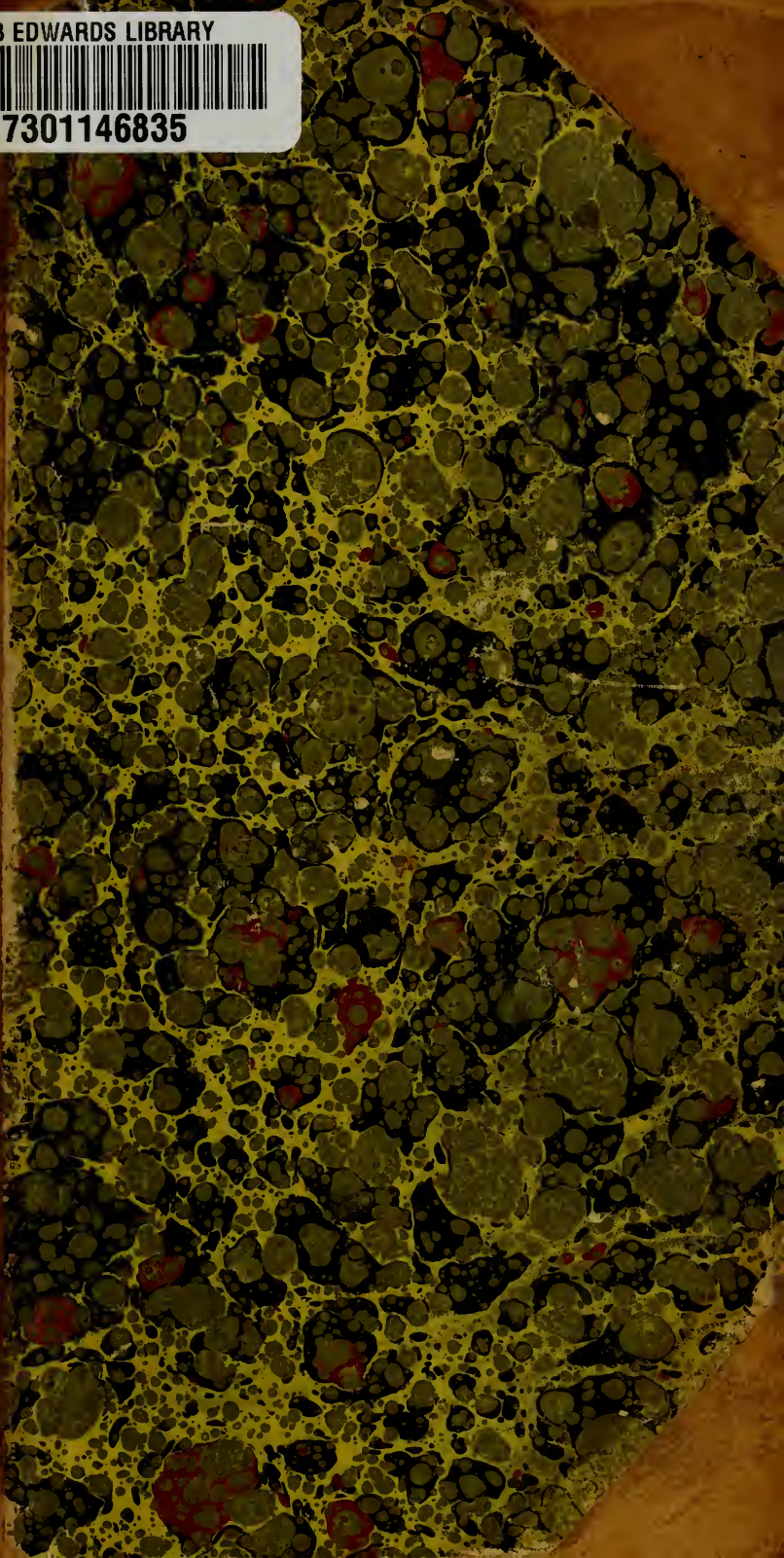


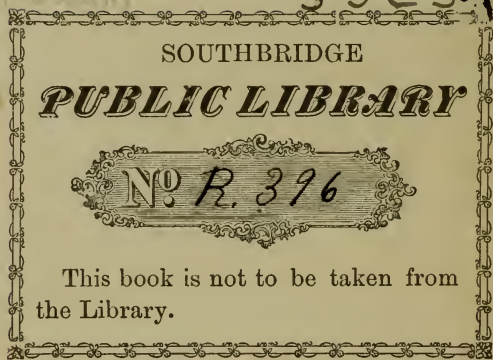
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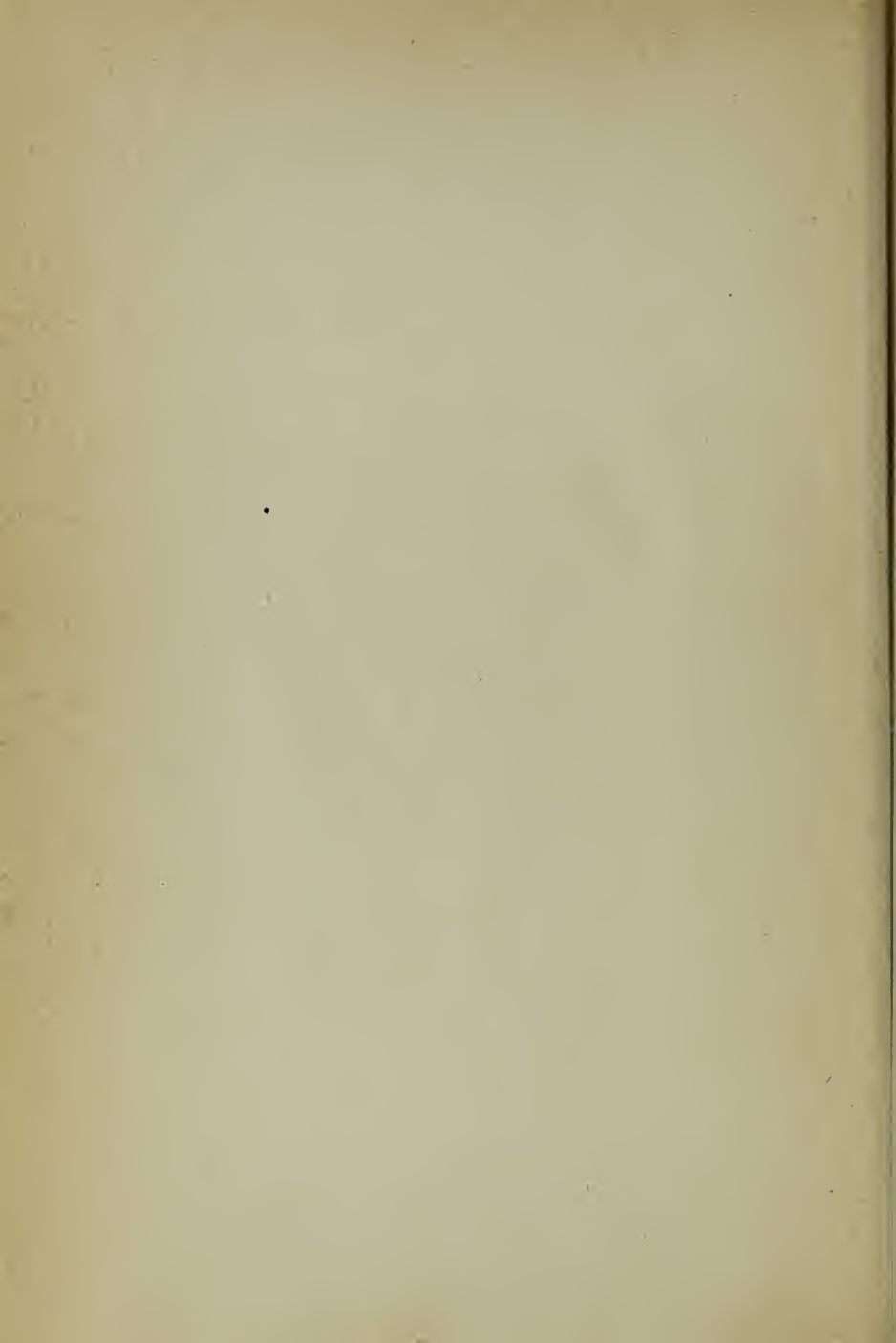
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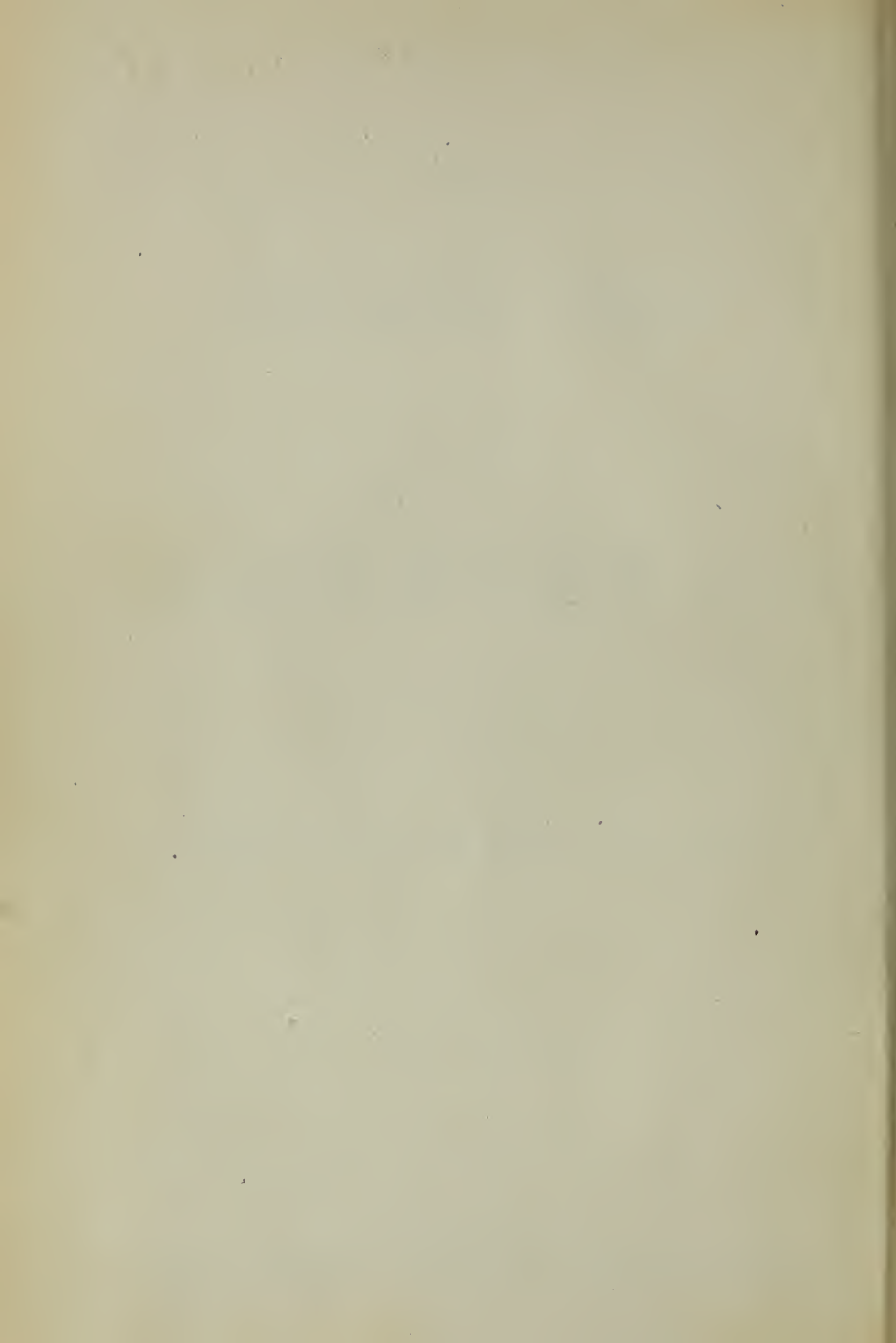
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# TOWN OFFICERS, 1878-9,

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CLERK:

HENRY A. MORSE.

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TREASURER:

FRANCIS L. CHAPIN.

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SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR:

J. J. OAKES,                      S. K. EDWARDS,                      A. H. WHEELER.

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AUDITORS:

J. M. COCHRAN,                      J. S. GLEASON,                      GEO. W. WELLS

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

E. M. PHILLIPS, Term expires 1879. | J. M. AMMIDOWN, Term exp. 1880.  
Rev. B. V. STEVENSON Term expires 1881.

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LIBRARY COMMITTEE:

M. LEONARD, Term expires 1880.		S. M. LANE, Term expires 1879.
W. R. PATON, " 1880.		S. C. HARTWELL, " 1879.
G. G. BULFINCH, " 1880.		A. J. BARTHOLOMEW, " 1879.
S. P. IRWIN, JR., Term expires 1881.		
T. J. HARRINGTON, " 1881.		
WM. HALLORAN, " 1881.		

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CEMETERY COMMITTEE:

S. P. IRWIN, Term expires 1881		J. O. M'KINSTRY, Term exp. 1880.
A. J. BARTHOLOMEW " 1881.		GEO. W. WELLS, " 1879.
WM. EDWARDS, " 1880.		L. S. AMMIDOWN " 1879.

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FENCE VIEWERS:

WM. H. H. CHENEY,                      JAMES BROWN,                      SOLOMON THAYER.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER:

L. D. CLEMENCE, HENRY HYDE, JOS. S. SPENCER,  
V. W. LAMOUREUX, DANFORTH DOUTY.

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FIELD DRIVERS:

JOS. SPENCER, HENRY CLARKE, PATRICK WHALEN, ROMAINE  
BOARDMAN, MICHAEL MAHONEY, S. B. MORSE,  
FRANK J. CLARKE.

