59	
Princeton,	46.03	
Oakham,	11.40	
Hardwick,	90.09	
Millbury,	99.61	
Sterling,	39.40	
Holland,	3.60	
Paxton,	12.64	
Auburn,	53.63	
Rutland,	28.43	
Hubbardston,	23.47	
Westminster,	30.29	
Leicester,	79.15	
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		\$620.03

CASH RECEIVED.

Millbury,	\$1,141.95	
Charlton,	463.55	
Holden,	463.55	
Princeton,	418.35	
Hardwick,	211.44	
Westminster,	206.34	
Paxton,	206.34	
Sterling,	206.34	
Rutland,	206.34	
Holland,	206.34	
Hubbardston,	63.34	
Auburn,	42.42	
		\$3,836.30
		\$7,568.03

WILLIAM H. PARKMAN, President,
Oakham.

L. M. HANFF, Secretary,
Rutland.

A. FREDERICK PUTNAM, Treasurer,
Charlton.

The number of inmates who have been supported by the Charlton Poor Farm Association from January 1, 1915 to January 1, 1916, constitutes the following apportionment:

Town.	No. Inmates.	Weeks.	Price.	Amount.
Millbury,	8	288 4-7	\$3.957	\$1,141.95
Charlton,	3	117 1-7	3.957	463.55
Holden,	6	117 1-7	3.957	463.55
Princeton,	3	105 5-7	3.957	418.45
Hardwick,	2	53 3-7	3.957	211.44
Westminster,	1	52 1-7	3.957	206.34
Paxton,	1	52 1-7	3.957	206.34
Sterling,	1	52 1-7	3.957	206.34
Rutland,	1	52 1-7	3.957	206.34
Holland,	1	52 1-7	3.957	206.34
Hubbardston,	1	1	3.957	63.34
Auburn,	1	10 5-7	3.957	42.42

Following is the list of Towns comprising the Charlton Poor Farm Association and the amount of Assessment based upon each Town's valuation:—

Town.	Valuation.	Assessment.
Auburn,	\$1,730,000	\$53.63
Charlton,	1,442,080	44.70
Hardwick,	2,906,135	90.09
Holden,	1,857,782	57.59
Holland,	116,133	3.60
Hubbardston,	757,225	23.47
Leicester,	2,553,278	79.15
Millbury,	3,213,293	99.61
Oakham,	367,774	11.40
Paxton,	407,948	12.64
Princeton,	1,485,128	46.03
Rutland,	917,325	28.43
Sterling,	1,270,940	39.40
Westminster,	977,225	30.29
	\$20,002,236	\$620.03

FOBES MEMORIAL LIBRARY.

We are pleased to record a prosperous year for our Library. Its use, by the schools of the Town and by the general community, is increasing year by year.

Mrs. Celia E. Fobes of Worcester, who has done so much in establishing and maintaining the Library, has recently given \$1000 towards the Library Fund.

Mrs. M. L. Woodis, who has for more than twenty years so efficiently served the Town, as Library Trustee, has recently been removed by death, mourned by all who knew her.

CONTRIBUTORS TO THE LIBRARY DURING THE PAST YEAR.

State Library Commission, Y. P. S. C. E., Woman's Suffrage Association, J. H. O. Lovell, G. M. Dean, Mrs. Henry Green, Miss Kate Morgan, Mrs. Lizzie Loring, Mrs. Celia E. Fobes, James P. Fairbank, Miss Eunice Ayres, Walter A. Woodis, F. E. Davis, David LaBonte, Mrs. M. T. F. Rugg, Horace M. Green, I. N. Monroe.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,

SARA E. BUTLER,

Library Trustees.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

During the year the Library has been open	106 days
Circulation for home use,	2680
Largest number charged in one day,	54
Smallest number,	4
Loaned for use in the public schools,	173

These publications are furnished for the reading room, and are afterward loaned for home use:—Youth's Companion, Illustrated World, Harper's Weekly, Ladies' World, Ladies' Home Journal, Good Housekeeping, McClure's, Everybody's, Christian Endeavor World, Christian Herald, Today's, Housewife, Saturday Evening Post, New England Homestead, Dumb Animals, Successful Farming, Woman's Journal, Temperance Cause.

The Library has 2573 volumes catalogued.

