

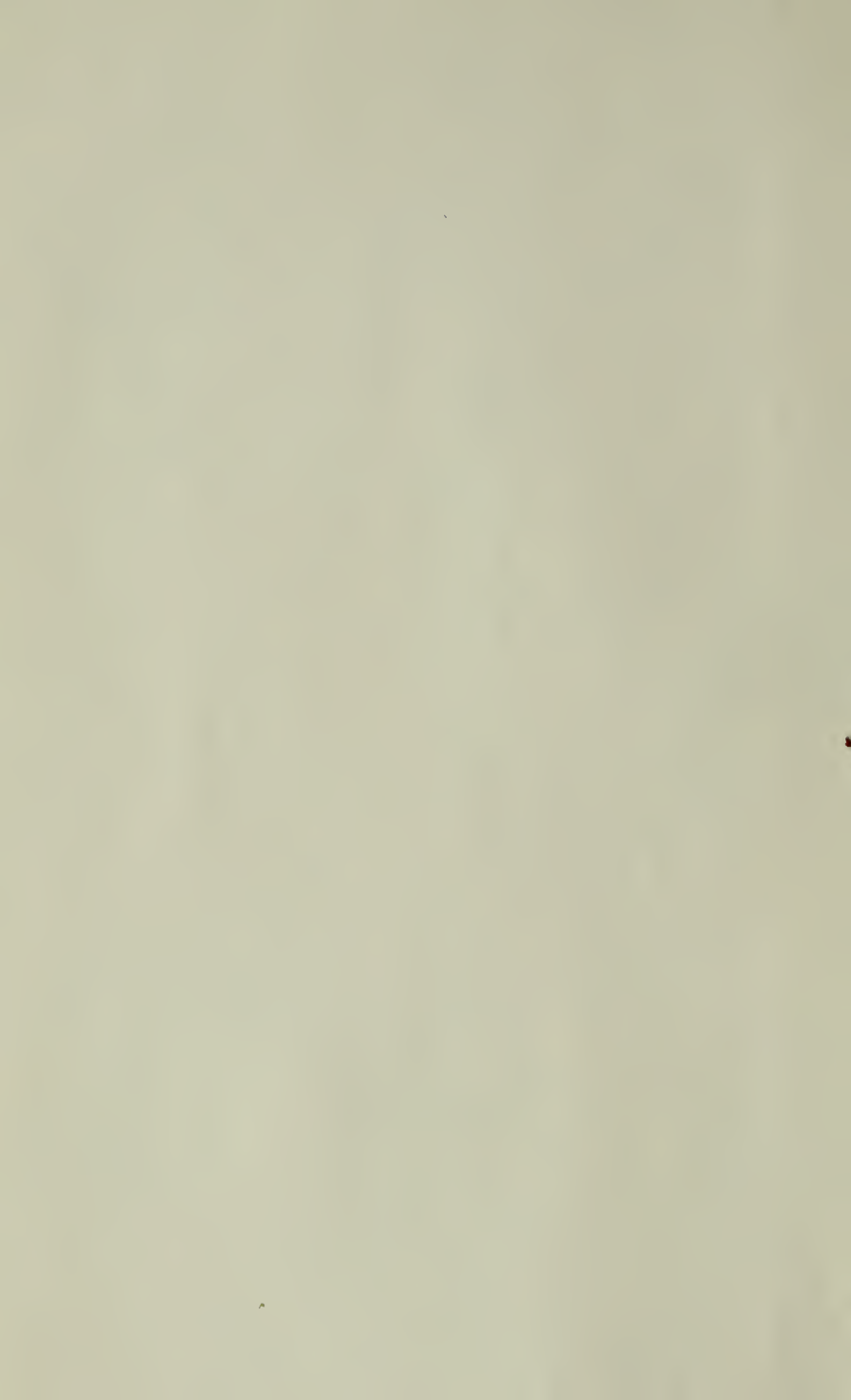
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FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 12,

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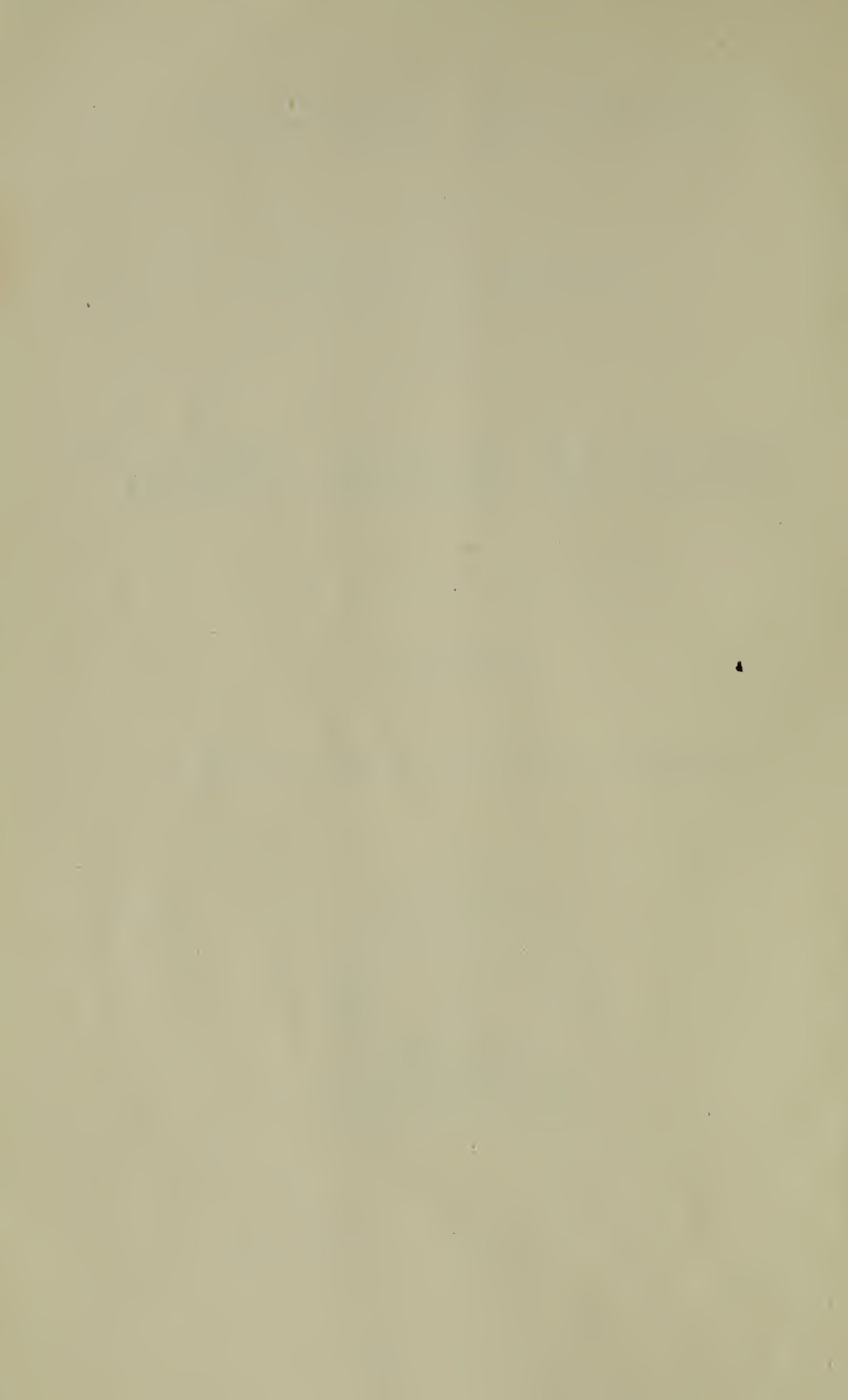


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Town Officers, 1900-1901.

Town Clerk,

Horace F. Tuttle.

Selectmen,

William F. Stevens,

David C. Harris.

E. Faulkner Conant,

Assessors,

James B. Tuttle,

Hiram J. Hapgood.

William F. Stevens,

Overseers of the Poor,

David C. Harris,

E. Faulkner Conant.

William F. Stevens,

Town Treasurer,

Jonathan K. W. Wetherbee.

Auditor,

Frank W. Hoit.

Collector of Taxes,

William F. Stevens.

Constables,

William F. Stevens,

L. E. Reed,

James Kinsley,

William H. Kingsley,

Thomas McCarty.*

Road Commissioners,

Anson C. Piper, (term expires 1901),

William H. Kingsley, (term expires 1902),

Herman A. Gould, (term expires 1901).

School Committee,

Charles J. Williams, (term expires 1902),

Horace F. Tuttle, (term expires 1903),

Frank R. Knowlton, (term expires 1901).

Cemetery Committee,

Julien Tuttle, Herbert T. Clark,
Horace F. Tuttle.

Trustees Memorial Library, (elected by the Town),

William D. Tuttle, (term expires 1901),
Charles J. Williams, (term expires 1902),
Lucius A. Hesselton, (term expires 1903).

Fence Viewers,

Daniel H. Farrar, Reuben L. Reed,*
Oliver W. Mead.*

Surveyors of Lumber, Wood, Hoops and Staves,

Herbert T. Clark, J. P. Fletcher,
Edgar H. Hall,* E. F. Richardson,
M. E. Taylor,* J. E. Billings.*

Field Drivers,

William F. Stevens, James Kinsley,
L. E. Reed, W. H. Kinsley,
Thomas McCarty,

Tree Warden,

E. F. Conant.

Committee on Enforcement of Liquor Law,

Adelbert Mead, F. P. Wood, L. V. Clough,
W. F. Dusseault, W. R. Buxton,
G. Eastabrook, Bernard Copping.

Registrars of Voters, (appointed),

Samuel A. Guilford, (terms expires 1901),
James McGreen, (term expires 1903),
David T. Kinsley, (term expires 1902),
Horace F. Tuttle, ex-officio.

*Have not taken the oath.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING,

HELD, MARCH 26, 1900.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Luther Conant was chosen Moderator.

ART. 2, To see if the Town will accept the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee and other Town officers.

Voted, To accept the report of the several Town officers as printed.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary Town officers and committees and fix salaries.

Voted, To proceed to choose on one ballot :

One Town Clerk,

One Town Treasurer,

Three Selectmen,

Three Assessors,

Three Overseers of the Poor,

One member of the School Committee for one year,

One member of the School Committee for three years,

One Collector of Taxes,

Five Constables,

Three Cemetery Committee,

Three Fence Viewers

Six Surveyors of Lumber, Wood, Hoops and Staves,

Five Field Drivers,

One Trustee of Memorial Library,

One Auditor,

One Road Commissioner,

One Tree Warden.

Voted, To fix the salary of the Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year at one hundred and fifty dollars, the same to include posting the warrants, enforcing the dog law and all other duties hitherto performed by said officer.

Voted, That the salary of the Road Commissioners be fixed at twenty-five cents per hour employed.

Voted, That laborers be paid seventeen and one-half cents per hour employed.

Voted, That a double team and man be paid forty-two and one half cents per hour employed.

The following Town officers and committees were chosen :

Town Clerk, Horace F. Tuttle.

Town Treasurer, Jona. K. W. Wetherbee,

Selectmen, E. Faulkner Conant, William F. Stevens, David C. Harris.

Assessors, James B. Tuttle, William F. Stevens, Hiram J. Hapgood.

Overseers of the Poor, E. Faulkner Conant, William F. Stevens, David C. Harris.

School Committee, Frank R. Knowlton for one year, Horace F. Tuttle for three years.

Collector of Taxes, William F. Stevens.

Constables, William F. Stevens, James Kinsley, L. E. Reed, Wm. H. Kingsley, Thomas McCarty.

Cemetery Committee, Julien Tuttle, Herbert T. Clark, Horace F. Tuttle.

Fence Viewers, Daniel H. Farrar, Reuben L. Reed, Oliver W. Mead.

Surveyors of Lumber, Wood, Hoops and Staves, Herbert T. Clark, J. P. Fletcher, Edgar H. Hall, E. F. Richardson, M. E. Taylor, J. E. Billings.

Field Drivers, William F. Stevens, James Kinsley, L. E. Reed, W. H. Kingsley, Thomas McCarty.

Trustee of Memorial Library, (3 years), Lucius A. Hesselton.

Auditor, Frank W. Hoit.

Road Commissioner, Nahum Littlefield (not sworn); Her-
man A. Gould (appointed).

Tree Warden, E. F. Conant.

Chose Adelbert Mead, F. P. Wood, L. V. Clough, W. F. Dus-
seault, W. R. Buxton, G. Easterbrook and Bernard Copping a
Committee to enforce the liquor laws.

ART. 4. To hear and act upon the report of any committee
chosen to report at this meeting.

Heard the report of the Committee on Enforcement of the
Liquor Laws.

Voted, To accept their report.

ART. 5. To see what amount of money the Town will raise
for the due observance of Memorial Day.

Voted, To appropriate \$100.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will accept the Jury List as re-
vised by the Selectmen.

Voted, To accept and adopt the Jury List as reported by the
Selectmen.

ART. 7. To see what amount of money the Town will raise
for the repairing of roads and bridges the present year.

Voted, To raise \$3,500.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer,
with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money for the
Town, if necessary, in anticipation of taxes the current year.

Voted, To authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the
Selectmen, to borrow money for the Town, if necessary, in anti-
cipation of taxes the current year.

ART. 9. To vote Yes or No in answer to the question: Shall
licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in Acton
the present year?

Whole number of ballots cast,	175
Yes,	86
No,	89

ART. 10. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the support of Memorial Library the present year.

Voted, To raise \$400 for current expenses and \$200 for the purchase of books.

ART. 11. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the support of schools the present year, and act anything thereon.

<i>Voted</i> , To raise for common schools,	\$3,550
“ “ “ high school,	1,700
“ “ “ transportation,	990
“ “ “ books for high school,	50
“ “ “ salary of Sup't.,	450

ART. 12. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for school supplies the present year.

Voted, To raise \$475.

ART. 13. To see if the Town will raise a sum of money for the enforcement of the liquor laws.

Voted, To raise \$500.

ART. 14. To see if the Town will maintain street lamps the present year or act anything thereon.

Voted, To appropriate \$3 1-2 per lamp, approved by the Selectmen.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will accept the laying out or relocating by the Road Commissioners of the road from Boxboro to South Acton, from a point in West Acton near the house of Eugene L. Hall to a point near the house of W. H. Lawrence.

Voted, To accept the laying out and relocation by the Road Commissioners of the road from Boxboro to South Acton, from a point in West Acton near the house of Eugene L. Hall to the South Acton road near the house of W. H. Lawrence.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will accept the widening and straightening by the Road Commissioners of the road from South Acton to Stow, near the house of Mrs. Davidson and Mrs. Bowles.

Voted, To dismiss the article.

ART. 17. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the road leading from a point near the house of Daniel Hennessey northerly to the Acton Center road.

Voted, To discontinue the piece of road described.

ART. 18. To see if the Town will vote to hold but one Annual Town Meeting instead of two.

Voted, To hold the Annual Town Meeting the last Monday in March, to be called not later than 9 o'clock A. M.

ART. 19. To see if the Town will rescind all action taken on Articles 21 and 22, in Warrant of April 3, 1899, and accept ordinance in reference to Cemetery Trust Fund or take any action thereon.

Voted, To pass over the Article.

ART. 20. To see what action the Town will take in reference to the collection of taxes the present year.

Voted, That the Collector charge interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum on all taxes remaining unpaid after the first day of November next.

Voted, That all taxes shall be paid on or before the first day of March next, and if any taxes remain unpaid after that date the Collector shall collect according to law.

ART. 21. To see what action the Town will take in reference to furnishing crushed stone for its roads.

Voted, To pass over the Article.

ART. 22. To see if the Town will vote to build a new bridge near the Powder Mills, on the road leading to Concord, or act anything thereon.

Voted, To build a new stone bridge near the Powder Mills, on the road leading to Concord.

Voted, To raise seven hundred dollars to build the bridge and repair the road.

ART. 23. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for town charges.

Voted, To raise \$2,500 for Town charges.

Voted, To accept the minutes of the meeting.

Voted, To adjourn without day.

A true record, attest,

HORACE F. TUTTLE, *Town Clerk.*

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING

HELD AUGUST 21, 1900.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Luther Conant was chosen Moderator.

ART. 2. To see what action the Town will take in reference to authorizing its Selectmen to contract with the Massachusetts Highway Commission for the construction of two sections of State highway, the present year, in accordance with Chap. 404, Acts of 1900.

Voted, That the Town waive its rights to contract for the building of the proposed sections of State highway allotted to the Town, and leave the matter of building to the Massachusetts Highway Commission.

ART. 3. To determine whether the Town will authorize the Selectmen to petition the Court for a separation of grades between the N. Y., N. H. & H. and B. & M. R. R. Co.'s tracks and the Great Road (so called), or will take any action relating thereto.

Voted, That the Board of Selectmen be requested to petition the Court for a separation of grades between the tracks of the N. Y., N. H. & H. and B. & M. Railroads and the Great Road (so called), and take such other action in the matter as may seem to them desirable and expedient.

ART. 4. To see what action the Town will take to procure two cannon to place on Acton Common.

Chose a Committee consisting of E. Faulkner Conant, Delette H. Hall and Charles M. Kimball.

ART. 5. To see what action the Town will take in reference to a fire engine for the South Village.

Voted, That the Town appropriate six hundred dollars, to be placed in the hands of the Selectmen, to be expended at their discretion for fire apparatus in South Acton.

ART. 6. To see what action the Town will take in reference to improving the Isaac Davis Monument Grounds.

Voted, That the Selectmen, with Luther Conant and Augustine Hosmer, be a Committee to provide a proper resting place for the stone presented to this Town by the Town of Concord, and cause a suitable inscription to be placed upon it.

Voted, That no action be taken in the matter of the alteration of the monument grounds until a plan has been presented to the Town.

Voted, That Luther Conant, W. D. Tuttle, E. F. Conant, Wm. H. Kingsley and Julien Tuttle be a Committee to consider the matter and report to the Town.

ART. 7. To see what action the Town will take in reference to authorizing the Selectmen to sell the East Acton school house grounds.

Voted, To dismiss the Articles.

Voted, To accept the minutes of the meeting

Voted, To adjourn without day.

A true record, attest,

HORACE F. TUTTLE, *Town Clerk*.

STATE ELECTION.

Election Officers.

PRECINCT No. 1.

Republican.	Democratic.
Lyman C. Taylor, Inspector.	Edward A. Phelan, Warden.
John S. White, Deputy Inspector.	Spofford Robbins, Deputy Warden.
Horace F. Tuttle, Clerk.	Aaron W. Foster, Inspector.
Moses E. Taylor, Deputy Clerk.	Nahum C. Reed, Deputy Inspector.

PRECINCT No. 2.

Theron F. Newton, Warden.	Abram Tuttle, Clerk.
Lucius A. Hesselton, Deputy Warden.	J. E. Reed, Deputy Clerk.
Hiram J. Hapgood, Inspector.	Nelson J. Cole, Inspector.
Lewis C. Hastings, Deputy Inspector.	Edwin F. Barker, Deputy Inspector.

PRECINCT No. 3.

Delette H. Hall, Warden,	Wm. F. Kelly, Clerk.
Allen B. Parker, Deputy Warden.	Wm. L. Tenney, Deputy Clerk.
Charles B. Stone, Inspector.	James Kinsley, Inspector.
Fred S. Whitcomb, Deputy Inspector.	James Devane, Deputy Inspector.

PROCEEDINGS OF MEETINGS

HELD NOV. 6, 1900, IN PRECINCTS No. 1, 2 AND 3.

VOTES.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS.

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Total
Bryan and Stevenson Electors,	38	24	35	97
McKinley and Roosevelt "	88	100	100	288
Wooley and Metcalf "	1	0	3	4
Edward Waldo Emerson,	1	0	0	1
Blanks,	8	8	1	17

GOVERNOR.

	Precinct 1.	Precinct 2.	Precinct 3.	Total
Charles H. Bradley,	0	2	0	2
W. Murray Crane,	89	93	91	273
John M. Fisher,	1	1	5	7
Robert Treat Paine, Jr.,	38	21	30	89
Blanks,	8	15	13	36

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

John L. Bates,	91	99	96	286
John B. O'Donnell,	34	19	27	80
Wilbur M. Purrington,	2	0	3	5
Moritz E. Ruther,	0	0	1	1
George H. Wrenn,	2	1	0	3
Blanks,	7	13	12	32

SECRETARY.

Addison W. Barr,	2	0	0	2
William M. Olin,	90	96	93	279
W. H. Partridge,	1	0	4	5
Luther Stephenson,	35	17	28	80
Blanks,	8	19	14	41

TREASURER.

Edward S. Bradford,	89	99	91	279
Joseph L. Chalifoux,	34	19	24	77
Napoleon B. Johnson,	2	0	11	13
Stephen O'Shaughnessey,	0	1	0	1
Blanks,	11	13	13	37

AUDITOR.

Elbridge Gerry Brown,	36	18	25	79
Frank A. Forsstrom,	0	0	1	1
William G. Merrill,	8	2	4	14
Henry E. Turner,	83	94	88	265
Frank S. Walsh,	0	1	0	1
Blanks,	9	17	21	47

ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

John A. Billings,	1	0	0	1
Allen Coffin,	1	1	4	6
John C. Crosby,	32	18	21	71
Hosea M. Knowlton,	90	99	94	283
Blanks,	12	14	20	46

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS.

Charles D. Lewis,	37	25	40	102
Charles Q. Tirrell,	88	93	84	265
Blanks,	11	14	15	40

COUNCILLOR.

S. Herbert Howe,	93	92	92	277
John J. Mahoney,	32	20	27	79
Blanks,	11	20	20	51

SENATOR.

Frank L. Blood,	35	21	26	82
Herbert E. Fletcher,	92	95	92	279
Blanks,	9	16	21	46

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT.

William N. Cowles,	36	27	35	98
Melvin W. Longley,	91	92	82	265
Blanks,	9	13	22	44

COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

Truman W. Hagar,	35	19	25	79
John O. Donnell,	1	1	1	3
Samuel O. Upham,	92	96	87	275
Blanks,	8	16	26	50

REGISTER OF DEEDS.

Edwin O. Childs,	94	94	92	280
Charles A. Johnson,	4	7	2	13
Blanks,	38	31	45	114

COUNTY TREASURER.

Albert M. Grant,	6	8	3	17
Joseph O. Hayden,	94	94	89	277
Blanks,	36	30	47	113

A true record, Attest:

HORACE F. TUTTLE,

Town Clerk.

**Vote of the 23d Middlesex District for Representative in
General Court.**

	Acton	Ayer	Littleton	Shirley	W'stford	Total
William N. Cowles, of Ayer,	98	276	45	118	87	624
Melvin W. Langley, of Shirley,	265	161	118	124	252	920
Blanks,	44	41	22	24	65	196
Total vote,	407	478	185	266	404	1,740

Town Clerk's Report.

BIRTHS.

Whole number recorded, 37; all of which occurred in Acton.

Males,	19	Females,	18
Native parentage,	15	Foreign parentage,	11
Mixed parentage,	11	One parent born in Acton,	9
Both parents born in Acton,	0		

MARRIAGES.

Whole number recorded,			26
Residents of Acton,			39
Residents of other places,			13
Oldest groom,	63	Oldest bride,	58
Youngest groom,	22	Youngest bride,	17

DEATHS.

Whole number recorded,	40
Residents of Acton,	39
Residents of other places,	1
Average age, 54. + years.	

NOTE.—To make the registration as complete as possible, the Town Clerk requests information of any omission or error in the lists of births, marriages and deaths.

NOTE.—In accordance with Section 8, Chap 32, of the Public Statutes, the Town Clerk hereby gives notice that he is prepared to furnish to all physicians, midwives and persons applying therefor, blanks for the return of births.

HORACE F. TUTTLE, *Town Clerk.*

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1900.

No.	DATE	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF PARENTS
	1900		
1	Jan. 5	Daniel Christopher Goggin	Edward and Ellen (Mahoney)
2	" 21	John William Brodeur	Chas. E. and Annie L. (Woodward)
3	Feb. 8	Louise Mary Tobin	Michael and Mary (Quinlan)
4	" 17	Annie Elizabeth McCarthy	John and Ellen L. (Tuohey)
5	Mch. 1	Laura May Stone	Peter G. and Rose Mary (McGuire)
6	April 16	Joseph Wilbur Brown	Joseph R. and Lottie I. (Lehy)
7	" 18	Marie Althea Davis	Francis S. and Lucy Emily (Noyes)
8	" 23	Elizabeth Ilene Hurley	James and Bridget (Neyland)
9	June 7	Harry Regenia Brazier	Andrew B. and Mary N. (Lucier)
10	" 9	Edith Rose Lawrey	Geo. Francis and Ellen A. (Sullivan)
11	July 14	Annie Mary Foley	Patrick J. and Johanna (Conway)
12	" 20	Laura. Heath	Charles B. and Mary (Cahill)
13	" 22	Harry Johannes Phillipson	Anton and Caroline S. (Peterson)
14	" 31	Wallace Edward Carey	Edward H. and Ina S. (Bryant)
15	Aug. 6	Elsie Margaret Gough	John E. and Margaret (Dillon)
16	" 7	Willard James Ingham	Jeremiah R. and Mary Ella (Sibley)
17	" 12	Miriam Allen Barker	George A. and Leah R. (Allen)
18	" 20	Roland Fletcher Willis	Herb. E. and Evelyn B. (Fletcher)
19	" 22	Harold Ralph Searles	Sanf'd S. and Annie H. (Hayward)
20	" 25	Ellis Edgar Hayward	William B. and Margaret (Leary)
21	Sept. 13	Edwin Henry Christaffersen	Anders and Annie (Anderson)
22	" 14	Dorothy Elizabeth Tuttle	Roswell L. and Annie B. (Simpson)
23	" 22	Grace Altha Gilmore	Almon H. and Mabel G. (Dufresne)
24	" 24	Myrtle Ida Abbott	Edward A. and Ellen J. (Weaver)
25	Oct. 5	Douglas Burns Wilson	Jas. A. and Mary E. (McLoughlin)
26	" 7	Charles Alfred Morse	Alfred J. and Georgena J. (Beach)
27	" 16	Francis William Hopps	John L. and Elizabeth (LaClaire)
28	" 18	Ernest Fuller Brewster	Cecil E. and Alice A. (Fuller)
29	" 27	Richard Archibald Schnair	Charles H. and Leah (Squires)
30	Nov. 6	Edna May Tuttle	Frank H. and Bessie May (Harris)
31	" 11	Abbie Elizabeth Coughlin	William C. and Annie J. (Brannan)
32	Dec. 7	Francis Earle Farrar	Frank B. and Dora Jane (Welch)
33	" 9	Henry Ross	Samuel and Annie (Zeruka)
34	" 21	Gladys Alberta Wood	Albert L. and Agnes J. (Butler)
35	" 21	Alice Winifred Byron	Jas. F. and Bridget E. (Delaney)
36	" 31	Richard Morse Davis	Rich. M. and Lena Maud (Morse)

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1900.

NO	DATE PLACE	NAMES	RESIDENCES
1	Jan. 1, Acton	Fredson P. Brooks Mary D. Blake	Acton Acton
2	Jan. 11, W. Acton	Alfred W. Cobleigh Effie M. Withington	Boxboro Boxboro
3	Feb. 14, Maynard	Harry H. Clark Catherine F. Keegan	W. Acton Maynard
4	March 14, W. Acton	Willard H. Rudolph Harriet R. Barker	W. Acton W. Acton
5	March 21, Concord	Sewall H. Hasty Emma M. Truette	Acton Acton
6	March 28, Acton	William H. Francis Davis Lendia Hermione Browne	Acton Acton
7	March 28, S. Acton	Will Atkinson Charles M. Florence Fletcher	Acton Acton
8	April 16, Boston	Dexter L. Spinney Margaret S. Frazier	Acton Acton
9	May 3, Hopedale	Charles C. Leighton Gertrude M. Guilford	W. Acton W. Acton
10	May 23, Acton	John Gilbert Katie Poile	Acton Acton
11	May 29, S. Acton	Charles H. Whitney Cora A. Clough	S. Acton S. Acton
12	June 12, S. Acton	Herman C. Tapley Maud Virginia Colburn	S. Acton W. Acton
13	June 27, S. Acton	Stephen F. Townsend Jessie H. Jones	S. Acton S. Acton
14	June 27, Maynard	Joseph M. King Mary Quinlan	Maynard S. Acton
15	June 28, W. Acton	Joseph T. Regnier Loretta C. Shattuck	Concord W. Acton
16	July 18, Milford, N.H.	Henry Smith Annie B. Gray	S. Acton S. Acton
17	Aug. 10, S. Acton	William Kay Mary E. Lund	Concord Concord
18	Sept. 19, Acton	George E. Crampton Mabel Frances Wetherbee	Somerville Acton
19	Oct. 3, W. Acton	Elbert Anderson Bradish Hattie L. Tuttle	Boston Acton
20	Oct. 10, Littleton	Freeman W. Robbins Cora Etta Emery	Acton Acton
21	Oct. 10, Littleton	Chester H. Harris Lottie Moore	Acton Littleton
22	Oct. 10, Littleton	Harry E. Clough Mabel D. Bradley	S. Acton Littleton
23	Nov. 14, Chelmsford	Charles M. Cudworth Cora Rouillard	Little'n, N.H. Acton
24	Nov. 26, W. Acton	Harry A. Spinney Bertha I. Downie	W. Acton W. Acton
25	Nov. 28, Concord	Alfred O. L. Loring Helen P. Emery	Concord Acton
26	Dec. 19, Boxboro	Percy E. Tuttle Alice M. Walch	S. Acton S. Acton

DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1900.

No.	DATE.	NAME.	AGES		
			YR.	MO.	DS.
1.	January 14,	Joseph Reed,	88	8	28
2.	January 21,	Lewis B. Goodnow,	82	9	2
3.	January 31,	Lottie E. Handley,	38	10	14
4.	February 1,	Michael Hannon,	67	4	2
5.	February 26,	William H. Booker,	29	11	10
6.	March 2,	Caroline H. Hosmer,	63	5	11
7.	March 8,	Patrick Sheary,	69	10	26
8.	March 23,	Harriet L. Gates,	62	0	16
9.	March 29,	Charlotte L. Brown,	75	0	3
10.	April 7,	William King,	70	0	17
11.	April 20,	Elizabeth Bergendahl.	74	0	0
12.	April 22,	Nancy D. Robbins,	73	11	3
13.	April 22,	Eliza J. Shattuck,	51	6	20
14.	April 24,	Julia Sophia Hale,	67	5	7
15.	May 7,	Sarah Jane Reed,	73	1	1
16.	May 15,	Mary E. Pettengill,	76	1	29
17.	May 21,	Bertha E. Hosmer,	31	1	7
18.	May 24,	John William Parsons,	64	6	14
19.	May 28,	Angelina S. Faulkner,	68	8	8
20.	June 2,	Richard G. Dane,	75	3	9
21.	June 8,	Lillie R. Brazier,	0	0	1
22.	June 21,	Mary Agnes Philbrick,	40	0	17
23.	June 25,	Nettie Nickerson,	34	11	3
24.	June 26,	Eva Celestia Emery,	35	7	13
25.	July 12,	Isaac G. Reed,	53	11	13
26.	July 30,	Nathaniel M. Allen,	60	3	1
27.	August 11,	Elsie Margaret Gough,	0	0	5
28.	July 25,	Ralph D. Brodeur,	3	1	25
29.	August 12,	Frank E. Merrill,	16	3	9
30.	August 22,	Susan E. Hayward,	52	9	14
31.	August 29,	Henry Shapley,	77	5	20
32.	September 4,	Maria Kingsley,	80	6	28
33.	September 5,	James Raymond Gough,	0	11	27
34.	September 17,	Erico Gasbaro,	40	0	0
35.	October 11,	Kate Kane,	56	10	26
36.	October 12,	Morris Lane,	76	0	0
37.	November 6,	Orrilla G. Barker,	64	—	17
38.	December 13,	Helen Gertrude Haynes,	36	10	17
39.	December 16,	Lucius S. Hosmer,	55	2	21
40.	December 27,	Martha A. Jones,	83	0	24

NON-RESIDENT BURIALS IN 1900.

No.	DATE OF DEATH.	NAME OF PERSON.	RESIDENCE.	AGE		
				YR.	MO.	DS.
	1900.					
1.	Feb. 4,	Lydia A. Wood,	Hyde Park,	57	9	23
2.	Feb. 19,	Jane F. Rodgers,	Wareham,	79	0	0
3.	Feb. 20,	Benjamin Mellen,	Boston,	59	3	15
4.	Mar. 5,	Annie E. Lothrop,	Charlton,	51	4	18
5.	Mar. 20,	Direxa E. Mead,	Somerville,	66	0	0
6.	Mar. 23,	Mary M. Chase,	Atlanta, Ga.,	63	3	6
7.	Mar. 26,	John P. Priest,	Boston,	81	7	27
8.	April 1,	Melville B. C. Cummings,	Woburn,	64	5	0
9.	April 3,	William H. Austin,	Maynard,	0	0	4
10.	April 16,	William Law,	Lancaster,	71	11	0
11.	June 28,	Mary Law,	Ayer,	79	9	8
12.	July 29,	Caroline Whitcomb,	Fitchburg,	80	4	28
13.	Aug. 22,	Cylena H. Conant,	Concord,	81	0	28
14.	Sept 6,	Daniel R. Briggs,	Chelsea,	83	6	0
15.	Sept. 9,	Althea Louise Houston,	Boston,	61	3	10
16.	Oct. 2,	Mary M. Cutter,	Boston,	82	7	8
	1872.					
17.	Jan. 27,	Luther Oliver Hale,	W. Lebanon, N. H.,	6	5	22

PERSONS HAVING DOGS LICENSED IN 1900.

Lottie C. Flagg,	\$ 2 00	Lester N. Fletcher,	2 00
Clara L. Stone,	2 00	Frank A. Pratt,	2 00
J. Sterling Moore,	2 00	Howard E. Faulkner,	2 00
James P. Brown,	2 00	Jeremiah McCarthy,	2 00
Clarence E. Switzer,	2 00	Arthur Tuttle,	2 00
Frank R. Stevens,	2 00	H. A. Gould,	2 00
Green & Holden,	2 00	Joseph R. Brown,	2 00
Amasa E. Lincoln,	2 00	Joseph F. Scott,	2 00
Wm. F. Stevens,	2 00	David C. Harris,	2 00
Ernest Johnson,	2 00	Charles H. Wheeler,	2 00
Charles H. Morris,	2 00	Samuel Ineson,	2 00
George T. Knowlton,	2 00	Willard Rudolph,	2 00
Varnum Tuttle,	2 00	Axel G. Lundberg,	5 00
John Temple,	2 00	George H. Brooks,	2 00
Mary E. Davis,	2 00	Mary E. Reynolds,	2 00
Ellsworth Houghton,	2 00	Benjamin Pope,	2 00
Albert H. Perkins,	2 00	Abel Cole,	2 00
Wm. F. Kelley,	2 00	Fred E. Howland, (2)	4 00
M. E. Taylor,	2 00	Hiram E. Gates,	2 00
J. Linwood Richardson,	5 00	Elizabeth Hanson,	2 00
Luke Tuttle,	2 00	Warren H. Jones,	2 00
Charles L. Ford, (3)	12 00	Elnathan Jones,	2 00
George Libby,	5 00	Francis Pratt,	2 00
John Downey,	2 00	George W. Worster,	2 00
Cyrus G. Dole,	2 00	C. F. Shirland,	2 00
N. J. Cole, (2)	7 00	Robert G. Reed,	2 00
F. G. Williams,	5 00	M. G. Hayes, (2)	4 00
Eva C. Shapley,	2 00	Censtance O'Neil,	2 00
Solon A. Robbins,	2 00	Moses Taylor,	2 00
H. A. Gray,	5 00	S. Hammond Taylor,	2 00
Smith Finney, (2)	10 00	Francis S. Davis,	5 00
Frank W. Bulette,	2 00	Robert Deschler, (3)	9 00
W. H. Lawrence,	2 00	Lyman Tuttle,	2 00
Charles J. Williams,	2 00	George N. Hoit,	2 00
Daniel H. Farrar,	2 00	Tuttle & Newton,	2 00
Fredson P. Brooks,	2 00	L. Willis Mead,	2 00
Charles A. Taylor,	2 00	H. M. Smith,	2 00
A. L. Lawrence, (2)	4 00	Chauncy B. Robbins,	2 00
C. H. Fairbanks,	2 00	Charles A. Hunter,	2 00

John Watkins,	2 00	Charles S. Moulton,	2 00
John McCarty,	2 00	Mary J. Harrington,	2 00
Fred S. Whitcomb,	2 00	O. W. Penniman,	2 00
Benjamin Anderson,	2 00	J. E. Durkee,	2 00
Fred M. Dempsey,	2 00	Wilbur Fiske,	2 00
Abel Farrar,	2 00	Roswell L. Tuttle,	5 00
O. A. Knowlton,	2 00	Patrick O'Neil,	2 00
F. R. Knowlton,	2 00	Wm. J. Hayes,	2 00
F. E. Harris,	2 00	Wm. C. Coughlin,	2 00
A. Risso,	2 00	W. C. Robbins, (2)	4 00
Ora A. Willis, (2)	7 00	W. H. Hill,	2 00
Wm. H. Kingsley,	2 00	F. W. Green,	2 00
Wm. J. Moore,	2 00	William Wallace,	2 00
Frank J. Barker, (2)	7 00		

Total number licensed,	117
Number of males, 102, at \$2.00 each,	\$204 00
Number of females, 15, at \$5.00 each,	75 00
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	\$279 00
Deduct fees 117 licenses at 20 cents each,	23 40
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Amount paid to County Treasurer,	\$255 60

HORACE F. TUTTLE, *Town Clerk.*

Selectmen's Report.

Centre School.

Paid Sara G. Small, teaching Grammar,	36 weeks,	\$360 00
Ella L. Miller, " Intermediate,	36 "	360 00
Cora F. Warren, " Primary,	35½ "	358 00
Julian Tuttle, janitor,		33 00
" cleaning rooms,		9 00
Cyrus Hale, janitor,		50 00
" cleaning rooms,		8 35
F. J. Hastings & Co., coal,		24 00
Geo. E. Greenough, "		83 99
E. Jones, incidentals,		1 50
M. E. Taylor & Co., incidentals,		5 99
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		\$1,293 83

South School.

Paid Eva R. Barton, teaching Grammar,	12 weeks,	\$120 00
Louise M. Foss, " "	24 "	240 00
Eva M. Brewer, " Intermediate,	12 "	120 00
Edith A. Kalloch, " "	24 "	240 00
Annie W. Chase, " Primary,	35 9-10 "	359 00
C. L. Bradford, janitor,		27 50
Geo. C. Turner, janitor,		67 50
" cleaning rooms,		11 70
" cutting wood,		1 50
F. J. Hastings & Co., coal,		10 80
E. Jones & Co., coal Central Hall,		17 86
So. Acton Coal & Lumber Co., coal,		56 83
G. E. Greenough, wood,		2 50
H. E. Tolman, janitor Central Hall,		34 00
" cleaning room,		12 75
" getting in wood,		50
Tuttle & Newton, incidentals,		13 29
E. Jones, "		3 98
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		\$1,339 71

West School.

Paid Mary A. Randall, teacher, Grammar, 1 4-5 weeks,	\$ 18 00
Sara J. Wood, teacher, Grammar, 2 1-5 weeks,	22 00
Effie M. Horn, teacher, Grammar, 8 weeks,	80 00
Grace H. Trefethen, teacher, Gram- mar, 24 weeks,	240 00
Catherine E. Sweeney, teacher, Inter- mediate, 35 weeks,	350 00
G. Lillian Edmunds, teacher, Inter- mediate, 1 week,	7 50
Harriet H. Gardner, teacher, Prim- ary, 36 weeks,	408 00
Thomas Scanlon, janitor,	105 00
“ cleaning rooms,	25 68
E. C. Parker & Co., coal,	75 60
T. Scanlon, incidentals,	5 38
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	\$1,337 16

High School.

Paid W. D. DeVault, principal, 15 weeks,	\$375 00
A. L. Faxon, principal 26 weeks,	650 00
M. Florence Fletcher, assistant, 1 week	12 50
Bertha A. Merrill, assistant, 40 w'ks,	500 00
Geo. C. Turner, janitor,	67 50
C. L. Bradford, “	27 50
So. Acton Coal & Lumber Co., coal,	70 88
G. C. Turner, cleaning rooms,	11 70
J. L. Hammett Co., diplomas,	8 15
E. Jones, incidentals,	86
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	\$1,724 09

Musical Instruction in Schools.

Paid Marian M. Brown,	\$53 00
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Transportation of Public School Scholars.

Paid Jens Meckelson, East District,	\$360 00	
Geo. E. Greenough North District,	360 00	
Wm. S. Jones, Southeast District,	225 00	
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Apparatus for High School.

Paid Zeigler Electric Co.,	\$17 39	
DeWolf, Fiske & Co.,	14 34	
Ginn & Co.,	2 39	
American Book Co.,	5 20	
D. Appleton & Co.,	4 00	
W. D. DeVault, express,	55	
C. J. Williams, express,	30	
Tuttle & Newton, chemicals,	3 25	
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School Supplies.

Paid Silver, Burdett & Co.,	\$ 24 89	
American Book Co.,	47 09	
Ginn & Co.,	35 65	
J. L. Hammett & Co.,	237 63	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	16 18	
D. C. Heath & Co.,	80 31	
E. E. Babb & Co.,	12 80	
P. R. Bullard,	5 70	
T. Evans for express,	1 50	
W. D. DeVault for express,	1 60	
C. J. Williams for express,	3 75	
C. J. Williams for supplies,	2 63	
A. L. Noyes for express,	13 97	
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Repairs on Roads and Bridges.

Paid Anson C. Piper for April,	\$152 03
Wm. H. Kingsley for April,	149 03
Herman A. Gould for April and May,	329 09
Anson C. Piper for May,	168 67

Paid Anson C. Piper for June,	\$318 26
Herman A. Gould for June,	318 75
Wm. H. Kingsley for June,	269 43
Wm. H. Kingsley for July,	79 00
Herman A. Gould for August,	119 33
Anson C. Piper for August,	305 50
H. A. Gould for September,	212 50
Wm. H. Kingsley for August and Sep- tember,	347 00
H. A. Gould for October,	145 62
A. C. Piper for October,	121 82
Wm. H. Kingsley for October and November,	170 23
A. C. Piper for November,	40 53
W. M. French for repairing washout,	1 40
E. Jones for lumber,	54
R. H. Nichols for 84 feet D. pipe,	10 92
South Acton C. & L. Co. for lumber,	4 14
C. E. Switzer for repairing tools,	16 53
American Powder Mills for labor, ma- terial and freight (wooden bridge),	57 55
South Acton C. & L. Co., plank (wood- en bridge),	150 08
W. F. Hall for repairs (wooden bridge),	1 50
Tuttle & Newton for repairs (wooden bridge),	1 99
American Powder Mills for powder and caps,	7 90
A. C. Piper for tools,	7 30
T. F. McCarty for stone,	20 50
South Acton C. & L. Co. for supplies,	1 21
S. A. Guilford for repairs,	70
Tuttle & Newton for lantern,	73
W. H. Kingsley for 42 ft. pipe,	10 08
W. F. Hale for repairs,	1 10
M. E. Taylor & Co. for supplies,	4 82
E. F. Barker for gravel and stone,	2 50
Jeremiah McCarthy for 17 loads gravel	85

Paid W. A. Flint for 202 loads gravel,	\$10 10	
A. F. Blanchard for 484 loads gravel,	24 20	
G. W. Clark for 452 loads gravel,	22 60	
F. H. Whitcomb for 79 loads gravel,	3 95	
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		\$3,609 98
Appropriation,	\$3,500 00	
Overdrawn,	109 98	

Stone Bridge at Powder Mills.

Paid W. H. Kingsley for labor,	\$544 34	
H. A. Gould for labor,	210 70	
A. C. Piper for labor,	65 00	
American Powder Mills for labor,	4 75	
H. R. More for repairing tools,	18 45	
American Woolen Co. for use of der- rick,	19 00	
G. S. Whitney for cement,	63 25	
South Acton C. & L. Co. for lumber,	13 67	
W. F. Hale for iron posts,	10 10	
D. C. Harris for stone,	37 50	
T. F. McCarthy for stone,	260 30	
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		\$1,247 06
Appropriation,	\$700 00	
Overdrawn,	547 06	

Breaking Roads.

Paid W. A. Flint,	\$27 09	
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		\$27 09

West Acton Well.

Paid D. M. Beach for labor and use of tools,	\$127 69	
American Powder Mills for dynamite,	4 60	
N. H. Tenney for pipe and labor,	4 29	
E. S. Morse for labor,	1 00	
S. A. Guilford for repairs,	1 78	
Waldo Bros. for pipe,	10 40	
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		\$149 76

Street Lighting.

Paid	L. C. Taylor,	for 1899,	\$3 50
	A. L. Noyes,	"	3 50
	Mary Smith,	"	3 50
	M. E. Taylor,	"	3 50
	J. W. Livermore,	"	3 50
	M. E. Reynolds,	"	94
	West Acton Street Lighting Association,		248 50
	Acton Centre " " "		87 50
	East Acton " " "		80 50
	Margaret Rouillard,		3 50
	A. L. Noyes,		3 50
	J. W. Livermore,		3 50
	Mary Smith,		3 50
	L. C. Taylor,		3 50
	M. E. Taylor,		3 50
	D. C. Harris,		3 50
	S. L. Richardson,		3 50
	F. H. Tuttle,		3 50
	W. S. Warren,		3 50
	G. T. Ames,		3 50
	F. A. Merriam,		3 50
	S. B. Mentzer,		3 50
	F. W. Hoit,		3 50
	H. A. Gray,		3 50
	G. C. Turner,		3 50
	Mary E. Lothrop,		3 50
	Geo. W. Worster (2),		7 00
	A. J. Fletcher,		3 50
	Lottie Tolman,		3 50
	C. M. Kimball,		3 50
	W. F. Dusseauet,		3 50
	C. S. Simonds,		3 50
	H. J. Hapgood,		3 50
	L. V. Clough, (2)		7 00
	Harry Clough,		3 50
	Henry Barker (2),		7 00
	E. I. Banks,		3 50
	F. J. Hastings,		3 50

Paid A. Moulton,	\$3 50
J. D. Moulton,	3 50
I. F. Duren,	3 50
A. Farrar,	3 50
S. A. Christie,	3 50
A. C. Piper,	3 50
May Griswold (2),	7 00
Gardner Clark,	3 50
L. A. Hasselton,	3 50
Ella F. Hosmer,	3 50
Francis Hosmer,	3 50
F. Z. Taylor,	3 50
A. H. Jones,	3 50
E. Jones (2),	7 00
J. P. Fletcher (2),	7 00
Universalist Society,	3 50
Tuttle & Newton,	3 50
E. Tarbell,	3 50

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Repairs on Town Buildings and Grounds.

Paid F. E. Harris, repairs West schoolhouse,	\$ 12 22
F. E. Harris, repairs Centre schoolhouse,	318 45
R. Wayne, repairs Centre schoolhouse,	8 58
Julian Tuttle, repairs Centre schoolhouse,	24 12
Francis Jones, repairs Centre schoolhouse,	15 39
John Temple, repairs Centre schoolhouse,	46 27
C. E. Switzer, repairs Centre schoolhouse,	2 85
Geo. G. Keith, repairs Centre schoolhouse,	68 09
J. L. Hammett Co., repairs Centre schoolhouse, ¹	87 60
So. Acton C. & L. Co., repairs Centre schoolhouse,	1 50

Paid H. F. Tuttle, repairs Centre school-house,	\$ 50
M. E. Taylor & Co., repairs Centre schoolhouse,	7 20
C. J. Williams, repairs Centre school-house,	25
E. Jones & Co., repairs Centre school-house,	3 72
J. L. Hammett & Co., repairs West schoolhouse,	49 13
T. Scanlon, repairs West schoolhouse,	25 75
S. A. Guilford, " " "	40
G. W. Daniels, " " "	75
C.H.Mead & Co., " " "	1 87
L. E. Reed, " South "	3 75
G. C. Turner, " " "	4 30
Geo. G. Keith, " " "	23 15
F. Z. Taylor, " " "	4 45
So. Acton C. & L. Co., repairs South schoolhouse,	10 95
Geo. G. Keith, repairs South school-house,	5 50
Samuel Jones, repairs South school-house,	2 53
R. L. Reed, removing tree on Common,	5 25
A. A. Richardson, removing tree on Common,	5 25
W. B. Fiske, painting at Town Farm,	40 50
J. L. Hammett Co., repairs schoolhouses,	4 00
C. J. Williams, repairs schoolhouses,	9 08
Chandler Desk Co., school desks,	117 90
M. A. Reed, repairs schoolhouses,	6 00
F. E. Harris, repairs Town House,	3 65
So. Acton C. & L. Co., repairs Town House,	2 61
O. D. Wood, repairs Town Farm,	17 70
J. E. Rice, repairs Town Farm,	3 70
C. E. Switzer, repairs pump,	1 15
A. L. Noyes, care Monument Grounds, 1899-1900,	8 00
Chas. Edwards, mowing Common,	3 00

Miscellaneous Expenses.

Paid Art Metallic Construction Co. for document files,	\$10 00
T. Groom & Co., for assessors' books,	3 75
M. R. Warren, for " "	3 25
C. H. Goldthwaite & Co., for formaldehyde,	12 00
C. L. Bradford, for attending regular meeting,	75
Isaac Davis Post, for Memorial Day,	100 00
Horace Partridge Co., for flags for Memorial Day,	4 28
Arthur Tuttle, for music for graduation,	16 00
T. Scanlon, for supplying water for West schools,	7 99
M. A. Reed, for loam for Town Hall,	1 00
James Hill, for care Town Hall,	60 75
" " " " pump,	1 50
" " " " clock,	15 00
" " " " flag,	5 00
E. F. Conant, " Town Hall,	2 00
T. F. McCann, for tablet for Isaac Davis Stone,	22 00
So. Acton C. & L. Co., for coal for Town House,	13 52
D. C. Harris, for labor on Isaac Davis Stone,	9 50
O. W. Penniman, for moving ashes So. schools,	1 75
C. J. Williams, for postage and telegraphing,	5 25
C. J. Williams, for graduation expenses,	2 00
Ella F. Hosmer, for rent Central Hall,	62 50
J. K. W. Wetherbee, Tr., for use Universalist vestry,	3 00

Paid J. E. Rice, for stock and labor on pumps,	\$10 09
H. E. Richardson, for expense hiring teachers,	4 97
W. F. Stevens, for postage, telephoning, express and freight,	19 98
W. F. Stevens, for expenses to Boston, Lawrence, Hudson and Ayer, Sundry cases,	13 51
T. Scanlon, for services regular meetings and election,	2 00
D. J. Wetherbee, for school census,	15 00
Jos. Devane, for painting and varnishing hearse,	45 00
Jos. Devane, for repairing hearse,	5 50
“ “ “ painting and lettering signs,	8 25
G. C. Turner, for repairing school clocks,	2 00
Jos. B. Tuttle, for expenses assessors,	4 98
J. L. Pickard, M. D., for returning 2 births,	50
F. J. Barker, M. D., for returning 9 births,	2 25
T. Chamberlain, M. D., for returning 1 birth,	25
F. U. Rich, M. D., for returning 4 births,	1 00
F. E. Tasker, M. D., for returning 16 births,	4 00
F. P. Flagg, M. D., for returning 1 birth,	25
James Kinsley, for use of road,	8 00
H. F. Tuttle, for postage, stationery, etc.,	8 42
H. F. Tuttle, for attending Town Clerk's meeting,	2 50
H. F. Tuttle, for laying out road in W. Acton,	6 00

Paid A. L. Noyes, for store room for school supplies,	\$10 00
E. F. Conant, for exp., postage and telephone,	7 00
J. K. Wetherbee, for postage and stationery,	4 26
C. E. Brodeur, for painting sign posts,	6 16
I. F. Duren, for 27 burials,	81 00
“ “ for 33 returns,	8 25
H. T. Clark, for sign boards,	1 50
C. J. Williams, for expenses School Committee,	5 54
M. E. Taylor & Co., for Town House supplies,	5 95
Horace Partridge Co., for flags for soldiers 1776,	2 46
H. F. Tuttle, for collecting and recording 37 births,	18 50
H. F. Tuttle, for collecting and recording 26 marriages,	5 20
H. F. Tuttle, for collecting and recording 40 deaths,	8 00
H. F. Tuttle, for transmitting 1 certificate of death and 1 certificate of birth,	50
H. F. Tuttle, for copying records of Town Meetings for reports,	2 00

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Cemetery Expenses.

Paid C. B. Stone, for drawing deeds 1897, 1898, 1899,	\$ 15 00
Robt. J. Smith, labor Mt. Hope,	21 15
A. A. Richardson, “ “	16 50
H. A. Gould, “ “	65 00
F. W. Green, “ “	76 06
J. A. Morse, “ “	3 00
H. T. Clark, “ “	17 25
So. Acton C. & L. Co., cement “	7 60
Waldo Bros., “ “	6 25

Paid H. F. Tuttle, for laying out lots, Mt. Hope,	\$ 8 00	
C. H. Mead, supplies Mt. Hope,	1 95	
Wilfred Wheeler, plants “	31 27	
Elvin Tuttle, trees “	7 50	
S. A. Guilford, repairs “	1 00	
Julian Tuttle, for labor Woodlawn,	171 68	
Julian Tuttle, for perpetual care lots, Woodlawn,	51 85	
Julian Tuttle, for plants, Woodlawn,	6 25	
“ repairs, “	2 75	
Geo. G. Keith, for repairing pumps Woodlawn,	3 75	
R. L. Reed, for stock and labor paint- ing markers, 1776,	7 08	
		\$520 89
Received from Treasurer for per- petual care of lots in Wood- lawn,	\$51 85	
Received from individuals for care of lots in Mt. Hope Cemetery,	40 00	
		\$91 85
Net expense to the Town for care of Cemeteries,		\$429 04
Memorial Library.		
Paid Mass. Reformatory for printing,	\$ 5 00	
DeWolfe, Fiske & Co., for books,	329 21	
W. A. Wilde Co., “	7 00	
H. D. Noyes, for magazines,	39 65	
W. D. Tuttle, for books,	2 80	
Wales Bookbinding Co., for binding books,	28 80	
E. M. Cutter, for transportation,	49 00	
Viola S. Tuttle for services Librarian,	78 00	
“ supplies,	1 14	
O. D. Wood, for services janitor,	75 00	
Moses Taylor, for fuel,	8 25	
So. Acton C. & L. Co., for coal,	30 94	
G. E. Greenough, “	47 41	
		\$702 20
Balance due Library for books,	\$52.92	

Received from Individuals for Care of Lots in
Mt. Hope Cemetery.

1899.	Geo. C. Wright,	\$5 00
	C. B. Stone,	3 00
	J. C. Hunt,	2 00
	A. A. Wyman,	2 00
	Mrs. L. F. Hall,	1 00
	N. A. Cole,	1 00
	Angelia T. Robbins,	1 00
	Heirs, Cyrus Hayward,	1 00
1900.	Geo. C. Wright,	5 00
	Chas. B. Stone,	3 00
	Davis & Smith,	2 00
	Harriet H. Gardner,	1 00
	Wm. Hosmer,	1 00
	J. C. Hunt,	1 00
	N. J. Cole,	1 00
	Mrs. L. F. Hall,	1 00
	C. T. Davis,	1 00
	A. A. Wyman,	2 00
	C. E. Durkee,	1 00
	Angelia T. Robbins,	1 00
	J. K. W. Wetherbee,	1 00
	Ora Whitney,	1 00
	Mrs. Sarah Bedow,	1 00
	Mrs. Smith,	1 00

\$40 00

Printing.

Paid Enterprise Printing Co. for Warrants,	\$ 9 00
“ “ “ Reports,	82 50
“ “ “ “	60 00
“ “ “ voting lists,	10 00
A. Hosmer for caucus notices,	1 00
“ ballots,	2 75
“ stationery,	5 25
“ orders,	2 75
“ postal cards,	1 60
“ highway notices,	2 00
“ stationery for schools,	2 20
“ cemetery notices,	1 15
“ graduation programme,	4 50
“ school discharge cards,	2 25
“ notices,	2 25
H. E. Richardson, for school station- ery,	10 00
Courier-Citizen Co. for poll tax lists,	6 00
H. E. Richardson for course of study,	23 00

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Loans and Interest.

Paid Frank H. Jones, note,	\$700 00
“ “ interest,	1 85
“ “ note,	600 00
“ “ interest,	3 08
Angenette A. Bowen, note,	1,000 00
“ “ interest,	22 92
Ayer National Bank, loan,	2,000 00
“ “ “ interest,	26 67
“ “ “ loan,	2,000 00
“ “ “ interest,	20 00
Elnathan Jones, note,	1,000 00
“ “ interest,	18 00

 \$7,392 52

Fire Department.

Paid F. W. Hoit, expense Woolen Co. fire,	\$ 4 70
C. E. Brodeur, services of men fighting fire Oct. 13-14-15,	36 00
Maynard Fire Department for services rendered at H. Barker's fire.	12 00
James Hill for watching fire,	1 25
R. C. Wordsworth, services and ex- penses testing fire engine,	4 25
C. E. Switzer, repairing fire engine,	1 00
John McCarthy for watching fires,	3 25
John Downie, for watching fires,	2 00
G. E. Greenough for making 2 trips to South Acton with fire engine,	4 00
Tuttle & Newton for supplies for So. Acton Dept.,	11 60
E. Jones for supplies for So. Acton Dept.,	10 00
H. E. Tolman for services, So. Acton Dept.,	4 00
J. W. Evans for services, So. Acton Dept.,	2 00
Damon & Gould for 6 doz. pails and supplies,	16 00
Tuttle & Newton for supplies for E. Acton,	1 03
D. H. Farrar for care and repair E. Acton engine,	5 75
D. H. Farrar for services at H. Barker fire,	3 00
James Hill for care and repair Acton Center engine,	5 00
M. E. Taylor & Co. for supplies Acton Center engine,	45
F. W. Green for care H. & L. truck and house,	2 00
F. W. Green for services at H. Barker fire,	2 00

Paid F. W. Hoit for expenses at H. Barker fire,	\$ 4 70
F. W. Hoit for expenses at Clough fire,	1 00
“ “ “ supplies,	18
C. N. Perkins & Co. for fire engine for So. Acton,	450 00
Boston Woven Hose Co. for 500 feet hose,	165 00
B. & M. R. R. for freight,	7 53
S. A. Guilford for repairing fire hook,	75

\$760 44

Appropriated for So. Acton,	\$600 00
Expended,	633 00

Support of Poor on Town Farm.

Paid Moses Thompson, superintendent,	\$347 95
• J. Welch for labor,	66
A. McArthur, for labor,	152 00
F. J. Hastings & Co., for grain,	82 43
E. C. Parker & Co., “	306 41
“ for grass seed,	6 74
Tuttle & Newton, for grain,	27 20
“ for supplies,	39 70
E. Jones & Co., for coal,	7 94
E. C. Parker & Co., for coal,	6 67
So. Acton C. & L. Co., for coal,	8 01
M. E. Taylor & Co., for supplies,	448 79
Harrod & Harlow, “	40 15
J. S. Moore, “	69 60
Moses Thompson, “	2 00
“ for ladder,	2 00
W. C. Robbins, for 2 cows,	85 00
“ for horse,	175 00
“ for 2 pigs,	8 00
O. H. Forbush, for cow,	52 00
W. H. Livingston, for 250 bbls.,	50 00
C. E. Switzer, for repairs,	13 43
So. Acton C. & L. Co., for lumber,	19 12

Paid B. & M. R. R., for Milk Tickets,	\$73 00
Jas. B. Tuttle, for pasturing 2 heifers,	7 00
C. H. Goldthwaite & Co., bed pan and express,	3 15
O. D. Wood, for sled,	28 00
F. J. Barker, for medical attendance,	16 75
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	\$2,078 70

Due from City of Chelsea for board
of Chas. Chickering at farm, \$24 00

Support of Outside Poor.

Paid Worcester Insane Asylum for Clara Wheeler,	\$169 46
Worcester Insane Hospital for E. Bergendahl,	52 88
Worcester Insane Hospital for A. H. Parlin,	169 46
St. Johns Hospital for care Thos. Clifford,	18 00
R. Winslow, M. D., for aid E. P. Hunt,	2 00
Est. I. Hutchins, for medical atten- dance on Mrs. Dugan,	24 00
Town of Lancaster, for aid Thos. Morey in 1898,	31 60
Town of Lancaster, for aid Wm. Law,	39 00
City of Lynn, for aid E. P. Robinson,	10 00
F. J. Barker, medical attendance on C. Chickering,	33 00
Geo. W. Worster, transporting C. Chickering to farm,	1 00
W. S. Maker, for board and care C. Chickering,	96 00
F. J. Barker, medical attendance Jas. Hill,	13 00
Aid furnished F. Chamberlain,	50
“ W. Garside,	50

Paid D. C. Harris, expenses to Lowell,	\$1 24
E. C. Parker, coal for M. Baker,	80
M. E. Taylor & Co., supplies furnished Jas. Hill,	1 48
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\$663 92

Due from the City of Chelsea for care of Chas. Chickering,	\$130 00
Net expense outside poor,	533 92

Soldiers' Relief.

Paid H. T. Clark, Burial Agent,	\$137 00
F. J. Barker, medical attendance Mrs. R. C. Wright,	40 00
City of Marlboro, for medical attendance on W. F. B. Whitney,	72 20
City of Marlboro, aid W. F. B. Whitney,	96 00
Geo. H. Houghton, for aid Edward Houston,	24 00
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\$369 20

Due from Commonwealth,	\$137 00
“ City of Boston,	24 00
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	\$161 00

Town Officers.

Paid Chas. J. Williams, School Committee,	\$ 76 75
H. E. Richardson, Supt. of Schools,	450 00
H. F. Tuttle, Town Clerk,	30 00
“ Registrar Voters,	15 00
“ School Committee,	15 00
“ Election Officer,	2 50
Hiram J. Hapgood, Assessor,	150 00
Jas. B. Tuttle, “	150 00
Wm. F. Stevens, “	149 50
L. E. Reed, services as Constable,	15 00
“ court fees,	9 61
Moses A. Reed, Inspector of Animals,	52 80
“ Truant Officer,	3 50

Paid E. A. Phalan, Sealer Wts. and Measures,	\$ 6 00
Samuel A. Guilford, Registrar Voters,	12 00
James McGreen, " "	12 00
David T. Kinsley, " "	12 00
E. F. Conant, Selectman,	50 00
" Overseer of Poor,	25 00
Wm. F. Stevens, Selectman,	95 00
" Overseer of Poor,	15 00
J. K. W. Wetherbee, Treasurer,	85 00
David C. Harris, Selectman,	50 00
" Overseer of Poor,	50 00
" Agt. Board of Health,	4 00
Wm. F. Stevens, Collector Taxes, 1899,	150 00
J. T. McNiff, Special Officer, July 3,	2 50
I. S. Ford, " " "	2 50
Wm. H. Kingsley, " " "	2 50
L. E. Reed, services as Constable,	4 00
E. A. Phalan, Election Officer,	2 50
A. W. Foster, " "	2 50
L. C. Taylor, " "	2 50
T. F. Newton, " "	2 50
Abram Tuttle, " "	2 50
H. J. Hapgood, " "	2 50
N. J. Cole, " "	2 50
D. H. Hall, " "	2 50
W. F. Kelley, " "	2 50
C. B. Stone, " "	2 50
James Kinsley, " "	2 50
W. F. Stevens, Board of Health,	28 50
" services as officer and transporting returns,	2 00

 \$1,755 16

State and Military Aid.

Paid Chas. Randall for board W. B. Ball,	\$136 50
Lydia Handley,	48 00
Phoebe Wood,	48 00
Bridget Mawn,	48 00
A. S. Fletcher,	48 00

Paid E. J. Shattuck,	\$ 4 00	
Sarah Rodway,	24 00	
Emma F. Blood,	48 00	
Maria Kingsley,	24 00	
Mary A. Parlin,	48 00	
Rebecca C. Wright,	48 00	
Mary Smith,	48 00	
Allen G. Smith,	12 00	
Geo. Handley,	48 00	
Ephm B. Forbush,	48 00	
A. B. Wheeler,	48 00	
Jas. H. Wood,	44 00	
	<hr/>	\$772 50
Due from the Commonwealth,		\$704 25

Enforcement Liquor Laws.

Paid B. E. Busted, Prosecuting Officer,	\$146 88	
W. F. Stevens, expenses,	5 49	
W. Chaplain, transportation,	1 50	
G. W. Worster, transportation,	1 50	
A. Mead, expenses,	1 50	
G. E. Titcomb, fee,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$161 87
Appropriation,	\$500 00	
Received from Court fines,	133 38	
	<hr/>	\$633 38
Unexpended balance,		\$471 51

Receipts.

Balance due from Treasurer, March 12, 1900,	\$4,697 88
Balance due from Collector, March 12, 1900,	2,837 69
Appropriation for High School,	1,700 00
“ Common “	3,550 00
“ Salary of Supt. of Schools,	450 00
“ Books for High School,	50 00

Appropriation for School Supplies,	\$ 475 00
“ Transportation scholars,	990 00
“ Memorial Library,	600 00
“ Roads and bridges,	3,500 00
“ Enforcement liquor law,	500 00
“ Powder Mill Bridge,	700 00
Received from First National Bank, Ayer,	4,000 00
“ “ Elnathan Jones,	1,000 00
“ “ Overlayings,	405 26
“ “ State Treasurer, corporation tax,	4,059 63
“ “ State Treasurer, Nat'l Bank,	242 59
“ “ “ “ Military aid,	119 25
“ “ “ “ State aid,	688 00
“ “ “ “ Income Mass. School fund,	404 79
“ “ State Treasurer, burial state pauper,	15 00
“ “ County Treasurer, dog tax,	241 11
“ For supervision schools,	375 00
“ From Town of Sudbury, soldiers' aid H. Edson,	62 25
“ “ Town of Lancaster, soldiers' aid P. Sherry,	60 98
“ “ Mrs. Jas. A. Loker, burial expenses A. B. Johnson,	25 00
“ For board Elizabeth Bergendahl at hospital,	45 25
“ From Midd. Central Dist. Court, for liquor fines,	133 38
“ For rent of Town Hall and cellar for 1899,	40 50
“ From Town of Boxboro for tuition at High School,	20 00
“ “ Town Boxboro for tuition L. A. Richardson, spring term, 1900,	10 00
“ “ C. B. Stone for lots sold in Mt. Hope Cemetery in 1899,	58 00

Received from C. B. Stone for care of lots in Mt. Hope Cemetery in 1899,	\$16 00
“ “ H. F. Tuttle for lots sold in Woodlawn,	69 00
“ “ H. T. Clark, for lots sold in Mt. Hope,	60 00
“ “ H. T. Clark for care of lots in Mt. Hope,	24 00
“ “ W. F. Stevens for standing wood in Jones pasture,	2 50
“ “ A. F. Blanchard for license to slaughter,	1 00
“ “ income from Wilde Library fund,	181 20
“ “ E. Gruber, peddler's license,	8 00
“ “ A. C. Piper, 20 loads road scrapings,	6 00
“ “ E. C. Stevens, tuition High School,	4 00
“ “ C. J. Williams, school sup- plies sold,	93
“ “ D. C. Harris, milk sold at Town farm,	1,118 65
“ “ D. C. Harris, apples sold at Town farm,	229 05
“ “ D. C. Harris, cows sold at Town farm,	95 54
“ “ D. C. Harris, calves sold at Town farm,	10 75
“ “ D. C. Harris, potatoes sold at Town farm,	39 18
“ “ D. C. Harris, wood sold at Town Farm,	31 75
“ “ D. C. Harris, barrels sold at Town farm,	33 00
“ “ D. C. Harris, eggs sold at Town farm,	19 66

Received from D. C. Harris, poultry sold at Town farm,	\$ 3 67
“ “ D. C. Harris, sled sold at Town farm,	8 00
“ “ M. E. Taylor & Co. for paper,	1 00
“ “ W. F. Stevens, Collector, in- terest on 1899 taxes,	92 89
“ “ W. F. Stevens, Collector, in- terest on 1900 taxes,	16 94
“ “ interest on money in bank,	83 11
“ for State tax,	870 00
“ for County tax,	1,552 39
“ from income Cemetery funds,	51 85
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	\$36,686 62

Expenditures.

For support Centre Schools,	\$1,293 83
“ South “	1,339 71
“ West “	1,337 16
“ High “	1,724 09
Support musical instruction in schools,	53 00
Transportation public school scholars,	945 00
Apparatus for High School,	47 42
School supplies,	483 70
Roads and bridges,	3,609 98
Stone bridge at powder mills,	1,247 06
Breaking roads,	27 09
West Acton well,	149 76
Street lighting,	620 44
Repairs on Town buildings and grounds,	957 06
Miscellaneous expenses,	693 56
Cemetery expenses,	520 89
Memorial Library,	702 20
Printing,	228 20
Loans and interest,	7,392 52
Fire Department,	760 44
Support of poor on Town Farm,	2,078 70

Paid Support of outside poor,	663 92	
Soldiers' relief,	369 20	
State and military aid,	772 50	
Enforcement liquor law,	161 87	
Town officers,	1,755 16	
State tax,	870 00	
County tax,	1,552 39	
Balance due from Treasurer,	2,704 17	
“ “ Collector for 1900,	1,625 60	
		<u>\$36,686 62</u>

Financial.

The financial condition of the Town March 7, 1901, was as follows:

Due from State for soldiers' relief,	\$137 00	
“ “ State and military aid,	704 25	
“ City of Boston for soldiers' relief,	24 00	
“ “ Chelsea for aid Chas. Chick- ering,	154 00	
“ Treasurer,	2,704 17	
“ Collector for uncollected taxes, year 1900,	1,625 60	
“ Interest for unpaid taxes,	29 35	
		<u>\$5,378 37</u>
Less balance due Memorial Library,		52 92
Net assets of the Town,		<u>\$5,325 45</u>

WILLIAM F. STEVENS,
E. FAULKNER CONANT,
DAVID C. HARRIS,

Selectmen of Acton.

Examined and approved,

FRANK W. HOIT,

Auditor.

LIST OF JURORS, 1901.

The following names will be presented at the Annual Meeting, March 25th. to be placed in the jury box, subject to revision and acceptance by the Town:

A. Percival Bean,	Mechanic.
Walter M. French,	Farmer.
Edwin L. Hayward,	Clerk.
Edgar H. Hall,	Manufacturer.
Lowell A. Jones,	Farmer.
John C. Keyes,	“
Hanson A. Littlefield,	Merchant,
Frank P. Morse,	Farmer.
Sidney L. Richardson,	“
Moses A. Reed,	“
Edward F. Richardson,	“
Henry M. Smith,	“
S. Hammond Taylor,	“
James B. Tuttle,	“
Willis L. Meade,	R. R. Employee.
Hiram J. Hapgood,	Retired.
Constantine O'Neil,	Farmer,
Herbert T. Clark,	Mechanic.
W. Alfred Flint,	Farmer.
Samuel R. Burroughs,	“
Warren H. Jones,	“
Luther Conant,	“
John S. White,	“
James Kinsley,	Manufacturer.

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Selectmen of Acton.

ACTON, March 11, 1901.

REPORT OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

The cost of stone bridge and grading at Powder Mills, 250 loads of gravel, being used, was \$1,247.06.

Amount expended for the repair of roads and bridges in 1900, \$3,609.98.

Cost of scraping and cleaning streets was \$465.92.

New sluices, drains, catch-basins and repairing bridges \$246.50.

Cutting brush, \$15.75.

New sleepers, plank of kyanized spruce, and labor on wooden bridge at Powder Mills, \$226.05.

Amount expended for graveling \$2,646.99.

Number of loads of gravel used 3,195.

Number of loads of stone used for foundation of roads 546.

Number loads of cinders used 54.

Total number loads of material used 3,795.

Average cost per load \$.70.

In order to keep up with the times, better and wider roads, which of course are more expensive, are needed.

The board wish to bring to the notice of the incoming members several pieces of road that ought to have attention.

The Chas. Wheeler road, so called.

With the amount of heavy teaming there is on the Concord road it would be a great improvement to have the Elija Brown hill lowered six or eight feet.

Quite a sum might be used in the southeast part of the Town to great advantage, also in the northern part.

There are several bridges that may need repairing soon. The one by Faulkner Mills is in a shaky condition and about \$30 was expended on it last fall.

We again call the attention of the Town to the scarcity of gravel especially in the south part.

The Commissioners feel assured that a horse roller would be a great help when building or gravelling roads.

We recommend that \$3,500 be raised for the repair of roads and bridges for 1901.

Respectfully submitted.

ANSON C. PIPER,
HERMAN A. GOULD,
WM. H. KINGSLEY,

Road Commissioners.

Treasurer's Report.

Receipts.

1900.

March 12, cash on hand and in bank,	\$4,697 88
Received from the First National Bank of Ayer, borrowed money,	4,000 00
“ from Elnathan Jones, borrowed money,	1,000 00
“ from State Treasurer, Corpora- tion tax,	4,059 63
“ from State Treasurer, National Bank tax,	242 59
“ from State Treasurer, Military aid,	119 25
“ from State Treasurer, State aid,	688 00
“ from State Treasurer, Income of Mass. School fund,	404 79
“ from State Treasurer, for burial of State pauper,	15 00
“ from County Treasurer, dog tax,	241 11
“ from Supervision of Schools,	375 00
“ from Town of Sudbury, soldier's aid for Henry Edson,	62 25
“ from Town of Lancaster, sol- dier's aid for Patrick Sherry,	60 98
“ from Mrs. James A. Loker, bur- ial expenses of A. B. John- son,	25 00
“ from board of Elizabeth Bergen- dahl at Hospital,	45 25
“ from Middlesex Central District Court for fines,	133 38

Received from rent of Town Hall and cellar,	\$40 50
“ from Town of Boxboro for tuition at High School for A. D. 1899.	20 00
“ from Town of Boxboro, for tuition of L. A. Richardson at High School, Spring term, 1900,	10 00
“ from tuition of E. C. Stevens, at High School,	4 00
“ from C. B. Stone, lots sold in Mount Hope Cemetery in A. D., 1899,	58 00
“ from C. B. Stone, care of lots in Mount Hope Cemetery,	16 00
“ from H. T. Clark, lots sold in Mount Hope Cemetery,	60 00
“ from H. T. Clark, care of lots in Mount Hope Cemetery,	24 00
“ from Horace F. Tuttle, lots sold in Woodlawn Cemetery,	69 00
“ from Wm. F. Stevens, standing wood in Jones pasture,	2 50
“ from A. F. Blanchard, license to slaughter,	1 00
“ from Income of Wild Library Fund,	181 20
“ from E. Gruber, peddler's license,	8 00
“ from A. C. Piper, 20 loads road scraping,	6 00
“ from C. J. Williams, school supplies sold,	93
“ from D. C. Harris, milk sold from Town farm,	1,118 65
“ from D. C. Harris, apples sold from Town farm,	229 05
“ from D. C. Harris, cows sold from Town farm,	95 54
“ from D. C. Harris, calves sold from Town farm,	10 75

Received from D. C. Harris, potatoes sold from Town farm,	\$39 18
“ from D. C. Harris, wood sold from Town farm,	31 75
“ from D. C. Harris, barrels sold from Town farm,	33 00
“ from D. C. Harris, eggs sold from Town farm,	19 66
“ from D. C. Harris, poultry sold from Town farm,	3 67
“ from D. C. Harris, sled sold from Town farm,	8 00
“ from M. E. Taylor & Co., paper sold from Town farm,	1 00
“ from Income of Cemetery Fund,	51 85
“ from Wm. F. Stevens, Collector, taxes for A. D. 1899,	2,837 69
“ from Wm. F. Stevens, interest on taxes for A. D. 1899,	92 89
“ from Wm. F. Stevens, Collector, taxes for A. D. 1900,	13,717 05
“ from Wm. F. Stevens, interest on taxes for A. D. 1900,	16 94
“ from interest on money in bank,	83 11
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	\$35,061 02

Expenditures.

Paid State tax,	\$ 870 00
County tax,	1,552 39
On Selectmen's orders,	29,934 46
Cash on hand and in bank, March 12, 1901,	2,704 17
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	\$35,061 02

J. K. W. WETHERBEE,

Treasurer of Acton.

Examined and approved,

FRANK W. HOIT, *Auditor.*

Treasurer's Report of Money Held for Care of Lots in Cemeteries.

1901.	<i>Dr.</i>	
March 12.	To Mary Skinner	fund, \$203 00
	To Nancy K. Handley	" 500 00
	To Frederick Rouillard	" 100 00
	To William W. Davis	" 100 00
	To Mary W. Chaffin	" 100 00
	To Mary Severance	" 100 00
	To Warren Robbins	" 100 00
	To Eliza A. Whitcomb	" 75 00
	To Hepsabeth Piper	" 50 00
	To Jedediah Tuttle	" 50 00
	To Henry Loker	" 100 00
	To Henry O. Lothrop	" 200 00
	To Luther W. Piper	" 100 00
	To James Temple	" 100 00
	To Fidelia Wheeler	" 100 00
	To Wm. H. Chapman	" 100 00
	To Mary W. Robbins	" 100 00
	To Phineas Wetherbee	fund,
		the income of one share of
		Fitchburg Railroad stock,
	Balance unexpended in 1899,	3 06
	Cash received for interest,	66 99
		\$2,248 05

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By cash paid—

Julian Tuttle, care of	Skinner	lot,	\$7 30
"	"	Handley	" 6 00
"	"	Rouillard	" 3 00
"	"	Davis	" 2 50

Paid Julian Tuttle, care of Chaffin lot,	\$2 50
“ “ “ Severance “	2 50
“ “ “ Robbins “	2 50
“ “ “ Piper “	1 00
“ “ “ Tuttle “	2 00
“ “ “ Loker “	4 00
“ “ “ Lothrop “	5 00
“ “ “ L. W. Piper lot,	2 50
“ “ “ Temple lot,	2 50
“ “ “ flowers for Lothrop lot,	2 95
Julian Tuttle, care of flowers and vase, Handley lot,	2 60
Julian Tuttle, care of flowers and vase, Chaffin lot,	50
Julian Tuttle, care of flowers, Severance lot,	50
Julian Tuttle, care of flowers, Robbins lot,	50
Plants for W. W. Davis,	1 50
Cash in North End Savings Bank,	2,178 00
Unexpended balance,	18 20
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	\$2,248 05

J. K. W. WETHERBEE,
Treasurer of Acton.

Examined and approved,
FRANK W. HOIT,
Auditor.

Report of the Wilde Memorial Library Fund.

1901.

March 12.	To cash deposited in North End Savings Bank,	\$1,000 00	
	To cash deposited in Middlesex Institution for Savings,	1,000 00	
	To cash deposited in Home Savings Bank,	1,000 00	
	To cash deposited in Warren Institution for Savings,	1,000 00	
	To cash deposited in Charles- town Five Cent Savings Bank,	1,000 00	
	To unexpended balance for A. D., 1899,	50 38	
	To interest on deposits,	181 20	
	To Town appropriation for books,	200 00	
			\$5,431 58

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By cash in banks,	\$5,000 00	
Paid for books and magazines,		
DeWolfe, Fisk & Co.,	329 21	
W. A. Wilde & Co.,	7 00	
H. D. Noyes,	39 65	
W. D. Tuttle,	2 80	
Balance unexpended,	52 92	
		\$5,431 58

J. K. W. WETHERBEE,
Treasurer of Acton.

Examined and approved,

FRANK W. HOIT,
Auditor.

Report of Overseers of Poor.

Inventory of Stock and Provisions on Hand March 1, 1901.

1 horse,	\$175 00
9 cows,	450 00
2 heifers,	42 00
2 yearlings,	28 00
1 haywagon,	30 00
1 market wagon,	75 00
1 Democrat wagon,	18 00
1 pung,	8 00
2 sleds,	30 00
1 canvas,	1 75
1 set double harness,	22 50
1 single harness	3 00
1 express harness,	23 00
2 collars,	3 00
Grain,	5 80
1 feed trough,	2 00
75 apple barrels,	15 00
Plows,	16 00
Farming tools,	20 00
Wheel barrow,	3 00
Hay cutter,	2 00
Ladders,	12 00
2 harrows,	8 00
Cultivator,	3 00
7 tons hay,	140 00
Drain pipe,	4 80
40 bushels potatoes,	30 00
Soft soap,	2 00
Pork and bbl.,	6 00
Milk tickets,	12 36

3½ cords wood for schools,	\$18 75
32 cords cut wood,	160 00
4 cords cut wood,	15 00
Horse cart,	27 50
Horse rake,	18 00
Mowing machine,	22 00
Grindstone,	2 00
Spray pump,	8 00
25 bu. boxes,	2 50
Range and water front,	30 00
Lounge,	1 50
3 saws,	2 00
Wrench,	75
49 Hens,	36 75
Oil and tank,	1 50
Lumber,	10 00
Pails and tubs,	3 00
5 baskets,	1 25
1 stove,	4 75
1 stove,	10 00
1 chair,	1 50
2 chairs,	1 25
beds and bedding,	25 00
1 stove,	3 00
2 cabinet chairs,	2 50
1 table,	1 00
8 chairs,	3 00
1 drag,	3 00
2 traps,	50
2 blankets,	2 50
Set measures,	50
Salt,	50
Washing machine,	7 00
Tea and Coffee,	60
1 extension table,	4 00
Crockery, tinware and cutlery,	5 00
2 saws,	1 00
Wagon jack,	1 50
Apple headers,	1 00

Crackers,	\$ 75	
Canned fruit,	5 50	
Brooms,	50	
Fruit jars,	3 00	
Sugar,	90	
Flour,	25	
Spices,	50	
Butter,	1 75	
Lard,	25	
Molasses,	80	
Beans,	75	
2 axes,	2 00	
Soap,	15	
Vinegar,	20	
Onions,	10	
Lamps,	2 00	
1 bbl. apples,	2 00	
Razor,	1 00	
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		\$1,653 21
Receipts from farm,		1,590 25
Victualing and lodging 470 tramps,		117 50
Due from City of Chelsea,		24 00
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		\$3,384 96
Expenditures,	\$2,078 70	
Interest on farm \$3,500 at 5 per cent.,	175 00	
Stock on hand March 1, 1900,	1,688 07	
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		\$3,941 77
Less receipts and stock on hand,		3,384 96
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Cost of supporting poor on farm,		\$556 81

Inmates at Farm During Year.

Sarah Hunt, 12 months.

Lucy Hapgood, 12 months.

F. H. Harris, 6 months.

Wm. Quinlan, 12 months.

B. H. Patch, Dec. 19 to March 12, 1901.

O. K. Patch, Dec. 19 to March 12, 1901.

DAVID C. HARRIS,
E. FAULKNER CONANT,
WILLIAM F. STEVENS,

Overseers of Poor.

Auditor's Report.

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer and find them correct.

I have also examined the accounts of the Tax Collector and find that the sum turned over to, and receipted for by the Treasurer, exceeds the amount collected by the Tax Collector.

FRANK W. HOIT.

Auditor.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Trustees of the Acton Memorial Library
1900—1901.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

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The service of an institution like that of the Acton Memorial Library goes on in so even a course that the President of the Board of Trustees finds it difficult to write anything new or interesting. Besides the usual accession of books by purchase and various other donations, the donor of the Library, Hon. William A. Wilde, with his usual generosity, has placed on the shelves 40 volumes compiled and selected by very eminent scholars from the world's great classics from The Colonial Press, N. Y., luxurious in print and binding, showing that his interest is unabated.

It may be of interest to the patrons of the Library to learn that Mr. Wilde is enjoying his usual health which, though not such as his friends could wish, still does not prevent his attending his largely increasing business. At the present time he is enjoying a brief vacation at Atlantic City, New Jersey.

The instructive and most useful books continue to be largely called for, as well as the lighter reading and works of fiction. We take this opportunity to extend our thanks to those who have

shown their appreciation by giving one new book each year as a contribution to the success of the Library.

May the number of such givers increase.

The Trustees at a recent monthly meeting voted the sum of ten dollars as an addition to the salary of the Librarian, on account of the extra labor caused by the increased number of books to be catalogued and numbered. The Board of Trustees recommend that the usual annual appropriation of four hundred dollars be voted to the Library for current expenses and two hundred dollars for the purchase of new books.

Very respectfully submitted,

LUTHER CONANT,

For the Trustees.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

The Librarian herewith presents the eleventh annual report of the Library :

Accessions: Number of volumes in the Library March 12, 1900, 7,004; increase by purchase, 299; increase by gift, 101; increase by binding periodicals, 38; number of volumes in the Library March 12, 1901, 7,442.

Circulation: Number of days the Library was open, 102; number of volumes circulated, 7,757; average daily circulation, 76; largest daily circulation, Feb. 2, 143; smallest daily circulation, July 18, 14; number of books missing, 1; amount received for fines, \$16.50; amount received for sale of catalogues, \$3.00.

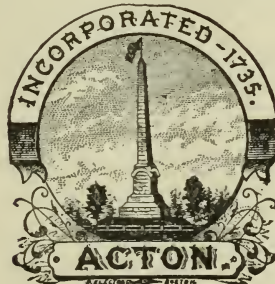
Gifts of books have been received from the following sources: T. W. Balch, 1 vol.; Ellen S. Bulfinch, 1 vol.; Joseph Burnett, 1 vol.; Luther Conant, 11 vols.; Josie L. Dupee, 1 vol.; Houghton, Mifflin Co., 1 vol.; Mass. Society S. A. R., 13 vols.; Old Concord Chapter, D. A. R., 1 vol.; Sara G. Small, 1 vol.; State, 11 vols.; U. S. Government, 5 vols.; W. A. Wilde, 41 vols.; C. J. Williams, 1 vol.; M. C. C. Wilson, 1 vol.; Henry Wood, 1 vol.

Periodicals in the reading room: Cassell's Magazine, Century, Chautauquan, Cosmopolitan, Forum, Harper's Magazine, Harper's Weekly, Independent, Ladies' Home Journal, Masters in Art, McClure's Magazine, Munsey's Magazine, New England Magazine, Review of Reviews, Scientific American, Scribner's Magazine, St. Nicholas, World's Work, Youth's Companion. Child's Hour, W. A. Wilde; Lowell Mail, publishers; Our Dumb Animals, M. S. P. C. A.; Our Paper, Reformatory.

VIOLA S. TUTTLE,

Librarian.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AND THE
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
OF THE
TOWN OF ACTON, MASS.,
FOR THE YEAR 1900-1901.



HUDSON, MASS.
The E. F. Worcester Press, Printers and Binders.
1901

School Committee, 1900--1901.

Frank R. Knowlton,	Term expires 1901
Charles J. Williams, Chairman,	“ “ 1902
Horace F. Tuttle, Secretary,	“ “ 1903

Superintendent of Schools.

Herbert E. Richardson, Residence, Littleton, Mass.

Truant Officers.

James Kinsley, Moses A. Reed.

STANDING RULES.

*RULE 1. Children under five years of age shall not be admitted to the public schools.

RULE 2. Pupils shall be promoted from grade to grade and school to school, according to merit. Thorough and satisfactory work will be required of pupils in a lower grade or school before entering a higher grade or school.

RULE 3. Children who have not previously attended any school shall be admitted to the public schools only at the beginning of the fall term.

RULE 4. Pupils will be held responsible for books loaned to them until such books shall have been returned to the teacher.

RULE 5. No repairs shall be made upon the public property in the care of the school committee except by their authorized agents.

*When the birthday of a child falls on or before the 15th day of the month it is reckoned as falling upon the first day of that month.

School Calendar 1901--1902.

High School—40 Weeks.

Fall term begins September 3. Fall term ends November 27.

*Winter term begins December 2. Winter term ends March 14.

Spring term begins March 24. Spring term ends June 20.

Common Schools—36 Weeks.

Fall term begins September 3. Fall term ends November 22.

*Winter term begins December 2. Winter term ends February 28.

Spring term begins March 24. Spring term ends June 13.

*Recess of one week, December—22-28.

EXTRACTS FROM THE STATUTES.

Chapter 496 of the Acts of 1898.

SECTION 11. No child who has not been duly vaccinated shall be admitted to a public school except upon presentation of a certificate signed by a regular practising physician that such child is an unfit subject for vaccination. No child who is a member of a household in which a person is sick with the smallpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever or measles, or of a household exposed to contagion from a household as aforesaid, shall attend any public school during such sickness or until the teacher of the school has been furnished with a certificate from the board of health of the town or city, or from the attending physician of such sick person, stating in a case of smallpox, diphtheria or scarlet fever, that a period of at least two weeks, and in a case of measles a period of at least three days, has elapsed since the recovery, removal or death of such person, and that danger of the conveying of such disease by such child has passed.