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FIRE ENGINEERS:

PLINY M. CLARKE, CHIEF.  
P. J. WHELAN, } ASSISTANTS.  
WILLIAM C. BARNES, }

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ASSESSORS:

AUGUSTUS COOK, E. S. ELLIS, CHAS. W. WELD.

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COLLECTOR OF TAXES:

CHARLES E. CADY.

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TRUANT OFFICERS:

JOSEPH OLNEY, MICHAEL MAHONEY, P. N. LECLAIR.

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HIGHWAY SURVEYOR:

CHARLES W. WELD.

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CONSTABLES:

J. M. OLNEY, F. E. PARKER, GEO. H. THAYER,  
WM. C. CADY, PAUL N. LECLAIR.

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POLICE OFFICERS.

GEO. LAMOUREUX, CALVIN CLAPLIN, M. DILLABER, A. S. BUELL,  
L. C. ALBEE, ALDEN POTTER, S. F. FREEMAN, CHARLES  
M'CLARY, J. S. BARTLETT, MICHAEL MAHONEY,  
CHAS. E. SAMMONS, FREDERIC C. SPRAGUE.



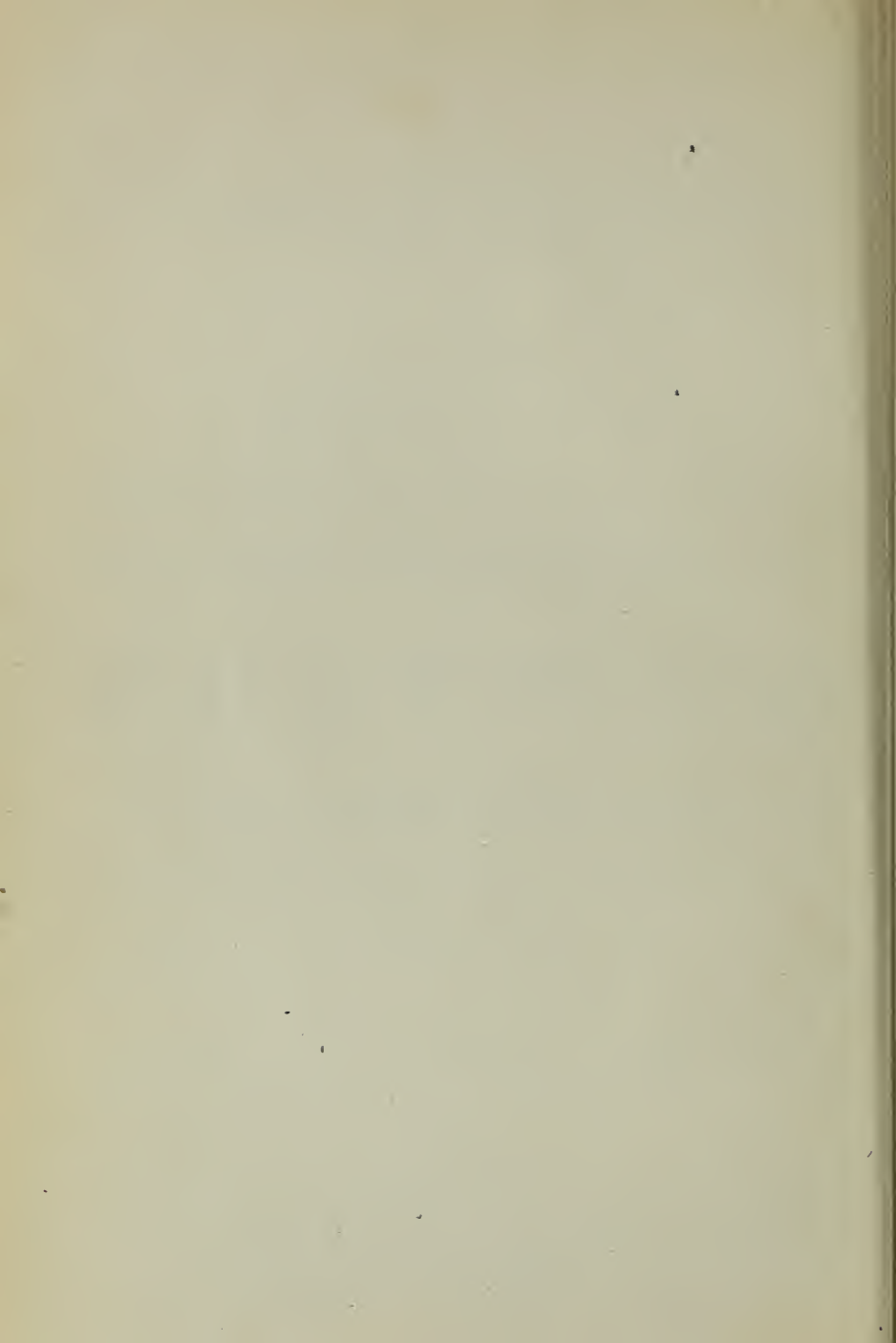
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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
AUDITORS  
OF THE  
TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE.

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# REPORT.

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The Auditors of Southbridge present the Annual Report of the financial transactions of the town for the year ending March 1, 1879.

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## THE ACCOUNT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

As presented by him, is herewith submitted, having been examined and found correct.

F. L. CHAPIN, *Treasurer*, in account with the Town of Southbridge, for the year ending February 28, 1879.

### RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury March 1, 1878.....	\$1,249 07
Due from L. Morton, Collector.....	39 00
Due from S. Thayer, Collector.....	351 35
Due from T. Potter, Collector.....	122 35
Due from D. Whitford, Collector.....	380 62
State tax.....	1,750 00
County tax.....	3,182 98
Bank tax and overlayings.....	2,346 06
Center watch district and overlayings.....	722 47
Overlayings on taxes ..	839 58
Common schools.....	8,000 00
Discount on taxes.....	5,500 00

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Amounts carried forward..... \$22,341 09 \$2,142 39

Amounts brought forward.....	\$22,341 09	\$2,142 39
Payment of debts.....	5,000 00	
Highways.....	3,000 00	
Sidewalks.....	2,900 00	
Morris street school house.....	2,000 00	
Outside poor.....	2,000 00	
Interest.....	2,000 00	
Salaries.....	1,800 00	
High school.....	1,800 00	
Engine men.....	1,500 00	
Public library.....	1,250 00	
Support of poor.....	1,200 00	
Street lights.....	1,200 00	
Hamilton street reservoir.....	1,000 00	
Abatement of taxes.....	1,000 00	
Cemetery improvements.....	1,100 00	
Crane and River street sidewalk.....	600 00	
Contingent account, schools, &c.....	500 00	
Bridges.....	500 00	
Cemetery front fence.....	500 00	
Main street sidewalk.....	400 00	
Contingent expenses.....	300 00	
Contingent expenses fire department.....	300 00	
Main and Mechanics street sidewalk.....	300 00	
New cemetery... ..	272 00	
Printing.....	200 00	
Insurance.....	150 00	
Pine street sidewalk.....	150 00	
Cemetery plan .. ..	150 00	
Dresser street to cemetery .. ..	150 00	
Contingent account police station.....	125 00	
Printing for library.....	100 00	
Decoration day .. ..	100 00	
Chapin street extension... ..	100 00	
Walcott street .. ..	100 00	
	<hr/>	56,088 09
State treasurer, bank tax... ..		1,073 55
State treasurer, corporation tax .. ..		727 36
State treasurer, income Massachusetts school fund.....		306 48
State treasurer, state aid.....		276 00
State treasurer, discount on bank tax... ..		234 61
State treasurer, pauper account.....		85 90
State treasurer, collecting and assessing bank tax.....		20 96
State treasurer, error in collecting and assessing bank tax ...		18 79
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Amount carried forward.....		\$60,974 13

Amount brought forward.....	\$60,974 13
County treasurer, dog fund. ....	323 25
Sidewalk assessments .....	624 19
Centre watch district .....	400 00
Produce sold.....	275 96
Calvin A. Paige, account of M. OBrien.....	96 00
Public library, books, cards, fines, &c .....	82 12
City of Holyoke, Brown family .....	60 55
Cemetery committee fund.....	47 25
Dudley, for school furniture... ..	45 00
Henry Fiske, toward support of L. Fiske.....	39 00
Use Town hall... ..	26 25
Lumber, sand, stone sold.....	23 80
Est. Joshua Vinton... ..	12 58
Rent of pasture.....	12 00
Licenses .....	10 00
Police station fees.....	3 50
Labor on highways.....	3 50
Use oxen.....	3 00
Error in bill of W. Edwards.....	2 40
Cemetery lot sold.....	2 00
Money borrowed in anticipation of taxes.....	16,000 00
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	\$79,066 48

## EXPENDITURES.

Common schools.....	\$7,821 11
Discount on taxes .....	5,088 17
Highways .....	4,543 46
County tax 1878.....	3,182 98
Outside poor.....	2,766 24
Bank tax .....	2,346 06
Salaries .....	2,206 23
Interest .....	1,971 36
Engine men.....	1,840 00
State tax.....	1,750 00
Public library.....	1,695 51
High school.....	1,462 77
Support of poor.....	1,407 80
Cemetery improvements.....	1,174 13
Center watch district.....	1,147 19
Street lights.....	997 36
Hamilton street reservoir.....	960 90
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Amount carried forward .....	\$42,361 27

Amount brought forward.....	\$42,361 27
River street sidewalk.....	934 00
Fire department.....	878 96
Sidewalks.....	767 70
Bridges.....	526 76
Cemetery front.....	500 00
Contingent account, schools etc.....	499 14
Main and Mechanic street sidewalk.....	454 61
Contingent expenses.....	416 50
Morris street school house.....	388 95
North Main street sidewalk.....	379 50
New cemetery purchase, land.....	372 00
State aid.....	270 00
Printing.....	260 99
Abatement of taxes.....	238 57
Insurance.....	178 40
Police station contingent.....	160 32
Pine street sidewalk.....	153 31
Railing highways.....	131 55
Walcott and Plimpton street.....	100 00
Chapin street.....	99 87
Decoration day.....	91 14
School apparatus.....	73 50
Note to Southbridge Savings bank, dated Apr. 15, 1875.....	5,000 00
Money borrowed in anticipation of taxes.....	16,000 00
Due from S. Thayer, collector.....	351 35
"    L. Morton, collector.....	39 00
"    T. Potter, collector.....	122 35
"    C. E. Cady, collector.....	1,650 79
Cash on hand.....	5,665 95
	7,829 44
	\$79,066 48

## NOTES OUTSTANDING FEBRUARY 29, 1879.

Date of Notes.	To whom given.	Amounts.	Payable	Interest.
April 15, 1875	W. A. Marcy.....	\$ 5,000	1879	6 percent.
April 15, 1875	John Marcy.....	5,000	1880	6 " "
Aug. 8, 1876	Lucy H. Stowe.....	5,000	1881	5 " "
Sept. 17, 1877	Brown, Riley & Co.....	5,000	1882	5 " "
Sept. 17, 1877	Brown, Riley & Co.....	5,000	1883	5 " "
		\$25,000		



# INSURANCE

*on town property with date of the expiration of policies.*

Amount insured.	Property insured.	When expiring.
\$600.	School house, Dennison district .....	June 1, 1879
3,000.	Books, &c., library.....	July 1, 1879
1,000.	Books, &c., library.....	July 1, 1879
2,500.	Library building.....	Nov. 1, 1879
2,692.	Town farm.....	Dec. 1, 1879
3,000.	Library building.....	Jan. 1, 1880
600.	School house, Hooker district.....	April 1, 1880
2,500.	Town house, Elm street .....	May 1, 1881
600.	School house, Bacon district.....	June 1, 1881
1,600.	School house, Elm street.....	Sept. 1, 1881
2,200.	School house, Sandersdale.....	Dec. 1, 1881
2,000.	School house, rear Ammidown block.....	Jan. 1, 1882
1,500.	Town hall, Elm street.....	Feb. 1, 1882
600.	School house, Sumner district.....	April 1, 1882
2,000.	School house, Union street.....	Nov. 1, 1882
2,500.	School house, School street.....	Nov. 1, 1883
1,200.	School house, River street.....	Nov. 1, 1883

There is no insurance on Police Station or on either of the Engine Houses, Engines, Hose and Furniture, or Town Clock.

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## VITAL STATISTICS

*Marriages, Births and Deaths in town from Jan. 1, 1878 to Jan. 1, 1879.*

Number of marriages.....	66
American, 32. French, 21. Irish, 12. African, 1.	
Number of births.....	191
American, 31. French, 126. Irish, 34.	
Number of deaths....	85
American, 24. French, 39. Irish, 22.	