Additions during the year:—

Title.	Author.
Chicago as It Was and Is	Luzerne
Life and Orations of Daniel Webster	Clark
Henry Ward Beecher	Abbott
Secret Service	Richardson
Uncivilized Races of Men	Wood
Life of Gen. Winfield Scott	Mansfield
Two Years Among the Shakers	Lamson
Life of Grover Cleveland	Goodrich
Life of Frederick Greenhalge	
Wonders of the World	
Scripture Club of Valley Rest	
The Republican Party	Long
Centennial History of U. S.	McCabe
People's Cyclopedia of Universal Knowledge	DePuy
Geological Story	Dana
History of Pedagogy	Hailman

Trees and Shrubs of N. E.	Knoble
School and Field Botany	Gray
Trees of Northeastern America	Newhall
The Woman's Kingdom	Mulock
Cranford	Gaskell
Loveliness	Phelps
People of Popham	Wemyss
The Vicar of Wakefield	Goldsmith
The Heavenly Twins	Grand
The Vision of Dante	Cary
History of English Literature	Taine
Great Events in Modern History	Frost
Cyclopedia of Modern Travel	Taylor
My Story of the War	Livermore
Poems	Dryden
Zell's Encyclopedia	
Our Famous Women	Phelps
With the Allies	Davis
Fighting in Flanders	Powell
Germany and the Next War	Bernhardi
Europe at War	Shaw
Practical Course in Graded Sewing. 7 vols.	Blair
Barrack-Room Ballads	Kipling
Pollyanna Grows Up	Porter
When I was a Little Girl	Gale
The Little Chum Club	Hoyt
Robin Hood's Barn	Brown
Cease Firing	Johnston
The Commodore	Peterson
Pretty Goldilocks	Lang
The Real Fairy Folk	Jamison
Japanese Fairy Tales	Williston
Stories of American Progress	Wright
History of Music	Hullah
Princess Mary's Gift-Book	Barrie
London	Bensusan
A Sailor's Garland	Masefield
In Memoriam	Tennyson
Starting in Life	Fowler

Everyman's Religion	Hodges
The Expert Cleaner	Scaman
Voices of Nature	Baker
Indian Fights and Fighters	Brady
Deafness and Cheerfulness	Jackson
As It Is in England	Osborne
How to Make Home and City Beautiful	Hemenway
Shakespeare and Stratford	Shelley
Benjamin Franklin	Franklin
Introduction to Browning	Hallock
Poems of American Patriotism	
Old Homes of New Americans	Clark
Evolution and Animal Life	Jordan
St. Botolph's Town	Crawford
Cuba	Fairfield
Lowney's Cook Book	Howard
Louise Chandler Moulton	Whiting
A Course in Citizenship	Cabot
Neighborhood	Edwardes
Down Among Men	Comfort
Tales of Romance	Lang
Romance of the Rhine	Marriott
Under the Deodars	Kipling
Mine Own People	Kipling
The Light That Failed	Kipling
New Arabian Nights	Stevenson
Treasure Island	Stevenson
Black Arrow	Stevenson
In the South Seas	Stevenson
Poems, Ballads, Plays	Stevenson
Across the Plains	Stevenson
Familiar Studies	Stevenson
Contrary Mary	Stevenson
K.	Rinehart
The Primrose Ring	Sawyer
Aunt Jane	Lee
The High Priesters	Grant
Delia Blanchflower	Ward
The Cryston Family	Ward

Michael O'Halloran	Porter
Within Prison Walls	Osborne
Mrs. Red Pepper	Richmond
Hepsey Burke	Westcott
Daddy Long-Legs	Webster
The Right Track	Burnham
Felix O'Day	Smith
Anne of the Island	Montgomery
Mr. Pratt's Patients	Lincoln
Thankful's Inheritance	Lincoln
A Far Country	Churchill
Track's End	Carruth
A Lincoln Conscript	Greene
The Turmoil	Tarkington
The Ruin of the Desert	Anderson
A Girl of the Blue Ridge	Erskine
Big Tremaine	Vorst
The Heart of Uncle Terry	Munn
The Man Who Forgot	Hay
Dave Porter on Cave Island	Stratemeyer

Respectfully submitted,

F. E. DAVIS,
Librarian.

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

Receipts.

From Sale of lots,	\$25.00
The Town appropriation,	100.00
Perpetual care of lots,	38.50
Individual care of lots,	42.38
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	\$205.88

Expenses.

Paid Edwin Green, Supt.,	\$153.60
M. S. Dean,	3.00
W. H. Parkman,	6.70
Raymond Thresher,	22.80
Ira W. Stone,	17.75
William A. Nye,	34.47
Alfred Morse,	4.00
H. A. Crawford,	1.95
James P. Fairbank,	10.60
Frank E. Loring,	5.00
George S. Butler,	2.40
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	\$262.27

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,
ALFRED C. MORSE,
J. P. FAIRBANK,
Cemetery Committee.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

This is to certify that I have examined and approved all bills of the Selectmen, Overseers of Poor, School Committee, Road Commissioner, Cemetery Committee, Tree and Fire Wardens, Moth Exterminator, and Library Trustees, and found them to be correct. I have also examined the accounts of the Treasurer and Collector and found them to be correct.