SEC. 12. Every child between seven and fourteen years of age shall attend some public day school in the town or city in which he resides during the entire time the public day schools are in session, subject to such exceptions as to children, places of attendance and schools as are provided for in sections three, seven, ten and eleven of this Act: *provided*, that the superintendent of schools, or, where there is no superintendent of schools, the school committee, or teachers acting under authority of said superintendent of schools or school committee, may excuse cases of necessary absence; and *provided, further*, that the attendance of a child upon a public day school shall not be required if such a child has attended for a like period of time a private day school approved by the school committee of such town or city in accordance with Section two of Chapter four hundred and ninety-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-four, or if such child has been otherwise instructed for a like period of time in the branches of learning required by law to be taught in the public schools, or has

already acquired the branches of learning required by law to be taught in the public schools, or if his physical or mental condition is such as to render such attendance inexpedient or impracticable. Every person having under his control a child as described in this Section shall cause such child to attend school as required by this Section.

SEC. 31. Any person having under his control a child between seven and fourteen years of age who fails for five day sessions or ten half-day sessions within any period of six months while under such control, to cause such child to attend school as required by Section twelve of this Act, the physical or mental condition of such child not being such as to render his attendance at school harmful or impracticable, upon complaint by a truant officer and conviction thereof, shall forfeit and pay a fine of not more than twenty dollars. Any person who induces or attempts to induce any child to absent himself unlawfully from school, or employs or harbors while school is in session any child absent unlawfully from school, shall forfeit and pay a fine of not more than fifty dollars.

SEC. 19. The several school teachers shall faithfully keep the registers of attendance daily, and make due return thereof to the school committee or to such person as such committee may designate. No teacher of a public school shall receive payment for services for the two weeks preceding the close of any single term until the register, properly filled up and completed, is so returned. All registers shall be kept at the schools, and at all times during the school hours shall be open to the inspection of the school committee, the superintendent of schools, the truant officers, and the secretary and agents of the state board of education. In reckoning the average membership and the percentage of attendance in the schools no pupil's name shall be omitted in counting the number of persons belonging to the school and the number of absences of such persons, until it is known that such pupil has withdrawn from the school without intention of returning, or, in the absence of such knowledge, until ten consecutive days of absence have been recorded; but nothing in this provision for computing the average membership and the percentage of attendance shall be construed to invalidate procedure against habitual truants, absentees or school offenders, or other persons, as provided in Sections twenty-four to twenty-six inclusive, and Section thirty-one of this Act. A pupil who is not present during at least half of a session shall be marked and counted as absent for that session.

Report of the School Committee.

To the Citizens of Acton :

Your committee respectfully submit to you this report, including the report of the Superintendent of Schools, for the year 1900-1901.

Mr. Andrew S. Thomson having resigned the position of Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Herbert E. Richardson of the Agawan, Granville, Southwick District, a gentleman of training and experience in his profession, was selected as his successor, and entered upon the duties of his office April 1st, 1900.

In March last, Miss M. F. Fletcher, who had rendered faithful and efficient service as assistant teacher in the High School for nearly seven years, resigned her position and was succeeded by Miss Bertha A. Merrill, a graduate of Smith College.

At the opening of the fall term Mr. DeVault, the Principal of the High School, resigned to accept a position of greater importance elsewhere. Mr. A. L. Faxon, a graduate of Yale and a teacher of experience, was chosen to succeed him. The choice has proven a happy one.

During the summer vacation important and absolutely necessary alterations were made in the Centre schoolhouse, resulting in obtaining two good sized, well lighted and well heated rooms upon the upper floor of that building.

The High School class of 1900 has presented to the school a very fine engraving of the "Aurora," together with books for the Library of the value of \$2.30. On behalf of the school and the community we desire to gratefully acknowledge these gifts. The appropriation of \$50 for the purchase of books and apparatus for the High School has been expended as follows: Books, \$25.93; chemicals and apparatus, \$20.64; express charges, 85 cents; total, \$47.42. The sum of \$375 has been received from the

State on account of superintendency for the year ending September, 1900.

The report of the purchasing agent of the board is published herewith:

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

ON ACCOUNT OF SCHOOLS FOR THE YEAR 1900-1901.

Receipts.

Appropriation for common schools,	\$3,550 00
“ “ High Schools,	1,700 00
“ “ school supplies,	475 00
“ “ transportation of pupils,	990 00
“ “ books, etc., for High School,	50 00
“ “ salary of Superintendent,	450 00
Received from Massachusetts School Fund,	404 79
“ “ dog licenses,	241 11
“ “ tuition fees, High School,	10 00
“ “ “ common schools,	4 00
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	\$7,874 90

Expenditures.

For common schools,	\$4,023 70
High School,	1,724 09
school supplies,	482 77
transportation of pupils,	945 00
books, etc., for High School,	47 42
salary of Superintendent,	450 00
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	\$7,672 98
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Unexpended balance,	\$201 92

Estimates for the Support of Schools

FOR THE YEAR 1901-1902.

For common schools,	\$3,550 00
High School,	1,700 00
school supplies,	475 00
transportation of pupils,	990 00
books, etc., for High School,	50 00
salary of Superintendent,	450 00

\$7,215 00

160.

The School Committee of Acton,

7375.00

By CHAS. J. WILLIAMS,

Chairman.

Superintendent's Report.

MARCH, 1901.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE :

Gentlemen—I hereby submit my first and the ninth annual report of the Superintendent of Schools.

The following is a statistical table showing the returns of the last school census, and the enrolment and attendance in the schools from September, 1899, to June, 1900.

Number of boys in Town between 5 and 15 years,	135
“ girls “ “ “	144
Total,	279
Number of boys in Town between 7 and 14 years,	99
“ girls “ “ “	114
Total	213
Whole number enrolled in all the schools,	298
“ between 5 and 15 years,	277
“ “ 7 and 14 years,	214
“ over 15 years,	22
Average membership,	279
“ attendance,	252
Per cent. of attendance,	90.9
Number of teachers,	11
“ weeks in school year,	36

When entering upon my duties last April I found the schools well organized and doing commendable work. Acton is to be congratulated upon the consolidation of her schools and their consequent greater efficiency. Parents have reason to feel fully requited for any sacrifice that may have been necessary to bring about the present improved organization of schools. Time is necessarily required for the perfect adjustment of any new system but

an excellent foundation has been laid, the evidences of which will be more and more apparent as time goes on. When compared with schools in similar towns, where the same system is in force, Acton does not suffer by the comparison.

Last June written tests in all subjects were given by the superintendent in all grades, with very satisfactory results. The standing in scholarship of the pupils is generally well up to grade.

The course of study for the elementary schools had not been revised, with the exception of slight changes in the geography since it was first drawn up by Mr. Dixon. A revision was necessary to better meet the present needs of the schools. As few changes as possible were made although the history course is entirely new. The subject of history is now receiving more attention in the best schools throughout the country than at any previous time. Whereas it was formerly taught only in the upper grammar grades it is now begun in the lower primary and continued throughout the course.

Even the youngest children are attracted to stories from history and while they have had little experience and cannot understand complicated forms of life, stories of the Indians and Eskimos, especially adapted to children, representing the beginnings of history in ideas of time, place, and customs, they are much interested in.

History is a subject well adapted to two ends, to arouse a love for study and to give a knowledge of how to study. By the present method of teaching it pupils are given that best of helps, a key to the use of books.

Whatever tastes are formed in childhood will continue through life and if a love of study is not formed then it probably never will be.

It has been well said that literature is best history as it takes us into the very heart and life of a people. So at the present time literature is correlated as much as possible with history, and thus pupils become familiar with many of the choicest selections in literature. In Lowell and Whittier we breathe the very atmosphere of the Civil War, and who would think of teaching Puritan New England without Longfellow's "Miles Standish." or the French and Indian War without "Evangeline"?

In the history work pupils should be encouraged to use the Public Library and thus make it an efficient source of help to the schools. More of the best reference books, if added to your excellent Library, could be used to good advantage by teachers and students.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The High School is somewhat smaller in numbers this year, due to the formation of a ninth grade in the Grammar School, thus holding back for another year the ninth grade pupils who otherwise would constitute a part of the present membership of the High School, but an excellent standard has been maintained and the school has made marked progress. The standard of instruction, the earnest spirit of the pupils, and other qualities which go to make a good school, are fully equal to those in other High schools in similar towns throughout the State, while the general equipment is far superior.

Mr. DeVault, after a very successful year's work as principal of the school, resigned at the opening of the fall term to accept a better position in Bristol, R. I. Mr. A. L. Faxon, his successor, is a graduate of Yale, a teacher of highly successful experience, and the town is fortunate in being able to command his services.

The one session plan is advantageous and the wisdom of the change is already manifest. There has been an inclination on the part of some pupils to do little home study, and it is thought that, with the co-operation of parents, one session will remedy this defect in great measure.

The following, on the greater efficiency of the High School, I quote in the strong but reasonable language from a recent report by J. W. MacDonald, State Agent :

“How shall the co-operation of the home be secured? Of the many ways in which intelligent persons can increase the efficiency of the High School, the following need special emphasis :

“First, they should take care that the physical conditions of their children are favorable to mental work.

“Second, they should restrain that excessive social dissipation that is the bane of good school work.

“Third, they should establish and enforce hours for systematic home study, not alone for the sake of improving scholarship, but even more for the cultivation of habits of study and application.

“Fourth, they should furnish the encouragement and aspiration that will make the school the primary rather than a secondary thing in their children’s minds.

“Through the ignorance or indifference of parents, the public high school, as compared with a good boarding school or academy, is at a disadvantage in work that calls for application and study. The boarding school has charge of the entire time of the pupil, and can regulate the hours of recreation and study. Thus the pupils acquire systematic habits of working, and do not come to their studies or the recitation room tired out by social dissipation, or for want of sleep. On the other hand, boys and girls often go home from the high school to an afternoon of distractions. A hundred petty things keep their minds from study, or, if they attempt to study, from close disciplinary application. Companions call, the time is spent in profitless chatter; petty things occurring on the street or in the neighborhood have their attention the whole afternoon; the evenings are given to calls, parties and entertainments. For not one single hour a day are these scholars trained to sit down by themselves, and, abstracting their thoughts from all disturbing influences, to apply their minds systematically to work. When they are not engaged in sports, they are thinking of sports and talking of sports.

“There are homes, it is true, where the conditions are more favorable to school work, but they are the exceptions. There is no one reform that would do so much to increase the efficiency of the high school as the intelligent co-operation of the home in the particulars I have mentioned.”

(1.) It would be a cause for gratification if the numbers enrolled in the High School were a larger percentage of the total enrollment of all the schools.

(2.) The outlook, however, is very encouraging. The number of pupils to enter the High School, from the grammar schools throughout the town for the next number of years, promises to swell the membership to goodly proportions, there being at

present twenty-one pupils in the ninth grade, twenty-four in the eighth, and thirty-seven in the seventh.

(3.) The High School should not be considered a school for the favored few, whose training is outside of that with which the lower schools are related. A high school training is the right of all and should be the goal placed before every pupil in the different grades throughout the town.

There is manifest a good deal of interest in higher education which should be fostered and encouraged. Acton may well be proud of the graduates of her High School who enter colleges and normal schools of highest rank and there receive honors.

Our High School prepares for college, normal, and technical schools, and also gives an all round training whereby pupils are prepared for life's duties and for good citizenship.

We are fortunate in retaining so many of the former corps of teachers. At the close of the summer term a few vacancies occurred, but since September no changes have been made, which is greatly to the advantage of the schools.

The several vacancies were filled in September by the following teachers: South Grammar, Miss Louise Foss; West Grammar, Miss Grace Trefethen; South Intermediate, Miss Edith Kalloch.

Miss Eva Barton resigned from the South Grammar during the summer to do advanced college work; Miss Mary Randall of the West Grammar was offered a position in the South Hadley High School, which she accepted, and Miss Eva Brewer of the South Intermediate was elected to a more lucrative position in Hopedale.

The teachers as a whole are strong, earnest and efficient. For those who are looking for the best things the constant aim must be to seek and retain the most excellent, and never to be satisfied with less than the best results.

Four teachers' meetings have been held during the year. Time has been taken for such general recommendations as visits to the school-room suggest, as well as for the consideration of the different subjects taught in the schools. Mr. A. W. Clark of Boston was present at two of the meetings and gave the teachers valuable instruction in writing.

The music, the same as last year, has been under the direction of Miss Marian M. Brown, a capable, well trained musician, whose work has been characterized by faithfulness and earnestness. The value of music as a disciplinary study is now generally recognized. By conformity to strict and systematic drill pupils learn to do quick and accurate work. Daily vocal drill in our schools is a healthful exercise, inducing correct position, expanding the chest and lungs, developing the organs of speech, improving the enunciation, and teaching how to use the voice. Although a large part of the music period is required in learning to read the language, realizing that this is only a means to an end, the expressive side of the study should not be overlooked, and the aim should be to develop a love for and an appreciation of the best music. It has been well said, "Beautiful music produces good impressions, good impressions lead to right living, right living encourages good citizenship, and good citizenship makes a state and nation strong."

The work of the schools as a whole has advanced remarkably well throughout the year. We know that the greater part of what a pupil learns in school is forgotten in later life. The value of an elementary education, therefore, consists largely in the power gained through the acquirement of knowledge rather than in the knowledge acquired. Yet there are certain fundamental facts belonging to all school subjects that should be so thoroughly taught as to remain permanently in the minds of the pupils and be available at all times. The aim is to give instruction in all important facts, and through this instruction to develop and broaden the intellectual life of the pupils. Success in this depends upon the character of the instruction which, in every case, is more important than the quantity.

The purpose of true education is so to develop the individual as to enable him to make the most of himself, or, in other words, it consists in drawing out and developing all the God given faculties that he possesses. To the home and the school belongs largely the duty of accomplishing this purpose. If the home does not fulfill its duty in this respect, the school must supply the defect.

Parents sometimes underrate the aim of school work and consider that the mere accumulation of facts is the sole object of

school training, but unless brain power is gained the work of the school is wellnigh void. In the proper and well directed performance of his school work, the child should gain such a command of his faculties, and such an accumulation of will power, that he will be ready to seize every opportunity "by the forelock" and to meet every obligation of duty.

He should be so trained that when coming to the cross roads in life with no guide-board to direct, he may be able to choose for himself the right way. Every lesson should be so taught and learned as to contribute to this all desirable attainment. Merely to memorize, or to learn with reference to special display, is not educational in any proper sense of the term. Indeed it may weaken rather than strengthen the pupil.

To bring into action the latent faculties of the child is absolutely demanded of the teacher, and with this view a knowledge of the child mind is an absolute necessity to successful work in the school room. For school instruction should "adopt the means by which a non-thinking, non-reflecting, non-speaking child can most surely be trained into a noble citizen."

In the gift of free will we are endowed by our Creator with the power to work out our own destiny, and it is the highest function of education to help us to overcome the disadvantages of troublesome environment and unfavorable circumstances, in the gaining of a noble manhood and womanhood. True education can but make a true man. If one seems to be educated and is not a true man or woman, it is safe to infer that one has been a victim of wrong or faulty instruction. In a word let it be said that any conception of education is imperfect and inadequate, that does not contemplate the production of that well-rounded character which shall embody in principle and action, "whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report."

In conclusion I wish to thank the committee for their strong support, and for the cordial manner in which I have been received, and the teachers for their co-operation in the work.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. RICHARDSON.

Report of Musical Instructor.

MR. H. E. RICHARDSON,
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS :

Dear Sir—Last year musical instruction was a new feature in the Acton schools, and the remarkable interest manifested in the study has been fully maintained this year.

The results of the individual work have been especially satisfactory.

The pupils are entitled to much credit for their ready response to the instruction, and there has been a uniform improvement both in tone and character of the singing.

The co-operation of the teachers and the willingness of the pupils has greatly assisted in making the year a success.

Respectfully submitted,

MARIAN M. BROWNE,
Musical Instructor.

MR. H. E. RICHARDSON,
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Dear Sir—Our High School has steadily improved during this past year and changes have been made constantly to better the opportunities offered. At Christmas, by the almost unanimous request of the parents, a change was made from two sessions to one. Thus far it has proved very successful, and has tended to raise the scholarship and discipline of the school. Pupils who are deficient in their studies or disorderly are required to return in the afternoon and make up what they have been found lacking in. Calisthenics has been introduced and is obligatory on all the pupils. This is a subject that has received but scant attention in the past. About ten minutes are devoted to the exercise daily and we hope, before long, to see an improvement in the physical development of the students. It is our purpose to do away with recess as far as possible, and to give them something that will more than compensate for the slight amount of exercise that they have been accustomed to have in the past.

The people of Acton should feel proud of their High School and of the opportunities that it offers. The school is equipped with good laboratory apparatus for Physics, Chemistry, and Physiology. Also attached to it is a constantly increasing reference library, so that the pupils have tools to work with better than can be found in a majority of the high schools in the State. Though there is but one assistant yet, under the circumstances it is all that is required to do the work. At present there are but three classes in the school, owing to the formation of a ninth grade two years ago, and our present staff of teachers is fully capable of handling the classes for two years at least, by which time we hope the number of pupils will be sufficient to justify engaging an additional teacher.

During the past year the number in the High School has been very small, yet the work accomplished has been of a high order. Each pupil has received a great deal of individual attention and marked progress has been noticed. The graduates of our school are now fully prepared to pass the entrance examinations to college, as a three years' course in German has been introduced, which may be taken as a substitute for Greek. Of the graduates of this year, two will probably enter college, and one, the normal school. Last year one of our graduates entered Boston University, receiving honors.

What is needed more than anything else in this town is a careful investigation by the people into the facilities offered by our school, and we feel assured that if this were done there would be fewer children receiving their instruction elsewhere. During the past year there has been but one parent who has visited our school and seen the work that is being done. We sincerely hope that more interest will be shown in the future, as it is a stimulant both to the teachers and pupils.

A. L. FAXON.

Fourteenth

Graduating Exercises of the Acton High School,

CLASS OF 1900,

In the Town Hall, Thursday Evening, June 21st.,
at Three Quarters after Seven.

PROGRAM.

1. March, Orchestra
2. Prayer, Rev. W. F. Dusseault
3. Song, "Soldiers' Chorus," School
4. Address, Mr. Joseph G. Edgerly,
Supt. Schools, Fitchburg, Mass.
5. Parting Hymn, Class of 1900
6. Conferring of Diplomas, Supt. H. E. Richardson
7. Music, Orchestra

Music by UNITA ORCHESTRA, Acton.

Geo. F. Dusseault, Director.

GRADUATES—Classical Course.

Ethel Mildred Quimby,
Cora Lewis Rouillard,

Jennie Etta Reed,
Eula Sophia Taylor.

English Course.

John Edwards,
Sarah Augusta Richardson.

Rilla Lester Harris,

Class Motto

"Rowing, Not Drifting."

The river of life is deep and wide
With its waters swiftly flowing:
Let's make up our minds we will not drift,
But keep a steady rowing.

Near our journey's end, though clouds be dark,
We shall certainly find them lifting,
If we look for the light, and keep in mind
That our motto is —

"ROWING NOT DRIFTING."

Isabel H. Floyd.

Class Colors: PINK AND GREEN.

Roll of Honor, Sept.. 1899, to June, 1900.

ONE YEAR.

Bean, Milton C.	Boyce, Elmer
Charlton, Kenneth	Jones, Karl
Kingsley, Richard	—Lincoln, Arnold
Piper, Ralph	Richardson, Clara
Sawyer, Benjamin	Schnair, Charles
Schnair, Lara	Wayne, Arthur.

TWO TERMS.

Brewster, Irving	Burke, Henry
Clark, Lester	Fletcher, Carrie E.
Harris, Alfred	Hastings, Ralph
Hoar, Carl	Lawrence, Eva
Lincoln, Arnold	Mekkelsen, Ida
Mekkelsen, Bertha	Moan, Frank
Moan, Edward	Owen, Wallace
Priest, Maud B.	Quimby, Margaret
Reed, Bennie	Schnair, Ella
Tuttle, Varnum	White, Leonard
Worden, Irving	Wood, Sarah.

ONE TERM.

Beach, Clayton	Blodgett, Lester
Brown, Lizzie J.	Chandler, Winnifred G.
Charlton, Vera	Chute, Agnes
Crane, Lowell	Dacy, William
Dacey, Alice	Davidson, Guy
Deven, Ethel	Emery, Grace
Esterbrook, Fred	Foley, Nellie
Gough, Edward	Green, Isabella
Harris, Arthur	Harris, Bertha
Harris, Eva	Harris, Maud
Hastings, Ethel B.	Hoar, Crosby
Keith, Ella M.	Kimball, Elnathan
Kinsley, Annie	Lang, Ethel L.
Lawrence, Ralph	Lawrence, Flora
Littlefield, Harold	McCarthy, Eugene
Mekkelsen, Christine	Mekklesen, Henry
Meade, Idelle	Morrison, Frank
Morse, Arthur	Quimby, Ethel M.
Quimby, Russell	Reed, Flora B.
Schnair, Joseph	Smith, Ernest
Spinney, Gaylon	Spinney, Forest
Symonds, Harold	Taylor, Sophia E.
Thompson, Carl	Thompson Mabel.

STATISTICS FOR 1899-1900.

NAME OF SCHOOL	Grades	No. of Weeks	Enrollment	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent. Attendance	No. Between 7 and 14	No. Between 5 and 15	No. Over 15
High,	10-13	40	31	26.48	24.6	92.	6	18	13
South Grammar,	7-9	36	19	17.4	16.	91.9	14	19	1
South Intermediate,	4-6	36	27	25.35	24.	94.6	27	27	0
South Primary,	1-3	36	46	43.9	38.38	87.4	35	46	0
Center Grammar,	7-9	36	19	20.	18.7	93.5	14	14	5
Center Intermediate,	4-6	36	38	35.7	32.3	90.5	38	38	0
Center Primary,	1-3	36	34	31.4	27.	86.	23	34	0
West Grammar,	7-9	36	24	21.98	19.45	88.4	19	22	2
West Intermediate,	4-6	36	21	21.	20.	95.	20	20	1
West Primary,	1-3	36	39	36.	32.45	90.	18	39	0
Totals,		36	298	27.9	25.2	90.93	214	277	22

LIST OF TEACHERS, 1900-1901.

SCHOOLS	TEACHERS	Ap- point- ed	EDUCATED.	Sal- ary.	
High	{ Principal, Assistant	A. L. Faxon, Bertha Merrill.	1900 1900	Yale. Smith,	Year \$1,000 500 Week
South Grammar,	Louise M. Foss,	1900	{ Farmington, {	\$10	
So. Intermediate,	Edith M. Kalloch,	1900		Me., Normal,	10
South Primary,	Annie W. Chase.	1899	Fram'h'm Normal,	10	
Center Grammar,	Sara G. Small.	1898	Salem Normal,	10	
Sen. Intermediate,	Ella L. Miller,	1899	Fram'h'm Normal,	10	
Center Primary,	Cora F. Warren,	1899	"	10	
West Grammar,	Grace F. Trefethen	1900	Taunton,	10	
West Intermediate	Kather. Sweeney,	1899	Salem Normal,	10	
West Primary,	Harr't H. Gardner	1889	Ayer	12	

STATISTICS—FALL AND WINTER TERMS, 1900-1901.

NAME OF SCHOOL	Grades	No. in Each Grade	Enrollment	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent. of Attendance	No. Between 7 and 14	No. Between 5 and 15	No. Over 15
High,	{	13th 4 12th 7 11th 0 10th 10	} 21	19.	17.4	91.6	2	6	13
South Grammar,	{	9th 5 8th 5 7th 16	} 26	24.4	24.	98.5	21	25	1
So. Intermediate,	{	6th 0 5th 9 4th 26	} 35	30.	27.99	93.00	34	34	1
South Primary,	{	3rd 12 2nd 16 1st 17	} 45	41.44	36.	87.00	22	44	0
Center Grammar,	{	9th 9 8th 9 7th 10	} 28	26.9	24.8	92.26	17	23	5
Cen. Intermediate,	{	6th 11 5th 14 4th 10	} 35	31.46	28.57	90.8	35	35	0
Center Primary,	{	3rd 14 2nd 12 1st 10	} 36	32.5	28.95	88.98	25	36	0
West Grammar,	{	9th 7 8th 10 7th 11	} 28	24.77	22.8	92.	18	27	1
West Intermediate	{	6th 5 5th 10 4th 12	} 27	25.6	24.35	95.	27	27	0
West Primary,	{	3rd 8 2nd 10 1st 23	} 41	40.23	37.38	92.9	21	41	0
Totals,		322	322	29.6	27.2	92.2	222	298	21

Report of Purchasing Agent.

Department of School Supplies.

To the School Committee:

The annual report of the expense account of this department is respectfully submitted.

J. L. HAMMETT Co.

March 22.	200 No. 120 blank books,	\$2 50	
	5 gross 4 B. pencils,	4 25	
	1 lb. No 120 erasers,	75—	\$7 50
March 23.	3 Frye prim. geog.,	1 62	
	10 Little Nell,	3 60—	5 22
March 28.	10 hand globes.	2 50	
	200 No. 140 blank books,	7 00	
	2 gross penholders, No. 611,	2 20	
	11 boxes Middleton fasteners,	2 20—	13 90
April 9.	2 doz. Treasury ink,	6 00—	6 00
April 10.	2 sets spring rollers, Excelsior maps,	44 00—	44 00
April 20.	100 lbs arithmetic paper,	3 00—	3 00
April 21.	10 gross Esterbrook, No. 556, pens,	4 88—	4 88
June 5.	10 doz. No. 30 rulers,	1 84	
	2 gross J. L. H. school pens,	90	
	200 lbs. arithmetic paper,	6 00	
	200 Cornhill pads,	8 00	
	12 reams H. 3 paper,	6 00	
	5 reams H. 1 paper,	2 50	
	10 gross H. B. pencils,	8 50	
	2 doz. Treasury mucilage,	1 50	
	1 lb No. 120 erasers,	75	
	100 mathematical cards, No. 9,	2 00	
	3½ gross No. 787 pencils,	9 63	

June	5.	6 boxes colored cubes,	\$2 88	
		3 " plain cubes,	1 20	
		6 " number builders,	58	
		6 " sentence builders,	67	
		3 " colored pegs,	36	
		6 " domestic animals,	96	
		6 " wild animals,	96	
		6 " birds,	96	
		6 " leaves,	96	
		4 " Little artist,	80	
		6 " No. 1021 sticks,	1 20	
		6 " No. 470,	1 92	
		12 pkgs. colored splints,	2 40	
		6 boxes practical busy work,	1 20	
		18 boxes,	1 44	
		2 doz. peg boards,	2 80	
		10 pkgs. 00 medium drawing paper,	4 00	
		6 Manilla drawing paper, 9x12,	2 40—	75 11
July	21.	5 lbs. letter pads,	40	40
Sept.	18.	1 doz. folios,	3 00	
		1 lb erasers, No. 120,	65	
		3 doz gem erasers,	1 50	
		60 No. 140 blank books,	2 10	
		10 reams No. 27 letter paper,	9 00	
		5 Round the World, book 2,	2 28	
		3 doz. water pans,	1 44—	19 94
Sept.	26.	3 copies Colonial Children,	1 08	
		3 " Story of Ulysses,	81	
		9 " Legend of Norseland,	3 24	
		3 " La Salle,	15	
		3 " Robert Fulton,	15	
		3 " Cortez,	81	
		3 " Siegfried,	1 80	
		3 " Story of Ulysses, Cook, •	96	
		3 " Tales of Troy,	72	
		3 " Nature Myths,	60	
		3 " Smith's Songs for Little Children,	5 40	
		3 " Hiawatha, 1 and 2,	79	

Sept.	26.	5 copies Round the World, bk. 1,	\$1 60	
		250 Baldwin report books,	3 75	
		1 box yellow crayons,	65	
		1 box orange crayons,	65—	24 24
Sept.	29.	7 primary peg boards,	83	
		Repairing 2 gem sharpeners,	30—	1 13
Oct.	3.	1 Webster International Dict.,	8 50—	8 50
Oct.	16.	3 copies Marquette,	15	
		3 doz. color boxes,	6 84	
		140 No. 140 blank books,	4 90	
		1 box brown crayons,	60—	12 49
Oct.	17.	200 No. 140 blank books,	7 00—	7 00
Jan.	1.	1 gross Easterbrook best pens, No. 556,	2 25	
		Postage,	12—	2 37
Jan.	10.	1 lb. rubber erasers, No. 120,	70	
		100 blank books, No. 120,	1 25—	1 95
				<u>\$237 63</u>

GINN & Co.

March	22.	12 Prince arithmetics,	\$2 00—	\$2 00
March	27.	2 Leymann's School Iliad, 6 bks.,	3 20	
		5 Wentworth Ad. Arithmetics,	5 00	
			<u>8 00</u>	
		Less 1-6,	1 37—	6 83
Oct.	30.	10 Wentworth new Sch. Algebra,	11 20	
		1 Beginners' Latin,	1 00	
		5 Montgomery Eng. His.,	5 60	
		25 Prince Arith.,	5 00	
		7 doz. and 7 vertical writing books,	43 68	
			<u>66 48</u>	
		Less 1-6,	11 08	
			<u>55 40</u>	
		Credit books returned,	32 33—	23 07
Sept.	20.	9 copies Ten Beyes,	4 50	
		Less 1-6,	75—	3 75
				<u>\$35 65</u>

HOUGHTON, MIFFLIN & Co.

March 27.	20 Riverside Lit. Series, No. 1,	\$2 55	
	Postage,	07—	\$2 62
March 29.	7 Fiske Am. Hist.,	5 95—	5 95
March 30.	20 Riverside Lit. Series, No. 2,	2 55	
	Postage,	04—	2 59
Sept. 19.	5 Fiske Hist. U. S.,	4 25	
	6 Riverside Lit. Series,	77—	5 02
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			\$16 18

D. C. HEATH & Co.

March 26.	5 Heart of Oak, bk. 2,	\$1 75	
	Less 1-6,	29—	\$1 46
March 28.	10 Elem. Arith., Walsh,	3 00	
	5 Inter. Arith., Walsh,	1 75	
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		4 75	
	Less 1-6,	79—	3 96
March 30.	24 doz. vertical writing books,	18 00	
	5 Heart of Oak, No. 1,	1 25	
	10 Heart of Oak, No. 2,	3 50	
	5 Heart of Oak, No. 3,	2 25	
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		25 00	
	Less 1-6.	4 16—	20 84
April 21.	5 gross Volpenna B. pens,	3 00	
	Less 1-3,	1 00	
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		2 00	
	Postage,	11—	2 11
April 26.	15 Paradise Lost,	6 75	
	Less 1-6,	1 12—	5 63
May 17.	2 Iliad,	59	
	Postage,	08—	67
Sept. 7.	20 Inter. Arith., Walsh,	7 00	
	Less 1-6,	1 16—	5 84
Sept. 11.	5 German Grammar,	5 60	
	Less 1-6,	93—	4 67
Sept. 17.	20 Walsh Elem. Arith.,	6 00	
	Less 1-6,	1 00—	5 00

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Sept.	19.	6 copies American Indians,	\$2 70	
		Less 1-6,	45—	2 15
Sept.	22.	12 Vicar of Wakefield,	6 00	
		12 Burke Speech in Council,	2 40	
		12 Macbeth,	3 50	
		12 Silas Maxner,	4 20	
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			15 60	
		Less 1-6,	2 60—	13 00
Oct.	7.	5 Marchen Eng. No. 1 reader,	2 50—	2 50
Nov.	20.	5 gross Volpenna B. pens,	3 00	
		Less 1-3,	1 00	
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			2 00	
		Postage,	13—	2 13
Nov.	26.	9 Super. French readers,	6 30	
		Less 1-6,	1 05—	5 25
Feb.	13.	8 Milton's Minor Poems,	2 00	
		8 Macauley's Essays on Addison,	2 00	
		8 Macauley's Essays on Milton,	2 00	
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			6 00	
		Less 1-6,	1 00—	5 00
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				\$80 31

SILVER, BURDETT & Co.

March	21.	12 Chemistry Report Books,	\$3 00	
		Less 1-6,	50—	\$ 2 50
March	30.	15 Introduction to Economics,	13 50—	13 50
Sept.	8.	5 Music Readers, No. 1,	1 60	
		5 " No. 2,	3 00	
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			4 60	
		Less 1-6,	76—	3 84
Sept.	17.	8 Music Readers, No. 2,	4 80	
		Less 1-6,	80—	4 00
Sept.	21.	5 Systematic Ex. Blanks,	1 25	
		Less 1-6,	20—	1 05
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				\$24 89

AMERICAN BOOK CO.

March 22.	10 Old Greek Stories,	\$4 50	
	10 Story of the Greeks,	6 00	
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		10 50	
	Less 1-5,	2 10—	\$ 8 40
Sept. 7.	25 Nat'l Elem. Geography,	15 00	
	20 Metcalf Grammar,	12 00	
	12 Webster Primary Dict.,	5 76	
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		32 76	
	Less 1-5,	6 55—	26 21
Sept. 10.	10 Webster Primary Dict.,	4 80	
	10 Metcalf Grammar,	6 00	
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		10 80	
	Less 1-5,	2 16—	8 64
Sept. 19.	3 Eggleston 1st. History Book	1 80	
	Less 1-5,	36—	1 44
Oct. 1.	5 Carpenter's Asia,	3 00	
	Less 1-5,	60—	2 40
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			\$47 09

ED. E. BABB & Co.

Sept. 7.	10 Wentworth Sch. Algebra,	\$5 00—	\$5 00
Sept. 8.	8 Boscher Otto French Grammar,	4 72—	4 72
Sept. 20.	4 Avery Elements of Chemistry,	3 08—	3 08
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			\$12 80

P. R. BULLARD.

Dec. 22.	3 Maps Lower New England,	\$5 70—	\$5 70
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C. J. WILLIAMS.

June 5.	Stamps and Envelopes,	\$1 33—	\$1 33
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GENERAL EXPENSES.

Paid T. Evans,	\$1 50
W. D. DeVault,	1 60

Paid C. L. Gouly,	\$ 4 40	
A. L. Faxon,	40	
A. L. Noyes,	14 97	
W. S. Warren,	25	
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	\$22 12—	\$22 12
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		\$483 70
By supplies sold pupils,		93
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		\$482 77

The value of supplies now in the supply room is estimated at \$60.00.

CHAS. J. WILLIAMS,
Purchasing Agent.

TOWN WARRANT.

For Annual Meeting March 25, 1901.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,

MIDDLESEX SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton, in
the County of Middlesex, GREETING :

You are hereby required, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acton, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to assemble in the Town Hall, in said Town, on Monday, the twenty-fifth day of March, A. D. 1901, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles as they may think proper, viz :

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To see if the Town will accept the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, and other Town officers.

ART. 3. To hear and act upon the report of any Committee chosen to report at this meeting.

ART. 4. To choose all necessary Town Officers and Committees, and fix salaries.

ART. 5. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of twenty-two hundred dollars for providing protection against fire, in the villages of Acton Center, East Acton, North Acton, South and West Acton, or do or act anything thereon.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will rescind all action taken on Articles 21 and 22 in Warrant of April 3, 1899, and accept ordinance in relation to burials and Cemetery Trust Funds, or act anything thereon.

ART. 7. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the observance of Memorial Day. 50.00

ART. 8. To see if the Town will accept the Jury list as revised by the Selectmen, or take any action thereon.

ART. 9. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the repairing of roads and bridges the present year.

3500.00

ART. 10. To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money for the Town, if necessary, in anticipation of taxes the present year.

36 Yes
181 No
ART. 11. To vote Yes, or No, in answer to the question: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Town of Acton the present year.

ART. 12. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the support of Memorial Library the present year.

ART. 13. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the support of schools the present year, and act anything thereon.

ART. 14. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for purchase of school supplies the present year.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will maintain street lamps the present year, or act anything thereon.

ART. 16. To see what action the Town will take relative to the collection of taxes the present year.

ART. 17. To see what amount of money the Town will raise, if any, for Town charges.

ART. 18. To see if the Town wish to further instruct its Selectmen relative to the separation of grade crossings in the Town, or act anything thereon.

ART. 19. To see if the Town will authorize its Selectmen to release the Commonwealth of Massachusetts from all claims for damage arising from the change of grade on a section of proposed State Highway, in the Village of West Acton, or act anything thereon.

ART. 20. To see what action the Town will take in regard to a suitable building for the Fire Apparatus at South Acton.

ART. 21. To see if the Town will abate the taxes for the year 1900 on the West Acton Citizens Library Association property, amounting to seventeen dollars, and to exempt the same from taxation, or act anything thereon.

ART. 22. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell the North Acton school house and grounds, or act anything thereon.

ART. 23. To see if the Town will vote to close a piece of road on the southerly side of the Davis Monument, leading from Main street to a point near the house of Isaac T. Flagg, or act anything thereon.

ART. 24. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of placing markers at the graves of persons who served in the War of 1812, the Seminole war and the Mexican war.

ART. 25. To see if the Town will appropriate money for the care of Cemeteries the present year, or act anything thereon.

ART. 26. To see if the Town will build a road from the Leland-Stevens road (so called) past the cold storage building of O. W. Mead to the Turnpike, as laid out by the Road Commissioners, or act anything thereon.

ART. 27. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of Chap. 264 of the Acts of 1890, relating to public cemeteries, or act anything thereon.

ART. 28. To see if the Town will rebuild the bridge near the house of O. A. Knowlton, leading to the house of E. H. Cutler, or act anything thereon.

The Polls will be open by 10 o'clock A. M., and may be closed by 2 o'clock P. M.

You are hereby directed to serve this Warrant, by posting copies, attested by you, in the following places: One in each of the Postoffices, one at each of the Railroad Stations, one at the stores of C. H. Mead & Co., M. E. Taylor & Co., H. A. Littlefield, Tuttle & Newton, one at the office of A. J. Hastings & Co., and one at the Nagog House, seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen, or Town Clerk, on or before the time appointed for holding said meeting.

Given under our hands, in Acton, this eleventh day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand, nine hundred and one.

WILLIAM F. STEVENS,
E. FAULKNER CONANT,
DAVID C. HARRIS,

Selectmen of Acton.

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

Town of Acton, Mass.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 12,

1902

TOGETHER WITH THE SCHOOL REPORT.



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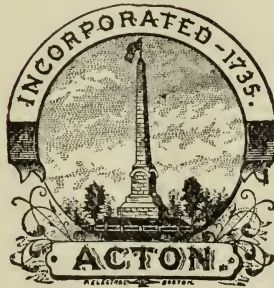
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Town Officers, 1901-1902.

Town Clerk,

Horace F. Tuttle.

Selectmen,

William F. Stevens,

E. Faulkner Conant,

Edwin A. Phalen.

Assessors,

E. Faulkner Conant,

William F. Kelley,

Chauncy B. Robbins.

Overseers of the Poor,

David C. Harris,

William F. Kelley,

Lyman C. Taylor.

Town Treasurer,

Jonathan K. W. Wetherbee.

Auditor,

Frank W. Hoit.

Collector of Taxes,

William F. Stevens.

Constables,

James Kingsley,

William H. Kingsley,

L. E. Reed.

Cemetery Committee.

Julian Tuttle,

Herbert T. Clark,

Horace F. Tuttle.

Road Commissioners,

William H. Kingsley, (term expires 1902),

Albert H. Perkins, (term expires 1903),

Anson C. Piper, (term expires 1904).

*Annual Reports**School Committee,*

Charles J. Williams, (term expires 1902),
 Horace F. Tuttle, (term expires 1903),
 Frank R. Knowlton, (term expires 1904).

Trustees of Memorial Library, (elected by the Town),

Charles J. Williams, (term expires 1902),
 Lucius A. Hesselton, (term expires 1903),
 William D. Tuttle, (term expires 1904).

Board of Health,

Frank J. Barker, (term expires 1904),
 Frank E. Tasker, (term expires 1903),
 Charles J. Williams, (term expires 1902).

Fence Viewers,

Daniel H. Farrar, Reuben L. Reed,*
 Oliver W. Mead.*

Surveyors of Lumber, Wood, Hoops and Staves,

Herbert T. Clark, Edgar H. Hall, Jona P. Fletcher,
 Edward F. Richardson* James E. Billings,*
 M. E. Taylor,* Charles E. Smith.

Field Drivers,

James Kinsley, William H. Kingsley,
 L. E. Reed.

Tree Warden,

Charles J. Williams.

Registrars of Voters (appointed),

Samuel A. Guilford, (term expires 1904),
 James McGreen, (term expires 1903),
 David T. Kinsley, (term expires 1902),
 Horace F. Tuttle, ex-officio.

* Not sworn.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING,
HELD, MARCH 25, 1901.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Luther Conant was chosen Moderator.

ART. 2. To see if the Town will accept the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee and other Town officers.

Voted, To accept the reports of the several Town officers as printed.

ART. 3. To hear and act upon the report of any committee chosen to report at this meeting.

No action taken.

ART. 4. To choose all necessary Town officers and committees and fix salaries.

Voted, To fix the salary of the Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year at one hundred and fifty dollars, the same to include posting the warrants, enforcing the dog law and all other duties hitherto performed by said officer.

Voted, That the salary of the Road Commissioners be fixed at twenty five cents per hour employed.

Voted, That laborers be paid seventeen and one-half cents per hour employed.

Voted, That a double team and man be paid forty-two and one-half cents per hour employed.

Voted, That travel to and from work shall not be reckoned as time employed.

Voted, To proceed to choose on one ballot a Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, three Selectmen, three Assessors, three Overseers of the Poor, one member of the School Committee for three years, a Collector of Taxes, four Constables, three members of the Cemetery Committee, three Fence Viewers, seven Survey-

ors of Lumber, Wood, Hoops and Staves, four Field Drivers, one member of the Board of Trustees of the Memorial Library for three years, one auditor, one Road Commissioner for three years, one Road Commissioner for two years, and a Tree Warden.

The following town officers and committees were chosen :

Town Clerk : Horace F. Tuttle.

Town Treasurer ; Jona K. W. Wetherbee.

Selectmen ; William F. Stevens, E. Faulkner Conant, Edwin A. Phalen.

Assessors ; Job. W. Dupee, Fred S. Whitcomb, William F. Kelley.

Overseers of the Poor ; David C. Harris, William F. Kelley, Lyman C. Taylor.

School Committee for three years ; Frank R. Knowlton.

Collector of Taxes ; William F. Stevens.

Constables ; James Kinsley, William H. Kingsley, L. E. Reed, Daniel H. Farrar.

Cemetery Committee ; Julian Tuttle, Herbert T. Clark, Horace F. Tuttle.

Fence Viewers ; Daniel H. Farrar, Reuben L. Reed, Oliver W. Mead.

Surveyors of Lumber, Wood, Hoops and Staves ; Herbert T. Clark, Jona P. Fletcher, Edgar H. Hall, Edward F. Richardson, M. E. Taylor, James E. Billings, Charles E. Smith.

Trustee of Memorial Library ; William D. Tuttle for three years.

Tree Warden ; Charles J. Williams.

Field Drivers ; James Kinsley, William H. Kingsley, L. E. Reed, Daniel H. Farrar.

Auditor ; Frank W. Hoit.

Road Commissioners ; Anson C. Piper for three years, Albert H. Perkins for two years.

ART. 5. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of twenty-two hundred dollars for providing protection against fire in the villiages of Acton Center, East, North, South and West Acton or do or act anything thereon.

Voted, To lay an eight inch cast iron pipe from the factory of Hall Brothers in West Acton to the corner of the store of C. H. Mead & Co., and place one hydrant at said store and properly

locate another on the line between said points. To purchase one thousand feet of unlined linen or rubber lined cotton hose, as may be decided later and hose carriage for the same.

To purchase for South Acton eight hundred feet of rubber lined hose of same quality as lately purchased for that place at a cost of one hundred and sixty-five dollars. To purchase for one hundred dollars the F. R. R. water supply basin located near the cider mill of Henry Barker, excavate and properly fix said basin for a possible water supply in case of fire. Also, to purchase a small hand tub, and two hundred feet of hose same as is in use of Town at East Acton, for North Acton at a cost of two hundred dollars.

To purchase at a cost of two hundred and ninety-four dollars, twenty-one small fire extinguishers and place three at North Acton, three at East Acton, five each at South Acton, West Acton and Acton Center.

Voted, To authorize the hiring of a competent man at each part of the town where fire apparatus is located to properly care for it, to discharge and refit all the Town chemicals as needed and clean and properly care for the hose after a fire.

Voted, To appropriate the sum of twenty-two hundred dollars for the carrying out of these votes, to assess eleven hundred dollars of said amount in the taxes of 1901 and eleven hundred dollars in taxes of 1902.

Voted, To instruct the Selectmen to immediately carry out these instructions except the laying of the pipe in West Acton which is to be done at the earliest possible moment in the spring of 1901.

Voted, To instruct the Selectmen to borrow eleven hundred dollars in anticipation of the assessment of 1902, if necessary.

Voted, That Delette H. Hall and F. C. Hayward be a committee to co-operate with the Selectmen in carrying out these votes, Mr. Hall to act so far as it relates to West Acton and Mr. Hayward for South Acton.

ART. 6. To see if the town will rescind all action taken on Articles 21 and 22 in warrant of April 3, 1899, and accept ordinance in relation to burials and Cemetery Trust Funds or act anything thereon.

Voted, To adopt the following ordinance relative to funds deposited with the town for the care of lots in cemeteries.

TOWN OF ACTON, IN THE YEAR 1901, AN ORDINANCE
IN RELATION TO BURIALS.

SECTION 1. The Town of Acton, Mass., will receive of any person any sum of money not less than Fifty Dollars nor more than Five Hundred Dollars, the interest thereof to be applied to the annual care of such lot in the public burial grounds of the Town of Acton as the person paying the money shall designate. Such deposit may be made perpetual if so desired by the person depositing the same.

SECTION 2. The Town Treasurer shall receive all sums of money paid in accordance with the provisions of the preceding section, giving a proper receipt of the town therefor, and shall annually at such time as the Cemetery Committee of the public burial grounds of said town shall request, pay over to said Committee interest at the rate of three and a half per cent. per annum upon all sums so paid to and receipted for by him, with a statement of the several lots in the public burial grounds of said town, upon which the interest so paid is to be expended. All of said amounts shall be judiciously and economically expended on each of the variously specified lots, and in addition to keeping the grass cut as many flowers as the money will permit shall be planted, watered and cared for on these lots, also once in every five years the monuments, markers, corner stones and curbinges shall be properly cleaned and repaired, the expense of same to be deducted from the income, if sufficient, of the funds of the lot so cleaned, should the town neglect to faithfully carry out the provisions of this act, the money so deposited shall revert to the heirs of the person so depositing it.

SECTION 3. Said Cemetery Committee shall receipt for and faithfully apply all sums of interest so received by it in accordance with the statement so made by the Town Treasurer, and report its doings in the premises annually to the town. But no part of said sums shall be used in paying for the official duties of said Committee.

Voted, That the following form of receipt shall be given in behalf of the town by its Treasurer to persons depositing money.

“Received of (A. B.) dollars as a perpetual fund, the income of which is to be used to pay the expense of keeping in repair and good order lots in the cemeteries of Acton, Mass., as follows: (Description of lots.) This money is received in accordance with an ordinance of the town passed March 25th, 1901.

Town of Acton, by

Treasurer.”

ART. 7. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the observance of Memorial Day.

Voted, To appropriate the sum of fifty dollars.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will accept the jury list as revised by the Selectmen, or take any action thereon.

Voted, To accept the jury list as revised by the Selectmen.

ART. 9. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the repairing of roads and bridges.

Voted, To raise forty-four hundred dollars.

ART. 10. To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money for the Town if necessary in anticipation of taxes the present year.

Voted, To authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money for the Town, if necessary, in anticipation of taxes the current year.

ART. 11. To vote Yes or No in answer to the question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Town of Acton the present year?"

Whole number of ballots cast,	317
Yes,	136
No,	181

Voted, To appropriate \$500, to be placed in the hands of the Selectmen to enforce the liquor laws.

ART. 12. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the support of Memorial Library the present year.

Voted, To raise two hundred dollars for the purchase of books.

Voted, To raise four hundred dollars for running expenses.

ART. 13. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the support of schools the present year, and act anything thereon.

<i>Voted</i> , To raise for common schools,	\$3,670
“ “ “ High School,	1,700
“ “ “ school supplies,	475
“ “ “ transportation,	1,030
“ “ “ books for High School,	50
“ “ “ salary of Superintendent,	450

ART. 14. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for purchase of school supplies the present year.

Action taken under Art. 13.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will maintain street lamps the present year, or act anything thereon.

Voted, That the Town take charge of lighting street lamps in the villages of the Town ; the territory to be lighted in each village to be determined by the Selectmen; and that each person maintaining a lamp outside the villages, approved by the Selectmen, be allowed the amount expended per lamp in the villages.

ART. 16. To see what action the Town will take relative to the collection of taxes the present year.

Voted, That the Collector charge interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum on all taxes remaining unpaid after the first day of November next.

Voted, That all taxes shall be paid on or before the first day of March next, and if any taxes remain unpaid after that date the Collector shall collect according to law.

ART. 17. To see what amount of money the Town will raise, if any, for Town charges.

Voted, To appropriate sixty-two hundred dollars.

ART. 18. To see if the Town wish to further instruct its Selectmen, relative to the separation of grade crossings in the Town, or act anything thereon.

Voted, To defer action for the present.

Voted, That the Selectmen be authorized to employ an engineer to make an estimate of the cost of separating the grades between the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. and B. & M. R. R. Co.'s tracks and the Great Road, so called, including land damages.

ART. 19. To see if the Town will authorize its Selectmen to release the Commonwealth of Massachusetts from all claims for damages arising from the change of grade on a proposed section of State highway in the village of West Acton, or act anything thereon.

Voted, To pass over the Article.

ART. 20. To see what action the Town will take in regard to a suitable building for the fire apparatus at South Acton

Voted, To pass over the Article.

ART. 21. To see if the Town will abate the taxes for the year 1900 on the West Acton Citizens' Library Association property, amounting to seventeen dollars, and to exempt the same from taxation, or act anything thereon.

A motion to abate the tax and exempt the property from taxation did not prevail.

ART. 22. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell the North Acton school house and grounds, or act anything thereon.

Voted, That the Selectmen be instructed to sell the property at public auction, provided they shall not accept an offer less than five hundred dollars.

ART. 23. To see if the Town will vote to close a piece of road on the southerly side of the Davis Monument, leading from Main Street to a point near the house of Isaac T. Flagg's, or act anything thereon.

Voted, To close and discontinue the piece of road described in the Article.

ART. 24. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of placing markers at the graves of persons who served in the war of 1812, the Seminole and the Mexican wars.

Voted, To appropriate twenty-five dollars to carry out the purpose of the Article.

ART. 25. To see if the town will appropriate money for the care of cemeteries the present year or act anything thereon.

Voted, To appropriate Five Hundred dollars.

ART. 26. To see if the town will build a road from the Leland-Stevens road (so called) past the Cold Storage Building of O. W. Mead to the turnpike, as laid out by the Road Commissioners or act anything thereon

Voted, Not to build the road as laid out.

ART. 27. To see if the town will vote to adopt the provisions of Chap. 264 of the Acts of 1890 relating to public cemeteries or act anything thereon.

Voted, To adopt the provisions of Chap. 264 of the Acts of 1890 relating to public cemeteries.

ART. 28. To see if the town will rebuild the bridge near the house of O. A. Knowlton, leading to the house of E. H. Cutler, or act anything thereon.

Voted, To appropriate One Hundred dollars to repair or rebuild the bridge so that it shall be safe for travel.

It was voted, informally, that with the permission of the Cemetery Committee any person in town may deposit rubbish or refuse on the ground near the southeast corner of Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Voted, To accept the minutes of the meeting.

Voted, To adjourn without day.

A true record, attest:

HORACE F. TUTTLE,

Town Clerk.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING

HELD APRIL 18, 1901.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
Luther Conant was chosen Moderator.

ART. 2. To choose two Assessors or act anything thereon.
Chose E. Faulkner Conant and Chauncey B. Robbins.

ART. 3. To see if the town will choose a Board of Health, appropriate a sum of money or act thereon.

Voted, To choose a Board of Health.

Chose by ballot: Charles J. Williams for one year, Frank E. Tasker for two years, Frank J. Barker for three years.

Voted, To appropriate Fifty dollars.

ART. 4. To hear and act upon the report of any Committee.

Heard the report of the Committee chosen at a meeting held Aug. 21, 1900, to consider the improvement of the Isaac Davis Monument Grounds. The Committee presented a plan showing proposed changes of streets near the monument.

Voted, That Horace F. Tuttle be added to the Committee.

Voted, That the whole matter be left with the Committee to do as they deem expedient.

Voted, To appropriate Two Hundred dollars for the use of said Committee.

ART. 5. To determine whether the town will accept from Elbridge J. Robbins the gift of a piece of land adjoining Woodlawn Cemetery and include it as a part of said cemetery, whether the town will purchase of said Robbins a piece of land adjoining said cemetery for burial purposes or whether it will take any other action in relation thereto.

Voted, To purchase of Elbridge J. Robbins for One Hundred dollars a piece of land containing about one and one-half acres, north of Woodlawn Cemetery, as recommended by the Cemetery Committee and that the Committee be authorized to give a deed to said Robbins of two burial lots included in this purchase.

Voted, To appropriate One Hundred dollars for said purchase.

Voted, To accept the minutes of the meeting.

Voted, To adjourn without day.

A true record, attest:

HORACE F. TUTTLE,

Town Clerk.

State Election.

PROCEEDINGS OF MEETINGS

HELD NOV. 5, 1901, IN PRECINCTS NO. 1, 2 AND 3.

VOTES.

FOR GOVERNOR.

	Precinct 1.	Precinct 2.	Precinct 3.	Total
W. Murray Crane,	63	49	63	175
John B. Lewis, Jr.,	1	0	3	4
Josiah Quincy,	30	11	23	64
George H. Wrenn,	1	0	1	2
Blanks,	1	2	0	3

FOR LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

John L. Bates,	62	49	62	173
John W. Coughlin,	27	12	23	62
William H. Partridge,	2	0	3	5
Charles W. White,	1	0	0	1
Blanks,	4	1	2	7

FOR SECRETARY.

Frederick W. Clark,	1	0	3	4
Alonzo H. Dennett,	2	1	2	5
William M. Olin,	61	46	63	170
Willmore B. Stone,	28	10	19	57
Blanks,	4	5	3	12

FOR TREASURER.

George E. Batchelder,	1	0	2	3
Wendell P. Bosworth,	1	0	1	2
Edward S. Bradford,	59	45	61	165
Joseph L. Chalifoux,	29	14	21	64
Blanks,	6	3	5	14

AUDITOR.

James F. Dean,	28	11	19	58
John H. Smith,	3	0	2	5
Frank Thompson,	2	0	1	3
Henry E. Turner,	57	45	61	163
Blanks,	6	6	7	19

ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Allen Coffin,	2	0	3	5
Herbert Parker,	61	46	63	170
Arthur A. Putnam,	27	11	19	57
Clarence E. Spelman,	1	1	0	2
Blanks,	5	5	4	14

COUNCILLOR, SIXTH DISTRICT.

Henry H. Benoit,	1	0	0	1
George M. Buttrick,	1	0	2	3
Francis L. Fletcher,	31	9	19	59
S. Herbert Howe,	55	48	61	164
Blanks,	8	5	8	21

SENATOR, SIXTH MIDDLESEX.

John P. Farley,	26	13	19	58
Herbert E. Fletcher,	62	45	65	172
Blanks,	8	4	6	18

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT.

Edwin A. Phalen,	31	14	29	74
Webster C. Robbins,	51	41	57	149
Charles M. Kimball,	1	0	0	1
Blanks,	13	7	4	24

COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

Francis Bigelow,	67	50	67	184
Robert Lusk,	5	2	1	8
William F. Merrill,	3	0	4	7
Blanks,	21	10	18	49

ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER.

Christian Beck,	10	7	7	24
Louis Eisner,	7	4	8	19
David T. Strange,	51	34	38	123
Edward E. Thompson,	48	39	47	134
Samuel H. Warren,	3	0	6	9
Blanks,	73	40	74	187

DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

Thomas Rooney,	8	4	5	17
George A. Sanderson,	73	50	71	194
Blanks,	15	8	14	37

CLERK OF COURTS.

Theodore C. Hurd,	66	46	66	178
George F. Ritchie,	6	2	2	10
Henry A. Smith,	5	0	3	8
Blanks,	19	14	19	52

SHERIFF.

John R. Fairbairn,	68	46	62	176
Francis P. Finegan,	7	4	3	14
Roscoe G. Watson,	3	0	4	7
Blanks,	18	12	21	51

**Vote of the 23d Middlesex District for Representative in
General Court.**

	Acton	Ayer	Littl'n	Shirley	W'stfd	Total
Edwin A. Phalen of Acton,	74	74	21	20	49	238
Webster C. Robbins of Acton,	149	156	83	73	170	631
Charles M. Kimball of Acton,	1					1
John M. Maloney of Ayer,		1				1
Blanks,	24	21	10	7	25	87
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	248	252	114	100	244	958

Town Clerk's Report.

BIRTHS.

Whole number recorded,	34	Born in Acton,	33
Males,	17	Females,	17
Native parentage,	20	Foreign parentage,	7
Mixed parentage,	7	One parent born in Acton,	12
Both parents born in Acton,	0		

MARRIAGES.

Whole number recorded,			15
Residents of Acton,			16
Residents of other places,			14
Oldest groom,	64	Oldest bride,	31
Youngest groom,	21	Youngest bride,	18

DEATHS.

Whole number recorded,	36
Residents of Acton,	32
Residents of other places,	4
Average age, 56+ years.	

NOTE.—To make the registration as complete as possible, the Town Clerk requests information of any omission or error in the lists of births, marriages and deaths.

NOTE.—In accordance with Section 8, Chap. 32, of the Public Statutes, the Town Clerk hereby gives notice that he is prepared to furnish to all physicians, midwives and persons applying therefor, blanks for the return of births.

HORACE F. TUTTLE,

Town Clerk.

Births Registered in 1901.

NO.	DATE	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS
	1901		
1	Jan. 2	Gladys Arvilla Colby	George W. and Ella J. (Hartt)
2	" 9	Hope Kimball	Charles M. and Carrie E. (Jones)
3	" 16	George Albert McAllister	Geo. O. and Mary V. (McIntyre)
4	Mar. 7	Theresa Amelia Lundberg	Axel G. and Amanda (Lofendahl)
5	" 18	Marion Morse Davis	Fred W. and Lizzie (Morse)
6	" 27	George Berg	George O. and Margaret (Hayes)
7	April 2	Ruth Esther Clark	Harry A. and Catherine F. (Keegan)
8	" 10	Edgar Henry Hall, Jr.	Edgar H. and Angeline (Hutchins)
9	May 2	Gladys Lorena Warren	George C. and Hattie K. (Smith)
10	" 15	Jonathan Walter Teele	Ernest R. and Martha R. (Shattuck)
11	" 30	Sidney Charles Smith	Henry and Annie B. (Gray)
12	June 4	James Oscar Brodeur	Chas. E. and Annie L. (Woodard)
13	" 11	Harold Patrick Powers	Edward and Mary Ellen (Powers)
14	" 15	Orland Elwood Spinney	Everett and Lillian M. (Wolf)
15	July 3	Eugene Philip Lowden	Arthur S. and Bertha M. (Newton)
16	" 6	Marion Hayes	Mich'l G. and Kath'ine A. (McNerny)
17	" 16	Ruth Bell Levy	Amos E. and Lena S. (Baird)
18	Aug. 3	George Douglas Smith	John D. and Louisa A. (Frazer)
19	" 13	Clarence Hill	James and Mary J. (McArthur)
20	" 15	Ruth Choate Harlow	Ellis B. and Lillian A. (Downing)
21	" 21	Vira Lillis Stone	Peter G. and Rose M. (McGuire)
22	" 25	Florence Amanda Wheeler	Elbr'dge L. and Florence I. (Noyes)
23	" 31	Clara Lillian Smith	Robert J. and Hattie L. (Hawes)
24	Sept. 8	Charles Oliver Brown	Chas. W. and Edna A. (Knowlton)
25	" 13	Margaret Hall	Eugene L. and Isabella H. (Bent)
26	Oct. 10	Klara Cornelia Lee	John and Kristine (Kolseth)
27	" 16	Stephen Roger Townsend	Stephen F. and Jessie H. (Jones)
28	" 18	Harry Clifford Barteaux	Harry P. and Minnie M. (Littlefield)
29	" 29	Mary Ruth Brazier	Andrew B. and Mary M. (Lucier)
30	Nov. 28	Joseph Howard Kellogg	Geo. A. and Carrie I. (Campbell)
31	Dec. 9	Dorothy Zoe Dusseault	George A. and Mildred F. (Mills)
32	" 27	Ernest Cooper Greenough	George E. and Sarah A. (Edwards)
33	" 30	Edith Sophia Tuttle	Luke H. and Hattie Lee (Miles)

Marriages Registered in 1901.

NO.	DATE PLACE	NAMES	RESIDENCES
1	Jan. 16, Acton	George W. Worster Grace E. Tuttle	Acton Acton
2	April 7, Acton	Arthur Drew Alla Blanche Hesselton	Acton Acton
3	April 24, Acton	Howard B. Barnard Wilhelmina West	Concord Westford
4	April 30, Acton	Rufus H. Hall Bertha L. Gardner	Everett Acton
5	May 14, Acton	Arthur Reginald Croft Josie Champagne	Concord Maynard
6	June 5, Acton	Frank L. Stiles Alice M. Maines	Concord Acton
7	June 12, Acton	Arthur H. Parsons Mabelle Caroline McLane	Watertown Littleton
8	July 3, Boston	William F. Hale Lilla Keniston	Acton Acton
9	July 28, Bolton	Harry G. Robbins Isabelle B. Whitcomb	Acton Hudson
10	July 31, Acton	Sheldon E. Littlefield Marion Wood	Acton Acton
11	Oct. 9, Acton	John C. King Carrie A. Littlefield	Maynard Acton
12	Oct. 15, Acton	Herbert L. Sawyer Grace A. Hayward	Clinton Acton
13	Nov. 11, Acton	Waldo Proctor Lapham Lottie Inez Elmes	Concord Concord
14	Nov. 15, Acton	Emery W. Clark Marion H. Hapgood	Acton Hanson
15	Dec. 24, Acton	John Edward Kane Sophia May Beckwith	Acton Acton

Deaths Registered in 1901.

NO.	DATE	NAMES	AGES		
			YR.	MO.	DS
1	January 18	Catherine Hurley	80	8	0
2	February 7	Mary Angeline Handley	93	3	19
3	February 10	Samuel Jones	88	5	16
4	February 16	Mary Dorsey	79	0	0
5	February 24	Ann Donahue (about)	40		
6	March 2	Isabella B. Withington	82	8	15
7	March 8	Edith A. Flagg	25	11	28
8	March 22	Mary Katherine Richardson	45	2	15
9	April 3	George William Livermore	62	8	7
10	April 6	Eliza Alberta Nichols	28	7	9
11	April 28	Hannah E. Tuttle	54	9	19
12	May 4	Mary Foster Leach	44	8	18
13	June 4	John Davis	64	9	0
14	June 8	Oliver H. Houghton	77	2	3
15	June 12	Obadiah Kendall Patch	76	8	2
16	June 15	Brooks Deyarmond Wheeler	7	3	3
17	June 25	Benjamin Henry Patch	79	4	15
18	June 29	Ruth Alma Evans	8	4	29
19	July 8	Hannah D. Moulton	69	3	15
20	July 27	Sarah Selma Harris	47	9	0
21	August 18	Luke Blanchard	75	7	1
22	August 28	Homer J. Stone	4	4	0
23	August 28	Lillis A. McGuire	27	0	0
24	September 1	Charlotte Hapgood Ames	90	9	7
25	September 14	Michael Foley	40	0	0
26	September 17	Warren Houghton	77	10	9
27	September 29	Albert Moulton	75	10	15
28	October 12	Katherine Elizabeth Varney	62	9	0
29	October 17	Abigail Billings Smith	66	9	23
30	November 2	Jennie M. Stevenson	14	9	0
31	November 5	John M. Tapley	58	7	20
32	November 6	Harriet D. Harris	86	10	11
33	November 28	Calvin Harris	92	11	9
34	December 22	Alexander McIntyre	44	3	15
35	December 23	Fredson P. Brooks	41	9	20

Non-Resident Burials in 1901.

NO.	DATE OF DEATH	NAME OF PERSON	RESIDENCE	AGES		
				YR.	MO.	DS
1	Jan. 28	Franklin J. Wood	Boston	76	9	
2	Feb. 1	Rebecca H. Knight	Royalston	72	5	
3	Feb. 15	Eliza M. Parker	Worcester	94	6	29
4	March 18	Jessie W. Robbins	Boscawan, N.H.	26	3	
5	April 18	George A. Conant	Concord	44	6	13
6	May 12	Samuel Despeaux	Somerville	72	11	26
7	June 6	Emma R. Flint	Clinton	19	5	4
8	June 22	Isaac B. Spinney	Lowell	54	10	28
9	July 16	John R. Houghton	Toledo, Ohio	71	9	25
10	July 17	Percy Henry Austin	Maynard			6
11	Aug. 18	George H. Robbins	Warren	38		
12	Aug. 23	Granville Whitcomb	Fitchburg	83	9	
13	Sept. 2	Simon Hartwell	Boxboro	83	3	27
14	Sept. 13	Mary C. Wood	Boston	87		
15	Sept. 24	David Shapley	Leominster	42	10	7
16	Nov. 10	James G. Goodnow	Boston	71	1	21
17	Nov. 13	Albert Palmer	Lowell	81		
18	Nov. 26	Henry Levi Willard	Boxboro	64	2	24
19	Dec. 10	Mary C. Pickens	Boston	68	11	14
20	Dec. 20	James Temple	Concord	62	8	29
21	Dec. 22	Augusta H. Hartwell	Concord	53	5	15
22	Dec. 29	Sarah A. Dole	Cambridge	88	4	25

Persons Having Dogs Licensed in 1901.

J. Sterling Moore	Paid \$ 2 00	Luther Conant	Paid \$ 2 00
F. J. Williams	5 00	John Downey	2 00
Smith Finney	17 00	Cyrus Dole	2 00
Charles M. Kimball	7 00	Wm. B. Holt	2 00
Elnathan Jones	2 00	Mary E. Davis	2 00
Ellsworth Houghton	2 00	Wm. F. Kelley	2 00
Charles H. Morris	2 00	J. Linwood Richardson	5 00
Charles L. Ford	12 00	Michael O'Connell	2 00
Charles J. Williams	2 00	Fredson P. Brooks	2 00
M. E. Taylor	2 00	Arthur Tuttle	2 00
Albert H. Perkins	2 00	C. H. Fairbanks	2 00
H. A. Gray	5 00	Frank W. Bulette	2 00
George F. Simonds	2 00	Moses Taylor	2 00
James P. Brown	2 00	A. L. Lawrence	4 00
John Temple	2 00	J. E. Durkee	2 00
Luke Tuttle	2 00	Daniel H. Farrar	2 00
Wm. H. Lawrence	2 00	N. J. Cole	12 00
Solon Robbins	2 00	Robert Deschler	9 00
Herbert Hale	2 00	Eva C. Shapley	2 00
Charles E. Dow	2 00	Charles A. Taylor	2 00
Wm. F. Stevens	2 00	Hiram B. Livermore	2 00
Amasa E. Lincoln	2 00	Charles Wheeler	2 00
John Connors	5 00	George H. Brooks	2 00
Clara L. Stone	2 00	Chester Harris	2 00
Francis S. Davis	5 00	Constantine O'Neil	2 00
George W. Worster	2 00	Frank A. Pratt	2 00
Wm. F. Dusseault	2 00	George A. DeLord	2 00
Fred E. Howland	4 00	George A. Barker	2 00
Warren H. Jones	2 00	Fred S. Whitcomb	2 00
Lester N. Fletcher	4 00	Frank E. Harris	2 00
Joseph Reynolds	2 00	Frank R. Knowlton	2 00
Michael G. Hayes	4 00	O. A. Knowlton	2 00
Chauncy B. Robbins	2 00	Murray J. Brown	2 00

David C. Harris	2 00	Wm. H. Hill	2 00
Wm. J. Moore	2 00	Charles S. Moulton	2 00
Webster C. Robbins	4 00	John McCarty	2 00
John H. Watkins	4 00	Tuttle & Newton	2 00
Hiram E. Gates	2 00	W. S. Warren	2 00
Herman A. Gould	2 00	Henry Hanson	2 00
George T. Knowlton	2 00	Francis Pratt	2 00
Willard H. Rudolph	2 00	H. H. Young	2 00
A. Risso	2 00	Samuel B. Ineson	2 00
L. Willis Mead	2 00	Benjamin Pope	5 00
S. H. Taylor	2 00	Wilbur Fiske	2 00
O. W. Penniman	2 00	Henry M. Smith	2 00
Fred W. Green	2 00	Fred M. Dempsey	2 00
Ora A. Willis	5 00	Alfred Morse	2 00
Frank J. Barker	7 00	Abel Cole	2 00
Wm. J. Hayes	2 00		

Whole number licensed, 114.

Number of males, 97, at \$2.00 each,	\$194 00
Number of females, 17, at \$5.00 each,	85 00
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	\$279 00
Deduct Clerk's fees, 114 licenses at 20 cents each,	22 80
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Amount paid to County Treasurer,	\$256 20

HORACE F. TUTTLE,

Town Clerk.

Selectmen's Report.

Centre School.

Paid Sara G. Small, teaching Grammar School, 12 weeks,	\$120 00
Sadie A. Collier, Grammar School, 25 weeks,	250 00
Ella L. Miller, Intermediate School, 37 weeks,	395 00
Cora F. Warren, Primary School, 37 weeks,	370 00
Cyrus Hale, cleaning rooms,	3 30
Julian Tuttle, janitor,	125 00
“ cleaning rooms,	14 70
So. Acton Coal & Lumber Co., 28,835 lbs. coal,	104 76
George E. Greenough, 8,995 lbs. coal,	26 95
Luther Davis, 13 ft. wood,	8 12
M. E. Taylor & Co., incidentals,	7 57
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	\$1,425 40

South School.

Paid Roberta Dwyer, teaching So. Grammar School, 9 weeks,	\$90 00
Gertrude A. Williams, teaching So. Grammar School, 25 weeks,	250 00
Edith A. Kalloch, So. Intermediate School, 1 week,	10 00
Nellie M. Reed, So. Intermediate School, 9 weeks,	90 00

Paid Edith H. Vinal, So. Intermediate School, 25 weeks,	\$250 00
Annie M. Chase, So. Primary School, 10 1-5 weeks,	102 00
Mary A. Adams, So. Primary School, 25 weeks,	250 00
George C. Turner, janitor,	108 00
" cleaning rooms,	17 20
" fuel,	12 00
So. Acton Coal & Lumber Co., 31,300 lbs. coal,	97 99
H. E. Tolman, janitor,	19 00
" cleaning room,	6 00
E. Jones, incidentals,	3 53
Tuttle & Newton, incidentals,	6 03
J. L. Hammett Co., " "	5 85
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	\$1,317 60

West School.

Paid Grace H. Trefethen, teaching West Grammar School, 24 weeks,	\$240 00
Catherine E. Sweeney, West Intermediate School, 12 weeks,	120 00
Grace E. Webber, West Grammar School, 13 weeks,	130 00
Jean Cragin, West Intermediate School, 25 weeks,	250 00
Harriet H. Gardner, West Primary School, 37 weeks,	444 00
Thomas Scanlon, janitor,	105 00
" cleaning rooms,	24 00
" incidentals,	2 39
" fuel,	1 25
" sawing wood,	3 50
Hall Bros., fuel,	2 50
A. W. Davis, fuel,	8 00
E. C. Parker & Co., 27,500 lbs. coal,	82 56
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	\$1,413 20

High School.

Paid A. L. Faxon, Principal, 40 weeks,	\$1,000 00	
Bertha A. Merrill, assistant teacher, 13 weeks,	162 50	
Katherine W. Hall, assistant teacher, 27 weeks,	337 50	
George C. Turner, janitor,	105 00	
" cleaning rooms,	17 20	
" fuel,	12 00	
So. Acton Coal & Lumber Co., 23,225 lbs. coal,	69 74	
E. Jones, incidentals,	3 42	
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Musical Instruction in Schools.

Paid Marion M. Brown,	\$69 00	
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Transportation Public School Scholars.

Paid Jens Mekkleson, East District,	\$370 00	
George E. Greenough, North District,	370 00	
William S. Jones, Southeast District,	235 00	
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School Supplies.

Paid Ginn & Co.,	\$121 91	
Rand McNally & Co.,	11 94	
D. C. Heath & Co.,	18 11	
J. L. Hammett Co.,	206 88	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	39 62	
American Book Co.,	34 00	
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	19 61	
F. J. Hastings & Co.,	1 22	
C. J. Williams, express,	11 53	
A. L. Noyes, transportation,	9 20	
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Books and Apparatus for High School.

Paid Zeigler & Co.,	\$3 42	
Ginn & Co.,	1 19	
De Wolf Fiske & Co.,	18 70	
E. E. Babb & Co.,	99	
Tuttle & Newton,	3 25	
American Book Co.,	18 82	
A. L. Faxon, express,	1 20	
	<hr/>	\$47 57

Roads and Bridges.

Appropriation,		\$3,500 00
Paid O. A. Knowlton, 275 loads gravel,	\$13 75	
W. H. Kingsley, commissioner,	1,238 94	
A. C. Piper, commissioner,	1,229 72	
A. H. Perkins, commissioner.	1,124 91	
“ 394 loads gravel,	19 70	
“ 2 shovels,	1 50	
“ freight,	76	
D. C. Harris, stone for Powder Mill bridge,	149 50	
D. C. Harris, covering stone,	11 70	
South Acton C. & L. Co., cement,	21 47	
“ “ lumber,	39 76	
Tuttle & Newton, drain pipe,	7 02	
“ supplies,	3 06	
American Powder Mills, dynamite, fuse and caps,	33 28	
W. F. Hale, repairs,	13 70	
J. P. Brown, “	8 45	
S. S. Searles, “	13 85	
S. A. Guilford, “	15 90	
George F. Tibbets “	8 50	
W. S. Jones, 250 loads gravel,	12 50	
C. A. Whitney, 324 “	16 20	
F. J. Hastings & Co., tools,	10 20	
M. E. Taylor & Co., supplies,	4 06	
T. F. McCarty, stone,	5 00	
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Appropriation,	\$3,500 00
Received from C. M. & H. Street Railway,	200 00
“ Augustine Conant,	161 00
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	\$3,861 00

Special Highway Work.

Paid H. A. Gould, widening and straightening road past the house of G. S. Reed, West Acton, 1900,	\$173 46
A. C. Piper, cutting “Brown’s hill”	300 00
Massachusetts Broken Stone Company, (Main street West Acton),	513 30
A. H. Perkins, Main street West Acton,	86 70
A. H. Perkins, re-building bridge near O. A. Knowlton’s, West Acton,	89 49
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	\$1,162 95

Snow Bills.

Paid F. S. Whitcomb, 1900-1	\$19 51
W. A. Flint, “	4 92
F. W. Bulette, “	48 29
W. H. Kingsley, “	47 20
W. S. Jones, “	55 00
A. H. Perkins, “	50 94
T. F. McCarty, “	62 40
E. Anderson, “	14 95
A. C. Piper, “	59 63
W. C. Robbins, “	69 65
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	\$432 49
Paid W. A. Flint, 1901-2,	\$17 96
F. W. Bulette, “	15 32
F. S. Whitcomb, “	8 95
A. H. Perkins, “	38 72
A. C. Piper, “	25 02
W. M. French, “	3 36
W. H. Kingsley, “	19 10
T. F. McCarthy, “	20 65

Paid W. C. Robbins, 1901-2	\$19 20	
E. Anderson & Co., "	25 15	
L. N. Fletcher & Co., "	6 82	
Shirley Jones, "	13 36	
		\$213 61
		\$646 10

Support of Poor on Farm.

Paid F. J. Barker, M. D., medical attendance,	\$29 90
E. C. Parker & Co., grain,	400 26
F. J. Hastings & Co., grain,	29 89
" harrow,	9 25
Tuttle & Newton, grain,	17 40
" supplies,	18 88
M. E. Taylor & Co., "	388 58
C. H. Mead & Co., "	43 82
H. A. Littlefield, "	14 58
Moses Thompson, superintendent,	350 01
A. McArthur, labor,	202 56
W. C. Robbins, cow,	55 00
O. H. Forbush, 2 cows,	99 00
F. W. Bulette, horse,	135 00
C. H. Goldthwaite & Co., wheel chair,	20 25
G. S. Withington, harness,	15 00
C. B. Robbins, cow,	60 00
B. & M. R. R., milk checks,	62 40
M. Thompson, for fertilizer,	6 00
" peaches,	1 00
" freight on chair,	70
" repairing harness,	25
" dynamite caps,	22
" repairing shoes,	90
" use of bull,	2 00
T. Harmon, labor,	3 00
J. W. Livermore, use of planter,	25
" drag plank,	2 25
Edward Adams, use of pump,	2 00
S. S. Searles, repairs,	15 60

Paid E. B. Harlow, supplies,	\$39 59
J. S. Moore, " "	80 66
W. E. Hayward, repairing harness,	2 50
F. C. Livingstone, barrel soap,	4 00
D. C. Harris, democrat wagon,	40 00
South Acton, C. & L. Co., 5,130 lbs. coal,	16 66
J. E. Rice, repairs,	1 75
Whitcomb & Perkins, pasturing 2 heifers,	8 00
J. B. Tuttle, pasturing 2 heifers,	13 21
" M. machine repairs,	3 89
I. F. Duren, burial expenses, Patch Bros.,	42 00
C. E. Switzer, repairs,	3 70
O. H. Forbush, 3,655 lbs. hay,	31 98
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	\$2,273 89

Support of Outside Poor.

Paid Mrs. J. H. Wood, for aid F. J. Wood family,	\$ 10 00
Worcester Insane Asylum, for board Clara Wheeler,	169 46
Worcester Insane Hospital, for board Anna H. Parlin,	169 46
State Treasurer, for board J. A. McLane,	68 25
Worcester Insane Hospital, for board J. A. McLane,	42 71
C. H. Mead & Co., for aid J. Hurley family,	25 33
O. A. Knowlton, for aid J. Hurley family,	8 00
Hall Bros., wood for J. Hurley,	1 25
F. E. Tasker, M. D., med. attendance on J. Hurley,	5 00
F. J. Baker, M.D., med. attendance on family W. J. Moore,	39 50
F. J. Barker, M.D., med. attendance on family J. Hill,	6 00
M. E. Taylor, aid J. Hill,	1 64
I. F. Duren, burial expenses 2 children Elbridge L. Wheeler,	23 00
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	\$569 60

Soldiers' Relief.

Paid F. J. Barker, M.D., for med. attendance on A. B. Wheeler,	\$27 25	
F. J. Barker, M.D., for med. attendance on Rebecca C. Wright,	8 25	
City of Marlboro, for aid W. F. B. Whitney,	16 00	
H. T. Clark, for burial Albert Moulton,	35 00	
H. T. Clark, for burial J. Henry Wood,	35 00	
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Due from Commonwealth,	70 00	

Cemetery Expenses.

Paid Julian Tuttle, for labor in Woodlawn,	\$148 84	
Julian Tuttle, for perpetual care of lots in Woodlawn,	42 75	
Julian Tuttle, for plants for Nancy K. Handley lot,	3 00	
Wm. W. Davis lot,	1 00	
H. O. Lothrop lot,	70	
H. T. Clark, for labor in Mt. Hope,	37 75	
F. W. Green, labor, Mt. Hope,	32 90	
Unexpended balance, 1900 contribu- tions,	11 30	
A. A. Richardson, labor, Mt. Hope,	6 75	
J. Hannaford, "	7 50	
J. H. Whitcomb, "	6 90	
C. H. Schnair, "	83	
A. H. Perkins, "	220 88	
H. T. Robbins, "	20 75	
H. T. Clark, for perpetual care lots, Mt. Hope,	7 00	
Hall Bros., lumber for Mt. Hope,	7 14	
C. H. Mead & Co., supplies for Mt. Hope,	76	
S. A. Guilford, repairs, Mt. Hope,	98	
Waldo Bros., cement for Mt. Hope,	12 50	
Wilfred Wheeler, plants for Mt. Hope,	20 00	
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Appropriation,	\$500 00
Income Cemetery Fund,	54 45
Unexpended bal., 1900,	11 30

\$565 75

Overdrawn,	\$24 48
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Repairs—Town Buildings and Grounds.

Paid Geo. G. Keith, repairs Meml. Library,	\$ 2 50
C. O'Grady, repairing walk Library,	70 00
Geo. G. Keith, repairs South School,	105 76
" " Centre School,	15 95
" " West School,	9 81
" furnace for West School,	342 00
J. E. Rice, repairs West School,	7 31
Hall Bros., " " "	7 92
T. Scanlon, " " "	14 41
C. H. Mead & Co., repairs West School,	10
S. A. Guilford " " "	70
R. Wayne, " " "	3 50
G. C. Turner, repairs South School,	24 71
South Acton C. & L. Co., repairs South School,	23 69
South Acton C. & L. Co., repairs West School,	12 22
F. E. Harris, repairs South School,	2 50
S. Jones, " " "	22 42
F. Z. Taylor, " " "	5 60
C. J. Williams, repairs school build- ings,	2 23
Chandler Desk Co., repairs,	55 19
J. L. Hammett Co., tables and chairs,	28 38
" " " school repairs,	7 49
W. S. Kelley, painting West School house,	169 69
C. J. Williams, repairs C. School,	1 00
Julian Tuttle, " "	1 90
G. W. Daniels, repairs West School,	75
" " South School,	2 25
Julian Tuttle, repairs C. house cistern,	1 60

Paid W. H. Kingsley, repairs library grounds,	\$10 65
" " Mon. "	12 05
" teaming cannon,	7 00
J. E. Rice, repairs Town Farm,	7 25
A. L. Noyes, cutting grass C. School,	2 00
D. C. Harris, 2 bases for cannon,	46 00
Julian Tuttle, labor on foundation,	16 30
W. H. Kingsley, labor on Mon. grounds,	138 55
Julian Tuttle, " " "	35 15
South Acton C. & L. Co., cement for Mon. grounds,	3 00

\$1,219 53

Miscellaneous Expenses.

Paid M. D. Jones & Co., markers for sold- iers, 1812,	\$18 00
C. E. Brodeur, painting road scraper,	16 43
W. F. Stevens, collector abatements for 1899,	39 25
W. F. Stevens, collector abatements for 1900,	135 19
W. F. Stevens, collector abatements for 1901,	100 39
Isaac Davis Post G. A. R.,	50 00
C. H. Persons, tuning piano,	2 50
B. & M. R. R., freight,	4 11
" " " on cannon,	53 63
Horace Partridge, flags,	4 80
J. Hill, care of Town Hall, clock, flag, pump and heater,	77 40
H. T. Clark, repairing fence,	1 25
E. Jones, 11 doz. flags,	3 08
T. Scanlon, water for West schools,	8 00
Hobbs Warren Co., collector's books,	3 00
Parker & Bateman, survey and plans, E. Acton R. R. crossing,	68 32
A. H. Perkins, labor on State Road, order Highway Com.,	70 86
Geo. G. King, legal services, Dwyer case,	10 00

Paid Geo. H. Holt, pump and fixtures for So. Acton,	\$43 79
" " expenses, W. Acton,	10 00
So. Acton C. & L. Co., supplies for So. well,	3 25
T. Scanlon, opening room for Selectmen and Registers,	\$3 50
Universalist Society, So. Acton, for use of vestry election day,	3 00
C. J. Williams, expenses S. Com.,	5 43
" " postage,	2 58
H. E. Richardson, supt., expenses hiring teachers,	11 01
H. E. Richardson, supt., postage and stationery,	10 00
W. F. Stevens, postage, stationery, telephone and express,	23 18
W. F. Stevens, expenses to Boston and Hudson, sundry cases,	6 33
W. F. Stevens, State Aid inspection,	4 00
C. H. Persons, justice peace,	25
A. S. Rowe, speaker H. S. graduation,	15 00
A. Tuttle, music for " "	30 00
Julian Tuttle, labor in Town Hall,	30
" " stamp for beef,	1 90
Joslin & Mendum, for legal services, Acton v. Maynard,	48 20
Joslin & Mendum, for legal services East Acton grade crossing,	72 14
Joslin & Mendum, for legal services, St. Ry. franchise,	10 00
Joslin & Mendum, for legal services, So. Acton reservoir,	5 65
F. E. Tasker, M.D., reporting 15 births,	3 75
I. L. Packard, " " 1 "	25
F. J. Barker, " " 10 "	2 50
H. H. Braley, " " 2 "	50
F. U. Rich, " " 2 "	50
F. P. Flagg, " " 2 "	50

Paid James Kinsley, use of road,	\$8 00
H. F. Tuttle, binding Town reports,	75
" ink,	25
" stationery,	2 42
" exp. postage and tele.	3 27
" survey and plan Mon. grounds,	5 00
H. F. Tuttle, survey and plan E. J. Robbins' land,	4 00
E. J. Robbins, land for extension Woodlawn Cemetery,	100 00
D. J. Wetherbee, school census,	15 00
W. D. Tuttle, writing deed and stamp,	1 50
D. C. Harris, postage and tele.,	65
M. E. Taylor & Co., supplies for Town Hall,	10 94
E. F. Conant, tele., postage and ex- penses,	5 60
J. K. W. Wetherbee, postage and sta.	9 73
C. H. Persons, tuning piano,	2 00

\$1,152 82

Street Lighting.

Paid Chas. Wheeler, street light,	\$ 3 50
F. J. Hastings, 1900,	3 50
F. W. Green, care of lamps,	160 70
B. J. Ineson, "	80 00
M. G. Hayes, "	65 00
C. E. Brodeur, "	150 00
M. G. Hayes, repairs,	93
Tuttle & Newton, supplies,	80 24
C. H. Mead & Co., "	46 09
M. E. Taylor & Co., "	57 19
E. Jones, "	49 25
Globe Gas Light Co., "	20 16
Town of Concord, "	2 00
E. F. Conant, tank,	5 00
S. L. Richardson, 1 lamp,	3 50
D. C. Harris, "	3 50

Paid J. D. Moulton, 1 lamp,	\$3 50
I. T. Duren, “	3 50
A. Farrar, “	3 50
L. C. Taylor, “	3 50
S. A. Christie, “	3 50
Geo. G. Keith, can,	35

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Memorial Library Expenses.

Paid W. D. Tuttle Express, expense and postage,	\$ 8 03
O. D. Wood, janitor,	125 00
Viola S. Tuttle, librarian,	129 00
M. E. Taylor & Co., supplies,	40 40
E. M. Cutler, transporting books,	46 00
W. D. Tuttle, printing,	5 00
Viola S. Tuttle, cataloging books,	10 00
D. T. Wetherbee, insurance,	22 50
C. T. Calder, fuel,	3 00
Mass. Reformatory, 300 catalogues,	25 00
Wales Bookbinding Co.,	29 45
Mass. Reformatory, 500 cards,	2 50
So. Acton C. & L. Co., 12,600 lbs. coal,	44 72
J. L. Hammett Co., stationery,	1 92
A. Hosmer, printing,	2 50
W. D. Tuttle express, expenses and postage,	8 67

\$503 69

Memorial Library Books.

Paid W. D. Tuttle, periodicals,	\$2 75
“ “ books,	6 50
De Wolf, Fiske & Co., books,	267 60
M. T. Bartlett & Co., “	2 70
W. A. Wilde, “	9 00
H. D. Noyes & Co., “	39 00
W. D. Tuttle, “	1 50

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Balance due Memorial Library for books, \$138.82.

State and Military Aid.

Paid Emma F. Blood,	\$48 00	
Aaron S. Fletcher,	48 00	
Eph B. Forbush,	48 00	
Lydia Handley,	48 00	
George Handley,	28 00	
Bridget Mawn,	48 00	
Mary A. Parlin,	48 00	
Mary Smith,	48 00	
Phoebe Wood,	48 00	
Rebecca C. Wright,	48 00	
Addison B. Wheeler,	48 00	
J. Henry Wood,	44 00	
Eben F. Wood,	40 00	
W. B. Ball,	227 00	
Huldah Moulton,	20 00	
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		\$839 00
Due from Commonwealth,		725 50

Fire Department.