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Number of dogs licensed from April 1, 1878 to March 1, 1879.... 190  
 Males, 179. Females, 11.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY A. MORSE, *Town Clerk*



# TOWN DISBURSEMENTS IN DETAIL.

## SALARIES.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1878.....	\$535 12	
Appropriation .....	1,800 00	
Received of State Treas. for collecting bank tax..	20 96	
	\$2,356 08	

### EXPENDITURES.

Daniel Whitford, for collecting taxes year 1877...	125 00	
F. L. Chapin, town treasurer 1 year ending April 1, 1879 .....	100 00	
J. M. Cochran, making town reports 1878.....	25 00	
Augustus Cook, assessor.....	118 49	
E. S. Ellis " .....	45 00	
C. W. Weld, " .....	39 75	
	203 24	
S. S. Perry, attending town meetings '77	24 00	
Henry A. Morse, recording births, mar- riages and deaths .....	115 90	
attending town meetings, '78	15 00	
	154 90	
S. F. Freeman, truant officer 1878.....	6 25	
J. M. Olney, " " .....	8 37	
	14 62	
services for suppression liquor traffic .....	79 73	
J. M. Cochran, auditor from March 1, 1878 to March 1, 1879.....	30 75	
Julius S. Gleason, auditor March 1, '78 to March 1, 1879.....	20 50	
	51 25	
Amount carried forward.....	\$753 74	

Amount brought forward .....	\$753 74	
J. J. Oakes, selectman from Feb. 26, '78 to March 1, '79.....	215 79	
S. K. Edwards, selectman from Mch 1, 1878 to Jan. 1 1879.....	311 00	
A. H. Wheeler, selectman from Feb. 1, 1878 to March 1, 1879.....	208 50	
	<hr/>	735 49
James M. Ammidown, school committee from Apr. 1, '78 to Mch. 1, '79	98 75	
Geo. A. Jackson, school committee from Dec. 3, '77 to Apr. 1, '78.....	92 75	
making school reports.....	20 00	
E. M. Phillips, school committee from Mar. 1, '77 to Mar. 1, '78....	186 00	
B. V. Stevenson, school committee from May 10, '77 to Mar. 1, '79....	300 00	
	<hr/>	697 50
	<hr/>	2,186 73
Balance to credit this account March 1, 1879.....		\$169 35

## PUBLIC LIBRARY.

### RECEIPTS,

Balance March 1, 1878 ..	\$263 11	
Appropriation.....	1,250 00	
Dog fund.....	377 40	
Fines, cards, etc.....	82 12	
	<hr/>	1,972 63

### EXPENDITURES.

A. J. Comins, services as librarian from March 1, 1878, to March 1, 1879.....	600 00	
Cash paid express and expenses.....	55 04	
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Manning Leonard, paid paper subscription .....	67 95	
Lee & Shepard, books and periodicals.....	706 41	
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Amounts carried forward .....	\$774 36	\$655 04

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Amounts brought forward.....	\$774 36	\$655 04
G. M. Whitaker, printing.....	1 75	
F. D. Morse & Son, binding.....	40 94	
G. K. Dresser, coal... ..	15 00	
Cummings & Conant, duster.....	5 00	
repairing stove... ..	6 83	
	—————	11 83
W. P. Plimpton & Co., wood .....	4 25	
Carpenter, Irwin & Co., coal.....	39 38	
B. H. Thayer & Co., paper.....	14 63	
Mutual Gas Light Company, gas .....	138 33	
	—————	1,040 47
		<u>\$1,695 51</u>
		\$277 12
Mutual Gas Light Company, order outstanding.....		10 35
		—————
Balance to credit this account March 1, 1870.....		\$266 77

CEMETERY IMPROVEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance, March 1, 1878. ....	\$131 77	
Appropriation for front fence.....	500 00	
old debt.....	100 00	
avenues .....	1,000 00	
Use of pasture.....	19 00	
	—————	1,750 77

EXPENDITURES.

Lamson & Woodbury, for cemetery front and labor on same.....	809 12
Wm. Edwards, agent labor of men.....	210 25
Edwin Bacon, labor of self and men.....	519 81
Wm. Edwards, labor of men.....	36 50
Jos. Williams, shovels, picks, etc.....	11 60
Charles Hyde & Co., stakes to mark lots .....	19 20
	—————
Amount carried forward.... ..	\$1,606 48

Amount bought forward.....	\$1,606 48	
Edward R. Fiske, for 1,000 deeds.....	20 78	
1,000 orders.....	8 75	
express on same. ...	25	
	<u>          </u>	29 78
Geo. M. Whitaker, circulars and posters.....		3 75
J. F. Parker, board of engineers and men.....		43 12
		<u>          </u>
		1,674 13
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1879.....		\$76 64

## INSURANCE.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance, March 1, 1878.....	\$119 59	
Appropriation .....	150 00	
	<u>          </u>	269 59

## EXPENDITURES.

E. M. Phillips, Insurance during the year .....	178 40	
	<u>          </u>	
Balance to credit of account, March 1, 1879 .....		\$91 19

## PRINTING.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance, March 1, 1878.....	60 99	
Appropriation .....	200 00	
	<u>          </u>	260 99

## EXPENDITURES.

Geo. M. Whitaker, 700 auditors' reports.....	105 00	
Advertising by-laws.....	42 00	
Printing school com. reports... ..	65 50	
Notices of town meeting and other notices.....	48 49	
	<u>          </u>	260 99

## SUPPORT OF POOR.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1878.....	291 51	
Appropriation .....	1200 00	
C. A. Paige, guardian to M. O'Brien.....	96 00	
Hens ... ..	2 00	
Use of oxen.....	3 00	
Produce .....	143 96	
Joshua Vinton estate....	12 58	
Cattle .....	130 00	
		----- 1,879 05

## EXPENDITURES.

C. B. Brainard and wife, care of farm 1 year to January 1, 1879.....	325 00
J. J. Oakes, goods delivered at farm for paupers.. Labor, Louis Bulgic, haying.....	92 30 17 63
Bugbee & Wheeler, goods delivered for paupers...	45 56
C. D. Paige, shoes.....	1 15
Carpenter, Irwin & Co., dry goods.....	3 44
Olney & Cook, groceries .....	140 98
P. H. Carpenter & Co., groceries.....	128 14
Morse Bros., groceries .....	138 73
M. M. Marble, meats....	64 61
Chipman & Armes, crackers.....	7 35
G. H. Hartwell, medicines .....	1 25
G. C. Shepard, medicines .....	9 00
Wm. C. Barnes, room paper and curtain ...	1 99
G. L. Winter, hardware....	4 20
Jos. Williams, hardware.....	24 65
Cummings & Conant, hardware.....	3 08
E. B. Cummings, two bushels barley.....	2 50
C. Hyde & Co., plank and shingles .....	9 58
Daniel Morse, shoeing oxen and horses .....	11 70
Joseph Ouimette, repairing cart.....	14 00
Geo. S. Stone, shoeing oxen and repairs .....	8 65
Samuel Williams, coffin and robes.....	32 50
C. T. Carpenter, two pairs reins.....	4 35
Wm. Edwards' Sons, Phosphate.....	20 00
Meal delivered J. Mason for town oxen....	24 30
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Amount carried forward.....	\$1,136 64

Amount brought forward .....	\$1,136 64	
G. K. Dresser, lime.....	50	
Geo. Baylies, 4 3-4 days' work repairing building..	7 12	
Nelson Vinton, butchering.....	3 00	
N. N. Jackson, 10 days' plowing and planting .....	\$10 00	
14 days' haying.....	24 50	
10 days horse, mowing.....	7 50	
2 1-2 days' harvesting.....	4 37	
4 days' threshing.....	5 50	
4 pigs.....	11 00	
	-----	62 87
G. D. Gunn, team to town farm.....	1 00	
Thomas Potter, fish and oysters.....	11 92	
Henry Hyde, one yoke oxen.....	150 00	
J. Badger, repairing boots and shoes.....	2 25	
Nelson Vinton, five bushel barley.....	5 00	
F. W. Botham, professional services in case of W. Sabin, guardianship .....	20 50	
Joseph Clark, use of cider mill.....	7 00	
	-----	1,407 80
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		\$471 25
Depreciation of town property.....		\$125 91
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Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1879.....		345 34

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List of paupers at the alms-house February 28, 1879:

Obediah Sabin.....	aged 82 years
Joshua Vinton.....	aged 71 years
John Clark.....	aged 69 years
John Roan.....	aged 58 years
John Mack.....	aged 50 years
Thomas Powers.....	aged 62 years
Charles Congdon.....	aged 32 years
William Sabin.....	aged 24 years
Richard Duryro.....	aged 22 years
Eunice Durfee.....	aged 76 years
Calista Rich.....	aged 72 years
Margaret O'Brien.....	aged 63 years
Ellen Powers.....	aged 59 years
Bridget Foley.....	aged 58 years
Lucy Harding.....	aged 48 years

Number of different paupers at the alms-house during the year...	..21
Average number.....	16
Tramps fed and lodged.....	20

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OUTSIDE POOR.

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1878.....	132 02	
Appropriation.....	2,000 00	
January 20 transfer.....	500 00	
City of Holyoke for Brown family....	60 55	
Henry Fiske, for account of Lydia Fiske.....	39 00	
State treasurer.....	85 90	
		————— \$2,817 44

EXPENDITURES.

Peter Suprenant, meat delivered M. Shassie..	\$5 00	
meat delivered G. Martin..	12 00	
		————— 17 00
Dresser Manuf'g Co, rent to G. Martin family.	5 00	
rent to P. Stone family..	32 00	
		————— 37 00
R. W. Morse, wood delivered P. Stone.....	4 50	
Joseph Grenier, moving Brown family to Holyoke	8 00	
Alex. Lataille, bread delivered G. Martin family..	5 50	
J. & W. Booth, coffin for Albert Perry child .....	7 50	
F. Suprenant, support of Mary Price, 10 weeks....	20 00	
B. W. Paton, medicines by order town physician..	5 81	
G. C. Shepard & Co. medicines by order town phy- sician .....	4 17	
S. Dresser, 8 feet wood to Esther Clark ..	\$5 00	
rent of house to P. Tracy, 3 mos	9 00	
		————— 14 00
S. T. Cutting, goods furnished Mrs. A. L. Wood....	32 00	
Saml. Williams, 5 coffins and robes for paupers....	36 00	
J. & W. H. Maun, milk furnished Mary Brown....	2 75	
Judson McIntire, teams to funeral and carrying pauper to town farm.....	4 00	
		—————
Amount carried forward.....		\$198 23

Amount brought forward .....	\$198 23
C. D. Paige & Co., 1 pair mittens for G. Martin....	75
Michael Monahan, rent of room 5 weeks to Bridget Foley .....	5 00
Thomas Nichol, taking care of Jennie Clary....	25 00
J. M. Olney, expenses taking pauper to Tewksbury	19 60
James Morney, rent of tenement to Kinney family 6 weeks.....	4 00
Town of Grafton, assistance furnished Alanso S. Cutting.....	30 00
Town of Spencer, assistance furnished Jos. Coilett family.....	17 00
Town of Tyngsborough, assistance furnished Jas. M. Smith family.....	53 50
Town of Webster, assistance furnished Louis Shaw family.....	4 50
Town of Pepperell, assistance furnished J. M. Smith family.....	35 00
State Reform School, support of Paul King 37 weeks.....	37 00
S. K. Edwards, rent of tenement to G. Martin family, 5 mos.....	\$25 00
Expenses to Worcester on pauper cases.....	11 00
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	36 00
S. Thayer & Son, goods furnished Mrs. C. Newhall.....	\$7 99
Goods furnished to Jos. Reed....	5 96
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	13 95
W. E. Alden, goods delivered to P. Gleason.\$44 00	
John Comer.....	39 00
Mrs. John Grady.....	10 00
Peter Ruskett... ..	4 50
10 feet wood to Mrs. Hogan....	6 25
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	103 75
Mrs. James Ryan, taking care of Bridget Foley....	11 50
M. J. Suprenant, meat delivered G. Martin....	9 61
L. O. Thompson, rations furnished tramps.....	10 59
Wm. Edwards' Sons, coal and flour delivered Feb. Scarborough.....	\$12 50
Flour delivered P. Laroche....	2 25
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	14 75
Amount carried forward.....	\$629 73



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Amount bought forward.....		\$620 73
Olney & Cook, goods delivered F. Ritchie..	\$62 00	
Hogan family .....	124 00	
Actu Hill.....	2 00	
F. X. Casavant.....	54 47	
		<u>242 47</u>
Morse Bros., goods delivered G. Martin....	155 49	
Cash to G. Martin....	14 01	
Goods to Moses Shassie ...	13 50	
Mr. Vancour.....	3 00	
Mr. Clark.....	5 00	
Mrs. Alex. Curtier .....	2 00	
		<u>193 00</u>
LeClair & Son, goods delivered J. Reno....	\$54 69	
Peter Laroche . . . . .	52 00	
Peter Gervaise.....	88 02	
Feb. Scarborough.....	6 00	
Joseph Luc.....	9 75	
		<u>210 46</u>
P. H. Carpenter & Co., goods delivered P. Stone ..		208 00
Jas. Gleason & Son, goods to P. Longsway.	126 00	
Patrick Eagan.....	1 45	
Louis Bulgic.....	4 00	
Catherine Fitzpatrick.....	4 00	
Mary Brown.....	1 00	
		<u>136 45</u>
J. S. Gleason, goods deliv'd David Pateneu	3 00	
Auges Price.....	2 00	
Martin Grant....	28 00	
J. Brown, 2d.....	1 00	
Peter Longsway.....	25 00	
Patrick Congdon.....	15 00	
Alonzo Martin.....	13 00	
Joseph Reno.....	24 00	
Albert Perry.....	3 00	
Mary Brown.....	31 00	
		<u>145 00</u>
Patrick Kelly, goods del'd Patrick Eagan..	121 63	
Catherine Hicky.....	26 11	
Jas. Brown, 2d .....	57 37	
Bridget Foley.....	5 00	
Thomas Kenni.....	3 00	
Patrick Morrissey.....	2 25	
		<u>215 36</u>
Amount carried forward .....		\$1,980 47

Amount brought forward . . . . .		\$1,980 47
J. J. Oakes, George Martin rent of tene- ment, 14 months . . . . .	70 00	
Geo. Martin, wood and clothing . . . . .	59 98	
Peter Stone, wood . . . . .	28 53	
Moses Sassia, wood . . . . .	21 95	
David Pateneau, wood . . . . .	13 72	
Goods delivered various parties..	42 38	
wood furnished Esther Clark . . . . .	7 90	
wood furnished Mrs. Hogan . . . . .	8 90	
wood furnished Hogan and Mar- tin families . . . . .	13 19	
fare Annie C. Wood to Boston . . . . .	3 00	
do L. Gleason to Brattleboro, Vt	6 00	
do Wm. Vancour to Lowell . . . . .	7 00	
do Mrs. Curtier to Holyoke . . . . .	6 80	
do Mrs. Vic. Bossina to Canada . . . . .	5 00	
do J. O. Hill to Danielsonville . . . . .	6 50	
paid Dr. Belanger, attending Mrs. Aug. King . . . . .	5 00	
	<hr/>	304 96
N. Y. & N. E. railroad, fare John Chassie family to Willimantic . . . . .	9 25	
freight on goods Zenoul Regnier to Worcester . . . . .	1 50	
N. Y. & N. E. railroad, fare P. O'Brien family to Ashton . . . . .	6 75	
	<hr/>	17 50
A. H. Wheeler, expenses to Spencer, Al- fred Belfred case . . . . .	4 25	
expense sending sick tramp to Boston . . . . .	2 10	
paid L. Holmes digging graves for Mrs. Kinnie & Honora Eagan	4 00	
paid Jos. Belford moving Kinney family to New Boston . . . . .	5 00	
paid for moving Zeno Rand fam- ily to Manchester, N. H. . . . .	12 55	
	<hr/>	27 90
Bugbee & Wheeler, goods furnished various par- ties . . . . .	120 26	
City of Worcester, aid to Alonzo C. Cutting . . . . .	18 00	
Worcester lunatic hospital, support of Catherine Tynan 29 weeks . . . . .	110 55	
Amount carried forward . . . . .		\$2,579 64

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Amount brought forward....	\$2,579 64	
Asylum for chronic insane, support Lydia Fiske 1 year.....	184 27	
B. W. Paton, medicine.....	2 35	
		<u>\$2,766 24</u>
Balance to credit this account March 1, 1879.....		\$51 23

HIGH SCHOOL.