W. M. ROBINSON,

Auditor.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

RECEIPTS.

Town—Support of Schools,	\$1,600.00
Town—School Superintendent,	60.00
Town—Medical Inspection,	25.00
State return—School Fund,	1,271.62
State return—High school tuition,	776.25
State return—High school transportation,	912.70
State return—School Superintendent,	187.50
State return—Education State children,	17.00
State return—Education Boston children,	103.00
State return—Education Barre children,	95.00
State return—Education No. Brookfield children,	15.00
	\$5,063.07

EXPENSES. SALARIES.

Paid Superintendent R. I. Bramhall,	\$246.25
Miss F. E. Bothwell,	396.00
Miss E. M. Braman,	352.00
Mrs. E. T. Swindell,	320.00
Miss Madeline Earle,	99.00
Miss Katherine Butler,	190.00
Miss May O'Donnell,	22.00
Miss Godabout,	28.60
Miss McDermott,	33.00
Miss R. E. Butterfield,	175.00
Miss H. Rutherford,	150.00
Miss E. Shaw,	75.00
Mrs. R. B. Dwelley,	128.00
	\$2,214.85

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Paid for supplies,		\$226.74
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FUEL.

Paid for fuel,		\$163.63
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TUITION.

Paid Town of Barre,	\$446.25	
Town of Hardwick,	150.00	
Town of North Brookfield,	120.00	
Town of Holden,	50.00	
	<hr/>	\$766.25

REPAIRS.

Paid for repairs,		\$164.28
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CARE OF HOUSES.

Paid for care of houses,		\$97.00
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TRANSPORTATION.

High school transportation,	889.90	
East Hill transportation,	223.00	
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MEDICAL INSPECTION.

Paid Dr. Stickney,		\$20.00
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SCHOOL CENSUS.

Paid Jesse Allen,		\$5.00
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid J. N. Ball,	\$6.00	
Jesse Allen,	54.00	
Estate of M. L. Woodis,	10.00	
	<hr/>	\$70.00

Total,		<hr/> \$4,850.65
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With feelings of deep sadness we record the death of our associate on the School Board for so many years, Mrs. Minnie L. Woodis.

Our Schools, Library, Church and entire Community will greatly miss her genial presence, excellent judgment, and wise counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,

J. NELSON BALL,

School Committee.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Holden, Massachusetts,

January 1, 1916.

To the School Committee of the Town of Oakham:

I take pleasure in submitting my third annual report as superintendent of your schools.

During the past year the work in the several schools has been carried on with few important changes. Contagious diseases lowered the attendance records in some of the rooms and thus broke up the work somewhat. The several changes in teachers at the Coldbrook School broke up the work there badly during the spring term. But as we were fortunate enough to secure Miss Butterfield to teach there this year we hope to make up much of the work thus lost. At the present time the work in all the schools is going on satisfactorily. The introduction of drawing again this year has met with much favor both among the children and the parents.

Through the courtesy of the Librarian and the cooperation of the State Library Commission books have been placed in the schools for supplementary reading. This is an important phase of the work for it tends to create in the children a taste for better books and to cultivate the habit of using the library.

Quite a number of the children entered the club contests in Home Economics and Agriculture conducted under the auspices of the Massachusetts Agricultural College last summer. In the Home Economics contest, Edith Plumb won a third prize—a week's vacation at the girls' camp at Amherst. Those who went to the camp last summer reported

a most enjoyable week. Next year these contests will be under the immediate charge of the Worcester County Farm Bureau. We hope Oakham will be well represented in this attempt to develop Worcester County and rural life.

Many needed repairs have been made this year. The schoolhouse at Coldbrook has been painted. New blackboards have been installed in the schoolhouse in the South District. The new outbuilding at the Center has greatly improved sanitary conditions at that school. Arrangements have been made for installing jackets around the stoves in the three district schools, thus providing a more uniform distribution of the heat and better ventilation. Next year a new outbuilding similar to the one at the West School should be built at the South School. New floors should be laid in both rooms at the Center School. The present floors are badly worn, full of large cracks to collect the dust, and extremely noisy.

The lengthening of the school year from thirty-three to thirty-four weeks will increase the expenses about seventy-five dollars next year. The usual high percentage of attendance has been somewhat lowered this year by the epidemics but some rooms have had almost perfect attendance some months.