Paid Smith & Thayer Co., pumps,	\$11 25
F. W. Hoit, expense Woolen Co.'s fire,	4 00
“ “ South Acton fire department,	6 85
H. T. Clark, repairs West Acton fire department,	1 80
Tuttle & Newton, supplies,	5 27
Whitall Tatum Co., “	5 99
South Acton Woolen Co., Vitriol,	3 80
Beach, Claridge Co., soda,	4 48
B. & M. R. R., freight,	1 40
Rex Chemical Co., repairs,	50 00
W. C. Robbins, services at Barker & Durkee fires,	6 00
International Fire Eng. Co., repairs,	4 75
W. E. Hayward, repairs,	1 50
J. W. Livermore, attending fires in 1899 and 1900,	8 00
S. Jones, fencing reservoir,	1 00
T. Scanlon, cleaning hose,	1 25

Paid C. H. Mead & Co., supplies,	3 01	
S. A. Guilford, repairs,	75	
J. P. Brown, " "	3 35	
J. S. White, expenses,	1 00	
A. T. Withington, transporting engine,	1 50	
J. Hill, care and repairing engine,	5 00	
D. H. Farrar, care fire apparatus,	3 25	
F. W. Green, care fire apparatus,	3 50	
		<u>\$138 70</u>
Warren Foundry Co., pipe,	\$457 33	
Chadwick Lead Co., lead,	49 48	
Chapman Valve Co., hydrants,	74 55	
Town of Maynard, pipe, jute and use of pump,	9 60	
T. Naylor, labor,	60 00	
A. H. Perkins, labor,	246 82	
American Powder Mills, dynamite,	3 20	
J. E. Rice, repairs,	4 70	
Standard Extinguisher Co., 22 extinguishers,	273 00	
Boston Woven Hose Co., hose,	621 90	
Combination Ladder Co., fire engine,	136 00	
" " " 3 hose carts,	165 00	
C. H. Mead & Co., supplies,	5 89	
B. & M. R. R. Co., land and water right,	100 00	
W. H. Kingsley, excavating and stoning South Acton reservoir,	217 23	
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., iron rails for reservoir,	19 63	
F. E. Harris, labor on reservoir,	5 00	
B. & M. R. R., freight,	17 40	
N. Y. & N. H. R. R., freight,	35	
S. A. Guilford, repairs,	2 09	
J. E. Rice, repairs on South Acton reservoir,	2 23	
South Acton C. & L. Co., lumber for reservoir,	38 65	
S. S. Searles, repairs,	2 50—\$2,512 55	
		<u>\$2,651 25</u>

Printing.

Paid Enterprise Printing Co., printing Town reports,	\$82 50
Enterprise Printing Co., printing Town warrants,	9 00
Enterprise Printing Co., printing Ad.,	2 00
A. Hosmer, votes and notices,	4 50
“ stationery and printing,	17 10
“ High school graduation programmes,	4 00
“ Treasurer's orders,	2 50
“ school department,	4 00
“ registration notices,	1 15
“ game notices,	1 25
“ sealer of weights,	75
“ school supplies,	3 11
J. L. Fairbanks & Co., books for Over- seers Poor,	11 00
J. L. Hammett Co., printing school supplies,	2 55
E. Jones, Assessors' supplies,	3 30
Citizens-Courier Co., poll tax lists,	10 00
F. C. Hayward, Cemetery Fund receipts,	6 40
H. S. Turner, printing school supplies,	4 56
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	\$169 67

Loans and Interest.

Paid Ayer National Bank, note,	\$2,000 00
“ “ interest,	26 67
“ “ note,	3,000 00
“ “ interest,	50 00
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	\$5,076 67

Enforcement Liquor Law.

Paid F. J. Barker, professional services,	\$5 00
Johnson & Johnson, legal services in 1900,	125 00
A. I. Goding, transportation,	1 50

Paid B. E. Busted, services and expenses in Maker case,	\$3 76	
H. H. Blanchard, services and expenses in Maker case,	12 45	
B. E. Busted, services and expenses in Maker case,	25 45	
B. E. Busted, services and expenses in Bennett case,	92 24	
W. F. Stevens, expenses in Bennett case,	5 60	
Johnson & Johnson, legal services in Bennett case,	25 25	
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Received from Court fines,		\$125 00

Rent.

Paid Ella F. Hosmer for rent of Central Hall for 18 months,	\$187 50	
A. L. Noyes for rent of supply room for School Department,	10 00	
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Board of Health.

Paid Julian Tuttle, agent,	\$33 65	
C. H. Goldthwait for formaldehyde,	2 00	
Hudson Enterprise for printing Regu- lations,	16 75	
C. H. Whitney for vaccine points,	22 50	
“ antiseptic tablets,	3 00	
A. Hosmer, vaccination notices,	1 15	
“ notices,	2 50	
“ postals and printing,	2 05	
F. J. Barker, M. D., vaccinating 158 school children,	63 20	
F. E. Tasker, M. D., vaccinating 119 school children,	47 60	
H. K. Mulford Co., formaldehyde,	10 99	
W. B. Davis, labor,	1 80	
G. G. Keith, supplies for pest house,	6 36	
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Town Officers.

Paid F. W. Hoit, Auditor, 1900,	\$6 00
G. C. Turner, Truant Officer,	1 40
J. Kinsley, Constable,	13 20
C. J. Williams, School Committee,	66 80
H. E. Richardson, School Supt.,	470 00
H. F. Tuttle, School Committee,	15 00
“ Town Clerk,	30 00
“ Registrar Voters,	15 00
“ coll. and recording 34 births,	17 00
“ recording 15 marriages,	3 00
“ “ 36 deaths,	7 20
“ transmitting certificates deaths,	1 00
“ meeting Town Clerks,	2 50
“ copying records of meet- ings for Town Report	2 00
W. H. Kingsley, Constable,	2 50
H. E. Clough, Sealer Wts. and Measures	6 00
E. F. Conant, Assessor,	89 00
C. B. Robbins, “	55 00
W. F. Kelley, “	55 00
L. E. Reed, Constable,	3 50
J. Kinsley, Election Officer,	2 50
D. H. Hall, “	2 50
W. F. Kelley, “	2 50
Fred S. Whitcomb, “	2 50
N. J. Cole, “	2 50
T. F. Newton, “	2 50
Abram Tuttle, “	2 50
H. J. Hapgood, “	2 50
L. C. Taylor, “	2 50
A. W. Foster, “	2 50
H. F. Tuttle, “	2 50
Spofford Robbins, “	2 50
M. A. Reed, Inspector of Animals,	37 20
W. F. Stevens, transporting returns and services as officer,	2 00

Paid S. A. Guilford, Registrar Voters,	\$12 00
James McGreen, “	12 00
D. T. Kinsley, “	12 00
M. A. Reed, Inspector of Beef,	3 00
I. F. Duren for burial of 25 persons,	75 00
I. F. Duren for recording deaths,	7 50
F. W. Hoit, Auditor, 1901,	6 00
D. C. Harris, Overseer of Poor,	50 00
L. C. Taylor, “	25 00
W. F. Kelley, “	20 00
E. F. Conant, Selectman,	50 00
J. K. Wetherbee, Treasurer,	85 00
W. F. Stevens, Selectman,	125 00
E. A. Phalen, “	50 00
M. A. Reed, Truant Officer,	4 50
F. H. Whitcomb, Inspector of Meats,	15 00
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	\$1,482 30

Repair of State Highway.

Paid State Treasurer,	\$23 95
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Receipts.

Balance due from Treasurer, March 12, 1901,	\$2,704 17
Balance due from Collector, March 12, 1901,	1,625 60
Appropriation for High School,	1,700 00
“ Common schools,	3,670 00
Appropriation, Salary Supt. of Schools,	450 00
“ Books for High School,	50 00
“ School supplies,	475 00
“ Transportation of scholars,	1,030 00
“ Roads and bridges,	4,500 00
“ Fire protection,	1,100 00
“ Memorial Library,	600 00
Received of Ayer Nat'l Bank,	5,000 00
“ E. Jones, borrowed money,	2,000 00

Received of Cemetery fund,	\$975 00
“ State Treasurer, corporation tax,	4,298 88
“ State Treasurer, Nat'l Bank tax,	263 78
“ “ “ Military Aid,	90 75
“ “ “ State Aid,	656 00
“ “ “ Burial of indi- gent soldiers,	242 00
“ State Treasurer, inspection of animals,	50 15
“ State Treasurer, Income Mass. School Fund,	817 44
“ State Treasurer, supervision of schools,	375 00
“ County Treasurer, dog tax,	245 10
“ City of Chelsea for board and care C. Chickering,	154 00
“ City of Boston for care E. Hus- ton,	24 00
“ Town of Maynard for aid Mar- garet Smith,	81 99
“ Robbins & White for No. Acton schoolhouse and grounds,	500 00
“ Robbins & White, for stove,	1 00
“ J. W. Livermore for outbuilding,	4 00
“ M. A. Coolidge for portion of ex- pense Powder Mill bridge,	200 00
“ M. Sackernofsky for pedler's license,	8 00
“ Middlesex Central Court for court fines,	178 13
“ Augustine Conant for cutting hill near house of H. M. Smith,	161 00
“ Adams & Daw, gravel,	39 45
“ Mass. Broken Stone Co., gravel,	36 45
“ Chester B. Robbins, pool license,	5 00
“ J. E. Durkee, slaughterhouse license,	1 00

Received of A. F. Blanchard, slaughterhouse license.	\$1 00
“ A. H. Perkins, road dust sold,	3 00
“ F. R. Knowlton, for fumigating,	3 00
“ Income Memorial Library Fund,	181 20
“ H. F. Tuttle, lot sold in Wood-lawn Cemetery,	28 00
“ H. T. Clark, lots sold in Mt. Hope Cemetery,	54 00
“ H. T. Clark for gates and posts,	9 00
“ “ Memorial Library fires, 1900,	16 50
“ H. T. Clark for catalogues sold,	3 00
“ “ Memorial Library fires, 1901,	16 75
“ H. T. Clark for catalogues sold,	2 50
“ C. J. Williams for school supplies sold,	4 57
“ L. C. Taylor, milk sold from Town Farm,	956 30
“ L. C. Taylor, transporting milk,	189 13
“ “ cows sold,	66 75
“ “ calves “	10 00
“ “ apples “	36 25
“ “ potatoes “	2 50
“ “ wood “	3 00
“ Rent of Town Hall and cellar,	55 75
“ W. F. Stevens, collector, interest on 1900 taxes,	37 71
“ W. F. Stevens, collector, interest on 1901 taxes,	11 70
“ Interest on money in bank,	62 58
“ Income Cemetery Fund,	98 32
“ State tax,	1,085 00
“ County tax,	1,953 15
“ From Overlayings,	397 78
“ Repair State highway,	23 95

\$39,625 28

Expenditures for Year Ending March 12, 1902.

For support Centre Schools,	\$1,425 40
" South "	1,317 60
" West "	1,413 20
" High "	1,707 36
" musical instruction in schools,	69 00
Transportation public school scholars,	975 00
Books for High School,	47 57
School supplies,	474 02
Roads and bridges	4,003 43
Special highway work,	1,162 95
Snow bills,	646 10
Support of poor on Town Farm,	2,273 89
" " outside poor,	569 60
Street lighting,	748 41
Miscellaneous expenses,	1,152 82
Repairs Town building,	1,219 53
State and military aid,	839 00
Soldiers' relief and burial of soldiers,	121 50
Cemetery expenses,	590 23
Memorial Library expenses,	503 69
" " books,	329 05
Loans and interest,	5,076 67
Printing,	169 67
Town officers,	1,482 30
Fire department,	2,651 25
Enforcement liquor law,	296 25
Rent,	197 50
Board of Health,	213 55
Repair of State Highway,	23 95
State tax,	1,085 00
County tax,	1,953 15
Balance due from Treasurer,	2,202 87
" " " Collector,	2,683 77

 \$39,625 28

Financial.

The financial condition of the Town March 12, 1902, was as follows :

Due from State for State and military aid,	\$ 725 50	
“ State for burial of soldiers,	70 00	
“ Treasurer,	2,202 87	
“ Collector,	2,683 77	
“ Interest on uncollected taxes,	64 40	
	<hr/>	\$5,746 54

LIABILITIES.

Due E. Jones note,	\$2,000 00	
“ interest on note to March 17,		
1902,	66 75	
Due Cemetery Fund,	975 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,041 75
Net assets of the Town March 12, 1902,		\$2,704 79

WILLIAM F. STEVENS,
E. FAULKNER CONANT,
EDWIN A. PHALEN,

Selectmen of Acton.

ACTON, March 12, 1902.

Examined and approved,

FRANK W. HOIT,

Auditor.

LIST OF JURORS, 1902.

The following names will be presented at the Annual Meeting, March 31st, to be placed in the jury box, subject to revision and acceptance by the Town:

A. Percival Bear,	Mechanic.
John F. Coughlin,	Farmer.
Walter M. French,	"
Edwin L. Hayward,	Clerk.
James Kinsley,	Manufacturer.
Chas. J. Holton,	Barber.
Lowell A. Jones,	Farmer.
John C. Keyes,	"
Hanson A. Littlefield,	Merchant.
Frank P. Morse,	Farmer.
Sidney L. Richardson,	"
Moses A. Reed,	"
Edward F. Richardson,	"
Henry M. Smith,	"
S. Hammond Taylor,	"
Willis L. Mead,	R. R. Employee.
Hiram J. Hapgood,	Retired.
Constantine O'Neil,	Farmer.
Samuel R. Burroughs,	"
Warren H. Jones,	"
John S. White,	"
W. Alfred Flint,	"
Daniel J. Wetherbee,	Retired.
Herbert T. Clark,	Mechanic.

WILLIAM F. STEVENS,
E. FAULKNER CONANT,
EDWIN A. PHALEN,

Selectmen of Acton.

Acton, March 12th, 1902.

Report of Road Commissioners.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation for Repairing Roads and Bridges,	\$3,500 00	
Appropriation for macadam road, West Acton,	600 00	
Appropriation for bridge, West Acton,	100 00	
“ grading hill, South Acton,	300 00	
Received from C. M. & H. R. R. Co.,	200 00	
“ A. Conant for grading hill, East Acton,	161 00	
		\$4,861 00

EXPENDITURES.

Macadam road, West Acton :		
Massachusetts Broken Stone Co.,	\$511 80	
A. H. Perkins, labor,	217 47	
		\$729 27
Grading hill, South Acton :		
A. C. Piper, labor,	\$414 62	
American Powder Mills,	24 03	
Repairing tools,	7 05	
		\$445 70
Bridge, West Acton :		
A. H. Perkins, labor,	\$92 12	
Stone bridge at Powder Mills :		
D. C. Harris for stone,	\$149 50	
A. C. Piper for labor,	146 25	
Wm. H. Kingsley for labor,	158 60	
South Acton C. & L. Co.,	21 47	
		\$475 82

Grading hill, East Acton:

Wm. H. Kingsley, for labor,	\$238 50	
South Acton C. & L. Co., for lumber,	15 12	
	<hr/>	\$253 62
All other expenditures,		\$2,982 64
		<hr/>
		\$4,979 17

We recommend that \$3,500 be raised for the repair of roads and bridges for 1902, and that \$200 be raised for pipe, catch basins and other work to properly care for the water on the road near the depot at South Acton.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. KINGSLEY,
ANSON C. PIPER,
A. H. PERKINS,

Road Commissioners.

Treasurer's Report.

Receipts.

1901.

March 12, cash on hand, \$2,704 17

RECEIVED.

From the First National Bank of Ayer, borrowed money,	5,000 00
“ Elnathan Jones, borrowed money,	2,000 00
“ Cemetery Fund, borrowed money,	975 00
“ State Treasurer, corporation tax,	4,298 88
“ “ “ National Bank tax,	263 78
“ “ “ Military aid,	90 75
“ “ “ State aid,	656 00
“ “ “ Burial of indigent soldiers,	242 00
“ State Treasurer, inspection of animals,	50 15
“ “ “ Income of Mass. School Fund,	817 44
“ County Treasurer, on account of dog licenses,	245 10
“ Supervision of Schools,	375 00
“ City of Chelsea for board and nursing Charles W. Chickering,	154 00
“ City of Boston for care of E. Husten,	24 00
“ Town of Maynard on Smith case,	81 99
“ Robbins & White for schoolhouse at North Acton,	500 00
“ Robbins & White for stove in school- house,	1 00
“ J. W. Livermore for outbuilding, Cen- tre School,	4 00

From M. A. Coolidge, on account of constructing stone bridge at Powder Mills,	\$200 00
“ Middlesex Central District Court for fines,	178 13
“ Augustine Conant for cutting down hill near the house of H. M. Smith,	161 00
“ Adams & Dow, for gravel,	39 45
“ Mass. Broken Stone Co., gravel for State Highway,	36 45
“ Chester B. Robbins, pool table license,	5 00
“ J. E. Durkee, license to slaughter animals,	1 00
“ A. F. Blanchard, license to slaughter animals,	1 00
“ F. R. Knowlton, fumigating building in West Acton,	3 00
“ A. H. Perkins for road dust,	3 00
“ Income of Memorial Library Fund,	181 20
“ Horace F. Tuttle, lots sold in Woodlawn Cemetery,	28 00
“ H. T. Clark, lots sold in Mount Hope Cemetery,	54 00
“ H. T. Clark, gates and posts Mount Hope Cemetery,	9 00
“ Memorial Library fines in A. D. 1900,	16 50
“ Memorial Library, catalogues sold,	3 00
“ Memorial Library, fines in A. D. 1901,	16 75
“ Memorial Library, catalogues sold,	2 50
“ C. J. Williams, school supplies sold,	4 57
“ Lyman C. Taylor, milk sold from Town Farm,	956 30
“ Lyman C. Taylor, carrying milk, Town Farm,	189 13
“ Lyman C. Taylor, cows sold, Town Farm,	66 75
“ Lyman C. Taylor, calves sold, Town Farm,	10 00

From Lyman C. Taylor, apples sold, Town Farm,	\$36 25
“ Lyman C. Taylor, potatoes sold from Town Farm,	2 50
“ Lyman C. Taylor, wood sold from Town Farm,	3 00
“ Rent of Town Hall and cellar,	55 75
“ Max Sackenfsky, pedler's license,	8 00
“ Income of Cemetery Fund,	98 32
“ Wm. F. Stevens, collector, taxes for A. D. 1900,	1,217 58
“ Wm. F. Stevens, collector, interest on taxes for A. D. 1900,	37 71
“ Wm. F. Stevens, collector, taxes for A. D. 1901,	14,759 13
“ Wm. F. Stevens, collector, interest on taxes for A. D. 1901,	11 70
“ Interest on money in bank,	62 58
	\$36,941 51

EXPENDITURES.

Paid State tax,	\$1,085 00
County tax,	1,953 15
On Selectmen's orders,	31,700 49
Cash on hand and in bank, March 12, 1902,	2,202 87
	\$36,941 51

J. K. W. WETHERBEE,

Treasurer of Acton.

Examined and approved,

FRANK W. HOIT,

Auditor.

**Treasurer's Report of Money held for Use of
Lots in Cemeteries.**

March 12, 1902.	DR.	
To Mary Skinner fund,		\$203 00
Nancy K. Handley fund,		500 00
Frederick Rouillard “		100 00
William W. Davis “		100 00
Mary W. Chaffin “		100 00
Mary Severance “		100 00
Warren Robbins “		100 00
Eliza A. Whitcomb “		75 00
Hepsabeth Piper “		50 00
James Temple “		100 00
Fidelia Wheeler “		100 00
Jedediah Tuttle “		50 00
Henry Loker “		100 00
Henry O. Lothrop “		200 00
Luther W. Piper “		100 00
Wm. H. Chapman “		100 00
Mary A. Robbins “		100 00
Julia Morrison “		75 00
Frank C. Hayward “		500 00
James Tuttle “		100 00
Daniel Wetherbee “		100 00
S. Lizzie Hayward “		100 00
Elbridge J. Robbins “		100 00
Phineas Wetherbee fund, the income of one share of Fitchburg Railroad stock,		
Balance unexpended in A. D. 1900,		18 20
Cash received for interest,		80 12

\$3,251 32

CR.

By cash paid—

Julian Tuttle, care of Skinner	lot,	\$	4 00
“ “ “	Handley	“	8 00
“ “ “	Rouillard	“	3 00
“ “ “	Davis	“	3 50
“ “ “	Chaffin	“	2 50
“ “ “	Severance	“	2 50
“ “ “	Robbins	“	2 00
“ “ “	Piper	“	1 50
“ “ “	Tuttle	“	1 50
“ “ “	Loker	“	2 00
“ “ “	Lothrop	“	4 20
“ “ “	L. W. Piper	“	2 00
“ “ “	Temple	“	2 00
“ “ “	Wheeler	“	2 25
“ “ “	Chapman	“	3 00
“ “ “	M. W. Robbins lot,		3 50
H. T. Clark, care of P. Wetherbee	lot		2 00
“ “ “	Eliza A. Whitcomb		
lot,			5 00
Cash in North-End Savings Bank,			3,178 00
“ Town Treasury,			975 00
Unexpended balance in Town Treasury,			43 87
			\$3,251 32

J. K. W. WETHERBEE,

Treasurer of Acton.

Examined and approved,

FRANK W. HOIT,

Auditor.

Report of the Wild Memorial Library Fund.

DR.

March 12, 1902.

To cash deposited in North-End Savings Bank,	\$1,000 00	
Cash in Middlesex Institution for Savings,	1,000 00	
Cash in Home Savings Bank,	1,000 00	
" Warren Institution for Savings,	1,000 00	
" Charlestown Five Cent Savings Bank,	1,000 00	
Unexpended balance in A. D. 1900	52 92	
Cash received for fines, A. D. 1900	16 50	
" " " " 1901	16 75	
" " for interest on money in Banks,	181 20	
Town appropriation for books,	200 00	
		\$5,467 37

CR.

By cash in banks,	\$5,000 00	
Paid for books and magazines :		
W. D. Tuttle,	10 75	
De Wolfe Fiske & Co.,	267 60	
W. T. Bartlett & Co.,	2 70	
W. A. Wilde & Co.,	9 00	
H. D. Noyes & Co.,	39 00	
Balance unexpended,	138 32	
		\$5,467 37

J. K. W. WETHERBEE,
Treasurer of Acton.

Examined and approved,

FRANK W. HOIT,
Auditor.

Report of Overseers of Poor.

Town Farm Inventory

Articles on hand March 1st, 1902 :

12 cows,	\$540 00
2 yearlings,	36 00
2 horses,	310 00
1 hay wagon,	30 00
1 market wagon,	70 00
2 Democrat wagons,	50 00
1 pung,	5 00
1 sled,	25 00
1 canvas cover,	1 75
1 double harness,	22 50
2 light harnesses,	16 00
1 express harness,	22 00
2 collars,	2 00
Grain,	3 00
1 feed trough,	2 00
94 apple barrels,	18 80
3 plows,	16 00
Farming tools,	25 00
Wheelbarrow,	3 00
Hay cutter,	2 00
7 ladders,	12 00
3 harrows,	15 00
12 tons hay,	216 00
Drain pipe,	4 80
1 horse cart,	27 50
25 market boxes,	2 50
1 stone drag,	5 00
20 cords wood,	100 00
1 roller,	5 00
Horse rake,	15 00

Mowing machine,	\$15 00
Grindstone,	2 00
Spray pump,	8 00
52 hens,	39 00
5 saws,	3 00
1 wrench,	75
Lumber,	10 00
Apple header,	1 00
Wagon jack,	1 50
Salt,	50
Set of measures,	50
2 horse blankets,	2 50
Traps,	50
Washing machine,	5 00
5 baskets,	1 25
Range and water front,	30 00
2 lounges,	5 00
4 rocking chairs,	5 00
Oil and tank,	1 50
Pails and tubs,	3 00
3 stoves,	20 00
3 chairs,	2 00
2 cabinet chairs,	2 50
3 tables,	6 00
8 chairs,	4 00
Tea and coffee,	25
Crockery and tinware,	8 00
1 barrel crackers,	2 50
Canned fruit,	5 50
Brooms,	75
Fruit jars,	3 00
Sugar,	80
Flour,	3 50
Spices,	50
Butter,	1 50
Lard,	30
Molasses,	90
2 axes,	1 50
Soap,	75

Lamps,	2 50
2 razors,	2 00
2 lanterns,	1 00
Pork and barrel,	1 25
Coal,	1 25
Potatoes,	20 00
$\frac{1}{2}$ barrel soap,	2 00
1 clock,	5 00
Wheel chair,	22 00
2 trunks,	2 00
Beds and bedding,	50 00
1 chamber set,	12 00
Bed pan,	3 00
Rubber air cushion,	1 00
2 cords wood for school,	11 00
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	\$1,938 10
Receipts from Farm,	\$1,263 93
Victualing and lodging 351 tramps,	87 75
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	\$3,289 78

DR.

Expenditures,	\$2,273 89
Interest on farm, \$3,500 at 4 per cent.,	140 00
Inventory, March 1, 1901,	1,653 21
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	\$4,067 10
Less receipts and stock on hand,	3,289 78
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Cost of supporting poor on farm,	\$777 32

Inmates at Farm During Year.

Sarah Hunt, 12 months.
 Lucy Hapgood, 12 months.
 F. H. Harris, 12 months.
 B. H. Patch, $3\frac{1}{2}$ months.
 O. K. Patch, 3 months.
 William Quinlan, 12 months.

DAVID C. HARRIS,
 LYMAN C. TAYLOR,
 WM. F. KELLEY,
Overseers of Poor.

Auditor's Report.

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer, and find them correct.

I have also examined the accounts of the Tax Collector and find that the sum turned over to and receipted for by the Treasurer exceeds the amount collected by the Tax Collector.

FRANK W. HOIT,

Auditor.

Report of the Board of Health.

The Board of Health submit the following report for the year ending February 1, 1902:

The number of deaths occurring in the Town during the year ending January 1, 1902, exclusive of still-births, of which there was one, was 32.

Below is a table of contagious diseases reported to the Board since its organization in March, 1901.

Diseases required by law to be reported :

Small pox,	0
Diphtheria,	1
Scarlet fever,	5
Typhoid fever,	1
Measles,	28
Cerebro-spinal meningitis,	0
Total for the year,	<u>36</u>

INSTRUCTION.

On entering upon the duties of its office, this Board issued in pamphlet form extracts from certain Statute Laws of the State, governing such Boards; and suggestions made by the Board for the guidance of the citizens of the Town, so that all might work together in an intelligent manner in maintaining the sanitary conditions so essential to the health and comfort of our citizens. An effort was made to place one of these pamphlets in the hands of each house-holder, and we trust in this particular we were successful.

FUMIGATION.

The Town, thanks to our predecessors, the Board of Selectmen, is in possession of a large formaldehyde machine with which our schoolhouses, public buildings and private dwellings are thoroughly disinfected when made necessary by the presence of contagious diseases.

This work is sure to increase, fumigation being now used in

cases of typhoid fever and consumption, as well as diphtheria and scarlet fever.

Owing to the fact that consumption is steadily on the increase, causing a large per cent. of the deaths throughout the country, and that it is contagious, it is earnestly recommended that after the removal of the patient suffering from consumption notice be given the Board of Health in order that proper steps may be taken to thoroughly fumigate rooms occupied by such patient.

SANITATION.

Such sanitary abuses as have been properly called to the attention of the Board have been promptly adjusted.

The agent of the Board has been instructed to make inspection of premises throughout the Town, and it is earnestly hoped that the citizens will cheerfully co-operate with him in correcting sanitary abuses that may exist.

We wish to thank those of our citizens who so readily complied with our requests where changes seemed necessary.

VACCINATION.

The children of the Town of school age, with few exceptions, were vaccinated at the beginning of the school year. Owing to the prevalence of small pox in near-by towns as well as throughout the country, it is earnestly requested by this Board that all persons who have not been vaccinated within five (5) years should submit to such preventative treatment.

APPROPRIATION.

The sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) was appropriated by the Town for the use of this Board. The work that seemed necessary to be done caused the account to be overdrawn.

The financial statement will be found on page 40 of Town Report.

The Board recommends an appropriation of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

F. J. BARKER, M. D., *Chairman,*

C. J. WILLIAMS,

F. E. TASKER, M. D.

First Annual Report of the Tree Warden.

To the Citizens of Acton :

The duties of the Tree Warden during the past year have been comparatively light. Early in the year deputy wardens, in the persons of Mr. W. F. Stevens and Mr. Moses A. Reed, were appointed, and these appointments have proved highly satisfactory to the Warden, as they doubtless have to the community. The efforts of the Warden and his deputies have been chiefly confined to the preservation of desirable shade trees along the highways outside the limits of the villages, although several hearings have been held upon petitions for the removal of trees within those limits, and something has been done in the way of cutting or strengthening trees which had become a menace to travellers upon the highway or to adjacent property.

The trees upon the Common, those upon the roadside near Woodlawn Cemetery, and others in different parts of the town are much in need of judicious trimming, both for the sake of the trees and the travelling public.

I beg leave to suggest that an appropriation for this purpose might be wisely made, and in default of such an appropriation I venture to express the hope that the Board of Selectmen will be willing to allow the cost of this work from the funds at their disposal.

CHAS. J. WILLIAMS,
Tree Warden.

Report of the Trustees of Acton Memorial Library.

1901-1902.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

LUTHER CONANT, <i>President</i> ,	WILLIAM. D. TUTTLE,
MOSES TAYLOR,	ADELBERT MEAD,
D. J. WETHERBEE, <i>Secretary</i> ,	DELETTE H. HALL,
HIRAM J. HAPGOOD,	CHARLES J. WILLIAMS,
L. A. HESSELTON.	

The Trustees of the Acton Memorial Library respectfully submit their twelfth annual report, with the report of the Librarian showing the operations of the Library for the past year ending March 1, 1902.

Appropriations of the Town for the purchase of books,	\$200 00
Income from Wm. A. Wild fund,	181 20
Unexpended balance of last year,	52 92
Received for fines 1901-1902,	33 25
	\$467 37

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for books and magazines,	\$329 05
Balance in Treasurer's hands,	\$138 32

The Board of Trustees recommend that the Town appropriate the usual sum of four hundred dollars for current expenses and the sum of two hundred dollars for the purchase of new books.

D. J. WETHERBEE,
Secretary.

**The Librarian Herewith Presents the Twelfth Annual
Report of the Library.**

Accessions: Number of volumes in the Library March 12, 1901, 7,442; increase by purchase, 262; increase by gift, 52; increase by binding periodicals, 29; number of volumes in Library March 12, 1902, 7,785.

Circulation: Number of days the Library was open, 102; number of volumes circulated, 6,976; average daily circulation, 68; largest daily circulation, March 1, 187; smallest daily circulation, June 26, 20; amount received for fines, \$16.75; amount received for sale of catalogues, \$2.50.

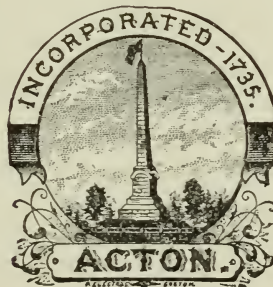
Gifts of books have been received from the following sources: Finley Acker, 1 vol.; William E. Barton, 2 vols.; City of Boston, 1 vol.; Luther Conant, 1 vol.; Mrs. Luther Conant, 1 vol.; Miss Charlotte L. Conant, 1 vol.; Augustine B. Conant, 1 vol.; R. H. Dana, 1 vol.; Deering Co., 1 vol.; Edward W. Emerson, 1 vol.; Marshall Fields, 2 vols.; Mrs. C. E. Guild, 1 vol.; D. C. Heath, 1 vol.; Benjamin Ineson, 1 vol.; M. W. Longley, 1 vol.; F. E. Ormsby, 1 vol.; Sons of American Revolution, 1 vol.; Mr. Staples, 1 vol.; State, 14 vols.; Textile Publishing Co., 1 vol.; U. S. Government, 15 vol.; Warner & Swasey, 1 vol.

Periodicals in the reading room: Carsell's Magazine, Century, Chautauquan, Cosmopolitan, Country Life in America, Everybody's, Harper's Magazine, Harper's Weekly, Literary Digest, Masters in Art, McClure's, Munsey's, New England, Review of Reviews, Scientific American, Scribner's, St. Nicholas, World's Work, and Youth's Companion. Child's Hour, W. A. Wilde; Christian Work, publishers; Our Paper, Reformatory.

The Librarian, through the courtesy of the Woman's Education Association, will exhibit a set of pictures of the New England Birds from March 26 to April 19. It is desired that all nature lovers and especially the school children will improve this opportunity, which, if sufficiently encouraged will be followed by other similar exhibitions.

VIOLA S. TUTTLE,
Librarian.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AND THE
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
OF THE
TOWN OF ACTON, MASS.,
FOR THE YEAR 1901-1902



HUDSON, MASS. :
THE E. F. WORCESTER PRESS.
1902.

School Committee 1901-1902.

Charles J. Williams, Chairman,	Term expires 1902
Horace F. Tuttle, Secretary,	“ “ 1903
Frank R. Knowlton,	“ “ 1904

Superintendent of Schools.

Herbert E. Richardson, Residence, Littleton, Mass.

Truant Officers.

James Kinsley, Moses A. Reed, C. G. Turner.

STANDING RULES.

RULE 1. Children under five years of age shall not be admitted to the public schools.

RULE 2. Pupils shall be promoted from grade to grade and school to school according to merit. Thorough and satisfactory work will be required of pupils in a lower grade or school before entering a higher grade or school.

RULE 3. Children who have not previously attended any school shall be admitted to the public schools only at the beginning of the fall term.

RULE 4. Pupils will be held responsible for books loaned to them until such books shall have been returned to the teacher.

RULE 5. No repairs shall be made upon the public property in care of the School Committee except by their authorized agents.

School Calendar, 1902=1903.

High School—40 Weeks.

Fall term begins September 2nd. Fall term ends November 26th.

* Winter term begins December 1st. Winter term ends March 13th

Spring term begins March 23rd. Spring term ends June 19th.

Common Schools—37 Weeks.

Fall term begins September 2nd. Fall term ends November 21st.

* Winter term begins December 1st. Winter term ends March 6th.

Spring term begins March 23rd. Spring term ends June 12th.

* Recess of one week, December 21st to 27th.

EXTRACTS FROM THE STATUTES.

Chapter 496, of the Acts of 1898.

SECTION 11. No child who has not been duly vaccinated shall be admitted to a public school except upon presentation of a certificate signed by a regular practising physician that such child is an unfit subject for vaccination. No child who is a member of a household in which a person is sick with smallpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever or measles, or of a household exposed to contagion from a household as aforesaid, shall attend any public school during such sickness or until the teacher of the school has been furnished with a certificate from the board of health of the town or city, or from the attending physician of such sick person, stating in a case of smallpox, diphtheria or scarlet fever, that a period of at least two weeks, and in a case of measles a period of at least three days, has elapsed since the recovery, removal or death of such person, and that danger of the conveying of such disease by such child has passed.

SEC. 12. Every child between seven and fourteen years of age shall attend some public day school in the town or city in which he resides during the entire time the public day schools are in session, subject to such exceptions as to children, places of attendance and schools as are provided for in sections three, seven, ten and eleven of this Act: *provided*, that the superintendent of schools, or, where there is no superintendent of schools, the school committee, or teachers acting under the authority of said superintendent of schools or school committee, may excuse cases of necessary absence; and *provided, further*, that the attendance of a child upon a public day school shall not be required if such a child has attended for a like period of time a private day school approved by the school committee of such town or city in accordance with Section two of Chapter four hundred and ninety-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-four, or if such child has been otherwise instructed for a like period of time in the branches of learning required by law to be taught in the public schools, or has already acquired the branches of learning required by law to be taught in the public schools, or if his physical or mental condition is such as to render such attendance inexpedient or impracticable. Every person having

under his control a child as described in this Section shall cause such child to attend school as required by this Section.

SEC. 31. Any person having under his control a child between seven and fourteen years of age who fails for five day sessions or ten half-day sessions within any period of six months while under such control, to cause such child to attend school as required by Section twelve of this Act, the physical or mental condition of such child not being such as to render his attendance at school harmful or impracticable, upon complaint by a truant officer and conviction thereof, shall forfeit and pay a fine of not more than twenty dollars. Any person who induces or attempts to induce any child to absent himself unlawfully from school, or employs or harbors while school is in session any child absent unlawfully from school, shall forfeit and pay a fine of not more than fifty dollars.

SEC. 19. The several school teachers shall faithfully keep the registers of attendance daily, and make due return thereof to the school committee or to such person as such committee may designate. No teacher of a public school shall receive payment for services for the two weeks preceding the close of any single term until the register, properly filled up and completed, is so returned. All registers shall be kept at the schools, and at all times during the school hours shall be open to the inspection of the school committee, the superintendent of schools, the truant officers, and the secretary and agents of the state board of education. In reckoning the average membership and the percentage of attendance in the schools no pupil's name shall be omitted in counting the number of persons belonging to the school and the number of absences of such persons, until it is known that such pupil has withdrawn from the school without intention of returning, or, in the absence of such knowledge, until ten consecutive days of absence have been recorded; but nothing in this provision for computing the average membership and the percentage of attendance shall be construed to invalidate procedure against habitual truants, absentees or school offenders, or other persons, as provided in Sections twenty-four to twenty-six inclusive, and Section thirty-one of this Act. A pupil who is not present during at least half of a session shall be marked and counted as absent for that session.

High School Course of Study.

FIRST YEAR.

CLASSICAL.

Latin, 5.
Eng. Gram. and Compo., 5.
Algebra, 5.
Greek and Roman Hist., 3.

ENGLISH.

Com. Arith. and Bookkeeping, 3.
Eng. Gram. and Compo., 5.
Algebra, 5.
Greek and Roman Hist., 3.
Botany, $\frac{1}{2}$, 3.
Civil Government, $\frac{1}{2}$, 3.

SECOND YEAR.

Latin, 5.
Greek or German, 4.
Eng. Lit. and Compo., 5.
Geometry, 4.

Eng. Hist., 3.
German, 4.
Eng. Lit. and Compo., 5.
Geometry, 4.
Physical Geog., $\frac{1}{2}$, 3.
Geology, $\frac{1}{2}$, 3.

THIRD YEAR.

Latin, 5.
Greek or German, 4.
French, 4.
Eng., 5.
* Physics or Chem., 3.
Reviews.

Medieval and Mod. Hist., 3.
Solid Geom. and Trig., 3.
French or Ger., 4.
Eng., 5.
Physics or Chem., 3.
Reviews.

FOURTH YEAR.

Latin, 5.
Greek or Ger., 4.
French, 4.
Eng., 5.
* Chem. or Physics.
Reviews.

Astronomy, $\frac{1}{2}$.
Political Economy, $\frac{1}{2}$.
French or Ger.
Eng., 5.
Chem. or Physics.
Reviews.

*Optional.

A pupil must have at least seventeen prepared recitations a week. Pupils may take Latin together with subjects in the English Course, sufficient to complete the required number of hours.

65th Annual Report of the School Committee.

To the Citizens of Acton :

Apart from the detailed report [of the Superintendent, this 65th report of your Committee may very well be a brief one. The schools are all in excellent condition and in the opinion of the Committee their condition is improved with each succeeding year.

It is, we think, matter for congratulation that in so small a town, and under all the circumstances so large a percentage of the teachers should have received that special training to fit them for their profession, which, in these later years has become so necessary a qualification for success in nearly every field of endeavor. Of the eleven teachers now in your service three are college graduates and seven graduates of normal schools.

The common school year has been lengthened to 37 weeks, the additional week being added to the winter term. It is hoped that next year these schools may be kept for 38 weeks and the March vacation reduced to a single week. For this purpose we ask an additional appropriation for common schools of \$130.00.

The school buildings are in good condition, are well fitted and equipped for the work to be done in them and are all, for the first time in recent years, in the care of competent persons. During the summer the West school house was re-painted and papered and a heating plant was installed in the west wing, thus providing furnace heat for the whole building. The South school house should be painted and papered the coming summer.

In the report of this Committee for the year 1900 your attention was directed to the question of vaccination of public school pupils and to the fact that official action upon this subject might at any time become necessary. Early in August your

Committee became convinced that the time for such action had arrived. Because of the great number of pupils in the schools, about 75 per cent of the membership who had never been vaccinated it was thought wise as well as expedient that the work of vaccination, should be done at the public expense and to this end the Board of Health were appealed to and their assistance asked. Our request was readily granted and the vaccination was thoroughly and carefully done and the work completed early in September. In view of the conditions that have obtained all about us during the winter and which promise to continue; we think no one will question the advisability of the Committee's action. In the future all applicants for admission to the public schools will be required to produce the vaccination certificate provided for by the statutes.

At the annual meeting in April 1901 of the supervision district committee, the salary of the superintendent of schools was fixed at \$1,600 an increase of \$100 per annum of which latter sum 3-10, or \$30, is chargeable to this town. We therefore ask for an appropriation for salary of superintendent of \$430. It will be remembered of this amount \$375 is refunded by the State.

The very great increase in the sum received from the Massachusetts School Fund is due to transient conditions existing in the state treasury which will not obtain in the future. The appropriation for books and apparatus for the high school has been expended as follows: books, \$39.70; apparatus, \$7.87; total, \$47.57 The sum of \$375 has been received from the State on account of salary of superintendent of schools.

The report of the purchasing agent of the committee is appended.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

ON ACCOUNT OF SCHOOLS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1901-1902.

Receipts.

Appropriation for common schools,	\$3,670 00	
“ “ High school,	1,700 00	
“ “ school supplies,	475 00	
“ “ transportation of pupils,	1,030 00	
“ “ books, etc., for High school,	50 00	
“ “ salary of Supt. of Schools,	450 00	
Received from Massachusetts School Fund,	817 44	
“ “ dog licenses,	245 10	
		\$8,437 54

Expenditures.

For common schools,	\$4,225 20	
High school,	1,707 36	
school supplies,	469 45	
transportation of pupils,	975 00	
books, etc., for high school,	47 57	
salary of Superintendent,	470 00	
		\$7,894 58
Unexpended balance,		\$542 96

Estimates for the Support of Schools

FOR THE YEAR 1902-1903.

For common schools,	\$3,800 00	
High school,	1,700 00	
school supplies,	475 00	
transportation of pupils,	1,030 00	
books, etc., for High school,	50 00	
salary of Superintendent of schools,	480 00	
		\$7,535 00

The School Committee of Acton,

By CHARLES J. WILLIAMS,
Chairman.

Superintendent's Report.

TO THE ACTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE :

Gentlemen—My second annual report is herewith respectfully submitted.

The year has passed without large or striking incidents, but it has been a twelve month of earnest effort on the part of teachers and school officials to hold to the results of the past, and to acquire something more. I most gladly acknowledge the hearty co-operation of the Teachers and the School Committee in their endeavor, and for the success obtained.

In June nearly one-half of our corps of teachers resigned, but it is with pleasure that I commend the general earnestness and efficiency of the present corps. Schools are what they are because teachers are what they are—devoted, hard working, qualified, for “as is the teacher so is the school.” Unfortunately, owing to the attractions of higher salaries elsewhere we frequently lose teachers just when their services have become most valuable to us.

Two facts enter into oft-repeated experience : First, frequent resignations, or refusals to return because higher salaries are offered elsewhere ; second, our disadvantage in the search for desirable teachers because our salaries are low. No one can blame teachers for wishing to better themselves, but these stubborn facts make the task of maintaining a high standard by no means easy. You, gentlemen of the committee, I am glad to know appreciate these difficulties, and it is not possible to lessen to a degree the inducements for such frequent changes.

During the year we have lost some of our most experienced and valuable teachers :

Miss Katharine Sweeney from the West Intermediate to accept a position in her home city, Somerville ; Miss Grace Trefrethen from the West Grammar to take a grammar principalship in Amesbury, and Miss Sara Small to enter a matrimonial

alliance. Miss Sadie Collier, a graduate of Farmington, Maine, Normal School, and a teacher of several years experience, was elected to the Center Grammar; Miss Grace Webber, Mt. Holyoke College, 1900, to the West Grammar; and Miss Jean Cragin, Farmington Normal, to the West Intermediate.

In September Miss Gertrude Williams, a model teacher in the Farmington Normal was appointed to the South Grammar; Miss Edith Vinal, also a model teacher in the same school, to the South Intermediate; and Miss Mary Adams, a New Hampshire State Normal graduate, with several years' teaching experience to the South Primary.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The High School, under the management of Mr. A. L. Faxon, has continued to do good work. In June Miss Bertha Merrill, the assistant teacher, resigned and Miss Katharine W. Hall of Allston, Mass., a graduate of Mt. Holyoke College, was chosen as her successor. Miss Hall had done successful substitute work in the Holyoke High School while pursuing her college course, and has proved herself to be a faithful, efficient instructor.

Slight changes have been made in the course of study. Those subjects in the classical course not required for admission to college have been eliminated and the general course has been materially strengthened and improved. Readers are referred to the Principal's fuller remarks concerning the same, as well as to several other points bearing upon the work, in all of which I most heartily concur.

Our High School is now in good and regular standing, according to the requirements of the colleges and of the state, and a close inspection of its methods and work by parents and patrons will lead to a growing appreciation of its educational facilities.

Hoping that parents and patrons will come into closer sympathy with our schools by knowing some things now engaging much attention, the following paragraphs are written:

Reading.—In all our school work I believe that reading is of greatest importance. By reading is meant not only the ability to read, but the formation of a right habit in reading and a desire to read good books. To secure the desired results in this direc-

tion a large supply of reading material is necessary. Years ago one book for each pupil was thought sufficient, but now every pupil reads several books in each grade, and many books are selections from the best English classics, and all have more or less merit.

We have during the past two years added quite largely to our reading lists in all grades. In this way pupils not only read a large amount of the best literature in school, thereby forming a taste for good reading, which in the higher grades is supplemented by similar books taken from the public library, but are acquiring a valuable habit which will be of no small benefit all through life. The appreciation of good literature is showing itself even among the younger pupils.

Believing that "the best is none too good for the children," the following are used in carrying out the course :

Grade I.—Cooke's "Nature Myths," Grimm's "Fairy Tales," "Hiawatha Primer," Kingsley's "Greek Heroes," Stickney's "Fairy Tales," Scudder's "Folk Stories and Fables," Andersen's "Fairy Tales," Æsop's "Fables," "Fables and Rhymes," "Stepping Stones to Literature," No. 1 ; "Lights to Literature," No. 1 ; Cyr's Primer, Cyr's First Reader.

GRADE II.—"Seven Little Sisters," "Story of Ulysses," "Story of Lincoln," "Story of Washington," "Story of the Pilgrims," "Story of Robert Fulton," "In Mythland," Baldwin's "Fairy Stories and Fables," "Little Folks of Other Lands," Riverside Primer, Heart of Oak, Book 1, Lights to Literature, Book 2, "Stories for Children," Cyr's Second Reader, Cooke's "Nature Myths," Æsop's "Fables."

GRADE III.—"Stories Mother Nature Told Her Children," "Robinson Crusoe," "Each and All," "Seven Little Sisters," Andrews ; Stories of "Marquette and Joliet," "Story of La Salle," "Story of Lincoln," "Around the World," Book 1, Andersen's Stories, Stepping Stones to Literature, Vol. 2, Longfellow's "Challenge of Thor," "The Daffodils," Wordsworth ; "Story of the Amber Beads," "Verse and Prose."

GRADE IV.—"Ten Boys," Andrews ; "Stories from the Iliad," "Legends of Norseland," Pratt ; "Stories of Norse Mythology," Litchfield ; "Independence Bell," Whittier's "Yorktown," "Song of Marion's Men," Bryant ; "Nathan Hale,"

Finch; "Feats on the Fiord," Martineau; "Stories from the Odyssey," Heart of Oak, Vols. 2 and 3, "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland," "Through the Looking Glass."

GRADE V.—"American Indians," Starr; "American History Stories," Pratt; Eggleston's "First Book in American History," Hawthorne's "Wonder Book," "Story of Roland," "Talisman," "Hiawatha," "Selections from Miles Standish," "Selections from Lady of the Lake," Longfellow's "Skeleton in Armor," "Ivanhoe," "Sir Galahad," Tennyson; "The Children's Crusade," Longfellow; "Tales of Chivalry," "Boston Tea Party."

GRADE VI.—"Pizarro," "Cortes and Montazuma," Stories of American History, "Story of Siegfried," "Twice Told Tales," "Knickerbocker's History of New York," "Grandfather's Chair," "Hiawatha," "Miles Standish," "Landing of the Pilgrims," "The North Sea," "Rip Van Winkle," "Sleepy Hollow," "Culprit Fay," "Little Nell."

GRADE VII.—"Evangeline," "The War of Independence," Fiske; Cooper's "Pilot," Cooper's "Spy," Thackeray's "Virginians," "The Green Mountain Boys," "Paul Revere's Ride," "The Death of the Old Year," Tennyson; "The Revenge," Tennyson; Longfellow's "Elizabeth," "Tales of the White Hills," Burke's "Conciliation with the Colonies," Franklin's "Autobiography," "Birds, Bees and Sharp Eyes," American Classics.

GRADE VIII.—Lowell's Garrison and Wendell Phillips, Lowell's "Bigelow Papers," "The Peasant and the Prince," Martineau; Lincoln's "First Inaugural," Lincoln's "Gettysburg Speech," Lincoln's "Second Inaugural," "Tales of the Grandfather," "The Building of the Ship," "Under the Old Elm," "Old Ironsides," "Angels of Buena Vista," "Sheridan's Ride," "Nuremberg," Longfellow; "Webster's Reply to Hayne."

GRADE IX.—Lowell's "Glance Behind the Curtain," "Bigelow Papers," "Lincoln-Douglass Debate," "Harold the Last of the Saxons," "Merchant of Venice," "Sir Roger de Coverly Papers," "Gulliver's Travels," "Wendell Phillips' Orations," "Greene's English History," "Montgomery's English History," "Speeches on the Stamp Act," by Fox, Chatham, Cavendish, Barre, Lowell's "Commemoration Ode," "Rhoecus," "Garrison and Wendell Phillips," Emerson's "Concord Hymn," Scott's

“Talisman,” “Vision of Sir Launfal,” “One Horse Shay,” “Ode on the Death of Wellington,” “Barbara Fritchie,” “Sheridan’s Ride,” Shelley’s “Cloud,” “Two Great Retreats.”

Arithmetic.—This subject as taught in our schools requires paramount attention from both teachers and pupils. Arithmetic is good, but is it the chief good of an education? An ordinary lifetime makes practical use of but little arithmetic.

The “Conference on Mathematics” at the National Education Association at Saratoga, appointed by the “Committee of Ten,” of which Pres. Eliot, of Harvard, was chairman and Dr. Wm. T. Harris, U. S. Commissioner of Education, was a prominent member, recommended that the course in arithmetic be at the same time abridged and enriched: abridged by omitting entirely those subjects which perplex and exhaust the pupil without affording any really valuable mental discipline, and enriched by a greater number of exercises in simple calculation and in the solution of concrete problems.

The Conference suggested the curtailment or entire omission of compound proportion, cube root, obsolete denominate quantities, duodecimals, and a greater part of commercial arithmetic. It also further suggested that examples in such subjects as profit and loss, bank discount, and simple and compound interest, not easily made intelligible to the pupils, should be omitted.

In these recommendations the Conference has voiced the sentiments of thoughtful teachers everywhere.

“Pupils in the grammar grades have been required to memorize definitions when, because of the immaturity of their minds, they were unable to see through the definitions to the things defined. They have been required to solve problems of whose uses and applications they had no clear conception. Again and again they have lost sight of what they were trying to do in trying to find out how to do it. The mere manipulation of figures has been allowed to absorb their attention and to exhaust their energies.”

The second important suggestion of this eminent Conference was a greater facility and a greater degree of accuracy in the work.

“The degree of approach to accuracy by a pupil does not depend so much upon the amount as upon the character of the work done. Careless facility is not merely useless, it is posi-

tively harmful. Hence, while the problems provided for the pupil may well be much more simple in respect to the amount of figuring required, the importance of accuracy must be emphasized to a very much greater degree in the grades. Pupils must not be commended at all for inaccurate work—for work in which there is one wrong figure. It must be impressed upon him that ciphering in which there are errors has no value whatever." When the pupil leaves school he goes out into the world to learn that there is no place for a ninety per cent. accountant. If he is inaccurate his work is of no value whatever.

"A nearer approach to accuracy may be made, not by a greater amount of careless manipulation of figures in difficult problems, but by a careful solution of many simple problems in which the principle effort is to secure absolute correctness."

Evidently the arithmetic teaching in coming years will be more and more along the lines here stated.

Drawing.—This has not been taught as an isolated subject, but has been related to every line of school work. It has not been employed as an end in itself, but as a means to an end, that is to increase the child's interest in all of his studies and to give him another mode of expression. We speak or write because we have a thought to express, and we should draw for the same reason. To draw simply for the purpose of producing pretty pictures would be a waste of time, and detrimental to school work.

Geography, history, arithmetic, and science can be more thoroughly taught when drawing, painting and modeling are employed. In the modeling of a continent, in the plan of a battle-field, in the diagram of a room that is to be carpeted, or in the painting of a leaf, the teacher has a tangible expression of the child's thought, and something the child himself is able to pass judgment upon, as he compares his own product with the more perfect model. In this way, not only are his powers of observation and expression quickened, but through the exercise of his judgment, reason, and memory, correct habits of study are formed.

One of the greatest art teachers of to-day, from an experience as wide as the range of his knowledge, says that the general public feeling is tending to the admission that education must

include not only full command of expression by language, but of true form by the hand. Whether you are drawing a piece of Greek armor, or a hawk's beak, or a lion's paw, you will find that the mere necessity of using the hand compels attention to circumstances which would otherwise escape notice, and fastens them in the memory without further effort.

None of the essentials have been sacrificed for the sake of drawing, but one lesson a week has been required and a beginning has been made in the right direction.

Nature Study.—The study of science has been associated so long with the college and university that until recently we have failed to recognize that it has a place in the common schools. Much of elementary science may be adapted to the primary and grammar grades. The value of such instruction is not to be measured by the amount of knowledge, or of discipline, gained so much as by the fact that it reveals and interprets nature in such a way that the process of development begun in school will be continued by nature herself all through life. How blindly most of us go through life merely from the lack of a little training in early years in learning how to observe!

Pestalozzi, the best known educational reformer, selected science as the best means for stimulating children's minds. His motto was "Education is generation of power," and he sought for the source of that power in nature. He understood what is meant by "sermons in stones, books in running brooks, and good in everything." The work of Pestalozzi permeated the schools of Germany and is now making its way slowly in all the schools of the world. Nature study has been the corner-stone of primary education in Germany for more than fifty years.

It will be readily granted that in the schools of the past those things which touch us closest, the earth we walk on, the air we breathe and the water we drink, all that exert powerful influence upon life and general well-being, sanitation and hygiene, had little or no place.

Science means bringing children into a more intelligent contact with environment; it means that the heads of future homes shall understand sanitation, hygiene and that which pertains to health and comfort in the home, as well as in the community at large. It means that the farmer shall know more of the prod-

ucts of the soil, and of the soil itself, and how to apply a little chemistry in this direction, that he may know more of the nature of trees and plants, of insects which destroy crops and those which protect them.

Science brings to the door of the school-room the most fruitful and richest products of the world's experience. Its introduction means that the common school and the common people shall have the best that the world affords; that knowledge of science shall not be confined to the few who go through the university, but that all children shall have an appreciative knowledge of and a great love for the study of nature and her marvellous works.

Each season of the year has its own peculiar influence upon living things, animal and plant. It is therefore most convenient and most interesting to study each phase of life in the appropriate season, inasmuch as one may trace the more easily the various phenomena observed in living things to the forces in nature which cause them.

With this thought in mind the course in science has been outlined by months. Subjects calculated to arouse a real spirit of investigation, and adapted to the season in which they are studied have been selected.

In conclusion we express the wish that parents might be interested to visit the schools oftener and thus become better acquainted with the teachers and the work being done. This would be an inspiration to both teachers and pupils and by bringing the school and the home into closer relation both would be mutually helped.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT E. RICHARDSON.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL.

MR. H. E. RICHARDSON,
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:

Dear Sir — At your request, I present a few remarks in regard to the Acton High School.

The work of the past year has been progressive and, in general satisfactory. A new course of study has been adopted, involving a more systematic arrangement of subjects and supplemented by the introduction of the latest and best text-books. A few courses have been added to the curriculum, and others have been lengthened. These changes have tended to raise the school to the standard required for an adequate preparation for college-work. This course of study is somewhat more elaborate and complete than would have been possible with the present corps of teachers, had there been four classes in the school. It is to be hoped that there will be sufficient scholars to warrant another assistant, when in 1903 there will be the full number of classes.

The pupils have shown interest in their work and there has been a marked improvement in the moral tone of the school.

I would here call attention to the general attendance, which, though fair, might be greatly improved. The school is the pupil's vocation. There is no more plausible excuse for the child's non-attendance upon his school duties, than there would be for absence from his work, were he employed in some mercantile occupation. There are some parents, nevertheless, who, although professedly deeply interested in the education of their children permit them to be absent from school for trivial reasons. Teachers are always willing to accept reasonable excuses, but they cannot be in sympathy with that kind of parental indulgence which permits excursions and amusements to take precedence of their school work, or with that lack of foresight which keeps pupils out of school to work or run on errands. Each absence causes a break in the pupil's lessons and tends to make him lose heart in his work.

Furthermore, what is more important still, punctuality and regularity in attendance promote good habits and strong character. What is more essential to one's success in life than

reliability, — the habit, early formed, of always being at the post of duty — and then punctuality in the commencement and the completion of one's work? These valuable habits are within the grasp of everyone yet they are the product of patient and long continued training, of hearty co-operation of home and school influences. Fortunate is the youth who has acquired them during his preparation for life's work!

The Acton High school has continued to add to its reference library during the past year, thus opening an avenue, through which the scholars may secure information that might not otherwise be within their grasp.

The discipline of the school is good. The system of moral obligation and of just consideration for the rights of others is the proper one and by it we try to govern the school.

Miss Bertha Merrill, who faithfully and successfully taught here the previous year, resigned to accept a position in her native city. Her place has been adequately filled by Miss Katharine W. Hall, a graduate of Mt. Holyoke College.

Yours respectfully,

A. L. FAXON,

Principal.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

To the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. H. E. Richardson :

DEAR SIR: In my third annual report of the music in the public schools of Acton I am very glad to say that since the opening of the schools in September a great improvement has been made in the singing.

Nearly every pupil has made a decided gain in the knowledge of music, as is shown by the individual work.

This year, for the first time, the primary classes are using books, and are doing excellently. The intermediate pupils are now using the grammar grade books, thus showing that they have made an advance.

The grammar grades have taken up three-part music, and one of the rooms has taken some four-part work. This is certainly encouraging, for when music was introduced into the schools some of the upper grades had difficulty in mastering two-part work.

The High School has improved greatly over last year, as there are more students and better material.

The interest of teachers and pupils is shown by the manner in which both have taken up the work planned by the Supervisor.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the very cordial co-operation of both teachers and students.

Respectfully submitted,

MARIAN M. BROWNE,

Supervisor of Music.

Commencement Exercises of the Acton High School,

At Town Hall, Acton, Mass,
Friday evening, June 21, 1901, 7.45 o'clock.

PROGRAMME.

1. March Orchestra
2. Invocation Rev. W. F. Dusseault
3. Song—"Anchored," School
4. Address Hon. Alfred S. Roe, Worcester, Mass
5. Overture—"The Poet and the Peasant." *Soupe*
Orchestra.
6. Presentation of Diplomas Supt. H. E. Richardson
7. Song—"There's a Path by the River." School
8. Music Orchestra

Music by Unita Orchestra, Acton; Geo. F. Dusseault, Director.

"Periculum in Mora."

GRADUATES—CLASSICAL COURSE.

Maude Beatrice Priest.

Flora Blanche Reed.

James Dearborn Christie

COLORS: Gold and White.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

The following is a statistical table showing the return of the school census, with the enrolment and attendance in the schools from September 1900, to June, 1901 :

Number of boys in town between 5 and 15 years,	140
" " girls " " " "	153
Total,	<u>293</u>
Number of boys in town between 7 and 14 years,	102
" " girls " " " "	102
Total,	<u>204</u>
Whole number enrolled in all the schools,	339
" " between 5 and 15 years,	295
" " " 7 and 14 "	216
" " over 15 years,	18
Average membership,	292
" attendance,	266
Per cent. of attendance,	91
Number of teachers,	11
" " weeks in school year,	37

ROLL OF HONOR, 1900-1901.

ONE YEAR.

Grady, D. Jennie	Harris, Arthur F.
Priest, Maud	Smith, Everett W.
Schnair, Joseph	Schnair Cora M.
Schnair, Tara L.	Taylor, Marion C.

TWO TERMS.

Brewster, Irving W.	Wayne, James
Coughlin, Mary E.	Edwards, William
Foley, Nellie	Foley, Frances A.
Grady, Roy J.	Harris, Alfred B.
Kinsley, Richard F.	Kinsley, David R.
Lincoln, Arnold	Meade, Idelle
Meckkelson, Henry	Meckkelson, Ida
Maker, Eva	Quimby, Howard
Quimby, Margaret D.	Randolph, Myrtle
Reed, Flora B.	Schnair, Ella
Scanlon, Lizzie S.	Stoncomb Eva L.
Smith, John A.	Tuttle, Varnum
White, Leonard D.	

ONE TERM.

Baker, Ella	Hall, Stanley A.
Bixby, Edward	Harris, Maud
Boyce, Elmer	Harris, Bertha
Boyce, Helena M.	Hawes, Georgia H.
Burke, Henry B.	Hoar, Carl S.
Callan, Mary A.	Howland, Florence
Clark, Eva	Holton, Geo. E.
Chute, Agnes M. B.	Jones, Carl
Coughlin, Margaret	Kingsley, Maud E.
Copping, Betsey L.	Kingsley, Annie
Connell, Alice O.	Kimball, Milton B.

Cram, Bertha M.	Lawrence, Eva M.
Cram, Lowell	Lawrence, Flora
Devane, Thomas E.	Littlefield, Harold
Devane, Mary E.	Littlefield, John
Durkee, Albert	Meade, Dorothy B.
Duren, Ethel M.	MacGregor, Gladys M.
Esterbrook, Fred	McDonald, Frank
Fiske, Inez G.	Moan, Edward A.
French, Ruth E.	Moan, Frank
Gallagher, Joseph	Meckkelson, Christine
Gallagher, Frank	Murphy Mary M.
Gould, Glenn	Pratt, Bessie F.
Green, Bertha F.	Piper, Ralph.

ONE TERM.

Quimby, Russell	Reed, Everett
Reed, Benjamin G.	Richardson, Clara
Robbins, Roy	Stancombe, George
Schnair, Charles W.	Smith, Annie G.
Smith, H. Ruth	Smith, Bessie
Spinney, Everett R.	Taylor, Fred
Taylor, Martha	White, Florence
Worden, Florence	Willis, Carl

Statistics For 1900-1901.

	Grades	No. of weeks	Enrollment	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent of Attendance	Between 7 and 14	Between 5 and 15	Over 15
High	X, XI, XII, XIII	40	22	17.5	16.5	94.6	2	9	12
Center Grammar	VII, VIII, IX	37	27	25	23	92	15	21	5
South “	VII, VIII, IX	34	26	23.6	22.6	95.7	22	26	1
West “	VII, VIII, IX	37	28	23	21.6	93	18	27	0
Center Intermediate	IV, V, VI	37	36	31	30	96	33	33	0
South “	“ “	34	35	29.7	26	87.7	31	31	0
West “	“ “	37	32	30.5	26	85	27	27	0
Center Primary	I, II, III	37	26	32	28.77	89.9	23	34	0
South “	“ “	34	46	40.9	35	85.5	25	46	0
West “	“ “	37	51	39	37	94	20	41	0
Totals			339	29.2	26.6	91	216	295	18

List of Teachers, 1901-1902.

SCHOOL	TEACHER	Appointed	EDUCATED	Salary
High	Principal	A. L. Faxon	1900 Yale University	\$1,000
	Assistant	Katherine W. Hall	1901 Mt. Holyoke College	500
South Grammar	G'rt'de A. Williams	1901	F'mingt'n, Me., N'rmal	370
“ Intermediate	Edith Vinal	1901	“ “	370
“ Primary	Mary A. Adams	1901	N. H. State “	370
Center Grammar	Sadie A. Collier	1901	F'mingt'n, Me., “	370
“ Intermediate	Ella L. Miller	1899	Framingham “	370
“ Primary	Cora F. Warren	1899	“ “	370
West Grammar	Grace E. Webber	1891	Mt. Holyoke College	370
“ Intermediate	Jean Cragin	1891	F'mingt'n, Me., N'rmal	370
“ Primary	Harriet H. Gardner	1889	Ayer High	442

Statistics, Fall and Winter Terms, 1901-1902.

SCHOOL	Grades	No. in grade	Enrollment	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent. of Attendance	Between 7 and 14	Between 5 and 15	Over 15
High	13th	5	27	23	21	92	0	5	22
	12th	0							
	11th	7							
	10th	14							
South Grammar	9th	5	20	17	16.5	95.9	13	20	0
	8th	10							
	7th	5							
South Inter.	6th	9	38	37	32.8	88	38	38	0
	5th	11							
	4th	18							
South Primary	3rd	12	49	45.6	38	83.9	37	55	0
	2nd	17							
	1st	26							
Center Grammar	9th	7	29	28	25	89	21	24	5
	8th	10							
	7th	12							
Center Inter.	6th	13	36	33.8	29	86.6	35	36	0
	5th	8							
	4th	15							
Center Primary	3rd	10	30	26	22	85	15	30	0
	2nd	3							
	1st	17							
West Grammar	9th	9	24	21	19.7	92.8	14	20	4
	8th	9							
	7th	6							
West Inter.	6th	10	39	33	30	91	38	39	0
	5th	19							
	4th	10							
West Primary	3rd	11	45	37.7	34	90	25	45	0
	2nd	12							
	1st	22							

Department of School Supplies.

Report of the Purchasing Agent.

To the School Committee:

The annual report of the expense account of this department is respectfully submitted.

RAND, McNALLY Co.

April	9.	22 Lights to Literature, No. 1,	\$4 40	
	26	“ “ No. 2,	7 54—	\$11 94

D. C. HEATH & Co.

April	2.	5 Hokes als der Kieche,	\$1 25	
		5 Marchen Eiz,	3 25	
			4 50	
		Less 1-6,	75—	\$3 75
April	10.	6 Sheldon American History,	6 75	
		3 Thomas “ “	3 00	
			9 72	
		Less 1-6,	1 62—	8 10
Sept.	13.	5 Walsh Elem. Arth.,	1 50	
		Less 1-6,	25—	1 25
Oct.	19.	4 Iliad,	1 00	
		Less 1-6,	16—	84
Oct.	19.	8 Arden's Tempest,	2 00	
		Less 1-6,	33—	1 67
Dec.	17;	9 Henry V,	2 25	
		1 J. Caesar,	25	
		1 M. of Venice,	25	
		1 M. N. Dream,	25	
			3 00	
		Less 1-6,	50—	2 50
			\$18 11	

GINN & Co.

April	9.	38 Ten Boys,	\$19 00	
		33 Seven Little Sisters,	16 50	
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			\$35 50	
		Less 1-6,	5 92—	\$29 58
April	6.	27 Cyr Primers,	4 08	
		15 " 1st Readers,	4 20	
		35 " 2d Readers,	12 60	
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			20 88	
		Less 1-6,	3 48—	17 40
May	3.	7 Ferguson's Questions on Caesar,	4 20	
		Less 1-6,	70—	3 50
Aug.	31.	12 1st Year Latin,	12 00	
		Less 1-6,	2 00—	10 00
Sept.	5.	6 doz. each writing books 1, 4, 6,	12 75	
		4 doz. writing books, 2,	3 00	
		3 doz. each writing books, 3, 4,	4 50	
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			20 25	
		Less 1-6,	3 37—	16 88
Sept.	11.	1 doz. writing books, No. 4,	75	
		Less 1-6,	12—	63
Sept.	11.	6 Wentworth New Sch. Algebra,	6 72	
		2 " Plane Geom.	1 50	
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			8 22	
		Less 1-6,	1 37—	6 85
Sept.	13.	6 1st Year Latin,	6 00	
		Less 1-6,	1 00—	5 00
Oct.	3.	4 Montgomery Eng. Hist.	4 48	
		5 each Prince Arith., 6, 7,	2 00	
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			6 48	
		Less 1-6,	1 08—	5 40
Oct.	19.	14 Lockwood & Emerson Rhetoric,	14 00	
		Less 1-6,	2 33—	11 67

Dec.	23.	12 Ivanhoe,	7 20	
		12 Marmion,	4 80	
		12 Last of the Mohicans,	6 00	
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			18 00	
		Less 1-6,	3 00—	15 00
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				\$121 91

J. L. HAMMETT Co.

April	4.	500 No. 120 spelling blanks,	\$5 75	
		1 lb. No. 120 rubber erasers,	75	
		1 doz. primary reg. boards,	1 40	
		6 boxes large colored regs.	72	
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				\$8 62
April	3.	1 doz. qts. treasury ink,	3 00	3 00
April	12.	2 Bartley record books,	1 08	1 08
April	20.	10 rms. special paper,	7 00	
		5 rms. special medium do.,	4 00	
		1 Avery Elem. Chemistry,	99	
		Postage,	10	
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April	25.	5 Æsop's Fables, vol. 1,	1 50	
		36 R. Crusoe for youngest readers,	10 80	
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			12 30	
		Less 1-6,	2 05—	10 25
April	17.	35 Story of Ulysses, pt. 2,	8 75	
		22 Legends of Norseland,	7 35	
		30 La Salle,	1 35	
		30 Marquette,	1 35	
		33 Lincoln,	1 49	
		18 Pizarro,	4 50	
		15 Cortez,	4 05	
		15 Siegfred,	9 00	
		42 Story of Ulysses,	15 75	
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May	1.	25 The Peasant and the Prince,	4	50	
		3 Longman Geog.	3	38	
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					7 88
May	17.	2 gr. No. 611 penholders,	2	00	
		1 doz. qts. treasury ink,	3	00	
		200 lbs. arith. paper,	6	00	
		150 Cornhill pads,	5	63	
		20 reams No. 3 practice paper,	9	60	
		5 " 1 "	2	40	
		1 dozen Treasury mucilage,		75	
		1 " Le Page paste,		80	
		15 gross D. B. pencils,	12	75	
		1 dozen gummed paper,		75	
		12 boxes Hallman's beads,	3	84	
		10 gross No. 556 Esterbrook pens,	4	50	
		3 packages blotters, 6 x 8,	1	20	
		1 box blue crayons,		60	
		1 " red "		90	
		2 dozen No. 787 red pencils,		50	
		12 Blocks delineator maps,	3	60	
		4 Am. Hist. Stories, vol. 1,	1	15—	59 97
May	21.	40 packages No. 26 letter special,	15	00	
		10 " medium 00 "	6	13—	21 13
June	3.	4 dozen No. 787 red pencils,	1	00	
		6 " " blue "	1	50	
		35 Robert Fulton,	1	58—	4 08
July	29.	3 Longman's Atlas,	4	05—	4 05
Aug.	7.	1 doz. transparent gummed paper,		75	
		1 gross No. 314 Esterbrook pens,		55	
		1 bottle blue ink,		10	
		1 dozen boxes self binders,	2	25—	3 65
Sept.	6.	1 lb. No. 120 rubber erasers,		65—	65
Sept.	18.	5 dozen Gem B. B. erasers,	2	50—	2 50
Sept.	20.	5 Robinson Crusoe,	1	35	
		1 lb. No. 120 rubber erasers,		75—	2 10
Oct.	24.	4 The Prince and the Peasant,	1	08	
		3 boxes round pegs,		48—	1 56
Oct.	22.	20 packages special drawing,	2	00	
		100 multiplication cards, No. 2,	2	92—	4 92

Dec.	14.	50 sheets 9 x 12 tag yellow,	13	
		50 " " gray,	60	
		24 pkgs. drawing paper, No. 1,	1 44	
		1-4 dozen pitch pipes,	60—	2 77
Dec.	13.	1 dozen quarts Treasury ink,	3 00—	3 00
				<u>\$206 88</u>

SILVER, BURDETT & Co.

April	8.	6 Stepping Stones to Literature, No. 1,	\$1. 80	
		12 Stepping Stones to Literature, No. 2,	6 00	
			<u>7 80</u>	
		Less 1-6,	1 30—	\$6 50
April	17.	20 Beacon Series, No. 153,	50	
		20 " " 154,	50	
		Postage,	11—	1 11
Oct.	15.	40 Normal Music Readers, Bk. 2, part 2,	14 40	
		Less 1-6,	2 40—	12 00
				<u>\$19 61</u>

AMERICAN BOOK Co.

April	9.	5 Eclectic History U. S.,	\$5 00	
		3 McMaster " "	3 00	
		3 Green's Short History Eng.,	3 60	
		9 Eggleston's 1st Bk. Hist. U. S.,	5 40	
			<u>17 00</u>	
		Less 20 per cent.,	3 40	
			<u>13 60</u>	
		Credit books returned,	4 00—	9 60
		5 Stories for Children,	1 25	
		Less 20 per cent.,	25—	1 00
Sept.	11.	20 Metcalf English Grammar,	12 00	
		5 Old Greek Stories,	2 25	
			<u>14 25</u>	
		Less 20 per cent.,	2 85—	11 40

Sept.	25.	25 Metcalf English Grammar,	15 00	
		Less 20 per cent.,	3 00—	12 00
				<u>\$34 00</u>

HOUGHTON, MIFFLIN & Co.

April	6.	183 Riverside Literature,	\$32 53	
		Express,	25—	\$32 78
Oct.	3.	23 Riverside Literature,	2 93—	2 93
Oct.	12.	4 " "	1 36—	1 36
Feb.	27.	12 " "	2 25—	2 25
				<u>\$39 62</u>

FAULKNER MILLS.

June	1.	61 boxes crayons,	\$1 22—	\$1 22
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C. J. WILLIAMS.

June	10.	Envelopes,	\$ 55	
Sept.	25.	" "	1 56—	\$2 11

EXPRESS CHARGES.

Paid A. L. Rayner,	\$7 45	
A. L. Noyes,	9 20	
A. L. Faxon,	1 97—	\$18 62
		<u>\$474 02</u>
Credit books sold,		4 57
		<u>\$469 45</u>

The value of supplies on hand is estimated at \$50.

CHAS. J. WILLIAMS,

Purchasing Agent.

Town Warrant.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

MIDDLESEX, SS.

To either of the Constables in the Town of Acton, in
the County of Middlesex, GREETING :

You are hereby required, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acton, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to assemble in the Town Hall, in said Town, on Monday, the thirty-first day of March, A. D., 1902, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles as they may think proper, viz :

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To see if the Town will accept the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Library Trustees and other Town Officers.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary Town Officers and Committees, and fix salaries.

ART. 4. To hear and act upon the report of any committee chosen to report at this meeting.

ART. 5. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the due observance of Memorial Day.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will accept the Jury List, as revised by the Selectmen.

ART. 7. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the repairing of roads and bridges the present year.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money for the Town, if necessary, in anticipation of taxes the current year.

ART. 9. To vote Yes or No in answer to the question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in Acton the present year?"

ART. 10. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the support of Memorial Library the present year.

ART. 11. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the support of schools the present year, and act anything thereon.

ART. 12. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for school supplies the present year.

ART. 13. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for Town charges the present year, or act anything thereon.

ART. 14. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for the enforcement of the liquor laws.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will maintain Street Lamps the present year, or act anything thereon.

ART. 16. To see what action the Town will take in reference to the Collection of Taxes the present year.

ART. 17. To see what action, if any, the Town will take relative to proposed retirement of Luther Conant from the office of Presiding Officer of the Town.

ART. 18. To see what action, if any, the Town will take in regard to the abolition of any Grade Crossing in the Town, and instruct its Selectmen as to any action they may wish to take.

ART. 19. To determine whether the Town will authorize the School Committee to receive compensation for ser-

vices rendered, as provided in Section 39, of Chapter 42, of the Revised Statutes.

ART. 20. To see if the Town will provide suitable buildings for Fire Apparatus in the Town, or act anything thereon.

ART. 21. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$100 for four Band Concerts in each village—Centre, West and South Acton.

ART. 22. To see if the Town will vote to give the legal voters the first right to all kinds of Town work, or act anything thereon.

ART. 23. To see if the Town will refund to the family of Geo. B. Wetherbee, one share of Fitchburg R. R. Stock given to the Cemetery Committee by the late Phineas Wetherbee, or act anything thereon.

ART. 24. To see if the Town will accept the offer of \$1,000 made by Alvin M. Lothrop, provided they will vote to buy a Stone Crusher, or act anything thereon.

ART. 25. To see if the Town will vote to buy a Road Roller, or act thereon.

ART. 26. To see if the Town will vote to repair Davis Monument, or act anything thereon.

ART. 27. To see if the Town will extend the drain leading from land of A. J. Fletcher to connect with the drain at the corner of land belonging to R. L. Reed, or act anything thereon.

ART. 28. To see if the Town will build a Pest House.

ART. 29. To see if the Town will authorize the Road Commissioners to construct a sidewalk from the stable of Tuttle & Newton to the "Patriot" building, lay two hundred feet of drain pipe to connect with B. & M. R. R. drains,

appropriate a sum of money for the same, or act anything thereon.

ART. 30. To see what action the Town will take in relation to regrading and graveling sidewalk on the State Road in West Acton, or act anything thereon.

ART. 31. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue two pieces of road leading from the northwest and southeast side of the Daniel Tuttle Road, so called, to the Main Street on Acton Common, or act anything thereon.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up copies, attested by you, in the following places: One in each of the Post Offices and Railroad Stations in the Town, one in each of the stores of C. H. Mead & Co., M. E. Taylor & Co., Tuttle & Newton, and H. A. Littlefield; one at the office of F. J. Hastings & Co., and one at the Nagog House, seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen or Town Clerk, on or before the time for holding said meeting.

Given under our hands, in Acton, this 12th day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and two.

WILLIAM F. STEVENS,
E. FAULKNER CONANT,
EDWIN A. PHALEN,

Selectmen of Acton.

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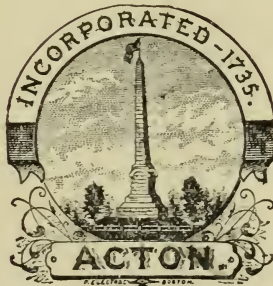
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Town Officers, 1902=1903.

Town Clerk,

Horace F. Tuttle.

Selectmen,

William F. Stevens,

E. Faulkner Conant,

Edwin A. Phalen.

Assessors,

E. Faulkner Conant,

William F. Kelley,

Chauncy B. Robbins.

Overseers of the Poor,

Lyman C. Taylor,

I. Warren Flagg,

William F. Kelley.

Town Treasurer,

Jonathan K. W. Wetherbee.

Auditor,

Frank W. Hoit.

Collector of Taxes,

Daniel J. Wetherbee.

Constables,

James Kinsley,

William H. Kingsley,

L. E. Reed.

Cemetery Commissioners,

Julian Tuttle, (term expires 1903).

Horace F. Tuttle, (term expires 1904),

Herbert T. Clark, (term expires 1905).

*Annual Reports**Road Commissioners,*

William H. Kingsley, (term expires 1905),
 Anson C. Piper, (term expires 1904.)
 Albert H. Perkins, (term expires 1903).

School Committee,

Charles J. Williams, (term expires 1905),
 Horace F. Tuttle, (term expires 1903),
 Frank R. Knowlton, (term expires 1904).

Trustees of Memorial Library,

Charles J. Williams, (term expires 1905),
 William D. Tuttle, (term expires 1904),
 Lucius A. Hesselton, (term expires 1903).

Board of Health,

Frank J. Barker, (term expires 1904),
 Frank E. Tasker, (term expires 1903),
 Charles J. Williams, (term expires 1905).

Fence Viewers,

Daniel H. Farrar, Reuben L. Reed,
 Oliver W. Mead.

Surveyors of Lumber, Wood, Hoops and Staves,

Herbert T. Clark, Edgar H. Hall, Job W. Dupee,
 Jonathan P. Fletcher, E. F. Richardson,
 Charles E. Smith.

Field Drivers,

James Kinsley, Wilham H. Kingsley,
 L. E. Reed, Daniel H. Farrar,

Tree Warden,

Charles J. Williams.

Registrars of Voters (appointed),

Samuel A. Guilford, (term expires 1904),
 James McGreen, (term expires 1903),
 David T. Kinsley, (term expires 1905),
 Horace F. Tuttle, ex-officio.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING,

HELD, MARCH 31, 1902.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Voted, Unanimously by the following resolutions: We, the citizens of Acton Mass., in Town meeting assembled this thirty-first day of March 1902, do hereby sincerely express our regret at the proposed retirement of Mr. Luther Conant, from the office of presiding officer of our Town meetings, which office he has so ably held for more than forty years. We fully realize our debt of gratitude to him for his faithful service, and it is with profound regret that we learn of his intention to retire therefrom. We heartily assure him of our esteem and appreciation of his self-sacrificing devotion to the Town's best interest, also, his ever ready willingness and careful attention to all the manifold duties of presiding officer and his fair and impartial decisions. We earnestly request that he reconsider his intention and continue to serve us in this capacity. We feel that should he adhere to his present intentions and retire as planned, the Town will be the loser to an extent we cannot at present estimate. With this feeling in mind we again with all the force of entreaty at our command request that he may continue to endow the Town with his faithful service. In accord with these wishes we heartily and cordially thank him for the great service rendered the Town and assure him of our most heartfelt wishes for a long continuance of his long and successful life. We hereby direct that a copy of these resolutions be suitably framed and presented to him.

Luther Conant was chosen Moderator.

Mr. Conant declined to serve and Charles M. Kimball was chosen Moderator.

S. Hammond Taylor, Edgar H. Hall and Hobart E. Mead were appointed additional tellers by the Moderator and sworn.

ART. 2. To see if the Town will accept the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Library Trustees and other Town Officers.

Voted, To accept the reports of the several Town officers.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary Town officers and committees and fix salaries.

Voted, To choose on one ballot a Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, three Selectmen, three Assessors, three Overseers of the Poor, one member of the School Committee for three years, a Collector of Taxes, four Constables, three Cemetery Commissioners, one for one year, one for two years, and one for three years, four Field Drivers, six Surveyors of Lumber, Wood, Hoops and Staves, three Fence Viewers, one Trustee of Memorial Library for three years, one Auditor, one Road Commissioner for three years, a Tree Warden, one member of the Board of Health for three years.

Voted, To fix the salary of the Collector of Taxes at one hundred and seventy-five dollars, to include posting the warrants, enforcing the dog law and all other duties hitherto performed by said officer.

Voted, To fix the salary of the Road Commissioners at two and one-half dollars per day, nine hours to constitute a day's work.

The following Town officers were chosen :

Town Clerk : Horace F. Tuttle.

Selectmen : William F. Stevens, E. Faulkner Conant, Edwin A. Phalen.

Assessors : E. Faulkner Conant, Chauncy B. Robbins, William F. Kelley.

Overseers of the Poor : Lyman C. Taylor, I. Warren Flagg, William F. Kelley.

School Committee for three years : Charles J. Williams.

Collector of Taxes : Daniel J. Wetherbee.

Constables : James Kinsley, William H. Kingsley, L. E. Reed.

Cemetery Commissioners : Julian Tuttle for one year, Horace F. Tuttle for two years, Herbert T. Clark for three years.

Field Drivers : James Kinsley, William H. Kingsley, L. E. Reed, Daniel H. Farrar.

Surveyors of Lumber, Wood, Hoops and Staves : Herbert T. Clark, Edgar A. Hall, Jona P. Fletcher, E. F. Richardson, Charles E. Smith, Job W. Dupee.

Fence Viewers : Daniel H. Farrar, Reuben L. Reed, Oliver W. Mead.

Trustee of Memorial Library for three years : Charles J. Williams.

Auditor : Frank W. Hoit.

Road Commissioner for three years : William H. Kingsley.

Tree Warden : Charles J. Williams.

Board of Health for three years : Charles J. Williams.

ART. 4. To hear and act upon the report of any committee chosen to report at this meeting.

Mr. Luther Conant offered a verbal report for the Committee on Improvement of Davis Monument Grounds, which was accepted.

ART. 5. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the due observance of Memorial Day.

Voted, To raise fifty (50) dollars.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will accept the Jury List as revised by the Selectmen.

Voted, To accept the Jury List as revised by the Selectmen, after taking from the list the name of A. Percival Bean.

ART. 7. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the repairing of roads and bridges the present year.

Voted, To raise thirty-five hundred (3,500) dollars for roads and bridges.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money for the Town if necessary, in anticipation of taxes the current year.

Voted, To authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money for the Town, if necessary, in anticipation of taxes the current year.

ART. 9. To vote Yes or No in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in Acton the present year?"

Total number of ballots cast,	221
Yes,	61
No,	160

ART. 10. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the support of Memorial Library the present year.

Voted, To raise two hundred (200) dollars for books and four hundred (400) dollars for current expenses.

ART. 11. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the support of schools the present year and act anything thereon.

<i>Voted</i> , To raise for Common schools,	\$3,800
“ “ “ High school,	1,700
“ “ “ School supplies	475
“ “ “ Transportation,	1,030
“ “ “ Books, for High School,	50
“ “ “ Salary of Superintendent,	480

ART. 12. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for school supplies the present year.

Action taken under Article 11.

ART. 13. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for Town Charges the present year, or act anything thereon.

Voted, That expense incurred in the small pox cases be paid from the balance in the Treasury.

Voted, To raise twenty-five hundred dollars.

ART. 14. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for the enforcement of the liquor laws.

Voted, To appropriate five hundred (500) dollars.

Voted, To instruct the Selectmen to enforce the laws.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will maintain street lamps the present year or act anything thereon.

Voted, To raise eight hundred (800) dollars to maintain street lamps.

ART. 16. To see what action the Town will take in reference to the collection of taxes the present year.

Voted, That the Collector charge interest at the rate of five

per cent. per annum on all taxes remaining unpaid after the first day of November next.

Voted, That all taxes shall be paid on or before the first day of March next, and if any taxes remain unpaid after that date the Collector shall collect according to law.

ART. 17. To see what action if any the Town will take relative to proposed retirement of Luther Conant from the office of Presiding Officer of the Town.

Voted, That the Town of Acton present to Luther Conant, as a token of appreciation of, and in partial payment to him for, his long faithful service to the Town as the Presiding Officer of its town meetings, a watch, that said watch to be suitably engraved and presented to him by a committee of three to be selected by the Town at its annual meeting, March 31, 1902.

Voted, That the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be hereby appropriated for the payment of the same.

Chose F. C. Hayward, Jona K. Wetherbee and Charles M. Kimball as a committee to act in the matter.

ART. 18. To see what action, if any, the Town will take in regard to the abolition of any grade crossing in the Town, and instruct its Selectmen as to any action they may wish to take.

Voted, To pass over the Article.

ART. 19. To determine whether the Town will authorize the School Committee to receive compensation for services rendered, as provided in Section 39 of Chapter 42 of the Revised Laws.

Voted, To authorize the School Committee to receive compensation for services rendered as provided by law.

ART. 20. To see if the Town will provide suitable buildings for fire apparatus in the Town or act anything thereon.

Voted, That the Town raise the sum of fifteen hundred dollars to provide suitable buildings for fire apparatus in the Town, the same to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen and Fire Wardens of the Town.

ART. 21. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of

one hundred dollars for four band concerts in each village—Center, West and South Acton.

Voted, To appropriate one hundred dollars for band concerts—four each to be given in the villages of South Acton, West Acton and Acton Center.

ART. 22. To see if the Town will vote to give the legal voters the first right to all kinds of town work or act anything thereon.

Voted, That legal voters be given the first right to all kinds of town work.

ART. 23. To see if the Town will refund to the family of George B. Wetherbee one share of Fitchburg R. R. stock given to the Cemetery Committee by the late Phineas Wetherbee, or act anything thereon.

Voted, To dismiss the Article.

ART. 24. To see if the Town will accept the offer of one thousand dollars made by Alvin M. Lothrop provided they will buy a stone crusher, or act anything thereon.

Voted, That the Town accept and extend to Mr. Lothrop its thanks for his generous gift.

Voted, That the Town buy a stone crusher.

ART. 25. To see if the Town will vote to buy a road roller or act thereon.

Voted, That the Town buy a road roller.

Voted, To raise fifteen hundred dollars to buy a crusher and roller.

Voted, That the Road Commissioners and Selectmen be a committee to purchase the same.

ART. 26. To see if the Town will vote to repair Davis Monument or act anything thereon.

Voted, To authorize the Selectmen to re-point the Davis Monument.

ART. 27. To see if the Town will extend the drain leading from land of A. J. Fletcher to connect with the drain at the corner of land belonging to R. L. Reed, or act anything thereon.

Voted, To extend the drain as described in the Article.

ART. 28. To see if the Town will vote to build a pest house.

Voted, To dismiss the Article.

ART. 29. To see if the Town will authorize the Road Commissioners to construct a sidewalk from the stable of Tuttle & Newton to the "Patriot" building, lay two hundred feet of drain pipe to connect with B. & M. R. R. drains, appropriate a sum of money for the same or act anything thereon.

Voted, To raise two hundred dollars as recommended by the Road Commissioners for the purpose named in the Article.

ART. 30. To see what action the Town will take in relation to re-grading and graveling sidewalk on the State Road in West Acton, or act anything thereon.

Voted, To re-grade and gravel the sidewalk on the State Road in West Acton.