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1877.....	\$128 96	
Appropriation.....	1,800 00	
		<u>\$1,928 96</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Geo. A. Mellen, teaching 32 weeks. ....	1040 00	
Frank Parson, teaching 32 weeks.....	348 00	
A. Blanchard, taking care of school house.....	32 96	
Daniel Whitford, 12 3-4 ft. hemlock wood.....	6 37	
Cummings & Conant, 9 ft. wood....	4 81	
S. Dresser, 3 cords wood .....	15 00	
G. B. Corey, sawing wood .....	6 38	
Wm. C. Barnes, paper and envelopes.....	2 25	
		<u>1,455 77</u>
Balance to credit this account March 1, 1879.....		\$473 19

COMMON SCHOOLS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1878.....	11 68	
Appropriation .....	8,000 00	
		<u>8,011 68</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

Susie E. Morse, teaching 36 weeks.....	432 00	
J. V. Harwood, " 36 " .....	432 00	
V. T. Wetherell, " 35 " .....	350 00	
Ida Douty, " 36 " .....	360 00	
Iola Converse, " 36 " .....	360 00	
Lizzie Douty, " 34 " .....	272 00	
Maria Cutting, " 34 " .....	272 00	
Mary Pratt, " 34 " .....	272 00	
Flora Allen, " 34 " .....	306 00	
Mary Pellett, " 34 " .....	238 00	
Jennie McVey, " 34 " .....	238 00	
Josie A. Rich, " 34 " .....	306 00	
Etta Whitford, " 34 " .....	272 00	
Nellie A. Booth, " 21 " .....	106 00	
Nellie Walker, " 27 " .....	189 00	
Mary Hopkins, " 34 " .....	266 67	
Mary Remington, " 24 " .....	192 00	
Clara L. Nichols, " 34 " .....	272 00	
Susie M. Knight, " 34 " .....	306 00	
Rebecca A. Rowley, " 34 " .....	306 00	
Mary Newell, " 22 " .....	154 00	
Carrie Cole, " 23 " .....	184 00	
Nellie Vinton, " 22 " .....	176 00	
Fannie Freeman, " 34 " .....	306 00	
N. R. Potter, " 24 " .....	240 00	
Fred. Snell, " 12 " .....	96 00	
A. Holmes, " 11 " .....	66 00	
Louisia Wells, " 11 " .....	77 00	
Lottie Shearer, " — " .....	44 50	
		7,091 17
Henry Walker, wood.....	18 75	
Daniel Whitford, wood.....	66 00	
Clinton P. Lawson, wood.....	23 00	
S. A. Whipple, wood .....	100 00	
John Whipple, wood.....	139 71	
Lewis Morse, wood.....	19 00	
Sylvester Dresser, wood .....	5 00	
Charles Hyde & Co., shavings.....	75	
		372 21
Patrick Welch, sawing wood.....	9 65	
Thomas Mansfield, sawing wood.....	5 34	
Amounts carried forward....	\$14 99	\$7,463 33

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Amounts brought forward...	\$14 99	\$7,463 38
George B. Corey, sawing wood.....	17 99	
Peter Larochell, sawing wood.....	13 95	
	<hr/>	46 63
Alice Hickey, care Plimpton street school house.....	5 00	
B. J. Cozzens, care Hooker school house.....	11 00	
H. Blanchard, care Main street school house.	28 00	
care Elm street school house....	37 93	
Willis Morse, care Bacon school house..	6 35	
Thomas Hughes, care Ammidown school house.....	4 00	
O. T. Chamberlain, care Dennison school house.....	8 00	
Roger Lawson, care Ammidown school house.....	4 00	
Joseph Young, care Elm street school house.....	5 60	
Chas. E. Frost, care Ammidown school house.....	4 00	
A. H. Barrett, care Carpenter school house.....	8 87	
John Flood, care River streetschool house	15 00	
Eugene Chamberlain, Dennison school house.....	5 00	
S. F. Freeman, care School street school house.....	68 00	
Marcus Dillaber, care New Village school house.....	31 00	
Lucy Blanchard, cleaning Carpenter school house.....	1 20	
Central Mills, Co., cleaning vault... ..	1 00	
	<hr/>	243 95
Henry Walker for wood. ....	17 25	
H. A. Morse, measuring wood.....	2 80	
D. Douty, measuring wood.....	1 80	
Oscar Chamberlain, care Dennison school	5 00	
Byron J. Cozzens, care Hooker school..	4 00	
H. Blanchard, care school houses.....	32 00	
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Amounts carried forward....	\$62 87	\$7,754 26

Amounts brought forward . . .	\$62 87	\$7,754 26
John T. Markland, care Ammidown school.....	4 00	
	<u>          </u>	66 85
		<u>          </u>
		\$7,821 11
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1879.....		\$190 57

## CONTINGENT SCHOOLS.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$500 00	
Chairs sold town of Dudley . . . . .	45 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$545 00

## EXPENDITURES.

Wm. C. Barnes, school books furnished...:	38 43	
1 great gross crayons.....	24 00	
Blank order book.....	12 50	
2 clocks . . . . .	14 50	
	<u>          </u>	89 43
Cummings & Conant, brooms, pails, &c....	10 70	
Stove and fixtures . . . . .	8 62	
Labor on roof . . . . .	1 00	
	<u>          </u>	20 32
Geo. L. Winter, pails, dippers, &c.....		1 57
Joseph Williams, stove . . . . .	24 00	
Stove pipe, &c.....	13 00	
Stove & pipe, Globe school house	15 57	
	<u>          </u>	52 57
Daniel Whitford, grading School st. sch'l house lot		10 44
Mrs. A. Blanchard, cleaning school rooms.....		6 88
Jas. A. King, books, paper and crayon.. . . .		18 28
Jas. S. Gleason, books, paper and crayon....		7 37
Wm. J. Keith, books.....		1 23
	<u>          </u>	
Amount carried forward.....		\$208 09

Amount brought forward .....	\$208 09	
Frank Parson, drawing supplies .....	10 00	
Michigan School Furniture Co., school desks ....	150 78	
N. Y. & N. E. railroad, freight on above.....	16 16	
P. M. Clarke, painting in Plimpton street		
school house.....	5 00	
Setting glass.....	4 00	
	—	9 00
J. T. McKinstry, setting glass....	6 50	
Jacob Booth, setting glass.....	1 75	
Dwight Chamberlain, work in school houses	23 62	
making erasers.....	15 54	
	—	29 16
Clinton P. Lawson, examining floors, &c.....	4 00	
Henry Martin, labor on same..	12 00	
S. C. French, labor of H. Montville on same.....	15 00	
Calvin Clafin, repairing blackboard.....	6 50	
Thos. Hayes, labor on walk, School st.....	2 00	
Geo. Baylies, repairing door locks and windows..	1 15	
Fred Crosby, taking census of school children....	15 00	
C. T. Carpenter, 2 rawhides....	50	
F. Faulkner, labor.....	1 50	
	—	499 14
Overdrawn order March 1, 1878.....		49 94
		—
		\$549 08
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Balance against this account Mar. 1, 1879.....		\$4 08

## SCHOOL APPARATUS.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1878.....	\$175 68
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## EXPENDITURES.

D. Appleton & Co., desks....	\$40 50	
Ruth Thompson, Zell's encyclopedia.....	33 00	
	—	73 50
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Balance credit this account March 1, 1879.....		\$102 18

## MAIN STREET SCHOOL HOUSE.

## RECEIPTS,

Balance March 1, 1873.....	382 80
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## EXPENDITURES.

Alex Boyer, labor as per contract .....	382 80	
J. J. Oakes, curtain fixtures. ....	6 15	
		\$388 95
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Balance against this account, March 1, 1879....	\$6 15	

## HIGHWAYS.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriation ... ..	3,000 00	
June 8, transfer .....	500 00	
January 20, transfer.....	1,200 00	
Mutual Gas Company, paving bill.....	1 50	
Labor ... ..	2 00	
Error.....	2 40	
		4,705 90

## EXPENDITURES.

Amount overdrawn last year.....	151 99
Lawrence Tully, labor .....	10 13
Austin Shepard, watering streets.....	3 00
Labor, men and teams.....	6 30
Frank Sayles, 324 loads gravel.....	32 40
L. Morton, 92 loads gravel.....	9 20
Edwards' estate, 197 loads gravel.....	19 70
A. H. Barrett, labor.....	73 50
Amasa Haskell, labor per contract.....	15 00
H. H. Weids, labor per contract.....	5 00
E. B. Weids, self and team.....	7 50
J. B. Geroux, repairing tools.....	7 26

Amount carried forward .....	\$340 98
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Amount bought forward.....	\$340 98
Baldwin Vinton, labor.....	19 57
Lamson & Woodbury, one sewer stone.....	3 75
Geo. Lyon, building stone culvert.....	26 16
Lewis Morse, self and team.....	4 52
Nathan McKinstry, man and team.....	2 50
Ezra Harrideen, labor.....	11 47
Frank Ryan, repairing tools.....	25 75
L. A. Lyon, labor....	180 75
George Lyon, shovelling snow.....	1 20
Barney Casey, labor. ....	3 20
Provost McKinstry, breaking roads.....	6 80
John M. Vinton, breaking roads.....	1 95
Calvin Clafin, repairing sewer... ..	4 25
Chauncey Brown, labor.....	25 50
Lawrence Hughes, self and team.....	2 50
C. Whitings, labor.....	4 87
Romain Boardman, labor .....	2 29
Chas. Hyde & Co. lumber.....	3 80
Duffy & Lewis, tools.... ..	1 55
Harrison Harwood, 30 loads gravel.....	\$3 00
Labor, self, men and teams.....	26 05
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	29 05
James Wesson, building wall.....	27 95
Cummings & Conant, shovels, hoes, etc.....	12 03
P. H. Carpenter & Co., powder and fuse.....	10 00
Joseph Longsway, self and team.....	9 30
Ruggles Morse, self, men and teams.....	15 99
Joseph Williams, gravel.....	11 30
tools .....	13 19
Manson Morse, self, men and teams.... ..	73 13
A. J. Clarke, self, men and teams.....	60 50
Central Mills Company, men and teams.....	34 83
Daniel Whitford, men and teams.... ..	100 60
Hiram Morse, self, men and teams.....	42 80
A. J. Plimpton, self, men and teams.....	86 23
James Mason, keeping town oxen.....	\$8 25
labor, self, men and teams.....	18 54
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	26 79
George A. Dresser, labor .. ..	32 05
Henry Walker, self, men and teams.....	479 55
A. H. Wheeler, labor of men.....	222 35
Wm. Edwards' Sons, labor of men .. ..	394 80
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Amount carried forward.....	\$2,354 80

Amount brought forward .....	\$2,354 80	
J. J. Oakes, labor of men.....	148 34	
Chas. W. Weld, labor of self, men and teams.....	2,191 34	
		<u>\$4,695 48</u>
Balance to credit this account March 1, 1879.....		\$10 42

## BRIDGES.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1878.....	20 12	
Appropriation .....	500 00	
Planks sold, Connell.....	6 00	
		<u>\$526 12</u>

## EXPENDITURES

Duffy & Lewis, nails iron bridge.....	5 87	
Frank Ryan, iron work for iron bridge.....	37 05	
Hartwell Hobbs, labor on iron bridge.....	38 50	
Mutual gas light Co., 2 1-2 barrels tar for iron bridge.....	2 50	
George A. Dresser, labor on iron bridge... ..	30 00	
A. H. Wheeler, labor of men on iron bridge.	24 67	
Chas. Hyde, lumber for iron bridge... ..	32 61	
		171 20
Chas. Hyde, lumber for Mill st. bridge. ....	41 61	
Chas. Hyde, lumber for Mill st. bridge.....	86 76	
Duffee & Lewis, nails for Mill st. bridge....	6 34	
Dwight Chamberlain, labor on Mill st. bridge.	10 00	
Cummings & Conant, tarred paper for Mill st. bridge.....	1 46	
A. H. Wheeler, labor of men.....	10 26	
Jacob Booth, painting Mill st. bridge.....	47 10	
		203 53
Jacob Booth, painting River st. bridge.....	71 07	
A. H. Wheeler, labor of men.....	12 32	
W. Edwards Sons, labor of men .....	13 00	
		<u>\$374 73</u>
Amounts carried forward....	\$96 39	

Amounts carried forward.....	\$96 39	\$374 73
Chas. Hyde, lumber for bridges.....	5 40	
L. A. Lyon, repairs on bridges .....	19 00	
		<u>129 79</u>
Samuel Freeman, watching River st. bridge.....	2 00	
N. Y. & N. E. Railroad account standing.....	29 24	
		<u>526 76</u>
Balance against this account March 1, 1879.....		\$ 64

## RAILING HIGHWAYS.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1878.....	\$203 84
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## EXPENDITURES.