I recommend a change in the textbooks used in arithmetic and in language for the lower grades. I also recommend the introduction of a text in physiology.

It is with great regret that we record the loss of Mrs. Woodis who had served the schools of the town for so many years as teacher and member of the school committee. She took a keen interest in the work and was always a welcome visitor. She will be missed by both teachers and pupils.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the teachers for their hearty cooperation, and the school committee for their many helpful suggestions and deep interest in the success of our schools.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT I. BRAMHALL,
Superintendent of Schools.

SCHOOL CALENDAR.

January 3, 1916—February 18, 1916	7 weeks
March 27, 1916—June 16, 1916	12 weeks
September 4, 1916—December 15, 1916	15 weeks
January 1, 1917—February 16, 1917	7 weeks
March 26, 1917—June 15, 1917	12 weeks

 SCHOOL CENSUS, SEPT. 1, 1915.

Boys, 5-7 years old,	7
Girls, 5-7 years old,	8
Boys, 7-14 years old,	38
Girls, 7-14 years old,	40
Boys, 14-16 years old,	13
Girls, 14-16 years old,	7
Total,	<hr/> 113

GRADUATION EXERCISES OF NINTH GRADES,

Friday, June 11, 1915.

Program.

March,	Schools
Prayer,	Rev. A. H. Plumb
Song, "O Blest Creator,"	Schools
Welcome,	Edward O'Donnell
Essay, "Irrigation in the West,"	Lavander Sargeant Clifford
Song, "Over the Fields of Clover,"	Schools
Essay, "The Work of the Fish Commission,"	William MacFarland Morse
Recitation, "The Legend of St. Christopher,"	Ella Sherman Ferrin
Essay, "Civil War Days in Oakham,"	F. Arthur Louis Thomas
Song, "Sailing"	Schools
Essay, "The Old Turnpikes,"	Henry Sommerman Newton
Essay, "Boy Musicians."	Marion Corinne Fairbank
Class Future,	Charles William Keep
Song, "Forget-Me-Not,"	Schools
Essay, "Peace, Farewell,"	Edith Alberta Plumb
Presentation of Certificates,	Jesse Allen, Chairman of School Committee
Class Song.	

REPORT OF THE
Supervisor of Drawing.

Holden, Massachusetts,
December 31, 1915.

Mr. Robert I. Bramhall, Superintendent of schools.

Dear Sir:

As my work in the schools began in September, 1915, my report must necessarily be brief.

The aim of the drawing courses is not to make an artist of every child, but to develop the power of drawing as a simple, efficient means of expression. Every child with or without talent should be taught to appreciate refinement in ordinary surroundings, to use judgment in selecting and designing objects in common use, and to love the beautiful in art and nature.

I thank the teachers for their co-operation and interest, which have done much to make my work in Oakham a pleasure.

Respectfully submitted,

G. ELEANOR SHAW.

Supervisor of Drawing.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

Mr. Robert I. Bramhall,
Superintendent of Schools,
Holden, Mass.

Dear Sir:—

I have inspected the school pupils of Oakham twice during the current year. The general condition of the pupils has been found good, with no unusual number of minor afflictions common among school children.

Over one-fourth of the pupils are unvaccinated—a record probably unequalled in any town in the state. The town authorities should act without further delay to remedy this condition by enforcing the statutes requiring vaccination.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. STICKNEY,
School Physician.

Holden, December 31, 1915.

FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT.

January 11, 1916.

During the past year we have had very few forest fires. The season was wet, thus making it much easier to control them. Then the town has extinguishers all through the town, so if a fire starts in any part of the town everyone gets busy and by the time the warden or the deputies get there, the fire is well under control. Then the lookout station on the mountain has an eye out for fires and when the lookout sees smoke he locates it as near as he can and notifies the warden in that location and tells him to get busy, and they do. So you see the wardens are being watched by the man higher up, so there is no chance for a warden to shirk in that office which he holds. The town of Oakham has the reputation of having the best fire fighters of any town that has a paid fire company. We have saved thousands of dollars' worth of property by having these extinguishers in nearly every house in town, whereas, if we had had a more elaborate equipment stationed in the village and had to wait for that to get there, the place would have been burned down. The first five minutes with a small extinguisher when the fire starts is worth more than a whole fire company an hour later. The money that the town invests in extinguishers is of as much importance as good work.

CHARLES H. TROWBRIDGE,

Fire Warden.

ROLL OF HONOR, 1914-1915.

One Year.

Alexina Labonte, Helen Gaffney.

Two Terms of Eleven Weeks.