ART. 31. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue two pieces of road leading from the northeast and southeast sides of the Daniel Tuttle road, so called, to the Main street in Acton Common, or act anything thereon.

Voted, To refer the whole matter to the Committee on Improvement of the Davis Monument Grounds, chosen in 1901.

Voted, That James B. Tuttle be added to this Committee.

Voted, That the Committee have authority to close any pieces of road described in the article if they deem it expedient.

Voted, To approve the minutes of the meeting.

Voted, To dissolve the meeting.

A true record. Attest:

HORACE F. TUTTLE,
Town Clerk.

State Election.

PROCEEDINGS OF MEETINGS.

HELD NOV. 4, 1902, IN PRECINCTS NO. 1, 2 AND 3.

VOTES.

FOR GOVERNOR.

	Precinct 1.	Precinct 2.	Precinct 3.	Total
John L. Bates,	79	68	79	226
Michael T. Berry,	0	0	0	0
John C. Chase,	1	1	0	2
William A. Gaston,	35	36	47	118
William H. Partridge,	2	0	3	5
Blanks,	5	1	1	7

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

John Quincy Adams,	3	1	1	5
Thomas F. Brennan,	0	0	0	0
Oliver W. Colby,	0	0	3	3
Curtis Guild Jr.,	80	66	76	222
Herbert C. Joyner,	31	31	43	105
Blanks,	8	8	7	23

SECRETARY.

Edward A. Buckland,	1	0	0	1
Herbert B. Griffin,	0	0	4	4
Jeremiah O'Fihelly,	0	1	0	1
William M. Olin,	80	69	75	224
Willmore B. Stone,	32	30	39	101
Blanks,	9	6	12	27

TREASURER.

Edward S. Bradford,	80	68	76	222
Joseph L. Chalifoux,	32	29	40	101
Frederick A. Nagler,	0	0	0	0
Daniel Parlin,	0	0	4	4
David Taylor,	1	1	0	2
Blanks,	9	8	10	27

AUDITOR.

David Morrison,	2	1	4	7
S. Fremont Packard,	1	0	0	1
Charles Stoeber,	0	1	1	2
Thomas C. Thacher,	34	26	37	97
Henry E. Turner,	73	72	75	220
Blanks,	12	6	13	31

ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Allen Coffin,	0	2	4	6
Charles E. Fenner,	1	1	0	2
John J. Flaherty,	31	22	37	90
John A. Henley,	0	0	0	0
Herbert Parker,	80	72	79	231
Blanks,	10	9	10	29

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS.

Marcus A. Coolidge,	48	38	49	135
Herbert S. Morley,	1	0	2	3
John F. Mullen,	0	0	0	0
Charles Q. Tirrell,	69	63	72	204
Blanks,	4	5	7	16

COUNCILLOR.

John H. Gray,	1	2	4	7
William J. McCluskey,	34	24	38	96
Henri E. Richardson,	1	0	0	1
Walter Scott Watson,	77	69	77	223
Blanks,	9	11	11	31

SENATOR.

Quincy Adams,	1	1	3	5
Herbert E. Fletcher,	74	67	72	213
Benjamin Staveley,	1	1	0	2
Henry F. Tarbell,	36	31	43	110
James W. Grimes,	1	0	0	1
Blanks,	9	6	12	27

REPRESENTATIVES IN THE GENERAL COURT.

John M. Maloney,	41	25	27	93
Henry C. Sherwin,	18	43	34	95
J. Hartwell Whitcomb,	54	32	61	147
Blanks,	9	6	8	23

COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

George R. Duren,	32	33	39	104
Levi S. Gould,	72	63	74	209
Arthur Staveley,	1	1	0	2
Luther S. Wood,	0	0	3	3
Blanks,	17	9	14	40
Total number of ballots cast,	122	106	140	358

Vote for Representative in 23d Middlesex District**Nov. 4, 1902.**

	Acton	Ayer	Littl'n	Shirley	Westf'd	Total
John M. Maloney of Ayer,	93	252	33	59	171	608
Henry C. Sherwin of Ayer,	95	189	50	91	49	474
J. Hartwell Whitcomb of Littleton,	147	31	98	42	62	380
Blanks,	23	15	7	20	26	91
	358	487	188	212	308	1553

Town Clerk's Report.

BIRTHS.

Whole number recorded,	31	Born in Acton,	31
Males,	18	Females,	13
Native parentage,	13	Foreign parentage,	10
Mixed parentage,	8	One parent born in Acton,	7
Both parents born in Acton,	1		

MARRIAGES.

Whole number recorded,	12
Residents of Acton,	18
Residents of other places,	6

DEATHS.

Whole number recorded,	27
Residents of Acton,	25
Residents of other places,	2
Average age, 57—.	

NOTE.—To make the registration as complete as possible, the Town Clerk requests information of any omission or error in the lists of births, marriages and deaths.

NOTE.—In accordance with Section 8, Chap. 32, of the Public Statutes, the Town Clerk hereby gives notice that he is prepared to furnish to all physicians, midwives and persons applying therefor, blanks for the return of births.

HORACE F. TUTTLE,

Town Clerk.

Births Registered in 1902.

NO.	DATE	NAME OF CHILD	NAMES OF PARENTS
*1	Jan. 2	Gladys Arvilla Colby	George W. and Ella J. (Hartt)
2	" 5	Merton Hesselton Drew	Arthur and Alla B. (Hesselton)
3	" 6	Margery Willard Davis	Francis S. and Lucy Emily (Noyes)
4	" 29	Mary Virginia Coughlin	John F. and Mary T. (Waldron)
5	Mar. 6	William Edward Schnair	Charles H. and Leah (Squires)
6	" 15	Burton Clyde Littlefield	Guy P. and Melzina M. (Downie)
7	" 22	Osgood Tuttle	Percy E. and Alice M. (Walsh)
8	" 25	Mary Emmons Gray	Herb't A. and Cath'ine (Nicholson)
9	April 6	Walter Herbert Hanks	Alfred E. and Mary E. (Penniman)
10	" 7	Gertrude Southwick Heath	Charles B. and Mary A. (Cahill)
11	May 12	Martin Albert Olsen	Abraham and Sophia (Jacobson)
12	" 16	Wilbur Martin Peterson	Andrew and Lena (Mason)
13	" 26	Ethel Winifred Tobin	Michael J. and Mary (Quinlan)
14	" 28	Alice May McNiff	John T. and Delia E. (Garrity)
15	July 9	Robert Fletcher Charles	Will Atkinson and Mary Florence (Fletcher)
16	" 30	Annie Maria Morse	Alfred J. and Georgena (Beach)
17	" 31	Thelma Elizabeth Biathrow	Murton H. and Lizzie Frances (Wetherbee)
18	Aug. 4	John William Hurley	James and Bridget (Neyland)
19	" 16	Wilbur George Clark	Harry A. and Catherine F. (Keegan)
20	" 20	Edwin Swift Hayward	William B. and Margaret (Leary)
21	" 25	Mahlon Childs Hale	Herbert and Helena (Smith)
22	" 27	Celia Louise Brodeur	Charles E. and Annie L. (Woodward)
23	Sept. 1	Oscar Sherman Olsen	Simon and Maria (Severinsen)
24	" 8	Bessie Agnes McCullough	John A. and Agnes (Malcom)
25	" 12	Susan Adaliza Fletcher	Lester N. and Alma A. (Fountain)
26	Oct. 3	Allen Martin Christoffersen	Anders and Anne (Anderson)
27	Nov. 2	Hanson Stuart McGregor	John E. and Ida M. (Littlefield)
28	" 12	Anthony Michael Foley	Patrick and Johanna (Conway)
29	" 22	Laura Edith Donnelly	Frank H. and Alice A. (Fitzgerald)
30	Dec. 31	John Otis Mekkelsen	John and Oleane (Knudtsen)

* Reported by mistake in 1901.

Marriages Registered in 1902.

NO.	DATE	PLACE	NAMES	RESIDENCES
1	Jan. 1	Boston	August George Ziegler	Acton
			Olive Mattie Clough	Acton
2	March 10	Acton	George Francis McCauley	Acton
			Nellie M. Rodway	Acton
3	June 17	Acton	Alexander D. Banks	Marlborough
			Kezzie C. Foster	Acton
4	June 25	Acton	Julian Tuttle	Acton
			Clara Sophia Whitcomb	Acton
5	July 7	Chatham, NY	Reid K. Gove	Maynard
			Cora E. Hooper	Acton
6	Sept. 10	Maynard	Frank Jones	Acton
			Eugene Hortense Champagne	Maynard
7	Sept. 24	Acton	George H. Voter	Westford
			Hattie E. Reed	Acton
8	Sept. 27	Acton	Clarence E. F. Foss	Ware
			Maude Benjamin	Acton
9	Oct. 29	Concord	James Edward O'Neil	Acton
			Katherine Frances Foley	Acton
10	Nov. 27	Acton	George M. Crowell	Pawtucket, R.I.
			Emma C. Cutler	Acton
11	Nov. 27	Maynard	Thomas Hearon	Acton
			Ellen Mahoney	Acton
12	Dec. 31	Acton	Walter Aaron Tuttle	Acton
			Alberta Velma Littlefield	Acton

Deaths Registered in 1902.

NO.	DATE	NAMES	AGES		
			YR.	MO.	DS
1	January 15	Lizzie Gertrude Wheeler	28	6	30
2	January 18	John Kelley	64		
3	January 24	Joanna Maillain	79	5	3
4	February 7	James Henry Wood	62	7	28
5	February 9	Thankful Robinson	92	11	9
6	February 13	Florence Amanda Wheeler		5	18
7	February 15	Adolphus Dusseault	59	11	27
8	March 9	Clara Leroa Dole	57	2	5
9	April 5	John Coughlin	90		
10	April 27	Rebecca C. Wright	83	7	24
11	April 28	William Jennings	83	9	9
12	May 5	Cyrus Hale	69	8	
13	May 27	Julia McCarthy	84		
14	June 16	Alice May McNiff			19
15	July 7	Saraphinia Young Tenny	76	3	2
16	August 13	James Edward Billings	79	7	11
17	August 15	Ellen Elizabeth Littlefield	63	3	4
18	August 19	Etta May Phinney	24	10	10
19	September 15	William Joseph Coones	32		3
20	October 24	Fred Walter Teele	31	4	10
21	October 25	Harold B. Thomas	21	5	12
22	November 2	George Smith Dodge	67	6	6
23	November 14	George Peabody	83		
24	November 16	Mary Elizabeth Robbins	80	10	
25	November 18	Susan Conant Fletcher	76	3	10
26	December 2	Nettie Ellsworth Holton	41		13

Non-Resident Burials in 1902.

NO.	DATE OF DEATH	NAME OF PERSON	RESIDENCE	AGES		
				YR.	MO.	DS
	1901					
1	Dec. 29	Alfred E. Trebel	Marlboro	35	3	20
	1902					
2	Jan. 1	Amelia Parks	Malden	60	9	25
3	Jan. 21	Susan S. Fletcher	Newton	63	4	26
4	March 12	Carrie J. Leathe	Medford	39	11	7
5	April 19	Elizabeth Standish	Lowell	79		
6	April 24	Lorenzo A. Pratt	Concord	65	10	15
7	June 2	Nathan T. Hapgood	Ashby	77	1	
8	Aug. 17	Walter Herbert Hanks,	Sudbury		4	11
9	Aug. 29	Elma Lucian Robbins	Somerville			5
10	Sept. 7	Sarah Elizabeth Handley	Concord	58	2	1
11	Sept. 9	Ambrose Heald	Carlisle	86	7	24
12	Nov. 25	Charles L. Jones	Boston	48		
13	Dec. 9	Anna A. Holbrook	Boston	19	8	
14	Dec. 18	Warren W. Wade	Waltham	66	9	14
15	Dec. 31	Abigail Payne Joyce	Concord	74	10	15
	1878					
16	Jan. 6	William J. Bussell	Boston	3	5	16
	1872					
17	Sept. 19	Emily C. Jennings	Boston	53	7	19
	1871					
18	Aug. 8	Chester C. Noyes	Boston			23

Persons Having Dogs Licensed in 1902.

J. Sterling Morse,	\$2 00	Charles S. Moulton,	\$2 00
Murthon H. Biathrow,	2 00	Moses A. Thompson,	2 00
Charles H. Morris,	2 00	Constance O'Neil,	2 00
Frank W. Bulette,	2 00	Smith Finney, (2)	10 00
Albert H. Perkins,	2 00	Abel Farrar,	2 00
Charles J. Williams, ¹	2 00	Timothy A. Thompson,	2 00
Lester N. Fletcher, (2)	4 00	John Maynes,	2 00
Daniel C. Lincoln,	2 00	Michael G. Hayes,	2 00
Everett Spinney,	5 00	Henry J. Stooss,	2 00
C. H. Fairbanks,	2 00	Robert Deschler, (2)	7 00
C. S. Simonds,	2 00	A. Risso,	2 00
Luke Tuttle,	2 00	O. A. Knowlton,	2 00
William F. Stevens,	2 00	George Worster,	2 00
Luther Conant,	2 00	F. J. Barker, (2)	7 00
David C. Harris,	2 00	George F. Lawrie,	5 00
Nathaniel G. Brown,	2 00	W. S. Warren,	2 00
W. B. Holt,	2 00	Elnathan Jones,	2 00
Amasa E. Lincoln,	2 00	Francis Pratt,	2 00
Catherine Green,	2 00	Edwin Johnson,	2 00
William F. Kelley,	2 00	Willard Randolph,	2 00
J. Linwood Richardson,	5 00	Murray Brown,	2 00
John Downey,	2 00	W. C. Robbins,	2 00
Cyrus G. Dole, (2)	4 00	C. C. Taylor,	5 00
Mary E. Davis,	2 00	E. C. Shapley,	2 00
Ed. Willis,	2 00	W. H. Hill,	2 00
James P. Brown,	2 00	Charles Wheeler,	2 00
Herbert W. Kingman,	2 00	Robert G. Reed,	2 00
Moses Taylor,	2 00	C. A. Sawyer,	5 00
Roy L. Duren, (2)	10 00	C. M. Kimball,	2 00
W. H. Lawrence,	2 00	Henry M. Smith,	2 00
Wilford P. Hooper,	2 00	John McCarthy,	2 00
Charles T. Calder,	5 00	A. J. Morse,	2 00
Daniel H. Farrar,	2 00	W. Watkins,	2 00
J. E. Durkee,	2 00	J. H. Watkins, (2)	4 00
Michael O'Connell,	2 00	L. C. Carberg,	2 00
P. F. Maguire,	2 00	Fred Stiles,	2 00
Charles L. Ford, (2)	10 00	F. J. Holden,	2 00

Herbert Hale,	\$2 00	George A. DeLord,	\$2 00
F. W. Hoit,	2 00	Warren H. Jones,	2 00
Tuttle & Newton,	2 00	James Cole,	2 00
John Temple,	2 00	Hiram E. Gates,	2 00
Chester H. Harris,	2 00	J. W. Livermore,	2 00
Fred S. Whitcomb,	2 00	Joseph R. Brown, (2)	4 00
Arthur Tuttle,	2 00	Com. of Mass.,	2 00
Solon Robbins,	2 00	Elizabeth Taylor,	2 00
George A. Barker,	2 00	A. F. Durkee,	2 00
A. Merriam,	2 00	F. W. Gray,	2 00
W. C. Tast,	2 00	Wilbur Fisk,	2 00
H. A. Gould,	2 00	T. C. Lothrop, (2)	10 00
Benjamin Pope, (5)	13 00	Frank Harris,	2 00
N. J. Cole, (2)	7 00	Fred D. Morrison,	2 00
M. E. Taylor,	2 00	Patrick O'Neil,	2 00
Henry Hanson,	2 00	C. B. Robbins, (2)	4 00
Francis S. Davis,	5 00	John J. Mekkelsen,	2 00
Charles A. Taylor,	2 00	George T. Knowlton,	2 00
Edmund Dow,	5 00	W. J. Moore, (2)	4 00
A. L. Lawrence,	2 00	Mrs. Fredson P. Brooks,	2 00
Frank A. Pratt,	2 00		

Whole number licensed, 132.

Number of males, 112, at \$2.00 each,	\$224 00
Number of females, 20, at 5.00 each,	100 00
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	\$324 00
Deduct fees, 132 licenses at 20 cents each,	26 40
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Amount paid to County Treasurer,	\$297 60

HORACE F. TUTTLE,
Town Clerk.

Selectmen's Report.

Financial.

The financial condition of the Town March 12, 1903.

Due from State for State and military aid,	\$654 00	
“ State for burial of soldiers,	35 00	
“ U. S. Government, pension,	36 00	
“ City of Newburyport,	13 27	
“ State, inspection of animals,	59 40	
“ Treasurer,	1,867 68	
“ Collector,	2,612 82	
“ Interest on uncollected taxes,	47 15	
		\$5,325 32

LIABILITIES.

Due E. Jones note,	\$2,000 00	
“ interest to March 17, 1903,	66 75	
Due Cemetery Fund,	1,975 00	
		\$4,041 75
Balance in favor of Town, March 12, 1903,		\$1,283 57

WILLIAM F. STEVENS,
E. FAULKNER CONANT,
EDWIN A. PHALEN,
Selectmen of Acton.

Acton, March 12, 1903.

Centre School.

Paid Sadie A. Collier, Grammar School,	\$380 00
Ella A. Miller, Intermediate School,	418 00
Cora F. Warren, Primary School,	120 00
Martha F. Smith, Primary School,	260 00

Paid South Acton Coal & Lumber Co.,		
40,770 lbs. coal,	\$147	19
Julian Tuttle, janitor,	41	00
" cleaning rooms,	6	80
A. Parlin, janitor,	90	72
" cleaning rooms,	11	58
M. E. Taylor & Co., incidentals,	7	60
A. Parlin, sawing wood,		75
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		\$1,483 64

South School.

Paid Gertrude A. Williams, Grammar School,	\$120	00
Edith H. Vinal, Intermediate School,	120	00
Mary A. Adams, Primary School,	120	00
Nellie M. Reed, Intermediate School,	3	00
Jennie A. Willey, Grammar School,	260	00
Bertha M. Bridges, Intermediate School,	260	00
Eudora W. Gould, Primary School,	260	00
G. C. Turner, janitor,	138	70
" cleaning rooms,	26	45
" fuel,	26	40
" teaming coal,	9	68
South Acton Coal & Lumber Co.,		
28,970 lbs. coal,	80	08
E. Jones, incidentals,	8	82
Tuttle & Newton, incidentals,	3	75
J. L. Hammett Co., incidentals,	5	29
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		\$1,442 17

West School.

Paid Grace E. Webber, Grammar School	\$120	00
Jean Cragin, Intermediate School,	120	00
Harriet H. Gardner, Primary School,	456	00
Sarah J. Holland, Grammar School,	60	00
Helen M. Tilden, Intermediate School,	70	00
Blanche E. Clough, Grammar School,	196	00
Lena E. Sewall, Intermediate School,	190	00

Paid T. Scanlon, janitor,	\$135 23
" cleaning rooms,	16 00
" incidentals,	1 43
E. L. Parker & Co., 28,020 lbs coal,	95 74
G. S. Whitney, 4,000 lbs. coal,	18 00
F. R. Knowlton, fuel,	16 00
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	\$1,494 40

High School.

Paid A. L. Faxon, Principal,	\$1,000 00
Kate W. Hall, Assistant,	225 00
Helen M. Waterman, Assistant,	275 00
G. C. Turner, janitor,	105 80
" fuel,	22 90
South Acton Coal & Lumber Co.,	
17,440 lbs. coal,	65 82
G. C. Turner, cleaning rooms,	13 45
E. Jones, incidentals,	1 45
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	\$1,709 42

School Supplies.

Paid American Book Co.,	\$44 70
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	73 31
Silver-Burdett Co.,	42 33
J. L. Hammett Co.,	190 02
Educational Publishing Co.,	16 84
University Publishing Co.,	24 04
Ginn & Co.,	50 46
Maynard, Merrill & Co.,	1 70
D. C. Heath & Co.,	2 50
National Publishing Co.,	1 25
Allyn & Bacon,	10 00
E. E. Babb & Co.,	16 40
W. A. Raynor, express,	2 80
C. J. Williams, "	5 30
A. L. Noyes, transporting supplies,	13 60
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	\$495 25

Apparatus for High School.

Paid Ziegler Electric Co.,	\$5 26	
A. W. Hall Scientific Co.,	23 81	
J. L. Hammett Co.,	3 25	
C. J. Williams, express,	1 95	
American Book Co.,	4 32	
DeWolfe, Fiske & Co.,	11 93	
	<hr/>	\$50 52

Transportation Public School Scholars

Paid G. E. Greenough, North,	\$484 00	
Jeno Meckleson, East,	484 00	
Thomas S. Jones, Southeast,	253 75	
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Transportation High School Scholars.

Paid F. H. Pratt,	\$15 00	
S. B. Ineson,	5 00	
John Maines,	5 00	
B. W. Reed,	5 00	
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Musical Instruction in Schools.

Paid M. M. Brown, Instructor,	\$90 00
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Town Officers.

Paid L. E. Reed, Constable,	\$ 9 50
C. J. Williams, School Committee,	80 20
H. E. Richardson, School Superintendent,	480 00
W. H. Kingsley, Constable,	2 50
James Kinsley, " "	2 50
C. B. Robbins, Assessor,	55 00
W. F. Kelley, " "	55 00
E. F. Conant, " "	89 00
W. F. Stevens, Collector for 1900-1901,	300 00

Paid H. E. Clough, Sealer Weights and Measures,	\$6 00
M. A. Reed, Deputy Tree Warden,	3 00
M. A. Reed, Inspector Animals,	118 80
Spofford Robbins, Election Officer,	2 50
H. F. Tuttle, " "	2 50
A. W. Foster, " "	2 50
L. C. Taylor, " "	2 50
F. F. Newton, " "	2 50
Abram Tuttle, " "	2 50
H. J. Hapgood, " "	2 50
N. J. Cole, " "	2 50
D. H. Hall, " "	2 50
W. F. Kelley, " "	2 50
C. B. Stone, " "	2 50
James Kinsley, " "	2 50
E. F. Conant, Selectman,	50 00
E. A. Phalen, "	50 00
W. F. Stevens, "	95 00
H. F. Tuttle, Town Clerk,	30 00
" " Registrar Voters,	15 00
J. McGreen, " "	12 00
S. A. Guilford, " "	12 00
D. T. Kinsley, " "	12 00
H. F. Tuttle, School Committee,	15 00
L. C. Taylor, Overseer of Poor,	50 00
W. F. Kelley, " "	20 00
F. W. Hoit, Auditor,	6 00
G. C. Turner, Truant Officer,	1 50
J. K. W. Wetherbee, Treasurer,	90 00
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	\$1,690 00

State and Military Aid.

Paid Emma F. Blood, 12 orders,	\$48 00
John Clark, 8 orders,	40 00
Aaron S. Fletcher, 12 orders,	48 00
Ephraim B. Forbush, 12 orders,	48 00
Lydia Handley, 12 orders,	48 00

Paid Huldah Moulton, 12 orders,	\$48 00
Bridget Mawn, 12 orders,	48 00
Mary A. Parlin, 12 orders,	48 00
Mary Smith, 12 orders,	48 00
Rebecca C. Wright, 2 orders,	8 00
Phebe Wood, 12 orders,	48 00
Addison B. Wheeler, 12 orders,	48 00
Eben F. Wood, 12 orders,	48 00
Mary A. Whalen, 8 orders,	32 00
W. B. Ball,	92 00

\$700 00

Amount to be returned by Commonwealth, \$654 00

Support of Poor on Farm.

Paid Moses Thompson, services as Superintendent,	350 00
J. B. Tuttle for cow,	48 00
M. Thompson, repairing shoes,	1 50
" peaches,	60
John Wilson for labor,	1 20
M. Thompson, seed corn,	50
" dynamite,	50
F. J. Livingston, soap,	4 00
M. Maginnis, labor,	10 20
L. C. Taylor, seed corn,	1 00
" cultivator,	5 25
" 2 iron beds,	6 50
" 2 spring beds,	4 50
" freight,	40
" 2 pigs,	7 00
" paid for labor,	36 62
" 125 empty barrels,	37 50
E. C. Parker & Co., grain,	306 20
E. Jones, mattress,	2 50
Tuttle & Newton, supplies,	15 80
L. Purdy, labor,	60 00
C. O'Neil, 1½ bushel of potatoes,	1 35

Paid S. S. Searles, repairs,	\$19 13
M. E. Taylor & Co., supplies,	519 05
E. A. Phalen, repairs,	2 00
L. McNeil, labor,	2 97
Whitcomb & Perkins, pasturing young stock,	8 00
F. J. Hastings & Co., grain,	29 15
T. Harmon, labor,	25 20
W. H. Kingsley, dynamite,	4 09
W. F. Kelley, paid for pasturing cattle,	8 00
E. B. Harlow, supplies,	20 16
J. S. Moore, supplies,	76 49
J. B. Tuttle, repairs,	1 80
South Acton Coal & Lumber Co., lumber,	12 20
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	\$1,639 36

Printing.

Paid E. F. Worcester Press, Town reports,	\$88 85
“ “ Town warrants,	7 25
“ “ automobile notices,	2 25
“ “ poll tax lists,	7 50
A. Hosmer, Board of Health notices,	1 00
“ caucus notices and ballots,	3 50
“ Board of Health ballots,	1 00
“ High school graduation programs,	3 30
“ stationery and printing,	9 55
“ school department,	4 50
“ sealer of weights and measures labels,	75
Enterprise Co., street railway notices,	9 00
J. L. Hammett Co., filling diplomas,	1 00
Enterprise Co., tree warden notices,	1 25
H. S. Turner, school department,	1 40
E. F. Worcester Press, voting lists,	10 00
Enterprise Co., dog notice,	1 00
A. Hosmer, tree warden permits,	90
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	\$154 00

Roads and Bridges.

Paid Wm. H. Kingsley, highway work,	\$1,117 50	
A. H. Perkins, “	1,091 14	
A. C. Piper, “	927 43	
H. T. Clark, repairs,	2 00	
South Acton Coal & Lumber Co., supplies,	42 22	
F. J. Hastings & Co., supplies,	6 00	
W. F. Hale, repairs,	5 80	
Tuttle & Newton, supplies for stone crusher,	55 75	
A. C. Piper, use of team,	34 00	
George Tyler & Co., supplies for crusher,	4 50	
S. S. Searles, repairs,	40	
S. Jones, labor,	7 04	
D. C. Harris, stone,	5 80	
A. H. Perkins, 461 loads gravel,	23 05	
“ dynamite and caps,	6 00	
“ 6 shovels,	4 50	
J. P. Brown, repairs,	41 97	
S. H. Guilford, repairs,	7 17	
T. F. Parker, tar,	50	
W. H. Kingsley, dynamite,	10 62	
F. Z. Taylor, repairing railing,	50	
American Powder Mills, dynamite,	2 74	
Hall Bros., lumber,	2 46	
S. S. Searles, catch basin grate,	2 50	
M. E. Taylor & Co., supplies,	3 63	
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		\$3,405 22
Appropriation,	\$3,500 00	
Unexpended balance,	94 78	

Special Road Work.

Paid A. C. Piper, near south railroad station,	\$66 23
F. J. Hastings & Co., drainpipe near south railroad station,	113 97
A. C. Piper, sluice near J. McGreen's,	12 46

Paid F. J. Hastings & Co., drainpipe near J. McGreen's,	\$10 92
South Acton Coal & Lumber Co., supplies near J. McGreen's,	13 05

\$216 63

Stone Crushing Plant.

Paid Geo. W. Tibbetts, platform wagon,	\$100 00
Acme Road Mach'y Co., 4 Ton roller,	300 00
Good Roads Mach. Co., stone crusher and engine,	1,507 00
O. D. Wood, labor on crusher,	23 08
E. A. Phalen, " "	26 98
Blanchard & Gould, lumber,	9 36
So. Acton C. & L. Co., lumber,	104 67
W. H. Kingsley, labor,	65 34
" " express,	2 70
So. Acton C. & L. Co., lumber,	10 94
T. F. Parker, supplies,	4 73
" " sewer pump,	56 75
J. P. Brown, supplies,	15 36
Geo. Tyler, "	13 78
S. S. Searles, "	4 75

\$2,245 44

Appropriation,	\$1,500 00
Received of A. M. Lothrop,	1,000 00

Snow Bills.

Paid A. H. Perkins,	\$9 80
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Repairs—State Highway.

Paid State Treasurer,	\$53 60
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Support of Outside Poor.

Paid Worcester Insane Hospital, board J. A. McLane,	\$169 46
Worcester Insane Hospital, board Anna H. Parlin,	169 46

Paid Worcester Insane Asylum, board	
Clara Wheeler,	\$169 46
City of Marlboro, aid A. Rickaby,	35 84
City of Fitchburg, aid Mrs. Thomas	
Randall,	15 00
F. E. Tasker, med. attendance, Etta	
Phinney,	30 00
F. G. Barker, med. attendance, Hugh	
Patterson,	6 50
F. G. Barker, med. attendance, Wm.	
Roach,	11 75
L. C. Taylor, expenses to Tewksbury,	1 50
Town of Littleton, aid Daniel Daily	
family in 1900,	43 45
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Soldiers' Relief and Burial of Indigent Soldiers.

Paid F. E. Tasker, M. D., med. attendance,	
J. H. Wood,	\$43 00
F. J. Barker, M. D., med. attendance,	
R. C. Wright,	12 00
C. F. Wright, board of Phoebe Wood,	227 42
L. C. Taylor, transport. " "	1 50
O. E. Houghton, " " "	1 50
Town of Acton, board " "	9 00
Charlotte Thompson, care of Phoebe	
Wood,	9 00
Tuttle & Newton, aid Mary A.	
Whalen,	4 00
South Acton Coal & Lumber Co., aid	
Mary A. Whalen,	6 77
Town of Winchendon, aid Mary	
Cram,	9 89
H. T. Clark, Burial Agent,	35 00
James Adams, aid Mary A. Whalen,	2 50
F. E. Tasker, M. D., med. attendance,	
Phoebe Wood,	17 00
E. A. Phalen, expense, Phoebe Wood	
pension,	2 50
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Due from Commonwealth,	\$35 00
“ “ City of Newburyport,	13 27
Received from pension and State Aid account Phoebe Wood,	120 00
Due from pension, account Phoebe Wood,	36 00

Memorial Library—Books.

Paid DeWolf, Fiske & Co.,	\$184 16
Little, Brown & Co.,	2 20
W. A. Wilde Co.,	8 67
W. B. Clark Co.,	134 49
National Subscription Agency,	32 95
W. D. Tuttle, periodicals,	3 24

\$365 71

Memorial Library Expenses.

Paid E. M. Cutler, transporting books,	\$52 00
South Acton Coal & Lumber Co., 5,310 lbs. coal,	54 74
D. J. Wetherbee, insurance,	80 50
W. W. Oliver, repairing clock,	5 00
A. F. Davis, librarian,	80 50
Flora B. Reed, librarian,	10 00
Viola S. Tuttle, librarian,	14 00
O. D. Wood, janitor,	100 00
Library Bureau, index cards,	2 00
Mass. Reformatory, printing,	5 00
Dennison Mfg. Co., supplies,	50
G. E. Greenough, 1 cord wood,	6 00
“ drawing wood,	1 50
L. Conant, 2 cords wood,	8 00
G. W. Lincoln, sawing wood,	2 00
A. F. Davis, cataloging,	5 00
A. G. Smith, fuel,	3 50
M. E. Taylor & Co., incidentals,	22 27
E. F. Worcester Press, binding,	8 30
J. R. Wales, binding,	35 50
W. D. Tuttle, express and expenses,	10 95

\$507 26

Miscellaneous.

Paid James Hill, care Town hall and clock,	\$10 37
C. C. Taylor, care Town hall,	20 25
Harwood Bros., gold watch,	150 00
F. C. Harwood, engraving watch,	3 50
C. H. Persons, tuning piano Centre school,	2 50
Isaac Davis Post, Memorial Day,	50 00
C. J. Williams, postage and telephone,	9 09
H. T. Clark, driving cows from cemetery,	50
A. V. Hawley, music for High school graduation,	28 00
C. J. Williams paid W. S. Gray, speaker at High school graduation,	15 00
E. Jones, Town order book,	2 50
H. E. Richardson, supt., stationery and postage,	10 65
Tuttle & Newton, repairs for Town flag,	1 00
T. Scanlon, water for West school,	2 67
Acton Cadet Band,	100 00
A. Parlin, repairing flag,	75
E. F. Conant, 3 assessors books,	3 75
W. F. Stevens, abatement of taxes,	78 35
A. H. Perkins, work of State Highway Commissioners,	98 05
A. L. Noyes, entertainment grade crossing,	11 00
C. H. Persons, rent of piano for High school graduation,	6 00
R. S. Robson, precinct seal,	2 25
J. L. Hammett Co., school department,	2 92
H. E. Richardson, supt., car fares,	1 58
T. Scanlon, opening rooms for registration of voters and election,	2 00
F. E. Tasker, examining Phoebe Wood,	1 00
J. S. Hoar, plans and specifications for engine house,	12 00

Paid E. A. Phalen, fuel for Town hall,	\$2 00
" material and labor, post- automobile notices,	2 80
F. W. Bateman, services as engineer in grade crossing hearing,	11 98
Julian Tuttle, care Town clock,	11 60
Joslin & Mendum, legal services,	150 00
F. E. Tasker, M. D., returning births,	2 75
F. U. Rich, M. D., " "	1 25
F. J. Barker, M. D., " "	2 75
E. F. Conant, expenses of witnesses in grade crossing matter,	18 80
G. W. Worster, transportation acct. grade crossing,	5 00
Waldo Chaplin, transportation acct. grade crossing,	4 00
W. H. Kingsley, removing tree near J. F. Coughlin,	3 80
W. H. Kingsley, bolting shade tree,	1 75
W. F. Stevens, expenses, street rail- way matters,	12 11
W. F. Stevens, telephone,	95
B. & M. R. R., freight,	1 02
W. F. Stevens, grade crossing expenses,	5 09
B. & M. R. R., rent of land,	1 00
Recording deed of Jones land,	65
Hobbs-Warren Co., blanks,	23
Resetting Town bound,	1 50
Commonwealth, revised laws,	6 00
W. F. Stevens, postage,	9 08
National Express Co.,	55
Transporting election returns,	1 00
W. F. Stevens, fire station expenses,	40
E. F. Conant, car fares, postage, tele- phone and express,	9 50
H. F. Tuttle, collecting and recording 30 births,	15 00
H. F. Tuttle, recording 12 marriages,	2 40
" " 27 deaths,	5 40

Paid H. F. Tuttle, transmitting 2 certificates of deaths,	50
“ attending Town Clerk’s meeting,	2 50
“ copying records for Town report,	3 00
“ express charges,	2 40
“ postage,	2 51
“ dog license blanks and notices,	1 75
“ stationery,	1 00
“ supplies for State election,	40
“ making plan and attending Court in South Acton on grade crossing case,	7 50
E. A. Phalen, care Town clock,	5 00
“ care Town hall,	2 00
M. E. Taylor & Co., supplies for Town hall,	7 56
C. C. Taylor, care flag,	3 50
“ care pump and trough,	3 50
James Kinsley, use of Hurley road,	8 00
D. F. Wetherbee, school census,	15 00
“ collector’s cash book,	2 00
I. F. Duren, 18 burials,	54 00
“ 20 returns of death,	5 00
W. F. Stevens, stationery,	33
J. K. Wetherbee, postage,	11 56
“ stationery,	2 25

\$1,057 30

Enforcement of Liquor Law.

Paid H. Sullivan, securing evidence,	\$36 18
W. F. Stevens, expenses,	12 94

\$49 12

Appropriation,	\$500 00
Received from Court fines,	163 84

Board of Health.

Paid Julian Tuttle, Agent and expenses,	\$59 57
A. Parlin, use of team,	9 55
A. Hosmer, printing,	5 90
School Committee, duplicators,	5 23
State Board of Health, culture tubes,	2 00
L. E. Reed, Constable in abatement of nuisances in South Acton,	5 00

 \$87 25
Repairs—Town Buildings and Grounds.

Paid F. R. Knowlton, paint stock for West School in 1901,	\$115 53
F. E. Harris, repairs, West School,	4 90
G. W. Daniel, " " "	2 50
T. Scanlon, " " "	23 35
So. Acton C. & L. Co., repairs, West School,	12 12
T. Scanlon, repairs, West School,	2 97
So. Acton C. & L. Co., repairs, South School,	54 89
G. W. Daniels, repairs, South School,	1 00
S. S. Searles, " Town clock,	1 50
" " " shade trees,	3 25
G. C. Turner, " South School,	38 80
" " moving ashes, South School,	1 00
G. C. Turner, repairing clocks, South School,	4 00
G. C. Turner, express,	70
Mrs. A. Parlin, repairing flag,	75
Julian Tuttle, labor on Mon. grounds,	17 72
A. Parlin, " " "	3 17
Julian Tuttle, care Center School,	4 60
A. Parlin; repairs, " "	1 75
W. B. Davis, " " "	1 85
John Temple, " South "	13 00
W. S. Kelley, " " "	210 25

Paid Chandler Desk Co., repairs, South School,	\$9 60
A. C. Piper, repairs, South School grounds,	83 70
J. P. Brown, repairs, South School grounds,	4 00
Tuttle & Newton, repairs, South School,	7 69
F. R. Knowlton, paint stock, South School,	137 59
S. Jones, repairs, South School,	58 47
F. Z. Taylor, " " "	3 05
J. L. Hammett Co., repairs, school buildings,	47 19
W. B. Davis, repairs, Memorial Library,	11 64
O. D. Wood, repairs, Memorial Library,	60
D. J. Wetherbee, repairs, Memorial Library,	7 50
W. P. Lapham, repairs, Monument,	54 17
C. W. H. Moulton, flag staff for Monument,	13 35
C. Edwards, teaming lumber for Monument,	2 00
E. A. Phelan, labor on Monument,	7 50
" " express, "	15
O. D. Wood, labor on "	13 00
South Acton Coal & Lumber Co., lumber for Monument,	35 80
Geo. G. Keith, repairs on school buildings,	31 62
N. H. Tenny, material and labor on cannon,	89 73
N. H. Tenney, repairing heater,	6 00
C. J. Williams, express,	50
C. Edwards, mowing Common,	3 80
Tuttle & Newton, repairing pump,	23
M. A. Reed, cleaning vaults, Center School,	3 75

Paid G. C. Turner, repairs, South School,	\$1 75
E. A. Phalen, " Center "	5 75
A. L. Noyes, " " "	
grounds,	2 50
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Street Lighting.

Paid F. W. Green, care of lamps,	\$207 90
B. I. Ineson, " "	16 00
C. S. Richardson, " "	92 25
Wm. Edwards, " "	16 00
L. W. Brodeur, " "	17 00
M. G Hayes, " "	65 00
H. R. Phalen, " "	56 00
E. F. Conant, " "	7 00
H. V. Simonds, " "	19 02
H. W. Kingman, " "	19 02
R. L. Hastings, " "	19 02
E. Jones, supplies,	15 12
Tuttle & Newton, "	94 14
Globe Gas Light Co., "	13 70
W. S. Kelley, repairs,	104 55
J. W. Rice, "	21 70
National Express Co.,	25
C. H. Mead & Co., supplies,	86 04
M. E. Taylor & Co., " for E. Acton,	23 56
M. E. Taylor & Co., supplies for Center,	38 06
S. L. Richardson, 1 lamp,	4 00
D. C. Harris, "	4 00
J. D. Moulton, "	4 00
I. F. Duren, "	4 00
A. Faviar, "	4 00
S. A. Christie, "	4 00
L. C. Taylor, "	4 00
M. Tobin, "	4 00
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Cemetery Expenses.

Paid A. H. Perkins, labor, Mt. Hope,	\$ 44 77	
F. W. Green, " "	36 94	
Shady Hill Nursery, shrubs, Mt. Hope,	89 70	
A. Batley, plants, "	8 00	
H. T. Clark, labor, "	28 68	
" " trees, "	3 25	
Whitcomb & Morse, labor, "	12 78	
Joel Whitcomb, " "	5 78	
T. Scanlon, " "	2 75	
A. B. McNeil, " "	3 40	
B. & M. R. R., freight, "	90	
Josiah Withington, 2½ cords manure Mt. Hope,	16 78	
Julian Tuttle, labor, Woodlawn,	77 55	
" " " North,	1 50	
A. Parlin, " Woodlawn,	45 24	
" " " North,	1 50	
" " freight,	25	
Arthur Tuttle, labor, Woodlawn,	21 00	
N. G. Brown, " "	4 38	
Shady Hill Nursery, shrubs, Woodlawn	11 10	
Geo. G. Keith, repairing pump, Wood- lawn,	1 00	
F. E. Harris, lettering Mrs. Almon Wright's stone,	6 50	
Julian Tuttle, for perpetual care of lots,	59 17	
H. T. Clark, " " "	5 50	
C. H. Mead & Co., fertilizer and grass seed,	5 43	
Hall Bros., lumber for Mt. Hope,	10 00	
		\$503 85
Appropriation for care of cemeteries,	\$400 00	
Interest on Cemetery Trust funds,	64 67	
		\$464 67

Fire Department—Special Appropriation.

Paid So. Acton C. & L. Co., supplies for		
So. Acton engine house,	\$295	84
So. Acton Fire Dept., engine house,	150	00
A. C. Piper, grading,	37	16
James Cole, sand,	2	00
B. Anderson, labor,	15	00
S. Jones, “	225	07
A. J. Owens, “	7	00
C. B. Owens, “	3	00
J. W. Bradley, “	5	25
John Temple, “	12	95
H. F. Robbins, “	4	00
Tuttle & Newton, paint stock,	46	58
C. E. Brodeur, painting engine house,	55	00
E. Jones, furnishings for “ “	35	35
F. C. Hayward, land for West Acton engine house,	200	00
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	\$1,094	20
Unexpended balance,	\$405	80

Fire Department.

Paid Tuttle & Newton, supplies for So. Ac- ton engine company,	\$14	40
G. C. Turner, labor, So. Acton engine house,		50
Fellows & Co., extension ladder for West Acton,	45	00
W. E. Haywood, repairs, West Acton,	1	75
S. A. Guilford, “ “ “		40
J. P. Brown, supplies, So. Acton,	1	98
F. W. Green, care H. and L. house, W. Acton,	3	00
F. W. Green, moving chemical engine,		75
D. H. Farrar, care E. Acton H. & L. house,	2	00
Chas. Leach, care So. Acton engine house and engine,	3	42

Paid F. Jones, repairs, So. Acton engine house,	\$1 20	
Tuttle & Newton, supplies for E. Acton,	50	
C. H. Mead & Co., " W. Acton,	<u>1 50</u>	
		\$76 40

Loans and Interest.

Paid E. Jones, interest on note for \$2000 to May 17, 1902,	\$80 00	
F. C. Hayward, interest on \$500, cemetery fund,	17 50	
Ayer National Bank, money borrowed in anticipation of taxes,	4,000 00	
Ayer National Bank, interest for 4 months,	53 33	
Ayer National Bank, money borrowed in anticipation of taxes,	4,000 00	
Ayer National Bank, interest for 6 months,	<u>80 00</u>	
		\$8,230 83

Rents.

Paid Ella F. Hosmer, rent Central hall,	\$125 00	
A. L. Noyes, rent store-room for school department,	10 00	
South Acton Universalist Society for vestry,	<u>3 00</u>	
		\$138 00

Small Pox Expenses.

Paid E. L. Reed, constable,	\$ 75 00
Arthur Tuttle, services,	104 25
C. H. Mead & Co., supplies for J. A. Goding,	7 27
O. D. Wood, constructing telephone line,	6 75
R. L. Duren, material for telephone line,	<u>16 08</u>

Paid F. L. Whitcomb, material for telephone line,	\$9 00
F. E. Tasker, material for telephone line,	2 52
E. Jones, furniture for detention hospital,	105 33
E. Jones, furniture for A. I. Goding,	36 15
“ “ “ J. A. Goding,	35 20
“ “ “ Annie McNeil,	10 13
O. W. Mead, rent for Grady family,	6 00
M. E. Taylor & Co., supplies for hospital,	61 57
J. W. Livermore, sawdust for hospital,	1 00
E. F. Tasker, medical attendance family of J. A. Goding,	19 00
F. E. Tasker, medical attendance family of Augustus McNeil,	18 00
E. F. Tasker, medical attendance family of Grady,	16 00
F. E. Tasker, medical attendance Mrs. C. V. Twitchell,	9 00
L. Conant, rent hospital,	35 00
J. A. Goding, washing for A. I. Goding,	2 50
C. H. Goldthwait & Co., formaldehyde,	12 40
Kate Thomas, entertaining Grady family,	2 00
South Acton Coal & Lumber Co., coal,	14 58
South Acton Coal & Lumber Co., lumber,	17 25
J. Q. McCollister., M. D., professional services,	25 00
T. B. Shea, M. D., professional services,	50 00
E. J. Alley, M. D., professional services,	495 00
Catherine Naramore, nurse,	100 00
Anthony I. Goding, nurse,	50 00

Maggie McNail, cook,	20 00	
W. H. Kingsley, constable,	57 00	
L. N. Fowler, supplies,	9 25	
G. E. Greenough, fuel for hospital,	7 00	
" teaming coal for hospital,	2 00	
G. E. Greenough, use of horses on hack,	10 00	
A. Parlin, use of team,	8 80	
G. L. Noyes, use of horses and team,	20 75	
F. J. Barker, car fare and telephone,	8 10	
C. T. Calder, care of lantern,	2 50	
B. J. Ineson, care of lantern,	2 00	
J. B. Tuttle, milk for hospital,	2 40	
C. H. Whitney, supplies,	33 05	
G. G. Keith, supplies for hospital,	27 27	
H. E. Holt, driving hack,	10 00	
E. B. Harlow, supplies for Grady family,	7 12	
H. A. Littlefield, supplies for Grady family,	21 16	
H. A. Littlefield, supplies for A. B. McNeil,	8 95	
Estate L. Blanchard, milk for Grady family,	72	
Hall Bros., fuel for Grady family,	1 50	
		\$1,601 55
Reimbursed by the Commonwealth,	\$501 68	

Receipts for Year Ending March 12th, 1903.

Balance due from Treasurer, March 12th, 1902,	\$2,202 87
Balance due from Collector, March, 1902,	2,683 77
Appropriation for High School,	1,700 00
" Common schools,	3,800 00
School Supt. salary,	480 00
Books for High School,	50 00
School supplies,	475 0

Transportation public		
school pupils,	1,030	00
Roads and bridges,	3,500	00
Buildings for Fire Department,	1,500	00
Memorial Library,	600	00
Memorial Day,	50	00
Street lamps,	800	00
Stone crusher and roller,	1,500	00
Road and drains in South Acton,	200	00
Town charges,	2,430	13
Received from Ayer National Bank, loan,	8,000	00
" Cemetery Fund,	1,000	00
State Treasurer, corporation tax,	4,217	11
" " National bank tax,	262	87
" " Military Aid,	91	25
" " State Aid,	608	00
" " account contagious disease,	501	68
" " income Mass. School Fund,	426	34
" " inspection of animals,	18	60
" " supervision schools,	375	00
" " burial indigent soldiers,	35	00
" " St. Ry. tax,	23	33
" " temporary support State paupers,	12	50
County Treasurer, dog tax,	285	70
District Court, court fines,	163	84
A. M. Lothrop, stone crusher,	1,000	00
E. Gruber, pedler's license,	8	00
Max Sackenofsky, pedler's license,	8	00

N. Specter, pedler's license,	\$8 00
Board of Health, fumigating,	5 00
A. F. Blanchard, slaughter house license,	1 00
C. B. Robbins, pool license,	2 00
S. Jones, old floor boards,	4 00
A. H. Perkins, road dust,	10 00
H. F. Tuttle, cemetery lots sold,	39 00
Rent of Town Hall,	10 00
Wm. F. Stevens, interest on taxes,	99 40
Rent of Town Hall cellar,	29 50
L. C. Taylor, milk sold from Town farm,	941 76
L. C. Taylor, cows sold from Town farm,	58 15
L. C. Taylor, calves sold from Town farm,	14 50
L. C. Taylor, apples sold from Town farm,	342 63
L. C. Taylor, potatoes sold from Town farm,	3 35
L. C. Taylor, cow hide sold from Town farm,	2 75
L. C. Taylor, hoop poles sold from Town farm,	21 00
L. C. Taylor, board of child at Town farm,	15 00
L. C. Taylor, board of Phoebe Wood at Town farm,	9 00
L. C. Taylor, eggs sold from Town farm,	43 32
L. C. Taylor, barrels sold from Town farm,	3 00
L. C. Taylor, labor from Town farm,	1 00
For support of Phoebe Wood,	120 00
Interest on deposit,	65 02

H. T. Clark, lots sold in Mt. Hope Cemetery,	\$6 00
F. R. Knowlton, old stove and paint stock,	4 86
Income Memorial Library Fund,	181 20
“ Cemetery Fund,	81 90
A. L. Noyes, lumber,	7 85
J. B. Tuttle, “	12 15
E. A. Phalen, “	6 42
C. J. Williams, old iron and lumber,	15 13
C. J. Williams, school supplies sold,	6 11
Memorial Library for fines,	19 33
“ “ “ coal sold,	2 50
Road Commissioners,	77 80
Board of Health,	52 00
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	\$42,360 62

Expenditures for Year Ending March 12, 1903.

For support of Center Schools,	\$1,483 64
“ South “	1,442 17
“ West “	1,494 40
“ High “	1,709 42
Musical instruction in schools,	90 00
Transportation public school scholars,	1,221 75
“ High school scholars,	30 00
Books for High school,	50 52
School supplies,	495 25
Roads and bridges,	3,405 22
Special highway work,	216 63
Snow bills,	9 80
Support of poor on Town farm,	1,639 36
“ “ outside poor,	652 42
Street lighting,	963 33
Miscellaneous charges,	1,057 30
Repairs Town buildings and grounds,	1,162 23
State and military aid,	700 00

Soldiers' relief and burial of soldiers,	\$381 08
Cemetery expenses,	503 85
Memorial Library expenses,	507 26
" " books,	365 71
Loans and interest,	8,230 83
Printing,	154 00
Town officers,	1,690 00
Fire department,	76 40
" " special,	1,094 20
Enforcement liquor laws,	49 12
Rent,	138 00
Board of Health,	87 25
Repairs of State Highway,	53 60
State tax,	930 00
County tax,	1,948 39
Small pox expenses,	1,601 55
Stone crushing plant,	2,245 44
Balance due from Treasurer.	1,867 68
" " " Collector,	2,612 82

\$42,360 62

JURORS.

The following names will be presented at the Annual Meeting, March 30, 1903, to be placed in the jury box, subject to revision and acceptance by the Town :

Burroughs, Samuel R.	Barber.
Clark, Herbert T.	Mechanic.
Cole, Nelson J.	Restaurant.
Devane, James	Painter.
Flint, Alfred W.	Farmer.
Hayward, Edwin L.	Clerk
Jones, Warren H.	Farmer.
Keyes, John C.	“
Kinsley, James	Manufacturer.
Kimball, Charles M.	“
Kingsley, William H.	Stone mason.
Littlefield, Hanson A.	Merchant.
Merriam, Frank A.	Manufacturer.
Mead, Willis L.	R. R. Employee.
O'Neil, Constantine	Farmer.
Richardson, Edward F.	“
Richardson, Sidney L.	“
Reed, Moses A.	“
Reed, Nahum C.	R. R. Employee.
Smith, Charles E.	Farmer.
Taylor, S. Hammond	“
Taylor, Lyman C.	“
Tuttle, Abram	Clerk.
White, John S.	Farmer.

WILLIAM F. STEVENS,
E. FAULKNER CONANT,
EDWIN A. PHALEN,

Selectmen of Acton.

Treasurer's Report.

Receipts.

1902.

March 12, To cash on hand,	\$2,202 87
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RECEIVED :

From the First National Bank of Ayer, borrowed money,	8,000 00
Cemetery fund, borrowed money,	1,000 00
State Treasurer, corporation tax,	4,217 11
" National Bank tax,	262 87
" Military aid,	91 25
" State aid,	608 00
" expense of contagious disease,	501 68
" income of Mass. school fund,	426 34
" inspection of ani- mals,	18 60
" burial of indigent soldiers,	35 00
" street railway tax,	23 33
" temporary support State paupers,	12 50
County Treasurer, on account dog licenses,	285 70
Supervision of schools,	375 00
Middlesex Central District Court for fines,	163 84
Alvin M. Lothrop, for stone crusher,	1,000 00
Income of Memorial Library fund,	181 20
Elias Gruber, pedler's license,	8 00
Max Saxenofsky, " "	8 00

Nathan Spectre, pedler's license,	\$8 00
Board of Health, for fumigating in West Acton,	5 00
A. F. Blanchard, slaughter house license,	1 00
Chester B. Robbins, pool table li- cense,	2 00
Samuel Jones, old floor in South schoolhouse,	4 00
A. H. Perkins, for road dust,	10 00
Horace F. Tuttle, lots sold in Woodlawn Cemetery,	39 00
Rent of Town Hall and cellar,	39 50
Income of Cemetery fund,	81 90
A. L. Noyes, for lumber,	7 85
James B. Tuttle, “	12 15
E. A. Phelan, “	6 42
C. J. Williams, for old iron and lumber,	14 78
C. J. Williams, for school supplies sold,	6 11
C. J. Williams, for old iron sold,	35
Memorial Library, for fines,	19 33
“ “ “ coal sold,	2 50
Road Commissioners,	77 80
Board of Health,	52 00
Lyman C. Taylor, milk sold from Town farm,	941 76
Lyman C. Taylor, cows sold from Town farm,	58 15
Lyman C. Taylor, calves sold from Town farm,	14 50
Lyman C. Taylor, apples sold from Town farm,	342 63
Lyman C. Taylor, potatoes sold from Town farm,	3 35
Lyman C. Taylor, cow hide sold from Town farm,	2 75
Lyman C. Taylor, hoop poles sold from Town farm,	21 00

Lyman C. Taylor, board of child at Town farm,	\$15 00
Lyman C. Taylor, board of Phoebe F. Wood at Town farm,	9 00
Lyman C. Taylor, eggs sold from Town farm,	43 32
Lyman C. Taylor, barrels sold from Town farm,	3 00
Lyman C. Taylor, labor from Town farm,	1 00
For support of Phoebe F. Wood,	120 00
From Wm. F. Stevens, Collector, taxes for A. D. 1900,	408 02
Wm. F. Stevens, Collector, interest on taxes for 1900,	33 01
Wm. F. Stevens, Collector, taxes for A. D. 1901,	2,275 75
Wm. F. Stevens, Collector, interest on taxes for 1901,	66 39
D. J. Wetherbee, Collector, taxes for A. D. 1902,	15,502 31
New England Trust Co., interest on deposits,	65 02
H. T. Clark, lot sold in Mount Hope cemetery,	6 00
F. R. Knowles, old stove and oil, West School,	4 86
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	\$39,747 80

EXPENDITURES.

Paid State tax,	\$930 00
County tax,	1,948 39
On Selectmen's orders,	35,001 73
Cash on hand and in bank, Mar. 13, 1903,	1,867 68
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	\$39,747 80

J. K. W. WETHERBEE,
Treasurer of Acton.

**Treasurer's Report of Money held for Care of Lots
in Cemeteries.**

March 12, 1903.	DR.	
To Mary Skinner fund,		\$212 94
Nancy K. Handley fund,		516 37
Frederick Rouillard “		103 87
William W. Davis “		103 37
Mary W. Clafflin “		104 37
Mary Severance “		104 37
Warren Robbins “		104 87
Eliza A. Whitcomb, “		75 15
Hepsabeth Piper “		51 94
James Temple “		104 87
Fidelia Wheeler “		104 62
Jedediah Tuttle “		51 94
Henry Loker, “		104 87
Henry O. Lothrop “		209 54
Luther W. Piper “		104 87
William H. Chapman “		103 87
Mary A. Robbins “		103 37
Julia Morrison “		78 81
Frank C. Hayward “		506 12
James Tuttle “		106 42
Daniel Wetherbee “		105 67
S. Lizzie Hayward “		105 39
Elbridge J. Robbins “		103 60
William Jennings “		102 55
Adeline Weston Blood “		102 01
Irving V. Whitcomb “		101 40
George C. Wright “		506 22
George C. Wright, Davis Monument fund,		50 62
Samuel Temple fund,		50 28
Francis Hutchinson “		50 28
Henrietta Anderson “		50 28
Phineas Wetherbee fund, the income one share of Fitchburg Railroad stock,		8 00
		\$4,292 85

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By cash paid —

Julian Tuttle for care of Mary Skinner lot,	\$ 5 00
Julian Tuttle for care of Nancy K. Handley lot,	18 30
Julian Tuttle for care of Frederick Rouillard lot,	2 50
Julian Tuttle for care of William W. Davis lot,	2 50
Julian Tuttle for care of Mary W. Chaffin lot,	2 00
Julian Tuttle for care of Mary Severance lot,	2 00
Julian Tuttle for care of Warren Robbins lot,	2 00
Julian Tuttle for care of Hepsabeth Piper lot,	1 25
Julian Tuttle for care of James Temple lot,	2 50
Julian Tuttle for care of Jedediah Tuttle lot,	1 25
Julian Tuttle for care of Henry Loker lot,	75
Julian Tuttle for care of Henry O. Lothrop lot,	4 00
Julian Tuttle for care of Luther W. Piper lot,	2 50
Julian Tuttle for care of William H. Chapman lot,	2 50
Julian Tuttle for care of Mary A. Robbins lot,	3 00
Julian Tuttle for care Julia Morrison lot,	2 62
Julian Tuttle for care of Daniel Wetherbee lot,	2 50
Julian Tuttle for care of E. J. Robbins lot,	2 00

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H. T. Clark for care of Phineas Wetherbee lot,	\$2 00
H. T. Clark for care of S. Lizzie Hayward lot,	1 75
H. T. Clark for care of Eliza A. Whitcomb lot,	1 75
Cash in North-End Savings Bank,	2,178 00
Cash in Town Treasury,	1,975 00
Balance of income unexpended,	75 18
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	\$4,292 85

J. K. W. WETHERBEE,
Treasurer of Acton.

Report of the Wilde Memorial Library Fund.

March 12, 1903.	DR.	
To cash in North-End Savings Bank,		\$1,000 00
“ “ Middlesex Institution for Sav- ings,		1,000 00
“ “ Home Savings Bank,		1,000 00
“ “ Warren Institution for Sav- ings,		1,000 00
“ “ Charlestown Five Cent Sav- Bank,		1,000 00
Unexpended balance in A. D. 1901,		138 32
Cash received from fines,		19 33
Town appropriation for book,		200 00
Cash received for interest on money in Banks,		181 20
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		\$5,538 85

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By cash in Banks,		\$5,000 00
Paid for books and magazines :		
William D. Tuttle,		3 24
De Wolfe Fiske & Co.,		184 16
W. B. Clark & Co.,		134 49
Little, Brown & Co.,		2 20
W. A. Wilde & Co.,		8 67
National Publishing Agency,		32 95
Balance unexpended,		173 14
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		\$5,538 85

J. K. W. WETHERBEE,
Treasurer of Acton.

Collector's Report, 1902-1903.

GENTLEMEN:— I had committed to me for collection on the 28th day of July, 1902, taxes to the amount of \$18,105.13; since then an addition of five polls has been received, making \$18,115.13. Of this amount, I have collected to date, March 12, \$15,502.31, leaving a balance of \$2,612.82 due the Town. In this amount there are some abatements on personal property, also abatement of some over fifty poll taxes, parties having left town before the tax was committed to me for collection. The poll tax question is rather a hard thing to solve, but I would suggest that the Town take some action so as to make it easier for the collector, whoever he may be. Instruct your board of Assessors to take the inventory the first week in May; make all poll taxes and have them in the hands of the Collector on or before the 15th of May. Instruct your Collector to collect all such poll taxes on or before the 15th of June. I think by some such method as this we may collect many more poll taxes than we now do. I believe that every man that is able should be made to pay a poll tax.

Respectfully yours,

D. J. WETHERBEE,

Collector.

Auditor's Report.

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer and Tax Collector of the Town of Acton, and to the best of my knowledge I find them correct.

FRANK W. HOIT,
Auditor.

Report of Road Commissioners.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation for repairing roads and bridges,	\$3,500	00
Appropriation for drains at South Acton,	200	00
Received for street dirt,	12	25
" " gravel,	1	30
" " labor,	.	30
" " pipe and labor,	6	45
" " crushed stone,	55	50
" " use of pump,	2	00
		\$3,777 80

EXPENDITURES.

Drain near depot at South Acton :		
F. J. Hastings, pipe,	\$92	51
grate,	4	80
A. C. Piper, labor,	74	21
		\$171 52
Drain at J. McGreene's, by vote of Town :		
F. J. Hastings, pipe,	\$11	34
So. Acton C. & L. Co., pipe,	12	85
A. C. Piper, labor,	12	46
		\$36 65
Building 1325 ft. macadam road, average depth 10 inches, average width 16 ft.,	461	17
All other expenditures,	2,891	25
		\$3,560 59

We recommend that \$3,000.00 be raised for repair of roads and bridges, and that \$300.00 be raised to widen and straighten the road from D. J. Hennessy's house to the So. Acton road.

Thanks to Mr. Lothrop and the Town, we have a nice crushing plant, which will be of great help in making good roads, but it takes water to make good roads with crushed stone, and as we have quite a sum left of the money raised to purchase the crusher, we recommend that the Town purchase a watering cart.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. KINGSLEY,
ANSON C. PIPER,
ALBERT H. PERKINS,
Road Commissioners.

TOWN OF ACTON.

IN THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

Whereas, The directors of the Lowell, Acton and Maynard Street Railway Company have petitioned for a location for its tracks and all necessary turnouts, switches, and to erect poles and wires necessary for the operation and maintenance of its cars by the single trolley system in the Town of Acton, and notice has been duly given to all parties interested, as required by law, of the time and place at which said Selectmen would consider such location, and,

Whereas, Said hearing has been had and said Selectmen have considered and adjudicated upon the matter, it is hereby

ORDERED

That the prayer of said petition be, and the same is hereby granted, and that a location of the tracks of the railway of said Company be granted as hereinafter set forth :

Beginning at a point in the dividing line between the Town of Maynard and said Acton where the main highway leading from said Maynard to Lowell, Massachusetts, crosses said dividing line, thence on and over said highway by way of South Acton, "Kelley's Corner" so called, Acton Centre and North Acton, to a point in the dividing line between said Acton and the Town of Carlisle where said highway crosses said dividing line.

Also, beginning at a point in the dividing line between the Town of Stow and said Acton where the main highway from said Stow to West Acton, known as Willow Street, crosses said dividing line, thence on said Willow Street to Central Street, thence on said Central Street to the turnpike

road, leading from West Acton to Concord by way of Kelley's Corner, thence on and over said turnpike road to Kelley's Corner and the highway leading from South Acton to said Lowell.

Also to make such underground and surface alterations in the streets and highways through which the location shall be granted and extend as may be necessary and to erect, place, maintain, and use such poles, wires and other appliances as are usual and necessary in the overhead wire or trolley system of street car propulsion and to propel cars by said system with electricity as a motive power or to use such other motive power as the laws of this Commonwealth permit, and the Board of Selectmen shall from time to time approve over and upon all of the locations granted in said Acton.

The location of the tracks, poles and switches in said streets is hereafter to be determined by said Company, subject to the approval of the Selectmen. Said location is granted, subject to the following restrictions which said Board of Selectmen deem the interest of the public requires, as hereinafter stated :

RESTRICTIONS.

FIRST — Said Company shall lay and use rails known as the "T" pattern, weight not less than fifty-six (56) pounds to the yard.

SECOND — Said Company shall use ties not less than five inch face, five inches thick, and six feet six inches long, of chestnut or such other material as the Selectmen shall approve.

THIRD — The tracks of said Railway Company shall be laid with the existing grade of said streets, and in case the grade of any part of said streets is changed by the proper authorities, said track shall be relaid in conformity with the new grade, by said Company, at its own expense. Said

Company shall leave through said streets not less than sixteen (16) feet of travelled way, outside the rails; provided the width between the street lines will admit of the same.

FOURTH — Said Company shall keep the space between the tracks and eighteen (18) inches on the outside of each track in good condition and repair, and at the crossing of all streets it shall keep the space between the tracks and rails and eighteen (18) inches outside, so as to be safe and convenient for teams to cross, and satisfactory to the Board of Selectmen. In case said Company shall fail to keep said space in a state of repair as aforesaid, the same may be repaired by the town authorities, and the expense of such repairs shall be charged to said Company and shall be paid by it.

FIFTH — The poles or instruments for conveying electricity for the operation of said railway shall be of chestnut of suitable size, shape and quality, and kept properly painted.

SIXTH — Said Company shall pay all expenses and damages, and save Town of Acton harmless and indemnified from all loss, cost, damages or expense in consequence of and arising out of the construction and operation of said Railway, and pay and reimburse said Town for all repairs of streets in which the same shall be located, made necessary by the construction and operation of said Railway.

SEVENTH — All posts and wires set up or erected under this order shall be so placed as not to interfere with or be in dangerous proximity to any existing wires or poles belonging to said Town, and any change made in the situation of existing wires or poles belonging to said Town, for the accommodation of any wires, poles or tracks to be set up under this order, shall be made at the expense of said Street Railway Company and subject to the approval of the Selectmen.

EIGHTH — Said Street Railway Company shall so provide for its electric currents and provide such conductors thereof and of return currents, that avoidable injury or dete-

rioration shall not occur, nor be done to water pipes, or any property of the Town of Acton, and said Railway Company shall pay all damages caused by reason of failure to keep and perform the provisions of this clause of this order, and save said Town of Acton harmless and indemnified from all loss, cost, damage or expense by reason thereof.

NINTH — The authority given to said Company by this order shall not in any way restrict or abridge the rights of the Town in said streets, and the Town reserves the right to revoke at any time so much of the authority and permission herein granted as shall interfere with its right to dig up and use said streets for any other public purposes. If at any time said Town shall lay sewer mains or any other pipes in said streets, or make any alterations or excavation therein, and it shall be necessary to remove any of the tracks or poles of said Company for such purpose, the expense of such removal and of the relocation of said tracks or poles (when relocated) shall be borne by the said Company.

TENTH — The Town of Acton shall not be responsible to said Company for any danger that may be occasioned by the bursting of any water pipe or sewer, nor from the fall of any poles or wires erected or permitted to be erected in said streets, nor for any damage occasioned by any other use of said streets which it makes or permits to be made.

ELEVENTH — Said Company shall not run snow-plows or remove snow from its tracks unless they remove an amount of the snow from said streets sufficient to make such streets safe and convenient for public travel and satisfactory to the Selectmen. If any snow or ice is removed by said Company, and it is done so as to leave any part of the street dangerous in the opinion of the Selectmen, they may cause such snow or ice to be removed as to make said streets safe and convenient for public travel, and the expense thereof shall be charged to and paid by the said Railway Company.

TWELFTH — Said Railway Company shall run its cars daily, (except Sunday) at least as often as once an hour from seven A. M. to ten P. M., so as to furnish reasonable accommodations to the public. It shall run good appliances, rolling stock and machinery, and keep the same and all tracks, appliances, turnouts and property used in connection therewith, in first class order and repair.

THIRTEENTH — Said Selectmen shall have the right and authority at the expense of said Railway Company, to enter upon and remove said track or tracks or parts thereof, from any and all streets in said Town of Acton in which the same are located, whenever the use of the same or any part thereof shall at any time be discontinued for a period of six (6) months.

FOURTEENTH — Said Company further agrees to provide to pupils in attendance upon public schools, transportation at half-price while going to and from school.

FIFTEENTH — Said Railway Company shall run its cars at a rate of speed approved by the Board of Selectmen.

SIXTEENTH — If the tracks of said Railway Company shall not have been laid over the whole of said location and the road in actual operation by September 1, 1903, said location shall be void, and said Railway Company shall have no right to use or occupy the same or any part thereof.

SEVENTEENTH — But this location shall not confer any authority or power upon said Lowell, Acton & Maynard Street Railway Company unless an acceptance thereof in writing is filed in the office of the Town Clerk of said Acton within thirty (30) days after receiving notice of the passage thereof.

EIGHTEENTH — Said Company shall collect only a single fare of five cents for a continuous passage between any two points in the Town of Acton wherever the tracks may be laid.

WILLIAM F. STEVENS,
E. FAULKNER CONANT,
EDWIN A. PHALEN,

Selectmen of the Town of Acton.

ACTON, MASS., March 31, 1902.

I hereby acknowledge to have received the foregoing location this seventh day of April, 1902.

EDMUND B. FULLER,
Clerk Lowell, Acton and Maynard St. Ry. Co.

We, the undersigned, directors of the Lowell, Acton & Maynard Street Railway Company, do hereby accept the location, together with all the conditions, terms and restrictions relating thereto, granted by you to said Railway Company, on March 31, 1902, and acceptance of which order was voted at a meeting of the Directors of said Railway Company, held April 16th, 1902, and we request that this acceptance be at once filed.

WALTER R. DAME,
CHAS. W. SHIPPEE,
EDMUND B. FULLER,
HENRY TOWER,
CHARLES H. PERSONS,
CHARLES B. STONE,
FRANK P. BOND,
JULIUS LOEWE.

Received and entered with the Selectmen this 24th day of April, A. D. 1902.

E. FAULKNER CONANT,
Clerk Board of Selectmen of Acton.

A true copy. Attest :

(Signed)

HORACE F. TUTTLE,
Town Clerk of Acton.

Report of Overseers of Poor.

Inventory of Stock and Provisions on Hand Feb. 28, 1903.

Two horses,	\$310 00
Ten cows,	450 00
Two heifers,	70 00
Two yearlings,	30 00
Eight tons hay,	160 00
One cow,	20 00
Twenty cords wood,	100 00
Farming tools,	25 00
One sled,	25 00
Hay wagon,	30 00
Market wagon,	65 00
One set double harnesses,	22 00
Express harness,	20 00
Two light harnesses,	14 00
Three collars and pad,	3 00
Grain,	7 00
Corn on ear,	35 00
Roller,	5 00
Horse rake,	12 00
Stone drag,	4 00
Twenty-five market boxes,	2 50
Drain pipe,	4 80
One two-horse cart,	25 00
Two harrows,	15 00
Cultivator,	5 00
Seven ladders,	12 00
Wheelbarrow,	3 00
Hay cutter,	2 00
Three plows,	14 00
One feed trough,	2 00

One canvas cover,	\$1 75
Pung,	5 00
Two democrat wagons,	45 00
Four blankets,	6 00
Plow point,	50
One set measures,	50
Salt,	90
Apple header,	1 00
Lumber,	8 00
Wrench,	75
Five sows,	3 00
Wagon jack,	1 50
Thirty-six hens,	27 00
Mowing machine,	10 00
Grindstone,	1 00
Spray pump,	8 00
Thirty-five apple barrels,	7 00
Ten barrels apples,	10 00
Seventy-five bushels potatoes,	56 25
Washing machine,	5 00
Six baskets,	1 50
Range and water front,	28 00
Lounge,	2 50
Three rocking chairs,	4 00
Pork and barrel,	3 50
Two lanterns,	1 00
Two razors,	2 00
Raisins,	15
Lamps,	2 50
Soap,	50
Two axes,	1 50
Molasses,	70
Lard,	45
Butter,	2 90
Spices,	50
Flour,	3 75
Sugar,	1 25
Fruit jars,	3 00
Brooms,	75

Canned fruit,	\$2 25	
Crockery and tin ware,	8 00	
Barrel crackers,	2 65	
Tea and coffee,	65	
Oil and tank,	1 40	
Pails and tubs,	3 00	
Three stoves,	20 00	
Two cabinet chairs,	2 50	
Three tables,	6 00	
Eight chairs,	4 00	
Fifteen cords 4-foot wood,	60 00	
Air cushion,	1 00	
Chamber set,	12 00	
Two beds and springs (new),	11 00	
Other bedding,	45 00	
Bed pan,	3 00	
Traps,	50	
Two trunks,	2 00	
Wheel chair,	22 00	
Two clocks,	6 00	
Cereals,	1 00	
Soft soap,	4 00	
Hams,	2 50	
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		\$1,971 35
Receipts from farm,		1,455 46
Victualing and lodging 246 tramps,		61 50
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		\$3,488 31
DR.		
Expenditures,	\$1,609 36	
Interest on farm, \$3,500 at 3 per cent,	105 00	
Inventory, March 1, 1902,	1,938 10	
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		\$3,652 46
Less receipts and stock on farm,		3,488 31
		<hr/>
Cost of supporting poor on farm,		\$164 15

Inmates at Farm During Year.

Sarah Hunt,	12 months.
Lucy Hapgood,	12 “
Frank H. Harris,	10 “
William Quinlan,	12 “

LYMAN C. TAYLOR,

WM. F. KELLEY,

I. WARREN FLAGG,

Overseers of Poor.

Report of the Tree Warden.

To the Citizens of Acton :

During the past year the work of this department has been confined almost wholly to the preservation of suitable shade trees by the side of the public ways, the granting of permits for the cutting of wood and removal of trees within said ways, and to the prevention of the disfigurement of the wayside trees, and, by consequence, of the ways themselves, through the attaching to such trees of advertisements, placards, etc.

I desire to express my appreciation of the willing assistance which the wardens have received from all good citizens in all of the above mentioned work.

In reply to several inquiries and for the information of the public, the law relating to the protection of shade trees is here published in full.

It is to be remembered that the protection of the law is extended to the whole of the tree — to its roots as well as to its trunk and branches.

CHAS. J. WILLIAMS,
Tree Warden.

NOTE.— Upon application to the tree warden or to a deputy tree warden by persons desiring to cut trees growing within the limits of a public way along their lands and outside of village limits, such trees as the Town desires to permanently retain will be marked, and a permit given to cut the remainder.

Revised Laws.

CHAPTER 53.

Section 12. The tree warden may appoint and remove deputy tree wardens. He and they shall receive such compensation as the town determines, or, in default thereof, as the selectmen allow. He shall have the care and control of all public shade trees in the town, except those in public parks or open places

under the jurisdiction of the park commissioners, and of those, if so requested in writing by the park commissioners, and shall enforce all the provisions of law for the preservation of such trees. He shall expend all money appropriated for the setting out and maintenance of such trees. Regulations for their care and preservation made by him, approved by the selectmen and posted in two or more public places, imposing fines and forfeitures of not more than twenty dollars in any one case, shall have the force and effect of town by-laws. All shade trees within the limits of a public way shall be public shade trees.

Section 13. Public shade trees outside the residential part of a town, as determined by the selectmen, shall not be cut or removed, in whole or in part, except by the tree warden or his deputy or by a person holding a license so to do from the tree warden. Public shade trees within said residential part shall not be cut, except for trimming by the tree warden, nor shall they be removed by the tree warden or his deputy or other person without a public hearing at a suitable time and place, after notice thereof posted in two or more public places in the town and upon the tree and after authority granted by the tree warden therefor. Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall forfeit not less than five nor more than one hundred dollars to the use of the town.

CHAPTER 208.

Section 102. Whoever wantonly injures, defaces or destroys an ornamental or shade tree in a public way or place, or negligently or willfully suffers an animal, driven by or for him or belonging to him and lawfully in a public way or place, to injure, deface or destroy such tree, or whoever, by any other means, negligently or willfully injures, defaces or destroys such tree, shall forfeit not less than five nor more than one hundred dollars, one-half to the use of the complainant and one-half to the use of the city or town in which said act is committed; and shall in addition thereto be liable to said city or town or other person interested in said tree for all damages caused by said act.

Section 103. Whoever negligently or willfully suffers an animal, driven by or for him or belonging to him and lawfully on the highway, to injure, deface or destroy a tree which is not his own, standing for use or ornament on the highway, or whoever,

by any other means, negligently or willfully injures, defaces or destroys such tree, shall forfeit not less than five nor more than one hundred dollars, one-half to the use of the complainant and one-half to the use of the city or town in which said act is committed; and shall in addition thereto be liable in damages to the owners or tenant of the land in front of which the tree stands.

Section 104. Whoever affixes to a tree in a public way or place a playbill, picture, announcement, notice, advertisement or other thing, whether in writing or otherwise, or cuts, paints or marks such tree except for the purpose of protecting it and under a written permit from the officers having the charge of such trees in a city or from the tree warden in a town, shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars for each offence. The tree warden shall enforce the provisions of this and the preceding two sections in towns.

Report of the Board of Health.

TOWN OF ACTON FOR YEAR 1902.

The Board of Health submits the following report for the year ending March 1, 1903 :

The number of deaths occurring in the Town during the year ending January 1, 1903, exclusive of still-births of which there was one, was 26.

Below is a table of contagious diseases reported to the Board since Jan 1, 1902, and required by law to be reported :

Disease.	No. of Cases.
Small pox,	5
Diphtheria,	2
Scarlet fever,	1
Typhoid fever,	1
Measles,	3
Cerebro-spinal meningitis,	0
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Total for year,	12

SANITATION.

While this Board was well pleased with the reception, given to it by the Citizens, of the pamphlet issued by the Board in regard to the sanitary conditions existing in the Town, and while we acknowledge the friendly spirit in which all have endeavored to aid us in making such changes as seem necessary, still we feel that the subject of sanitation has not received the thought and attention at the hands of our Citizens that it should, and must receive in the near future, either through individual effort or what is greatly to be preferred collective action by the voters of the Town, toward establishing some definite system of caring for the sewage and other refuse constantly accumulating, and an ever present source of danger to the health of our citizens.

The residents of the South and West villages especially, should give this subject their careful and early attention.

Many sanitary evils exist today in all parts of our Town and while a few have been corrected in a manner acceptable for the time being, this Board feels that in reality very little has been done in this direction to permanently benefit our Citizens.

Not wishing to exercise the power invested in the Board of Health of any Town or City, in an arbitrary manner towards any individual, this Board most earnestly hopes for the thoughtful consideration by the people of this subject and the hearty cooperation in our efforts to reach a satisfactory solution of this most important question. Dependant as the inhabitants of this Town are upon wells as a source of water supply, too much care cannot be exercised in keeping our wells free from contamination ; and that such danger exists in many parts of the Town through neglect of ordinary sanitary precautions is unfortunately too true.

QUARANTINE.

This Board was very much disappointed in the action of the voters of this Town in regard to establishing a proper detention and insolation hospital for the care of such contagious diseases as may occur from time to time and that cannot be properly treated at home.

A building suitable for such purposes, erected on land owned by the Town, and so situated as not to be a menace to the public at large but still to be accessible from all parts of the Town is greatly to be desired. Such a building properly equipped would cost about \$1,200.00 ; could be maintained at a small annual cost, and be ready at any time for the reception and care of such contagious diseases as might require isolation for the proper protection of our citizens.

At the outbreak of an epidemic of small-pox on March 1st of last year this Board, like many others throughout the State, found this Town totally unprepared to cope with the disease so far as proper isolation was concerned. Fortunately for the Town a public spirited citizen, Mr. Luther Conant, allowed this Board the use of a building owned by him and which served the purpose exceedingly well.

This Board takes the opportunity here and now to publicly thank Mr. Conant for the service rendered the Board of Health and through it the Town, at that time.

As a result of this one favorable circumstance this Board, was able to care for five people suffering with this disease, at a total cost to the Town of about \$1,000, whereas in other towns the cost was double and even treble this amount, for the care of a less number of patients.

As another outbreak of small-pox or one of scarlet-fever or diphtheria, requiring isolation for the protection of our people, would still find this Board in the same position — so far as the required facilities for caring for such cases are concerned — as on March 1st last, it is the earnest hope of the members of the Board of Health that the voters of the Town will come to their aid at the coming annual meeting, by appropriating a sum of money sufficient to place this Town abreast of the times, and its Board of Health in a position to deal successfully with outbreaks of a similar nature in the future.

VACCINATION.

With the remembrance of the unpleasant experience of the citizens of this Town with the small-pox, less than one year ago, still fresh in their minds, this Board has no hesitancy in again urging all who have not been recently vaccinated — i. e. within five (5) years—to promptly attend to so important a public duty.

APPROPRIATION.

The expenses of this Board for the past year have been far in excess of the amount appropriated to its use. Hoping that in the future we may escape such unpleasant experiences as occurred in February and March, 1902, the Board recommends an appropriation of one hundred dollars (\$100) for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK J. BARKER, M. D., *Chairman*,
CHARLES J. WILLIAMS,
FRANK E. TASKER, M. D.

Report of the Trustees of Acton Memorial Library.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

LUTHER CONANT, <i>President.</i>	WILLIAM D. TUTTLE.
MOSES TAYLOR.	ADELBERT MEAD.
D. J. WETHERBEE, <i>Secretary.</i>	DELETTE H. HALL.
HIRAM J. HAPGOOD.	CHARLES J. WILLIAMS.
L. A. HESSELTON.	

The history of the Acton Memorial Library the past year has been an eventful one, having been marked by unusual and sad vicissitudes.

Upon the second day of December, 1902, Mr. Wilde, the donor of our beautiful library, after an illness of a few hours, passed from earth. The account that follows was given by one of the members of his family to a reporter of the Boston Herald and is correct in giving the salient points of his life work.

We embody it in this report that it may have a more permanent form and that it may be accessible not only in the present, but also in the future, to the beneficiaries of the institution which he founded.

“The Hon. William Allan Wilde, one of the oldest and best known residents of Malden, died suddenly at 4.40 yesterday afternoon, after a short illness, at his home, 54 Washington street, Malden. The immediate cause of his death was a shock of apoplexy. On Monday he was in his Boston office all day and was very busy. Yesterday morning, shortly after he arose, he was taken with a slight shock, and at 9 o'clock was stricken with another and lapsed into unconsciousness, and a few hours later passed away.

“He was born in Acton, July 11. 1827. Mr. Wilde, through his father, Joseph Wilde, represented the sixth generation from John Wilde of Braintree, and through his mother, Sarah Conant Wilde, represented the eighth generation from Roger Conant,

the first Governor of the 'Old Planter's Colony' at Salem. He taught school 12 years, and later entered the publishing business and assumed control of the New England business of Ivison, Blakeman, Taylor & Co., of New York. In 1865 he established the present publishing house of W. A. Wilde & Co., having offices in Boston and Chicago, and agencies in London and Melbourne.

"He was superintendent of schools in Malden in 1873-74, chairman of the water commissioners for several years, representative to the Legislature in 1887-88, chairman of the state board of prison commissioners 1889 to 1894; one time trustee of the Malden Hospital, and for several years trustee of the Malden Public Library. For many years he had been chairman of the standing committee of the First Congregational Church.

"He was a member of Converse lodge, F. A. M., Royal Arch chapter, Beauseant commandery, K. T., and the Knights of Honor. He was the first regent of Mystic Side Council, R. A.

"Mr. Wilde had always been deeply interested in educational movements, and while in the Legislature was chairman of the committee on education. In 1890 he gave the town of Acton a handsome memorial library building and grounds, together with 4,000 volumes and numerous paintings. For many years he had been an honorary member of Hiram G. Berry Post 40, G. A. R., and had given an annual banquet to the veterans of the post on Memorial day. He was a great friend of the poor and gave with a lavish hand.

"He had visited all parts of the globe. He had crossed the ocean 11 times and was, at the time of his death, making arrangements to pass the winter in Switzerland and Germany. Besides his widow, he leaves three children, William E. of Winchester, Councilman-elect Allan H. Wilde, and one daughter, Mrs. Wylie C. Burnes of Malden."

The Trustees voted to attend the funeral together, and though the day was a very inclement one, several were present. The exercises were brief and appropriate, the floral display elegant, the singing a prominent feature, and a large number of friends were present to show their respect and love for the deceased. At a special meeting of the trustees a committee was chosen to prepare a series of resolutions, and the following were unanimously adopted, and a copy has been presented to the family:

"At the earthly close of a life so replete with honor and usefulness as that of the Hon. William Allan Wilde, it seems fitting that we should for a brief period contemplate its results

and lessons to us, who were somewhat intimately associated with him ;

“*Resolved*, That the Trustees of the Acton Memorial Library, in behalf of that institution and also for the Town of Acton, his native town, for whom he has done so much, offer their heartfelt sympathy and condolence to all the members of his family, feeling that the sorrow may be mitigated by considering a life so noble that seemed to widen in service and usefulness with each succeeding year ;

“*Resolved*, That his benefactions had been so planned and arranged that their work goes on and will continue to go on long after we who were associated with him, and you, who were related to him, shall have passed away, increasing rather than diminishing in usefulness.

“*Resolved*, We know that the people of Acton now and in the far distant future will gratefully cherish the memory of Mr. Wilde and will faithfully keep all obligations to him, thereby insuring the perpetuity of the institution so generously committed to their care.”

Early in October we received notice from a lady residing in East Acton that a friend of hers wished to give the library a valuable oil painting. In answer to a letter inquiring whether the painting was adapted in subject and coloring to the uses of the library, the following letter was received :

CHARLESTOWN DIST., BOSTON, Oct. 18, 1902.

*Mr. Luther Conant, President of the Board of Trustees
of the Public Library of Acton, Mass. :*

My Dear Sir — I hereby send you the size of the old master painting, which is very valuable — 5 ft., 4 in., by 4 ft., 3 in. It represents an old gipsy woman telling a peasant girl her fortune — a wonderful work of art.

I feel deeply interested in your noble town, as my father was born there. His name was Alvin Fletcher Raymond. I have visited your town many times when quite young.

I hereby tender to your honorable Board of Trustees this painting as a gift from me, providing your Board of Trustees will accept the same.

Yours respectfully,

E. M. RAYMOND,
172 Main St.

With the approval of Mr. Wilde the kind offer of Mr. Raymond was accepted and the picture has been placed in the room where the books are kept, and hung above the librarian's table.

In the early summer the librarian, Miss Viola S. Tuttle, who for six years had performed the duties of that office in a very acceptable manner, resigned by reason of overwork and impaired health. The many patrons of the library who were under obligations to her for kindly assistance in the selection of books and other courtesies, unite in the wish that she may secure a speedy and complete recovery. The Trustees unanimously elected Mr. Arthur F. Davis to succeed Miss Tuttle as librarian.

The country towns of New England are the recruiting ground of the whole country. To them the great cities look for their fresh blood and most active accessions in business and the professions, and it is wonderful how well those towns have stood the steady drain upon them and still have kept up their standing as model communities. And of the large number of young men who have left the farm, carrying with them inherited honesty, thrift, energy and enterprise, few have made as indelible an impress for morality, intelligence and religion upon his day and generation, because of his unblemished character, his faithful public services, his numerous benefactions and through his many publications, as the Donor of the Acton Memorial Library. And if we are to continue to raise such men, we should keep the church, the school and the library in conditions of the highest efficiency.

The Board of Trustees recommend the usual annual appropriation of four hundred dollars be voted to the library for current expenses, and two hundred dollars for the purchase of new books.

Very respectfully submitted,

LUTHER CONANT,

For the Trustees.

13th Annual Report of the Library.

Accessions: Number of volumes in the library March 12th, 1902, 7,785; number of volumes in the library March 12, 1903, 8,073; increase by purchase, 214; increase by gift, 37; increase by binding magazines, 37.

Circulation: Number of days library was open, 103; number of volumes circulated, 6,685; daily average circulation, 65; largest daily circulation, 134, on Feb. 7, 1903; smallest daily circulation, 21, on June 18, 1902, and on Dec. 24, 1902.

Amount received from sale of catalogues and fines,	\$21 55
Expended for money orders, stamps, etc.,	<u>2 22</u>
	\$19 33

Gifts of books have been received from the following sources: U. S. Government, 15 vols.; State of Mass., 13 vols.; Luther Conant, 1 vol.; Mrs. Luther Conant, 1 vol.; Chas. H. Pope, 1 vol.; G. H. Smyth, 1 vol.; Edward H. Harriman, 1 vol.; D. P. Corey, 1 vol.; Thomas W. Lawson, 1 vol.; Supt. of schools, 1 vol.; Oscar Hermann, 1 vol.

Periodicals in the reading room: Cassell's, Century, Chautauquan, Cosmopolitan, Country Life in America, Everybody's, Harper's Magazine, Harper's Weekly, Masters in Art, McClure's, Munsey's, New England, Review of Reviews, Scientific American, Scribner's, St. Nicholas, World's Work, Success, Youth's Companion, Christian Work, Child's Hour, Our Paper, Reformatory.

The Librarian presents the above report, representing in part the work of Miss Tuttle, who resigned from the library June 1, 1902, on account of ill health.

ARTHUR F. DAVIS,
Librarian.

Report of Cemetery Commissioners.

The Town at its annual meeting in 1901 voted to accept certain provisions of law relating to the care of cemeteries.

In accordance with these provisions the Town at its last annual meeting elected a Board of Cemetery Commissioners. The sum of five hundred dollars was also appropriated for the care of cemeteries. This sum has been sufficient to meet the ordinary expenses and to allow something to be done towards permanent improvements.