J. T. McKinstry, paint and labor.....	\$8 70
Isaac Clark, labor per contract.....	23 45
C. W. Weld, labor self and men.....	4 70
Chas. Hyde, posts and railing.....	46 01
A. H. Wheeler, labor of men.....	21 19
Wm. Edwards' Sons, labor of men.....	16 24
do .....	11 26
	<u>27 50</u>
	<u>131 55</u>
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1879.....	\$72 29

## STREET LIGHTS.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance, March 1, 1878.....	\$359 49
Appropriation .....	1,200 00
	<u>1,559 49</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

Mutual Gas Light Co., gas 1 year to Feb. 1, 1879.....	363 83	
two new lamps.....	2 50	
	<hr/>	366 33
Samuel Walker & Co., naptha.....		111 50
N. Y. & N. E. R. R., freight on naptha.....		17 93
Thomas Mansfield, lighting 13 lamps 1 year.....		65 00
Enos Avery, lighting 44 lamps 1 year.....		194 00
Marcus Dillaber, lighting 42 lamps, 1 yr	210 00	
storing naptha.....	12 00	
	<hr/>	222 00
Joseph Williams, repairing lamps.....		1 10
Olney & Cook, matches and wicking.....		15 00
J. T. McKinstry, setting glass in lamps.....		75
P. M. Clarke, setting glass in lamps.....		3 65
	<hr/>	997 36
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Balance to credit this account March 1, 1879.....		\$562 13

## CHAPIN STREET EXTENSION

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriation .....	\$100 00	
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## EXPENDITURES.

Jos. Williams, 81 loads gravel, 10c.....	8 10	
Frank Parsons, surveying.....	75	
Wm. Edwards' Sons, labor of men.....	50 03	
F. I. Chapin, labor of men.....	7 05	
H. T. Hyde & Co., labor of E. Ducat, drilling ...	23 94	
Chas. Hyde & Co., labor per contract.....	10 00	
	<hr/>	99 87
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Balance to credit this account March 1, 1879.....		13

## WALCOTT AND PLIMPTON STREETS.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriation.....	\$100 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$100 00

## EXPENDITURES.

Land damages, Oliver DeBlois.....	\$100 00	
	<u>          </u>	100 00
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## SIDEWALKS.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1878.....	449 11	
Appropriation .....	400 00	
Wm. C. Barnes, account of 1873.....	24 92	
	<u>          </u>	\$863 00

## EXPENDITURES.

Leon Cadott, paving gutters.....	39 00
W. H. Jacobs, one level.....	1 25
Duffy & Lewis, nails.....	2 92
George S. Stone, repairing tools.....	7 92
Daniel Whitford, men and team.....	5 25
Southbridge Brick Company, brick.....	32 00
Jos. Williams, tools.....	22 37
George Whitford, labor.....	4 50
J. B. Simpson, concreting... ..	52 51
C. W. Weld, labor of men.....	16 20
Alex. Boyer, labor.....	7 99
Edward Coskee, labor of men.....	4 25
Michael Farrell, labor.....	2 75
J. J. Oakes, labor of men .....	1 12

Amount carried forward.....	<u>          </u>	\$200 03
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Amount bought forward.....	\$200 03
G. L. Winter, drain pipe.....	\$2 46
Nails.....	1 44
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	3 90
Chas. Hyde & Co., lumber.....	38 27
G. A. Dresser, labor self and men .....	57 75
G. K. Dresser, cement... ..	\$4 00
labor of men and team.....	37 96
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	41 96
A. H. Wheeler, labor of men.....	32 59
Horace Lamson, curbing.....	5 37
Lamson & Woodbury, curbing.....	62 50
Stone & Foskett, curbing... ..	228 97
S. K. Edwards, gravel.....	31 25
Wm. Edwards, building culvert under sidewalk....	20 00
W. Edwards' Sons, labor of men.....	45 11
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	\$767 70
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Balance to credit this account, March 1, 1879.....	\$106 33

### RIVER STREET SIDEWALK.

#### RECEIPTS.

Appropriation .....	\$600 00
L. Bartlett, estate assessment.....	16 22
Hamilton Woollen Company assessment.....	294 64
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	910 86

#### EXPENDITURES.

Edward Coskey, labor.....	20 13
C. W. Weld, labor of men.....	80 55
Chas. Hyde & Co., labor contract.....	685 00
Stone & Foskett, 300 feet flagging... ..	48 96
A. H. Wheeler, labor of men.....	76 61
Daniel Whitford, labor men and team.....	22 75
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	934 00
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Balance against this account.....	\$23 14
Outstanding order Chas. Hyde.....	21 13
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Balance against this account March 1, 1879.....	44 27

## MAIN STREET SIDEWALK—GLOBE.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$400 00
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## EXPENDITURES

Stone & Foskett, 675 feet curbing, 50c. . . . .	\$337 50	
14 corners, \$3. . . . .	42 00	
		<u>379 50</u>
Balance to credit this account March 1, 1879. . . . .		\$20 50

## PINE STREET SIDEWALK.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriation . . . . .	150 00	
Hamilton Woolen Company. . . . .	44 37	
Church Notre Dame. . . . .	27 19	
		<u>221 56</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

W. Edwards' Sons, labor of men. . . . .	53 94	
Lewis C. Howlett, 5,447 feet lumber. . . . .	76 26	
Daniel Whitford, labor man and team. . . . .	3 50	
Duffy & Lewis, nails. . . . .	5 21	
Chas. Hyde & Co., planks. . . . .	14 40	
		<u>153 31</u>
Balance to credit this account March 1, 1879. . . . .		\$68 25

## MAIN AND MECHANIC STREET SIDEWALK.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$300 00
American Optical Co. assessment. . . . .	34 55
	<u>\$334 55</u>
Amount carried forward . . . . .	\$334 55

Amount brought forward .....	\$334 55	
R. H. Cole, assessment.....	59 79	
W. Freeman, assessment.....	22 00	
Central Mills Co., assessment.....	12 51	
E. Edmunds, assessment .....	88 00	
		<hr/> \$516 85

## EXPENDITURES.

J. Edwards' estate, gravel.....	10 00	
D. Whitford, man and team....	22 23	
Chas. Hyde, man and team.....	22 75	
16 loads sand.....	8 00	
Lumber .....	61 59	
		<hr/> 92 34
Edward Ducat, drilling 1228 inches.....	33 71	
J. J. Oakes, labor of men.....	118 45	
Labor of G. A. Dresser.....	45 00	
		<hr/> 163 45
J. B. Simpson, concreting 151 yards, 88c.....	132 88	
		<hr/> 454 61
		<hr/> \$62 24
Jos. Williams, order outstanding.....	5 46	
		<hr/> 56 78

## SIDEWALK ASSESSMENTS DUE.

The following assessments are due the town and unpaid:

Hamilton street sidewalk, Geo. H. Hartwell.....	\$147 48	
S. K. Edwards, on Crosby estate.....	23 96	
Theodore Harrington.....	90 57	
		<hr/> \$262 01
High street sidewalk, Geo. Whitford .....	40 70	
		<hr/> Amount carried forward..
		\$302 71



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Amount carried forward.....	\$302 71	
Main and Mechanic street sidewalk, C. Hyde & Co.	95 27	
N. Y. & N. E. R R. Co.....	49 41	
	<u>          </u>	447 39
River street sidewalk, Geo. A. Dresser.....	74 18	
Judson McIntire. ....	37 89	
	<u>          </u>	111 98
		<u>          </u>
Total.....		\$559 37

\$302.71 of the above was due the town and reported in last year's report.

CONTINGENT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1878.....	\$325 00	
Appropriation .....	300 00	
Common school by error.....	20 60	
	<u>          </u>	645 68

EXPENDITURES.

Duffy & Lewis, 1 axe.....	\$1 00	
Conductor for school house.....	29 26	
	<u>          </u>	30 26
Bacon, Hopkins & Bacon, professional services...	10 00	
Leonard Cutter, work on frame for cesspool.....	1 46	
T. S. Wheelock, labor on watering tub.....	15 80	
S. Thayer, police duty, circus.....	5 00	
P. M. Clark, painting signboards.....	4 50	
Setting glass.....	3 50	
	<u>          </u>	8 00
S. Thayer, police duty, 44 Sundays.....	44 00	
J. A. Dana, copy of location of road in Sturbridge and Southbridge.....	8 00	
Recording by laws.....	10 40	
	<u>          </u>	18 40
		<u>          </u>
Amount carried forward.....		\$132 92

Amount brought forward . . . . .		\$132 92
Edward Whitney, 1 blank book . . . . .		6 25
W. Edwards Sons, use of team for selectmen. . . . .	43 65	
J. F. Parker, use of team for selectmen . . . . .	2 00	
J. J. Oakes, use of team for selectmen . . . . .	33 35	
		<hr/> 79 00
Postal cards . . . . .	50	
Wood for town house . . . . .	5 63	
Expenses to Worcester and stamps . . . . .	2 68	
Recording deeds, carting naphtha, etc . . . . .	3 96	
		<hr/> 46 12
M. Shassie, labor on railing and street signs . . . . .	3 00	
A. H. Barrett, labor about town house and watering tub . . . . .	1 57	
Paper, nails, etc . . . . .	2 52	
		<hr/> 19 86
Stephen Scarboro, 6 maple trees and labor setting same . . . . .		7 62
Duffy & Lewis, lanterns and labor . . . . .		3 05
Stone & Foskett, 35 stone street bounds . . . . .		7 00
Saml. Williams, conducting 15 funerals . . . . .	15 00	
S. F. Freeman, conducting 3 funerals . . . . .	3 00	
A. L. Pelton, conducting 1 funeral . . . . .	1 00	
Amasa Haskell, conducting 1 funeral . . . . .	1 00	
		<hr/> 20 00
Frank Parsons, making map of Edwards street, etc . . . . .		3 00
G. S. Stone, repairing hearse and iron . . . . .		3 43
A. H. Barrett, care of town hall 1 year . . . . .		10 00
Jason G. Smith, painting town house fence . . . . .		8 18
Geo. A. Dresser, appraising property at farm . . . . .		2 50
James Lyon, appraising property at farm . . . . .		2 50
Edwin Bacon, appraising property at farm . . . . .		2 50
J. M. Olney, services on warrants and at town meeting . . . . .		15 20
Liberty Reynolds, sealer of weights and measures . . . . .		10 00
Edwin Bacon, returning 85 deaths to town clerk . . . . .		21 25
Henry A. Morse, paid moving safe . . . . .	3 00	
Expense paid on votes, by-laws etc . . . . .	3 24	
		<hr/> 6 24
Mutual Gas Light Co., gas for town hall . . . . .		5 00
New York Publishing House, map of the town of Southbridge . . . . .		8 00
N. E. Putney, taking care of town clock 1 year . . . . .		33 00
		<hr/> \$406 50
Amount carried forward . . . . .		

Amount brought forward....	\$406 50	
G. H. Thayer, police duty circus 1877.....	5 00	
Clement Begin, cutting ice in watering trough....	5 00	
		416 50
Balance to credit this account March 1, 1879.....		\$208 58

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance, March 1, 1878.....	\$639 66	
Appropriation .....	300 00	
		\$939 66

## EXPENDITURES.

Michael Littleton, repairing buckets.....	75	
Allen F. D. Supply Co., supplies .....	2 50	
E. S. Ellis, coal.....	36 53	
Geo. Wald, repairing Melville engine.....	87	
Franklin Cady, supplies .....	3 88	
Wm. H. Jacobs, supplies .....	9 35	
Frank Douty, supplies .....	1 00	
Henry Dillaber, shoveling snow.....	2 85	
Hamilton Woolen Co., teams for practice and fires ... ..	20 00	
Judson McIntire, teams to fires.....	14 75	
J. F. Parker, teams for practice and fires....	61 00	
A. H. Shepard, teams for practice and fires..	62 00	
H. W. Bacon, teams for practice and fires..	34 50	
		192 25
Sylvester Dresser, 1 load clay .....	2 25	
Cummings & Conant, supplies .....	2 69	
Josiah Gates & Sons, supplies.....	24 00	
Geo. S. Stone, hanging ladders.....	3 75	
Use of wagon, Jan. to May .....	10 00	
1 new supply wagon....	150 00	
1 wheelbarrow. ....	5 00	
		168 75
Amount carried forward.....		\$447 67

Amount brought forward.....	\$447 67	
Hunneman & Co., supplies.....	86 60	
Central Mills Co., for wood.....	8 48	
C. M. Clapp & Co., coats and boots for firemen....	91 50	
A. J. Clarke, labor on reservoir.....	3 50	
Belt & Leather Stuffing Co., 51 gals. oil—hose dressing.....	75 50	
Jos. Williams, supplies....	19 38	
Jas. Gleason & Sons, supplies.....	5 04	
Julius S. Gleason, supplies.....	12 15	
Duffy & Lewis, supplies.....	7 65	
P. M. Clarke, supplies.....	121 49	
		<u>878 96</u>
Balance to credit this account March 1, 1879.....		\$60 70
Outstanding—Joseph Williams.....	2 75	
Duffy & Lewis.....	1 50	
		<u>4 25</u>
		<u>\$56 45</u>

## ENGINE MEN,

### RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1878.....	\$364 00	
Appropriation ....	1,500 00	
		<u>\$1,864 00</u>

### EXPENDITURES.

Steamer No. 1.....	370 00	
Steamer No. 2....	370 00	
Tiger No. 7.....	300 00	
Melvill No. 6.....	300 00	
Hook and Ladder No. 1.....	100 00	
Hook and Ladder No. 2.....	100 00	
Steward Cady.....	75 00	
Steward Douty.....	75 00	
P. M. Clarke, chief engineer....	100 00	
P. J. Whelan, assistant engineer.....	25 00	
Wm. C. Barnes, assistant engineer.....	25 00	
		<u>\$1,840 00</u>
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1879.....		\$24 00

## HAMILTON STREET RESERVOIR.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriation .....	1,000 00
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## EXPENDITURES.