Emroy Howe, Ruth Morse, Arthur Thomas, Esther Briggs,
Herbert Howe, Charles Ferrin, Doris Bruce, Bernice
Carpenter, Holbrook Prescott, Doris Carpenter.

One Term of Eleven Weeks.

Ola Bechan, Lavander Clifford, Ella Ferrin, Beatrice Howe,
William Morse, Edward O'Donnell, Edith Plumb,
Franklin Briggs, Hazel Briggs, Alexander Crawford,
Edwin Lupa, Arline Prevost, Sophie Bechan, Kenneth
Pierce, Walter Pierce, Alla Carpenter, Harlan Boyd,
Harry Boyd, Joseph Bruce, Russell Chase, Ralph Pres-
cott, Lena Knight, Arthur Messier, Gertrude Edson,
Laura Snay, Frank Parkman, Ethel Rutherford.

SCHOOL STATISTICS, 1914—1915

School	Teacher	Preparation	Salary	Total Enrollment	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance
Grammar	Florence E. Bothwell	N. Brookfield High	\$12.00	27	25	23	93
Primary	Fthel M. Braman	Northfield Sem.	\$11.00	24	20	19	92
Coldbrook	Madeline Earle*	Lowell Normal	\$11.00	34	29	28	97
South	Effie T. Swindell	Barre High	\$10.00	13	11	10	95
West	Kathryn Butler	Worcester Normal	\$10.00	23	13	10	78
Music	Ruth B. Dwellley	Northampton	\$4.00				
Totals			\$58.00	121	98	90	91
1915—1916							
Grammar	Florence E. Bothwell	N. Brookfield High	\$12.00	20			
Primary	Fthel M. Braman	Northfield Sem.	\$11.00	26			
Coldbrook	Ruth E. Butterfield	Worcester Normal	\$12.50	27			
South	Effie T. Swindell	Barre High	\$10.00	15			
West	Helena K. Rutherford	N. Brookfield	\$10.00	15			
Music	Ruth B. Dwellley	Northampton	\$4.00				
Drawing	G. Eleanor Shaw	Mass. Normal Art	\$5.00				
Totals			\$64.50				

*Substitutes:—May E. O'Donnell, Antonia E. Godabout, Teresa McDermott.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS For the Year 1915.

BIRTHS.

- March 6, son (Charles Reuben) to Sylvester R. and Ethel B. Dean.
- March 7, son (Laureston S.) to Edward J. and Laura N. Crawford.
- March 27 daughter (Isabel) to Ralph I. and Leone Daniels
- April 1, son (Albert Francis) to Francis A. and Bernice B. Sullivan.
- May 25, son (Anthony) to Frank and ~~Josephine Luper~~ ^{ANTONIA - LUPA}
- Aug. 2, daughter (Helen) to Martin and Dany Winsky.
- Sept. 21, daughter (Martha E.) to George H. and Marjorie E. Lackey.
- Oct. 8, daughter (Julia M.) to William H. and Louise H. Harris.
- Dec. 4, daughter (Elizabeth P.) to Franklin E. and Mabel P. Howe.
- Dec. 27, son (Albert N.) to Albert N. and Irna C. Dufault.

MARRIAGES.

- July 20, Herbert L. Burdett to Nellie P. Hale.
- July 28, Harry W. Green to Della L. Dodge.
- Sept. 11, A. Leroy Burt to May E. O'Donnell.
- Oct. 27, Irving R. Flemming to Hazel E. Grimes.
- Oct. 16, Jay E. Eaton to Ina G. Paige.
- Nov. 24, James F. Gaffney to Winifred A. Mulligan.

DEATHS.

	Year	Mo.	Days
Jan. 15, Jeremiah R. Fairbank	88	3	11
Feb. 19, Henry E. Morse	67	1	11
April 14, William H. Chamberlain	73	3	6
May 2, Susan F. Fairbank	82	4	3
May 6, Wayland Angier	64	10	7
May 14, Sarah A. White	42		
May 27, P. James Cummings	37	7	20
July 14, Warren C. Keyes	80	3	10
Aug. 13, M. Ruberta Dean	2	9	25
Oct. 9, Minnie L. Woodis	58	9	25
Nov. 7, Edward F. Parmenter	65	8	20
Dec. 1, Sabra W. Woodis	88	11	8

BURIALS IN TOWN.

Jan. 25, Mary P. Dunn	94	6	13
Feb. 2, Lucy W. Allen	80	2	25
March 10, Lorenzo Hill	82	0	26
Dec. 14, Martha R. Sargeant	76		

Number of dogs licensed, 67. Male, 60; female, 7.

Number of hunter's licenses issued, 88.

JESSE ALLEN,

Town Clerk.