Special work has been done during the year in improving the grounds in Mt. Hope Cemetery by a liberal planting of ornamental trees and shrubs.

A statement of the money received and expended on account of cemeteries will be found in the Selectmen's report, and a statement showing the several sums of money given to the Town by individuals for the perpetual care of lots, the amount expended for the care of each lot, and the unexpended balance of the income credited to each fund, will be found in the report of the Town Treasurer.

It has seemed to us desirable that the Town should adopt some new rules and regulations for the government of its cemeteries, and after careful consideration of the matter we submit herewith certain rules and regulations for the approval of the Town.

In presenting them it is our desire to say that it is not our purpose or intention to exercise the powers conferred upon us arbitrarily against the wishes of individuals, or to interfere with what has already been done in the improvement of lots; but we believe that a reasonable compliance with these rules and regulations will promote an order and a uniformity which will, in time, contribute much to the improvement of our cemeteries.

We believe that the work which has been done in the past to beautify and improve our cemeteries is appreciated more and

more every year, and the care bestowed upon them is generally approved by our townspeople.

We recommend the appropriation of five hundred dollars for the care of cemeteries the present year.

We also recommend that the Town approve and adopt the following rules and regulations :

Rules and Regulations for the Government of the Cemeteries in the Town of Acton.

ANNUAL MEETING.

1. The annual meeting of the Commissioners shall be held in April, on or before the 15th day of said month, when a Chairman and a Clerk shall be elected by ballot, to serve during the municipal year, or until their successors are chosen.

2. There shall also be chosen at said meeting a Superintendent of each cemetery in the town to serve for the year, unless sooner removed by a majority vote of the Board.

3. The annual and special meetings shall be held when called by the Chairman, or by the Clerk upon request of a majority of the Board.

REGULATIONS CONCERNING LOTS.

4. Sales of lots shall in each case be consummated by the payment therefor and by the execution and delivery of the following deed ; and no lot shall be considered sold or any rights gained therein, until delivery of such deed.

KNOW ALL MEN By These Presents, That the Town of Acton, in the County of Middlesex, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in consideration of dollars, paid by , the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, does hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey to the said , heirs and assigns, the exclusive right of burial of the dead in one lot of land in Cemetery, in said Town of Acton, situated and numbered on the plan of said Cemetery, which is in the possession of the Board of Commissioners having the care and management thereof and may be inspected by the said grantee, his heirs and assigns at all reasonable times.

To Have and to Hold the aforesaid premises unto the said

..... heirs and assigns, forever; but subject to the restrictions, limitations and conditions, and with the privileges following, viz. :

FIRST, The grades of all lots shall be established and corner bounds placed by the Commissioners.

SECOND, That the said lot shall not be used for any other purpose than as a burial place for the dead ; and no trees within the lot or border shall be cut down or destroyed without the consent of the said Commissioners.

THIRD, That if any trees or shrubs in said lot shall become in any way detrimental to the adjacent lots, avenues or paths, or dangerous or inconvenient, it shall be the duty of the said Commissioners for the time being to enter into said lot and remove said trees or shrubs, or such parts thereof, as are thus detrimental, dangerous or inconvenient.

FOURTH, That if any monument or effigy, cenotaph, or other structure whatever, or any inscription be placed in or upon the said lot, which shall be determined by a majority of the said Commissioners for the time being, to be offensive or improper, the said Commissioners, or a majority of them, shall have the right, and it shall be their duty to enter upon the said lot and remove said offensive or improper object or objects.

FIFTH, That no tomb shall be constructed within the bounds of the Cemetery except by permission of the Commissioners, and in such manner as they shall approve ; and no proprietor shall suffer the remains of any person to be deposited within the bounds of his lot for hire.

SIXTH, That said lot shall be indivisible ; and upon the death of the grantee, the devisee of said lot or the heir at law shall be entitled to all the privileges of the original grantee, and if there be more than one devisee or heir at law, they shall within nine months from such death designate in writing to the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners which of said devisees or heirs at law shall represent the lot, and on their failure so to designate, the board of Commissioners shall enter of record which of said devisees or heirs at law shall represent the lot while such failure continues.

SEVENTH, That said premises or any part thereof shall not be sold or conveyed to any person who is not, at the time of such

sale, a resident of the Town of Acton, without the written consent of the said Commissioners ; a breach of this condition by the grantee or any person holding under him shall make this conveyance void.

EIGHTH, The said lot shall be holden subject to all the by-laws, rules and regulations made, and to be made, by the Board of Commissioners.

And the said Town of Acton hereby covenants to and with the said, heirs and assigns, that it is lawfully seized in fee simple of the aforegranted premises, and of the way leading to the same from the highway ; that the granted premises are free from all incumbrances ; that it has a good right to sell and convey the same to the said in the manner and for the purposes aforesaid ; and will warrant and defend the same, unto the said , heirs and assigns forever.

In Witness Whereof, the said Town of Acton has caused its seal to be hereto affixed, and these presents to be signed in its name and behalf by the Secretary of said Board of Cemetery Commissioners of said Town, this.....day of....., in the year one thousand nine hundred and.....

TOWN OF ACTON,

By..... ,

Secretary of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of

5. The restrictions, limitations and conditions mentioned in said deed and numbered 1 to 7 inclusive shall form and become a part of the rules and regulations of the cemeteries of the town.

6. Curbing, projecting corner posts, fences, hedges and walls, steps and walks, about or on any lot or lots are prohibited, except as approved by the Commissioners.

CARE OF LOTS.

7. Lots will be cared for by the the year at reasonable rates according to size and labor required.

8. Upon payment to the Town Treasurer of Fifty Dollars or more by the owner of or any person interested in any lot, the Commissioners will give perpetual care to said lot, keeping it tidy at all times and maintaining its monuments and memorials in their proper position and condition. The following form shall be

executed in duplicate in such cases, one copy to be kept by the Commissioners and the other by the beneficiary or his legal representative.

TOWN OF ACTON — CEMETERY DEPARTMENT.

The Cemetery Commissioners hereby certify that they approve of the sum of.....dollars as sufficient to warrant the Town assuming the preservation and care of Lot No.in.....Cemetery, in accordance with the following conditions :

First. The Commissioners shall expend annually such sums of money, not exceeding three and one-half per cent. on the above named sum, as they shall deem necessary to keep in suitable condition and preservation, the soil, grass and memorials on said lot.

Second. To suffer the surplus, if any, of the interest on the said sum, to accumulate for such time as the said Commissioners may deem expedient, or in their discretion to apply the said surplus, or any part thereof, from time to time, to the ornamentation and preservation of the said Cemetery.

Third. That the said Town of Acton shall never be responsible in the premises, except for good faith and such reasonable diligence as may be required of mere gratuitous agents.

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Cemetery Commissioners.

The Treasurer of the Town of Acton hereby acknowledges the receipt of.....dollars from.....on the conditions above mentioned, which are hereby made a part of and included in this receipt.

.....
Treasurer.

Approved.

(Signature of beneficiary or legal representative).

FOUNDATIONS, ETC.

9. All foundations for monuments, headstones, markers, etc., shall be put in by or under the immediate supervision of the Superintendent, at his discretion, and no foundation shall be laid

dry or with cobblestones, and no memorial shall be erected without a suitable foundation.

10. Foundations for monuments shall be at least four and one-half feet deep, and for markers and other small stones not less than three feet.

INTERMENTS.

11. The following charges shall be made for interments: From \$1.00 to \$4.00 as the judgment of the Superintendent may determine. These charges shall apply to removals, with a suitable additional charge for disinterments. Graves, if desired, will be trimmed, for which an extra charge will be made proportionate to the time expended and cost of material used.

12. All graves shall be filled level or to conform to the grade of the lot, and shall be suitably designated. Mounds will not be allowed, except by special permission.

VISITORS.

13. All persons are forbidden to needlessly walk across lots, to pluck wild or cultivated flowers, or to leave rubbish of any kind in the cemeteries.

JULIAN TUTTLE,
HERBERT T. CLARKE,
HORACE F. TUTTLE,
Cemetery Commissioners.

Acton, March 1, 1903.

66th ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AND THE
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
OF THE
TOWN OF ACTON, MASS.,
FOR THE YEAR 1902-1903.



HUDSON, MASS. :
THE E. F. WORCESTER PRESS.
1903.

School Committee, 1902-1903.

Charles J. Williams, Chairman,	Term expires 1905
Horace F. Tuttle, Secretary,	“ “ 1903
Frank R. Knowlton,	“ “ 1904

Superintendent of Schools.

Herbert E. Richardson, Residence, Littleton, Mass.

Truant Officers.

James Kinsley, Moses A. Reed, George C. Turner

STANDING RULES.

*RULE 1. Children under five years of age shall not be admitted to the public schools.

RULE 2. Pupils shall be promoted from grade to grade and school to school, according to merit. Thorough and satisfactory work will be required of pupils in a lower grade or school before entering a higher grade or school.

RULE 3. Children who have not previously attended any school shall be admitted to the public schools only at the beginning of the fall term.

RULE 4. Pupils will be held responsible for books loaned to them until such books shall have been returned to the teacher.

RULE 5. No repairs shall be made upon the public property in the care of the school committee except by their authorized agents.

*When the birthday of a child falls on or before the 15th day of the month it is reckoned as falling upon the first day of that month.

School Calendar 1903=1904.

High School—40 Weeks.

Fall term begins August 31st. Fall term closes November 25th.

*Winter term begins November 30th. Winter term closes March 11th.

Spring term begins March 21st. Spring term closes June 17th.

Common Schools—38 Weeks.

Fall term begins August 31st. Fall term closes November 20th.

*Winter term begins November 30th. Winter term closes March 11th.

Spring term begins March 28th. Spring term closes June 10th.

*Vacation of one week, from December 20th to 26th.

EXTRACTS FROM THE STATUTES.
REVISED LAWS.

CHAPTER 43.

Section 11. The several school teachers shall faithfully keep the registers of attendance daily, and make due return thereof to the school committee, or to such person as the committee may designate. No teacher of a public school shall receive payment for services for the two weeks preceding the close of any term, until the register, properly filled up and completed, is so returned. All registers shall be kept at the schools, and at all times during school hours shall be open to the inspection of the school committee, the superintendent of schools, the truant officers and the secretary and agent of the board of education. In reckoning the average membership and the percentage of attendance in the schools, no pupil's name shall be omitted in counting the number of persons belonging to the school and the number of absences of such persons until it is known that such pupil has withdrawn from the school without intention of returning or, in the absence of such knowledge, until ten consecutive days of absence have been recorded; but the foregoing provision for computing the average membership and the percentage of attendance shall not affect proceedings against habitual truants, absentees or school offenders, or other persons, under the provisions of section one of chapter forty-four and sections three, four and five of chapter forty-six. A pupil who is not present during at least half of a session shall be marked and counted as absent for that session.

CHAPTER 44.

Section 1. Every child between seven and fourteen years of age shall attend some public day school in the city or town in which he resides during the entire time the public day schools are in session, subject to such exception as to children, places of attendance and schools as are provided for in section three of chapter forty-two and sections three, five and six of this chapter. The superintendent of schools or, if there is no superintendent of schools, the school committee, or teachers acting under authority of said superintendent or committee, may excuse cases of neces-

sary absence. The attendance of a child upon a public day school shall not be required if he has attended for a like period of time a private day school approved by the school committee of such city or town in accordance with the provisions of the following section, or if he has been otherwise instructed for a like period of time in the branches of learning required by law to be taught in the public schools, or if he has already acquired such branches of learning, or if his physical or mental condition is such as to render such attendance inexpedient or impracticable. Every person having under his control a child as described in this section shall cause him to attend school as herein required; and if he fails for five day sessions or ten half day sessions within any period of six months while under such control to cause such child, whose physical or mental condition is not such as to render his attendance at school harmful or impracticable, so to attend school, he shall, upon complaint of a truant officer and conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than twenty dollars. Whoever induces or attempts to induce a child to absent himself unlawfully from school, or employs or harbors a child who, while school is in session, is absent unlawfully from school shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars.

Section 6. A child who has not been vaccinated shall not be admitted to a public school except upon presentation of a certificate signed by a regular practising physician that he is not a fit subject for vaccination. A child who is a member of a household in which a person is ill with smallpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever or measles, or of a household exposed to such contagion from another household as aforesaid, shall not attend any public school during such illness or until the teacher of the school has been furnished with a certificate from the board of health of the city or town, or from the attending physician of such person, stating that, in a case of smallpox, diphtheria or scarlet fever at least two weeks, and in a case of measles, at least three days, have elapsed since the recovery, removal or death of such person, and that danger of conveying such disease by such child has passed.

CHAPTER 46.

Section 3. Any child between seven and fourteen years of

age who wilfully and habitually absents himself from school contrary to the provisions of section one of chapter forty-four shall be deemed to be an habitual truant, and, upon complaint of a truant officer and conviction thereof, may, if a boy, be committed to a county truant school for not more than two years and, if a girl, to the state industrial school for girls, unless such child is placed on probation as provided in section seven of this chapter.

Section 4. A child between seven and sixteen years of age who may be found wandering about in the streets or public places of any city or town, having no lawful occupation, habitually not attending school, and growing up in idleness and ignorance, shall be deemed an habitual absentee, and, upon complaint by a truant officer or any other person and conviction thereof may, if a boy, be committed to a county truant school for not more than two years or to the Lyman school for boys, and, if a girl, to the state industrial school for girls, unless such child is placed on probation as provided in section seven.

Section 5 A child under fourteen years of age who persistently violates the reasonable regulations of the school which he attends, or otherwise persistently misbehaves therein, so as to render himself a fit subject for expulsion therefrom, shall be deemed to be an habitual school offender, and, upon complaint by a truant officer and conviction thereof, may, if a boy, be committed to a county truant school for not more than two years or to the Lyman school for boys, and, if a girl, to the state industrial school for girls, unless such child is placed on probation as provided in section seven.

Section 13. Truant officers shall inquire into all cases arising under the provisions of sections one and six of chapter forty-four and sections three, four and five of this chapter, and may make complaints and serve legal processes issued under the provisions of this chapter. They shall have the oversight of children placed on probation under the provisions of section seven. A truant officer may apprehend and take to school, without a warrant, any truant or absentee found wandering about in the streets or public places thereof.

CHAPTER 106.

Section 28. No child under the age of fourteen years shall

be employed in any factory, workshop or mercantile establishment. No such child shall be employed at work performed for wages or other compensation, to whomsoever payable, during the hours when the public schools of the city or town in which he resides are in session, nor be employed at work before six o'clock in the morning or after seven o'clock in the evening.

High School Course of Study.

FIRST YEAR.

CLASSICAL.

Latin, 5.
Eng. Gram. and Compo., 5.
Algebra, 5.
Greek and Roman Hist., 3.

ENGLISH.

Com. Arith and Bookkeeping, 3.
Eng. Gram. and Compo., 5.
Algebra, 5.
Greek and Roman Hist., 3.
Botany, $\frac{1}{2}$, 3.
Civil Government. $\frac{1}{2}$, 3.

SECOND YEAR.

Latin, 5.
Greek or German, 4.
Eng. Lit. and Compo., 5.
Geometry, 4.

Eng. Hist., 3.
German, 4.
English Lit. and Compo., 5.
Geometry, 4.
Physical Geog., $\frac{1}{2}$, 3.
Geology, $\frac{1}{2}$, 3.

THIRD YEAR.

Latin, 5.
Greek or German, 4.
French, 4.
Eng., 5.
* Physics or Chem., 3.
Reviews.

Medieval and Mod. Hist., 3.
Solid Geom. and Trig., 3.
French or Ger., 4.
Eng., 5.
Physics or Chem., 3.
Reviews.

FOURTH YEAR.

Latin, 5.
Greek or Ger., 4.
French, 4.
Eng., 5.
* Chem. or Physics.
Reviews.

Astronomy, $\frac{1}{2}$.
Political Economy, $\frac{1}{2}$.
French or Ger.
Eng., 5.
Chem. or Physics.
Reviews.

* Optional.

A pupil must have at least seventeen prepared recitations a week. Pupils may take Latin together with subjects in the English course sufficient to complete the required number of hours.

66th Annual Report of the School Committee.

To the Citizens of Acton :

While the past year has been an uneventful one in the schools and although two of them are overcrowded, the South primary school seriously so, we are yet able to report that their work has been well done and that their present condition is, as a whole, in a high degree satisfactory. That this is so is very largely due, as it always must be due, to the faithful work of the teachers, but it is also due in a larger and more comprehensive sense to the work of the executive head of the schools, the Superintendent, whose unremitting care for the moral and intellectual welfare of the schools and whose labors in directing and encouraging the work of the teachers we highly appreciate.

The detailed report of the condition of the schools will be found in that portion of this report prepared by the Superintendent.

In 1899, a ninth grade was established in the Grammar schools, as a consequence there was in that year no class entering the High school and there will be this year no class graduating therefrom. During these years there have been, therefore, but three classes in the school. With the entrance to the High school in September next of the ninth grade class from the Grammar schools, the old condition of four classes in the former school will be restored. With the present course of study and with four classes present in the school, three teachers should be employed. At present, however, the employment of such a number of teachers is precluded through lack of room, with the result that a very greatly increased burden of labor must be thrown upon the principal of the school. In view of these conditions we ask for an increase of one hundred dollars in the appropriation for the support of the High school.

The several school buildings are in good condition. Public

buildings and grounds, which are so much in evidence as are those of the schools, must be and are to a very great degree the outward and visible signs of the prosperity and thrift of the Town — or their lack. The use to which these buildings are devoted subjects them to a very heavy wear and depreciation and their maintenance in suitable condition requires a considerable annual expenditure for repairs. Last year the South school house was painted outside and the interior papered and whitened, the interior woodwork varnished and painted throughout and the grounds graded and sowed down to grass. This year the Centre school house should be re-painted and the interior woodwork be re-varnished and something should be done toward improvement of the grounds.

For the first time in eleven years we have to report an expenditure exceeding the appropriation and receipts. The deficit is caused by the heavily increased cost of transportation, beginning with the fall term of 1902, due in its turn to the greatly increased cost of teams and their maintenance and also in part to the fact that previous contracts had been made on two of the routes at figures lower than the requirements of the service would fairly warrant. We have therefore to ask an appropriation for transportation of \$1,360.00.

As a matter of history and of some interest we print the following statement of unexpended balances of this department since the year 1892 :

1893, unexpended balance,	\$ 84 86
1894, " "	226 11
1895, " "	294 95
1896, " "	101 66
1897, " "	211 50
1898, " "	24 95
1899, " "	290 54
1900, " "	14 85
1901, " "	201 92
1902, " "	542 96

A total in the ten years of \$1,993.90. The very large unexpended balance for the year 1902 was owing to the unusually large sum received in that year from the Massachusetts School Fund, which was commented upon in our last year's report.

The appropriation of fifty dollars for the purchase of books and apparatus for the High school has been expended as follows : books, \$16.25 ; apparatus and chemicals \$32.32 ; express, \$1.95 ; total, \$50.52.

The sum of \$375 has been received from the State on account of the district superintendency.

The reports of the truant officers and of the purchasing agent of the Board are submitted herewith.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

ON ACCOUNT OF SCHOOLS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1902-1903.

Receipts.

Appropriation for common schools,	\$3,800 00	
“ “ High school,	1,700 00	
“ “ school supplies,	475 00	
“ “ transportation of pupils,	1,030 00	
“ “ books, etc., for High school,	50 00	
“ “ salary of Supt. of schools,	480 00	
Received from Mass. School Fund,	426 34	
“ “ dog licenses,	285 70	
		<u>\$8,247 04</u>

Expenditures.

For common schools,	\$4,420 21	
High school,	1,709 42	
school supplies,	489 14	
transportation of pupils,	1,221 75	
books, etc., for High school,	50 52	
salary of Superintendent,	480 00	
		<u>\$8,371 04</u>
Deficit,		<u>\$124 00</u>

Estimates for the Support of Schools.

FOR THE YEAR 1903-1904.

For common schools,	\$3,800 00	
High school,	1,800 00	
school supplies,	475 00	
transportation of pupils,	1,360 00	
books, etc., for High school,	50 00	
salary of Superintendent of schools,	480 00	
		<u>\$7,965 00</u>

The School Committee of Acton,

By CHARLES J. WILLIAMS,

Chairman.

Superintendent's Report.

TO THE ACTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE :

Gentlemen — In accordance with your regulations I hereby submit my third annual report as Superintendent of Schools. Below are given the school census of September, 1902, and a summary of statistics for the school year ending June, 1902. At the close of this report will be found tabulated statistics to March 1, 1903 :

Population, U. S. Census of 1900,	2,120
Valuation, May 1, 1902,	\$1,654,900
Number of persons in town between 5 and 15 years :	
Boys, 154. Girls, 165. Total,	319
Number of persons in town between 7 and 14 years :	
Boys, 108. Girls, 125. Total,	233
Number of illiterate minors over 14 years of age :	
Boys, 1. Girls, 0. Total,	1
Whole number enrolled in all the schools,	350
" " " between 5 and 15 years,	304
" " " " 7 and 14 years,	222
" " " over 15 years,	27
Average membership,	294
" attendance,	268
Percent of attendance,	91
Number of weeks in school year,	38
Whole number different schools,	10
Whole number of teachers,	12
Number of different male teachers during year,	1
" " female " " "	13
" Normal School graduates,	7
" who have attended Normal Schools,	7
" College graduates,	3

Average wages per month of male teacher, . . .	\$100 00
“ “ “ “ “ female teachers, . . .	43 20
Aggregate of months all the schools have kept, . . .	93 $\frac{1}{4}$
Average number of months schools have kept, . . .	9.325

In reviewing the work of the past year we are impressed by the spirit of harmony that has prevailed among all connected with the schools. The teachers have been loyal and have rendered faithful, efficient service. The committee have been constant in their support and earnest in their endeavor to further the best interests of the schools. Everything considered it has been a pleasant and profitable year, but it is not the part of wisdom to be satisfied, for such a condition would stand in the way of future progress. Only by an earnest striving after better things can improvement be expected.

The subject of public school education is receiving marked attention everywhere. It is the purpose of the public school to help in preparing the children for the duties of life and citizenship, and to this end may it not justly expect the sympathy and support of the entire community?

The schools of Massachusetts have attained a high degree of efficiency and the value of her educational system is recognized throughout the country. A comparatively recent report of U. S. Commissioner Hon. W. T. Harris, states that each child in Massachusetts receives on an average seven years' schooling, while each child in the nation receives only four and three-tenths years. Thus each child in the Commonwealth receives on an average 63 percent more schooling than each child in the nation at large.

He quotes from the report of the Massachusetts Labor Bureau of Statistics to the effect that the average daily wealth producing power of each man, woman and child in the state is 66 cents per working day, while in the nation at large the average production is 37 cents per working day. Thus the average wealth producing power of each man,

woman and child in Massachusetts is 78 percent greater than a similar average in the nation at large. From these statements may we not infer that the prosperity of a community depends largely upon its educational advantages?

The schools of Acton should, and we believe do, compare favorably in their efficiency with the best schools in similar towns throughout the state. Upon November 13 Mr. Walter Sargent, assistant State Supervisor of Drawing, spent the day in inspecting the work of our schools and expressed himself as being much pleased with the readiness and intelligence with which the pupils responded to his test questions. He considered them exceptionally wide awake and well trained. His work, taking him as it does into schools all over the state, enables him to speak from wide observation and experience and causes us to highly value his opinion.

TEACHERS.

It is a matter for congratulation, notwithstanding frequent change of teachers, that we are enabled to maintain so high a standard in the teaching corps. We believe that, upon the whole, the corps has never been more faithful and efficient than at the present time. However, we undoubtedly should be the gainers if we could make it an inducement for them to remain for a longer term of service.

In June, Miss Cora Warren, who had taught several years in the Center Primary, resigned for rest and further study, and the Committee were fortunate in securing the services of Miss Martha F. Smith, a town girl, who had been a model teacher for several years in the New Hampshire State Normal School. Miss Williams of the South Grammar accepted a position in Arlington, and Miss Bertha M. Bridges of the Farmington Normal School succeeded her. Miss Ginal of the South Intermediate accepted a school in New Jersey and Miss Nellie A. Willey was chosen as her successor. Miss Mary Adams of the South Primary was followed by Miss Eudora Gould, a model teacher in the Farmington Normal School.

Miss Grace Webber resigned from the West Grammar School and Miss Jean Cragin from the West Intermediate, to engage in the work elsewhere. Miss Sarah Holland, a teacher of long experience, succeeded Miss Webber, and Miss Helen Tilden followed Miss Cragin. Near the close of the fall term Miss Holland and Miss Cragin withdrew, the latter to accept a school in Hingham, her home town, and Miss Blanche Clough (Smith '01) of Manchester, N. H., succeeded the former and Miss Lena Sewall, who had taught several years, followed the latter. The West Primary, under the efficient management of Mrs. Harriet Gardner, continues to do excellent work, and justly merits the confidence and support of parents and school officials.

The importance of good primary teaching cannot be overestimated. Inasmuch as the first years of school work are, for the most part, years of preparation for the work to follow, it is of utmost importance that good habits be formed. Correct observation and accurate statement of simple facts, concentration of thought on simple subjects which easily hold the attention, and precise memory of matters which are readily retained.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

The attendance during the year has been somewhat larger than that of last year and the interest shown and progress made by the pupils have been commendable. The work has followed lines heretofore marked out. Nothing new has been attempted, but much faithful effort has been given to increasing the efficiency of the prescribed work. We are fortunate in retaining Mr. Faxon's services and attention is called to his more detailed report of the work of the year.

Miss Katherine Hall, who creditably filled the position as assistant last year, resigned in October to accept a similar position at an increased salary in the Quincy High School. Miss Helen Waterman (Brown '00), who had taught two years in the Providence High School, was appointed as her successor.

“The High School is the ‘people’s college,’ and in its general aim should educate to make its pupils strong men and women, for the betterment of humanity. Specifically the High School should communicate to its pupils the elements of the highest culture; it should bring the pupils into close contact with the life of the country and the times, and it awaken and widen the civic and higher human interests in the pupils and arouse the desire for an active life of service.”

As there is no senior class this year there will be no graduation exercises next June. Next year there will be the full number of classes.

GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS.

Thanks to the well-directed efforts of your efficient School Committee, who spent much time and thought during the summer vacation in improving our school grounds and buildings, our school premises are now in good condition, and are attractive, neat and pleasant.

PROMOTIONS.

The regular promotions are decided upon in June, but as a child shows ability to advance during the year he is promoted to the next higher grade. For a number of years promotions from grade to grade have been made to depend upon the judgment of the teacher, supplemented by that of the Superintendent in special cases.

No one is kept marking time, for it should be recognized that there is quite as much danger in undertaxing as in overtaxing the mind. Every pupil should have enough to do to call into healthful activity all his mental powers.

The question which teachers and superintendent try to answer before assigning a pupil to his place in the school is, “Where will he get the most good?” that is, “Where will he find, all things considered, the best opportunity for growth?”

GEOGRAPHY.

The science of Geography has been practically re-created in the past few years. The earth has become very much smaller through the marvelous inventions of the age; railway, telegraph, steamship and telephone make the earth one neighborhood. The ever increasing intimacy of all the nations of the earth with one another, together with the fact of our expanding territory, has given the study of geography a new importance and made a knowledge of it more necessary.

“Geography is not a simple science by itself like botany, geology or astronomy, but a collection of sciences levied upon to describe the earth’s surface as the dwelling place of man, and to explain something of its more prominent features.”

Political geography, which formed the stock of much of the former geography teaching, should be relegated to history, where it properly belongs. History is closely allied to structural geography.

The former teaching of geography gave the impression that the earth has always been just as it appears now, that climate depends solely on distance from the equator, and gave descriptions of countries, peoples and places, while the new teaching, with scientific thought as its basis, assumes that the earth, as we know it, is the result of a process of evolution, “that what is has come from what was by means of processes still in operation.”

It endeavors to make plain the processes by which land and water have taken their present form, and demands constant reasoning from cause to effect, instead of the mere memorizing of names and definitions. A study of the effects of land formation upon drainage, climate, agriculture, industries and commerce constitute a most important part of the new geography. A pupil today knows vastly more of the different countries, of the characteristics and industries of the people, than was formerly acquired by school children. What the present school children do not possess as fully as

did their fathers and mothers is the ability to bound every State in the Union, to name and locate every capital and all the cities, and to trace the course of all the unimportant rivers. The non-essentials are being eliminated and teachers and pupils are putting time and attention upon the more vital topics.

SCHOOL MANAGEMENT.

We ask careful perusal of the following quotation from the school report of a neighboring town, which concerns the co-operation of parents and teachers :

“ But after all, there is one consideration which must not be overlooked. In establishing a system of public schools the State never intended to release fathers and mothers from their sacred obligation to train and educate their children, but simply to assist them by providing facilities which ordinary means cannot procure. Co-operation then, between parents and teachers will not only give us better schools, but better children in the schools.”

“ Parents often ask, ‘ Are you giving us good schools ? ’ It is fair for us to ask them a few questions : ‘ Are you sending us good children ? ’ ‘ Are they trained to the habits of prompt obedience ? ’

“ ‘ Are other duties and pleasures allowed to interfere with school work ? ’

“ ‘ Are your children allowed to speak disrespectfully of their teachers ? ’

“ ‘ When you speak of the teacher before them do you remember that she is a person of education, training and good moral character ? ’

“ ‘ Do you teach your children to understand that the habitual school offender bears the same relation to the school that the criminal does to the community ? ’

“ The methods of school management have changed some, but there is today the same need of regular attendance,

punctuality, obedience, accuracy, thoroughness and co-operation between the home and school that has been referred to in report after report for the past fifty years."

The increasing number of visits which parents are making to the schools indicate a desire to more thoroughly understand the conditions which surround their children when in the school-room.

Parents should become acquainted with the teacher and know her desires and aims in the school work. Then the home and school are mutually benefitted.

In conclusion I wish to express my appreciation for your continued support and for the hearty co-operation of teachers upon whom rests the burden of the work.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT E. RICHARDSON.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL.

MR. H. E. RICHARDSON,
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS :

Dear Sir — I have the pleasure of presenting the following report of the High School from Sept. 3, 1902.

Total enrollment, 30; average membership, 29; per cent. of attendance, 92.

Usually, during the first year in the High School, there are a number who find the work there beyond their reach and they are compelled to leave. But this year, of the entering class of 17, only one has dropped out. This would seem to indicate that the pupils are entering the High School much better prepared to cope with the difficulties that are to be encountered there than heretofore.

One of the most difficult of the practical problems that the teacher encounters is, "How to secure regular attendance." It would seem as if this was a perplexity with which we ought not to be harassed. Parents should see that their children are always present and punctual at school. A little thoughtlessness or neglect on their part will often defeat the work of the school for their children. Also, I would request parents not to ask that their children be excused during school hours. The example is bad, and, moreover, it tends to give the child the impression that school work is of secondary importance. With the parents' co-operation and with the bright outlook for easy communication between the different villages of the town, there seems to me no good reason for such a poor showing in attendance in the future as has been the case in the past.

Next September will find our school with its full quota of classes. This will necessitate a lengthening of the present session till 2 p. m., or a return to two sessions, because of the increased amount of work that will arise.

It is our aim here in the High School, to place the pupils on their own responsibility and to allow them all the liberties that would be expected by adults. I am pleased to say that, with but few exceptions, they appreciate the privilege.

A number of books have been added during the past year to

our reference library, and the school has been the recipient of a very handsome bust of Lincoln, and pedestal, a gift from the class of 1902.

Miss Katherine W. Hall resigned in October to accept a more lucrative position in the Quincy High School. Her position has been filled by Miss Helen Waterman, a graduate of Brown University.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. FAXON.

TRUANT OFFICERS' REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1903.

To the School Committee, Town of Acton, Mass.:

The Truant Officers submit their first annual report to the School Committee for the year ending March 1, 1903.

The Truant Officers submit the following list of pupils looked up for the year, the cause for their absence, and if truants the number that have been returned to school.

Whole number of pupils looked up, 6.

Cause of Absence.	South Acton.	West Acton.
Sickness,	0	0
Kept home by parent,	0	0
Clothing,	0	1
Tardiness,	0	0
Out of town,	0	0
Stormy weather,	0	0
Reported truants,	4	2
Truants caught and returned to school,	4	2
Truants caught and returned to other towns,	0	0
Uncaptured,	0	0
Center School,	0	0
High School pupils looked up,	0	0

Yours respectfully,

MOSES A. REED,
JAMES KINGSLEY,
C. G. TURNER,

Truant Officers.

Commencement Exercises of the Acton High School

At Town Hall, Acton, Mass.,

Thursday evening, June 19, 1902, 7.45 o'clock.

PROGRAMME.

1. March Orchestra
2. Invocation Rev. Bernard Copping
3. Song—"Voices of the Woods" Chorus
4. Address—"Some Investments," Rev. O. S. Grey, Brookfield, Mass.
5. Overture --"Orpheus" *Offenbach*
Orchestra.
6. Song—"Hither, Fairies Trip," Quartet
Misses L. Pratt, B. Pratt, Fletcher and Jones.
7. Presentation of Diplomas Supt. H. E. Richardson
8. "America" School

"Devotion to Duty."

GRADUATES.

CLASSICAL COURSE.

Mary Eliza Kinsley.

ENGLISH COURSE.

Lizzie Jones Brown, Albert Porter Durkee,
John Hubbard Littlefield.

POST GRADUATE.

Flora Blanche Reed.

COLORS—Blue and White.

Roll of Honor for the Year Ending June 1902.

ONE YEAR.

Burroughs, Lizzie M.	Edwards, William
Gilbert, Alfred	Greenough, Frank E.
Hastings, Ralph	Littlefield, Harold
McDonald, Agnes,	O'Connell, Alice
O'Connell, Margaret,	Piper, Ralph
Robbins, Hazel G.	Sawyer, Chester
Stacombe, Eva L.	Taylor, Marion C.

TWO TERMS.

Boyce, Elmer,	Calberg, Grace I.
Cram, Bertha	Fletcher, Elsie C.
Harris, Arthur F.	Littlefield, John
Mekkelson, Ida	Mekkelson, Henry
Quimby, Margaret	Richardson, Julia
Sawyer, Benjamin	Schnair, Zara
Schnair, Ella	Wayne, James A.

ONE TERM.

Baker, Ella	Bixby, Edward
Boyce, Lena	Brewster, Irving
Brown, Lizzie,	Estabrook, Fred
Clark, Lester	Coughlin, William C.
Cram, Lowell	Davidson, Guy
Devane, Thomas	Downie, Cora
Duren, Ethel	Durkee, Albert
Fowler, Gladys	French, Ruth
Goding, Arthur	Greene, Bertha F.
Griswold, George	Griswold, Ethel
Hall, Wessley	Harris, Eva M.
Harris, V. Maud	Harris, Roy L.
Harris, Bertha M.	Heath, Bertha
Hoar, Burton	Holton, Edward

Jones, Mary E.
Kinsley, David
Lawrence, Eva M.
McCormick, Earl H.
Mikkelson, Bertha
Morse, Arthur
Nickerson, Marion
Owen, Wallace
Phalen, Harold R.
Reed, Everett
Robinson, Roy,
Scanlon, Lizzie
Schnair, Charles
Stancombe, George
Taylor, William S.
Thomas, Rosa
Thompson, Carl
Tuttle, Gertrude M.
White, Florence

Jones, Karl
Kingman, Herbert
Lawrence, Mabel
Merrill, Everett W.
Mikkelson, Christine
Munroe, Alexander
O'Connell, Lena
Perkins, Louise
Randall, Earl
Reed, Flora
Rudolph, Myrtle
Schnair, Cora
Smiley, Charles
Symous, Harold
Taylor, Martha
Thompson, Ethel E.
Tuttle, Varnum
Wayne, John
Wood, Helen A.

Worden, M. Florence

Statistics For 1901-1902.

	Grades	No. of weeks		Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance	Between 7 and 14	Between 5 and 15	Over 15
		Enrollment							
High		40	29	22	20.5	93	0	6	23
South Grammar	VII, VIII, IX	36	20	16	15	93	13	20	0
“ Intermediate	IV, V, VI	36	40	36	33	92.5	40	40	0
“ Primary	I, II, III	36	57	45.6	39.6	86.6	24	50	0
Center Grammar	VII, VIII, IX	36	28	26	23	88	21	23	5
“ Intermediate	IV, V, VI	36	36	33	29	87.7	35	36	0
“ Primary	I, II, III	36	30	26.5	23	88	14	27	0
West Grammar	VII, VIII, IX	36	24	20	18	90	14	20	4
“ Intermediate	IV, V, VI	36	40	33	31	94	36	37	0
“ Primary	I, II, III	36	46	36.7	36	98	25	45	0
Totals		350		29.4	26.8	91	222	304	27

List of Teachers, 1902-1903.

SCHOOL	TEACHER	Appointed	EDUCATED	Salary
High	{ Principal	A. L. Faxon	1900 Yale	\$1,000
	{ Assistant	Helen B. Waterman	1902 Brown	500
South Grammar	Bertha M. Bridges	1902	Farmington	380
“ Intermediate	Jennie A. Willey	1902	Cambridge Training	380
“ Primary	Eudora W. Gould	1902	Farmington	380
Center Grammar	Sadie A. Collier	1901	Farmington	380
“ Intermediate	Ella L. Miller	1899	Framingham	418
“ Primary	Martha F. Smith	1902	Lowell	380
West Grammar	Blanche E. Clough	1902	Smith	380
“ Intermediate	Lena E. Sewell	1901	Farmington	380
“ Primary	Harriet H. Gardner	1889	Ayer High	454

Statistics, Fall and Winter Term, 1902-1903.

SCHOOL	Number in Each Grade	Grades	Enrollment	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance	Between 7 and 14	Between 5 and 15	Over 15
High	17	10th	30	29	27	92	1	6	24
	7	11th							
	5	12th							
South Grammar	1		19	18	17	94	11	19	0
	10	8th							
	3	7th							
South Inter.	6	9th	40	36.7	34	92	40	40	0
	12	4th							
	15	5th							
South Primary	13	6th	54	50	44	87	32	54	0
	20	1st							
	17	2nd							
Center Grammar	17	3rd	29	27	25	91	19	26	3
	12	7th							
	9	8th							
Center Inter.	8	9th	35	34	31.7	93	35	35	0
	13	4th							
	12	5th							
Center Primary	10	6th	38	30	27.8	92	18	20	0
	22	1st							
	9	2nd							
West Grammar	7	3rd	20	19	18	93	18	2	0
	11	7th							
	5	8th							
West Intermediate	4	9th	37	35	31	88	36	36	0
	11	4th							
	10	5th							
West Primary	16	6th	40	37.8	34	91	24	40	0
	17	1st							
	11	2nd							
Total	12	3rd	342	31.6	28.9	91	234	278	27

Department of School Supplies.

Report of the Purchasing Agent.

To the School Committee :

I respectfully submit the expense account for this department for the financial year ending March 12, 1903 :

J. L. HAMMETT Co.

Mar. 18.	200 No. 12 spelling blanks,	\$2 50	
	2 gr. No. 556 Esterbrook vertical pens,	2 25	
	1 doz. qts. Treasury ink,	3 00	
	50 sheets grey bristol,	1 25	
	100 sheets Manilla tag,	50	
	5 packages of grey drawing paper,	1 80	
	1 doz. LePage paste,	50	
	100 packages No. 2,304 arithmetic paper,	12 00	
	75 sheets wrapping paper,	75	
	3 boxes No. 475 round pegs,	48	
	100 No. 140 blank books,	3 25	
		\$28 28	
April 28.	40 packages No. 3 paper,	9 20	
	12 packages No. 1 paper,	2 76	
	12 New Century maps,	3 60	
		15 56	
May 1.	20 stories of Siegfred,	10 80	
	12 stories of Troy De Garmo,	3 78	
	14 stories of Ulysses,	6 30	
	3 Virginian,	4 20	
	10 lights to Literature, pt. 1,	2 25	
	3 Tan's Geography, pt. 1,	1 08	
	" " pt. 2,	1 08	

	3 Tan's Geography, pt. 3,	\$2 03	
	" " pt. 4,	1 35	
	" " pt. 5,	1 35	
	4 Metcalf English Grammars,	2 16	
		<hr/>	36 38
May 7.	1 doz. qts. Treasury ink,	3 00—	3 00
May 8.	35 Fifty Famous Stories,	11 03—	11 03
May 29.	1 doz. qts. Treasury ink,	3 00—	3 00
May 31.	2 Lawton Duplicators,	7 15	
	1 package dectograph paper,	35	
	2 lbs. No. 120 Para erasers,	1 00	
	43 $\frac{1}{2}$ doz. No. 787 colored pencils,	10 79	
	10 packages No. 211 paper,	1 60	
	6 boxes No. 470 paper,	1 92	
	3 boxes No. 475. paper,	48	
	6 boxes Little Artist,	1 20	
	3 packages blotters,	90	
	4 packages 00 medium drawing 6 x 9	1 28	
	6 packages 00 medium drawing 8 x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$,	3 84	
	100 Cornhill pads,	3 75	
	15 packages blue line letter,	4 87	
	1 doz Treasury mucilage,	75	
	5 packages vsnd paper disks,	75	
		<hr/>	40 63
May 29.	3, 4 Lawton Duplicator,	14 63	
	3 packages No. 25 dectograph letter,	1 05	
	1 package dectograph note,	25	
	1 letter size dectograph,	2 63	
		<hr/>	18 56
June 14.	58 orange pencils No. 787,	1 21—	1 21
Aug. 30.	7 gross No. 556 Esterbrook pens,	3 15—	3 15
July 26.	1 doz. rubber bands,	20—	20
Sept. 9.	120 No. 140 blank books,	4 20	
	6 letter size tablets,	34	
		<hr/>	4 54

	19.	1 package Dushane figure cards,	25	
		1 package Parish number cards,	12	
			<hr/>	37
Oct.	3.	$\frac{1}{3}$ doz. pitch pipes,	80	
		3 clay bricks,	60	
		3 Cyrs' Primers,	65	
			<hr/>	2 05
	4.	5 doz. Manilla note pads,	1 25—	1 25
Sept.	25.	10 doz. No. 140 blank books,	3 90	
		3 doz. Gem B. B. erasers,	2 50	
		1 lb. No. 120 Para erasers,	70	
		1000 manilla envelopes,	50	
		6 Hiawatha,	2 10	
		1 package No. 25 letter,	35	
		Siegfred,	3 60	
			<hr/>	13 65
Oct.	23.	1 doz. transparent slates,	50	
		4 Eggleston 1st bk. History,	2 16	
			<hr/>	2 66
Nov.	14.	1 doz. excelsior compasses,	1 00—	1 00
	8.	1 m tag envelopes,	3 50—	3 50
			<hr/>	190 02

HOUGHTON, MIFFLIN & Co.

Mar.	15.	2 Fiske Civil Governments,	10 20—	10 20
April	7.	65 Riverside Literature Series,	13 81	
		20 " "	8 50	
		63 " "	21 42	
		31 " "	3 95	
		3 Fiske Civil Governments,	2 55	
		3 Bigelow Papers,	2 00	
			<hr/>	52 23
	29.	2 Fiske Civil Governments,	1 70—	1 70
Oct.	24.	12 Hiawatha Primers,	4 08—	4 08
Nov.	28.	15 " "	5 10—	5 10
			<hr/>	73 31

AMERICAN BOOK CO.

Mar. 18.	23 sets bookkeeping blanks,	12 00	
	Less 20 per cent,	2 40	
		<hr/>	9 60
Mar. 29.	6 sets book keeping blanks,	6 00	
	8 college check books,	1 00	
	1 Mory's Rome,	1 00	
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		8 00	
	Less 20 per cent.,	1 60	
		<hr/>	6 40
Sept. 9.	6 Webster H. S. Dictionaries,	5 88	
	6 Smith Small Greece,	5 00	
	5 Eggleston American History, pt. 1,	4 20	
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		15 08	
	Less one-fifth,	3 00	
		<hr/>	12 07
	9. 10 book keeping blanks,	3 70	
	Less one-fifth,	74	
		<hr/>	2 96
Oct. 4.	6 Webster Primary Dictionaries,	2 88	
	Less one-fifth,	57	
		<hr/>	2 31
Nov. 25.	4 National Advanced Geography,	5 00	
	7 Eggleston's American History,		
	1st Bk.,	4 20	
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		9 20	
	Less one-fifth,	1 84	
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Jan. 15.	6 Smith's Rome,	5 00	
	Less one-fifth,	1 00	
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			4 00
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			44 70

EDUCATIONAL PUBLISHING CO.

Apr. 12.	12 Ulysses for young readers,	3 60	
	17 Cortez & Montezuma,	5 10	
	19 Morseland,	7 60	
	3 Pizarro,	90	
	24 54 Classics,	1 20	
	6 Robinson Crusoe for young readers,	1 80	
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		20 20	
	Less one-sixth,	3 36	
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			16 84

GINN & Co.

April 7.	7 Seven Little Sisters,	3 50	
	45 Sketch books,	21 00	
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		24 50	
	Less one-sixth,	4 08	
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			20 42
	25. 40 Prince Arithmetic,	6 67—	6 67
Sept. 3.	5 new school algebras,	6 72	
	4 L. Char. E. Composition and Rhetoric,	4 00	
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		10 72	
	Less one-sixth,	1 99	
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			8 93
	13. 2 Silas Warner,	60	
	8 Physical Exercise Books,	2 80	
	1 Green's History,	1 12	
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		4 52	
	Less one-sixth,	75	
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Oct. 4.	7 Gage Introduction to Physi- cal Science,	7 00	
	Less one-sixth,	1 17	
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Town of Acton.

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Jan.	2.	12 Cyr's Primers,	2 88	
		Less one-sixth,	48	
				2 40
	17.	4 Last of Mohicans,	2 00	
		Less one-sixth,	33	
				1 67
	31.	1 Les Miserables,	80	
		1 Last of Mohicans,	00	
			80	
		Less one-sixth,	13	
			67	
		Postage,	10	
				77
				50 46

UNIVERSITY PUBLISHING Co.

Apr.	7.	31 Ivanhoe,	6 20	
		6 The Spy,	75	
		35 Knickerbocker Stories,	7 00	
		32 Lady of the Lake,	9 60	
		20 Christmas Stories,	2 50	
		32 Tales of Grandfather,	4 00	
			30 05	
		Less one-fifth,	6 01	
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SILVER, BURDETT & Co.

April	17.	24 Beacon Series, No. 77,	75	
		1 " " 33,	03	
				78
	25.	25 Beacon Series, No. 78,	75—	75
May	13.	20 " " 93,	80	
		25 " " 77, credit,	75	
				05

Sept.	9.	5 Stepping Stones to Literature, 1st Book,	1 50	
	10	Stepping Stones to Literature, 2d Book,	4 00	
		2 Morsey History of England,	1 40	
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			6 90	
		Less one-sixth,	1 15	
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				5 75
	27.	50 Cecil music books No. 3,	42 00	
		Less one-sixth,	7 00	
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MAYNARD, MERRILL & Co.

April	7.	17 English Classics No. 216,	1 70—	1 70
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D. C. HEATH & Co.

May	17.	4 Usteil des Paris,	1 20	
		Less one-sixth,	20	
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				1 00
Oct.	4.	6 Walsh Elementary Arithmetic,	1 80	
		Less one-sixth,	30	
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				2 50

ALLYN & BACON.

Sept.	3.	12 Chardonals Complete French,	12 00	
		Less one-sixth,	2 00	
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				10 00

EDWARD E. BABB.

Sept.	9.	4 Tans 1st Bk., Physical Geography,	3 67	
		2 Natural Advanced Geography,	1 75	
		2 Elementary Advanced Geography,	54	
		12 Metcalf English Grammars,	6 00	

8 Normal Music Readers, Book		
2, pt. 1,	2 60	
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		14 56
13. 2 Botsford History of Greece,	1 84	
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		16 30

NATIONAL PUBLISHING Co.

July	1 map U. S.,	1 25—	1 25
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EXPRESS CHARGES.

Paid A. W. Rayner,	7 10	
A. L. Noyes,	13 60	
A. L. Faxon,	1 00	
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		21 70
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		\$495 25
Credit supplies sold,		6 11
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		\$489 14

CHARLES J. WILLIAMS,
Purchasing Agent.

Town Warrant.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

MIDDLESEX, SS.

To either of the Constables in the Town of Acton, in
the County of Middlesex, GREETING :

You are hereby required, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acton, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to assemble in the Town Hall, in said Town, on Monday, the Thirtieth Day of March, A. D., 1903, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles as they may think proper, viz. :

ARTICLE I. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To see if the Town will accept the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Library Trustees and other Town officers.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary Town Officers and Committees, and fix salaries.

ART. 4. To hear and act upon the report of any committee chosen to report at this meeting.

ART. 5. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the due observance of Memorial Day.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will accept the Jury list as revised by the Selectmen.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will relinquish any right or title it may have in the unbuilt portion of street leading

from Central Street to the Fitchburg Division of the Boston & Maine R. R., past the house of E. H. Hall, in the Village of West Acton, or act anything thereon.

ART. 8 To see if the Town will authorize the placing of two bronze tablets, suitably inscribed with the names of the Minute Men, members of Capt. Isaac Davis' company, and suitable historical facts pertaining to the record of Lieut. John Hayward, who took command of Capt. Isaac Davis' company after his death at Concord bridge, April 19th, 1775, on the monument erected on Acton Green, to the memory of Davis, Hayward and Hosmer, and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or act anything thereon.

ART. 9. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to defray the expenses of Peace Celebration in Acton, April 19th, 1903.

ART. 10. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for repairing roads and bridges the present year.

ART. 11. To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money for the Town, if necessary, in anticipation of taxes the current year.

ART. 12 To vote Yes or No in answer to the question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in Acton the present year?"

ART. 13. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the support of Memorial Library the present year.

ART. 14. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for support of Schools the present year.

ART. 15. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for School supplies.

ART. 16. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for Town Charges, or act anything thereon.

ART. 17. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for the enforcement of the liquor laws.

ART. 18. To see if the Town will maintain street lamps the present year or act thereon.

ART. 19. To see what action the Town will take in reference to the collection of taxes the present year.

ART. 20. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for nine band concerts, three in each village, Center, South and West, or act anything thereon.

ART. 21. To see if the Town will raise a sum of money in addition to the unexpended balance of 1902, to provide a suitable fire engine house at West Acton, or act anything thereon.

ART. 22. To see if the Town will approve and adopt the rules and regulations for the government of its Cemeteries, submitted by the Cemetery Commissioners in their annual report, for the year 1902-1903, or take any action thereon.

ART. 23. To see what sum of money the Town will appropriate for the care of Cemeteries the current year or act anything thereon.

ART. 24. To see if the Town will take any action relative to the proposed taking of the water of Lake Nagog by the Commonwealth.

ART. 25. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for the repair of River Street, South Acton, or act anything thereon.

ART. 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the

Road Commissioner to widen and straighten the road from D. J. Hennessy's house to the South Acton road, or act anything thereon.

ART. 27. To see if the Town will vote to buy a watering cart.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting copies, attested by you, in the following places : One in each of the Postoffices and Railroad Stations, one in each of the stores of C. H. Mead & Co., M. E. Taylor & Co., Tuttle & Newton, H. A. Littlefield and Elnathan Jones, one at the office of F. J. Hastings & Co., and one at the Nagog House, seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen or Town Clerk, on or before the time for holding said meeting.

Given under our hands, in Acton, this 12th day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and three.

WILLIAM F. STEVENS,
E. FAULKNER CONANT,
EDWIN A. PHALEN,

Selectmen of Acton.

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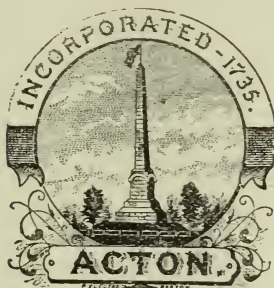
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Town Officers, 1903-1904

Town Clerk.

Horace F. Tuttle.

Selectmen.

Edwin A. Phalen,

Hanson A. Littlefield,

Frank W. Hoit.

Assessors.

E. Faulkner Conant,

Chauncey B. Robbins,

William F. Kelley.

Overseers of the Poor.

Octavus A. Knowlton,

I. Warren Flagg,

William F. Kelley.

Town Treasurer.

Jonathan K. W. Wetherbee.

Auditor.

Waldo E. Whitcomb.

Collector of Taxes.

Daniel J. Wetherbee.

Constables.

James Kinsley,

Wm. H. Kingsley,

L. E. Reed.

Cemetery Commissioners.

Julian Tuttle, (term expires 1906),

Herbert T. Clark (term expires 1905)

Horace F. Tuttle, (term expires 1904).

Road Commissioners.

Wm. H. Kingsley, (team expires 1905),
 Anson C. Piper, (term expires 1904),
 Albert H. Perkins, (term expires 1906).

School Committee.

Charles J. Williams, (term expires 1905),
 Horace F. Tuttle (term expires 1906),
 Frank R. Knowlton, (term expires 1904).

Trustees of Memorial Library.

(elected by the town)

Charles J. Williams, (term expires 1905),
 William D. Tuttle, (term expires 1904),
 Lucius A. Hesselton, (term expires 1906).

Board of Health.

Frank J. Barker, M. D., (term expires 1904),
 Frank E. Tasker, M. D., (term expires 1906),
 Charles J. Williams, (term expires 1905).

Fence Viewers.

Daniel H. Farrar, Reuben L. Reed,
 Oliver W. Mead.

Surveyors of Lumber, Wood, Hoops and Staves.

Herbert T. Clark, Edgar H. Hall, Jona. P. Fletcher,
 Charles E. Smith, Edward F. Richardson,
 J. W. Dupee.

Field Drivers.

James Kinsley, Wm. H. Kingsley,
 L. E. Reed, Daniel H. Farrar.

Tree Warden.

Charles J. Williams.

APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN.

Registrars of Voters.

Samuel A. Gilford, (term expires 1904),
James McGreen, (term expires 1906),
David T. Kinsley, (term expires 1905),
Horace F. Tuttle, ex-officio.

Inspector of Cattle.

Moses A. Reed.

Fire Wardens.

John S. White, Wm. H. Kingsley, N. J. Cole,
Daniel H. Farrar, Delette H. Hall.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING,

HELD MARCH 30, 1903.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Charles M. Kimball was chosen Moderator.

ART. 2. To see if the Town will accept the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Library Trustees and other Town officers.

Voted, That the report of the Selectmen be accepted.

Voted, That a sufficient number of the copies of the franchise granted by the Selectmen to the Lowell and Fitchburg Street R. R., be printed, to place one copy in the hands of each householder.

Voted, To accept the reports of the other town officers.

Voted, To adopt the recommendations made by the Collector of Taxes, in his report as follows:—That the Assessors be instructed to take the inventory the first week in May and make all poll-taxes and have them in the hands of the Collector on or before the fifteenth day of May. That the Collector be instructed to collect all such poll taxes on or before the fifteenth day of June.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary town officers and committees and fix salaries.

Voted, To choose on one ballot a Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, three Selectmen, three Assessors, three Overseers of the Poor, one member of the School Committee, for three years, one Collector of Taxes, four Constables, one Cemetery Commissioner for three years, four Field Drivers, six Surveyors of Lumber, Wood, Hoops and Staves, three Fence Viewers, one Trustee of Memorial Library for

three years, one Auditor, one Road Commissioner for three years, one member of the Board of Health for three years, and a Tree Warden.

Voted, That the salary of the Collector of Taxes be one per cent of the amount collected, that the salary may be drawn as earned, and that he perform the duties hitherto performed by said officer.

Voted, That the salary of the Road Commissioner be the same as last year, namely:—Two and one-half dollars per day employed, nine hours to constitute a day.

Voted, that the Auditor examine all itemized bills and be paid a salary of fifteen dollars.

The following Town officers were chosen :

Town Clerk : Horace F. Tuttle.

Town Treasurer : Jona. K. W. Wetherbee.

Selectmen : Edwin A. Phalen, Hanson A. Littlefield, Frank W. Hoit.

Assessors : E. Faulkner Conant, Chauncey B. Robbins, William F. Kelley.

Overseers of the Poor : Octavus A. Knowlton, I. Warren Flagg, William F. Kelley.

School Committee for three years : Horace F. Tuttle.

Collector of Taxes : Daniel J. Wetherbee.

Constables : James Kinsley, Wm. H. Kingsley, L. E. Reed, Daniel H. Farrar.*

Cemetery Commissioner : Julian Tuttle, for three years.

Field Drivers : James Kinsley, Wm. H. Kingsley, L. E. Reed, Daniel H. Farrar.

Surveyor of Lumber, Wood, Hoops and Staves : Herbert T. Clark, Edgar H. Hall,* Jona. P. Fletcher,* Charles E. Smith, Edward F. Richardson, J. W. Dupee.*

Fence Viewers : Daniel H. Farrar, Reuben L. Reed,* Oliver W. Mead.*

Trustee of Memorial Library for three years : Lucius A. Heselton.

*Not sworn.

Auditor : Waldo E. Whitcomb.
 Road Commissioner : Albert H. Perkins.
 Tree Warden : Charles J. Williams.
 Board of Heath : F. E. Tasker.

ART. 4. To hear and act upon the report of any committee chosen to report at this meeting.

No action taken.

ART. 5. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the due observance of Memorial Day.

Voted, To raise the sum of one hundred (\$100) dollars.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will accept the Jury list as revised by the Selectmen.

Voted, After taking from the list the name of Frank A. Merriam, to accept the Jury list as revised by the Selectmen.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will relinquish any right it may have in the unbuilt portion of street leading from Central Street to the Fitchburg Division of the Boston & Maine R. R. past the house of E. H. Hall, in the village of West Acton, or act anything thereon.

Voted, That the town discontinue the unbuilt portion of the street leading from Central street to the Fitchburg Division of the B. & M. R. R. in West Acton.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will authorize the placing of two bronze tablets, suitably inscribed with the names of the Minute Men, members of Capt. Isaac Davis' company and suitable historical facts pertaining to the record of Lieut. John Hayward who took command of Capt. Isaac Davis Company, after his death at Concord Bridge, April 19, 1775, on the monument erected on Acton Green, to the memory of Davis, Hayward and Hosmer, and appropriate a sum of money therefor or act anything thereon.

Voted, to pass over the article.

ART. 9. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to defray the expenses of Peace Celebration in Acton, April 19, 1903.

Voted, To appropriate the sum of One hundred (\$100) dollars.

ART. 10. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for repairing roads and bridges the present year.

Voted, To raise Four thousand (\$4000) dollars.

ART. 11. To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money for the Town, if necessary, in anticipation of taxes the current year.

Voted, To authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money for the Town, if necessary, in anticipation of taxes the current year.

ART. 12. To vote Yes, or No, in answer to the question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in Acton the present year?"

Total number of ballots cast,	242
Yes,	88
No,	154

ART. 13. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the support of Memorial Library the present year.

Voted, to raise two hundred (\$200) dollars, for books, and four hundred (\$400) dollars, for current expenses.

ART. 14. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for support of schools the present year.

<i>Voted</i> , To raise for Common schools	\$3800
" " " High school,	1800
" " " School supplies,	475
" " " Transportation of pupils,	1360
" " " Books, apparatus for High school,	50
" " " Salary of Superintendent,	480

\$7965

ART. 15. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for School supplies.

Action taken under ART. 14.

ART. 16. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for Town charges, or act anything thereon.

Voted, To raise the sum of Twenty-five hundred (\$2500) dollars.

ART. 17. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for the enforcement of the liquor laws.

Voted, To appropriate the sum of Five hundred (\$500) dollars.

Voted, That the Selectmen be instructed to enforce the liquor laws.

ART. 18. To see if the Town will maintain street lamps the present year or act thereon.

Voted, To raise the sum of Eight hundred (\$800) dollars for street lamps.

ART. 19. To see what action the Town will take in reference to the collection of taxes the present year.

Voted, That the Collector charge interest at the rate of five per cent per annum on all taxes remaining unpaid after the first day of November next.

Voted, That all taxes shall be paid on or before the first day of March next, and if any taxes remain unpaid after that date the Collector shall collect according to law.

ART. 20. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of One hundred (\$100) dollars for nine band concerts, three in each village, Center, South and West, or act anything thereon.

Voted, To appropriate One hundred dollars for nine band concerts, three in each of the villages, of Center, South and West.

ART. 21. To see if the Town will raise a sum of money in addition to the unexpended balance of 1902, to provide a suitable fire engine house at West Acton, or act anything thereon.

Voted, To raise the sum of Twelve hundred (\$1200) dollars in addition to the unexpended balance of 1902, to provide a suitable fire engine house at West Acton.

ART. 22. To see if the Town will approve and adopt the rules and regulations for the government of its Cemeteries, submitted by the Cemetery Commissioners in their annual report for the year 1902-1903, or take any action thereon.

Voted, To dismiss the Article.

ART. 23. To see what sum of money the Town will appropriate for the care of Cemeteries the current year or act anything thereon.

Voted, To appropriate five hundred (\$500) dollars.

ART. 24. To see if the town will take any action relative to the proposed taking of the water of Lake Nagog by the Commonwealth.

Voted, To pass over the Article.

ART. 25. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for the repair of River street, South Acton or act anything thereon.

Voted, To appropriate Five hundred (\$500) dollars to repair River street in South Acton.

ART. 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Road Commissioners to widen and straighten the road from D. J. Hennessy's house to the South Acton road, or act anything thereon.

Voted, To appropriate Three hundred (\$300) dollars to widen and straighten the road from D. J. Hennessy's house to the South Acton road.

ART. 27. To see if the Town will vote to buy a watering cart.

Voted, To raise the sum of One hundred and fifty (\$150) dollars in addition to the unexpended balance of money raised last year for the stone crushing plant, to purchase a watering cart.

Voted, To approve the minutes of the meeting.

Voted, To dissolve the meeting.

A true record. Attest :

HORACE F. TUTTLE,

Town Clerk.

State Election.

PROCEEDINGS OF MEETINGS.

HELD NOV. 3, 1903 IN PRECINCTS NO. 1, 2 AND 3.

VOTES.

FOR GOVERNOR.

	Precinct 1.	Precinct 2.	Precinct 3.	Total.
John L. Bates, (Republican)	89	79	78	246
Oliver W. Cobb, (Prohibition)	0	1	2	3
William A. Gaston, (Democratic)	33	29	29	91
Blanks,	2	1	2	5

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

John Quincy Adams, (Socialist)	1	0	1	2
Curtis Guild, Jr. (Rep.)	85	75	76	236
William F. Merrill, (Pro.)	1	1	2	4
Richard Olney, 2d. (Dem.)	33	29	26	88
Blanks,	4	5	6	15

SECRETARY.

John F. Coyle, (Socialist Labor)	0	0	1	1
Alfred L. Cutting, (Pro.)	2	1	2	5
Ezekiel M. Ezekiel, (Dem.)	31	25	23	79
William M. Olin, (Rep.)	85	78	77	240
Blanks,	6	6	8	20

TREASURER.

John A. Billings, (Soc.)	0	0	1	1
Edward S. Bradford, (Rep.)	83	78	79	240
Napoleon B. Johnson, (Pro.)	0	1	2	3
Thomas C. Thatcher, (Dem.)	34	22	21	77
Blanks,	7	9	8	24

AUDITOR.

Joseph Orr, (Soc.)	0	1	1	2
Alfred E. Steele, (Pro.)	1	2	2	5
Francois X. Tetrault (Dem.)	31	20	20	71
Henry E. Turner, (Rep.)	84	77	76	237
Blanks,	8	10	12	30

ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

John A. Anderson, (S. L.)	0	1	1	2
William J. Carroll, (Soc.)	1	0	1	2
Henry M. Dean, (Pro.)	0	2	3	5
John J. Flaherty, (Dem.)	30	18	19	67
Herbert Parker, (Rep.)	88	81	79	248
Blanks,	5	8	8	21

COUNCILLOR.

Oscar C. Hulsman, (Soc.)	0	1	2	3
William J. McCluskey, (Dem.)	28	21	20	69
Walter S. Watson, (Rep.)	86	77	77	240
Blanks,	10	11	12	33

SENATOR, SIXTH MIDDLESEX.

Chester W. Clark, (Rep.)	89	78	74	241
John P. Farley, (Dem.)	30	23	24	77
Benjamin Staveley, (Soc.)	0	1	1	2
Blanks,	5	8	12	25

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT.

Edward Fisher, (Dem.)	34	27	28	89
George H. Hartford, (Rep.)	83	77	71	231
Blanks,	7	6	12	25

COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

George R. Duren, (Dem.)	31	26	23	80
Samuel O. Upham, (Rep.)	86	73	74	233
Charles W. Ussher, (Soc.)	0	2	2	4
Blanks,	7	9	12	28

REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY.

Emanuel Bernier, (Soc.)	1	1	1	3
Samuel H. Folsom, (Rep.)	85	77	75	237
Frank J. Simonds, (Dem.)	32	22	22	76
Blanks,	6	10	13	29

REGISTRAR OF DEEDS.

Edwin O. Childs, (Rep.)	92	82	82	256
Charles F. Drury, (Soc.)	4	7	4	15
Blanks,	28	21	25	74

COUNTY TREASURER.

Joseph O. Authier, (Dem.)	30	24	22	76
Charles G. F. Claus, (Soc.)	2	1	2	5
Joseph O. Hayden, (Rep.)	86	78	77	241
Blanks,	6	7	10	23
Total number of ballots cast,	124	110	111	345

Vote for Representative in 23d Middlesex District

	Acton	Ayer	Litt'l'n	Shirley	West'd	Total.
Edward Fisher of Westford, (D.)	89	152	72	54	181	548
George H. Hartford of Westford, (R)	231	207	105	106	166	815
Blanks,	25	30	8	25	19	107
	345	389	185	185	366	1470

Town Clerk's Report.

BIRTHS.

Whole number recorded,	36	Mixed parentage,	14
Males,	17	Foreign parentage,	12
Females,	19	Born in Acton,	36
Native parentage,	10	One parent born in Acton,	9
Both parents born in Acton,	1		

MARRIAGES.

Whole number recorded,	32
Residents of Acton,	45
Residents of other places,	19

DEATHS.

Whole number recorded,	38
Residents of Acton,	35
Residents of other places,	3
Occurring in Acton,	34
Occurring in other places,	4

Average age, 54.3.

NOTE.—The Town Clerk requests information of any omission or error in the lists of births, marriages and deaths.

The Town Clerk hereby gives notice that he is prepared to furnish blanks for the return of births and deaths.

HORACE F. TUTTLE,

Town Clerk.

Births Registered in 1903.

NO.	DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
1	Jan. 2	Helen Beatrice Searles	Sandford S. and Annie H. (Hayward)
2	" 3	Annie Josephine Cahill	John and Mary (Tobin)
3	" 27	Frederick Lyman Bosworth	Albert M. and Luella (Herrick)
4	" 29	Judith Alwild Lee	John and Kristine (Kolseth)
5	Feb. 17	Wilbur Lloyd Loomer	George D. and Retta W. (Berry)
6	" 23	Winslow Harris Tuttle	Frank H. and Bessie May (Harris)
7	Mar. 3	Ruth Helena Davis	Alfred W. and Lizzie M. (Morse)
8	" 21	Jennie Louise Tuttle	Luke H. and Hattie Lee (Miles)
9	April 7	Walter David Thompson	David G. and Bessie E. (Carle)
10	" 28	Margaret Amanda McAllister	George O. and Mary V. (McIntyre)
11	May 7	Ralph Isaac Smith	John D. and Louisa (Frasher)
12	" 10	Henry Wilson Evans	Joseph W. and Mary Alice (Knights)
13	June 3	Russell Fifield Buckley	John H. and Nellie M. (Fifield)
14	" 29	Percival Winslow Wood	Charles E. and Nellie S. (Rice)
15	July 13	Carleton Warren Gallant	Joseph and Minnie (Jones)
16	" 15	Frank Eugene Porter	Ralph E. and Bertha May (Snyder)
17	" 20	Agnes Gertrude Coughlin	William C. and Annie J. (Brennan)
18	" 29	Marion Frazier Spinney	Dexter L. and Margaret S. (Frazier)
19	Aug. 3	Gladys Marie Kinney	Joseph M. and Charlottie A. (Baker)
20	" 4	Patrick Joseph Laws	Isaac D. and Delia (Baker)
21	" 15	Pauline Augusta Jones	Frank and Hortense (Champagne)
22	" 31	Hazel Clementine Beach	Albert R. and Flora A. (Frazier)
23	Sept. 4	Edith Naomi Schnair	Charles H. and Leah (Squires)
24	" 12	George Lewis Ziegler	August G. and Olive M. (Clough)
25	" 18	William Edgar G. Skinner	Edgar G. and Emma (Gregory)
26	Oct. 2	Mary Ellen Hearon	Thomas and Ellen (Mahoney)
27	" 3	Elizabeth Agnes Manion	Thomas J. and Charlotte E. (Duggan)
28	" 6	Helen Annie Lawson	John R. and Almaritta I. (Harvey)
29	" 12	Genavee Elizabeth Coughlin	John F. and Mary T. (Waldron)
30	" 13	Thomas Walter Byron	James F. and Bridget E. (Delaney)
31	" 18	Harlan Emery Tuttle	Horace F. and Carrie E. (Taylor)
32	Nov. 21	Frances Elizabeth Eneguess	Michael and Mary (Sullivan)
33	Dec. 10	John Lester Fletcher	Lester N. and Alma A. (Fountain)
34	" 12	Raymond Edwin Johnson	Albion A. and Linnea H. (Jungbeck)
35	" 28	Muriel Vilette Miner	Ernest B. and Martha F. (Davis)
36	" 28	Sele Sood	Morris and Katie (Singer)

Marriages Registered In 1903.

NO.	DATE	PLACE	NAMES	RESIDENCES
1	Jan 1	W. Acton	William Hart	W. Acton
			Harriet Erma Mason	" "
2	Jan. 1	Maynard	William J. Mullin	Ayer
			Mary E. Hubbard	W. Acton
3	Jan. 1	W. Acton	Edward H. Read	Fitchburg
			Ethel M. Cutler	W. Acton
4	Jan. 6	Acton	Isaac D. Law	W. Acton
			Delia Baker	W. Acton
5	Jan. 31	Boston	Eugene L. White	W. Acton
			Angeline M. Bennett	Fitchburg
6	Feb. 12	W. Acton	Frank R. Knowlton	W. Acton
			Ellen Hosmer Hall	W. Acton
7	Feb. 15	Maynard	Walter S. Pierce	N. Billerica
			Virginia S. Hubbard	W. Acton
8	March 9	Cambridge	Chester B. Robbins	Acton
			Augusta A. Dole	Cambridge
9	March 23	Acton	Hanie S. Greenough	Acton
			Effie E. Pickens	Acton
10	April 2	Newbury	Sidney L. Richardson	Acton
			Helen Hale Ilsley	Newbury
11	April 14	Acton	James A. Grimes	W. Acton
			Jessie A. Thompson	Acton
12	April 29	Concord	William Harris	Acton
			Minnie Boulger	Acton
13	May 17	S. Acton	Llewellyn T. Fullonton	S. Acton
			Ethel M. Quimby	S. Acton
14	May 23	Acton	Albert R. Beach	W. Acton
			Flora A. Frazier	W. Acton
15	June 3	W. Acton	Walter Priest	Maynard
			Lizzie Blanche Downie	W. Acton
16	June 5	Acton	Oscar Rathburn Adams	Worcester
			Sarah Gertrude Cutler	Marlborough
17	June 10	S. Acton	Augustus L. Sanderson	Acton
			Bertha M. Stanley	Haverhill
18	June 22	Charlestown	Fred W. Gray	W. Acton
			Florence A. Winslow	W. Acton
19	June 25	Waltham	Walter H. Skinner	Boston
			Sarah A. Collier	Acton
20	Aug. 2	Acton	Lewis E. Dinsmore	Boston
			Sarah Dobbins	Boston
21	Sept. 2	Watertown	William Arthur Rayner	Acton
			Lenora Alice Gowing	Watertown
22	Sept. 13	So. Acton	George Raymond Tuttle	S. Acton
			Elaine Climena Symonds	S. Acton
23	Oct. 14	W. Acton	William Henry Latham	New Britain, Ct.
			Mary Catherine Parker	W. Acton
24	Oct. 21	Maynard	Clovis Gallant	W. Acton
			Mary Agnes Wright	W. Acton

Marriages—Continued.

25	Oct. 25	{	Antoine I. Courtemarche	S. Acton
	Maynard		Mary L. LaFlamme	S. Acton
26	Oct. 28	{	William J. Clark	S. Acton
	Acton		Emma Johnson	Maynard
27	Nov. 4	{	Peter C. Jensen	Concord
	Concord		Annie Dennieheigh	Acton
28	Nov. 25	{	Charles Julian Tuttle	Acton
	N. Acton		Hattie Belle Harris	N. Acton
29	Nov. 28	{	Ole Granberg	S. Acton
	Acton		Matilda Anderson	S. Acton
30	Dec. 2	{	Allen Brooks Parker	W. Acton
	Chambersb'g, Pa		Nora Elizabeth Spayd	Chambersb'g, Pa
31	Dec. 5	{	Edward Anderson	S. Acton
	Concord		Tilda Petersen	Lowell
32	Dec. 23	{	George Lucian Noyes	Acton
	Acton		Jennie Ethel Miles	Acton

Deaths Registered in 1903.

NO.	DATE	NAME	AGES		
			YR.	MO.	DS.
1	January 8	Charles Henry Clark	16	3	7
2	January 12	Sidney S. Shattuck	22	7	29
3	January 18	Thaddeus Liscomb Barker	76	7	1
4	January 23	Will Murray Charlton	34	5	25
5	January 24	Nettie Francena (Cummings) Forbush	60	6	28
6	January 24	Eliza Jane (Ackerman) McLaughlin	77		
7	February 3	Susan Augusta (Davis) Conant	65	1	10
8	February 7	Joel Hayward Whitcomb	77	3	7
9	February 26	Mary (Davis) Richardson	84	2	9
10	March 11	Alonzo Lincoln Tuttle	73	3	29
11	March 11	Howard Emerson Faulkner	66	10	18
12	March 15	Solomon Stillman Flagg	73	10	15
13	May 9	Rebecca (Robbins) Allen	77	10	23
14	May 9	Frank Henry Whitcomb	65	4	2
15	May 22	Mary Ann (Hyde) Houghton	75	11	2
16	May 28	Mary Jane (Dean) Murphy	25		18
17	June 9	Gertrude Southwick Heath	1	2	2
18	June 11	Maud Ethel Clark	14	7	12
19	June 22	Louisa Jane (Richardson) Burroughs	92	9	18
20	July 4	Elizabeth F. (Dodge) Burleigh	72	3	8
21	July 17	Lewis Vinal Clough	57	9	20
22	July 18	Gertrude M. (Fuller) Hutchinson	27	1	16
23	July 22	Charles Hubbard	41		
24	July 28	Hanson A. Littlefield	54	11	28
25	August 11	Herbert Harvey Ramsdell	24	4	18
26	August 17	Russell Fifield Buckley		2	14
27	August 18	Benjamin Warren Read	58	0	12
28	September 14	Gertrude E. Peet	26	2	2
29	September 22	Harriet Proctor (Handley) Tuttle	81	10	26
30	September 24	James Edwin Norcross	74	1	13
31	October 13	Adeline (Walker) Haynes	81	2	2
32	October 27	Eliza T. (Donahue) Gould	35	3	23
33	October 26	Charles Edward Brown	23	7	10
34	October 29	George Thomas Knowlton	51	8	8
35	November 16	Annie (McNeil) McNeil	60		
36	December 17	Eben Frank Wood	66	6	8
37	December 25	Hiram Nickerson	70	8	1
38	December 23	Sarah Ann (Atherton) Carleton	95	8	28

Non-Resident Burials in 1903.

NO.	DATE OF DEATH 1903	NAME OF PERSON.	RESIDENCE	AGES		
				YR.	MO.	DS
1	March 6	Augusta Conant Parker	Stoneham			2
2	March 9	Henry F. Hosmer	Lancaster	66	2	9
3	March 11	Ernest R. Smith	Carlisle			3
4	March 15	Amanda M. Barnard	Fitchburg	78	2	10
5	March 22	John H. Clark	Concord	56	9	16
6	March 24	Samuel T. Brown	Nashua, N. H.	60		
7	April 25	Helen A. Rowell	Westfield	74		
8	April 30	Lydia Law	Medford	64	3	25
9	May 3	Charles H. Tuttle	Chelsea	61	7	16
10	June 6	Eva May Allsop	Boston	28	6	19
11	Sept. 6	Emma F. Billings	Worcester	59	1	20
12	Sept. 17	Helen E. Whitcomb	Clinton		4	2
13	Oct. 5	Dorothy E. Abbott	Methuen		6	11
14	Oct. 17	Nathan H. Wheeler	West Newton	79	3	5
15	Nov. 8	Mary A. Call	Springfield	72		

Persons Having Dogs Licensed in 1903.

Wm. F. Stevens,	\$2 00	John Temple,	\$2 00
C. H. Morris,	2 00	Wm. F. Merrill,	2 00
E. C. Shapley,	2 00	Solon A. Robbins,	2 00
J. Sterling Moore,	2 00	Herbert Hale,	2 00
Henry J. Stoos,	2 00	George E. Humphrey,	2 00
Albert H. Perkins, (2)	4 00	Charles Wheeler,	2 00
Frank Williams,	5 00	Jack E. Durkee,	2 00
Moses Taylor,	2 00	Charles T. Calder,	2 00
Moses E. Taylor,	2 00	J. Linwood Richardson,	5 00
Mrs. J. Williams,	2 00	Luther Conant,	2 00
Everett Spinney,	5 00	Alfred Weeks, (2)	7 00
Luke Tuttle,	2 00	Michael O'Connell,	2 00
George F. Simonds,	2 00	A. L. Lawrence,	2 00
Herbert Kingman,	2 00	Carlton C. Taylor,	5 00
John Downey,	2 00	Tuttle & Newton,	2 00
Cyrus G. Dole, (2)	4 00	Margaret Coughlin,	2 00
Roy L. Duren,	5 00	Amasa E. Lincoln,	2 00
Lester N. Fletcher, (2)	4 00	John M. Brown,	2 00
Daniel C. Lincoln,	2 00	Chester H. Harris,	2 00
Harry E. Holt,	2 00	Edmund Dow,	2 00
Wm. B. Holt,	2 00	B. T. Maxim,	4 00
W. F. Kelley,	2 00	N. J. Cole, (3)	9 00
L. W. Perkins,	2 00	Timothy A. Thompson,	2 00
F. J. Barker,	5 00	Hugh Waters,	5 00
Joseph Reynolds,	2 00	Daniel H. Farrar,	2 00
H. A. Gould,	2 00	Arthur S. Lanone,	2 00
W. C. Taft,	2 00	W. W. Hern,	2 00
Francis S. Davis,	5 00	Elnathan Jones,	2 00
David C. Harris,	2 00	L. H. Pinkham,	2 00
Eugene L. White,	2 00	Charles S. Moulton,	2 00
Robert L. Randall,	2 00	Henry M. Smith,	2 00
Arthur Tuttle,	2 00	John H. Watkins, (2)	7 00
John M. Stevenson,	5 00	William F. Watkins,	2 00
Catherine Green,	2 00	George Weaver,	2 00
Frank W. Bulette,	2 00	Fred A. Hallowell,	2 00
Chas. L. Ford, (2)	10 00	Frank A. Pratt,	2 00

Chauncey B. Robbins,	\$2 00	Hiram E. Gates,	\$2 00
James A. Grimes,	2 00	C. M. Kimball, (2)	4 00
Ernest Smith,	2 00	Moses Thompson,	2 00
Elizabeth Taylor,	2 00	Augustine Risso,	2 00
Ellery Wright,	2 00	O. A. Knowlton,	2 00
J. M. Kelly,	2 00	Robert G. Reed,	2 00
L. C. Carberg,	2 00	John Kennedy,	2 00
Patrick O'Neil,	2 00	Madeline M. Ineson,	2 00
James Cole,	2 00	Edward Willis,	2 00
Alfred J. Morse,	2 00	George Brooks,	2 00
Frank Pratt,	2 00	John Maines,	2 00
C. A. Sawyer,	2 00	William S. Warren,	2 00
Edwin T. Swift,	5 00	Frank E. Harris,	2 00
John Buckley,	5 00	George A. Barker,	2 00
George W. Worster,	2 00	W. P. Hooper,	2 00
George F. Lawrie,	5 00	George A. DeLord,	2 00
Michael Hayes,	2 00	Daniel Mahoney,	2 00
F. H. Holden,	2 00	Michael Eneguess,	2 00
W. H. Hill,	2 00	Warren Jones,	2 00
W. C. Robbins,	2 00	Wilbur Fisk,	2 00
W. C. Coughlin,	2 00	O. W. Penniman,	2 00
Willard Rudolph,	2 00	George T. Knowlton,	2 00
J. L. Adams,	2 00	Wm. J. Moore, (2)	4 00
Harry Wilkins,	2 00	T. C. Lothrop, (2)	7 00
Constance O'Neil,	2 00	Benj. Pope. (4)	14 00

Whole number licensed, 137.

Number of males, 117, at \$2.00 each,	\$234 00
Number of females, 20, at \$5 each,	100 00
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	\$334 00
Deduct fees, 137 licenses at 20 cents each,	27 40
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Amount paid to County Treasurer,	\$306.60

HORACE F. TUTTLE,
Town Clerk.

Selectmen's Report.

South School.

Paid Eudora W. Gould,	Primary,	\$120 00
Inez G. Kilton,	"	260 00
Jennie A. Willey,	Intermediate,	120 00
Martha Fagerstrom,	"	260 00
Bertha Bridges,	Grammar,	120 00
Virginia Rowell,	"	80 00
Sarah Kelley,	"	88 00
Mary A. Walker,	"	20 00
Martha Hosmer,	"	15 00
Emma J. Foster,	"	15 00
Katherine B. Feeley,	"	40 00
Geo. C. Turner,	Janitor Grammar,	47 50
" "	cleaning Grammar,	12 05
" "	fuel and extra labor, Gram-	
	mar,	10 63
" "	Janitor South,	100 00
" "	cleaning "	16 25
" "	fuel and extra labor, South,	7 75
South Acton Coal & Lumber Co.,	coal, "	87 77
Tuttle & Newton,	incidentals, "	2 28
" "	" Grammar,	35
E. Jones,	" "	1 05
" "	" South,	4 47
J. L. Hammett & Co.	" "	4 39
Poor Farm Dept.,	wood,	12 00
		————— \$1,444 49

Center School.

Paid Ella L. Miller, Intermediate,	\$418 00
Sadie A. Collier, Grammar,	120 00
Nancy Bucknam, "	260 00
Martha F. Smith, Primary,	406 00
Asaph Parlin, Janitor,	145 99
So. Acton Coal & Lumber Co., coal,	11 09
D. J. Wetherbee, 39,550 lbs. "	111 65
Luther Davis, wood,	12 50
Poor Farm Dept., wood,	12 00
J. L. Hammet & Co., incidentals,	4 39
E. Jones, "	7 90
M. E. Taylor & Co., "	4 60
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	\$1,514 12

West School.

Paid Lena E. Sewell, Intermediate,	\$118 00
Gertrude E. Peet, "	20 00
Agnes C. Develin, "	236 00
Harriet H. Gardner, Primary,	456 00
Blanche E. Clough, Grammar,	80 00
Marion W. Flagg, "	30 00
Jennie V. Sargent, "	260 00
Thomas Scanlon, Janitor,	132 98
" " cleaning,	20 00
" " incidentals and carrying water,	11 00
E. Jones, incidentals,	14 80
Poor Farm Dept., 4 cords wood,	24 00
E. C. Parker & Co., coal,	155 31
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	\$1,558 09

High School.

Paid A. L. Faxon, Principal,	\$1,067 50
Helen B. Waterman, Assistant,	162 50
Ruby M. Atwood, "	337 50
Tuttle & Newton, incidentals,	1 08
E. Jones, "	25

Paid G. C. Turner, Janitor,	\$100 00	
" " cleaning,	16 25	
" " fuel and extra labor,	7 75	
E. Jones, incidentals,	4 48	
Tuttle & Newton, " "	2 28	
So. Acton Coal and Lumber Co., coal,	87 78	
Poor Farm Dept., wood,	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,799 37
Appropriated,	\$1,800 00	

School Supplies.

Paid J. L. Hammett & Co.,	\$215 13	
D. C. Heath & Co.,	38 53	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	44 92	
E. E. Babb & Co.,	36 13	
Ginn & Co.,	35 01	
Silver Burdett & Co.,	35 27	
American Book Co.,	15 00	
Educational Publishing Co.,	41 17	
University Publishing Co.,	8 20	
De Wolf, Fiske & Co.,	2 00	
Maynard, Merrill & Co.,	1 00	
Wm. G. Poore,	34 00	
H. E. Richardson,	5 50	
J. Rufus Wales,	2 00	
Allyn & Bacon,	6 67	
	<hr/>	\$520 53
A. W. Raynor, express on supplies,	10 53	
T. Scanlon, " " "	30	
A. L. Noyes, transporting supplies,	10 65	21 48
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Apparatus for High School.

Paid D. C. Heath,	\$10 00	
A. W. Hall Scientific Co.,	6 00	
DeWolf, Fiske & Co.,	31 28	
	<hr/>	47 28
Appropriated,	50 00	

Musical Instructions in Schools.

Paid Marion W. Brown,	\$114 00
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SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION.

High School Scholars.

Paid B. W. Reed, 1901,	\$5 00	
B. W. Reed, 1902,	5 00	
S. B. Insen, 1902,	5 00	
John Maines, 1902,	5 00	
F. A. Pratt, 1902,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$25 00

Public School Scholars.

Paid Wm. S. Jones,	\$237 50	
George E. Greenough,	544 00	
Jens Mikkleson,	532 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,313 50
Appropriated,	\$1,360 00	

Soldiers Relief and Burial of Indigent Soldiers.

Paid Tuttle & Newton, aid Mrs. Whalen,	\$ 7 08
Jas. L. Adams, " " "	16 00
E. Jones, " " "	5 00
Chas. B. Heath, board, " "	5 00
M. E. Taylor & Co., aid " "	26 03
Mary A. Whalen, " " "	5 00
South Acton Coal & Lumber Co., Coal, aid Mrs. Whalen,	8 15
Mrs. Wm. Gordon, care Phebe Wood, 13 months,	364 00
Elsworth Houghton, transporting Phebe Wood to Maynard,	1 00
Dr. Goodnow, disinfectant for Phebe Wood's House,	1 00
E. A. Phalen, expenses, Phebe Wood,	4 35

Paid Mrs. L. A. Hesselton, clothing,			
Phebe Wood,		\$4	45
City of Marlboro, aid for Wm. F. B.			
Whitney,		85	28
		<hr/>	\$532 34
Received from City of Newburyport,		71	25
Due " " "		26	00
Received from Pension and State Aid,			
account Phebe Wood,		240	00
Due from Pension and State Aid, account			
Phebe Wood,			

State and Military Aid.

Paid Emma F. Blood,	12 months,	\$48	00
John Clark,	12 "	60	00
Aaron S. Fletcher,	12 "	48	00
Ephraim B. Forbush,	12 "	48	00
Lydia Handley,	12 "	48	00
Hulda Moulton,	12 "	48	00
Mary A. Parlin,	12 "	48	00
Mary Smith,	12 "	48	00
Addison B. Wheeler,	12 "	48	00
Mary A. Whalen,	12 "	48	00
Eben F. Wood,	8 "	50	00
Bridget Mawn,	9 "	36	00
Susan A. Clough,	4 "	16	00

Amount to be returned by Commonwealth, \$594 00

Support of Poor on Farm.

Paid L. C. Taylor, carrying milk,	\$3	84
Moses Thompson, salary,	350	04
C. G. Durkee, 4,770 lbs. hay,	33	39
F. J. Hastings & Co., 1,284 lbs. hay,	8	99
F. J. Livingston, soap, 1902,	2	00
E. C. Parker & Co., grain,	288	52
Hobbs & Warren, blanks,	1	11

Paid C. E. Broudier, repairs,	\$10 77
J. S. Moore, meat and provisions,	85 77
M. E. Taylor & Co., groceries and supplies,	423 95
S. S. Searles, blacksmithing,	11 55
Fred W. Gray, painting,	17 76
Fred S. Whitcomb, mowing machine,	39 00
H. T. Clark, 1 wagon,	50 00
“ “ 1 rack,	7 50
S. A. Guilford, ironing wagon,	58 00
“ “ blacksmithing,	8 45
A. D. Holt, labor and stock, “repairs,”	46 02
So. Acton Coal and Lumber Co., coal and lumber,	6 73
W. E. Whitcomb, meat and provisions,	16 69
H. L. Whitcomb, wall paper,	6 99
E. B. Harlow, meat,	1 44
J. E. Rice, repairs,	2 85
C. B. Robbins, 2 pigs,	6 00
Luther Conant, 6,100 lbs. feed,	68 63
I. W. Flagg, 1 pair traces,	3 00
A. H. Perkins, 1 cow,	57 50
F. J. Livingston, soap,	3 00
E. Jones, 1 pair pants,	1 25
C. H. Mead & Co., supplies,	60 14
A. H. Perkins, pasturing cattle,	17 50
J. E. Durkee, use of bull,	10 00
H. T. Clark, 1 sled,	13 89
Extra help,	121 87
A. Risso, use of bull,	1 00
Moses Reed, seed potatoes,	1 60
M. Thompson, repairing wringer and express,	1 30
M. Thompson, 1 ladder and supplies,	2 80
Tuttle & Newton, groceries,	2 96
S. S. Searles, ironing sled,	26 00
Jas. Grimes, cutting 32 cords wood,	32 00

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Support Outside Poor.