Michael Farrell, labor as per bill.....	955 31	
Wm. Edwards, drills.....	3 79	
Universalist Society, drain pipe .....	1 80	
	<u>          </u>	960 90
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1879.....		<u>\$39 10</u>

## STATE AID.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1878.....	\$592 31	
State Treasurer.....	276 00	
	<u>          </u>	868 31

## EXPENDITURES.

Julia Seymore, to January 1, 1879 .....	48 00	
Francis McGuire and wife, to January 1, 1879....	72 00	
Martin Mahar. wife and child, to January 1, 1879.	78 00	
Thomas Welch 2d, to January 1, 1879 .....	72 00	
	<u>          </u>	270 00
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1879.....		<u>\$598 31</u>

## DECORATION DAY.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriation.....	100 00
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## AUDITORS' REPORT.

## EXPENDITURES.

J. F. Parker, hack hire and refreshments for out of town visitors.....	17 10	
Drum Corps.....	10 00	
Mechanics band.....	50 00	
Rent of Edwards' hall.....	5 00	
J. A. King, flags.....	3 25	
Geo. W. Whitaker, printing..	75	
Judson McIntire, hack hire.....	3 00	
W. A. H. Grant, incidental expenses .....	2 04	
	<hr/>	91 1
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1879.....		\$8 8

## INTEREST.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1888.....	37 57	
Appropriation .....	2,000 00	
	<hr/>	2,037 5

## EXPENDITURES

W. A. Marcy.....	300 00	
H. Woodard, treasurer. ....	250 00	
Lucy H. Stowe.....	250 00	
S. M. Lane, treasurer.....	385 00	
F. L. Chapin, treasurer.....	486 36	
C. A. Hamilton, treasurer.....	300 00	
	<hr/>	971 3
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1879.....		\$66 2

## POLICE STATION.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1878.....	\$31 38	
Appropriation .....	125 50	
L. O. Thompson, lock-up fines .....	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$159 88

## EXPENDITURES.

Jos. Williams, lining stove .....	1 75	
J. J. Oakes, wood.....	44 70	
L. O. Thompson, care of lock-up .....	74 05	
A. H. Shepard, sprinkling.....	15 00	
Mutual Gas Light Co., gas .....	24 80	
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		160 32
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Balance against this account Mar. 1, 1879.....		44

## LOCK-UP FEES DUE THE TOWN.

H. W. Bacon.....	12 00	
F. E. Parker.....	2 50	
Jos. M. Olney .....	2 00	
Solomon & Geo. H. Thayer.....	7 50	
J. A. Gould .....	6 00	
L. O. Thompson.....	8 00	
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Total.....		\$38 00

## BILLS OUTSTANDING.

The following bills are outstanding and unpaid March 1, 1879:

Contingent schools, New England School Furnish- ing Company.....	37 00	
Duffy & Lewis.....	8 63	
George Whitford.....	80	
D. Chamberlain.....	2 50	
J. A. King .....	9 87	
L. Cutler.....	17 00	
S. Williams.....	13 00	
Cummings & Conant.....	2 37	
J. S. Gleason.....	16 71	
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		107 88
Common School, Manson Morse.....	16 75	
Cummings & Conant.....	27 90	
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		44 65
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Amount carried forward.....		\$152 53

Amount brought forward . . . . .		\$152 53
Printing, Geo. M. Whitaker . . . . .		25 15
High school, Geo. H. Mellen . . . . .	160 00	
Frank Parsons . . . . .	120 00	
H. Blanchard . . . . .	12 00	
	<hr/>	292 00
Cemetery, Cummings & Conant . . . . .	40	
Putnam & Davis . . . . .	8 10	
L. Cutler . . . . .	1 38	
	<hr/>	9 88
Cemetery plans . . . . .		200 00
Bridges, J. S. Gleason . . . . .		1 70
Highways, J. H. Mason . . . . .		156 90
Main and Mechanic streets sidewalk . . . . .		138 50
Police station, L. O. Thompson . . . . .		25 00
Outside poor, City of Worcester . . . . .	66 55	
P. H. Carpenter & Co. . . . .	13 00	
J. & W. Booth . . . . .	12 00	
C. A. Paige . . . . .	48 00	
	<hr/>	139 55
Salaries, E. M. Phillips, one year . . . . .	97 50	
S. K. Edwards, . . . . .	unknown	97 50
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		\$1,238 61



# VALUATIONS.

## VALUATION OF TOWN FOR 1878.

Value of real estate.....	\$2,004,815 00
Value of personal estate. ....	902,754 00
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Total real and personal. . . . .	2,907,569 00
Total number of polls.....	1,432
Total tax for state, county and town.....	\$52,179 98
Rate of taxation per \$1,000 . . . . .	\$17 25

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## VALUATION OF CENTRE WATCH DISTRICT.

Value of real estate.....	\$707,095 00
Valuation of personal estate.....	325,007 00
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Total value within limits of district.....	1,032,102 00
Amount raised by taxation.....	700 00
Rate of taxation per \$1,000.....	70

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## ABSTRACT OF INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE TOWN FARM.

Class 1. Live stock.....	\$376 50
2. Hay and grain ...	265 00
3. Carts, wagons, harnesses and other farming tools . . . . .	308 80
4. Household furniture... . . . .	227 58
5. Beds and bedding.....	100 00
6. Family supplies . . . . .	228 88
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Total appraisal.....	\$1,506 76
Decrease from 1878.....	\$125 91

G. A. DRESSER, }  
 E. BACON,        }  
 S. K. EDWARDS, } APPRAISERS.

FEBRUARY 28, 1879.

# CASH RECEIVED BY SELECT- MEN

for the year ending February 28, 1879,  
and paid into the town treasury.

J. A. Gould, lock-up fees 1877.....	\$2 00
L. O. Thompson, F. E. Parker, lock-up fees....	1 50
Mutual Gas Light Co., for labor paving.....	1 50
Drum corps, use of Town hall.....	2 25
Rev. J. Danielson, do.....	3 00
Clement Begin, do.....	2 00
Solomon Labonte, do.....	1 00
Ladies of the Congregational society, do.....	2 00
Bande Nationale, do.....	16 00
Dr. Sweet, exhibition license.....	4 00
Coes & Schoolcraft, do.....	2 00
Healy's Minstrels.....	2 00
Comical Brown, do.....	2 00
City of Holyoke, support of Brown family.....	60 55
N. N. Jackson, 4 hens.....	2 00
A. J. Clarke, use of town oxen.....	3 00
M. M. Marble, & Co., vepl.....	14 76
M. M. Marble & Co., 2 yoke oxen.....	250 00
M. M. Marble & Co., hide.....	3 80
P. H. Carpenter & Co., lard.....	5 60
D. K. Olney, trustee for Joshua Vinton.....	12 58
A. H. Barrett, old lumber.....	1 00
Geo. K. Dresser, sand.....	4 50
W. W. Ward, stone bounds.....	1 20
J. B. Simpson, labor of men.....	2 00
L. C. Howlett, amount overpaid on lumber.....	3 10
Wm. Edwards, over pay on team labor.....	2 40
Wm. Edwards, cemetery pasture, 1877.....	12 00
Chas. Hyde, cemetery lumber, 1877.....	7 00
O. Connell, old plank, Globe bridge.....	6 00
Wm. C. Barnes, sidewalk assessment of 1873.....	24 92
Central Mills Co., sidewalk assessment of 1878.....	12 51
Ebenezer Edmonds, do.....	88 00
American Optical Co., do.....	34 55
Mrs. R. H. Cole, do.....	59 29
William Freeman, do.....	22 00
Estate of Levi Bartlett, do.....	16 22
Hamilton Woolen Co., do.....	339 10
Society Notre Dame, do.....	27 19

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\$1,056 23

## APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES.

Accounts.	Appropriations and Receipts.	Expenditures.	Un- expended.	Out- standing.	Deficien- cy paid and Unpaid.	Appropri- ations re- commend- ed.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Outside poor.....	2,817 44	2,766 24	51 23	79 55	28 32	2,500 00
Support of poor.....	1,879 05	1,407 80*	345 34	.....	.....	1,000 00
Highways.....	4,705 90	4,695 48	10 42	156 90	146 38	2,500 00
Bridges.....	526 12	526 76	.....	1 70	2 34	200 00
Sidewalks.....	873 00	767 70	106 33	.....	.....	None. *
Common Schools.....	8,011 68	7,821 11	190 57	64 65	.....	6,975 00
High schools.....	1,928 96	1,455 77	473 19	292 00	.....	1,650 00
Contingent schools.....	545 00	549 08	.....	107 88	111 96	500 00
School apparatus.....	175 68	73 50	102 18	.....	.....	None.
Public library.....	1,972 63	1,695 51	277 12	10 35	.....	(1,250 00 and dog fu'd
Railing highways.....	203 84	131 55	72 29	.....	.....	None.
Street lights.....	1,559 49	997 36	562 13	.....	.....	600 00
Cemetery improvement.	1,750 77	1,674 36	76 41	9 88	.....	500 00
Cemetery plan.....	150 00	.....	.....	200 00	50 00	50 00
Salaries.....	2,356 08	2,186 73	169 35	97 50	.....	1,400 00
Fire department.....	939 66	878 96	60 70	4 25	.....	800 00
Enginemen.....	1,864 00	1,840 00	24 00	.....	.....	2,140 00
Insurance.....	269 59	178 40	91 19	.....	.....	None.
Printing.....	260 99	260 99	.....	25 15	25 15	250 00
State aid.....	868 31	270 00	598 31	.....	.....	None.
Police station.....	159 88	160 32	.....	.....	44	175 00
Contingent.....	645 68	416 50	208 58	Unknown.	.....	200 00
Interest.....	2,037 57	1,971 36	66 21	.....	.....	1,500 00
Decoration day.....	100 00	91 14	8 86	.....	.....	50 00
Main street school house	382 80	388 95	.....	.....	6 15	.....
Chapin street extension	100 00	99 87	13	.....	.....	.....
Walcot & Plimpton sts.	100 00	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
River st sidewalk.....	910 86	934 00	.....	21 13	44 27	.....
Main st. Globe, sidewlk	400 00	379 50	20 50	.....	.....	.....
Pine street sidewalk....	221 56	153 31	68 25	.....	.....	.....
Maine & Mechanics sts. sidewalk.....	516 85	454 61	62 24	143 96	81 72	.....
Hamilton st. reservoir..	1,000 00	960 90	39 10	.....	.....	.....
Dresser st. cemetery....	150 00	.....	150 00	.....	.....	.....

\* Including \$125.91 depreciation of town property at farm.

## RECOMMENDATIONS.

The town by-laws provide that the auditors shall make a report "with such statements and remarks in regard to the legality or propriety of any transaction or expenditures as, in their judgment, the interests of the town require." This is an unpleasant but important part of their duty, and one which we have heretofore evaded to a great extent, but it has seemed to us just and fitting that we should make the following suggestions for your consideration:

1st. That for the coming year you elect separate and distinct boards of Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor; or, if you follow the present system of having a joint board, that they be required to keep separate and distinct accounts of the services rendered to each department, to the end that we may obtain a full and accurate account of the cost of the support of the poor.

It would seem to this board that some plan might be adopted to lessen our outside poor account, which is constantly increasing. The present method is manifestly too expensive: take for example the case of George Martin's family, the town has paid out for their support the sum of \$353.94, besides furnishing the children with school books—a sum equal, if not greater, than the average income of our laboring men and mechanics—and, during all this time, Martin is a strong, healthy man, able to work and without sickness or any special cause for assistance; and this is not for this year alone, for the town has been furnishing aid to this family ever since the present members of this board have been in office. Also, the family of P. Stone, for whom the town has already paid out \$268.13 and are owing \$48 more, making a total of \$316.53 this year. Would it not be cheaper to take these people to the town farm rather than to rent a tenement and support them at the present cost? We find a practice of allowing traders who furnish supplies to the outside poor to pay a part of their weekly orders in cash; this should cease. If money is to be furnished, let the Overseers of the Poor pay it themselves, and have it shown in their accounts.

2d. We recommend that the highways be put either entirely into the hands of the Selectmen, and no Surveyor be elected; or, into the hands of the Highway Surveyor, and that he be held responsible for the expenditure of the money. No business man or corporation would elect three men to superintend one.

We further recommend that you make a separate appropriation for highways and the cleaning of gutters and crossings so that the cost of this department may be shown as we now show the sidewalk accounts. We apprehend that the people do not realize the expense of this part of our highways.

3d. We recommend that all the cemetery accounts be merged into one, except the Cemetery Fund, so called, that in the future there may be no misunderstanding between the committee and the auditors as to the application of the appropriations made, for upon examining the appropriations you will observe that while but \$500 was appropriated for front fence and gateway, the actual cost was \$809.12; \$309.12 being taken from the \$1,000 transferred June 8th to the account of the Cemetery Improvement. This, the auditors did not understand was to be applied to the front fence, while the committee claim that the transfer was made for that purpose; and further, while \$150 was appropriated for plans the committee have incurred a debt of \$200. It seems to us that so long as special appropriations are made the committee should restrict themselves to the actual appropriations.

4th. It will be seen that there are still balances due from several of our tax collectors. These accounts should be settled in full.

5th. Last year the town voted to regulate the pay of laborers. This did not work satisfactorily, as the Selectmen were thereby led to pay men a higher price than they would otherwise have been obliged to pay; while, in cases of skilled labor the vote was evaded by the making of contracts. It seems to us that if the repairing of the highways is put into the hands of a Surveyor that he should be left somewhat to his discretion, not however to exceed a certain sum per hour, and that the pay upon sidewalks should be graded as laborers, carpenter, mason or superintendent.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. COCHRAN, }  
J. S. GLEASON, } *Auditors*

Southbridge, Mass., March 1, 1879.



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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE.

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# REPORT.



The School Committee in presenting their Report for the school year of 1878 and 1879 have the pleasure to announce the general prosperity and success of the schools. We would not have it understood that they have reached perfection, or that they cannot be improved. Many causes tend to prevent the improvement and perfection desired; some of these may be found in the irregularity of attendance; the constant change from school to mill, and from mill to school; the lack of interest on the part of parents in regard to the attendance of their children, and the lack of their support to teachers in their government and work for the advance of the schools. If parents would visit the schools they would see the necessity of the regular attendance of their children, and that the requisitions of the teachers in regard to the acquiring lessons were more fully met.

Our teachers are working faithfully and well, and are accomplishing good results; but better results would be attained if the teachers had the more hearty co-operation of all the parents.

A new Primary school has been organized in the "Carpenter School" building, making the number of Primary schools in the town fourteen. A new Intermediate school will have to be organized the coming Spring term, as a much larger number than usual will be promoted from the Primary to the Intermediate department, and the Intermediate schools have been much

too large the past year. The citizens of the town will see the necessity of a liberal appropriation for the coming year.

“But,” we hear it said “our schools are costing too much.” Doubtless we all desire the best return for the money expended for the education of our children ; and it becomes a question of no small importance.

“*How* shall that money be expended?” Shall we continue in our schools teachers who have had experience and have been trained to do the work of the schools under the constant supervision of the committee, and are bringing forth successful results from the system inaugurated ; or shall we allow them to leave our schools for better salaries elsewhere—for experienced and successful teachers are always in good demand—and supply their places with young and inexperienced persons, whose best qualification is that they will work for a mere song? But these, after they have gained knowledge and experience in teaching, will leave us for more liberal towns, and we must again take the young and inexperienced, and go on educating them for others, keeping our own schools at low grade.

“A good teacher is beyond all price.” We ought not to be content with a teacher who does not seek to improve and fit herself thoroughly for the work in which she is engaged. She should seek to acquire all possible information as to the best methods of teaching, and be adding continually to her stock of knowledge, by reading and study, that she may not be confined to the text books, but be able by her varied culture to introduce new thoughts and ideas that by change and variety ; by oral instruction, suggested indeed by the lesson, she may give new interest in their lessons to the children of her charge. And in order to do this she must have the means to educate herself, must receive something more than a mere pittance for her labors ; a pittance that will require, during the weeks of vacation, labor in order to get her bread and butter and respectable clothing.

It is a grave mistake to think that any one who can read, can answer a few questions in geography and recite the multiplication table, is fitted to teach a Primary school. Educators

are coming to the conclusion that knowledge, ability and tact are as requisite in the Primary schools as in those of higher grade; and that a poor teacher does less injury in the latter than in the former. The child in its advent into school life has a very impressible mind, and its first impressions and its manner of being dealt with, may, in all probability will, decide its love for or hatred of books and school.

The true economy for the town is to pay its teachers a fair remuneration for their labors.

Are the schools of Southbridge costing more than the schools of other towns?

Southbridge pays its female teachers more than some of the smaller towns of the state, but it pays less than most towns of equal or greater population. There are only forty-two (42) cities and towns of equal or greater population than Southbridge; yet there are one hundred and thirteen (113) which pay more wages.

Again, the average sum appropriated for each child, for the whole state is fourteen dollars and thirty cents (\$14.30); Southbridge appropriates but *seven* dollars (\$7.00). Two hundred and eighty-four (284) towns in the state, and forty-seven (47) towns in Worcester County out of a total of fifty-eight (58) appropriate more than Southbridge. Surely the inhabitants of this town ought not to complain of the excessive tax laid upon them for the education of their children.

# SCHOOLS.

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## HIGH SCHOOL.

It has been the aim of the Committee to impress upon the pupils of the schools, more especially of the High and Grammar, that a thorough education is not to be found in the mere memorizing of the words, rules, or principles even, of the text-books. What is needed, is so to acquire rules and master principles that they may induce thought, and give the ability to make a practical application of what has been learned. And to be able best to apply our knowledge is to most thoroughly master that which we undertake, and that which is especially called for in the sphere of action in which we expect to devote our life.

The Committee have observed, with great pleasure, that the teachers of the school have labored specially to this end—the teaching of scholars to think for themselves, and apply their thought; and so successful have they been that the school never has taken a higher rank than it occupies at this time.

We give our cordial approval of the work of Mr. Geo. H. Mellen, Principal, and Mr. Frank Parson, Assistant.

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## GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

The School-street Grammar school has been under the charge of Miss Julia V. Harwood, and has maintained its reputation

as a good school. It has been the aim of the teacher to make the scholars perfect in their lessons, punctual in attendance, and well disciplined.

The only exception we would make in our approval of the school would be in the machine-like manner in which the scholars recite their rules;—hearing one we hear all—they seem to lose their individuality, and appear less thoughtful than we would like to see them; perhaps appear less thoughtful than they really are. With this one exception we have only hearty commendation for the school.

The Main-street Grammar school has been under the charge of Miss Susie E. Morse. This school has been unfortunate in that the first class, from several causes, dwindled down to only two pupils, and in the irregular attendance of those two. We comment not on the cause of the irregularity, but simply on the fact. The teacher has been faithful and efficient, and as the prospect for a larger school in the future is good, we confidently look forward to the coming year for a school in which the citizens of the town may take pride.

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## INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

The Main-street Intermediate, under the charge of Miss Iola M. Converse and the School-street Intermediate under the charge of Miss Ida Douty, although very large, have, under the tireless energy of Miss Converse, and the determined method of Miss Douty, aided by the many hours of over-work by both, been very successful, and presented a most creditable appearance. They have each gained a term during the year in the course of study, thereby helping to improve the standard of the Grammar schools into which the first class enters the coming term.

The Committee regret, exceedingly that they are to lose the valuable services of Miss Converse.

The River-street Intermediate the first two terms of the year was in charge of Mr. N. R. Potter; the last term in charge of Mr. F. Snell. The school is not equal to the other Intermediates; this is owing in great measure, to the great number of scholars who only attend school just enough to answer the requirements of the law; and only when there shall be a more regular and continued attendance can we expect that this school will rank with the others.

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## PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

The Carpenter School in charge of Miss Jennie McVey became so crowded during the Fall term that it was necessary to divide the school and open a Primary No. 1, in the upper room of the same building, giving Miss McVey's the rank of No. 2. No. 1, was put in charge of Miss Nellie A. Booth.

It was Miss Booth's first attempt at teaching school and the first term showed the work of a beginner. The second term was a great improvement on the first, and Miss Booth gives promise of proving a successful teacher.

Miss McVey has labored faithfully and well and the school has made great improvement.

The Main-street Primary No. 1, in charge of Mrs. Susie M. Knight, has been crowded during the year, but the admirable tact and skill of the teacher has enabled the school to maintain its position as the first of the No. 1 Primaries. Primary No. 2, in charge of Miss Josie A. Rice, has been exceedingly well taught and were we to make any suggestion it would be that a little more work should be given the pupils.

Elm-street No. 1, has been in charge of Miss Mary Pellett for the last two terms. She has proved a faithful, earnest teacher and the school has made great improvement while in her charge. No. 2 has been taught by Miss Mary Pratt, whose firm, quiet and pleasing manners have brought the school into excellent condition.

Union-street No. 1, in charge of Miss Maria Cutting, has been very full and with a class of scholars requiring a good degree of skill and patience to get them fairly started; but the school appeared well at the last examination, and the teacher is deserving of great credit.

No. 2, in charge of Miss Fannie Freeman, appears to excel-  
lent advantage. The quiet but persistent efforts of Miss Free-  
man have been productive of good results. The school ranks  
well.

River-street No. 1 has been in charge of Miss Mary Newell,  
and is a very pleasant and profitable school. Miss Newell is  
proving well adapted to her position. No. 2, in charge of  
Miss Lizzie Douty, sustains her reputation as a first-class teach-  
er. No. 3, taught by Miss Flora B. Allen, appeared well in  
Geography and Arithmetic, but not in Reading. It may be  
well to suggest here to all of our Primary teachers, that it  
would be of advantage to let the scholars read less and drill  
them more in what they do read. Plimpton-street, taught by  
Miss Carrie Cole two terms and by Miss Alice Holmes one  
term, is hardly up to grade. But we have faith that the teach-  
ing faculty displayed by Miss Holmes will soon bring it to its  
proper place.

School-street No. 1 has been in charge of Miss Etta Whit-  
ford; and No. 2 in charge of Miss A. R. Rowley; they have  
both maintained the reputation of their teachers.

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## MIXED SCHOOLS.

Bacon. Taught by Miss Nellie Walker; a small school;  
so small that the Committee have had under consideration  
whether it was best to continue the school or provide conveyance  
for the scholars to one of the other schools. The expense of con-  
veyance and the probability of more irregular attendance

might over-balance the extra cost of the continuance of the school; therefore the experiment has not been tried. The Committee looking after the interests of the older scholars have endeavored so to arrange the terms of school that they would interfere as little as possible with the work of the farm.

There have been but two terms—Spring and Winter; the Winter term of nearly four months' continuance. The school has been a fair success.

Ammidown.—Miss Mary Remington has been the teacher in this school. Miss Remington has proved to be a thorough disciplinarian, and every way competent to teach the school. The attendance has been better than usual, and the improvement in studies more marked than for many terms.

Sumner.—This school, taught by Miss Mary A. Hopkins, is not of high grade, but the tact of the teacher to interest the scholars and give life in their studies has given them an enthusiasm that is bringing the school to a higher position than it has reached for years past. Miss Hopkins is admirably adapted to the school.

Dennison.—Mr. V. T. Wetherell has been the teacher of this school for a number of terms, and has the happy faculty of gaining the good will of the scholars and their parents. A fair school.

Hooker.—Miss Clara C. Nichols has been the teacher of this school. Quiet and determined in her manner, a good disciplinarian, Miss Nichols has taught with great profit to the pupils; the higher classes showed good proficiency in and understanding of their studies. This school ranks No. 1 of the mixed schools.

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## DRAWING.

Mr. Parson has continued his instruction in Drawing—principally in preparing the teachers to give lessons to the scholars



in their charge. He has, however, looked after the schools to a certain extent, to give them the instruction thought desirable.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. PHILLIPS,  
REV. B. V. STEVENSON, } Committee.  
J. M. AMMIDOWN.

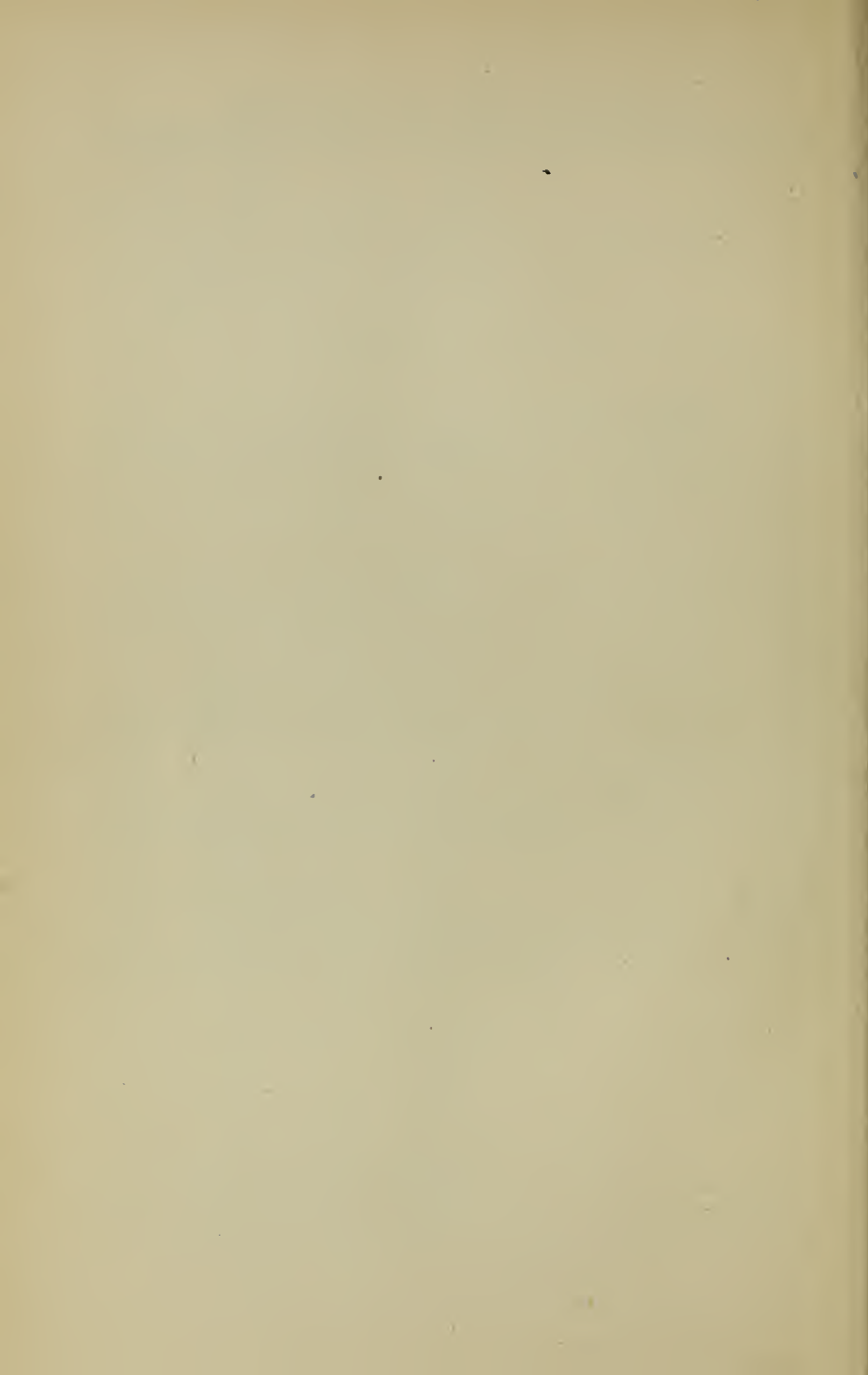
Whole number of children in town May 1, 1878, between the ages of 5 and 15, as per census.....	1,139
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Whole number of different scholars.....	1,436
Average number per school.....	57
“ “ in each school per year.....	42
“ attendance.....	35
“ percent of attendance.....	.81
Whole number of scholars between 5 and 15....	1,365
“ “ “ under 5.....	1
“ “ “ over 15.....	70
Average length of school in weeks.....	34
Number of different teachers during the year.....	31
“ male “.....	5
“ female “.....	26
Salary of teacher in High school.....	\$1,200 00
“ assistant in High school and teacher of drawing...	\$12 00
Average pay of teachers, except High school.....	\$8 66