Paid Westboro Insane Hospital, care F. H. Harris,	\$128 60
Westboro Insane Hospital, care Hattie K. Warren,	37 14
Worcester Insane Hospital, care Anna H. Parlin,	169 46
Worcester Insane Hospital, care James A. McLane,	169 46
Worcester Insane Asylum, care of Clara Wheeler,	169 46
Abbie Fiske, care Susan Fiske,	75 00
Dr. F. J. Barker, attendance Susan Fiske,	50 75
Massachusetts General Hospital, care E. P. Hunt,	11 00
Dr. F. E. Tasker, attendance George T. Knowlton,	197 80
Dr. F. E. Tasker, attendance James Lynch,	5 00
F. L. Whitcomb, care " "	4 77
Dr. F. J. Barker, attendance E. P. Hunt,	4 00
J. E. Richardson, care Hattie K. Warren,	6 00
City of Boston, care Clara Whitney,	21 00
	————— \$1,049 44

Repairs Town Buildings and Grounds.

Paid Geo. W. Daniels, repairing Town Hall heater,	75
N. H. Tenney, repairing Town Hall heater,	4 50
E. A. Phalen, " " "	7 25
Thomas Scanlon, repairs West School house and grounds,	23 43
Asaph Parlin, repairs Center School house and grounds,	37 98
G. C. Turner, repairs South School house and grounds,	14 75
J. E. Rice, repairs Town Hall,	2 94
W. S. Kelley, painting Center School house,	267 00

Paid E. A. Phalen, lumber and labor, Center School house,	\$82 60
E. A. Phalen, lock Town Hall cellar,	2 30
E. A. Phalen, repairing Center School house,	5 36
“ “ “ West “ “	2 50
Keith Plumbing Co., repairs Center School furnace,	113 23
Keith Plumbing Co., repairs Center School furnace,	22 50
Keith Plumbing Co., repairs South School furnace,	2 50
Keith Plumbing Co., repairs West School furnace,	9 60
Keith Plumbing Co., repairs Memorial Library furnace,	40 75
Keith Plumbing Co., repairs Memorial Library furnace,	32 30
Chandler Desk Works, new desks and repairing,	60 00
Wadsworth & Howland, paint stock,	66 11
Thomas McCarthy, stone water spouts, Town Hall,	10 40
Fred W. Gray, painting Town Hall,	128 00
Tuttle & Newton, paint stock, Town Hall,	71 35
South Acton Coal & Lumber Co., lumber Center school house,	22 19
South Acton Coal & Lumber Co., storm windows, Center School house,	28 25
South Acton Coal & Lumber Co., storm windows, West School house,	13 50
South Acton Coal & Lumber Co., 37 ft. boards, South Grammar School house,	1 15
South Acton Coal and Lumber Co., lumber, South School house,	4 30
C. J. Williams, repairs school furniture,	25
Wm. Kinsley, labor on West School house grounds,	81 08
F. E. Harris, repairs on West School house,	14 55

Paid Sam Jones, repairs on South School house,	\$4 20	
S. H. Taylor, labor on common and monument grounds,	14 80	
S. H. Taylor, labor on lawn and cellar, Library grounds,	7 50	
M. A. Reed, teaming sand and cleaning vault,	2 75	
M. E. Taylor & Co., repairs Center School,	5 95	
N. H. Tenney, repairs Town Hall,	23 75	
J. L. Hammett & Co., repairs West Acton School desks,	2 00	
	————	\$1,234 32

Cemetery Expenses.

Paid S. Hammond Taylor, labor, Woodlawn,	\$11 28	
N. G. Brown, “ “	66 75	
Julian Tuttle, “ “	85 37	
“ “ plants, “	4 12	
Asaph Parlin, labor, “	38 83	
Keith Plumbing Co., labor and stock, Woodlawn,	5 35	
Fred W. Green, labor, Mt. Hope,	30 00	
A. H. Perkins, “ “	31 77	
H. T. Clark, “ “	54 04	
Shady Hill Nursery, plants, etc., Mt. Hope,	102 00	
Albert Batley, plants, Mt. Hope,	8 54	
N. G. Brown, labor, North,	1 00	
Julian Tuttle, “ “	1 00	
Asaph Parlin, “ “	1 50	
H. F. Tuttle, care lots,	124 17	
H. T. Clark, “ “	24 35	
	————	\$590 07
Appropriated,	\$500 00	
Interest on Cemetery funds,	83 90	
	————	\$583 90

Street Lighting.

Paid Fred W. Green, care of lamps,	\$192 00	
W. H. Kingman, " "	26 70	
Ralph L. Hastings, care of lamps,	53 40	
H. V. Simonds, " "	53 40	
Karl Jones, " "	26 70	
Harold L. Phalen, " "	80 00	
M. G. Hayes, " "	65 00	
Globe Gas Light Co., supplies,	30 35	
Tuttle & Newton, "	143 08	
Est. H. A. Littlefield, "	46 20	
M. E. Taylor & Co., " Centre,	35 30	
" " " " East,	32 94	
Harold Phalen, repairs,	1 25	
W. H. Kingman, "	1 20	
Fred Green, "	1 90	
D. C. Harris, maintaining 1 Lamp,	4 00	
John D. Moulton, " "	4 00	
Sidney L. Richardson, "	4 00	
S. A. Christie, "	4 00	
Abel Farrar, "	4 00	
Lyman C. Taylor, "	4 00	
Chas. Wheeler, "	4 00	
H. W. B. Proctor, "	4 00	
I. F. Durear, "	4 00	
M. Tobin, "	4 00	
		\$829 42
Appropriated,	\$800 00	

Fire Department.

Paid Geo. E. Greenough, use of horses, 1902,	\$2 00
C. W. Leach, care of South house and engine,	22 26
Tuttle & Newton, supplies,	13 88
C. Callihan & Co., 1 nozzle and supplies,	8 25
Fellows & Co., 1 extension and 3 small ladders,	59 35



FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING, WEST ACTON
Built in 1903

Paid F. W. Green, labor at Redfern, barn for chemical,	\$1 50	
E. Jones, lamp and duster,	4 25	
Jas. Devane, repairing and painting chemical,	9 50	
W. E. Hayward, straps for ladders,	1 00	
S. A. Neil, soda for chemicals,	2 24	
So. Acton Woolen Co., acid for chemicals,	3 44	
J. P. Brown, repairs,	1 65	
D. N. Hall, chemical supplies,	3 60	
E. C. Parker & Co., 1,760 lbs. coal,	6 33	
E. F. Conant, 1 cord wood,	4 50	
West Acton Co., allowance of \$2.25 per week to March 12,	31 50	
South Acton Co., allowance of \$2.25 per week to March 12,	32 63	
Fred W. Green, attending fires and teaming,	2 25	
	<hr/>	\$210 13

Fire Department Special Appropriation.

Paid Wm. H. Kinsley, foundation for West Acton house,	52 08
E. B. Hastings, 4 copies specifications West house,	1 00
John S. Hoar, changing specifications West house,	1 00
John S. Hoar, West Acton house per contract,	1,313 00
John S. Hoar, Frost proof room for chemical,	61 41
John S. Hoar, extra for shed, closet, etc.,	88 63
Wm. H. Kinsley, moving old West house to No. Acton,	33 00
So. Acton Coal & Lumber Co., for West house,	9 40

Paid D. H. Hall, allowance for furnishing West house,		\$ 50 25	
Wm. Kinsley, grading,		38 90	
		<hr/>	\$1,648 67
Appropriated,	\$1,200 00		
Unexpended balance,	405 80		
		<hr/>	\$1,605 80

Roads and Bridges.

Paid Good Roads Machine Co., supplies, labor and repairs,		81 70	
F. J. Hastings & Co., supplies,		19 45	
T. F. Parker, supplies,		13 00	
So. Acton Coal & Lumber Co., supplies,		38 23	
Tuttle & Newton, gasoline and supplies,		155 68	
W. A. Haynes Co., 1 scraper,		7 25	
J. P. Brown, blacksmith work,		20 23	
S. S. Searles, " "		6 50	
S. A. Guilford, " "		5 25	
Thomas McCarthy, stone for highway,		22 70	
N. H. Tenney, labor and stock, "crusher 1902,"		6 27	
F. W. Hoit, telephones,		1 00	
Francis Jones, labor and glass,		3 50	
Town of Concord, use of watering cart,		10 00	
American Powder Mills, powder, dynamite, etc.,		25 60	
D. C. Harris, stone,		4 50	
Wm. Kinsley, road commissioner,		1,433 66	
Anson C. Piper, " "		1,606 53	
Albert H. Perkins, " "		1,576 51	
		<hr/>	\$5,037 56
Received from Good Roads Machine Co., for expense of getting Maynard sprinkler,	\$ 5 00		
Road Commissioners, crushed rock, etc.,		77 15	
Appropriation, regular,		4,000 00	
" River St. repairs,		500 00	
" Hennessey road,		300 00	
		<hr/>	\$4,882 15

Watering Cart.

Paid Good Roads Machine Co., cart	\$334 65	
J. P. Brown, labor on cart,	2 85	
	<hr/>	\$337 50
Appropriated,	\$150 00	
and unexpended balance,	254 56	
	<hr/>	\$404 56

Enforcement Liquor Laws.

Paid L. E. Reed, special work,	\$10 00	
	<hr/>	10 00
Appropriated,	\$500 00	
Received from Court fines,	98 51	
	<hr/>	\$598 51

Snow Bills or Breaking Out Roads.

Paid Thos. McCarthy, 1902,	\$10 17	
Wm. Kinsley,	40 80	
A. H. Perkins,	167 50	
Lester Fletcher,	29 77	
A. C. Piper,	76 08	
A. Christefferson,	45 85	
Chas. Edwards,	30 60	
W. A. Flint,	29 40	
	<hr/>	\$430 17

Rents.

Paid Boston & Maine R. R., rent of land, West		
Acton,	\$ 1 00	
A. L. Noyes, storing school supplies,	10 00	
Mrs. Ella Hosmer, use Central Hall,	5 00	
“ “ “ “ for		
school,	125 00	
Universalist Society, use of Vestry, for elec-		
tion,	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$144 00

Loans and Interest.

Paid Elnathan Jones, interest on note for \$2,000.00 to May 17th, 1903,	\$80 00	
F. C. Hayward, interest on \$500.00 ceme- tery fund,	17 50	
J. K. W. Wetherbee, money borrowed in anticipation of taxes,	1,500 00	
J. K. W. Wetherbee, interest for 5 mos.,	25 00	
	—————	\$1,622 50

Board of Health.

Paid Julian Tuttle, agent,	\$ 3 75	
Wm. Klnsley, labor on public dump,	6 00	
Moses A. Reed, agent,	132 64	
F. H. Willard, supplies,	2 80	
Est. F. H. Whitcomb, inspector meats,	5 00	
Moses A. Reed, " "	5 70	
	—————	\$155 89

Peace Celebration, April 20th.

Paid Acton Cadet Band,	\$50 00	
A. L. Noyes, dinners for guests and band,	30 50	
G. W. Worcester, carriages,	9 00	
F. W. Hoit, expense of badges and flags,	6 15	
A. Hosmer, programmes and tickets,	2 50	
	—————	\$98 15
Appropriated,	\$100 00	

Memorial Library Books.

Paid W. B. Clark & Co.,	\$448 28	
W. A. Wilde Co.,	8 34	
National subscription agency,	39 35	
Wm. D. Tuttle, periodicals,	5 99	
	—————	\$501 96

Memorial Library Expenses.

Paid D. J. Wetherbee, insurance,	\$85 00
" " 8,050 lbs. coal,	28 96
D. O. D. Wood, janitor,	41 50
So. Acton Coal & Lumber Co., coal,	31 45
Massachusetts Reformatory, cards,	4 00
" " 300 catalogues,	40 00
Arthur F. Davis, librarian,	102 00
" " extra cataloguing, etc.,	10 00
Chas. S. Twitchell, carrying books,	52 00
Library Bureau, Index cards,	2 00
S. H. Taylor, janitor,	50 00
" " express,	25
G. H. Brooks, wood,	3 50
Page and Baker, 1 table,	3 00
J. R. Wales, binding,	52 40
A. Hosmer, printing,	1 55

 \$507 61

Printing.

Paid E. F. Worcester Press, 25 Town warrants,	\$ 2 75
" " 750 Town reports,	
" " 50 School "	108 90
J. L. Hammett & Co., 26 School certificates,	6 00
Enterprise Pub. Co., pub. petition for over- head bridge hearing,	7 88
A. Hosmer, printing for Town Clerk,	3 90
" " Notices and Folders,	3 25
" " Printing for School Committee,	1 75
" " Town orders,	2 50
" " Printing envelopes,	75
" " " for Overseers Poor,	2 15
H. S. Turner, Notices for street lamps,	1 25
" " Printing, School Committee,	1 50
News Pub. Co., Bicycle notices,	3 00
" " Board of Health notices,	2 50
E. F. Worcester Press, 25 Town warrants,	2 75
" " " 25 Poll tax lists,	11 50

Paid News Pub. Co., 600 copies Electric Road		
Franchises,	\$10 00	
News Pub. Co., 25 cloth signs,	2 50	
		\$174 83

Salaries Town Officers.

Paid Chas. J. Williams, School Committee,	\$84 10
Horace F. Tuttle, " " "	15 00
H. E. Richardson, School Superintendent,	480 00
E. Faulkner Conant, Assessor,	85 00
C. B. Robbins, Assessor,	55 00
Wm. F. Kelley, " "	55 00
" " Overseers Poor,	25 00
F. A. Knowlton, " " "	50 00
I. W. Flagg, " " " 1902 "	20 00
" " " " "	20 00
Edwin A. Phalen, Selectman,	100 00
N. A. Littlefield " Estate " Selectman,	25 00
Frank W. Hoit, " "	75 00
J. R. W. Wetherbee, Treasurer,	100 00
D. J. Wetherbee, Collector Taxes, 1902,	175 00
" " " " 1% on	
\$16,199.00	161 99
D. J. Wetherbee, taking school census,	15 00
Horace F. Tuttle, Town Clerk,	30 00
" " " " Registrar	
Voters,	15 00
David T. Kinsley, Registrar Voters,	12 00
Samuel A. Guilford, " " "	12 00
Jas. McGreen, " " "	12 00
H. E. Clough, Sealer Weights & Measures,	6 00
Moses Reed, Inspector Animals,	66 30
" " Deputy Tree Warden	7 70
" " Truant Officer,	1 75
Geo. C. Turner, " " "	2 25
L. E. Reed, Constable,	13 50
Wm. Kinsley, Special Police duty,	2 50

Moses Reed, Special Police duty,	\$2 50
Jas. Kinsley, " " "	2 50
A. S. Bradley, " " "	2 50
Nelson J. Cole, Election Officer,	2 50
T. F. Newton, " "	2 50
Abram Tuttle, " "	2 50
H. J. Hapgood, " "	2 50
D. H. Hall, " "	2 50
Wm. F. Kelley, " "	2 50
Jas. Kinsley, " "	2 50
C. B. Stone, " "	2 50
Lyman C. Taylor, " "	2 50
N. C. Reed, " "	2 50
Aaron Foster, " "	2 50
Horace F. Tuttle, " "	2 50
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	\$1,759 59

Miscellaneous.

Paid A. L. Noyes, entertainment County Commissioners,	\$12 00
D. J. Wetherbee, stationery, postage, etc., 1902,	9 22
Geo. W. Worster, teams for County Commissioners,	2 50
B. T. Maxim, entertainment Bridge Commissioners,	15 75
C. W. H. Moulton, ladder for Tree Warden,	14 00
Isaac Davis Post, Memorial Day,	100 00
C. J. Williams, postage, telephone, etc., " schools,"	9 62
Acton Cadet Band, band concerts,	100 00
H. E. Richardson, car fare, postage, telephone, etc., " schools,"	22 02
Tuttle & Newton, settees for Common,	19 00
D. C. Harris, boundary posts, per order County Commissioners,	48 00
Wm. Kinsley, setting boundary posts, per order County Commissioners,	54 52

Paid Arthur Wayne, janitor Town Hall, care clock, trough, etc.,	\$45 25
E. F. Conant, postage, telephones, etc.,	4 26
I. F. Duren, flowers for funeral of H. A. Littlefield,	6 00
C. W. H. Moulton, step ladder, "schools,"	4 00
Frank A. Bennett, use of hack for small- pox patients, 1902,	25 00
J. L. Hammett & Co., school furniture,	9 16
J. L. Hammett & Co., sand tables, "schools,"	30 00
Robert S. Robson, repairing ballot box,	10 00
George H. Decoster, cleaning clock,	1 25
E. Jones, Assessors' books,	3 75
E. Jones, Collector's books,	2 50
E. Jones, table and chair, "schools,"	7 00
Little, Brown & Co., 1 book,	4 00
J. K. W. Wetherbee, carpenters insurance policy on West engine house,	7 56
D. J. Wetherbee, abatement taxes, 1902,	235 08
Thos. Scanlon, care school house for meet- ings,	4 62
D. J. Wetherbee, stationery, postage, etc.,	14 51
F. H. Kendall, civil engineer for south grade crossing matter,	100 00
Parker & Bateman, civil engineer for north grade crossing matter,	20 45
O. A. Knowlton, postage, telephones, etc.,	9 72
A. H. Perkins, trimming trees on State road,	3 00
Jas. Kinsley, use of Hurley road,	8 00
M. E. Taylor & Co., supplies for Town Hall,	7 90
W. F. Kelley, postage,	25
I. F. Duren, 2 burials,	6 00
I. F. Duren, 25 returns of death,	6 25
Jas. L. Adams, 1 stove for engine house,	8 25
J. E. Rice, funnell and labor, engine house,	9 74
George E. Greenough, 1 cord wood, Town Hall,	3 00
J. K. W. Wetherbee, postage, stationery, etc.,	12 52

Paid M. E. Taylor & Co., supplies for Tree Warden,	\$4 93
E. A. Phalen, car fares, postage, express, etc.,	14 31
C. J. Williams, freight on school furniture,	2 19
C. J. Williams, freight and lettering ladder for Tree Warden,	1 00
F.W. Hoit, expense grade crossing hearings,	12 30
“ “ postage, car fare, telephones, etc.,	12 45
“ “ expense on watering trough,	75
“ “ books and paper fastener,	3 35
Dr. F. E. Tasker, reporting 9 births,	2 25
“ T. Chamberlain, “ 1 “	25
“ I. L. Pickard, “ 1 “	25
“ E. J. Alley, “ 1 “	25
“ D. Goodnow, “ 1 “	25
“ T. H. Grady, “ 1 “	25
“ F. U. Rich, “ 4 “	1 00
“ S. A. Christie, “ 3 “	75
“ F. J. Barker, “ 14 “	3 50
Horace F. Tuttle :	
Collecting and recording 35 births,	17 50
Recording 38 deaths,	7 60
Recording 32 marriages,	6 40
Transmitting copies to other towns, 2 births, 3 deaths,	1 25
Attending Town Clerk's meeting at Ayer,	2 50
Copying for Town Reports,	3 00
Looking up and copying records of Town roads,	2 00
Blanks and postage for registrars,	3 10
Blanks, books, telephones, postage, etc.,	7 54
Laying out lots, Woodlawn Cemetery,	3 00
Writing and recording deeds, cemetery lots,	5 50

Surveying engine house lot and making plan,	\$5 00
Surveying Hennessey road and making plan,	5 00
Joslin & Mendum, legal services, 1902,	81 18
Joslin & Mendum, legal services, 1903,	26 00
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	\$1,252 25

Receipts for Year Ending March 12, 1904.

Balance due from Treasurer Mar. 12, 1903,	1,867 68
“ “ “ Collector Mar. 12, 1903,	2,612 82
Appropriation for Memorial Library,	600 00
“ “ Memorial Day,	100 00
“ “ roads and bridges,	4,000 00
“ “ Common schools,	3,800 00
“ “ High schools,	1,800 00
“ “ school supplies,	475 00
“ “ transportation of pupils,	1,360 00
“ “ Books and apparatus for High school,	50 00
“ “ salary of Superintendent of Schools,	480 00
“ “ street lamps,	800 00
“ “ fire engine houses,	1,200 00
“ “ watering cart,	150 00
Amount raised for State tax,	1,550 00
“ “ “ “ highway tax,	207 45
“ “ “ County tax,	2,030 37
“ “ “ town charges,	1,000 00
Overlayings,	315 99
Received of Ernest G. Wetherbee, borrowed money,	3,000 00
“ “ J. Roland Wetherbee, borrowed money,	3,000 00
“ “ J. K. W. Wetherbee, borrowed money,	1,500 00
“ “ cemetery fund,	275 00

Received of State Treasurer corporation tax, \$1,316	31
“ “ “ “ national bank tax,	457 67
“ “ income of Mass. school fund,	779 85
“ “ State Treasurer, military aid,	68 25
“ “ “ “ State aid,	602 00
“ “ “ “ burial of soldiers,	70 00
“ “ “ “ State paupers,	36 52
“ “ “ “ inspection animals,	62 85
“ “ County Treasurer, acct. of dog licenses,	294 34
“ “ Middlesex Central District Court, “ fines,”	98 51
“ “ supervision of schools,	375 00
“ “ income Memorial Library fund,	181 20
“ “ cemetery fund,	83 90
“ “ city of Newburyport, aid for Mary Whalen,	71 25
“ “ Horace F. Tuttle, lots sold in Woodlawn cemetery,	115 00
“ “ H. T. Clark, lots sold in Mt. Hope cemetery,	72 00
“ “ Elias Gruber, pedlar's license,	8 00
“ “ A. F. Blanchard, slaughter house license,	1 00
“ “ Dexter Spinney, slaughter house license,	1 00
“ “ Chester B. Robbins, pool room license,	2 00
“ “ Frank R. Knowlton, white lead,	6 40
“ “ Phebe Wood, pension,	216 00
“ “ “ “ State aid,	24 00
“ “ M. A. Reed, for fumigating house of J. Redfern,	5 00
“ “ Memorial Library, “ fines,”	16 00
“ “ rent of Town Hall and cellar,	51 75
“ “ E. H. Cutler, guardian for Clara Wheeler,	287 50
“ “ C. J. Williams, school supplies sold,	2 00

Received of Good Roads Machine Co., on		
account, water sprinkler,	\$5	00
“ “ Wm. Kinsley, crushed rock, etc.,	66	40
“ “ A. H. Perkins, “ “ “	10	75
“ “ Fred Billings, use of chairs,	1	00
“ “ Milk sold on town farm,	871	98
“ “ Carrying milk “ “	182	57
“ “ cows sold, “ “	90	92
“ “ calves “ “ “	16	00
“ “ apples, “ “	113	08
“ “ wood, “ “	87	00
“ “ potatoes, “ “	47	25
“ “ mowing mach. “ “	5	00
“ “ board of child, “ “	12	25
“ “ eggs, “ “	16	49
“ “ corn, “ “	2	40
“ “ use of wagon, “ “	2	50
“ “ use of horse, “ “	1	00
“ “ labor $\frac{1}{2}$ day, “ “		75
“ “ H. T. Clark, “ “ lumber		
sold,	1	20
“ “ International Trust Co., interest		
on deposits,	54	94
“ “ D. J. Wetherbee, interest on		
taxes, 1902,	83	10
	—————	\$42,151 19

Town voted to raise \$2,500.00 for town charges. The Board of Assessors cut it down to \$1,000.00.

Expenditures for Year Ending March 12, 1904.

For support of Center school,	\$1,514	12
“ West “	1,558	09
“ South “	1,444	49
“ High “	1,799	37
Musical instruction schools,	114	00
School supplies,	542	01
Books for High school,	47	28

For Transportation of public school scholars,	\$1,313	50
" High " "	25	00
Soldiers' Relief and burial indigent soldiers,	532	34
Street lighting,	829	42
Fire Department,	210	13
" " Special appropriation,	1,648	67
Watering cart,	337	50
Miscellaneous charges,	1,252	25
State and Military aid,	594	00
Support of Poor on Farm,	1,911	80
" of outside poor,	1,049	44
Repairs Town buildings and grounds,	1,234	32
Peace Celebration, April 20,	98	15
Printing,	174	83
Memorial Library books,	501	96
" " expenses,	507	61
Roads and bridges,	5,037	56
Enforcement liquor laws,	10	00
Snow bills,	430	17
Board Health,	155	89
Cemetery expenses,	590	07
Rents,	144	00
Town officers,	1,759	59
Loans and interest,	1,622	50
State tax,	1,550	00
County tax,	2,030	37
Repairs on State highway,	207	45
Amount due from Treasurer,	6,684	66
" " " Collector,	2,688	65
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		\$42,151 19

Financial Condition of the Town of Acton for the Year Ending March 12,
1904.

Due from City of Newburyport,	\$ 26	00
" State for Inspection of Animals,	33	15
" " " Board of F. H. Harris,	13	00

Due from Lowell, Acton & Maynard Street R.R.		
Snow Bills,	\$	5 75
" State for State Aid,		706 00
" Treasurer,		6,684 66
" Collector,		2,688 65
" Interest on uncollected taxes,		49 30
	—————	\$10,206 51

Liabilities.

Due Ernest G. Wetherbee, note,	\$3,000 00	
J. Rowland Wetherbee, "	3,000 00	
E. Jones, note,	2,000 00	
Interest on notes,	256 00	
Cemetery fund,	2,250 00	
" " unexpended balance,	82 70	
Wild Memorial Library Fund, unexpended balance,	68 38	
	—————	\$10,657 08
Less,		10,206 51
		—————
Deficit,		\$450 57

EDWIN A. PHALEN,
FRANK W. HOIT,

Selectmen of Acton.

· Acton, Mass., March 12, 1904.

JURORS.

The following names will be presented at the Annual Meeting March 28, 1904, to be placed in the jury box, subject to revision and acceptance by the town :

Burroughs, Samuel R.	Barber.
Clark, Herbert T.	Wheelwright.
Cole, Nelson J.	Restaurant Keeper.
Devane, James.	Carriage Painter.
Flint, Alfred W.	Farmer.
Grimes, James A.	Carpenter.
Worster, George W.	Stable Keeper.
Hayward, Edwin L.	Stable Keeper.
Jones, Warren H.	Farmer.
Keyes, John C.	Farmer.
Kinsley, James.	Manufacturer.
Kingsley, William H.	Stone Mason.
Mead, Willis L.	R. R. Employeee.
O'Neil, Constantine.	Farmer.
Richardson, Edward F.	Farmer.
Richardson, Sidney L.	Farmer.
Reed, Moses A.	Farmer.
Reed, Nahum C.	R. R. Employeee.
Smith, Charles E.	Farmer.
Taylor, S. Hammond.	Farmer.
Taylor, Lyman C.	Farmer.
Tuttle, Abram.	Clerk.
Turner, George C.	Janitor.
White, John S.	Farmer.

EDWIN A. PHALEN,
FRANK W. HOITT,
Selectmen of Acton.

Treasurer's Report.

Receipts.

1903.

March 12, To cash on hand, \$1,867 68

RECEIVED :

From Ernest E. Wetherbee, borrowed money,	3,000 00
J. Roland Wetherbee, " " "	3,000 00
J. K. W. Wetherbee, " " "	1,500 00
Cemetery Fund,	275 00
State Treasurer, corporation tax,	4,316 31
" National Bank tax,	457 67
" income of Mass.	
school fund,	779 85
" Military aid,	68 25
" State aid,	602 00
" for burial of soldiers,	70 00
" support of State	
paupers,	36 52
" inspection of ani-	
mals,	62 85
County Treasurer on account of dog	
licenses,	294 34
Middlesex Central District Court for	
fines,	98 51
Supervision of schools,	375 00
Income of Memorial Library fund,	181 20
Income of Cemetery fund,	83 90
City of Newburyport for support of	
Mary Whalen,	71 25
Horace F. Tuttle for lots sold in	
Woodlawn cemetery,	115 00
Herbert T. Clark for lots sold in	
Mount Hope cemetery,	72 00

From Elias Gruber, pedlar's license,	\$8 00
Arthur F. Blanchard, slaughterhouse license,	1 00
Dexter Spinney, slaughterhouse license,	1 00
Chester B. Robbins, pool table license,	2 00
F. R. Knowlton, for white lead,	6 40
Phebe F. Wood, pension,	216 00
Phebe F. Wood, State aid,	24 00
Moses A. Reed, for fumigating house of J. Redfern,	5 00
Memorial Library for fines,	16 00
Rent of Town Hall and cellar,	51 75
E. H. Cutler, guardian for Clara Wheeler,	287 50
A. H. Perkins, for road dust,	10 75
C. J. Williams, for school supplies sold,	2 00
Good Roads Machinery Co., on ac- count of water sprinkler,	5 00
Fred Billings, for use of folding chairs,	1 00
For milk sold from Town farm,	871 98
carrying milk,	182 57
Cows, sold from Town farm,	90 92
Calves " " " "	16 00
Apples " " " "	113 08
Wood " " " "	87 00
Potatoes " " " "	47 25
Mowing machine from Town farm,	5 00
Board of child at " "	12 25
Eggs sold from " "	16 49
Corn " " " "	2 40
Use of wagon, " "	2 50
Use of horse, " "	1 00
Labor $\frac{1}{2}$ -day, " "	75
H. T. Clark, for lumber from Town farm,	1 20

From Road Commissioners,	\$66 40
International Trust Co. interest on deposits,	54 94
D. J. Wetherbee, Collector of taxes for A. D., 1902,	2,536 47
D. J. Wetherbee, interest on taxes, 1902,	83 10
D. J. Wetherbee, collector taxes, A. D., 1903,	17,306 51
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	\$39,462 54

EXPENDITURES.

Paid State tax,	1,550 00
County tax,	2,030 37
For repairs on State highway,	207 45
On Selectmen's orders,	28,990 06
Cash on hand and in Bank,	6,684 66
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March 12, 1904,	\$39,462 54

J. K. W. WETHERBEE,
Treasurer of Acton.

Treasurer's Report of Money Held for Care of Lots in Cemeteries.

March 12, 1904.	DR.		
To Cash in North-End Savings Bank,		\$2,175 00	
Cash in Town Treasury,		2,250 00	
Unexpended balance March 13, 1903,		93 06	
Income for 1893-1894,		155 66	
		<u> </u>	\$4,673 72

CR.

By Cash paid—			
Cemetery Committee for care of lots,		\$148 52	
Cash paid F. E. Hayward,		17 50	
Principal of Cemetery Fund March 12, 1904,		4,425 00	
Balance of income unexpended,		82 70	
		<u> </u>	\$4,673 72

J. K. W. WETHERBEE,
Treasurer of Acton.

Report of the Wild Memorial Library.

March 12, 1904.	DR.	
To Cash in North-End Savings Bank,		\$1,000 00
Cash in Home Savings Bank,		1,000 00
Cash in Middlesex Institution for Sav- ings,		1,000 00
Cash in Warren Institution for Savings,		1,000 00
Cash in Charlestown Five Cent Savings Bank,		1,000 00
Unexpended balance March 12, 1903,		173 14
Cash received for fines,		16 00
Cash received for interest on money in Banks,		181 20
Town appropriation for books,		200 00
		—————\$5,570 34

CR.

By Cash in Banks,		\$5,000 00
Paid for Books and Magazines :		
The Pilgrim Press,		2 49
Henry D. Noyes & Co.,		42 35
W. B. Clark & Co.,		448 28
N. J. Bartlett,		50
W. A. Wilde Co.,		8 34
Balance unexpended,		68 38
		————— \$5,570 34

J. K. W. WETHERBEE,
Treasurer of Acton.

Tax Collector's Report.

GENTLEMEN : — I wish to report to the town the condition of your tax collector's account. At the last annual meeting you instructed the assessors to assess all poll taxes on or before the 15th of May; also your tax collector to collect the same on or before the 15th of June. This system has been a financial success. I think the town should make the rate of interest six per cent. The following is a list of taxes uncollected for the year 1902 :

Nellie T. Hardy,	\$ 9 15
C. B. Robbins,	46 90
L. E. Reed,	20 00

NON-RESIDENT.

Estate Geo. Barrett,	\$ 50
Charles Joy,	1 00
B. J. Sampson,	50

UNCOLLECTED 1903 TAX.

Anderson & Chistofferson,	\$ 35 86
Nelson Basharo, poll,	2 00
Henry Barker,	250 55
T. H. Brown, poll,	2 00
Chas. E. Brodner,	2 28
Annie L. Brodner,	6 87
Chas. Buckley, poll,	2 00
Simon Breath,	45 84
Arthur Blanchard,	154 62
Blanchard & Gould,	104 23
Silas Conant, poll,	2 00
Thos. Calder estate,	15 05
Chas. T. Calder,	6 40

John F. Coughlin,	\$3 10
Mary T. Coughlin,	12 92
D. S. Center, poll,	2 00
W. A. Charles, poll,	2 00
O. W. Dutton,	24 77
Geo. A. Duessault,	2 82
Daniel Dane, poll,	2 00
Robert Dishler,	3 54
R. W. Dockendoff, poll,	2 00
L. H. Denton, poll,	2 00
John Emmett, poll,	2 00
J. W. Evans,	11 90
Michael Ennegness,	24 79
E. B. Forbush, poll,	2 00
J. W. Fisk,	19 82
John Fuller, poll,	2 00
Wilbur Fisk,	2 27
Luther R. Forbush, poll,	2 00
Wm. Fitzgerald, poll,	2 00
W. M. French,	3 65
Helen E. French,	12 37
A. W. Flint,	49 74
A. Fieldman, poll,	2 00
Abel Farrer,	16 07
Estate M. Foley,	8 25
A. S. Fletcher,	8 80
Lottie C. Flagg,	2 75
D. J. Gallagher,	14 43
Arthur Green, poll,	2 00
Fred W. Green,	8 16
Catherine Green,	17 05
H. E. Gates,	34 83
Angie Hill,	13 47
Henry Hopps, poll,	2 00
E. P. Hunt, poll,	2 00
D. J. Hennessey,	38 63
Nellie Hardy,	31 85
Fred Hatfield, poll,	2 00

Hattie C. Hayward,	\$23 10
Emile Johnson,	1 32
Warren H. Jones,	63 60
Shirley E. Jones,	14 10
Wm. Jordon, poll,	2 00
John C. Keyes,	3 32
John M. Kelley,	2 00
Geo. R. Keyes, poll,	2 00
D. Kunnetman, poll,	2 00
O. A. Knowlton,	63 05
Geo. T. Knowlton, poll,	2 00
Geo. T. Lawrie,	14 26
J. W. Livermore,	41 10
Henry L. Livermore,	12 17
Thos. Larner, poll,	2 00
T. C. Lothrop,	48 04
Jos. Labelle, poll,	2 00
Estate H. A. Littlefield,	145 00
Wm. J. Moore,	2 44
Thos. McCarty,	42 31
Thos. Mannion, poll,	2 00
Estate T. Mannion,	13 20
Frank D. Morse,	27 19
John Morrisey, poll,	2 00
John D. Moulton,	16 74
John McMahan, poll,	2 00
John P. McLaughlin,	9 70
Jas. McLaughlin, poll,	2 00
Estate A. Moulton,	18 15
Dormick Mano, poll,	2 00
Simon Mano, poll,	2 00
Albert Merriam, poll,	2 00
Geo. L. Noyes,	12 17
A. L. Noyes,	22 07
Frank Nagle, poll,	2 00
F. H. Nickerson,	17 27
Constantine O'Neil,	42 98
John H. O'Neil, poll,	2 00

Estate E. O'Niel,	\$3 30
Frank A. Pratt,	10 52
Alex. Peterson, poll,	2 00
Arnold Pegdin, poll,	2 00
John C. Page, poll,	2 00
M. Polush, poll,	2 00
Adeline Priest,	28 87
Frances Pratt,	124 21
Estate W. B. Reed,	24 82
John Regan, poll,	2 00
Gustaf Ruben, poll,	2 00
C. B. Robbins,	51 00
P. Rappaport, poll,	2 00
R. Rosenblatt, poll,	2 00
L. E. Reed,	21 80
Thos. E. Reed, poll,	2 00
J. D. Richardson, poll,	2 00
J. E. Rice,	8 49
Ada B. Rice,	22 82
Clifford E. Reed, poll,	2 00
Richard Stancombe,	11
Arthur D. Shaw,	44
Chas. H. Smith,	20 97
Waldo F. Skelton,	26 20
Walter Smith, poll,	2 00
Wm. Sullivan, poll,	2 00
R. J. Smith,	13 55
Lyman Smith, poll,	2 00
N. H. Tenney,	40 82
L. C. Taylor,	18 50
David Thompson, poll,	2 00
W. H. Teele,	80 54
Chas. Veasey,	3 10
G. W. Watson, poll,	2 00
Eliza A. Wheeler,	3 85
E. J. Willis, poll,	2 00
A. E. Willis, poll,	2 00
W. E. Whitney, poll,	2 00

Frank Whitcomb, poll,	\$2 00
C. E. Wakefield,	2 00
Ora A. Willis,	13 75
Florence Wheeler,	11 00
Wm. Williamson, poll,	2 00

NON-RESIDENT TAX.

Chas. Barker,	25 58
Giles A. Barber,	11 00
Estate Geo. H. Barrett,	55
Chas. E. Bradford,	1 65
City of Cambridge,	5 50
Geo. A. Duessault,	18 70
Estate John Drass,	2 20
Ada A. Evans,	3 85
Cyrus Fletcher,	83
S. H. Hasty,	15 40
Hrs. Sylvester Hosmer,	2 48
Geo. W. Heywood,	7 70
Chas. Joy,	1 10
D. H. Mason,	82
C. I. Miller,	14 30
Wm. B. Mullen,	57 20
Rosabella L. Maker,	47 02
E. J. Noyes,	2 47
A. P. Richardson,	9 35
Abbie Sibley,	14 30
Wm. E. Simms,	1 93
“ “ “	1 93
J. A. Smith,	3 30
Erastus Smith,	1 10
B. J. Sampson,	55
Hrs. N. A. Taylor,	1 98
Estate H. Wood,	55

D. J. WETHERBEE,
Collector.

Auditor's Report.

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, and Tax Collector of the Town of Acton to the best of my ability and find them correct.

WALDO E. WHITCOMB,
Auditor.

Assessors' Report.

Valuation May 1, 1903 :

Real estate, (buildings),	\$932,435 00
Real estate, (land),	462,710 00
Value of assessed personal estate,	286,565 00

Total valuation,	\$1,681,710 00
Valuation May 1, 1902,	1,672,423 00

Gain,	\$9,287 00
Rate of taxation, 1903, \$11.00 on a thousand.	

Tax assessed as follows :

On Real Estate,	\$15,346 59
Personal property,	3,152 22
Polls,	1,420 00
	\$19,918 81

Amount of money raised :

For State tax,	\$1,550 00
State Highway tax,	207 45
County tax,	2,030 37
Town purposes,	15,815 00
Overlayings,	315 99
	\$19,918 81

Number of individuals assessed on property,	411
All others,	61
Number of individuals (non-residents), assessed on property,	111
All others,	29
Number of persons assessed on property,	612
“ “ “ for poll tax only,	398
“ “ horses assessed,	482
“ “ cows “	912
“ “ sheep “	11
“ “ neat cattle other than cows assessed,	215
“ “ swine assessed,	30
“ “ houses “	516
“ “ fowls “	6,095

E. FAULKNER CONANT,
CHAUNCEY B. ROBBINS,
WILLIAM F. KELLEY,

Assessors of Acton.

Report of Road Commissioners.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation for repairing roads and bridges,	\$4,000 00	
" " River St.	500 00	
" " D. J. Hennessy's road,	300 00	
Received for crushed stone,	47 40	
" " road dust,	10 75	
" " rent of roller,	15 00	
" " " " truck,	2 00	
" " " " pump,	2 00	
" of Good Roads Machinery Co., ex- penses on watering cart,	5 00	
	\$4,882 15	

EXPENDITURES.

Wm. H. Kingsley, for labor,	\$ 210 80
" " " horses labor,	446 56
" " " men, "	160 13
P. Downey, " "	167 85
S. B. Ineson, " "	110 69
A. W. Foster, " "	146 28
E. Thompson, " "	162 75
Man, " "	24 00
A. C. Piper, " "	247 50
" " " horses "	478 78
J. Coughlin, " "	190 75
P. Fahey, " "	218 75
J. McCommick, " "	148 75
L. Leavitt, " "	157 50
A. Green, " "	101 50
Other men, " "	63 00

A. H. Perkins,	for horses labor	\$234 23
“	“	465 00
“	“ men, “	155 75
A. McCouloster,	“	166 25
G. Wetherbee,	“	154 35
F. Gilmore,	“	152 25
F. Williams,	“	148 35
L. Perkins,	“ team,	87 00
Good Roads Machine Co.,	“ edge plate,	8 50
“	“ crusher supplies,	73 20
T. Parker,	“	13 00
Tuttle & Newton,	oil and gasoline	155 68
T. McCarthy,	stone,	22 70
F. J. Hastings Co.,	tools,	19 45
South Acton C. and L. Co.,	lumber,	38 23
S. S. Searles,	repairs,	6 50
D. C. Harris,	stones,	4 50
H. Jones,	repairs,	3 50
W. A. Haynes Co.,	scraper,	7 25
S. Gilford,	repairs,	5 25
A. H. Perkins,	tools and gravel,	13 33
F. W. Hoit,	telephones,	1 00
J. P. Brown,	repairs,	20 23
American Powder Mills,	dynamite,	25 60
Wm. H. Kinsley,	express,	90
“	“ shovel,	50
“	“ dynamite,	3 20
N. H. Tenney,	labor on crusher, 1902,	6 27
Town of Concord,	use of watering cart, 1902,	10 00
		————— \$5,037 56

We have built 5,455 feet of crushed stone road, average width, 15 feet. Cost, \$2,720.00. Repaired River street. Total cost, \$800.00. Widened D. J. Hennessy's road with cost of \$538.86.

INVENTORY OF TOOLS ON HAND MARCH 12, 1904.

Crushing plant,	\$1,765 00	
One truck,	100 00	
“ roller,	300 00	
“ scraper,	7 00	
Two road machines,	175 00	
One sewer pump,	56 00	
“ plow,	30 00	
Small tools,	15 00	
Watering cart,	337 50	
	————	\$2,785.50

We recommend that the town purchase a snow roller. We are pleased to report that the crushing plant is in good condition and able to continue its good work. We recommend that \$5,000.00 be raised for the repair of roads and bridges.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. KINGSLEY

ANSON C. PIPER,

A. H. PERKINS,

Road Commissioners.

Report of the Board of Health.

TOWN OF ACTON FOR YEAR 1904.

The Board of Health submit the following report for the year ending March 1st, 1904 :

The number of deaths occurring in the Town during the year ending January 1st, 1904, was 34.

Below is a table of contagious diseases required by law to be reported to the Board of Health from March 1st, 1903, to March 1st, 1904 :

Disease.	No. of Cases.
Small pox,	0
Diphtheria,	3
Scarlatina,	6
Typhoid fever,	3
Measles,	48
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis,	1

SANITATION.

It is the earnest desire of this Board that our citizens shall take a more general interest in the sanitary improvement of our Town at large, and that each individual householder strive to correct such abuses as may exist on or about their premises. In a town whose inhabitants are dependent upon wells as a source of water supply too great care cannot be exercised to prevent the pollution of this source by defective drainage or the accumulation of filth upon one's premises.

Let each one, responsible for the proper maintenance of such, know by personal inspection that the house drains are in order, the privy vaults are water tight and properly cleaned and cared for, the rubbish piles are removed and the buildings and grounds kept in a sanitary condition.

Such care and oversight will safeguard the health of our people, add to the good appearance of our Town and save this Board a lot of trouble. Those who neglect to properly attend to these matters and are from necessity compelled to do so, must consider that this Board has no other alternative than to enforce the Laws of this Commonwealth, and that it is not a personal matter with the Board of Health or any member of it.

Lands suitable for the maintenance of a public dumping ground where ashes, old papers, boxes and other rubbish may be deposited and cared for, has been secured by this Board. One in West Acton, near the Stow line, on the property of Mr. George Houghton, and one in South Acton, on the land of Mr. Edward F. Barker. Both are easy of access ; and all persons are hereby warned that the dumping of rubbish or refuse of any description along the public highways will not be permitted.

The contents of house-drains and privy-vaults must be removed in a manner to cause as little annoyance as possible and be cared for in such ways as shall not endanger the public health. Such advice and assistance in these matters as he is able to give will be promptly rendered by the agent of the Board, Mr. M. A. Reed.

QUARANTINE.

The members of this Board feel that they would be remiss in their duty if they failed to again urge upon the voters of the Town the earnest consideration of establishing a proper quarantine station for the isolation and treatment of contagious diseases. As conditions are at present we have absolutely no means of successfully combating an epidemic of any contagious disease should one occur.

MONEYS EXPENDED AND APPROPRIATIONS.

The expenses incurred by the Board of Health for the past year may be found under report of the Board of Selectmen.

This Board recommends the appropriation of the sum of \$100.00 to its use for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

F. J. BARKER, M. D., *Chairman.*

C. J. WILLIAMS,

F. E. TASKER, M. D.

Acton, Mass., March 1st, 1904.

Report of Overseers of Poor.

Inventory of Stock and Provisions on Hand March 9, 1904.

Two horses,	\$300 00
Eleven cows,	490 00
Three heifers,	60 00
Two calves,	8 00
Eleven tons of hay,	200 00
Fifteen cords wood,	75 00
Farming tools,	25 00
Two sleds,	80 00
One wood wagon and rack,	115 00
Hay wagon,	25 00
Market wagon,	60 00
One set double harness,	20 00
Express harness,	18 00
One light harness,	12 00
Two collars and pad,	2 00
Grain,	6 00
Roller,	5 00
Horse rake,	10 00
Stone drag,	3 50
Twenty-five market boxes,	2 50
Drain pipe,	4 80
Two horse cart,	25 00
Two harrows,	14 00
Cultivator,	5 00
Seven ladders,	12 00
Wheelbarrow,	2 00
Hay cutter,	2 00
Three plows,	13 00
Feed trough,	2 00
Canvas cover,	1 75

Pung,	\$5 00
Two democrat wagons,	35 00
Four blankets,	6 00
One set measures,	50
Salt,	90
Apple header,	1 00
Lumber,	8 00
Wrench,	75
Five saws,	3 00
Wagon jack,	1 50
Thirty-eight hens,	28 50
Mowing machine,	36 00
Grindstone,	1 00
Spray pump,	8 00
Twelve apple barrels,	2 40
Second-hand barrels,	60
Forty-seven bushels potatoes,	42 00
Washing machine,	5 00
Six baskets,	1 50
Range and water front,	28 00
Lounge,	2 00
Three rocking chairs,	3 50
Pork and barrel,	12 00
Two lanterns,	1 00
Two razors,	2 00
Raisins,	15
Lamps	2 50
Soap,	25
Two axes,	1 50
Molasses,	75
Lard,	30
Butter,	1 30
Spices,	50
Flour,	5 00
Sugar,	1 10
Fruit jars,	3 00
Brooms,	50
Canned fruit,	5 00

Crockery and tin ware,	\$8 00	
Crackers,	2 00	
Tea and coffee,	1 30	
Oil and tank,	1 75	
Pails and tubs,	3 00	
Four stoves,	20 00	
Two cabinet chairs,	2 00	
Three tables,	6 00	
Eight chairs,	4 00	
Twenty-seven cords 4-foot wood,	100 00	
Five cords trash wood,	10 00	
Chamber set,	12 00	
Air cushion,	1 00	
Four beds and bedding,	56 00	
Bed pan,	3 00	
Traps,	50	
Two trunks,	2 00	
Wheel chair,	22 00	
Two clocks,	6 00	
Cereals,	1 00	
Soft soap,	4 00	
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Inventory March, 1904,		\$2,121 10
Receipts from farm,		1,450 39
Victualing and lodging 231 tramps,		57 75
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		\$3,629 24

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Expenditures,	\$1,911 80	
Interest on farm, \$3,500, at 3 per cent,	105 00	
Inventory, March 1, 1903,	1,971 35	
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		\$3,988 15
Less receipts and stock on farm,		3,629 24
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Cost of supporting poor on farm,		\$358 91

Inmates at Farm During Year.

Sarah Hunt,	12 months
Lucy Hapgood,	12 "
William Quinlan,	12 "
Frank H. Harris,	3 "
Edwin P. Hunt,	1 "

OCTAVUS A. KNOWLTON,
 WM. F. KELLEY,
 I. WARREN FLAGG,

Overseers of Poor.

Report of the Tree Warden.

To the Citizens of Acton:

Again, during the year now closing, the work of this department has been chiefly directed towards the preservation of the wayside trees and the prevention of their disfigurement in the various ways adopted by advertisers. In this work many of our fellow citizens have rendered valuable assistance. One of them has rendered especially valuable service. At several times during the past summer the attention of the Warden was requested to the attacks upon the elms of certain insects supposed to be the elm leaf beetle. Investigation determined, in each instance, that the destroyer was the fall web worm and not the elm leaf beetle. The caterpillars of the web worm weave their nest much as do the well known tent caterpillars, but always at the tips of the branches.

North of New York the web worms breed but once in the season and do but little damage.

The trees in several parts of the town are in need of judicious trimming; this, however, cannot be done until the town sees fit to make an appropriation covering the cost of the work.

The laws relating to public shade trees are again published for the public convenience.

CHARLES J. WILLIAMS,

Tree Warden.

NOTE.—Upon application to the tree warden or to a deputy tree warden by persons desiring to cut trees growing within the limits of a public way along their lands and outside of village limits, such trees as the Town desires to permanently retain will be marked, and a permit given to cut the remainder.

REVISED LAWS.

CHAPTER 53.

Section 12. The tree warden may appoint and remove deputy tree wardens. He and they shall receive such compensations as the town determines, or, in default thereof, as the selectmen allow. He shall have the care and control of all public shade trees in the town, except those in public parks or open places under the jurisdiction of the park commissioners, and of those, if so requested in writing by the park commissioners, and shall enforce all the provisions of law for the preservation of such trees. He shall expend all money appropriated for the setting out and maintainance of such trees. Regulations for their care and preservation made by him, approved by the selectmen and posted in two or more public places, imposing fines and forfeitures of not more than twenty dollars in any one case, shall have the force and effect of town by-laws. All shade trees within the limits of a public way shall be public shade trees.

Section 13. Public shade trees outside the residential part of a town, as determined by the selectmen, shall not be cut or removed, in whole or in part, except by the tree warden or his deputy or by a person holding a license so to do from the tree warden. Public shade trees within said residential part shall not be cut, except for trimming by the tree warden, nor shall they be removed by the tree warden or his deputy or other person without a public hearing at a suitable time and place, after notice thereof posted in two or more public places in the town and upon the tree and after authority granted by the tree warden therefor. Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall forfeit not less than five nor more than one hundred dollars to the use of the town.

CHAPTER 208.

Section 102. Whoever wantonly injures, defaces or destroys an ornamental or shade tree in a public way or place, or negligently or willfully suffers an animal, driven by or for him or belonging to him, and lawfully in a public way or place, to injure, deface or destroy such tree, or whoever, by any other means, negligently or

willfully injures, defaces or destroys such tree, shall forfeit not less than five nor more than one hundred dollars, one-half to the use of the complainant and one-half to the use of the city or town in which said act is committed; and shall in addition thereto be liable to said city or town or other person interested in said tree for all damages caused by said act.

Section 103. Whoever negligently or willfully suffers an animal, driven by or for him or belonging to him and lawfully on the highway, to injure, deface or destroy a tree which is not his own, standing for use or ornament on the highway, or whoever, by any other means, negligently or willfully injures, defaces or destroys such tree, shall forfeit not less than five nor more than one hundred dollars, one-half to the use of the complainant and one-half to the use of the city or town in which said act is committed; and shall in addition thereto be liable in damages to the owners or tenant of the land in front of which the tree stands.

Section 104. Whoever affixes to a tree in a public way or place, a playbill, picture, announcement, notice, advertisement or other thing, whether in writing or otherwise, or cuts, paints or marks such tree except for the purpose of protecting it and under a written permit from the officers having the charge of such trees in a city or from the tree warden in a town, shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars for each offence. The tree warden shall enforce the provisions of this and the preceding two sections in towns.

Report of the Cemetery Commissioners

FOR THE YEAR 1903-1904.

The Town at its last annual meeting appropriated \$500 for the care of cemeteries.

The amount of this appropriation expended was \$441.55.

Mt. Hope Cemetery, \$226.35 ; Woodlawn Cemetery, \$211.70 ; and North Cemetery, \$3.50.

The amount received and paid to the Town Treasurer for lots sold in Woodlawn Cemetery was \$115, and for lots sold in Mt. Hope Cemetery \$72.

The fund for the perpetual care of lots has been increased the past year by three deposits, amounting to \$275, making the amount of funds now deposited with the town \$4,425.

As a part of our report we present a schedule showing the amounts of the several funds for the perpetual care of cemetery lots, and the income and payments on account of each fund during the past year.

From the income of the Cemetery fund, \$166.02 has been expended on the several lots, as shown in the schedule. We recommend that the town adopt some rules and regulations for the government of its cemeteries.

In our last annual report we submitted to the town, for its approval, certain rules and regulations which seemed to us necessary and proper for the best government of its cemeteries.

We trust the Town will give them due consideration and adopt such of them as they approve.

We recommend the same amount be appropriated for Cemeteries as last year, \$500.

JULIAN TUTTLE,
HERBERT T. CLARKE,
HORACE F. TUTTLE,
Cemetery Commissioners.

Acton, March 1, 1904.

CEMETERY FUNDS FOR CARE OF LOTS.
WOODLAWN CEMETERY.

No.	Date of Deposit.	NAME OF FUND.	Lots.	Amount Deposited.	On hand Mar. 12, 1903	Income.	Expended.	On hand Mar. 12, 1904
				\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1	Dec. 30, 1899	Hepsabeth Piper.....	1 S. Prospect.....	50	50.25	1.75	2.00	50.00
2	Feb. 13, 1890	Frederick Rouillard.....	11 W. Grove.....	100	101.50	3.50	4.50	100.50
3	Aug. 3, 1892	William W. Davis.....	10 N. Prospect.....	100	100.00	3.50	2.50	101.00
4	Dec. 30, 1892	Jedediah Tuttle.....	.....	50	50.25	1.75	1.50	50.50
5	Apr. 10, 1893	Mary Skinner.....	.....	200	207.21	7.00	8.56	205.65
6	Apr. 10, 1893	Nancy K. Handley.....	S. Prospect.....	500	517.50	17.50	30.45	504.55
7	May 12, 1897	Mary Severance.....	11 S. Forest.....	100	102.00	3.50	3.00	102.50
8	June 5, 1897	Mary W. Chaffin.....	53 S. Forest.....	100	102.00	3.50	3.50	102.00
9	May 13, 1898	Warren Robbins.....	6 W. Forest.....	100	102.50	3.50	4.50	101.50
10	Apr. 29, 1899	Henry Loker.....	S. Prospect.....	100	103.75	3.50	6.21	101.04
11	June 23, 1899	Henry O. Lothrop.....	26, 27, 28 N. Prospect.....	200	205.00	7.00	10.14	201.86
12	Oct. 20, 1899	Luther W. Piper.....	.....	100	102.00	3.50	4.00	101.50
13	Feb. 12, 1900	James Temple.....	33 N. Prospect.....	100	102.00	3.50	4.00	101.50
14	May 30, 1900	Fidelia Wheeler.....	6 S. Forest.....	100	103.75	3.50	6.68	100.57
15	Oct. 24, 1900	Wm. H. Chapman.....	.....	100	101.00	3.50	3.00	101.50
16	Jan. 12, 1901	Mary A. Robbins.....	.....	100	100.00	3.50	3.50	100.00
17	July 29, 1901	Daniel Wetherbee.....	N. E. cor. Forest & Ellsworth..	100	102.10	3.50	2.50	103.10
18	May 19, 1901	James Tuttle.....	.....	100	106.40	3.50	6.13	103.77
19	Sept. 24, 1901	Julia Morrison.....	20 N. Forest.....	75	76.13	2.62	4.50	74.25
20	Feb. 20, 1902	Elbridge J. Robbins.....	3 N. Pine.....	100	101.50	3.50	3.00	102.00
21	June 20, 1902	William Jennings.....	S. W. cor. Grove & Prospect..	100	101.60	3.50	1.00	104.10
22	Aug. 15, 1902	Adeline Weston Blood.....	.....	100	102.02	3.50	.....	105.52
23	Oct. 18, 1902	Irving V. Whitcomb.....	20 S. Pine.....	100	101.70	3.50	3.50	101.70
24	May 13, 1903	Lewis B. Goodnow.....	13 N. Forest.....	100	.....	2.92	.....	102.92
25	Feb. 6, 1904	John Fletcher.....	10 N. Forest.....	100	.....	.33	.....	100.33
26	Feb. 27, 1904	W. E. Faulkner.....	7 N. Central.....	75	.....	.17	.....	75.17

MOUNT HOPE CEMETERY.

1	Mar. 8, 1895,	Eliza A. Whitcomb.....	75	75.00	2.62	2.80	74.82
2	Mar. 23, 1900	Phineas Wetherbee.....	{ 1 share F.R.R.	*6.00	7.00	3.75	*9.25
3	Aug. 27, 1901	S. Lizzie Hayward.....	100	103.65	3.50	2.80	104.35
4	Aug. 31, 1901	Frank C. Hayward.....	500	509.33	17.50	+17.50	509.33
5	Nov. 4, 1902	George C. Wright.....	5 lots.....	505.50	17.50	15.00	508.90
6	Nov. 4, 1902	George C. Wright.....	Davis birthplace.....	50	50.55	1.75	52.30

NORTH CEMETERY.

1	Jan. 12, 1903	Samuel Temple.....	50	50.29	1.75	2.00	50.04
2	Jan. 12, 1903	Francis Hutchinson.....	50	50.29	1.75	1.75	50.29
3	Jan. 12, 1903	Henrietta Anderson.....	50	50.29	1.75	1.75	50.29
				\$4,425	\$4,243.06	\$155.66	\$4,507.70

*Unexpended income.

†Paid to F. C. Hayward.

Report of the Trustees of Acton Memorial Library.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

LUTHER CONANT, *President.*

MOSES TAYLOR.

D. J. WETHERBEE, *Secretary.*

HIRAM J. HAPGOOD.

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ADELBERT MEAD.

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CHARLES J. WILLIAMS.

L. A. HESSELTON.

The Trustees of the Acton Memorial Library take pleasure in presenting their 14th Annual Report. At a meeting of the Trustees on March 12th, 1904, the following communication was received :

ACTON, MASS., March 12, 1904.

To the Trustees of the Acton Memorial Library:—

“I hereby respectfully offer for your acceptance for the Library the enclosed First Mortgage West Shore R. R. Registered Four Per Cent. Bond, No. M. 28360 for the sum of one thousand dollars, guaranteed by the New York Central & Hudson River R. R. Co. of New York. This bond has four hundred fifty-seven years to run and upon its maturity Jan. 1, 2361, I trust our successors—the then Trustees—of the Acton Memorial Library will re-invest the proceeds in some safe and conservative security for the perpetual service of the institution. I request the Trustees to expend the income from this bond for the purchase of books, magazines, or for such purposes as the Trustees may think best.

“I am impelled to do this in the hopes that it may in some degree keep fresh the memory of one who was always interested in the Library, who, by her natural kindness of heart, deep affection and unselfish devotion to me and ours, made our home in no small measure an earthly Paradise.

“It is my desire that this may be known as the Mrs. Susan Augusta and Luther Conant Fund, and so entered on the records of the Library.”

Very respectfully,

LUTHER CONANT.

MEMORIAL LIBRARY,

ACTON, March 12th, 1904.

The Trustees of the Acton Memorial Library hereby gratefully acknowledge the very generous gift to the Library from the honored President of its Board of Trustees, Mr. Luther Conant, of one thousand dollars; the sum named to constitute a fund to be known as the Susan A. and Luther Conant Fund, the annual income of which is to be devoted to the purposes of the Library, under the direction of the said Trustees.

WILLIAM D. TUTTLE,

Secretary pro tem.

On the expiration of the present term, Mr. William D. Tuttle declines further service on the Board of Trustees. Mr. Tuttle has served fourteen years, and all of that time has been on the Library Committee, whose duty it is to purchase new books.

Having been on that committee with Mr. Tuttle, I think it only a matter of simple justice to him, to state that almost all the labor has fallen on him. How well he has performed this duty, those who have enjoyed the privileges of the Library can best appreciate. I cannot help saying that he has given to the performance of this duty the same faithful care and conscientious effort that he has to all his Public service during a long life to Church, Town and State.

With possibly one or two exceptions, every town in Massachusetts now has a free Public Library. The appreciation of the value of these institutions constantly expands and many of the ablest and deepest thinkers are laboring to make its benefits still more general and if possible to reach people who have hitherto failed to come under its influence. Here the young acquire a taste for useful reading, and to many who have enjoyed but scanty opportunity for obtaining an education, a broad field is opened. To those who have

been more fortunate in securing a general or even liberal education, the Public Library offers a chance for a post-graduate course, so all, if they choose, may have their minds enriched if they but improve the opportunity that such an institution affords.

We ask the Town to vote the same appropriation, \$200 for new books, and \$400 for current expenses, as in years past.

Respectfully submitted,

LUTHER CONANT,

For the Trustees.

14th Annual Report.

Accessions : Number of volumes in the library March 12th, 1903, 8,073 ; number of volumes in the library March 12, 1904, 8,530 ; increase by purchase, 401, of which 44 were obtained by binding magazines ; increase by gift, 56.

Circulation : Number of days library was open, 102 ; number of volumes circulated, 6,192 ; daily average circulation, 61 ; largest daily circulation, 110, on April 18th and March 28th ; smallest daily circulation, 20, on April 22.

Amount received from fines and catalogues,	\$17 62
Expended for postage, etc.	60
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Gifts of books have been received from the following sources : U. S. Government, 9 ; State of Massachusetts, 33 ; City of Boston, 1 ; Town of Concord, 1 ; James M. Barnard, 1 ; W. R. Buxton, 1 ; Luther Conant, 2 ; Mrs. Luther Conant, 1 ; Miss Charlotte L. Conant, 1 ; Harper & Bros., 1 ; James S. Munroe, 1 ; S. L. Phillips, 1 ; A. E. Pillsbury, 1 ; Universalist Pub Co., 1 ; Charles H. Vail, 1.

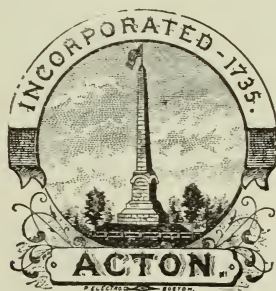
Periodicals in the reading room : Book Lovers Magazine, Cas-sells, Century, Chatauquan, Child's Hour, Cosmopolitan, Country Life in America, Everybody's, Harper's, Harper's Weekly, Masters in Art, McClure's, Munsey's, National, New England, Our Paper, Reformatory, Outing, Review of Reviews, Scientific American, Scrib-ner's, St. Nicholas, Success, Worlds Work, Youths Companion.

A. F. DAVIS,

Librarian.

67th ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AND THE
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
OF THE
TOWN OF ACTON, MASS.

FOR THE YEAR 1903-1904.



MARLBOROUGH, MASS. :
THE ESTABROOK PRESS, PRINTERS AND BINDERS, FRYE BLOCK.
1904.

School Committee, 1903-1904.

Charles J. Williams, Chairman,	Term expires 1905
Frank R. Knowlton,	“ “ 1904
Horace F. Tuttle, Secretary,	“ “ 1906

Superintendent of Schools.

Herbert E. Richardson, Residence, Littleton, Mass.

Truant Officers.

James Kinsley, Moses A. Reed, George C. Turner.

STANDING RULES.

*RULE 1. Children under five years of age shall not be admitted to the public schools.

RULE 2. Pupils shall be promoted from grade to grade and school to school, according to merit. Thorough and satisfactory work will be required of pupils in a lower grade or school before entering a higher grade or school.

RULE 3. Children who have not previously attended any school shall be admitted to the public schools only at the beginning of the fall term.

RULE 4. Pupils will be held responsible for books loaned to them until such books shall have been returned to the teacher.

RULE 5. No repairs shall be made upon the public property in the care of the school committee except by their authorized agents.

*When the birthday of a child falls on or before the 15th day of the month it is reckoned as falling upon the first day of that month.

School Calendar 1904-1905.

High School—40 Weeks.

Fall term begins September 6th. Fall term closes November 23d.

*Winter term begins November 28th. Winter term closes March 17th.

Spring term begins March 27th. Spring term closes June 23d.

Common Schools—38 Weeks.

Fall term begins Sept. 6th. Fall term closes Nov. 18th.

*Winter term begins Nov. 28th. Winter term closes March 17th.

Spring “ “ March 27th. Spring “ “ June 16th.

*Recess of one week, December 25th to 31st.

EXTRACTS FROM THE STATUTES.

REVISED LAWS.

CHAPTER 43.

Section 11. The several school teachers shall faithfully keep the registers of attendance daily, and make due return thereof to the school committee, or to such person as the committee may designate. No teacher of a public school shall receive payment for services for the two weeks preceding the close of any term, until the register, properly filled up and completed, is so returned. All registers shall be kept at the schools, and at all times during school hours shall be open to the inspection of the school committee, the superintendent of schools, the truant officers and the secretary and agent of the board of education. In reckoning the average membership and the percentage of attendance in the schools, no pupil's name shall be omitted in counting the number of persons belonging to the school and the number of absences of such persons until it is known that such pupil has withdrawn from the school without intention of returning or, in the absence of such knowledge, until ten consecutive days of absence have been recorded ; but the foregoing provision for computing the average membership and the percentage of attendance shall not affect proceedings against habitual truants, absentees or school offenders, or other persons, under the provisions of section one of chapter forty-four and sections three, four and five of chapter forty-six. A pupil who is not present during at least half of a session shall be marked and counted as absent for that session.

CHAPTER 44.

Section 1. Every child between seven and fourteen years of age shall attend some public day school in the city or town in which he resides during the entire time the public day schools are in session, subject to such exception as to children, places of attendance and schools as are provided for in section three of chapter forty-two and sections three, five and six of this chapter. The superintendent of

schools or, if there is no superintendent of schools, the school committee, or teachers acting under authority of said superintendent or committee, may excuse cases of necessary absence. The attendance of a child upon a public day school shall not be required if he has attended for a like period of time a private day school approved by the school committee of such city or town in accordance with the provisions of the following section, or if he has been otherwise instructed for a like period of time in the branches of learning required by law to be taught in the public schools, or if he has already acquired such branches of learning, or if his physical or mental condition is such as to render such attendance inexpedient or impracticable. Every person having under his control a child as described in this section shall cause him to attend school as herein required ; and if he fails for five day sessions or ten half day sessions within any period of six months while under such control to cause such child, whose physical or mental condition is not such as to render his attendance at school harmful or impracticable, so to attend school, he shall, upon complaint of a truant officer and conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than twenty dollars. Whoever induces or attempts to induce a child to absent himself unlawfully from school, or employs or harbors a child who, while school is in session, is absent unlawfully from school shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars.

Section 6. A child who has not been vaccinated shall not be admitted to a public school except upon presentation of a certificate signed by a regular practising physician that he is not a fit subject for vaccination. A child who is a member of a household in which a person is ill with smallpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever or measles, or of a household exposed to such contagion from another household as aforesaid, shall not attend any public school during such illness or until the teacher of the school has been furnished with a certificate from the board of health of the city or town, or from the attending physician of such person, stating that, in a case of smallpox, diphtheria or scarlet fever at least two weeks, and in a case of measles, at least three days, have elapsed since the recovery, removal or death of such person, and that danger of conveying such disease by such child has passed.

CHAPTER 46.

Section 3. Any child between seven and fourteen years of age who wilfully and habitually absents himself from school contrary to the provisions of section one of chapter forty-four shall be deemed to be an habitual truant, and, upon complaint of a truant officer and conviction thereof, may, if a boy, be committed to a county truant school for not more than two years and, if a girl, to the state industrial school for girls, unless such child is placed on probation as provided in section seven of this chapter.

Section 4. A child between seven and sixteen years of age who may be found wandering about in the streets or public places of any city or town, having no lawful occupation, habitually not attending school, and growing up in idleness and ignorance, shall be deemed an habitual absentee, and, upon complaint by a truant officer or any other person and conviction thereof may, if a boy, be committed to a county truant school for not more than two years or to the Lyman school for boys, and, if a girl, to the state industrial school for girls, unless such child is placed on probation as provided in section seven.

Section 5. A child under fourteen years of age who persistently violates the reasonable regulations of the school which he attends, or otherwise persistently misbehaves therein, so as to render himself a fit subject for expulsion therefrom, shall be deemed to be an habitual school offender, and, upon complaint by a truant officer and conviction thereof, may, if a boy, be committed to a county truant school for not more than two years or to the Lyman school for boys, and, if a girl, to the state industrial school for girls, unless such child is placed on probation as provided in section seven.

Section 13. Truant officers shall inquire into all cases arising under the provisions of sections one and six of chapter forty-four and sections three, four and five of this chapter, and may make complaints and serve legal processes issued under the provisions of this chapter. They shall have the oversight of children placed on probation under the provisions of section seven. A truant officer may apprehend and take to school, without a warrant, any truant or absentee found wandering about in the streets or public places thereof.

CHAPTER 106.

Section 28. No child under the age of fourteen years shall be employed in any factory, workshop or mercantile establishment. No such child shall be employed at work performed for wages or other compensation, to whomsoever payable, during the hours when the public schools of the city or town in which he resides are in session, nor be employed at work before six o'clock in the morning or after seven o'clock in the evening.

67th Annual Report of the School Committee.

To the Citizens of Acton :

In our report for last year we stated that the South primary school was seriously overcrowded. During the spring term following the publication of that report there were in this school, distributed in three grades, fifty-six pupils, a much greater number than one teacher can properly instruct or care for under such conditions and a number which occupied every available inch of floor space in the room.

It was impossible to relieve the situation, either by the employment of an assistant or by the establishment of another school, since the school building was already fully occupied, while suitable accommodations for another school outside of the building were not to be had. With these conditions confronting us at the beginning of the fall term there seemed open but a single course, viz., to restrict the numbers of the entering class, and this course was adopted. No first-grade pupils under the age of six years were admitted to the school in September, yet with numbers thus restricted there were present during the opening days of the term forty-one pupils—an attendance which has been since maintained—while fifteen or sixteen children of five years of age were necessarily and regretfully excluded from school privileges which they should rightfully enjoy and which children of like age in other parts of the town do enjoy.

The lack of accommodations for the schools at South Acton has engaged the attention of your committee and has been made the subject matter of their reports at more or less frequent intervals for many years.

In their report for 1898 they wrote as follows :

“The great number of pupils in the Primary school at South Acton, seconded by an urgent and unanimous appeal from the parents of the pupils attending this school, compelled the appointment of an assistant teacher in January of this year.

An Intermediate school should be established in South Acton, thereby permitting a reduction in the number of grades in the several rooms of the common schools, but no action in this direction can well be taken until the necessary accommodations shall have been provided.

Your attention is again requested to the need of better accommodations for the High school and for the common schools in South Acton. In the report of the School Committee for 1886, written by the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. C. L. Roades, there appears this paragraph: "In the schools at the West the average attendance has been 66, while that at the South has been 62. These school rooms are crowded; more room is needed. The classes are too large and difficult to teach the few minutes the teacher has for each when all the classes must be heard. An Intermediate school is recommended for each of these districts, and in the opinion of the Committee and Superintendent needed for the best interests of these schools."

In the report for 1887 the Committee say: "And it is now, as it was last year, urged upon the town by its School Committee, that it take speedy action to provide for the necessity now before us. The South Primary school, with its membership of 52, and the West, with its membership of 46, would have presented difficulties that your Committee could not have answered for, had not sickness taken many from their desks and given room for others."

In later years this matter has at intervals been presented for your consideration.

In their report for 1895, the School Committee recommended the enlargement of the school building at South Acton for the better accommodation of the High and common schools, and that the Board of Selectmen be appointed a committee to consider the subject and report thereon. At the annual meeting in that year the committee was appointed and instructed agreeably to this request. At the annual meeting in the succeeding year, 1896, the committee of the Board of Selectmen requested an extension of time, and that the School Committee might be joined to it. Both requests were complied with, and the town thereupon instructed this committee to procure plans and estimates of cost of the proposed addition to

the school building at South Acton, and to present them to the town at an early date.

Acting under these instructions, the committee procured plans for an addition to the South school building, which in their judgment provided for the needs of the High school and for those of the common schools of South Acton for a term of years, and at a cost well within the resources of the town.

The committee reported at the special meeting in June, 1896, in favor of the purchase of a tract of land of about one and one quarter acres in the rear of the school building, and of the erection of an addition to the latter, which should provide upon the lower floor accommodations for an Intermediate school and upon the upper floor recitation rooms and a laboratory for the use of the High school. The price of the land was \$600, and the cost of the addition to the building was estimated by Mr. John S. Hoar of West Acton, who drew the plans at \$2,250.

The report was laid upon the table.

A generation of pupils has entered and left your schools since your attention was first invited to this subject, twelve years ago. It may fairly be assumed that definite and favorable action upon it will presently be taken."

The report for 1899 reads: "We again urge upon the town that it provide adequate accommodations for the common schools at South Acton and for the High school."

In September 1899, the town having taken no steps towards providing the accommodations so long and urgently asked for, the only available hall in South Acton was rented for the use of the Grammar school and an Intermediate school was established there, thus reducing from four to three the number of grades in the Primary school. Notwithstanding this reduction in the number of grades in this school we are, in consequence of the increase in the school population of South Acton, again confronted with the old conditions and the Primary grades are again overcrowded. Moreover, the hall now used for the Grammar school, which was most kindly placed by its owner at our disposal at a time when it was the only hall in South Acton available for public purposes (an action taken with the full assent of the public), though serving the purpose very well so far as the room

itself is concerned, is nevertheless thoroughly unfit for such use because of its location—very near the railway, in a public and much used business square, without grounds and consequently without proper sanitary arrangements. We desire to point out that the foregoing statement presents to the town a very serious condition of affairs and one which should have its careful and immediate consideration.

There appears to be two feasible methods of overcoming the difficulties of the situation at South Acton.

1st, and preferably, by providing accommodations elsewhere for the High school, thus permitting the use of the whole of the school building for the common schools.

2d, By such additions to the grounds and building at South Acton as will provide for the necessities of both the Common and High schools.

Otherwise than as above stated we are able to report your schools to be in good condition and quite the equals of many schools in larger and, in some respects, more fortunately situated places.

Notwithstanding the extreme and long continued severity of the winter, the school houses have at all times been thoroughly heated, a fact due in a large measure to the unflinching care and watchfulness of the janitors of the several buildings, of whose services in this respect especially we desire to record our thorough appreciation.

It is, perhaps, needless to say that the consumption of fuel has been very much greater than in years of ordinary temperature.

The High School is now well supplied with reference books and apparatus and the annual expenditure for this purpose will, hereafter be comparatively small. On the other hand, the demands of the common schools for supplies are constantly increasing, and in no year are we fully able to comply with them. We recommend that the annual appropriation of fifty dollars for books and apparatus for the High School be discontinued and that the appropriation for school supplies be increased by that amount, such reference books and apparatus as the High School may need to be purchased from the latter appropriation.

The increase in income from the Mass. School Fund will, we hope, enable us, through some increase in their salaries, and without

further present charge upon the town, to retain the services of highly competent and successful teachers for longer periods than we have sometimes in the immediate past been able to do and to free ourselves in some degree from the embarrassments occasioned by the efforts of other towns, in some cases towns smaller than our own, to deprive us of the services of such teachers by offers of larger salaries.

For detailed statements regarding the schools you are respectfully referred to the report of the Superintendent, included herein.

The appropriation of \$50.00 for books and apparatus for the High School has been expended as follows—

Books,	\$41 28
Apparatus,	6 00
Total,	\$47 28

The sum of \$375.00 has been received from the state on account of salary of Superintendent of Schools for the year ending Sept. 1st, 1903.

The reports of the purchasing agent and of the truant officers are appended.

Receipts and Expenditures.

ON ACCOUNT OF SCHOOLS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1903-1904

Receipts.

Appropriation for Common Schools,	\$3,800 00
“ “ High School,	1,800 00
“ “ School Supplies,	475 00
“ “ Transportation of pupils,	1,360 00
“ “ Books, etc., for High School,	50 00
“ “ Salary of Superintendent of Schools,	480 00
Received from Mass. School Fund,	779 85
“ “ dog licenses,	294 34
	————— \$9,039 19

Expenditures.

For Common Schools,	\$4,516 70	
High School,	1,799 37	
School supplies,	540 01	
Transportation of pupils,	1,313 50	
Books, etc., for High School,	47 28	
Salary of Superintendent of Schools,	480 00	
	<hr/>	\$8,696 86
Unexpended balance,	\$342 33	

Estimates for the Support of Schools.

FOR THE YEAR 1904-1905.

For Common schools,	\$3,800 00	
High school,	1,800 00	
school supplies,	525 00	
transportation of pupils,	1,360 00	
salary of Superintendent of schools,	480 00	
	<hr/>	\$7,965 00

The School Committee of Acton,

By CHARLES J. WILLIAMS,

Chairman.

Superintendent's Report.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:—

In accordance with the rules of your Board, I hereby submit the following report to you and through you to the citizens of the town for the year ending February 26, 1904. Below are given the school census of September, 1903 and a summary of statistics for the year ending June, 1903. At the end of this report will be found tabulated statistics to Feb. 26, 1904:

Population, U. S. Census of 1900,	2,120
Valuation, May 1, 1903,	\$1,681,710
Number of persons in town between 5 and 15 years:	
Boys, 145. Girls, 174. Total,	319
Number of persons in town between 7 and 14 years:	
Boys, 107. Girls, 117. Total,	224
Whole number enrolled in all the schools,	351
" " " between 5 and 15 years,	307
" " " " 7 and 14 years,	241
" " " over 15 years,	29
Average membership,	312.6
" attendance,	288.6
Percent of attendance,	92
Number of weeks in school year,	38
Whole number of different schools,	10
Whole number of teachers,	11
Number of different male teachers during year,	1
" " female " " "	13
" Normal School graduates,	9
" who have attended Normal schools,	9
" College graduates,	4
Averages wages per month of male teacher,	\$100 00
" " " " " female teachers	42 20
Aggregate of months all the schools have kept,	95½
Average number of months schools have kept,	9.55

IN MEMORIAM.

It becomes our painful duty to record the death of Miss GERTRUDE E. PEET of Cornwall, Vermont, which occurred Sept. 14, 1903, from typhoid fever. She was the only daughter of Mr. Lyman W. Peet, who for many years was superintendent of schools in Vermont, and it was her early ambition to become a teacher. She was graduated from the Westfield Normal school and for the past two years had taught with marked success in Orleans, Mass.

Miss Peet possessed a bright, sunny disposition and her charming personality and sweet influence were felt by all with whom she came in contact. She began her work at the West Intermediate school, Aug. 30. Although her stay in our midst was brief, she was thoroughly devoted to her work and completely won the hearts of her pupils and the confidence and esteem of all associated with her in the work.

SCHOOL WORK.

During the past year no new lines have been attempted but faithful, effective work has been done. Our school system is so organized that notwithstanding the many changes in the teaching corps each year, new teachers are enabled to carry on the work with but little interruption. Our teachers are painstaking, conscientious, efficient and we trust that parents and citizens know by personal inspection what is being done in the schools.

To make right motives and right actions habitual is the constant endeavor of the schools. The great purpose is not to teach the contents of the book alone but to give the children an all round development, physical, mental, moral and to train them to become worthy and law-abiding citizens.

TEACHERS.

At the beginning of the year the usual number of changes occurred. Miss Helen Waterman resigned from the High School, and Miss Ruby M. Atwood, a graduate of Brown University, succeeded

her. Miss Bertha Bridges resigned from the South Grammar to teach in Maine, her home state, and Miss Virginia Rowell was elected to the school. We have been unfortunate in being obliged to make frequent change of teachers in this school. Early in the year, Miss Rowell, on account of ill health was obliged to give up her work and was granted leave of absence for the rest of the fall term. She was again obliged to leave school in the middle of the winter term. We were fortunate in securing the services of Mrs. Hosmer and Miss Emma Foster of Fitchburg Normal school as substitute teachers and notwithstanding many changes the work was carried forward satisfactorily. Miss Katherine B. Feeley, a graduate of Fitchburg Normal school, has been placed in charge of the school for the rest of the year.

Miss Jennie Willey of the South Intermediate school, who resigned to enter a matrimonial alliance, was followed by Miss Martha Fagerstrom, a graduate of Worcester Normal school. Miss Eudora Gould resigned from the South Primary to teach elsewhere and was succeeded by Miss Inez Kilton, a graduate of the Worcester Normal school.

Miss Sadie Collier of the Center Grammar school resigned after two years' successful service to enter a matrimonial alliance and Miss Nancy M. Bucknam of Dorchester, a teacher of several years' successful experience, was chosen for the place.

After the resignation of Miss Blanche Clough from the West Grammar in the spring, Miss Marion Flagg of the Fitchburg Normal school, substituted acceptably for several weeks, and Miss Jennie V. Sargent, a graduate of Worcester Normal school and of Mt. Holyoke College, was elected regular teacher.

Miss Lena Sewell resigned to accept a school in Maine and Miss Gertrude Peet was appointed to the place. After the death of Miss Peet, Miss Agnes Devlin, a graduate of the four years' course at Fitchburg Normal was chosen for the school.

SCHOOL ACCOMMODATIONS.

For a number of years the South Primary school has been over crowded, having over fifty pupils last year. With such large numbers it has been impossible to bring the children up to grade work and

results were beginning to be manifest in the next room where many of the children were obliged to repeat their grade work.

On account of these circumstances, last September it was necessary to refuse admission to all children under six years of age. This has brought no hardship to the children for it is the consensus of opinion sustained by state law that a child who enters school for the first time even as late as seven years of age is at no disadvantage.

The question that will confront us again next September is: What to do with the large class of beginners desiring to enter the school. Overcrowding is especially to be depreciated as little children just entering school need much individual care with constant direction and instruction.

Another room is much needed for the primary grades and one also for the grammar school, which now assembles in the hall, where conditions are not altogether favorable. Nearness to railroad trains causes frequent interruptions in the work and isolation from the other schools makes the discipline more difficult.

ABSENCE AND TARDINESS.

It may be well at this time to refer to the custom of requiring written excuses for absence and tardiness from parents or guardian of pupils. The object of this regulation is to enable parents to cooperate with the schools in securing punctual, regular attendance on the part of their children and to show that the pupil is absent with the consent of the parent. Teachers are simply doing their duty when they insist upon such excuses.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

The work of the year in the High school has been very satisfactory. The spirit of the school has been excellent and the discipline effective. Each year marks an increase in its efficiency, both in point of instruction and general equipment. The numbers in the school have gradually increased making a total membership during the year of about forty.

For a fuller account of the High school, you are referred to the the Principal's report which is appended, and which has my full approval.

ATTENDANCE AT HIGH SCHOOL.

A paper on attendance at High schools given at the National Educational Association in Boston last July by a speaker who had gathered statistics from all over the country, brought out the somewhat startling facts that little over 5 per cent. of the pupils who enter the elementary schools remain to enter the high schools; of those who enter the High schools between 20 and 24 per cent. are reported as graduating and of the original number entering the elementary schools only about 2 per cent. graduate from the High schools.

As a possible explanation of this state of affairs attention was called to the fact that many pupils enter the High school simply to get one or more years' additional school training, knowing beforehand that they will not be able to remain to graduate. If all pupils admitted to High schools entered with the intention of remaining to graduate, the dropping out of so large a percentage would mean disappointment and defeat to the majority.

Principals of schools were asked to state in order of importance the causes they considered most potent in taking pupils out of High Schools and the following were put among the first by teachers in Massachusetts, New York, California, Georgia and Texas :

1. Needed for support.
2. Desire to enter factory.
3. Desire to enter business school.
4. Commercial ideals at home and lack of appreciation of education.
5. Laziness.

The speaker stated that one who had made a special study of fifteen selected High schools scattered from Cambridge to Portland, many of very high repute, found that only 16 per cent. of the students entering these schools remained till the fourth year and hardly more than 12 or 14 per cent. graduated.

In spite of the seeming advantages of these choicest High schools with their liberal, complete equipment, and supposedly superior teaching force, it is shown that the smaller High schools as

a rule hold their pupils better than the large ones—due in part to the closer personal relations between teachers, parents, and pupils.

In the light of the foregoing statements the Acton High school is to be congratulated upon graduating each year so many boys and girls well prepared for higher education or for the business of life.

I wish to express my appreciation of the loyalty of teachers to our schools and to you, gentleman, for your uniform courtesy and support.

This report and the special reports are respectfully submitted.

HERBERT E. RICHARDSON,

Superintendent of Schools.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL.

SUPERINTENDENT H. E. RICHARDSON,

Dear Sir:—The work during the current year has proceeded in general along the lines started in our last report. There have been no radical changes, yet we have endeavored to avoid the established ruts and to realize as far as possible, the demands imposed under the present system of education.

With a school building well equipped, and tastefully furnished, we certainly have no complaint to offer, so far as regards our surroundings. But we must again call attention to the need of co-operation on the part of the parent with the teacher. During the school life of the child, harmony should exist between the school and the home. Teachers are not always judicious in their assignment of home work, sometimes the lessons are too difficult, sometimes too much, often times too little help is given. Frequently through lack of sympathy, they not only fail to give the pupils proper encouragement but to commend honest effort.

Each child requires an individual method. If the parent and teacher were to talk over the child's deficiencies and to decide upon some course to pursue to remedy these, there is but little doubt in my mind that a marked change for the better would be noticed.

Lessons that are to be prepared out of school, should be a subject of attention to the parents. Let them take an interest in the daily progress of their children; let the children realize that the home and school are alike interested in, and anxious for their improvement.

Some children become discouraged when the lesson is assigned without preliminary help, or a subject given for original work. They lack initiation; are unable to think for themselves. This is the very point education aims to accomplish—to teach the child to think; to awaken his latent capacities; to give him ability to work

alone ; to solve his problems unaided ; to acquire knowledge for himself. The knowledge and information thus secured are but means to the great end.

Especial stress has been laid upon co-operation between home and school, because, during the past year, but one parent has visited the High school.

The school has now its full quoto of classes, and this is reflected in the increased enrollment.

Miss Helen Waterman, the former assistant, resigned to accept a position in her native city, Providence. Her place has been satisfactorily filled by Miss Ruby M. Atwood, a graduate of Brown University.

In closing I wish to impress upon the parents the importance of regular attendance on the part of the child.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. FAXON,

Principal Acton High.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, MR. H. E. RICHARDSON,

Dear Sir:—In giving a report of the work accomplished in music for the past year, in the Public schools of Acton, I am very glad to say that much progress has been made.

In the primary grades a great deal of technical work has been done, for if the rudiments are well mastered, one is pretty sure of success.

The children in these grades have spent much time in writing exercises. This form of work, though not an easy thing for a child to do, has brought some excellent results. If a child can originate, and correctly write an exercise, with only the key and time given, it proves very positively that he understands thoroughly any exercise he has to sing.

The work in tone perception has been very satisfactory. Often as many as eight or ten tones sung with "loo," by the teacher, have been correctly recognized by the pupils. All this work, of course, has been done individually, besides much sight reading. In many ways the pupils in the Intermediate and Grammar grades have improved this year. They have worked more understandingly, and have mastered difficulties in time and tune, that they have not been able to before. Occasional musical tests and written exercises show just what each child can do.

Nearly all the pupils have bought for themselves little song books, costing ten cents a piece. These books, full of bright little selections, have been enjoyed much, especially as they are each child's own property.

In the High school I wish more time could be spent each day, for music. Now only five minutes a day are given, and those the first thing in the morning, before the pupils that arrive on the train,

are present. Out of those five minutes, time for the devotional exercises is taken. Considering the number of minutes that are given to the subject, very good work has been done.

The year has been made exceedingly pleasant for me, both by pupils and teachers, and I most cordially thank them for their efforts. The interest shown by the pupils is proof of their love for music, and its development may well prove a part of the school course, for "Music is God's greatest gift to man."

Respectfully submitted,

MARIAN MARSHALL BROWN,

Supervisor of Music.

Statistics for 1902-1903

SCHOOLS	Grades	Weeks of School	No. Enrolled	Av. Membership	Av. Attendance	Per Cent of Attendance	No. Between 7-14	No. Between 5-15	No. Over 15
High	10-13	40	30	28	26	91	1	5	25
South Grammar	7-9	38	19	18	17	94	15	18	0
“ Intermediate	4-6	38	39	36	33	91.6	41	41	0
“ Primary	1-3	38	62	49	44	89	34	56	0
Center Grammar	7-9	38	29	27	25	92	26	26	3
“ Intermediate	4-6	38	35	33	31	92	35	35	0
“ Primary	1-3	38	39	31	28.9	93	16	34	0
West Grammar	7-9	38	20	19	17.9	93.5	17	20	0
“ Intermediate	4-6	38	36	33.8	31	91.7	34	34	1
“ Primary	1-3	38	42	37.8	34.8	92	22	38	0
Totals			351	312.6	288.6	92	241	307	29

Statistics Fall and Winter Terms, 1903-1904.

SCHOOLS.	Grades	Number in Each Grade	Enrollment	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance	No. Between 7 and 14	No. Between 5 and 15	No. Over 15
High	13	4	40	31	28	92	1	2	37
	12	6							
	11	12							
	10	18							
South Grammar	9	4	24	21	17	83	20	3	1
	8	8							
	7	12							
South Intermediate	6	12	40	35.8	30	87	38	40	0
	5	9							
	4	19							
South Primary	3	17	42	38	35	89	29	42	0
	2	15							
	1	10							
Center Grammar	9	8	29	28	26	92	20	25	4
	8	10							
	7	11							
Center Intermediate	6	14	31	28	26	91	31	31	0
	5	12							
	4	5							
Center Primary	3	7	32	31	29	92	19	32	0
	2	13							
	1	12							
West Grammar	9	5	29	27	25	91	20	27	2
	8	10							
	7	14							
West Intermediate	6	9	30	28	26	93	30	30	0
	5	10							
	4	11							
West Primary	3	11	41	38	32	83	23	41	0
	2	10							
	1	20							
Totals			338	305.8	274	90	231	273	44

List of Teachers 1903-1904.

SCHOOL	TEACHER	Appointed	EDUCATED	Salary	HOME ADDRESS
High	A. L. Faxon	1900	Yale	1100	Holbrook, Mass
Assistant	Ruby M. Atwood	1903	Brown	500	N. Boston, N. H
South Grammar	Katherine B. Feely	1904	Fitchburg Normal	380	Otter River
“ Intermediate	Martha Fagerstrom	1903	Worcester Normal	380	Worcester
“ Primary	Inez G. Killon	1903	Worcester Normal	380	Worcester
Center Grammar	Nancy M. Bucknam	1903	Mechanics Falls H. S.	380	N. Dorchester
“ Intermediate	Ella L. Miller	1899	Framingham Normal	418	Hudson, Mass
“ Primary	Martha F. Smith	1902	Lowell Normal	418	Acton
West Grammar	Jennie V. Sargent	1903	Worcester Normal	380	W. Boylston
“ Intermediate	Agnes Devlin	1903	Fitchburg Normal	380	Fitchburg
“ Primary	Harriet H. Gardner	1899	Ayer High	456	W. Acton

Roll of Honor for the Year Ending June 1903.

ONE YEAR.

Burke, Henry	Harris, Bertha M.
Cheney, Robert B.	Harris, Alfred B.
Gilbert, Alfred G.	Kingman, Layman
Griswold, Ethel	Reynolds, Albert
Harris, V. Maud	Sawyer, Benj.
Stancombe, Eva L.	

TWO TERMS.

Boyce, Helen M.	O'Connell, Margaret
Davidson, Guy	O'Connell, Alice
Duren, Ethel	Phalen, Harold R.
Greenough, Frank	Quimby, Russell B.
Griswold, George D.	Quimby, Margaret
Gray, Annie	Robbins, Hazel G.
Gould, Glenn	Richardson, Harold M.
Hall, H. Wesley	Schnair, Cora M.
Littlefield, Harold	Schnair, Ellen M.
Moan, David	Taylor, William S.
Merriam, Harold A.	Taylor, Marion C.
Mekkelson, Christine	Worden, Henry S.
Mekkelson, Ida M.	Worden, M. Florence
Mekkelson, Bertha	Wood, Chester

ONE TERM.

Baker, Ella	Davidson, Carl
Blanchard, Webster	Downie, Cora
Boyce, Elmer	Easterbrook, Fred
Brown, Irma M.	Flagg, Harland W.
Carburg, Grace	Fletcher, Liza
Cram, Bertha	Fredrikson, Esther L.
Cram, Lowell	Frost, Gladys
Day, Gertrude	Gates, Ralph

Gilmore, Lillian	Nickerson, Marion
Green, Bertha F.	O'Connell, Lena
Green, Isabell	Olsen, Agnes
Grady, Percy	Perkins, Louise
Grady, Ray J.	Piper, Ralph
Harris, Roy	Quimby, Chauncy
Harris, Arthur F.	Rodway, Charles
Holton, Edward M.	Reed, Everett W.
Hoar, Carl	Ross, Samuel
Johnson, Ethel	Ross, Joseph
Kingsley, David	Schnair, Harriett
Kingsley, Richard	Schnair, Jara
Kimball, B. Milton	Schnair, Joseph
Knowlton, Ruth	Schnair, Charles
Lawrence, Eva	Smith, Ernest
Lawrence, Louise F.	Smiles, Emma
Lincoln, Arnold	Symonds, Harold
McNeil, Mary C.	Stacombe, George
Miner, Ethel H.	Thomas, Rosa
Magnes, Emily	Tuttle, Gertrude M.
Macomber, Maud	Whitcomb, Florence I.
Mekkelsen, Loren	Wheeler, Ralph
Mekkelsen, Henry	Wheeler, Merrill
Mekkelsen, Maricus	Worden, Grace E.
Morse, Arthur	Wood, Helen B.
Morse, Walter K.	Wood, Ratha A.

Roll of Honor for Fall and Winter Terms, 1903-1904.

TWO TERMS.

Burroughs, Lizzie	Mekkelsen, Ida M.
Cram, Bertha	Piper, Ralph
Duren, Ethel M.	Robbins, Sylvia
Greenough, Frank	Simonds, Harold
Hawes, Verne	Stacombe, Eva L.
Holden, Hazel M.	Tuttle, Elizabeth
Hoar, Carl	Tuttle, Varnum H.
Kinsley, David	White, Leonard D.
Lawrence, Wayne G.	

ONE TERM.

Boyce, Helena M.	Mikkelsen, Christine
Byron, James	Merriam, Harold
Campbell, Leland H.	Morse, Walter
Cheney, Robert	Morse, Arthur W.
Davidson, Guy	Nickerson, Marion
Durkee, Raymond	O'Connell, Alice
Durkee, Irma M.	Perkins, Louise
Foley, Mary	Phalen, Harold R.
Foley, Michael	Randall, Earl
Gates, Ralph	Richardson, Harold M.
Gallant, Mildred A.	Robbins, Hazel G.
Gilbert, Alfred	Schnair, Harriet A.
Gould, Glenn	Schnair, Zara
Griswold, Ethel	Schnair, Cora M.
Harris, Bertha M.	Smith, Minnie E.
Harris, Elizabeth	Sonier, Gladys
Harris, Alfred B.	Sonier, Mary
Harrington, Elizabeth	Stancombe, George A.
Hayes, Willie	Taylor, Marion
Heath, Isabel	Thompson, Carl L.
Hoar, Burton	Quimby, Margaret
Hall, H. Wesley	Quimby, Josephine
Jones, Carl	Quimby, Chauncy
Kimball, B. Milton	Quimby, Russell B.
Leach, Nathalie	White, Richard
Lincoln, Arnold H.	White, Florence E.
McCarty, Frank	Wood, Rotha A.
McCarty, Nora	Worden, M. Florence
McCarty, Helena J.	

Department of School Supplies.

Report of the Purchasing Agent.

To the School Committee :

I respectfully submit the expense account of the department for the financial year ending March 12th, 1904 :

J. L. HAMMETT CO.

Mar. 13.	4 packages No. 25 letter paper,	\$1 40	
	5 Cyr's Primers,	1 30	
	2 Fifty Famous Stories,	63	
	1 package Blotters,	30	
	10 packages No. 3 practice paper,	2 30	
	3 packages medium 00 practice paper, 6x9,	1 08	
	50 Cornhill pads,	1 75	
	10 dozen No. 140 Note books,	4 20	
	1 dozen quarts Treasury ink,	3 00	
	12 Coulthos Plant Studies,	13 00	
		<hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/>	\$29 46
Mar. 17.	40 packages No. 3 practice paper,	\$8 80	
	500 Blotters, 6x8,	1 50	
	12 packages No. 1 practice paper,	2 16	
	40 packages Blue Margin paper,	13 00	
	12 packages, 8x10½ medium 00 paper,	7 68	
	2 lbs. No. 120 Boston erasers,	1 30	
	12 gr. Easterbrook Vest pens, No. 556,	5 40	
	1 gr. medium green crayons,	75	
	8 packages No. 25 Hecktograph paper,	2 80	
	6 packages No. 27 paper,	2 70	
	100 No. 127 spelling blanks,	1 75	
	36 blocks New Century Devel. maps,	10 80	
	4 bottles Hecktograph ink,	80	
		<hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/>	59 44

Mar. 24.	4 blocks New Century Devel. maps,	\$1 20—	\$1 20
“ 31.	1 Excelsior map N. A. board roller,	3 00—	3 00
May 9.	24 boxes number builders,	2 31	
	23 Tales of Troy,	8 05	
	9 Jackman's Nature Studies,	9 72	
	3 U. S. History and Constitution,	2 40	
	12 Roland,	14 40	
	3 Man Before Metals,	4 20	
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		\$41 08	
	Credit 12 Roland,	\$14 40	
	“ 9 Jackman's Nature		
	Studies,	9 72	\$24 12
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			16 96
May 21.	5 dozen Boston Table Cards, No. 9.	\$1 25	
	1 package tags, 9x12,	25	
	50 packages Arithmetic paper, 9x6,	7 25	
	240 No. 140 Note Books,	8 40	
	2 Lawton Duplicators, 4 surface,	9 75	
	100 Cornhill pads,	3 50	
	10 gr. No. 701 pencils	9 00	
	$\frac{1}{2}$ case white crayons,	3 00	
	12 sheets gummed trans. paper,	60	
	10 packages 00 medium drawing pa- per, 6x9,	3 60	
	12 boxes Dennison cloth strips,	4 32	
	5 packages Manila drawing paper, 9x12,	1 80	
	$\frac{1}{2}$ dozen Note Books,	1 92	
	72 sheets wrapping paper,	45	
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		55 04	
	Credit 1 Hecktograph,	\$2 63—	52 41
June 16.	5 dozen Boston Table Cards, No. 9,	1 20	
	3 Tales of Troy,	95	
	Engraving Diplomas,	25—	2 40
Aug. 31.	12 dozen No. 120 spelling blanks,	1 44—	1 44
Sept. 2.	3 dozen quarts Treasury ink,	9 00—	9 00

Sept. 8.	2 gr. No. 620 penholders,	\$2 00	
	2 lbs. No. 120 Boston erasers,	1 30	
	2 dozen Gem B. B. erasers,	1 00—	\$4 30
14.	1 7-ft spear head flag pole,	30—	30
Oct. 7.	10 Siegfried,	5 40—	5 40
15.	1 Gem pencil sharpener,	3 00	
	5 clay bricks,	1 00	
	3 The Peasant and The Prince,	1 08—	5 08
Nov. 17.	6 gr. Easterbrook Vertical pens, No. 556,	2 70	
	4 packages No. 27 letter paper,	1 80	
	4 packages No. 25 Hecktograph paper,	1 40	
	8 pads letter paper,	48	
	$\frac{1}{2}$ dozen Chandler ink wells,	1 00—	7 38
26.	1 Gem pencil sharpener,	3 00—	3 00
Dec. 26.	15 packages H. 3. Practice paper,	3 30	
	2 dozen Gem B. B. erasers,	1 00	
	1 dozen envelopes gummed paper,	75—	5 05
Feb. 6.	10 dozen white Practice paper,	2 20	
	10 packages Manila Drawing paper,	1 50	
	5 gr. No. 556 Easterbrook Vertical pens,	2 25	
	10 dozen blotters,	36—	6 31
Feb. 12.	1 dozen quarts Treasury ink,	3 00—	3 00
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D. C. HEATH & Co.

Mar. 28.	12 French Dictionaries,	\$12 00	
	4 German “	4 00	
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Apr. 4.	4 Wilhelm Tell,	2 00	
	Less one-sixth,	33	
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	Express,	15	
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Apr. 24.	10 Vols. Elem. Arithmetic,	\$3 00	
	10 " Inter. " "	3 50	
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	Less one-sixth,	1 08	
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May 1.	2 Le Cid,	60	
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	Less one-sixth,	18	
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Sept. 3.	4 J. & M. German Grammar,	4 48	
	Less one-sixth,	74	
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	12 Columbus Note Books,	4 20	
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Nov. 17.	3 gr. Volpenna B. pens,	1 20	
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	Less one-sixth,	40	
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HOUGHTON, MIFFLIN & Co.

Mar. 20.	9 Riverside Lit. Series, at .40, less		
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pr. 23.	33 Riverside Lit. Series,	7 01	
	3 " " "	1 02	
	6 Our Country's Story,	3 32	
	1 Fiske History U. S.	85	

Apr. 23.	3 A Year in Fields,	\$3 00	
	78 Riverside Lit. Series,	9 94	
	10 " " " B,	3 40	
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Oct 8.	10 Fiske History U. S., at \$1.00, less 15%,	8 50	8 50
Jan. 13.	20 Riverside Lit. Series,	2 55	
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EDWARD E. BABB & CO.

Apr. 22.	3 Elson Side Lights on Am. Hist., vol. 1,	1 69	
	3 Elson Side Lights on Am. Hist., vol. 2,	1 69	
	5 Fiske Hist. U. S., 2d Hand,	2 25	
	6 Thomas " " "	1 20	
	6 McMaster " " "	2 70	
	3 Mowry " " "	1 35	
	3 Sheldon " " "	1 35	
	3 Montgomery " " "	1 35	
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Sept. 13.	2 Botsford Hist. of Greece, net,	1 84	1 84
Oct. 8.	15 Metcalf Eng. Grammars,	4 05	
	5 Sheldon Hist. U. S.,	2 50	
	5 Thomas " "	1 00	
	5 McMasters " "	2 25	
	10 Prince Arith. No. 6,	70	
	10 Tass and McMurray Geog. Part 5,	4 17	14 87
Oct. 14.	5 Channing Student's Hist. U. S.	5 84	5 84
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GINN & CO.

Apr. 24.	12 Each and All,	6 00	
	Less one-sixth,	1 00	
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May 13.	12 Thompson Fables and Rhymes,	\$2 88	
	Less one-sixth,	48	
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“ 27.	3 Friends and Helpers,	1 80	
	Less one-sixth,	30	
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Aug. 29.	7 doz. each No. 4 and 6 best Writing Books,	10 50	
	Less one-sixth,	1 75	
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Sept. 23.	10 Wentworth New Leh. Algebra,	11 20	
	3 “ Solid Geometry,	2 25	
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	Less one-sixth,	2 24	
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Jan. 13.	15 Peabody Step by Step,	4 50	
	Less one-sixth,	75	
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Jan. 22.	8 Cyr 2d Readers,	2 88	
	Less one-sixth,	48—	2 40
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SILVER, BURDETT & CO.

April 17.	25 Beacon Series, No. 177,	1 13—	1 13
23.	25 Beacon Series, No. 75,	75	
	Postage,	10—	85
May 14.	12 Stepping Stones, 1st Reader,	3 60	
	Less one-sixth,	60—	3 00
22.	25 Beacon Series, No. 123,	1 25—	1 25
Oct. 4.	20 Normal Music Readers, Bk.2, Pt.1,	7 20	
pr	Less one-sixth,	1 20—	6 00
13,	2 First Steps in English History,	1 40	
	Less one-sixth,	23—	1 17
19.	35 Cecilian Series, No. 4,	14 00—	14 00

Jan. 13.	15 Stepping Stones to Lit., No. 1,	\$4 50	
	4 Normal Readers, Bk. 2, Pt. 2,	1 44	
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	Less one-sixth,	99—	\$4 95
22.	7 Stepping Stones to Lit., Bk. 3,	50	
	Less one-sixth,	58—	2 92
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AMERICAN BOOK CO.

April 21.	10 Famous Stories,	3 50	
	Less one-fifth,	70—	2 80
Sept. 5.	12 New Intro. Journals,	1 80	
	12 " " Ledger,	1 92	
	12 " " Day-Books,	72	
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	Less one-fifth,	88—	3 56
Oct. 10.	20 Webster Pri. Dictionaries,	9 60	
	2 Eggleston 1st Bk. Am. Hist.,	1 20	
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		10 80	
	Less one-fifth,	2 16—	8 64
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EDUCATIONAL PUBLISHING CO.

April 23.	11 Pizarro,	3 30	
	20 Legends of Norseland,	8 00	
	3 Children of the Cold,	3 75	
	12 Ivanhoe,	4 80	
	5 Lincoln,	25	
	12 each Washington-Pilgrims,	1 20	
	1 each Marquette and Joliet-La Salle,	10	
	30 Legends of the Spring Time,	9 00	
	1 Cortez,	30	

April 23.	4 Ulysses,	\$1 20	
	40 Lady of the Lake,	16 00	
	5 In Mythland,	1 50	
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	Less one-sixth,	8 23	
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UNIVERSITY PUBLISHING CO.

May 2.	24 Pilot,	4 80	
12.	12 Spy,	1 50	
	6 Harold,	1 20	
	6 Knickerbocker Stories,	75	
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		\$8 25	
	Less one-fifth,	1 65	
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Oct. 19.	10 Harold,	2 00	
	Less one-fifth,	40	
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DEWOLFE, FISK & Co.

May 1.	2 Pointer's History of Education,	2 00	
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MAYNARD, MERRILL & Co.

May 14.	10 English Classics, No. 216,	1 00	
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WILLIAM G. POORE.

June 9.	1 set Students Cyclopædia,	9 00	
	1 set International,	15 00	
	1 set New People's Cyclopædia,	10 00	
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H. E. RICHARDSON.

July 3.	12 Green's English History,	\$3 00	
	6 Prescott's Peru,	1 50	
	4 " Mexico,	1 00	
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ALLYN & BACON.

Sept. 3.	8 Bennett's Caesar,	8 00	
	Less one-sixth,	1 33	
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J. RUFUS WALES.

Aug. 18.	Rebinding 2 vols. Lippincott Gazetteer,	2 00	
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EXPRESS CHARGES.

Paid A. W. Raynor,	\$10 53	
Thomas Scanlon,	30	
A. L. Noyes,	10 65	
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The value of supplies now on hand is estimated at about thirty dollars.

CHAS. J. WILLIAMS,
Purchasing Agent.

TRUANT OFFICERS' REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1904.

To the School Committee of Acton, Mass.:

The Truant Officers submit their second annual report to the School Committee for the year ending March 1, 1904.

The Truant Officers submit the following list of pupils looked up for the year, the cause for their absence, and if truants, the number that have been returned to school.

Whole number of pupils looked up, 12.

Cause of Absence.	Centre School.	South Sch.	West Sch.
Sickness,	1	0	0
Kept at home by parents,	1	0	0
Returned to school,	1	8	2
Reported truants,	0	8	2

Yours respectfully,

MOSES A. REED,
 JAMES KINGSLEY,
 C. G. TURNER,

Truant Officers.

Town Warrant.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

MIDDLESEX, SS.

To either of the Constables in the town of Acton, in the County of Middlesex,

GREETING :

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acton, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to assemble in the Town Hall, in said Town, on Monday, the twenty-eighth day of March, A. D., 1904, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following Articles as they may think proper, viz. :

ARTICLE I. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To see if the town will accept the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Library Trustees and other Town officers.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary Town officers and committees and fix salaries.

ART. 4. To hear and act upon the report of any Committee chosen to report at this meeting.

ART. 5. To see what amount of money the town will raise for due observance of Memorial Day.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will accept the Jury List as revised by the Selectmen.

ART. 7. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for repairing roads and bridges the present year.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer, with the approval of its Selectmen, to borrow money for the Town, if necessary, in anticipation of taxes the current year.

ART. 9. To vote Yes or No in answer to the question:—
“ Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in Acton the present year?”

ART. 10. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the support of Memorial Library the present year.

ART. 11. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the support of Schools the present year.

ART. 12. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for School supplies.

ART. 13. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for Town charges.

ART. 14. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for the enforcement of the liquor laws.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will maintain street lamps the present year or act anything thereon.

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ART. 26. To see if the Town will pay for burials as heretofore or act anything thereon.

ART. 27. To see if the Town will purchase the lot of land near the west gate of Woodlawn Cemetery, now used as a public dump.

ART. 28. To see if the Town will purchase a snow roller or act anything thereon.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting copies, attested by you, in the following places: One in each of the Post Offices and Railroad stations, one in each of the stores of

C. H. Mead & Co., M. E. Taylor & Co., Tuttle and Newton, Estate of H. A. Littlefield and Elnathan Jones, one at the office of F. J. Hastings & Co., and one at the Nagog House, seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen or Town Clerk, on or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands, in Acton this 14th day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and four.

EDWIN A. PHALEN,
FRANK W. HOIT,
Selectmen of Acton.

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TOWN WARRANT.

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School Committee.

Charles J. Williams,	Term expires 1905.
Horace F. Tuttle,	Term expires 1906.
Frank R. Knowlton,	Term expires 1907.

Trustees of Memorial Library.

Charles J. Williams,	Term expires 1905.
Lucius A. Hesselton,	Term expires 1906.
Horace F. Tuttle,	Term expires 1907.

Board of Health.

Frank J. Barker, M. D.,	Term expires 1907.
Frank E. Tasker, M. D.,	Term expires 1906.
Charles J. Williams,	Term expires 1905.

Fence Viewers.

Edwin A. Phalen,	Frank W. Hoit,	Arthur M. Whitcomb.
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Surveyors of Lumber, Wood, Hoops and Staves.

Herbert T. Clark,	Edgar H. Hall,*
Jona. P. Fletcher,	Charles E. Smith,
Edward F. Richardson,	Job W. Dupee.*

Field Drivers.

James Kinsley,*	Wm. H. Kingsley,*
Albert S. Bradley,*	Daniel H. Farrar.*

Tree Warden—Charles J. Williams.

*Have not taken the oath required by law.

Proceedings of the Annual Town Meeting Held March 28, 1904.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Charles M. Kimball was chosen Moderator.

Art. 2. To see if the town will accept the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Library Trustees and other town officers.

Voted, To accept the reports of the several Town Officers.

Voted, That the Collector of Taxes charge interest at the rate of five per cent per annum on all taxes remaining unpaid after the first day of November next.

Art. 3. To choose all necessary town officers and committees and fix salaries.

Voted, To choose on one ballot a Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, three Selectmen, three Assessors, three Overseers of the Poor, one member of the School Committee, a Collector of Taxes, four Constables, one Cemetery Commissioner, four Field Drivers, six surveyors of Lumber, Wood, Hoops and Staves, three Fence Viewers, one Trustee of Memorial Library, one Auditor, one Road Commissioner, one member of the Board of Health, and a Tree Warden.

Voted, That the salary of the Collector of Taxes be one per cent of the amount collected and that he perform the duties hitherto performed by said officer.

Voted, That the salary of the Road Commissioners be the same as last year, namely:

Two and one half dollars per day employed, nine hours to constitute a day.

Voted, That the Road Commissioners, as far as practicable accompany the men employed.

Voted, That the salary of the Auditor be fixed at six dollars.

The following town officers were chosen:

Town Clerk—Horace F. Tuttle.

Treasurer—Jona. K. W. Wetherbee.

Selectmen—Edwin A. Phalen, Frank W. Hoit, Arthur M. Whitcomb.

Assessors—E. Faulkner Conant, William F. Kelley, Daniel J. Wetherbee.

Overseers of the Poor—Edwin A. Phalen, Frank W. Hoit, Arthur M. Whitcomb.

School Committee—Frank R. Knowlton.

Collector of Taxes—Daniel J. Wetherbee.

Constables—James Kinsley, Wm. H. Kingsley,* Albert S. Bradley, Daniel H. Farrar*.

Cemetery Commissioner—Horace F. Tuttle.

Field Drivers—James Kinsley,* Wm. H. Kingsley,* Albert S. Bradley,* Daniel H. Farrar*.

Surveyors of Lumber, Wood, Hoops and Staves—Herbert T. Clark, Edgar H. Hall,* Jona. P. Fletcher, Charles E. Smith, Edward F. Richardson, Job W. Dupee*.

Fence Viewers—Edwin A. Phalen, Frank W. Hoit, Arthur M. Whitcomb.

Trustee of Memorial Library—Horace F. Tuttle.

Auditor—Charles A. Durkee.

Road Commissioner—Anson C. Piper.

Tree Warden—Charles J. Williams.

Member of the Board of Health—Frank J. Barker, M. D.

*Not sworn.

Art. 4. To hear and act upon the report of any committee chosen to report at this meeting.

No action taken.

Art. 5. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the due observance of Memorial day.

Voted, To raise fifty dollars.

Art. 6. To see if the town will accept the jury list as revised by the Selectmen.

Voted, To take from the list the names of John C. Keyes, Moses A. Reed and Constantine O'Neil.

Voted, To accept the Jury List as revised by the Selectmen.

Art. 7. To see what amount of money the town will raise for repairing roads and bridges the present year.

Voted, To raise four thousand dollars.

Art. 8. To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer, with the approval of its Selectmen, to borrow money for the town, if necessary, in anticipation of taxes the current year.

Voted, To authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the

Selectmen, to borrow money for the town, if necessary, in anticipation of taxes the current year.

Art. 9. To vote Yes or No in answer to the question: shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in Acton the present year?

Total number of ballots cast,	211
Yes,	47
No,	164

Art. 10. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the support of Memorial Library the present year.

Voted, To raise four hundred dollars for current expenses and two hundred dollars for books.

Art. 11. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the support of schools the present year.

Voted, To raise for	
Common schools,	\$3,800 00
High school,	1,800 00
School supplies,	525 00
Transportation of pupils,	1,360 00
Salary of supt. of schools,	480 00

	\$7,965 00

Art. 12. To see what amount of money the town will raise for school supplies.

Action taken under Art. 11.

Art. 13. To see what amount of money the town will raise for town charges.

Voted, To raise five thousand dollars.

Art. 14. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the enforcement of the liquor laws.

Voted, To appropriate five hundred dollars.

Voted, That the Selectmen be instructed to enforce the liquor laws.

Art. 15. To see if the town will maintain street lamps the present year, or act anything thereon.

Voted, To raise eight hundred dollars to maintain street lamps

Art. 16. To determine what action the town will take in the matter of providing suitable and sufficient accommodations for the schools at South Acton.

Art. 17. To determine what action the town will take in the matter of providing a location for and of building a high school house.

Articles 16 and 17 were considered together and it was voted, That the School Committee be requested to ascertain the possibility of sending our high school pupils to the Concord high school and the probable cost to the town.

Voted, That the School Committee be requested to use their best efforts to provide accommodations for the common schools at South Acton without building additional school rooms.

Art. 18. To see what sum of money the town will appropriate for the care of cemeteries the current year, or act anything thereon.

Voted, To appropriate five hundred dollars for the care of cemeteries.

Art. 19. To see if the town will approve and adopt all or any of the rules and regulations for the government of its cemeteries prepared by the Cemetery Commissioners and printed in their annual report for 1903.

Voted, That the town approve and adopt the rules and regulations for the government of its cemeteries, submitted by the Cemetery Commissioners in their report for the year 1902-1903 excepting section number eight relating to the perpetual care of lots.

Art. 20. To see if the town will accept the road from the house of D. J. Hennessy to the old road from Acton Center to South Acton as widened and relocated by the Road Commissioners.

Voted, To accept the road as widened and relocated by the Road Commissioners.

Art. 21. To see if the town will present a certain sign to the Davis Guards of Marlboro.

A motion to present the sign, formerly belonging to the Acton Davis Guards, to the Marlboro Davis Guards, did not pass.

Voted, That the town reimburse Mr. Luke J. Robbins for any expense incurred by him in repairing the sign formerly placed in the armory of the Acton Davis Guards.

Art. 22. To see if the town will take any action in regard to Old Home Week.

Voted, To pass over the article.

Art. 23. To see if the town will vote to raise a suitable amount of money to purchase a banner or flag to be presented to Co. F., 6th Regiment of Infantry, M. V. M., of Marlborough, Mass., or act anything thereon.

Voted, The following Resolutions:

Resolved, That we, Citizens of Acton, tender to Co. F., 6th Regiment of Infantry, M. V. M., an expression of our appreciation of the fact, that in the choice of a name for their organization, they have chosen that of Capt. Isaac Davis, the commander of Acton's company of Minute Men at the Old North Bridge in Con-

cord on the 19th of April, 1775, and who, while leading his men at the right of the line in this, the first organized armed resistance to King George III, was the first commissioned officer to fall, in that war that made us a nation and gave political being to the United States of America.

Resolved, That as Acton is no longer represented in the State Militia as she was for many years successively by the Davis Blues, and by the Davis Guards, that we tender our hearty and sincere thanks to Co. F., 6th Regiment, M. V. M., for adopting his name and for thus tending to pass it on, that it may carry with it a similar patriotic inspiration in the future to that which it has carried with it in the past.

Art. 24. To see if the town will build an addition to the town hall, or act anything thereon.

Voted, That the matter be referred to the Selectmen with authority to procure plans and estimate of cost, to report at a future meeting.

Art. 25. To see what amount of money the town will raise to maintain the Fire Department.

Voted, To appropriate three hundred and fifty dollars for expenses of the Fire Department.

Art. 26. To see if the town will pay for burials as heretofore or act anything thereon.

Voted, To pass over the article.

Art. 27. To see if the town will purchase the lot of land near the West gate of Woodlawn Cemetery, now used as a public dump.

Voted, That the matter be left with the Selectmen with power to act.

Art. 28. To see if the town will purchase a snow roller or scraper.

Voted, That the Selectmen and Road Commissioners be^d authorized to purchase a snow roller or scraper.

Voted, To dissolve the meeting.

A true record, Attest:

Horace F. Tuttle,
Town Clerk.

State Election.

Proceedings of Meetings Held Nov. 8 in Precincts 1, 2 and 3.

Votes.

For Electors of President and Vice Pres.

	Precinct			Total
	1	2	3	
Corregan and Cox, Electors, Socialist Labor,	0	0	0	0
Debs and Hanford, Electors, Socialist,	0	0	0	0
Parker and Davis, Electors, Democratic,	31	25	20	76
Roosevelt and Fairbanks, Electors, Republican,	94	95	93	282
Swallow and Carroll, Electors, Prohibition,	0	2	3	5
Watson and Tibbels, Electors, Peoples,	0	0	0	0
Blanks,	5	5	11	21

Governor.

John Quincy Adams, Socialist,	0	0	0	0
John L. Bates, Republican,	81	82	78	241
Michael T. Berry, Socialist Labor,	0	0	0	0
Oliver W. Cobb, Prohibition,	0	0	2	2
William L. Douglas, Democratic,	43	39	42	124
Blanks,	6	6	5	17

Lieutenant Governor.

Olof Bokelund, Soc.,	0	0	0	0
John C. Crosby, Dem.,	36	29	30	95
Frank P. Dyer, Prohib.,	0	0	2	2
Curtis Guild Jr., Rep.,	79	85	83	247
Moritz E. Ruther, Soc. Labor,	0	0	0	0
Blanks,	15	13	12	40

Secretary.

James A. Bresnahan, Soc. Labor,	0	1	0	1
Fannie J. Clary, Prohib.,	0	0	2	2
Charles C. Hitchcock, Soc.,	0	0	0	0
Henry B. Little, Dem.,	27	19	26	72
William M. Olin, Rep.,	82	88	83	253
Blanks,	21	19	16	56

Treasurer.

Hubert C. Bartlett, Soc.,	0	0	0	0
Arthur B. Chapin, Rep.,	82	87	81	250
Edmund D. Codman, Dem.,	29	22	26	77
Andrew Mortensen, Soc. Labor,	0	0	0	0
Willard O. Wylie, Prohib.,	0	1	3	4
Blanks,	19	17	17	53

Auditor.

Charles E. Burnham, Prohib.,	1	0	2	3
Walter J. Hoar, Soc. Labor,	0	0	0	0
Charles Stevens, Soc.,	0	0	0	0
Francis X. Tetrault, Dem.,	28	21	24	73
Henry E. Turner, Rep.,	81	89	83	253
Blanks,	20	17	18	55

Attorney General.

Henry M. Dean, Prohib.,	0	2	2	4
John P. Leahy, Dem.,	25	20	23	68
Herbert Parker, Rep.,	86	90	84	260
John Weaver Sherman, Soc.,	1	0	0	1
Thomas Stevenson, Soc. Labor,	0	0	0	0
Blanks,	18	15	18	51

Representative in Congress. Fourth District.

Marcus A. Coolidge, Dem.,	30	20	28	78
John F. Mullen, Soc.,	0	0	0	0
Charles Q. Tirrell, Rep.,	84	92	85	261
Blanks,	16	15	14	45

Councillor, Sixth District.

John E. Brennan, Soc.,	0	0	0	0
John F. O'Brien, Dem.,	26	18	23	67
Walter Scott Watson, Rep.,	80	87	83	250
Blanks,	24	22	21	67

Senator, Sixth Middlesex District.

Chester W. Clark, Rep.,	79	84	82	245
Peter B. Murphy, Dem.,	26	20	23	69
Blanks,	25	23	22	70

Representative in General Court, 23d Middlesex.

M. Henry Chrystal, Dem.,	28	20	25	73
Waldo E. Conant, Rep.,	80	86	81	247
Blanks,	22	21	21	64

County Commissioner.

Francis Bigelow, Rep.,	80	88	83	251
Charles F. Drury, Soc.,	0	1	0	1
James E. Kelley, Dem.,	28	19	22	69
Blanks,	22	19	22	63

Associate Commissioners.

Laughlin Cameron, Soc.,	2	3	1	6
Embert E. Hopkins, Soc.,	2	3	2	7
David T. Strange, Rep.,	68	74	68	210
Edward Everett Thompson, Rep.,	61	64	58	183
Blanks,	127	110	125	362

District Attorney, Northern Dist.

John J. Devine, Dem.	24	18	20	62
Squire E. Putney, Soc.,	0	0	0	0
George A. Sanderson, Rep.,	82	87	92	261
Blanks,	24	22	15	61

Sheriff.

Frederick Bancroft, Dem.,	28	18	23	69
John R. Fairbairn, Rep.,	81	88	87	256
John J. Mulholland, Soc.,	0	1	0	1
Blanks,	21	20	17	58
Total number of ballots cast,	130	127	127	384

VOTE FOR REPRESENTATIVE. 23d MIDDLESEX DISTRICT.

	Acton	Ayer	Littl'n	Shirley	West'd	Total
M. Henry Chrystal of Ayer, D.,	73	190	29	58	87	437
Waldo E. Conant of Littleton, R.,	247	234	152	115	224	972
Blanks,	64	64	22	54	76	280
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	384	488	203	227	387	1689

Town Clerk's Report

BIRTHS.

Whole number recorded,	31	Mixed parentage,	7
Males,	14	Foreign parentage,	11
Females,	17	Born in Acton,	31
Native parentage,	13	One parent born in Acton,	6
Both parents born in Acton, 3			

MARRIAGES.

Whole number recorded,	18
Residents of Acton,	22
Residents of other places,	14

DEATHS.

Whole number recorded,	37
Residents of Acton,	36
Residents of other places,	1
Occuring in Acton,	34
Occurring in other places,	3
Average age,	65

NOTE—The Town Clerk requests information of any omission or error in the lists of births, marriages and deaths. The Town Clerk hereby gives notice that he is prepared to furnish blanks for the return of births and deaths.

Births Registered in 1904.

No.	DATE	NAME OF CHILD	NAMES OF PARENTS
1	Jan. 7	Walter Ernest Brodeur	Charles E. and Annie L. (Woodward)
2	Jan. 12	Lena Frances Hennessey	Daniel J. and Hannah (Lynde)
3	Jan. 23	Dorothy Lowden	Arthur S. and Bertha M. (Newton)
4	Feb. 2	Sheldon Ellsworth Littlefield	Sheldon E. and Marion (Wood)
5	Feb. 8	Horace Edwin Shattuck	Clarence C. and Pearl Frances (Chaplin)
6	Feb. 17	Theodore William Hart	William D. and Harriet E. (Mason)
7	March 21	Olgar Jennie Granberg	Ole and Matilda (Anderson)
8	March 21	Ormal Seth Robert Laffin	Sidney O. and Ruby A. (Dill)
9	April 6	Clara Josephine Tobin	Michael J. and Mary (Quinlan)
10	April 10	Mary Theresa Heath	Charles B. and Mary A. (Cahill)
11	May 15	Salvatore Palma	Sam and Virgelia (Palma)
12	May 16	Marion Desire Barteaux	Harry P. and Minnie M. (Littlefield)
13	May 21	Daniel Joseph Hurley	James and Bridget (Neyland)
14	June 2	Erwin Melvin Beach	John E. and Lizzie Annie (Robertson)
15	June 21	Sherman Foote McGreen	James and Estella A. (Foote)
16	July 1	Samuel Conway Ineson	Samuel B. and Katharine (Conway)
17	July 22	Elsie Florence Shaw	Arthur D. and Mary (Maitland)
18	July 26	Charlotte Lauretta Davis	Francis S. and L. Emily (Noyes)
19	August 7	Marion Etta Biathron	Murton H. and Lizzie F. (Wetherbee)
20	Sept. 1	Walter Henry Stiles	James Frederick and Anna L. (Clark)
21	Sept. 22	Evelyn Maud Farrar	Frank B. and Dora Jane (Welch)
22	Sept. 23	Norman Edward Livermore	J. William and Pearl (Rikeman)
23	Oct. 2	William Francis Cahill	John and Mary (Tobin)
24	Oct. 3	Violet Evelyn Specht	A. Scott and Lucinda (Savage)
25	Oct. 13	Dorothy Hope Drew	Arthur and Alla B. (Hesselton)
26	Nov. 7	Harriet Adeline Fogg	John J. and Emma A. (Priest)
27	Nov. 11	Margaret Jennie Christoffersen	Anders and Annie (Anderson)
28	Nov. 15	Alfred Olsen	John and Marta (Lee)
29	Dec. 9	Bertha Whittemore Merriam	William T. and Lizzie (Whittemore)
30	Dec. 11	Elizabeth Roxanna Hall	Bertram D. and Grace N. (Houghton)

Marriages Registered in 1904.

No.	DATE	PLACE	NAMES	RESIDENCES
1	Jan. 13	Acton	Clarence Leighton Crosby	Littleton
2	April 5		Salomona Letitia Barteaux	Littleton
	Providence, R. I.		J. William Livermore	Acton
3	April 21	Maynard	Pearl Rikeman	Revere
			George Edwin Murphy	Westford
4	May 12	Acton	Hannora Gertrude Mannion	Acton
			Charles Edgar Beach	West Acton
5	May 18	Hingham	Mabel Ella Burroughs	West Acton
			Arnold V. Beach	West Acton
6	May 29	Maynard	Carrie L. Turner	Norwell
			George A. Libbey	South Acton
7	June 2	Acton	Mary Mawn	Maynard
			Charles E. Smith	Acton
8	June 11	Maynard	Mary Edwards	Acton
			John J. Fogg	South Acton
9	June 22	Concord	Emma A. Priest	South Acton
			Oliver D. Wood	Acton
10	June 22	Bartlett, N. H.	Louisa N. Pratt	Acton
			James Nelson Cook	South Acton
11	June 30	Medford	Bertha Mae Stevens	Bartlett, N. H.
			Archer L. Faxon	South Acton
12	July 5	Acton	Katharine W. Hall	Boston
			Orson A. Balch	Hudson
13	Sept. 1	Acton	Legurtha Mae Sweet	South Acton
			George S. Braman	Boxboro
14	Sept. 3	Acton	Bessie F. Pratt	Acton
			Ole Johansen	Concord
15	Sept. 22	Acton	Anna M. Mathisen	Concord
			David C. Harris	North Acton
16	Nov. 3	Maynard	Katharine M. Howes	Boston
			John Downey	Acton
17	Nov. 24	Acton	Mary Ann Tobin	Acton
			John William Burgess	Boston
18	Dec. 27	Acton	Alice May Hanson	Acton
			John Arthur Raymond	Acton
			Lizzie May Streeter	Acton

Deaths Registered in 1904.

No.	DATE	NAMES	AGES		
			Yrs.	Ms.	Ds.
1	January 23	Catherine Coones	64	1	15
2	February 1	Francis Jones	76	—	28
3	February 18	Betsy Jane Harris	46	2	18
4	February 20	Candace Maria Parlin	75	9	16
5	February 21	Anna Weeks	30	—	—
6	February 29	George W. Loomer	51	8	—
7	March 1	Alfred Weeks	45	—	—
8	March 4	James Downey	42	—	—
9	March 8	Daniel J. Gallagher	45	11	19
10	March 13	Hannah D. Robbins	92	11	7
11	March 28	Varnum Tuttle	80	—	3
12	April 10	Henry Merrill	75	2	16
13	April 14	Caroline Matilda Handley	72	11	—
14	April 14	Sarah Hunt	71	7	0
15	May 9	Percy Eveleth Tuttle	26	8	18
16	May 16	Sarah Eliza Wheeler	60	6	—
17	May 20	Nancy A. Allen	75	—	—
18	June 2	Mary Mahoney	82	—	—
19	June 15	Mary Ella Reed	50	—	—
20	June 27	Emerline Elizabeth Tuttle	88	3	27
21	July 3	Lydia Parker Hoar	75	6	4
22	July 18	Isabella Wells Pelton	72	6	15
23	August 4	Edwin Tarbell	67	11	18
24	August 23	Ralph Browning Stillman	14	4	8
25	September 4	Luther Robbins Forbush	80	4	9
26	September 14	Lyman Mead	79	3	—
27	September 18	George Liscomb Barker	49	3	18
28	October 12	John Clark Paige	77	11	25
29	October 20	William J. Hayes	44	3	3
30	November 11	Phebe Foster Wood	93	4	11
31	November 16	William F. B. Whitney	62	8	24
32	November 18	Elnathan Jones	74	11	7
33	December 1	Nahum Cole Reed	66	9	—
34	December 21	Mary Long	77	8	—
35	December 23	Austin Allen Richardson	60	9	5
36	December 30	Emeline Hall	86	2	29

Non-Resident Burials in 1904.

No.	DATE OF DEATH	NAME OF PERSON	RESIDENCE	AGES		
				Yrs.	Ms.	Ds.
	1904					
1	January	11 Ann M. Green	Watertown	63	9	14
2	January	20 Thomas Earl Smith	Littleton	1	5	20
3	February	4 Joseph Warren Hayward	Boxboro	55	10	1
4	February	7 Lydia Harris	Malden	95	10	16
5	February	21 Anna Barbara Pinkham	Boston	80	4	20
6	February	25 Lydia F. Pratt	Boston	62	7	27
7	April	5 Gertrude Frances Deffly	Providence, R. I.	—	9	17
8	May	4 Emma C. Hunt	Brockton	53	10	19
9	May	28 Nancy M. Hayward	Fitchburg	84	3	28
10	July	9 Sarah J. Briggs	Mt. Vernon, N. Y.	78	2	2
11	August	7 Henry Orville Lothrop	Framingham	80	10	21
12	August	15 Myrick Putnam Brown	Concord	17	11	21
13	August	19 Joseph R. Bassett	Salt Lake City, Utah	—	—	—
14	August	21 Minnie Ann Blodgett	Concord	47	2	5
15	September	21 Mary M. Perkins	Boston	75	8	28
16	October	25 Clara Blanchard	Boxboro	49	4	10
17	November	26 Minnie May Smith	Littleton	27	7	23
18	November	30 Maud V. Tapley	Leominster	22	10	3
19	December	8 Newell Knight	South Royalston	81	2	16
20	December	13 Harriet White	Wayland	85	10	—
21	December	24 Catherine Burns	North Andover	73	3	—

Persons Having Dogs Licensed in 1904.

Edson Baird,	\$2 00	Charles E. Boyce,	\$2 00
J. Sterling Moore,	2 00	Charles J. Williams,	2 00
Charles Morris,	2 00	Frank Williams,	5 00
Wm. F. Merrill,	2 00	Roy L. Duren,	5 00
Henry J. Stoos,	2 00	George F. Simonds,	2 00
Warren Jones,	2 00	Michael Eneguess,	2 00
F. J. Barker,	5 00	Albert H. Perkins,	2 00
Frank W. Bulette,	2 00	Lilla Willis,	2 00
Levi W. Perkins,	2 00	John Downey,	2 00
Cyrus G. Dole, (2),	4 00	Charles T. Calder, (2),	4 00
Moses Taylor,	2 00	John M. Kelley,	2 00
Francis Pratt,	2 00	W. C. Taft,	2 00
Eugene L. White,	2 00	J. Linwood Richardson,	5 00
Henry Hanson,	2 00	John Watkins, (2),	4 00
Wm. F. Watkins,	5 00	Frank Coussans,	2 00
Daniel C. Lincoln,	2 00	F. D. Morrison,	2 00
L. H. Pinkham,	2 00	Benjamin Pope, (4),	14 00
Henry M. Smith,	2 00	Carl E. Moore,	2 00
George Weaver, (2),	4 00	Catherine Green,	2 00
W. J. Webster,	2 00	Win. F. Kelley,	2 00
Wm. B. Holt,	2 00	Michael O'Connell,	2 00
Lester N. Fletcher,	2 00	L. C. Carberg, (2),	4 00
F. W. Hoyt,	2 00	Clarence B. Owens,	5 00
Wm. F. Stevens,	2 00	John M. Stevenson,	5 00
Carlton C. Taylor,	5 00	Arthur Tuttle,	2 00
A. W. Lawrence,	2 00	Charles M. Kimball,	2 00
Edmund Dow,	2 00	Margaret Coughlin,	2 00
Daniel Farrar,	2 00	Smith Finney,	2 00
J. E. Durkee,	2 00	George D. Loomer,	2 00
Eva C. Shapley,	2 00	Herman A. Gould,	2 00
N. J. Cole, (3),	9 00	Luke Tuttle,	2 00
Frank A. Pratt,	2 00	Solon A. Robbins,	2 00
W. W. Hern,	2 00	Fred A. Hallowell,	2 00
Roy J. Grady,	5 00	Timothy A. Thompson,	2 00
Edward McKean, (2),	4 00	David C. Harris,	2 00
Dexter L. Spinney,	2 00	Charles Wheeler,	2 00

Luther Conant,	\$2 00	Samuel B. Ineson,	\$2 00
George F. Lawrey,	5 00	O. A. Knowlton,	2 00
George W. Worster,	2 00	James A. Grimes,	2 00
Joseph Reynolds,	2 00	George Laflamme,	2 00
John F. Coughlin,	2 00	Elnathan Jones,	2 00
Arthur S. Lanoue,	2 00	Abel Farrar,	2 00
Fred E. Clark,	2 00	George E. Murphy,	2 00
Charles L. Ford,	5 00	Edward Willis,	2 00
F. G. Smith,	2 00	C. A. Sawyer,	2 00
Elizabeth Taylor,	2 00	C. S. Moulton,	2 00
Fred S. Whitcomb,	2 00	Tuttle & Newton,	2 00
Harding Bent,	5 00	Hiram E. Gates,	5 00
James Cole,	5 00	William H. Hill,	5 00
Michael G. Hayes,	5 00	Webster C. Robbins, (2),	4 00
Patrick O'Neil,	2 00	Francis S. Davis,	5 00
C. F. Sproule,	2 00	Alfred J. Morse,	2 00
Wm. S. Warren,	2 00	T. C. Lothrop, (2),	7 00
John L. Lequin,	2 00	Ellery Wright,	2 00
John Kennedy,	2 00	George A. DeLord,	2 00
Wm. C. Coughlin,	2 00	George A. Barker,	2 00
Robert G. Reed,	2 00	Fred W. Gray, (2),	4 00
F. H. Willard,	5 00	Moses Thompson,	2 00
Wm. J. Moore,	2 00	John Palmer,	2 00
Joseph R. Brown, (2),	4 00	Charles H. Schnair,	5 00
William Rawitzer,	2 00	Orenzo Penuiman,	2 00
Wm. H. Teel,	2 00	F. D. Morse,	2 00
Whole number licensed,			139
120 at \$2.00 each,		\$240 00	
19 at \$5.00 each,		95 00	

			\$335 00
Deduct fees, 139 licenses at 20 cents each,			27 80

Amount paid to County Treasurer.			\$307 20

HORACE F. TUTTLE,
Town Clerk.

Selectmen's Report

HIGH SCHOOL.

Paid A. L. Faxon, principal,	\$1,100 00
Ruby M. Atwood, assistant,	500 00
Geo. C. Turner, janitor, '	85 00
E. L. Wheeler, janitor,	15 00
So. Acton Coal and Lumber Co., coal,	84 40
Geo. C. Turner, wood,	11 38
Poor Farm Dept., wood,	9 75
Geo. C. Turner, cleaning,	13 60
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	\$1,819 13
Tuttle & Newton, incidentals,	2 56
J. L. Hammett & Co., incidentals,	2 04
Musical instruction,	46 00
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	\$1,869 73

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Paid Inez G. Kilton, salary primary,	\$406 00
Martha Fagerstrom, salary intermediate,	380 00
Catherine Feeley, salary grammar,	380 00
Geo. C. Turner, janitor,	85 00
E. L. Wheeler, janitor,	15 00
So. Acton Coal and Lumber Co., coal,	84 41
Geo. C. Turner, wood,	11 37
Poor Farm, wood,	9 75
Geo. C. Turner, cleaning,	13 60
E. L. Wheeler, labor,	1 00

Paid Geo. C. Turner, janitor grammar school,	\$41 25	
E. L. Wheeler, janitor grammar school,	6 25	
So. Acton Coal and Lumber Co., coal grammar school,	19 73	
G. C. Turner, cleaning grammar school,	8 75	
G. C. Turner, wood grammar school,	8 25	
		\$1,470 36
Tuttle & Newton, incidentals,	2 57	
J. L. Hammett & Co., incidentals,	2 04	
Musical instruction,	45 66	
		\$1,520 63

CENTER SCHOOL.

Paid Nancy Bucknam, salary grammar,	\$120 00	
Angie F. J. Main, salary grammar,	286 00	
Martha F. Smith, salary primary,	444 00	
Ella Miller, salary intermediate,	418 00	
So. Acton Coal & Lumber Co., coal,	22 76	
D. J. Wetherbee, coal,	191 14	
A. Parlin, janitor,	132 54	
A. Parlin, cleaning,	25 25	
A. Parlin, sawing wood,	1 00	
Geo. E. Greenough, teaming coal,	31 00	
Poor Farm Dept., wood,	12 00	
		\$1,683 69
M. E. Taylor & Co., incidentals,	3 84	
J. L. Hammett & Co., incidentals,	2 50	
Musical instruction,	45 67	
		\$1,735 70

WEST SCHOOL.

Paid Jennie V. Sargent, grammar salary,	\$120 00	
Agnes C. Develin, intermediate salary,	120 00	
Emma Foster, intermediate salary,	260 00	
Elizabeth Sheehan, grammar salary,	260 00	
Harriet Gardiner, primary salary,	456 00	
Thos. Scanlon, janitor,	124 98	
Thos. Scanlon, cleaning,	24 00	
Thos. Scanlon, carrying water,	8 00	
Thos. Scanlon, labor on wood,	1 00	
E. C. Parker & Co., coal,	105 63	
Hall Bros., wood,	2 50	
Poor Farm Dept., wood,	24 00	
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		\$1,506 11
C. H. Mead & Co., incidentals,		2 29
J. L. Hammett & Co., incidentals,		2 50
Musical instruction,		45 67
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		\$1,556 57

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Paid J. L. Hammett & Co.,	\$195 74	
Ginn & Co.,	75 37	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	114 83	
Silver Burdette & Co.,	37 20	
D. C. Heath & Co.,	6 42	
American Book Co.,	15 21	
Rand, McNally & Co.,	32 06	
University Publishing Co.,	10 75	
Lothrop Publishing Co.,	10 80	
Educational Publishing Co.,	11 35	
E. E. Babb & Co.,	9 12	
Glynn & Bacon,	8 34	
Lee & Sheppard,	6 20	
Thompson, Brown & Co.,	2 57	
Bessie M. Weaver,	1 50	
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		\$537 46

EXPRESS ON SUPPLIES.

A. W. Raynor,	\$11 70	
A. L. Faxon,	2 60	
A. L. Noyes,	14 55	
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		\$28 85
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		\$566 31

SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION.

Paid Jens. Mikkleson,	\$532 00	
Wm. S. Jones,	237 50	
Geo. E. Greenough,	570 00	
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		\$1,339 50

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid West Acton Fire Dept., allowance,	\$117 00
So. Acton Fire Dept., allowance,	117 00
Fred W. Green, cleaning and filling chemicals,	4 25
So. Acton Woolen Co., acid,	2 67
Fitchburg Fire Dept., expense of call Littlefield fire,	4 00
Boston Coupling Co., two hydrant valves,	15 00
C. A. Durkee, repairing hose,	1 20
C. H. Mead & Co., supplies 1903,	8 02
E. A. Phalen, repairing hook,	1 00
D. H. Farrar, care of house and at- tending 2 fires,	4 00
E. W. Quimby, watching fire at Noyes,	2 00
Will Charter, labor,	60
C. W. Leach, expenses and labor Littlefield fire,	2 50
Hall Bros., 8 doz. pails,	10 80
J. L. Richardson, Littlefield fire,	10 75

Paid Ernest Morse, Littlefield fire,	\$10 75
Frank Williams, Littlefield fire,	8 50
John Campbell, Littlefield fire,	2 50
Chas. Boyce, Littlefield fire,	2 50
Lewis Leveronia, Littlefield fire,	2 50
William Coolidge, Littlefield fire,	1 25
J. D. Christie, Littlefield fire,	50
E. S. Morse, Littlefield fire,	50
G. W. Colby, Littlefield fire,	50
C. E. Smith, Littlefield fire,	50
Wm. D. Hart, Littlefield fire,	50
A. H. Smith, Littlefield fire,	50
E. L. Wheeler, Littlefield fire,	50
Geo. E. Greenough, team, Littlefield fire,	2 00
E. Jones Est., team, Littlefield fire,	2 00
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\$336 29

STREET LIGHTING.

Paid Fred Green, lighting,	\$188 40
Harold Phalen, lighting,	82 00
Karl Jones, lighting,	53 40
Harold Simonds, lighting,	53 40
Ralph Hastings, lighting,	16 02
Earl Hayward, lighting,	37 38
D. H. Farrar, lighting,	70 00
C. H. Mead & Co., supplies,	12 19
Tuttle & Newton, supplies, South,	89 39
Tuttle & Newton, supplies, Center,	2 24
Tuttle & Newton, supplies, West,	7 51
C. J. Holton, repairs,	1 80
Globe Gas Light Co., repairs,	2 50
F. W. Hoit, repairs,	1 05
Automatic Incandescent Light Co., 2 lamps complete,	64 45
So. Acton Lamp, complete,	32 50
So. Acton Coal and Lumber Co., rope, Center,	83

C. H. Mead & Co., supplies, 1903,	\$53 45
D. H. Farrar, repairing and express,	2 65
Fred Green, founts,	3 60
M. E. Taylor & Co., supplies, Center,	34 22
M. E. Taylor & Co., supplies, East,	21 63
D. C. Harris, care 1 lamp,	4 00
J. D. Moulton, care 1 lamp,	4 00
S. L. Richardson, care 1 lamp,	4 00
W. J. Webster, care 1 lamp,	4 00
Abel Farrar, care 1 lamp,	4 00
Lyman C. Taylor, care 1 lamp,	4 00
Chas. Wheeler, care 1 lamp,	4 00
H. W. B. Proctor, care 1 lamp,	4 00
I. F. Duren, care 1 lamp,	4 00
M. Tobin, care 1 lamp,	4 00

\$870 61

CEMETERY EXPENSES.

Paid Julian Tuttle, labor, Woodlawn,	\$96 53
N. G. Brown, labor, Woodlawn,	81 37
A. Parlin, labor, Woodlawn,	32 64
Arthur Tuttle, labor, Woodlawn,	8 92
J. J. Vanderveer & Co., repairing pump, Woodlawn,	5 10
Julian Tuttle, plants, Woodlawn,	1 25
L. H. Pinkham, painting, Woodlawn,	6 25
M. E. Taylor, & Co., paint, cement, etc., Woodlawn,	7 82
A. Vanderhoof, repairing pump, Woodlawn,	50
E. A. Phalen, 1 gate, Woodlawn,	3 50
A. H. Perkins, labor, Mt. Hope,	83 73
Fred Green, labor and fertilizer, Mt. Hope,	23 11
Shady Hill Nursery, Mt. Hope,	25 75
A. Batley & Son, Mt. Hope,	16 93
H. T. Clark, labor, Mt. Hope,	44 05
Shady Hill Nursery, 800 plants, Mt. Hope,	64 00

Paid A. Parlin, labor, North,	\$1 50
N. G. Brown, labor, North,	1 00
Julian Tuttle, labor, North,	1 00
H. T. Clark, perpetual care lots, Mt. Hope,	29 50
Julian Tuttle, perpetual care lots,	103 70
Julian Tuttle, perpetual care lots, plants and flowers,	17 12
J. R. Wales, binding records,	75

\$656 02

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid S. S. Searles, blacksmithing,	\$2 00
John Sheehan, blacksmithing,	20 89
S. A. Guilford, blacksmithing,	7 64
J. P. Brown, blacksmithing,	8 03
F. J. Hastings & Co., tools,	4 75
So. Acton Coal and Lumber Co., lum- ber, pipe, etc.,	101 62
T. F. Parker, tools,	8 03
Good Roads Machine Co., repairs,	83 25
N. H. Tenney, repairs,	10 48
American Powder Mills, powder,	1 15
Tuttle & Newton, gasoline and supplies,	167 97
O. A. Knowlton, closing up dry bridge,	15 00
Hall Bros., lumber and posts,	5 63
E. H. Whitney, 60 loads gravel,	6 00
H. F. Tuttle, locating line at West Acton,	3 00
Anson C. Piper, expenses and labor,	1,345 08
Wm. H. Kingsley, expenses and labor,	1,187 65
A. H. Perkins, expenses and labor,	1,271 52
A. H. Perkins, 259 loads gravel,	12 95
A. H. Perkins, sundries and repairs,	17 73
M. E. Taylor & Co., supplies,	9 09

\$4,289 46

Rec'd from J. B. Tuttle for crushed stone,	\$15 00
J. B. Tuttle, for removing wall,	15 00
E. A. Phalen, crushed stone,	6 75
For road dust,	14 50
Use of pump,	4 00

\$55 25

MEMORIAL LIBRARY EXPENSES.

Paid S. Hammond Taylor, janitor,	\$75 00
Wm. D. Tuttle, expenses,	10 71
Arthur Davis, librarian,	104 00
Arthur Davis, extra cataloging,	10 00
Chas. Twitchell, carrying books,	52 00
Mass. Reformatory, printing,	5 00
D. J. Wetherbee, coal and del'd,	57 18
So. Acton Coal & Lumber Co., coal,	7 55
M. E. Taylor & Co., supplies,	26 56
J. R. Wales, binding,	32 15
W. W. Oliver, repairing clock,	5 00
D. J. Wetherbee, insurance,	22 50
S. H. Taylor, 1 lamp extinguisher,	50
E. A. Phalen, 1 step ladder,	1 50
Luther Conant, wood,	5 50
Horace F. Tuttle, expenses and express,	10 57

\$425 72

MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOOKS.

Paid Wm. D. Tuttle, magazines,	\$3 69
W. B. Clark & Co.,	283 81
W. J. Bartlett,	17 18
W. A. Wilde Co.,	8 03
Philadelphia book store,	14 35
National Subscription Agency, magazines,	40 80
Horace F. Tuttle, magazine,	1 50

\$369 36

ENFORCEMENT LIQUOR LAWS.

Paid Edwin F. Knight, bill 1902,	\$415 59
J. Connors,	5 00
A. S. Bradley, expenses,	33 88
Frank W. Hoit, expenses,	8 00
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	\$462 47
Received for fines,	\$54 72

STATE AID.

Paid Ephraim B. Forbush, 12 months,	\$48 00
Lydia Handley, 12 months,	48 00
Mary A. Parlin, 12 months,	48 00
Mary Smith, 12 months,	48 00
Addison B. Wheeler, 12 months,	48 00
Mary A. Whalen, 12 months,	48 00
John Clark, 12 months,	60 00
Aaron S. Fletcher, 12 months,	48 00
Emma Blood, 12 months,	48 00
Susan A. Clough, 12 months,	48 00
Huldah Moulton, 9 months,	36 00
Edwin Tarbell, 5 months,	20 00
Pheobe Wood, 7 months,	28 00
Mary A. Wood, 7 months,	28 00
Amelia Tarbell, 6 months,	24 00
Wm. F. B. Whitney, 1 month,	6 00
Mary A. Richardson, 2 months,	8 00
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	\$642 00
Amt. returned from state,	

RENT ACCOUNT.

Paid Mrs. Ella L. Hosmer, central hall,	\$125 00
Universalist Society, vestry for election,	3 00
A. L. Noyes, rent of room for supplies,	10 00
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	\$138 00

SNOW ROLLER.

Paid Geo. W. Tibbitts,	\$100 00
B. & M. R. R., freight,	6 25

\$106 25

SUPPORT OF POOR ON FARM.

Paid Moses Thompson, salary,	\$350 04
J. S. Moore, meat,	85 58
W. E. Whitcomb, meat,	12 38
Tuttle & Newton, groceries and supplies,	104 02
M. E. Taylor & Co., groceries and supplies,	318 44
E. C. Parker & Co., grain,	252 76
F. J. Hastings & Co., grain,	49 58
J. Shattuck, labor,	42 46
T. Hannau, labor,	20 00
Walter Porter, labor,	40 00
J. Watts, labor,	20 00
J. Flynn, labor,	9 00
J. Walsh, labor,	20 00
Eugene Hobart, labor,	4 00
E. Jones, clothing,	12 75
C. H. Mead & Co., groceries and supplies,	31 54
S. S. Searles, blacksmithing,	2 80
John Sheehan, blacksmithing,	9 78
Chas. Mahan, labor,	12 00
J. P. Brown, blacksmithing,	1 23
W. H. Lawrence, blacksmithing,	7 00
Dr. F. J. Barker, medical attendance,	12 00
C. H. Clark, repairing harness,	7 95
F. P. Wood, attending funeral,	2 00
So. Acton Coal & Lumber Co., coal,	8 93
M. Hayes, fish,	11 01
C. B. Robbins, two pigs,	6 00
F. J. Livingstone, soft soap,	5 25
A. H. Perkins, one cow,	45 00

Paid A. H. Perkins, one cow,	\$57 00
A. H. Perkins, pasturing three cows,	15 00
A. H. Perkins, pasturing two heifers,	7 00
Tuttle & Newton, one hay fork,	21 00
Luke Tuttle, forty-five barrels,	14 40
L. H. Tuttle, barrels,	49 50
J. E. Durkee, one cow,	45 00
J. N. Murray, veterinary,	9 00
F. W. Lovejoy, M. D., medical attendance,	1 75
J. E. Beech, repairs,	7 50
Hall Bros., sawing lumber,	3 27
Weeks auction, two chairs,	2 20
I. F. Duren, burial of Sarah Hunt,	6 00
E. A. Phalen, washing machine,	5 00
E. A. Phalen, tramp house stove,	3 00
E. A. Phalen carfare for E. P. Hunt,	50
E. A. Phalen, sundries,	3 50
For 1 bu. turnips,	50
N. G. Brown, labor,	7 00
J. McGrath, labor,	75
Moses Reed, labor,	2 00
F. Cassidy, labor,	1 00

\$1,765 37

OUTSIDE POOR.

Paid Abbie Fisk, care of Susan Fisk,	\$8 75
I. F. Duren, burial of Mrs. A. Weeks,	15 00
I. F. Duren, burial of Alfred Weeks,	18 00
City of No. Adams, aid furnished Margaret Gough,	130 85
S. A. Christie, M. D., attendance on Joe Skolosky,	21 00
Estella D. Flint, care of Joe Skolosky,	19 00
M. E. Taylor & Co., aid furnished Mrs. Galliger,	118 82

Paid M. E. Taylor & Co., aid furnished Geo. Brooks,	\$92 47	
M. E. Taylor & Co., aid furnished Dan Daley,	5 93	
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BOARD OF HEALTH.

Paid Moses A. Reed, agent, labor and ex- penses,	\$117 19	
C. H. Goldthwait & Co., supplies,	20 35	
S. A. Christie, M. D.,	3 25	
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SPECIAL BRIDGE JOB.

Paid A. H. Perkins, labor,	\$98 90	
Thos. McCarthy, covering stone,	23 40	
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Lowering ditch and widening bridge at West Acton, per order of Board of Health.

PRINTING.

Paid E. F. Worcester Press, 25 town warrants,	\$2 75	
E. F. Worcester Press, registration notices,	3 50	
E. F. Worcester Press, poll tax lists,	12 00	
E. F. Worcester Press, 50 voters lists,	10 00	
E. F. Worcester Press, cemetery com- mittee printing,	12 25	
E. F. Worcester Press, town warrants,	2 75	
Enterprise Co., notices,	50	
Enterprise Co., notices tree warden,	2 30	
Esterbrook Press, town reports,	111 30	
News Publishing Co., notices,	6 00	
P. B. Murphy, printing for Assessors,	1 50	
Brookside Printing Co., notices and ballots,	3 25	

Paid Brookside Printing Co., stationery and printing,	\$5 50
Brookside Printing Co., labels,	85
Brookside Printing Co., posters,	1 00
Brookside Printing Co., printing for town clerk,	25 50
Brookside Printing Co., town orders,	2 50
Brookside Printing Co., envelopes for treasurer,	75

\$181 20

REPAIRS ON TOWN BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Paid Fred Gray, painting Center fire house,	\$5 00
Fred Gray, gilding town hall radiators,	1 25
Solon Robbins, painting South school house,	16 16
Tuttle & Newton, paint town hall,	1 50
Tuttle & Newton, repairs So. school,	2 75
Geo. C. Turner, sundry repairs, So. school,	18 00
Geo. C. Turner, labor on grounds, vault, rep. clock, and furniture South school,	17 00
W. W. Oliver, repairing school clock,	1 50
Thos. Scanlon, repairs West school,	12 86
J. J. Vanderveer & Co., repairs Center school pump,	6 50
A. Vanderhoof, repairs Center school house,	1 50
A. Vanderhoof, repairs South school house,	3 00
A. Vanderhoof, repairs West school house,	3 00
J. L. Hammett & Co., repairs school furniture,	11 15
American School Furniture Co., repairs school furniture,	22 75
John Temple, repairs So. school,	2 50
Geo. W. Daniels, electric bells Center school,	5 00
Geo. W. Daniels, rep. electric bells West school,	4 30

Paid, Geo. W. Daniels, rep. heater town hall,	\$8 25
Geo. W. Daniels; sharpening mower for common,	75
N. H. Tenney, repairs town hall heater,	16 50
So. Acton Coal and Lumber Co., lumber, nails, So. school,	15 87
So. Acton Coal and Lumber Co., out- side windows, West school,	3 85
So. Acton Coal and Lumber Co., out- side windows, library,	27 27
E. Jones, 1 mirror West school,	87
E. Jones, repairs So. school,	5 96
Moses A. Reed, cleaning vault Center school,	2 50
L. H. Pinkham, painting North fire house,	6 00
A. Parlin, repairs Center school,	4 75
S. Hammond Taylor, care of Monu- ment grounds,	17 65
W. H. Kingsley, labor on town hall grounds,	9 03
C. H. Mead & Co., repairs West school house,	2 06
A. L. Noyes, 1 closet for Center school house,	5 00
Sam Jones, repairs South school house,	20 99
H. T. Clark, repairs West engine house,	3 90
H. S. Greenough, repairs heater town hall,	4 65
I. R. Beharrell, screens for West school,	13 50
E. A. Phalen, taking down broken flag pole,	1 00
E. A. Phalen, repairs Center school,	3 75
E. A. Phalen, repairs West school,	1 25
E. A. Phalen, labor and exp. library windows,	5 65
Julian Tuttle, book case Center school,	5 00
F. Z. Taylor, repairs So. school,	2 97
So. Acton Coal and Lumber Co., re- pairs So. school well,	2 01
M. E. Taylor & Co., repairs Center school,	3 85

Paid Geo. E. Greenough, teaming ashes	
Center school,	\$1 50
Chas. Edwards, mowing common,	1 08
M. E. Taylor & Co., paint for No.	
engine house,	5 68
M. E. Taylor & Co., phosphate, etc.,	
for common,	3 67
A. W. Hall, batteries for high school,	2 65
F. E. Poor, repairs at town farm,	36 38
E. A. Phalen, repairs at town farm,	76 50
L. H. Pinkham, painting at town farm,	10 15
So. Acton Coal and Lumber Co., lum-	
ber for town farm,	103 33
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\$571 49

SOLDIERS' RELIEF AND BURIAL OF INDIGENT SOLDIERS.

Paid Mrs. Wm. Gordon, care of Phoebe Wood,	\$31 35
Mrs. Emma Reed, care of Phoebe Wood,	251 00
S. A. Christie, M. D., attendance	
Phoebe Wood,	18 15
F. H. Willard, medicine Phoebe Wood,	2 65
F. W. Hoit, expenses moving Phoebe Wood,	3 00
I. F. Duren, funeral exp. Phoebe Wood,	38 00
M. E. Taylor & Co., supplies for Mary	
Whalen,	90 22
So. Acton Coal and Lumber Co., coal	
for Mary Whalen,	16 86
S. A. Christie, M. D., attendance	
Mary Whalen,	2 00
A. Parlin, care of Wm. F. B. Whitney,	46 55
Town Farm Dept., care of Wm. F.	
B. Whitney,	10 00
Dr. F. J. Barker, attendance Wm. F.	
B. Whitney,	22 00
I. F. Duren, burial exp. Wm. F. B.	
Whitney,	38 00

Paid J. F. Childs, Marlboro, burial exp. Wm. F. B. Whitney,	\$9 00
E. A. Phalen, cash exp. Wm. F. B. Whitney,	4 00
H. T. Clark, burial of Eben F. Wood,	35 00
H. T. Clark, burial of Edwin Tarbell,	35 00

\$652 78

DUE FROM STATE ON ACCOUNT OF BURIAL OF SOLDIERS.

Eben F. Wood,	\$35 00
Edwin Tarbell,	35 00
Phoebe F. Wood,	35 00
W. F. B. Whitney,	35 00
Rec'd from city of Newburyport for aid for Mary Whalen,	26 00
Due from city of Newburyport for aid for Mary Whalen,	104 00

\$270 00

SNOW BILLS.

Paid Anson C. Piper, 1903,	\$30 81
A. H. Perkins, 1903,	35 99
Chas. Edwards,	18 19
A. H. Perkins,	149 86
Anson C. Piper,	49 18
W. A. Flint,	13 40
Wm. Kinsley,	24 88

\$322 31

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Waldo E. Whitcomb, auditor,	\$15 00
H. E. Richardson, supt. schools,	480 00
Chas. J. Williams, school com.,	83 00
E. F. Conant, assessor,	85 00

Paid W. F. Kelley, assessor,	\$55 00
D. J. Wetherbee, assessor,	55 00
J. K. W. Wetherbee, treasurer,	100 00
F. W. Hoit, selectman,	100 00
E. A. Phalen, selectman,	50 00
Arthur Whitcomb, selectman,	50 00
E. A. Phalen, overseer of poor,	50 00
Arthur Whitcomb, overseer of poor,	20 00
F. W. Hoit, overseer of poor,	20 00
Horace F. Tuttle, town clerk,	30 00
Horace F. Tuttle, registrar of voters,	15 00
Horace F. Tuttle, school com.,	15 00
Horace F. Tuttle, cemetery com.,	5 00
Jas. McGreen, reg. of voters,	12 00
S. A. Guilford, reg. of voters,	12 00
David Kinsley, reg. of voters,	12 00
Moses A. Reed, inspector of animals,	55 05
Moses A. Reed, truant officer,	2 00
Geo. C. Turner, truant officer,	4 00
D. J. Wetherbee, collecting taxes,	197 70
D. J. Wetherbee, school census,	15 00
Harry E. Clough, sealer of weights and measures,	6 00
Abram Tuttle, election officer,	2 50
T. F. Newton, election officer,	2 50
N. J. Cole, election officer,	2 50
H. J. Hapgood, election officer,	2 50
Lyman Taylor, election officer,	2 50
Spofford Robbins, election officer,	2 50
Aaron Foster, election officer,	2 50
H. F. Tuttle, election officer,	2 50
D. H. Hall, election officer,	2 50
C. B. Stone, election officer,	2 50
W. F. Kelley, election officer,	2 50
Jas. Kinsley, election officer,	2 50
Abram Tuttle, teller,	2 00
Lyman Taylor, teller,	2 00

 \$1,577 75

LOANS AND INTEREST.

Paid F. C. Hayward, interest on cemetery fund,	\$17 50
Elnathan Jones, interest on note,	80 00
J. Roland Wetherbee, note,	3,000 00
J. Roland Wetherbee, interest on note,	202 33
Ernest G. Wetherbee, note,	3,000 00
Ernest G. Wetherbee, interest on note,	216 00
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	\$6,515 83

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS.

Paid Geo. B. Parker for Memorial Day,	\$50 00
Arthur Wayne, care of hall, clock and trough,	67 60
Wm. H. Kingsley, labor for tree warden,	7 75
F. H. Kendall, Civil Eng., grade crossing,	15 00
E. Jones, assessor's book,	3 75
E. Jones, 150 flags Memorial day,	3 38
E. Faulkner Conant, expenses of assessor,	3 52
Moses Reed, special police duty,	2 50
A. C. Piper, removing tree per order tree warden,	4 48
Arthur Davis, lettering guide posts,	5 00
E. J. Robbins, land near Woodlawn cemetery,	35 00
L. H. Pinkham, painting guide posts,	29 50
Moses Reed, labor per order tree warden,	15 10
E. A. Phalen, resetting bounds, Concord and Acton,	2 50
Thos. Scaulon, opening rooms for meetings,	4 50
H. F. Tuttle, surveying and leveling for sluice, West A.,	4 00
E. A. Phalen, repairing guide posts,	75
E. A. Phalen, car fares,	4 80
E. A. Phalen, postage,	2 50

Paid Joslin & Mendum, legal services grade crossings,	\$100 00
Horace F. Tuttle, town clerk:	
Collecting and recording 32 births,	16 00
Recording 18 marriages,	3 60
Recording 37 deaths,	7 40
Transmitting copy of death report to another town,	25
Copying for town report,	3 00
Paid for copy, John Dean deed,	75
Paid for recording E. J. Robbins deed,	67
Papers for condemned cattle at town farm,	50
Blanks,	1 00
Telephones, express and postage,	6 83
Locating town line, Moses Taylor land,	2 00
F. W. Hoit, notices,	75
F. W. Hoit, expense on trough,	75
F. W. Hoit, frt and exp.,	1 05
Joslin & Mendum, legal services board of health,	15 00
Joslin & Mendum, legal services W. F. B. Whitney case,	10 25
Joslin & Mendum, legal services tree warden,	51 80
A. S. Bradley, services as constable,	6 25
A. S. Bradley, services at state road,	10 00
E. W. Quimby, pictures of Barker monument,	1 00
Dr. F. J. Barker, reporting 10 births,	2 50
Dr. F. E. Tasker, reporting 9 births,	2 25
Dr. S. A. Christie, reporting 3 births,	75
Dr. I. L. Pickard, reporting 2 births,	50
Dr. E. J. Alley, reporting 1 birth,	25
Dr. H. Hamblin, reporting 1 birth,	25
Dr. F. P. Flagg, reporting 2 births,	50
Dr. F. U. Rich, reporting 3 births,	75
F. W. Hoit, postage,	5 15

Paid F. W. Hoit, expenses grade crossing and st. railway,	\$12 49
F. W. Hoit, car fares and telephones,	11 71
Jas. Kinsley, use of Hurley road,	8 00
A. S. Bradley, carrying votes and posting warrants,	2 00
A. M. Whitcomb, postage,	2 00
J. K. W. Wetherbee, postage and sta- tionery,	10 66
A. H. Perkins, trimming trees, E. A.,	4 00
A. H. Perkins, trimming trees, W. A.,	3 15
So. Acton Coal and Lumber Co., coal for town hall,	9 65
Town Farm Dept., wood for town hall,	9 00
G. C. Turner, opening rooms for meetings,	3 00
I. F. Duren, returns of 29 deaths,	7 25
A. S. Bradley, services Daily case,	4 85
M. E. Taylor & Co., supplies for town hall,	7 36
D. J. Wetherbee, stationery and postage,	13 58
D. J. Wetherbee, abatement taxes,	140 61
C. H. Persons, tuning school piano 1902, 1903,	8 25
C. H. Persons, repairing school piano,	5 00
Marion Brown, exp. on music,	15
C. J. Williams, postage, telephone, etc.,	4 05
A. Hosmer, graduation expenses,	3 85
Ellen A. Kimball, graduation services,	13 50
F. A. Merriam, graduation music,	28 00
G. C. Turner, 1 ladder,	3 50
A. Merriam & Co., 1 piano cover,	3 50
A. Hosmer, school printing,	4 25
H. E. Richardson, R. R. fares and telephone,	4 00
C. J. Williams, postage,	3 64
E. W. Quimby, 3 picture frames West school,	2 25

RECEIPTS FOR YEAR ENDING MAR. 11, 1905.

Balance due from :

Collector Mar. 12, 1904,	\$6,684 66
Treasurer, Mar. 12, 1904,	2,688 65

Appropriation for :

Memorial Day,	50 00
Roads and bridges,	4,000 00
Memorial Library books,	200 00
Memorial Library expenses,	400 00
Common schools,	3,800 00
High school,	1,800 00
School supplies,	525 00
Transportation pupils,	1,360 00
Salary of supt. of schools,	480 00
Town charges,	5,000 00
Street lamps,	800 00
Overlayings,	46 81

Amount raised for :

State,	1,500 00
County,	2,027 88
State highway,	141 95

Rec'd of State Treas., corporation tax,	2,834 96
Nat. Bank tax,	599 82
Income Mass. School fund,	986 48
Military and state aid,	610 00
Inspection of animals,	33 15
Street railway tax,	7 32
Board of insane,	11 20
County Treas., acct. of dogs licenses,	277 02
Middlesex Court, Concord, fines,	54 72
Supervision of schools,	375 00
Cemetery fund,	750 00
Society for prevention of cruelty to animals to aid in establishing a watering trough,	20 00
Est. of Alfred Weeks,	17 00

Rec'd of B. H. and O. K. Patch,	\$35 13
Income of Cemetery fund,	81 90
Library fund,	221 20
City of Newburyport for aid furnished	
Mary Whalen,	26 00
L., A. & M. St. Railway, breaking	
roads,	5 75
H. F. Tuttle, lots sold in Woodlawn	
cemetery,	50 00
H. T. Clark, lots sold in Mt. Hope	
cemetery,	42 00
A. C. Piper, for moving crusher,	15 00
Board of Health, fumigating in Box-	
boro,	10 00
Moses A. Reed, for board of health,	5 00
Town of Boxboro, tuition of H. Norris,	20 00
Tuition of Chas. M. Hayward,	12 00
Arthur F. Blanchard, slaughter	
license,	1 00
Chester B. Robbins, pool license,	2 00
Lake Nagog Transit Co., license,	1 00
Rent of town hall and cellar,	46 75
Phoebe F. Wood, state aid,	36 00
Phoebe F. Wood, pension,	108 00
Wm. F. B. Whitney, state aid,	6 00
School supplies sold,	3 10
Repairs on furniture,	1 50
Memorial Library, fines,	21 02
Jas. B. Tuttle, crushed stone,	15 00
Jas. B. Tuttle, removing wall,	15 00
E. A. Phalen, crushed stone,	6 75
Road Commissioners, road dust,	14 50
Road Commissioners, use of pump,	4 00
Milk on town farm,	721 49
Apples on town farm,	252 04
Wood on town farm,	101 50
Cows on town farm,	65 14

Rec'd of Calves on town farm,	\$19 75
Potatoes on town farm,	24 85
Eggs on town farm,	20 65
Corn on town farm,	30
Board of W. F. B. Whitney on town farm,	10 00
Board of Willie Carmen on town farm,	16 00
Wagon sold on town farm,	5 00
Labor on town farm,	2 50
Use of bull on town farm,	1 50
Int. Trust Co., interest,	127 19
D. J. Wetherbee, collector int. on taxes, 1902,	8 73
D. J. Wetherbee, collector int. on taxes 1903,	81 43

	\$40,345 29

EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR ENDING MAR. 11, 1905.

For state tax,	\$1,500 00
County tax,	2,027 88
Repairs on state highway,	141 95
Support high school,	1,869 73
Support South school,	1,520 63
Support of Center school,	1,735 70
Support of West school,	1,556 57
School supplies,	566 31
School transportation,	1,339 50
Rent acct. ,	138 00
Snow roller,	106 25
Fire Dept. ,	336 29
Street lighting,	870 61
Support of poor on farm,	1,765 37
Support of outside poor ,	429 82
Cemetery expenses,	656 02
Board of Health,	140 79
Roads and bridges,	4,289 46

For Special bridge and sluice,	\$122 30
Memorial Library, exp.,	425 72
Memorial Library, books,	369 36
Printing,	181 20
Repairs on town buildings,	571 49
State aid,	642 00
Snow bills,	322 31
Loans and interest,	6,515 83
Soldier's relief and burial of indigent soldiers,	652 78
Enforcement liquor law,	462 47
Salaries town officers,	1,577 75
Miscellaneous acts.,	846 63
Due from collector,	2,478 21
Due from treasurer,	4,186 36
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	\$40,345 29

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN OF ACTON FOR
THE YEAR ENDING MAR. 11, 1905.

Assets.

Due from city Newburyport,	\$104 00
State, inspection of animals,	27 53
State, state aid,	638 00
State, burial soldiers,	140 00
Collector,	2,478 21
Treasurer,	4,186 36
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	\$7,574 10

Liabilities.

Cemetery fund,	\$2,250 00
Cemetery fund, unexpended bal.,	91 99
Memorial Library fund, unexpended bal.,	141 24
E. Jones, note,	2,000 00
E. Jones, interest on note,	68 00
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	\$4,551 23

Assets,	\$7,574 10	
Less liabilities,	4,551 23	
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Balance in favor of town,		\$3,022 87

Acton, Mar. 11, 1905.

FRANK W. HOIT,
ARTHUR M. WHITCOMB,
EDWIN A. PHALEN,
Selectmen of Acton.

List of Jurors

The following names will be presented at the annual town meeting March 27, 1905, to be placed in the jury box, subject to revision and acceptance by the town.

Herbert T. Clark,	Wheelwright.
S. Hammond Taylor,	Farmer.
Nelson J. Cole,	Restaurant Keeper.
James Devane,	Painter.
Lyman C. Taylor,	Farmer.
Alfred W. Flint,	Farmer.
Jas. Kinsley,	Manufacturer.
John S. White,	Farmer.
George W. Worster,	Stable Keeper.
Sidney L. Richardson,	Farmer.
Herbert F. Robbins,	Farmer.
Warren H. Jones,	Farmer.
George H. DeCoster,	Mechanic.
Elmer C. Cheney,	R. R. Employee.
Edward F. Richardson,	Farmer.
John T. McNiff,	Blacksmith.
Chas. Edwards,	Farmer.
Abram Tuttle,	Clerk.
Clark G. Durkee,	Carpenter.
Edward C. Wood,	R. R. Employee.
Smith Finney,	Clerk.
Bertram D. Hall,	Mechanic.
Thos. McCarthy,	Contractor.
William S. Jones,	Carpenter.

Signed,

Frank W. Hoit,
 Arthur M. Whitcomb,
 Edwin A. Phalen,
 Selectmen of Acton.

Treasurer's Report

RECEIPTS.

1904.

March 12. Cash on hand,	\$6,684 66
Received:	
From State Treasurer, corporation tax,	2,834 96
State Treasurer, national bank tax,	599 82
State Treasurer, income of Mass. school fund,	986 48
State Treasurer, military and state aid,	610 00
State Treasurer, inspection of animals,	33 15
State Treasurer, street railway tax,	7 32
State Treasurer, board of insane,	11 20
County Treasurer, on account of dog licenses,	277 02
Middlesex Central District Court, for fines,	54 72
Supervision of schools,	375 00
Cemetery fund,	750 00
Society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, aid in establishing a watering trough,	20 00
The estate of Alfred Weeks,	17 00
The estate of B. H. and O. K. Patch,	35 13
Income of cemetery fund,	81 90
Income of library fund,	221 20
City of Newburyport for support of Mary Whalen,	26 00
Lowell, Acton and Maynard Street Railway, for breaking road,	5 75
Horace F. Tuttle, for lots sold in Woodlawn cemetery,	50 00

From Herbert T. Clark, for lots sold in	
Mount Hope cemetery,	\$42 00
Anson C. Piper, for moving stone crusher,	15 00
Board of Health, for fumigating in	
Boxboro,	10 00
Moses A. Reed for the board of health,	5 00
Town of Boxboro, tuition of H. Norris,	20 00
Tuition of Charles M. Hayward,	12 00
Arthur F. Blanchard, slaughter house	
license,	1 00
Chester B. Robbins, pool table license,	2 00
Lake Nagog Transit Co., license,	1 00
Rent of town hall and cellar,	46 75
Pheobe F. Wood, state aid,	36 00
Pheobe F. Wood, pension,	108 00
W. F. B. Whitney, state aid,	6 00
Charles J. Williams, school supplies sold,	3 10
Charles J. Williams, repairs on furniture,	1 50
Memorial Library, for fines,	21 02
James B. Tuttle, for crushed stone,	15 00
James B. Tuttle, removing wall,	15 00
E. A. Phalen, for crushed stone,	6 75
Road Commissioners, for road dust,	14 50
Use of pump,	4 00
For milk sold from town farm,	721 49
Apples sold from town farm,	252 04
Wood sold from town farm,	101 50
Cows sold from town farm,	65 14
Calves sold from town farm,	19 75
Potatoes sold from town farm,	24 85
Eggs sold from town farm,	20 65
Sweet corn, sold from town farm,	30
Board of W. F. B. Whitney, town farm,	10 00
Board of Willie Carman, town farm,	16 00
Wagon sold, town farm,	5 00
Labor, town farm,	2 50
Use of bull, town farm,	1 50

From International Trust Co., interest on deposits,	\$127 19
D. J. Wetherbee, collector of taxes for A. D. 1902,	75 35
Interest for taxes for 1902,	8 73
D. J. Wetherbee, collector of taxes for A. D. 1903,	2,496 09
Interest on taxes for 1903,	81 43
D. J. Wetherbee, collector of taxes for A. D. 1904,	19,776 64
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	\$37,867 08

EXPENDITURES.

Paid state tax,	\$1,500 00
County tax,	2,027 88
Repairs on state highway,	141 95
On Selectmen's orders,	30,010 89
Cash on hand and in bank,	4,186 36
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	\$37,867 08

March 11, 1905.

J. K. W. WETHERBEE,
Treasurer of Acton.

Treasurer's Report of Money Held for Care of Lots in Cemeteries.

March 11, 1905.

To cash in North End Savings Bank,	\$2,175 00	
Cash in Town Treasury March 12, 1904,	2,250 00	
Cash received in A. D. 1904,	750 00	
Unexpended balance March 12, 1904,	82 70	
Income for 1904-1905,	177 11	

		\$5,434 81

Cr.

By cash paid Cemetery committee for care of lots,	\$150 32	
Cash paid F. C. Hayward,	17 50	
Principal of cemetery fund March 12, 1904,	5,175 00	
Balance of income unexpended,	91 99	

		\$5,434 81

J. K. W. WETHERBEE,
Treasurer of Acton.

Report of the Wilde Memorial Library.

March 11, 1905.

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To cash in North End Savings Bank,	\$1,000 00
Cash in Home Savings Bank,	1,000 00
Cash in Middlesex Institution for Savings,	1,000 00
Cash in Warren Institution for Savings,	1,000 00
Cash in Charlestown Five Cent Sav- ings Bank,	1,000 00
Mortgage Bond of the West Shore Railroad Co.,	1,000 00
Cash received for fines,	21 02
Cash received for interest on money in banks,	181 20
Cash received for interest on Railroad bond,	40 00
Town appropriation for books,	200 00
Unexpended balance March 12, 1904,	68 38
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	\$6,510 60

Cr.

By cash in banks,	\$5,000 00
Susan Augusta and Luther Conant fund,	1,000 00
Paid for books and magazines:	
W. B. Clark Co.,	283 81
Philadelphia Book Store Co.,	14 35
W. A. Wilde Co.,	8 03
National Subscription Agency,	40 80
N. J. Bartlett Co.,	17 18
Pilgrim Press,	2 19
William D. Tuttle,	1 50
Horace F. Tuttle,	1 50
Balance unexpended,	141 24
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	\$6,510 60

J. K. W. WETHERBEE,
Treasurer of Acton.

Report of the Collector of Taxes

For the Year 1904 With Uncollected Taxes for the Years 1902-'03-'04.

Uncollected taxes for the year 1902:

Joy, Charles,	\$1 00	
Amount of 1903 tax committed to me for collection,		\$19,941 52

Collected and paid to treasurer,	\$19,661 98	
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Abatements,	140 61	
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Uncollected 1903 taxes:

Gallagher estate, Daniel,	14 43	
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Jones, Shirley E,	14 10	
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Livermore, J. W.,	41 10	
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Barber, Giles A.,	11 00	
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Joy, Charles,	1 10	
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Maker, Mrs. Arabella,	47 02	
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Simms, W. E.,	1 93	
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Weeks, Mrs. Mary,	8 25	
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	\$19,941 52	\$19,941 52
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Amt. due the town from collector tax 1903,		\$138 93
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Amount of 1904 tax committed to me for collection,	\$22,131 64	
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Three polls added,	6 00	
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	\$22,137 64	
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Collected and paid to Treasurer	\$19,770 74	
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Uncollected 1904 taxes:

Anderson, Edward,	32 62	
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Aldrice, Wm., poll,	\$2 00
Brooks, Geo. H.,	3 84
Barker, Frank J.,	8 43
Barker, Henry,	251 17
Barker, Edwin F.,	40 52
Barteaux, H. P., poll,	2 00
Beach, Daniel M.,	21 66
Breth, Simon,	50 63
Christofferson, A.,	44 81
Caverly, Marden, poll,	2 00
Carney, Andrew, poll,	2 00
Dutton, C. W.,	28 34
Duessault, Geo. A.,	2 92
Duggan, Michael, poll,	2 00
Daily, Daniel, poll,	2 00
Downey, Maurice D.,	20 68
Evans, Joseph W.,	13 03
Fisk, James W.,	21 78
Fisk, Wilbur,	2 31
Farrar, Abel,	42 67
French, Walter M.,	3 84
French, Helen E.,	13 78
Fairbanks, William, poll,	2 00
Gallagher, estate Daniel,	12 25
Gilbridge, John, poll,	2 00
Grandberg, Ola,	22 83
Gates, Hiram E.,	36 98
Harris, estate Jas.,	8 58
Hager, M. J., poll,	2 00
Hardy, Miss Nellie,	37 73
Hayward, Hattie C.,	25 73
Jones, Shirley E.,	15 48
Jones, Warren H.,	70 29
Jones, William S.,	43 10
Jones, Walter A., poll,	2 00
Kelley, Delia A.,	17 45
Knowlton, O. A.,	75 62

Kenney, Jos. M., poll,	\$2 00
Livermore, J. W.,	42 12
Lothrop, T. C.,	54 05
Leavette, Leonard F., poll,	2 00
McCarty, John,	32 81
McCarty, Thomas,	48 85
Morse, F. D.,	30 17
Morrison, F. D.,	13 34
Moulton, John D.,	17 19
Mansfield, Edward, poll,	2 00
McLaughlin, Jos. S., poll,	2 00
Munroe, J. T., poll,	2 00
Moulton, estate Albert,	18 15
McAllister, Oscar G. poll,	2 00
Noyes, A. L.,	24 36
Noyes, Geo. L.,	10 88
Nagle, Frank, poll,	2 00
Nickerson, Frank H.,	22 21
Neil, John O., poll,	2 00
Parlin, Asaph,	15 85
Pratt, Frank A.,	11 61
Priest, Jacob, poll,	2 00
Priest, Mrs. Adeline,	31 97
Palmer, Patsey, poll,	2 00
Palmer, Nicholas, poll,	2 00
Robbins, Freeman W.,	50 39
Reed, J. Everett, poll,	2 00
Reed, L. E.,	24 05
Rice, Frank S.,	2 62
Reed, Melvin A., poll,	2 00
Rice, John E.,	9 22
Rice, Mrs. Ada B.,	25 42
Searles, Sanford S.,	2 92
Scott, Frank, poll,	2 00
Smith, Chas. H.,	2 00
Tenney, Nelson H.,	45 18
Toney, D., poll,	2 00

Teel, Wm. H. ,	\$86 71
Teel, Ernest R. ,	4 14
Teel, Mrs. Martha K. ,	43 49
Woodman, Ernest,	3 22
Warren, Wm S.,	62 40
Willis, Edwin J., poll,	2 00
Willis, Ora A. ,	15 31
Wheeler, Elbridge L.,	2 31
Wheeler, Mrs. Florence J.,	12 25
Withington, A. J.,	3 72

Non-Residents.

Bean, Harriet E.,	47 46
Barker, Charles,	28 48
Burroughs, Geo. W.,	32 59
Barber, Giles A.,	12 25
Bradford, Chas. E.,	1 83
Cash, Geo. H.,	62
Crombie, Harriet,	3 07
Davis, Daniel S.,	1 83
Evans, Ada A.,	4 29
Fowler, heirs of H. S.,	74
Hosmer, Hannah,	92
Harris, estate Harriet,	9 80
Hosmer, heirs of Sylvester,	2 76
Joy, Charles,	1 23
Mason, David H.,	92
Mullen, W. B.,	51 45
Maker, Mrs. Rosebella,	52 37
Milling, Pilgrim Milling Co.,	66 15
Robbins, C. B.,	45 02
Readen, Patrick,	114 54
Richardson, A. P.,	10 41
Sibley, Abbie,	1 53
Simms, W. E. and Carver,	2 14
Simms, W. E.,	2 14
Smith, estate Jos.,	3 67
Smith, Erastus H.,	1 22

Teel, Estella J. ,	24	50	
Tuttle, Horace,	23	28	
Thompson,	2	14	
Vase, Mary S. ,	2	14	
Wyman, estate John,	1	23	
Whitcomb, estate Mary,	3	67	
Whitney, John M. ,	8	58	
Whitney, Geo. A. ,	2	76	
Weeks, Mary E. ,	9	19	
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	\$22,137	64	\$22,137 64
Amt. due the town on 1904 tax from Collector,		\$2,366	90

D. J. WETHERBEE,
Collector of Acton.

Auditor's Report

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer and Tax Collector of the town of Acton and find them correct.

C. A. DURKEE,
Auditor.

March 17, 1905.

Assessors' Report

Valuation May 1, 1904:

Real estate, (buildings)	\$942,235 00
Real estate, (land)	467,735 00
Value of assessed personal estate,	287,960 00
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Total valuation,	\$1,697,930 00
Valuation May 1, 1903,	1,681,710 00
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Gain,	\$16,220 00

Rate of taxation 1904, \$12.25 on a thousand.

Tax assessed as follows:

On real estate,	\$17,272 13
Personal property,	3,527 51
Polls,	1,332 00
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	\$22,131 64

Amount of money raised:

For state tax,	\$1,500 00
State highway tax,	141 95
County tax,	2,027 88
Town purposes,	18,415 00
Overlayings,	46 81
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	\$22,131 64

Warrant to Treasurer.

Middlesex, SS.

To J. K. W. Wetherbee, Treasurer of the Town of Acton,
Greeting:

You are hereby required to pay over to the State Treasurer on or before the tenth day of December, A. D., 1904, the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, it being this town's proportion of the State tax for 1904; also the sum of one hundred and forty-one dollars and ninety-five cents, it being this town's porportion of the State Highway tax for 1904.

And you are required to pay over to the County Treasurer, on or before the first day of November, A. D. 1904, the sum of two thousand and twenty dollars and eighty-eight cents, it being this town's proportion of the county tax for 1904.

Given under our hands this twenty-first day of July, nineteen hundred and four.

E. Faulkner Conant,
William F. Kelley,
D. J. Wetherbee,
Assessors of Acton.

Warrant to Collector.

Middlesex, SS.

To D. James Wetherbee, Collector of the Town of Acton in the
County of Middlesex, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required by us, the subscribers, Assessors of said town, to levy and collect of the several persons named in the warrant herewith committed to you, and of each one, his respective proportion herein set down, of the sum total of such list, the sum of fifteen hundred

dollars, it being the town's proportion of a state tax granted by the last General Court of said Commonwealth for defraying the necessary charges and expenses of the Commonwealth aforesaid.

And the sum of two thousand and twenty-seven dollars and eighty-eight cents, it being this town's proportion of a tax granted by the General Court of said Commonwealth for defraying the necessary expenses of the County aforesaid.

And the sum of one hundred and forty-one dollars and ninety-five cents, it being this town's proportion of the tax required in pursuance of the provisions of Chap. 432 of the Acts of the year 1900 entitled "An act relative to repairs of State Highways, etc."

And the sum of eighteen thousand, four hundred and fifteen dollars, voted and agreed upon by the town aforesaid at its last annual meeting, for defraying the necessary charges and expenses thereof, together with the sum of forty-six dollars and eighty-one cents, it being the overlayings on said taxes.

All taxes not paid on or before Nov. 1, 1904, you are hereby ordered, in accordance to vote passed by said town, and in accordance with laws of said Commonwealth, to collect interest at the rate of six per cent per annum until fully paid, and after March 1, 1905, if there should be any of the taxes in said list unpaid, you shall yourself, as Collector, immediately issue your process for collecting the same in accordance with the vote of the town, and according to law.

For services of collecting said taxes, by vote of said town, you are to have as compensation therefor, the sum of one per cent on the total amount so collected by you, of the taxes contained in said list.

Given under our hand by virtue of a warrant from the Treasurer of the Commonwealth aforesaid, and by virtue of a warrant from the Commissioners of the County aforesaid, and by vote of the

said town at their last March meeting, this twenty-first day of July in the year nineteen hundred and four.

State tax,	\$1,500 00
County tax,	2,027 88
Town tax,	18,415 00
State highway tax,	141 95
Overlayings,	46 81

	\$22,131 64

E. Faulkner Conant,
 William F. Kelley,
 D. J. Wetherbee,
 Assessors of Acton.

Number of individuals assessed on property,	409
All others,	61
Number of individuals (non-resident) assessed on property,	104
All others,	30
Number of persons assessed on property,	601
Number of persons assessed for poll tax only,	359
Number of horses assessed,	455
Number of cows assessed,	955
Number of sheep assessed,	13
Number of neat cattle other than cows assessed,	168
Number of swine assessed,	43
Number of fowls assessed,	5,823
Number of houses assessed,	521

E. FAULKNER CONANT,
 WILLIAM F. KELLEY,
 DANIEL J. WETHERBEE,
 Assessors of Acton.

Road Commissioners' Report

INVENTORY OF TOOLS ON HAND MARCH 11, 1905.

Crushing plant,	\$1,700 00
One truck,	100 00
One iron roller,	285 00
One snow roller,	100 00
One scraper,	6 00
Two road machines,	166 00
One sewer pump,	53 00
One plow,	30 00
Small tools,	15 00
Watering cart,	335 00
	\$2,790 00

We are pleased to report that the crushing plant is in good condition and able to continue its good work.

We recommend that \$5,000.00 be raised for the repair of roads and bridges.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. PERKINS,
ANSON C. PIPER,
WM. H. KINGSLEY,
Road Commissioners.

Report of the Board of Health

TOWN OF ACTON FOR YEAR 1904.

The Board of Health submits the following report for the year ending March 1, 1905.

The number of deaths occurring in the town during the year ending January 1, 1905, exclusive of still-births of which there was one, was 34.

The number of contagious diseases reported to this Board since Jan. 1, 1904, are as follows:

Disease.	No. of Cases.
Small Pox	0
Diphtheria	3
Scarlet Fever	8
Typhoid Fever	1
Measles	26
Cerebro-spinal meningitis	1
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Total for year,	39

Some of our citizens, through ignorance of or neglect to comply with the law requiring them to do so, fail to report the presence of contagious diseases occurring in their families, which fact greatly hampers this Board in promptly performing its duties. More careful consideration of this important matter will greatly add to the health and comfort of all.

SANITATION.

While some progress in this direction can be reported during the past year, much still remains to be accomplished.

This Board is still handicapped in its efforts to clean up our Town by a lack of co-operation on the part of many of our citizens in our work. Work of this character has many unpleasant features at best, a greater number of workers and a less number of critics would add materially to the welfare of our town and its citizens.

APPROPRIATION.

This Board respectfully asks that the sum of \$100.00 may be appropriated for its use for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK J. BARKER, M. D., Chairman,
CHARLES J. WILLIAMS,
FRANK E. TASKER, M. D.

Report of Overseers of the Poor

The Overseers of the Poor herewith present their annual report.

ALMSHOUSE.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson as superintendent and matron have given excellent service. Some of the buildings we found in a very bad condition, which we repaired with as little expense as possible.

Having three cows condemned by the state officers, we thought best to renovate the inside of the cow barn, which we did, hoping there will be no more trouble from that source.

The outside of the house, especially, should receive a coat of paint, not being done for nine years, and is in very bad condition. There should also be a shed of some kind built for wagons and farming tools.

OUTSIDE POOR.

The outside poor have required a good deal of time and attention.

Owing to various causes the calls for aid have been numerous and have been taken care of in as humane a manner as possible.

Inventory of Stock and Provisions on Hand March 6, 1905.

Two calves,	\$14 00
Two yearlings,	30 00
Twelve cows,	600 00
Two horses,	300 00

Fourteen tons hay,	\$252 00
Double harness,	20 00
Horse collars,	7 00
Light harness,	10 00
Express harness,	18 00
Express wagon,	75 00
Hay wagon,	25 00
Wood wagon,	115 00
Two sleds,	80 00
Farming tools,	25 00
Grain,	3 00
Two horse cart,	25 00
Stone drag,	3 00
Horse rake,	8 00
Two harrows,	12 00
One iron collar,	1 25
Cultivator,	5 00
Seven ladders,	12 00
Wheelbarrow,	3 00
Hay cutter,	2 00
Hay fork,	20 00
Plows,	13 00
Roller,	4 00
Feed trough,	2 00
Sail cloth,	1 00
Bushel boxes,	2 50
Pung,	5 00
Democrat wagon,	35 00
Baskets,	1 50
Apple barrels,	10 00
Watering trough,	5 00
Mowing machine,	36 00
Grind stones,	4 00
Spray pump,	8 00
Wood fitted for stove,	65 00
Cord wood,	40 00
Saws,	3 00

Wagon jack,	\$1 50
Saw clamp,	1 00
Ladder hook,	60
Set of measures,	1 00
Salt,	75
Barrel header,	1 00
Crackers,	2 00
Nails,	2 25
Snow shovel,	50
Wrench,	75
Forty hens,	30 00
Thirty-five bushel potatoes,	21 00
Soap soft,	4 00
Pork,	13 25
Four barrels apples,	6 00
Washing machine,	5 00
Horse blankets,	5 00
Range and water front,	28 00
Lounge,	2 00
Four rockers,	5 00
Two lanterns,	1 00
Two razors,	2 00
Two axes,	1 50
Lamps,	2 50
Soap,	50
Molasses,	50
Lard,	30
Butter,	1 00
Spices,	50
Flour,	5 00
Sugar,	1 40
Fruit jars,	3 00
Brooms,	50
Twenty-nine jars fruit,	7 25
Crockery and tin ware,	8 00
Tea and coffee,	1 30
Oil and tank,	1 50

Pails and tubs,	\$3 00	
Four stoves,	20 00	
Two cabinet chairs,	2 00	
Three tables,	5 50	
One hundred twenty cakes ice,	24 00	
Chamber set,	12 00	
Air cushion,	1 00	
Beds and bedding,	71 00	
Bed pan,	3 00	
Traps,	50	
Trunks,	2 00	
Wheel chair,	22 00	
Two clocks,	6 00	
Cereals,	1 00	
Bread mixer,	2 00	
Clothes line,	75	
Eight chairs,	4 00	
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Inventory March 6th, 1905,		\$2,248 35
Receipts from farm,	\$1,240 72	
Due for milk,	51 00	
Victualizing and lodging 287 tramps,	71 75	
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		\$3,611 82
Expenditures,	\$1,765 37	
Interest on farm,	105 00	
Inventory March 1904,	2,121 10	
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		\$3,991 47
		3,611 82
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Cost of supporting poor on farm,		\$379 65

INMATES AT FARM DURING YEAR.

Lucy Hapgood, 12 months; William Quinlan, 12 months; Edwin P. Hunt, 3 months; Sarah Hunt, 1 month.

EDWIN A. PHALEN,
ARTHUR M. WHITCOMB,
FRANK W. HOIT,

Overseers of Poor.

Report of the Tree Warden

To the Citizens of Acton :

The work of this department during the past year has been conducted upon substantially the same lines followed in preceding years. The wayside trees throughout the town are no longer disfigured by advertisements, placards, etc., save by such signs, notices and wires as were attached to them by town officers, or by their authority, prior to the enactment of the existing law. These will be removed gradually as opportunity offers.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, having been granted a franchise to set a line of poles through the center village, the wires now attached to the shade trees there will, upon the building of the line in the spring, be removed to the poles, thus relieving the trees of an attachment which, I think, should never have been permitted.

During the year there has been one prosecution in the courts for illegally cutting trees within the limits of the highway, in the process of cutting off a wood lot, resulting in a conviction and a fine of twenty-five dollars.

A certain and very limited amount of trimming of trees along the highways, both state and town, has been done at a very reasonable cost.

Only such trimming as had become a necessity has been attempted. The recommendation of preceding reports, that a reasonable appropriation for the use of this department for the trimming of the public shade trees and for other necessary work be made by the town, is renewed.

All expenditures for these purposes, thus far made, have been by draft upon funds in the hands of the Selectmen for expenditure for general purposes and for which they have many uses.

I respectfully recommend an appropriation for this department of \$150.

During the past year the brown-tail moth has appeared, in some cases in large numbers, in nearby and adjacent towns, and a few of these insects have been found here. It is highly probable that this town will presently find itself invaded by the moth and obliged to adopt repressive measures.

The following account of the brown-tail moth by A. H. Kirkland, M. S., a high authority, is of especial interest and value at this moment.

“Another European insect responsible for a notable amount of damage and annoyance in eastern Massachusetts in the rapidly spreading brown-tail moth (*Enproctis cheysohæa*). This pest first came into prominence in May 1897, when it was found committing severe depredations on pear trees in Somerville. It seems probable that the insect was brought to this locality on rose bushes imported from Holland or France.

“This insect has a unique life history in that its caterpillars successfully hibernate in a half grown condition in conspicuous webs at the end of the infested twigs. Leaving these webs as soon as the buds swell in the spring, the tiny caterpillars first consume the buds and later devastate the foliage. By the last of June they have reached their full development and spin up in loose cocoons on the smaller branches, on houses, on walls, and in other sheltered localities. From these cocoons, in about three weeks time, the white brown-tail moths emerge and fly vigorously by night in search of suitable places in which to deposit their eggs.

“These insects are strongly attracted to light and great numbers

of them meet their fate in the globes of arc lamps. This same attraction to light, however, has doubtless been the means of spreading the moths from town to town, since it is found that the oldest infestations are found in the centers of towns where the lights are most numerous. The eggs are laid in compact, hair-covered masses on the under surface of pear and other leaves, and hatch in about three weeks from the date of laying. From 200 to 400 eggs are deposited by each female moth, the rate of increase being somewhat lower than is the case with the gypsy moth. The menu of the brown-tail moth includes a wide range of ornamental trees, although primarily it must be considered to be a pest of the pear tree. Wherever it is numerous, maples, willows and elms are defoliated to a serious extent. For two years this insect was suppressed by the gypsy moth committee, but with the abandonment of the work of that committee in the spring of 1900 the systematic campaign against the brown-tail moth necessarily came to an end. It has been interesting to the writer, living since that time in the infested district, to note the gradual increase and spread of this pest in the vicinity of Boston. Where in the winter of 1899-1900 there were but scattered webs, they may now be counted by the thousand.

“Not the least important feature of outbreaks of the brown-tail moth is the truly terrible irritation caused by the hairs of the caterpillar whenever they come in contact with human flesh. This irritation is well compared to nettling several degrees intensified, and probably is of a mechanical nature, being produced by the fine, brittle, barbed hairs breaking off in the skin. It is best allayed by the liberal use of vaseline or sweet oil. Last summer so severe and general was this affliction in the Allston and Brighton districts of Boston that the residents of those suburbs petitioned for and received a public hearing at the office of Boston Board of Health. The nettling of these caterpillars furnishes an excellent but painful means of identifying the insect.

“The brown-tail moth is now known to occur in a territory bounded by Scituate, Brockton, Hudson, Lowell and Seabrook, N. H. An isolated colony also occurs at Kittery, Me.

“As the female moths fly vigorously, this insect spreads much more rapidly than the gypsy moth, and it seems probable that within a short term of years it may occur throughout the entire state of Massachusetts.

“It is fortunate that the insect is exposed in conspicuous webs throughout the winter, thus making its destruction easy. For the work of cutting off the webs the common form of pruning shears attached to a pole is the most convenient implement. The webs so collected should be carefully burned at once. When this work is thoroughly done there will be no damage by the brown-tail moth the succeeding year.

“This work of web destruction is the cheapest and most effective method of disposing of the pest; but if it is neglected until after the caterpillars leave the web in the spring, the infested trees should be thoroughly sprayed with arsenate of lead. It is also necessary sometimes to spray to protect the trees from the fall brood. This spraying should be done in September as soon as the small webs are noticed. In the case of pear and other fruit trees this late treatment will result in the poisoning of fruit approaching maturity. However, it is but a choice between two evils, since, if the tree is defoliated, the fruit will fall before it is ripe. On shade trees there is no valid objection to the fall spraying.

“In eastern Massachusetts the fall web worm is often confounded with the brown-tail moth, whose webs, however, are much smaller and more compact, and whose caterpillars feed outside of the web, returning to it for shelter only.”

CHAS. J. WILLIAMS,
Tree Warden.

NOTE—Upon application to the tree warden, or to a deputy tree warden by persons desiring to cut trees growing within the limits of a public way along their lands and outside of village limits, such trees as the Town desires to permanently retain will be marked, and a permit given to cut the remainder.

Revised Laws.

CHAPTER 53.

Section 12. The tree warden may appoint and remove deputy tree wardens. He and they shall receive such compensation as the town determines, or, in default thereof, as the selectmen allow. He shall have the care and control of all public shade trees in the town, except those in public parks or open places under the jurisdiction of the park commissioners, and of those, if so requested in writing by the park commissioners, and shall enforce all the provisions of law for the preservation of such trees. He shall expend all money appropriated for the setting out and maintenance of such trees. Regulations for their care and preservation made by him, approved by the selectmen and posted in two or more public places, imposing fines and forfeitures of not more than twenty dollars in any one case, shall have the force and effect of town by-laws. All shade trees within the limits of a public way shall be public shade trees.

Section 13. Public shade trees outside the residential part of a town, as determined by the selectmen, shall not be cut or removed, in whole or in part, except by the tree warden or his deputy or by a person holding a license so to do from the tree warden. Public shade trees within said residential part shall not be cut, except for trimming by the tree warden, nor shall they be removed by the tree warden or his deputy or other person without a public hearing at a suitable time and place, after notice thereof posted in two or more public places in the town and upon the tree and after authority granted by the tree warden therefor. Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall forfeit not less than five nor more than one hundred dollars to the use of the town.

CHAPTER 208.

Section 102. Whoever wantonly injures, defaces or destroys an ornamental or shade tree in a public way or place, or negligently or wilfully suffers an animal, driven by or for him or belonging to him and lawfully in a public way or place, to injure, deface or destroy such tree, or whoever, by any other means, negligently or wilfully injures, defaces or destroys such tree, shall forfeit not less

than five nor more than one hundred dollars, one-half to the use of the complainant and one-half to the use of the city or town in which said act is committed; and shall in addition thereto be liable to said city or town or other person interested in said tree for all damages caused by said act.

Section 103. Whoever negligently or wilfully suffers an animal, driven by or for him or belonging to him and lawfully on the highway, to injure, deface or destroy a tree which is not his own, standing for use or ornament on the highway, or whoever, by any other means, negligently or wilfully, defaces or destroys such tree, shall forfeit not less than five nor more than one hundred dollars, one-half to the use of the complainant and one-half to the use of the city or town in which said act is committed; and shall in addition thereto be liable in damages to the owners or tenant of the land in front of which the tree stands.

Section 104. Whoever affixes to a tree in a public way or place a playbill, picture, announcement, notice, advertisement or other thing, whether in writing or otherwise, or cuts, paints or marks such tree except for the purpose of protecting it, and under a written permit from the officers having the charge of such trees in a city or from the tree warden in a town, shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars for each offence. The tree warden shall enforce the provisions of this and the preceding two sections in towns.

Report of the Cemetery Commissioners

FOR THE YEAR 1904-1905.

We present the following schedule showing the amounts of the several funds for the perpetual care of cemetery lots, and the income and payments on account of each fund for the year.

HERBERT T. CLARK,
JULIAN TUTTLE,
HORACE F. TUTTLE,
Cemetery Commissioners.

Cemetery Funds for Care of Lots.

WOODLAWN CEMETERY.

Number	Date of Deposit	Name of Fund	Lots	Amount Deposited	On hand March 12, 1904	Income	Expended	On hand March 11, 1905
1	Dec. 30, 1889	Hepsabeth Piper	1 S. Prospect	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$1.75	\$1.75	\$50.00
2	Feb. 13, 1890	Frederick Rouillard	11 W. Grove	100.00	100.50	3.50	3.85	100.15
3	Aug. 3, 1892	William W. Davis	10 N. Prospect	100.00	101.00	3.50	4.00	100.50
4	Dec. 30, 1892	Jedediah Tuttle		50.00	50.50	1.75	2.00	50.25
5	April 10, 1893	Mary Skinner		200.00	205.65	7.00	7.96	204.69
6	April 10, 1893	Nancy K. Handley	S. Prospect	500.00	504.55	17.50	12.92	509.13
7	May 12, 1897	Mary Severance	11 S. Forest	100.00	102.50	3.50	4.25	101.75
8	June 5, 1897	Mary W. Chaffin	53 S. Forest	100.00	102.00	3.50	4.00	101.50
9	May 13, 1898	Warren Robbins	6 W. Forest	100.00	101.50	3.50	3.50	101.50
10	April 29, 1893	Henry Loker	S. Prospect	100.00	101.04	3.50	4.00	100.54
11	June 23, 1899	Henry O. Lothrop	26, 27, 28 N. Prospect	200.00	201.86	7.00	4.00	204.86
12	Oct. 20, 1899	Luther W. Piper		100.00	101.50	3.50	3.00	102.00
13	Feb. 12, 1900	James Temple	33 N. Prospect	100.00	101.50	3.50	3.75	101.25
14	May 30, 1900	Fidella Wheeler	6 South Forest	100.00	100.57	3.50	3.25	100.82
15	Oct. 24, 1900	William H. Chapman		100.00	101.50	3.50	3.00	102.00
16	Jan. 12, 1901	Mary A. Robbins		100.00	100.00	3.50	2.25	101.25
17	July 29, 1901	Daniel Wetherbee	N. E. cor. Forest and Ellsworth	100.00	101.10	3.50	2.50	102.10
18	May 19, 1901	James Tuttle		100.00	103.77	3.50	6.04	101.23
19	Sept. 24, 1901	Julia Morrison	20 N. Forest	75.00	76.25	2.62	3.50	75.37
20	Feb. 20, 1902	Elbridge J. Robbins	3 North Pine	100.00	102.00	3.50	3.00	102.50
21	June 20, 1902	William Jennings	S. W. cor. Grove and Prospect	100.00	104.10	3.50	1.00	106.60
22	Aug. 15, 1902	Adeline Weston Blood		100.00	105.52	3.50	8.20	100.72
23	Oct. 18, 1902	Irving V. Whitcomb	20 S. Pine	100.00	101.70	3.50	5.00	100.20
24	May 13, 1903	Lewis B. Goodnow	13 N. Forest	100.00	102.92	3.50	6.40	100.02
25	Feb. 6, 1904	John Fletcher	20 N. Forest	100.00	100.33	3.50	3.00	100.83
26	Feb. 27, 1904	W. E. Faulkner	7 N. Central	75.00	75.17	2.62	2.60	75.19
27	March 15, 1904	Amanda M. Barnard		100.00		3.47	3.00	100.47
28	April 9, 1904	George I. Ames		100.00		3.23	2.50	100.73
29	May 25, 1904	Horace Tuttle		100.00		2.79	2.50	102.79
30	June 30, 1904	Samuel Jones		50.00		1.22	1.50	49.72
31	Dec. 2, 1904	Francis Hosmer		100.00		.91		100.97

MOUNT HOPE CEMETERY

1	March 8, 1895	Eliza A. Whitcomb	75.00	74.82	2.62	2.50	74.94
2	March 23, 1900	Phineas Wetherbee	1 share F. R. R.	*9.25	5.00	9.50	*4.75
3	Aug. 27, 1901	S. Lizzie Hayward	100.00	104.35	3.50	2.50	105.35
4	Aug. 31, 1901	Frank C. Hayward	500.00	509.33	17.50	17.50	509.33
5	Nov. 4, 1902	George C. Wright	500.00	508.00	17.50	12.50	513.00
6	Nov. 4, 1902	George C. Wright	50.00	52.30	1.75		54.05
7	March 12, 1904	B. H. and O. K. Patch	50.00		1.75	2.50	49.25
8	Sept. 28, 1904	Howard E. Faulkner	150.00		2.40		152.40
9	Dec. 20, 1904	J. Warren Hayward	50.00		.40		50.40

NORTH CEMETERY.

1	Jan. 12, 1903	Samuel Temple	50.00	50.04	1.75	1.75	50.04
2	Jan. 12, 1903	Francis Hutchinson	50.00	50.29	1.75	1.50	50.54
3	Jan. 12, 1903	Henrietta Anderson	50.00	50.29	1.75	1.75	50.29
4	Aug. 11, 1904	Mary Hapgood	50.00		1.02		51.02
			\$5175.00	\$4507.70	\$177.11	\$167.82	\$5206.39

* Unexpended income.

‡ Paid to F. C. Hayward.

Librarian's 15th Annual Report

Accessions: Number of volumes in the library March 12, 1904, 8,530; number of volumes in the library March 11, 1905, 8,837; increase by purchase, 254; of which 44 were obtained by binding magazines; increase by gift, 53; total increase, 307.

Circulation: Number of days the library was open, 104; number of volumes circulated, 6,026; daily average circulation, 58; largest daily circulation, 124, on Feb. 25; smallest daily circulation, 6 on Jan. 25, 1905.

Amount received from fines and catalogues,	\$20 95
Expended for postage, etc.,	70
	\$20 25

Gifts of books have been received from the following sources: U. S. Government 20, State of Massachusetts 27, City of Boston 1, James M. Barnard 1, J. H. Bridges 1, Hawaiian Society 1, Walter Williams 1, M. G. Parker 1.

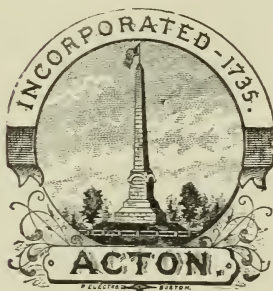
Periodicals in the reading room, 22, viz: Book Lovers Magazine, Century, Cosmopolitan, Country Life in America, Current Literature, Everybody's, Harper's Magazine, Harper's Weekly, Independent, Leslie's, McClure's, Munsey's, National, New England, Review of Reviews, Scientific American, Scribner's, St. Nicholas, Success, World's Work, World of Today, Youth's Companion.

A. F. DAVIS,
Librarian.

68TH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AND THE
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
OF THE
TOWN OF ACTON

Massachusetts

FOR THE YEAR 1904--1905



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School Calendar

SPRING TERM, 1905.

High School.

Term begins March 27th. Closes June 23d.

Common Schools.

Term begins March 27th. Closes June 16th.

YEAR 1905-1906.

High School, 40 weeks.

Fall term begins Sept. 5th. Closes Nov. 29th.

* Winter term begins Dec. 4th. Closes March 16th.

Spring term begins March 26th. Closes June 22d.

Common Schools, 38 weeks.

Fall term begins Sept. 5th. Closes Nov. 24th.

* Winter term begins Dec. 4th. Closes March 16th.

Spring term begins March 26th. Closes June 15th.

* Recess of one week—December 24th to 30th.

School Committee, 1904-1905

Chas. J. Williams, Chairman	Term expires 1905.
Horace F. Tuttle, Secretary,	Term expires 1906.
Frank R. Knowlton,	Term expires 1907.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Herbert E. Richardson, Residence, Littleton, Mass.

TRUANT OFFICERS.

James Kinsley, Moses A. Reed, George C. Turner.

STANDING RULES.

*Rule 1. Children under five years of age shall not be admitted to the public schools.

Rule 2. Pupils shall be promoted from grade to grade and school to school, according to merit. Thorough and satisfactory work will be required of pupils in a lower grade or school before entering a higher grade or school.

Rule 3. Children who have not previously attended any school shall be admitted to the public schools only at the beginning of the fall term.

Rule 4. Pupils will be held responsible for books loaned to them until such books shall have been returned to the teacher.

Rule 5. No repairs shall be made upon the public property in the care of the school committee except by their authorized agents.

*When the birthday of a child falls on or before the 15th day of the month it is reckoned as falling upon the first day of that month.

Extracts from the Statutes.—Revised Laws.

Chapter 43.

Section 11. The several school teachers shall faithfully keep the registers of attendance daily, and make due return thereof to the school committee, or to such person as the committee may designate. No teacher of a public school shall receive payment for services for the two weeks preceding the close of any term, until the register, properly filled up and completed, is so returned. All registers shall be kept at the schools, and at all times during school hours shall be open to the inspection of the school committee, the superintendent of schools, the truant officers and the secretary and agent of the board of education. In reckoning the average membership and the percentage of attendance in the schools, no pupil's name shall be omitted in counting the number of persons belonging to the school and the number of absences of such persons until it is known that such pupil has withdrawn from the school without intention of returning or, in the absence of such knowledge, until ten consecutive days of absence have been recorded; but the foregoing provision for computing the average membership and the percentage of attendance shall not affect proceedings against habitual truants, absentees or school offenders, or other persons, under the provisions of section one of chapter forty-four and sections three, four and five of chapter forty-six. A pupil who is not present during at least half of a session shall be marked and counted as absent for that session.

Chapter 44.

Section 1. Every child between seven and fourteen years of age shall attend some public day school in the city or town in which he resides during the entire time the public day schools are in session, subject to such exception as to children, places of

attendance and schools as are provided for in section three of chapter forty-two and sections three, five and six of this chapter. The superintendent of schools or, if there is no superintendent of schools, the school committee, or teachers acting under authority of said superintendent or committee, may excuse cases of necessary absence. The attendance of a child upon a public day school shall not be required if he has attended for a like period of time a private day school approved by the school committee of such city or town in accordance with the provisions of the following section, or if he has been otherwise instructed for a like period of time in the branches of learning required by law to be taught in the public schools, or if he has already acquired such branches of learning, or if his physical or mental condition is such as to render such attendance inexpedient or impracticable. Every person having under his control a child as described in this section shall cause him to attend school as herein required; and if he fails for five day sessions or ten half day sessions within any period of six months while under such control to cause such child, whose physical or mental condition is not such as to render his attendance at school harmful or impracticable, so to attend school, he shall, upon complaint of a truant officer and conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than twenty dollars. Whoever induces or attempts to induce a child to absent himself unlawfully from school, or employs or harbors a child who, while school is in session, is absent unlawfully from school shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars.

Section 6. A child who has not been vaccinated shall not be admitted to a public school except upon presentation of a certificate signed by a regular practising physician that he is not a fit subject for vaccination. A child who is a member of a household in which a person is ill with smallpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever or measles, or of a household exposed to such contagion from another household as aforesaid, shall not attend any public school during such illness or until the teacher of the school has been furnished with a certificate from the board of health of the city or town, or from the attending physician of such person, stating that, in a case of smallpox, diphtheria or scarlet fever at least two weeks,

and in a case of measles, at least three days, have elapsed since the recovery, removal or death of such person, and that danger of conveying such disease by such child has passed.

Chapter 46.

Section 3. Any child between seven and fourteen years of age who wilfully and habitually absents himself from school contrary to the provisions of section one of chapter forty-four shall be deemed to be an habitual truant, and, upon complaint of a truant officer and conviction thereof, may, if a boy, be committed to a county truant school for not more than two years and, if a girl, to the state industrial school for girls, unless such child is placed on probation as provided in section seven of this chapter.

Section 4. A child between seven and sixteen years of age who may be found wandering about in the streets or public places of any city or town, having no lawful occupation, habitually not attending school, and growing up in idleness and ignorance, shall be deemed an habitual absentee, and, upon complaint by a truant officer or any other person and conviction thereof may, if a boy, be committed to a county truant school for not more than two years or to the Lyman school for boys, and, if a girl, to the state industrial school for girls, unless such child is placed on probation as provided in section seven.

Section 5. A child under fourteen years of age who persistently violates the reasonable regulations of the school which he attends, or otherwise persistently misbehaves therein, so as to render himself a fit subject for expulsion therefrom, shall be deemed to be an habitual school offender, and, upon complaint by a truant officer and conviction thereof, may, if a boy, be committed to a county truant school for not more than two years or to the Lyman school for boys, and, if a girl, to the state industrial school for girls, unless such child is placed on probation as provided in section seven.

Section 13. Truant officers shall inquire into all cases arising under the provisions of sections one and six of chapter forty-four

and sections three, four and five of this chapter, and may make complaints and serve legal processes issued under the provisions of this chapter. They shall have the oversight of children placed on probation under the provisions of section seven. A truant officer may apprehend and take to school, without a warrant, any truant or absentee found wandering about in the streets or public places thereof.

Chapter 106.

Section 28. No child under the age of fourteen years shall be employed in any factory, workshop or mercantile establishment. No such child shall be employed at work performed for wages or other compensation, to whomsoever payable, during the hours when the public schools of the city or town in which he resides are in session, nor be employed at work before six o'clock in the morning or after seven o'clock in the evening.

Births Registered in 1900.

No.	DATE	NAME OF CHILD	NAMES OF PARENTS
1	Jan. 5	Daniel Christopher Coggin	Edward and Ellen (Mahoney)
2	Jan. 21	John William Brodeur	(Charles E. and Annie L. Woodward)
3	Feb. 8	Louise Mary Tobin	Michael and Mary (Quinlan)
4	Feb. 17	Annie Elizabeth McCarthy	John and Ellen L. (Tuohy)
5	March 1	Laura May Stone	Peter G. and Rose Mary (McGuire)
6	April 16	Joseph Wilbur Brown	Joseph K. and Lottie I. (Lehy)
7	April 18	Marie Althea Davis	Francis S. and Lucy Emily (Noyes)
8	April 23	Elizabeth Ilene Hurley	James and Bridget (Neyland)
9	June 7	Lillie Regenia Brazier	Andrew B. and Mary N. (Lucier)
10	June 9	Edith Rose Lawrey	George Francis and Ellen A. (Sullivan)
11	July 14	Annie Mary Foley	Patrick J. and Johanna (Conway)
12	July 20	Laura Heath	Charles B. and Mary (Cahill)
13	July 22	Harry Johannes Phillipson	Anton and Caroline S. (Peterson)
14	July 31	Wallace Edward Carey	Edward H. and Ina S. (Bryant)
15	August 6	Elsie Margaret Gough	John E. and Margaret (Dillon)
16	August 7	Willard James Ingham	Jeremiah R. and Mary Ella (Sibley)
17	August 12	Miriam Allen Barker	George A. and Leah R. (Allen)
18	August 20	Roland Fletcher Willis	Herbert E. and Evelyn B. (Fletcher)
19	August 22	Harold Ralph Searles	Sanford S. and Annie H. (Hayward)
20	August 25	Ellis Edgar Hayward	William B. and Margaret (Leary)
21	Sept. 13	Edwin Henry Christafferson	Anders and Annie (Anderson)
22	Sept. 14	Dorothy Elizabeth Tuttle	Roswell L. and Annie B. (Simpson)
23	Sept. 22	Grace Altha Gilmore	Almon H. and Mabel G. (Dufresne)
24	Sept. 24	Myrtle Ida Abbott	Edward A. and Ellen J. (Weaver)
25	Oct. 5	Douglas Burns Wilson	James A. and Mary E. (McLoughlin)
26	Oct. 7	Charles Alfred Morse	Alfred J. and Georgena J. (Beach)
27	Oct. 16	Francis William Hopps	John L. and Elizabeth (LaClaire)
28	Oct. 18	Ernest Fuller Brewster	Cecil E. and Alice A. (Fuller)
29	Oct. 27	Richard Archibald Schnair	Charles H. and Leah (Squires)
30	Nov. 6	Edna May Tuttle	Frank H. and Bessie May (Harris)
31	Nov. 11	Abbie Elizabeth Coughlin	William C. and Annie J. (Brannan)
32	Dec. 7	Francis Earle Farrar	Frank B. and Dora Jane (Welch)
33	Dec. 9	Henry Ross	Samuel and Annie (Zeruka)
34	Dec. 21	Gladys Alberta Wood	Albert L. and Agnes J. (Butler)
35	Dec. 21	Alice Winifred Byron	James F. and Bridget E. (Delaney)
36	Dec. 31	Richard Morse Davis	Rich M. and Lena Maud (Morse)

68th Annual Report of the School Committee

To the Citizens of Acton.

We are again able to report your schools to be in a very excellent condition. The unfortunate location of the South Grammar school is, however, a very serious handicap upon that school. The draft upon the physical and mental resources of both teacher and pupils in the effort to attain the required degrees of proficiency is far beyond that necessitated in the other schools in the town of equal grade. We hope, even against hope, that the town will presently adopt measures that will relieve the situation at South Acton.

Since the entry of the town, in 1892, into the system of district superintendency of schools, your schools have shown a measurable and steady progress from year to year in methods, in efficiency of the teaching corps, in discipline and in all things that go towards the making of good schools as that term is understood in Massachusetts in 1905. The following statement, taken from the report of the State Board of Education for the year 1902-1903, is of interest:

The average taxation cost of the public schools for support for each child between the ages of five and fifteen years for the year 1902-1903 was: In the state, \$23.36; in Acton, \$24.90.

The average taxation cost of the public schools for support for each child in the average membership of the public schools for the year 1902-1903 was: In the state, \$27.30; in Acton, \$27.02.

The average cost per pupil for text books and supplies based upon

the average membership of the schools for the year 1902-1903 was: In the state, \$1.58; in Acton, \$1.66.

The figures for the state for children between the ages of five and fifteen years cover all those children who are members of parochial and private schools.

Practically all the children in Acton between the ages of five and fifteen years are members of the public schools.

Many of the schools are greatly in need of a piano. The high school has a piano, the gift of the pupils of that school; the Center grammar school has one, the gift of Dr. Arthur Cowdrey of Stoneham, and the South grammar school has the use of one, through the courtesy of the Royal Arcanum, who have joint use of the hall in which this school is quartered. We regret to say that none of the West schools have a piano, and we suggest to any one of our fellow citizens who fears the disgrace of dying rich, that, especially, by the gift of a piano to some one of the West schools and, generally, by similar gifts to other schools, if he shall be so inclined, he may, to the extent of his generosity, escape that unhappy fate.

The report of the superintendent of schools, included herein, is especially commended to your attention. The sum of \$375.00 has been received from the state on account of salary of superintendent of schools for the year ending Sept. 1st, 1904.

The report of the purchasing agent and of the truant officer are appended.

*Receipts and Expenditures on Accounts of Schools for the
Fiscal Year 1904-1905.*

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation for :

Common schools,	\$3,800 00
High school,	1,800 00
School supplies,	525 00
Transportation of pupils,	1,360 00
Salary of supt. of schools,	480 00

Received from :

Mass. School fund,	986 48
Dog licenses,	277 02
Tuition fees,	32 00

\$9,260 50

EXPENDITURES.

For common schools,	\$4,812 90
High school,	1,869 73
School supplies,	563 21
Transportation of pupils,	1,339 50
Salary of Supt. of Schools,	480 00

\$9,065 34

Unexpended balance,

\$195 16

Estimate for the Support of Schools for the Year 1905-1906.

For common schools,	\$3,800 00
High school,	1,800 00
School supplies,	525 00
Transportation of pupils,	1,360 00
Salary of superintendent of schools,	480 00

\$7,965 00

The School Committee of Acton,

By

CHAS. J. WILLIAMS,

Chairman.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools.

March 11, 1905.

Gentlemen of the School Committee:

This my fifth annual report is hereby submitted to you and through you to the citizens of Acton for the year ending March 1, 1905.

Below are given the school census of September, 1904, and a summary of statistics from September, 1904, to March 1, 1905. At the end of this report will be found tabulated statistics from September, 1903, to March, 1905.

Number of persons in town between 7 and 14 years: Boys, 114;
girls, 120; Total 234

Number of persons in town between 5 and 15 years: Boys, 155;
girls, 178; Total 333

Number of illiterate minors over 14 years: Boys, 0; girls, 1;
Total 1

Number enrolled in all the schools: 339

Number of pupils between 7 and 14 years: 228

Number of pupils between 5 and 15 years: 296

Number of pupils over 15 years 43

Average membership 301

Average attendance 271

Per cent of attendance 90

Number of schools 10

Number of teachers 11

Number of male teachers 1

Number of female teachers 10

Number of college graduates 2

Number who have attended college 3

Number of normal graduates 7

At this time it may not be inappropriate to review briefly the work of the past five years. While many of the best results of school work can never be measured there are some that can be definitely noted and recorded.

ORGANIZATION.

The present organization of the schools is, we believe, the best in their history. Since the formation of a ninth grade, teachers testify that pupils are entering the High School better equipped to carry on their work successfully. The studies of the ninth grade tend to bridge the gulf that exists between the grammar and high school and give the pupils a year's additional preparation with greater maturity and development.

During the year John T. Prince and J. W. MacDonald, Agents of the State Board of Education, have inspected the schools and made a favorable report of the work being done.

A third teacher is needed in the High school. With three teachers each one would have fewer subjects and each pupil would have more recitation periods, which would be a decided advantage over the present plan. With present school accommodations this is not feasible and brings us to the vital question of a new school building. This subject, however, has been so frequently emphasized in reports of committees and superintendent in past years that it does not seem necessary to dwell upon it here.

HIGH SCHOOL.

We are fortunate in retaining the present corps of teachers and at no time has the efficiency of the High School been greater than now. The work of the school has been characterized by harmony, faithfulness and efficiency. Teachers are capable and hardworking and pupils are interested and making steady progress under their guidance.

At the last annual meeting of the National Educational Association in St. Louis, which it was my privilege to attend last summer, from the many pertinent remarks relative to high schools I would quote the following: "The problem which confronts every high school is how to discover and develop the interests and capacities of

each individual boy and girl; and how to direct their development so that they will become useful members of society." A high school which aims to meet the demands of modern life and to be "the people's college" by giving the elements of a liberal education and by training its pupils into good citizenship is of inestimable value to any community.

TEACHERS.

We believe that there is a fundamental truth in the declaration that it makes very little difference what you study but that it is in the highest degree important with whom you study. "There flows from the living teacher a power which no text book can compass or contain. Text books supply information and discipline; teachers impart the breath of life giving inspiration and impulse." The value of the well trained teacher, alive to the best interests of her schools, faithful and efficient in the performance of her duties, cannot be over estimated. Our Acton teachers are conscientious, faithful and efficient.

It is a pleasure to record but few changes in the corps since last year. Miss Nancy Bucknam resigned from the Center Grammar school and Miss Angie F. J. Main of Waltham was appointed to the place. Miss Jennie V. Sargent resigned from the West Grammar and was succeeded by Miss Elizabeth A. Sheehan, a graduate of Fitchburg Normal school. Miss Agnes Devlin of the West Intermediate was followed by Miss Emma Foster also a graduate of Fitchburg Normal School.

The ascending scale in teachers' salaries is a most excellent plan. If the minimum pay is \$10 per week with an increase each year until the maximum \$12 is received, there is some inducement for teachers to remain more than one year and our schools are the gainers thereby. Frequent change of teachers is to be deprecated and we shall count ourselves fortunate if the present corps can be retained another year.

DISCIPLINE.

The discipline in all the schools is good and in many it is ex-

cellent. Much of the former military discipline has given way to a freedom and naturalness such as we like to see in a well ordered home. The idea of good discipline is to give each pupil as much freedom as possible without interference with others. In this way the principle of self government, so essential throughout life, is inculcated and fostered. The aim is to make the schools training places for citizenship.

COURSE OF STUDY.

Five years ago next September a new course of study was introduced into the elementary schools and after five years' trial teachers testify that pupils are entering the High School, better prepared to grasp the subjects taken there and to carry on their work successfully.

The course as outlined is in harmony with the best educational thought of the day and is the outcome of expert opinion on the various subjects that form the present curriculum.

From time to time committees composed of ten, or fifteen, of the leading educators in the country as President Eliot of Harvard, U. S. Commissioner Harris, and prominent professors, superintendents and teachers are appointed by the national or other important educational associations to confer and report upon matters relative to school work; as for instance, the best time to begin arithmetic and history in the grades; the subjects to be emphasized and those to be omitted from elementary arithmetic and geography courses; and the value of nature study, stories from mythology, and other classics in the grades.

The suggestions of these eminent councils are universally accepted and adopted and in this way a uniformity is secured in the work of our public schools throughout the country. This was apparent at the great educational exhibit at the St. Louis Fair, where exhibits from cities and towns in Arkansas and Massachusetts showed the same leading characteristics. It is evident that we have a national educational system as well as a state system of which our town systems are a part.

Everywhere elementary courses of study have been enriched

by the introduction of certain subjects, adapted to the capacity of the children, which were thought formerly to belong alone to the high school, the reason for this being that the vast majority of boys and girls, 95 per cent in the schools throughout the land, never go beyond the grades, while the per cent in the Acton schools is considerably better than the average. The 75 or 80 percent of the Acton boys and girls who do not have the benefit of a high school education are entitled to the best elementary course that can be given them.

ARITHMETIC.

The arithmetic course as revised places such emphasis upon correctness, rapidity and mental work. There is no formal presentation of arithmetic until children enter the second grade, but number is incidentally taught at every point and children have a good knowledge of it when they begin the formal use of figures and signs in the second grade.

Operations in arithmetic which have become obsolete, or have never existed elsewhere in the world, should become obsolete in the school room and therefore have been omitted from the course.

In determining what should be taught in arithmetic, it is necessary to show that the subject is practical; that is, that it has to do with the affairs of life or that it is disciplinary; that is, that it insures mental growth and strength.

With this end in view the course has been abridged by curtailing the time spent on compound proportion, cube root, obsolete denominate quantities, duodecimals and much commercial arithmetic and by omitting examples in profit and loss, bank discount, simple and compound interest, not easily made intelligible to the pupils. At the same time it has been enriched by a greater number of exercises in simple calculation and in the solution of concrete problems.

NATURE STUDY.

Little children are taught nature poems and songs and to observe simple forms of insects, plant, animal and bird life. June

first is observed as Bird Day in all the grades. Teachers take the children into the fields to observe nature at first hand and to learn something of the habits, haunts and songs of birds. After returning to the school room compositions are written by the pupils telling what they have seen and heard.

We are told that fifty years ago, May thirtieth, old election day, was observed by killing as many birds as possible by the boys in the country.

The Friday before Arbor Day is observed as Tree Day. Field excursions to observe the different kinds of trees and shrubs are made by pupils under the direction of the teachers. Compositions embodying the pupils' observations are written after returning to the school room.

Lessons on soil, water, air, light, relation of plants and insects, animal and bird life are taught in all the grades, taking a different subject each month and aiming to make the work as practical as possible. In these ways children are brought into a better understanding of their environment and by teaching them to observe closely a few things a whole world of beauty is opened to them which may be a source of inestimable pleasure and profit all through life.

WRITING.

For a number of years vertical writing was in general use in the schools throughout the country. As a legible hand, especially for beginners, it is a vast improvement over its predecessor, the Spencerian slant system, but the serious objection to it is that it is not considered a good business hand. A large business college in Syracuse, N. Y., states that their business has greatly increased since the introduction of the Vertical system into the public schools. Many find it necessary to go there to change their handwriting before being able to secure positions in business offices. Now what is known as the Semi slant system, which is half way between the Spencerian and Vertical, is rapidly being introduced into all the leading schools in the country.

This system is considered the most natural and hygienic as the Semi slant employed readily adjusts itself to the muscles of the eye and hand. It also is legible, admits of rapidity and individuality, requisites for a good business hand, and therefore seems to be the golden mean sought for.

I would recommend the early introduction of the Semi slant system of writing into the Acton schools.

MUSIC.

To judge of the music one needs to visit the schools to note the progress made under the present system which has been in use for the past year. From the beginning little children are taught to read the notes, sing alone and keep the time as naturally and with as little embarrassment as they read alone. Appreciation of and a taste for good music is cultivated by constant use of the best songs adapted to the various grades and it is a pleasure to record that the children are receiving thorough musical training under the efficient leadership of the present supervisor, Miss Blanche S. Samuels.

READING.

In all our school work I believe that reading is of the greatest importance, not only the ability to read well, but also acquiring a taste for good books. During the period under review we have added quite largely to our reading lists in all the grades. In this way pupils read a large amount of the best literature in school and a growing appreciation of good books is showing itself by the number of boys and girls who frequent the Public Library.

Since it has been found that children's minds are capable of appreciating the greatest productions, many adaptations of masterpieces have been made which are very popular with the children.

In the primary grades stories which embody ideals of courage, usefulness, patience and kindness to animals are told them by the teacher. Such stories are selected because children imitate what they admire and because of the unconscious influence of an ideal upon character. When children have made sufficient observation

to enable them to understand them, stories of industry, invention, and discovery are told to them or read by them. Children long for stories of adventure and in recognition of this need stories adapted from Robinson Crusoe, the Iliad and the Odyssey Ivanho, The Lady of the Lake and similar selections are read by them with great pleasure. Special use is made of birthdays and holidays in the lower grades and to some extent throughout all the grades.

Stories from mythology, history and literature have always been used by the greater educators and now their use is quite general. Mythology expresses the views of the childhood of the race and children, it must be remembered, reproduce in every generation the earliest stages of racial growth, and the books put into their hands ought to supply the same substance, however different the form, upon which the children were nourished in the days of the Greeks and Romans. Mythology has furnished themes for our great writers in all ages and unless children become acquainted with the subject in school the majority go through life with no appreciation of much of the world's best literature.

At the present time it is not thought sufficient to train the memory, reason and judgment only but great emphasis is put upon the cultivation of the imagination, the creative faculty, the highest faculty of the mind.

Hence the great value of selected stories from history, literature, mythology, fable, romance and poetry which appeal to the children through their imagination and put them in sympathetic relations with the world.

Even ethics, or morals, according to the leading authorities, are best thought, not by formal instruction or by sermonettes, but by stories illustrating manliness, courage, honesty and sympathy for the weak and oppressed which appeal to the pupil through his imagination.

One of the most prominent educators in America has outlined three educations as follows: "The education of the past which is the classical education which cultivates the intellect. The education of the present which is the scientific and manual education

which cultivates the outward activity as in manual training, kindergarten work, etc. The education of the future which will include the other two but will add the education of the heart. Intellect makes a man individual, but feeling makes him universal."

In looking towards the pupils' fullest development, it is not well to make use of the world's rich store of literary treasures, which children fully appreciate when presented to them from their point of view and which through an exercise of the imagination play upon the emotions and thus tend to educate the heart.

We have taken this opportunity to write somewhat in length upon these subjects as we have reason to believe that their value and the reason for their being in our elementary schools have not been clear to all parents.

The following series of readers are used in the grades: Lights to Literature; Stepping Stones to Literature and Cyr's. In addition the following approved supplementary reading has been added during the last five years.

Grade 1. Hiawatha Primer; Cook's Nature Myths; Kingsley's Greek Heroes; Fairy Tales; Scudder's Folk Stories and Fables.

Grade 11. Seven Little Sisters, Little Folks of Other Lands; Stories of Ulysses; Story of the Pilgrims; Story of Washington; Story of Lincoln; Story of Robert Fulton; The Cave Man; The Tree Dwellers; Legends of Springtime.

Grade 111. Stories Mother Nature Told; Robinson Crusoe; Each and All; Story of La Salle; Stories of Marquette and Joliet; Around the World.

Grade IV. Ten Boys; Stories from the Iliad Adapted; Stories from the Odyssey, adapted; Legends of Norseland; Stories of Norse Mythology.

Grade V. American Indians; American History Stories; Story of Roland; Story of the Crusades; Hawthorne's Wonder Book; Selections from Miles Standish; selections from Lady of the Lake.

Grade VI. Stories of Pizarro, Cortez and Montazuma; Stories of American History; Story of Siegfried, adapted; Twice Told Tales; Grandfather's Chair; Knickerbocker's History of New York;

Landing of the Pilgrims; Rip Van Winkle; Sleepy Hollow; Little Nell.

Grade VII. Evangeline; The War of Independence, Fiske; Cooper's Pilot ; Cooper's Spy; Paul Revere's Ride; Longfellow's Elizabeth; Franklin's Autobiography.

Grade VIII. Lowell's Garrison and Wendell Phillips; Bigelow Papers; The Peasant and Prince; Martineau; Lincoln's First and Second Inaugural; Lincoln's Gettysburg Speech; Tales of the Grandfather; The Building of the Ship; Under the Old Elm; Old Ironsides; Angels of Beuna Vista; Sheridan's Ride; Nuremburg, Webster's Reply to Hayne.

Grade IX. Lowell's Glance Behind the Curtain; Bigelow Papers; Lincoln—Douglas Debate. Harold, the last of the Saxons; Merchant of Venice; Sir Roger de Coverley Papers; Wendell Phillip's Orations; Speeches on the Stamp Act by Fox; Chatham, Cavendish and Barre; Lowell's Commemoration Ode; Vision of Sir Launfal; Ode on the Death of Wellington; Shelley's Cloud.

In conclusion we may say that the past five years have been characterized by spirit of harmony and we believe by steady progress. This has been brought about by the hearty, intelligent support of the school committee in their desire to give to the town the best school system possible and by their course, impartial administration of all matters pertaining to school affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT E. RICHARDSON.

Report of the High School Principal

Mr. Herbert E. Richardson,

Dear Sir:—I herewith submit the following report of the Acton High School from September 1904:

Total enrollment 35; Average membership 31; Percent of attendance 93.

From the above figures it is easily seen, that, although a few have been obliged to leave, since the beginning of the school year, the majority of those entering the high school came there evidently with a sincere desire to pursue their studies faithfully. When we consider under what difficulties many of our pupils labor in attending school regularly and when we realize what an exceptionally hard winter for travel this has been, the present opportunity to commend the majority of the pupils for their good attendance, ought not to be neglected. It is a strange fact that the pupils who have the greatest obstacles to overcome in getting to school, are generally those whose attendance is best and who are most interested in their work.

This past year we have changed our requirements for graduation. Instead of promoting a pupil from year to year, a minimum of 64 credits is now necessary. This plan, as will readily be seen, admits of no doubt in the mind of the pupil, as to his eligibility or ineligibility to graduate when the time comes. Each study, pursued successfully, entitles the student, at the end of that special course, to as many credits, as the study has been taken hours, each week. For example: Algebra, a required study during the first year is recited five hours each week. Now, if the pupil passes in

that subject he receives five credits, and so on. Of course the average would be 16 hours a week, but if a student wishes and is capable of so doing, he may elect an extra study and secure extra credits. This method dispenses with the necessity of conditioning pupils from year to year, and allows them, in case of failure in one branch, to substitute some other.

It is gratifying to see that each incoming class enters with zeal into the work. Although the mental ability of the average high school pupil remains about the same, yet we notice each year an improvement in concentration of mind and in attention to the work. It is encouraging thus to feel the support of the grades behind us, in our effort to improve yearly.

We are pleased to mention the fact that two of our graduates of 1904 are continuing their studies at the Fitchburg Normal school, with credit to themselves and to their high school.

Miss Atwood continues to serve faithfully as assistant and to cooperate in whatever may seem for the best interest of the school.

We are fortunate this year in having the services of Miss Samuels as director of music. Under her able and enthusiastic guidance, the singing has greatly improved.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. FAXON, Principal.

South Acton, Feb. 27, 1905.

Report of Supervisor of Music.

Mr. H. E. Richardson, Superintendent of Schools,

Dear Sir:—In submitting my first annual report it gives me pleasure to say our schools are advancing in all lines of their work in music.

We can never hope to have our advanced grades what they should be if we fail in the fundamental work which constitutes a good foundation and for this reason we are starting in our lowest grades to slowly impress the important facts. When these grades reach the higher classes then we may expect to have the culmination we are so earnestly striving for. It is with pleasure that we find Prof. Parker of Yale endorsing just such a line of work as we are doing. He says the intellectual side of music is the proper object of study and the emotional in music is the result of that which is intellectual.

The individual work which the children have taken up so readily gives us the key to music. We are able to judge the ability of each pupil and like a doctor, give medicine for the case in hand. Now we can enter heartily into our chorus work for we know it is the work of all and not of a few.

The interest we arouse in the subject of music must be stimulated by the outside influence of the home and we urge strongly that the parents look into the matter and assist in this grand and good work of educating our children to be the coming generation to represent the American type of music. We urge the parents to encourage every slight inclination in the musical line for so many times we hear people say, that they lost the best in music through

the mistaken notion that their family was not musical hence their avoidance of the subject.

We cannot speak too strongly of the refining influence of good songs and it is our endeavor to give to the pupils the best in the song world. We fear they do not hear enough good music outside of what they get in school, and for this reason should not the townspeople take it upon themselves that at least two musical performances be given yearly for the further education of the school children.

In closing I wish to thank the School Committee, Superintendent and Teachers for their hearty cooperation.

Respectfully,

BLANCHE S. SAMUEL.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES OF THE ACTON HIGH SCHOOL
 AT TOWN HALL, ACTON, MASS., THURSDAY EVENING,
 JUNE 16, 1904, 8 O'CLOCK.

PROGRAM.

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| I. Overture—"Flora" | Orchestra |
| II. Invocation | Rev. T. N. Miles |
| III. Song—"Now the Music Soundeth" | School |
| IV. Waltz—"Under the Rose" | Orchestra |
| V. Address—The Real and the False, Miss E. A. Kimball, Worcester | |
| VI Song—"Away to the Fields" | School |
| VII. Flower Song—"Hearts and Flowers" | Orchestra |
| VIII. Presentation of Diplomas | Supt. H. E. Richardson |
| IX. "America." | |

Motto: "No Steps Backward."

GRADUATES.

Classical Course.

Georgianna Henrietta Hawes, Margaret Dustin Quimby.

English Course.

Julia Loretta McCarty, William Charles Edwards.

Colors: Green and White.

Statistics for 1903 --- 1904.

SCHOOLS	Grades	Weeks of School	Enrollment	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per Cent of Attendance	Number Between 7 and 14	Number Between 5 and 16	Number Over 16
High	10, 11 12, 13	40	40	29	25	92	0	4	36
South Grammar	7, 8, 9	38	24	19	16	83	20	23	1
South Intermediate	4, 5, 6	38	39	33	30	91	39	39	0
South Primary	1, 2, 3	38	42	37	33	87	29	42	0
Center Grammar	7, 8, 9	38	29	27.8	25	90	21	25	4
Center Intermediate	4, 5, 6	38	30	29.5	27.6	93.8	30	30	0
Center Primary	1, 2, 3	38	35	33.8	30.9	91	19	35	0
West Grammar	7, 8, 9	38	29	28.8	24.8	83	20	27	2
West Intermediate	4, 5, 6	38	28	27.9	25	89.9	28	28	0
West Primary	1, 2, 3	38	43	37	31.7	85	22	43	0
Totals			339	301	271	90	228	296	43

Statistics for Fall and Winter Terms, 1904--1905

SCHOOLS	Grades	Number in Grade	Average Age of Grade	Weeks of School	Enrollment	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per Cent of Attendance	Number Between 7 and 14	Number Between 5 and 15	No. Over 15
High	13	4	18	40	35	31	29	93	2	16	19
	12	7	17-6								
	11	10	16-3								
	10	13	15-1								
South Grammar	9	6	14-6	38	26	22	19	87	17	23	3
	8	12	13-2								
South Intermediate	6	8	12-7	38	40	38	35	91.8	40	40	0
	5	16	11-3								
South Primary	4	16	8-10	38	45	43	40	93	23	45	0
	3	14	8								
	2	10	7								
Center Grammar	1	21	6	38	32	31	28.8	92	22	30	2
	7	12	12-10								
	8	12	13-5								
Center Intermediate	9	8	14-1	38	26	25.9	24	92.6	26	26	0
	4	9	9								
Center Primary	5	4	10-3	38	37	30.5	28	91	23	37	0
	6	13	11-8								
	1	13	6-3								
West Grammar	2	12	7-10	38	29	26	24	93	20	26	3
	3	12	8-5								
	9	8	14-6								
West Intermediate	8	12	13-5	38	38	36.5	33.8	92.6	38	38	0
	7	9	11-6								
	6	10	11-6								
West Primary	5	13	10-8	38	48	43	38.8	90	22	48	0
	4	15	9-4								
	3	10	8-6								
	2	10	7-8								
	1	28	6-3								
					356	327	300	916	233	329	27

List of Teachers, 1904 --- 1905.

SCHOOL	TEACHERS	Appointed	EDUCATED	Salary	Home Address	
High {	Principal	A. L. Faxon	1900	Yale	\$1100	South Acton
	Assistant	Ruby M. Atwood	1903	Brown	500	New Boston, N. H.
South Grammar	Katherine B. Feely	1904	Fitchburg Normal	380	Otter River	
South Intermediate	Martha Fagerstrom	1903	Worcester Normal	380	Worcester	
South Primary	Inez G. Kilton	1903	Worcester Normal	418	Worcester	
Center Grammar	Angie F. J. Main	1904	Boston University	418	Waltham	
Center Intermediate	Ella L. Miller	1899	Framingham Normal	418	Hudson	
Center Primary	Martha F. Smith	1902	Lowell Normal	456	Acton	
West Grammar	Elizabeth A. Sheehan	1904	Fitchburg Normal	380	Fitchburg	
West Intermediate	Emma I. Foster	1904	Fitchburg Normal	380	Fitchburg	
West Primary	Harriet H. Gardner	1889	Ayer	456	West Acton	
Music Teacher	Blanche S. Samuels	1894	Westfield	225	Westfield	

ROLL OF HONOR.

SEPT. 1903-JUNE 1904.

One Year.

Cram, Bertha	Duren, Ethel
Burroughs, Lizzie	Greenough, Frank
Hawes, Verne	Hidden, Hazel
Piper, Ralph	Stancombe, Eva L.
White, Leonard D.	

Two Terms.

Harris, Bertha	Harris, Alfred B.
Harris, Elizabeth	Hoar, Carl
Kinsley, Richard	Kinsley, David
Mekkelsen, Ida	Quimby, Margaret
Robbins, Sylvia	Schnair, Harriet
Stancombe, Geogre	Symonds, Harold
Taylor, Marion C.	Tuttle, Varnum
Wood, Rotha A.	

One Term.

Boyce, Helena	Brooks, Etta L.
Campbell, Leland H.	Cheney, Robert
Coughlin, William	Davidson, Guy
Durkee, Raymond	Durkee, Irma M.
Byron, James	Burke, Henry B.
Foley, Mary	Foley, Michael
Gates, Ralph	Gilbert, Alfred
Gallant, Mildred	Griswold, Geo.
Griswold, Ethel	Gould, Glenn
Harrington, Elizabeth	Hayes, Willie
Hall, Wesley H.	Hoar, Burton
Harris, Maud V.	Jones, Carl
Kimball, Milton B.	Leach, Natalie
Merriam, Harold	Murphy, May M.
Moore, Ethel	Mekkelson, Christine
McCarty, Frank	McNeil, Mary C.
Morse, Arthur	McCarthy, Helena J.
Moore, Carle E.	Morse, Walter
McCarty, Nora	Nickerson, Marion
O'Connell, Alice	Phalen, Harold R.
Quimby, Marjorie	Quimby, Russell

Quimby, Chauncey
 Rickeman, Roland
 Reed, Kenneth
 Randall, Earl
 Somes, Gladys
 Schnair, Zara
 Sweet, Percy I.
 Taylor, William S.
 White, Richard
 Wood, Chester E.

Richardson, Harold M.
 Robbins, Hazel
 Reed, Everett W.
 Somes, Mary
 Smith, Minnie
 Sheehan, Arthur
 Thompson, Carl L.
 Tuttle, Elizabeth
 White, Florence E.
 Worden, Florence

Roll of Honor, Sept. 1904-March 1905.

Two Terms.

Bezanson, Mabel
 Esterbrooks, Fred
 Flagg, Harland
 Hoyt, Hazel W.
 Stancombe, George
 Stillman, Geo.
 Pyser, Ralph
 Wood, Helen
 Farrar, Raymond F.

Bezanson, Grace E.
 Fagerstrom, Martha
 Harris, Alfred
 Moore, Carl E.
 Stancombe, Eva
 Phalen, Harold
 Willis, Clifton
 Worden, Henry
 Harris, Ray L.

One Term.

Bent, Ellen May
 Billings, Howard
 Burroughs, Lizzie
 Cahill, Edw.
 Coolidge, Hazel A.
 DeOssie, Dora
 Fletcher, Dora
 Foley, Patrick
 Gilbert, Alfred
 Greenough, Frank E.
 Hall, Ruth E.
 Hamming, Roy R.
 Heath, Isabel
 Lawrence, Ollin A.
 Lowden, Therom
 Kinsley, Annie
 McNeil, Mary C.
 Mekkelsen, Christine
 Miner, Lillian F.
 Moulton, George
 Peebles, Majorie
 Quimby, Majorie

Bezanson, Helen M.
 Brooks, Chester C.
 Byron, James C.
 Clark, Fred E.
 Davidson, Guy
 Downie, Cora
 Fletcher, Eliza
 Foley, David J.
 Foley, Thomas
 Griswold, Georgie D.
 Harris, Bertha
 Hawes, Verne
 Harris, Maud V.
 Lawrence, Wayne G.
 Leach, Natalie
 Lincoln, Arnold H.
 Kinsley, Richard
 McNulty, Frank
 Mekkelsen, Ida
 Morse, Walter R.
 O'Counell, Margaret
 Quimby, Russell B.

Reed, Kenneth
 Rice, Beatrice
 Robbins, Hazel
 Sargent, Vera
 Schnair, Harriet A.
 Sawyer, Benj.
 Smiley, Mary E.
 Welsh, Grace
 Willis, Mabel
 Woodward, Edith
 Worden, Florence M.
 Worden, Grace
 Farrar, Merritt L.
 Leary, J. Vincent
 Olsen, Annie
 Tuttle, C. Elizabeth

Reed, Everett R.
 Richardson, Harold
 Riekeman, Roland
 Robbins, Ray
 Sargent, Gladys E.
 Scanlon, Lizzie
 Sheehan, Arthur
 Tuttle, Varnum
 Wetherbee, Elmer
 Woodward, Frank
 Willard, Leslie
 Wood, Sarah
 Cheney, Robert R.
 Frederickson, Ebba
 McCarty, Nora

Truant Officers' Report

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1905.

To the School Committee of Acton, Mass. :

The truant officers submit their third annual report to the School Committee for the year ending Mar. 1, 1905.

The truant officers submit the following list of pupils looked up for the year, the cause of their absence, and if truants, the number that have been returned to school.

Whole number of pupils looked up,				30
Cause of absence	Center sch.	South sch.		West sch.
Sickness	4			
Kept at home by parents,	2	2		
Returned to school,	4	3		20
Reported truants,	1	5		20

Yours respectfully,

C. G. TURNER,
 JAMES KINSLEY,
 MOSES A. REED,
 Truant Officers.

Department of School Supplies.

Report of the Purchasing Agent.

The School Committee of Acton:

The following statement of the expense account of the department for the financial year ending March 11th, 1905, is respectfully submitted:

J. L. Hammett Co.

Mar. 15.	165 pkgs. arithmetic paper, 789 lbs..	\$22 68
	75 pkgs. Manilla drawing paper, 6x9,	11 25
	10 pkgs. Manilla drawing paper, 9x12,	3 00
	50 pkgs. No. 3 practice paper,	11 00
	10 pkgs. blotters, 6x8,	3 00
		\$50 93
Mar. 21.	10 pkgs. No. 25 Hecktograph paper,	3 50
	10 pkgs. No. 1 practice paper,	2 20
	30 pkgs. blue line letter paper, 8x10 $\frac{1}{2}$,	9 75
	10 pkgs. No. 27 letter paper,	4 50
	10 pkgs. 00 medium drawing paper, 6x9,	3 20
	10 pkgs. 00 medium drawing paper, 8x10 $\frac{1}{2}$,	6 40
	6 pkgs. No. 1 grey drawing paper, 6x9,	1 92
	30 doz. No. 140 note books,	12 60
	10 gr. No. 701 pencils,	9 00
	2 lbs. No. 120 Boston erasers,	1 30

Mar	21.	5 doz. Gem B. B. erasers,	\$2 50	
		200 No. 127 spelling blanks,	3 50	
			<hr/>	\$60 37
Apr.	29.	2 doz. 4 oz. Le Page paste,	\$2 00	
			<hr/>	\$2 00
May	5.	9 Tales from Eng. History in Prose and Verse,	\$4 05	
			<hr/>	\$4 05
May	14.	1 qt. Treasury red ink,	\$ 75	
			<hr/>	\$ 75
June	4.	1 How to Know the Wild Flowers,	\$1 80	
			<hr/>	\$1 80
June	9.	Engraving 4 diplomas and postage,	\$1 07	
			<hr/>	\$1 07
Aug.	20.	30 doz. No. 787 pencils, colored,	\$7 50	
		$\frac{1}{2}$ doz. violet Hecktograph ink,	1 13	
		1 doz. pkgs. sandpaper disks,	1 50	
		10 gr. No. 556 Esterbrook pens,	4 50	
		5 gr. Volpennie pens,	2 00	
		$\frac{1}{2}$ doz. No. 30 rulers,	1 00	
			<hr/>	\$17 63
Sept.	23.	1 doz. quarts Treasury ink,	\$3 00	
			<hr/>	\$3 00
Oct.	6.	8 boxes sentence builders,	\$ 90	
		8 boxes word builders,	72	
		8 boxes domestic animals,	1 44	
		8 boxes wild animals,	1 44	
		8 boxes birds,	1 44	
		8 boxes leaves,	1 44	
		$\frac{1}{2}$ doz. primary reg. boards,	70	
		4 boxes No. 475 round pegs,	64	
		6 doz. No. 102 sticks,	1 20	
		6 doz. No. 413,	1 20	
		1 doz. Small red ink,	40	
		1 doz. Little Artist,	2 40	
		120 No. 120 note books,	3 90	

Oct.	6.	36 No. 144 note books,	\$52 16	
		2 gr. No. 1,407 pen holders,	2 00	
		6 boxes counting regs,	72	
			<hr/>	\$22 70
Nov.	23.	1 doz. quarts Treasury ink,	\$3 00	
			<hr/>	\$3 00
Nov.	25.	2 Gem pencil sharpeners, re- paired,	\$ 50	
			<hr/>	\$ 50
Nov.	28.	1 Gem pencil sharpener,	\$3 00	
		1 Congoon pitch pipe,	40	
		4 Courtship Miles Standish,	53	
		50 sheets Manilla tag, 9x12,	13	
		50 sheets white Bristol, 9x12,	60	
		6 boxes number builders,	58	
			<hr/>	\$5 24
Dec.	2.	1 Tan and McMurray Geog. bk. 1,	\$ 54	
		1 Tan and McMurray Geog., bk 2,	68	
		100 sheets grey Bristol, 24x18,	4 00	
			<hr/>	\$5 22
Dec.	17.	50 boxes white crayons,	\$3 00	
		1 gr. No. 341 sketching pencils,	6 75	
		1 lb. No. 80 erasers,	65	
			<hr/>	\$10 40
Jan.	10.	6 gr. No. 556 Easterbrook pens,	\$2 70	
		$\frac{1}{2}$ gr. No. 341 sketching pencils,	3 38	
			<hr/>	\$6 08
Jan.	28.	1 doz. Excelsior composers,	\$1 00	
			<hr/>	\$1 00
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				\$195 74

Ginn & Co.

Apr.	1.	12 Jones 1st readers,	\$3 60	
		12 Jones 2d readers,	4 80	
			<hr/>	\$8 40
		Less 1-6,	1 40	
			<hr/>	\$7 00

Apr. 29.	36 Mother Nature Stories,	\$18 00	
	Less 1-6,	3 00	
		<hr/>	\$15 00
Apr. 29.	17 Each and All,	\$8 50	
	3 Greek Heroes,	90	
	3 Anderson Fairy Tales, 1 and 2,	2 40	
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		\$11 80	
	Less 1-6,	1 97	
		<hr/>	\$9 83
Sept. 9.	10 Prince arithmetics No. 6,	\$2 00	
	10 Prince arithmetics No. 7,	2 00	
	5 Prince arithmetics No. 5,	1 00	
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		\$5 00	
	Less 1-6,	83	
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Sept. 13.	4 Gage Intro. Physics, revised,	\$4 00	
	4 1st year Latin,	4 00	
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		\$8 00	
	Less 1-6,	1 33	
		<hr/>	\$6 67
Sept. 25.	35 each No. 323 and 338, Coda,	\$2 80	
	Less 15 per cent,	42	
		<hr/>	\$2 38
Sept. 29.	3 Montgomery Am. Hist.,	\$3 00	
	Less 1-6,	50	
		<hr/>	\$2 50
Sept. 30.	2 Montgomery Eng. Hist.,	\$2 24	
	Less 1-6,	37	
		<hr/>	\$1 87
Oct. 21.	3 Ways of Wood Folk,	\$1 50	
	3 Wilderness Ways,	1 35	
	3 Scents of the Woods,	1 50	
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		\$4 35	
	Less 1-6,	72	
		<hr/>	\$3 63

Oct.	22.	9 Weaver, No. 1,	\$4 50	
		5 Weaver No. 2,	2 50	
		4 Weaver No. 3,	2 00	
		1 Weaver No. 4,	50	
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			\$9 50	
		Less 1-6,	1 58	
			<hr/>	\$7 92
Jan.	10.	16 A. and F. French readers,	\$8 00	
		Less 1-6,	1 33	
			<hr/>	\$6 67
Jan.	16.	1 A. and F. French readers,	\$ 50	
		Less 1-6,	08	
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		Postage	06	
			<hr/>	\$ 48
June	4.	6 Ancient Mariners,	\$1 20	
		Less 1-6,	20	
			<hr/>	\$1 00
Feb.	7.	6 Young Astronomys, rev.,	\$7 50	
		Less 1-6,	1 25	
			<hr/>	\$6 25
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				\$75 37

Houghton, Mifflin & Co.

Apr.	1.	7 Riverside Lit. Series, 40c, less 15 per cent,	\$2 38	
			<hr/>	\$2 38
Apr.	29.	2 Birds Christmas Carols,	\$ 66 $\frac{2}{3}$	
		20 Biglow Papers, Cambridge Classics,	13 33 $\frac{1}{3}$	
		3 Larned's Eng. His.,	3 19	
		104 Riverside Lit. Series, cloth,	35 36	
		46 Riverside Lit. Series at 25c, less 15 per cent,	9 78	
		10 Riverside Lit. Series, 60c, less 15 per cent,	5 10	

Apr.	29.	43 Riverside Lit. Series, 45c, less 15 per cent,	\$16 45	
			<hr/>	\$83 88
May	5.	3 Riverside Lit. Series, at 40c, less 15 per cent, Postage,	\$1 02 16	
			<hr/>	\$1 18
May	17.	25 Riverside Lit. Series at 60c, less 15 per cent,	\$12 75	
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Sept.	29.	12 Fiske Hist. U. S.,	\$10 20	
			<hr/>	\$10 20
Oct.	17.	2 Biglow Papers, 3 Riverside Lit. Series, 15c, less 15 per cent, 3 Riverside Lit. Series 40c, less 15 per cent, 2 Riverside Lit. Series 25c, less 15 per cent,	\$1 33 38 1 02 43	
			<hr/>	\$3 16
Nov.	8.	3 Three Years with Poets,	\$1 28	
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D. C. Heath & Co.

Apr.	1.	2 Machen Erz., No. 1, 4 Die Horzreise,	\$1 20 1 00	
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		Less 1-6	36	
			<hr/>	\$1 84
Apr.	29.	3 Eng. Hist. Stories, Less 1-6,	\$1 95 32	
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Oct.	24.	3 F. and S. French grammars, Less 1-6,	\$3 36 56	
			<hr/>	\$2 80
		Express,	15	
			<hr/>	\$2 95
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				\$6 42

Silver, Burdett & Co.

Apr.	11.	25 Beacon Lines No. 124,	\$1 25	
				\$1 25
Apr.	24.	3 Mowry Hist of Eng.,	\$2 10	
		12 Stepping Stones to Lit.,		
		3 book,	6 00	
				\$8 10
		Less 1-6,	1 35	
				\$6 75
Sept.	30.	3 Normal readers, No. 2, Part 2,	\$1 08	
		8 Normal readers, No. 2, Complete,	4 80	
				\$5 88
		Less 1-6,	98	
				\$49 02
		2 Congdon pitch pipe,	1 00	
				\$5 90
Oct.	10.	24 Normal readers, Part 2,	\$8 64	
		20 Cecilian Series, book 3,	16 80	
				\$25 44
		Less 1-6,	4 24	
				\$21 20
Nov.	23.	7 Normal readers, Book 2, Part 1,	\$2 52	
		Less 1-6,	42	
				\$2 10
				\$37 20

Lothrop Publishing Co.

Apr.	29.	18 Little Folks of Other Lands,	\$10 80	
		Less 40 per cent,	4 32	
				\$6 48
May	16.	12 Little Folks of Other Lands,	\$7 20	
		Less 40 per cent,	2 88	
				\$4 32
				\$10 80

Lee and Sheppard.

Apr.	29.	3 sets Wendell Phillips, 2 vols.,	\$6 00	
		Express	20	
				\$6 20
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University Publishing Co.

Apr.	29.	4 The Peasant and the Prince,	\$ 80	
		16 The Pilot,	3 20	
		6 Spy,	75	
		3 Tales of a Grandfather,	37	
		20 Christmas Stories,	2 50	
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			\$7 62	
		Less 1-5	1 52	
			<hr/>	\$6 10
May	12.	12 Harold, paper,	\$2 40	
		Less 1-5,	48	
			<hr/>	\$1 92
Sept.	31.	5 Peasant and Prince,	\$1 00	
		Less 1-5,	20	
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			\$ 80	
		Postage,	20	
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Oct.	18.	2 Pilot,	\$ 40	
		3 Tales of a Grandfather,	37	
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		Less 1-5,	15	
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			\$ 62	
		Postage,	15	
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Oct.	18.	5 Harold,	\$1 00	
		Less 1-5,	20	
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			\$ 80	
		Postage,	16	
			<hr/>	\$ 96
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				\$10 75

Edward E. Babb & Co.

Apr.	28.	3 Cornan and Kendall Eng. Hist.,	\$3 13	
		3 Taris 1st bk. Phys. Geog.,	2 75	
		12 Metcalf grammars,	3 24	
			<hr/>	\$9 12
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Educational Publishing Co.

May	3.	31 Washington No. 28,	\$1 55	
		4 Lincoln No. 31,	20	
		4 La Salle No. 83,	20	
		4 Marquette No. 91,	20	
		18 Legends of Springtime,	5 40	
		3 Talisman,	1 20	
		12 Aesops Fables No. 1,	3 60	
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			\$12 35	
		Less 1-6,	2 05	
			<hr/>	\$10 30
May	20.	1 Children of the Cold,	\$1 25	
		Less 1-6,	20	
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Rand, McNally & Co.

May	3.	33 Holton primer,	\$6 60	
		18 Lights to Literature No. 1,	3 60	
		18 Lights to Literature No. 2,	5 22	
		38 King Arthur,	15 20	
		3 Green Mountain boys,	1 44	
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Allyn & Bacon.

Sept.	12.	10 Chardinals Complete French,	\$10 00	
		Less 1-6,	1 66	
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American Book Company.

Sept.	7.	12 Wesbter Primary Dictionary,	\$5 76	
		Less 1-5,	1 15	
			<hr/>	\$4 61
Sept.	13.	8 New Intro. day books,	\$ 48	
		8 New Intro. journals,	1 20	
		8 New Intro. ledgers,	1 28	
			<hr/>	\$2 96
		Less 1-5,	59	
			<hr/>	\$2 37

Sept. 29.	4 Eggleston 1st bk. Am. Hist.,	\$2 40	
	Less 1-5,	48	
			\$1 92
Oct. 18.	8 New Intro. ledger,	\$1 28	
	Less 1-5,	25	
			\$1 03
Jan. 10.	4 Gateway to Burns,	\$1 40	
	11 Lady of the Lake,	4 40	
	4 Eclectic Burns Poems,	80	
		\$6 60	
	Less 1-5,	1 32	
			\$5 28
			\$15 21

Bessie M. Weaver.

Sept. 26.	10 Supervisor and teachers review books,	\$1 50	
			\$1 50
			\$1 50

Thompson, Brown & Co.

Oct. 26.	7 Meservey S. E. ledgers No. 1,	\$56	
	7 Meservey S. E. ledgers No. 2,	56	
	7 Meservey S. E. ledgers No. 3,	56	
	7 Meservey S. E. day book,	56	
	7 Meservey S. E. cash book,	56	
		\$3 08	
	Less 1-6,	51	
			\$2 57
			\$2 57

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Paid A. W. Raymor, express charges,	\$11 70	
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A. L. Noyes, express charges,	14 55	
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Town Warrant

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Middlesex, SS.
 To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton, in the County of
 Middlesex, Greeting:

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to assemble in the Town Hall, in said town, on Monday, the twenty-seventh day of March A. D., 1905, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, as they may think proper, viz:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To see if the Town will accept the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Library Trustees and other town officers.

Art. 3. To choose all necessary town officers and committees and fix salaries.

Art. 4. To hear and act upon the reports of any committee chosen to report at this meeting.

Art. 5. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for due observance of Memorial Day.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will accept the jury list as revised by the Selectmen.

Art. 7. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for repairing roads and bridges.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of its Selectmen, to borrow money for the Town, if necessary, in anticipation of taxes the current year.

Art. 9. To vote Yes or No in answer to the question: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in Acton the present year. .

Art. 10. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the support of Memorial Library the present year.

Art. 11. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the support of schools the present year.

Art. 12. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for school supplies.

Art. 13. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for town charges.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for the enforcement of the liquor laws.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will maintain street lamps the present year, or act anything thereon.

Art. 16. To see what amount of money the Town will appropriate for the care of cemeteries the current year, or act anything thereon.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will take any action in regard to Old Home Week.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote to straighten the road at the old "school house" lot in South Acton and raise a special amount for the same, or act anything thereon.

Art. 19. To see what amount of money the Town will raise to maintain the Fire Department.

Art. 20. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars for six band concerts, two in each village, Acton, South Acton, and West Acton, or act anything thereon.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will accept as a private way, the laying out by the Road Commissioners of a private way, for the benefit of Mary T. Coughlin, from the town road near her dwelling house, over the land of Mary O'Neil to land of said Coughlin, northerly of said town road.

Art. 22. To see if the Town will take any action in relation to the speed of automobiles.

Art. 23. To see if the Town will take any action in regard to the extermination of the brown tail moth.

Art. 24. To see what action the Town will take in regard to the erection of a flag pole at Acton Center.

Art. 25. To see if the Town will take any action in regard to supplying a public watering trough for the West village.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will vote to buy a lockup or take any action thereon.

Art. 27. To see if the Town will build a road across the land of O. W. Mead in West Acton, beginning at the turnpike at the south east corner of the land of Fitchburg R. R. Co., thence northerly on the east side of Fitchburg R. R. Co. land to the road that passes the house of Mrs. G. B. Parker, the road to be built 30 ft. wide, or act anything thereon.

Art. 28. To see if the Town will buy a piano for the town hall.

Art. 29. To see what action the Town will take in regard to a heater for the town hall.

Art. 30. To see what action the Town will take in relation to the collection of taxes the present year.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting copies, attested by you, in the following places: One in each of the Post Offices and Railroad stations, one in each of the stores of C. H. Mead & Co., M. E. Taylor & Co., Tuttle & Newton, Est. of E. Jones, one at the office of F. J. Hastings & Co., and one at the Nagog House, seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen or the Town Clerk, on or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands in Acton, this thirteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and five.

FRANK W. HOIT,
ARTHUR M. WHITCOMB,
EDWIN A. PHALEN,
Selectmen of Acton.

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