# TABULAR VIEW OF SCHOOLS.

SCHOOLS.	No. of different scholars.	No. first term.	No. second term.	No. third term.	Average No. for the year.	Average attendance for the year.	Average percent of attendance for the year.	No. weeks school.
High School.....	49	39	46	39	41	34	83	39
Main street grammar.....	27	21	20	20	20	17	85	36
School street grammar.....	39	38	33	33	35	29	83	36
Main street intermediate.....	80	60	58	60	59	50	83	36
School street intermediate.....	69	43	55	58	52	44	85	36
River street intermediate.....	76	49	32	37	39	28	72	36
Main street primary, No 2.....	60	51	43	48	47	40	85	34
School street primary No 2.....	59	43	49	34	42	32	76	34
Union street primary No 2.....	52	42	36	34	37	29	78	34
River street primary No 2.....	55	48	48	42	46	39	85	34
Plimpton street primary No 2.....	57	36	30	34	33	28	85	34
Elm street primary No 2.....	45	38	33	36	36	28	78	34
Carpenter primary No 2.....	89	72	40	45	52	42	80	34
Carpenter primary No 1.....	21	..	42	35	39	31	79	20
Main street primary No 1.....	78	56	61	61	59	47	80	34
Elm street primary No 1.....	64	48	41	40	43	36	84	34
Union street primary No 1.....	95	71	56	68	65	47	72	34
River street primary No 1 A.....	96	70	72	61	68	53	78	34
River street primary No 1 B.....	53	45	47	44	45	36	80	34
School street primary No 1.....	74	60	59	49	56	47	84	34
Bacon school.....	18	16	17	..	16	14	88	26
Ammidown school.....	55	44	39	34	39	32	82	35
Summer school.....	62	46	40	35	40	34	85	35
Hooker school.....	22	16	17	16	16	14	88	35
Dennison school.....	41	35	34	36	35	32	93	35
For all the schools.....	1436	1087	1048	999	1060	863	81	847
Average per school.....	57	43	42	40	42	35	81	34



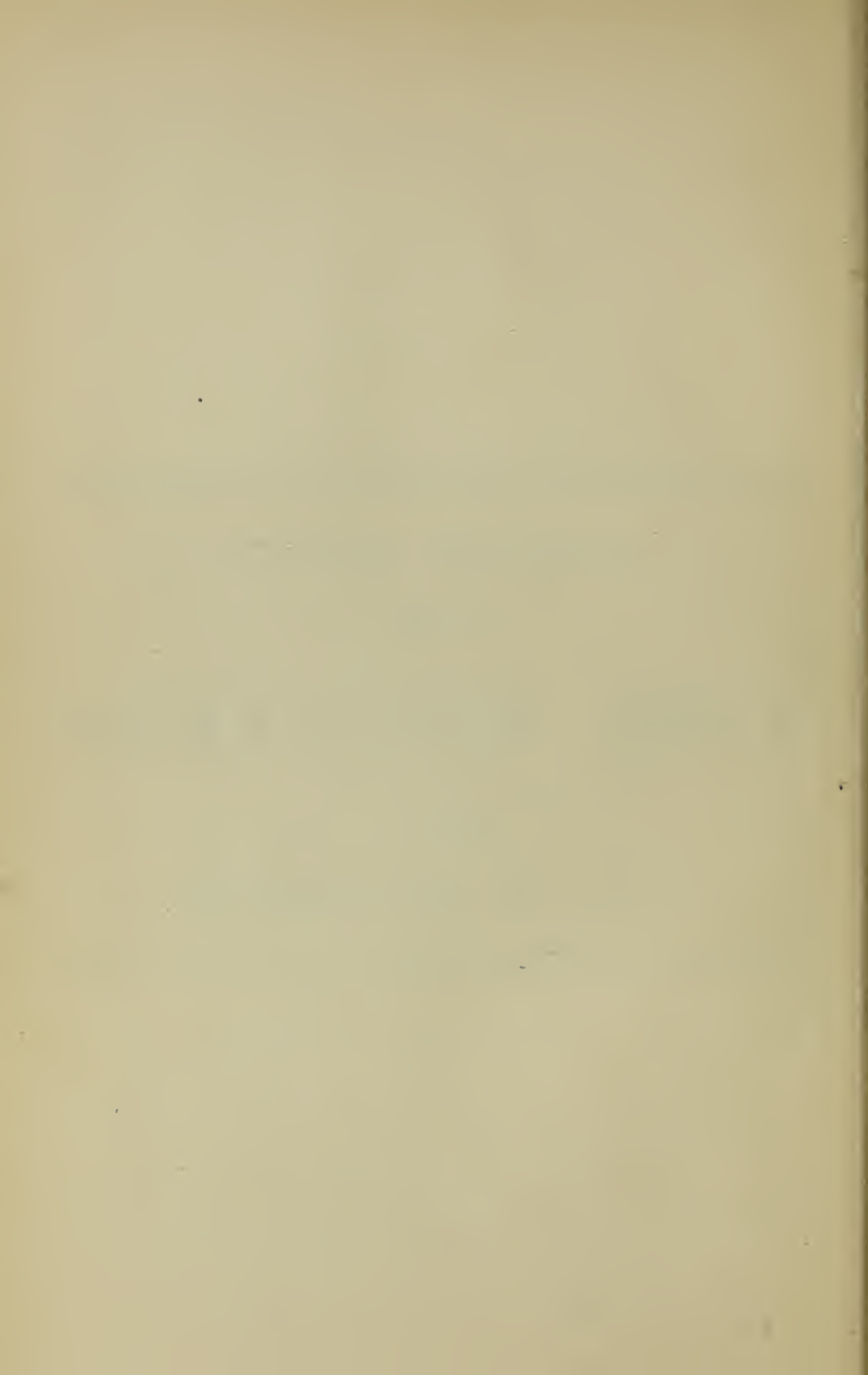
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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
FIRE ENGINEERS  
OF THE  
TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE.

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# REPORT.



GENTLEMEN.—The Board of Fire Engineers desire to submit to you this their annual report of the Fire Department :

The force of the department consists of the Board of Engineers, composed of the chief and two assistants, and one hundred and ten men (including the company officers), thirteen horses and seven drivers, all subject to act on call. The apparatus belonging to this department is in good working order, the hand machines having undergone thorough repairs during the past year by experienced workmen. The engine houses are in good repair with one exception—engine-house No. 2 needs shingling. The reservoirs are in good repair; and allow us here to speak of the fire well which has been under our supervision the past year. It is the most reliable and best located of all the water supplies belonging to the department; the only trouble we find is that there are *not* enough of them. The location of this much needed water supply enables us to reach at least \$160,000 worth of property, which heretofore was without protection, owing to the insufficient water supply. The gross amount of property belonging to this department is \$34,557.21.

We report having a well organized, good disciplined and very efficient fire department, and it is with great pride that we feel able to present such a fine body of able bodied young men as we have in our department. We use our best judgment and select the best young men we can obtain to maintain the high standard we now bear—being the third department in point of efficiency in Worcester county.

We are now laboring under several disadvantages. We would like to make the department still more efficient by having a system

whereby we can make quicker time and not be obliged to give a general alarm in case the entire department is not needed. And to facilitate this purpose a fire-alarm telegraph between the two villages at least, seems to be the much needed invention to assist us in our earnest desires.

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## FIRES

In the town of Southbridge, from March 30, 1878 to March 1, 1879.

March 30, 1878, 1 o'clock A. M. Wooden dwelling, owned by Ira Jacobs; unoccupied. Value, \$2,800; loss, 2,000; insurance, 1,500. Cause of fire, supposed incendiary. Companies reported in good time, Engines 1 and 7 and Hook and Ladder 1; none others reported and were not used as the water supply was insufficient.

July 23, 1878, 7 A. M. Wooden dwelling; cause, burning chimney. Department reported in good time. No services required.

Oct. 21, 1878, 9 A. M. Wooden dwelling; cause, burning chimney. Department reported in good time. No services required.

Nov. 21, 1878, 10:45 A. M. Wooden tenement house, owned by Chas Hyde—occupied by several tenants. Value, \$3,000; insured, 2,000; loss, 1,000. Cause of fire unknown—supposed, defective flue. Companies reported, Engines 1, 2, 6 and 7 and Hook and Ladders 1 and 2.

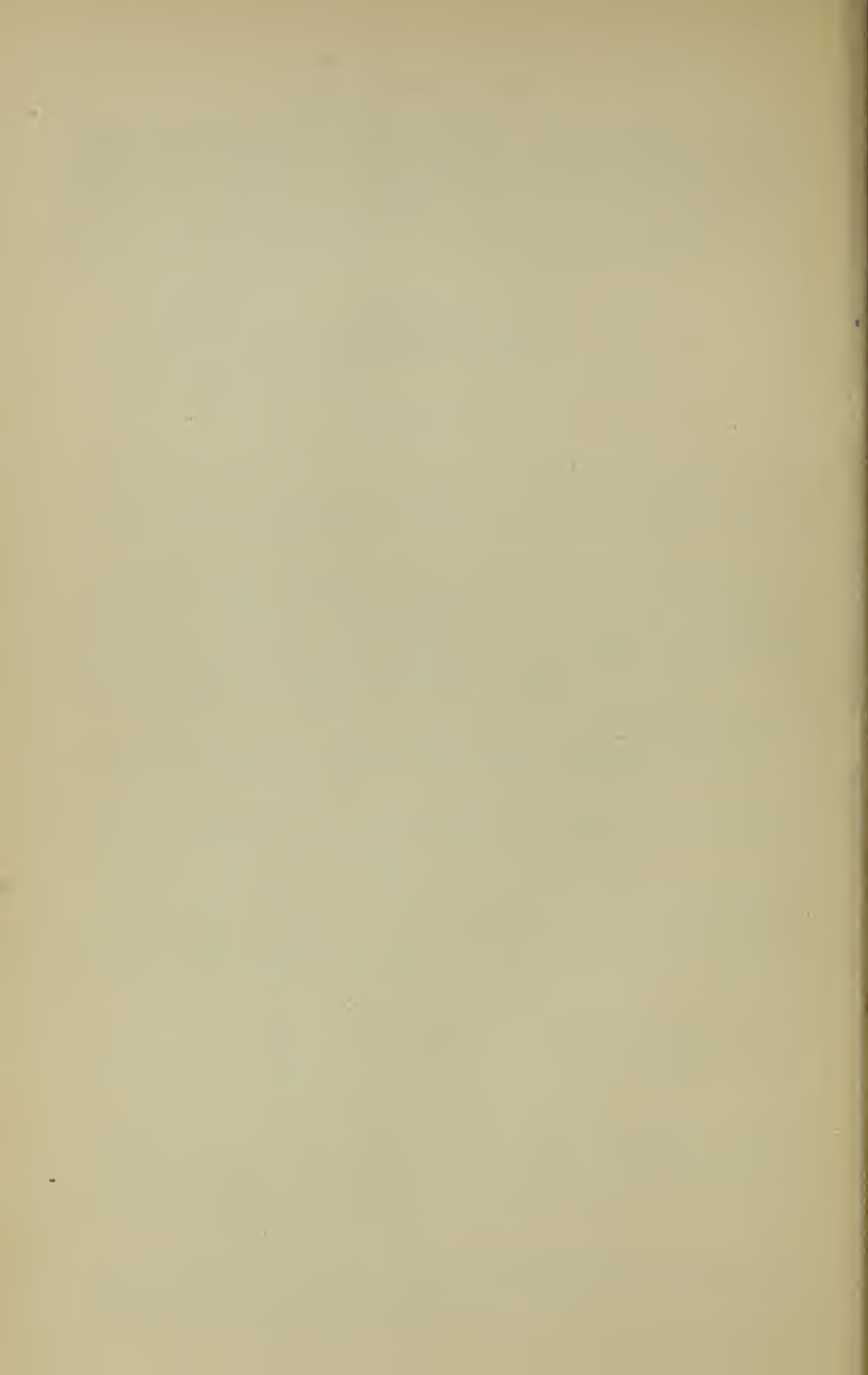
Jan. 14, 1879, 9:30 A. M. Wooden store house at Hamilton Print Works. Loss, \$1,000; no insurance. Cause, careless smoking. Companies reported, Engines 1, 2, 6 and 7, and Hook and Ladders 1 and 2.

Feb. 10, 1879, 7:15 A. M. Hamilton Woolen Company's brick mill on Mill street. Loss, \$50; insured. Cause, careless dropping of lighted matches. Companies reported, Engines 1, 2, 6 and 7, and Hook and Ladders 1 and 2.

Feb. 16, 1879, 1:30 P. M. Wooden tenement house owned by M. Marcy's heirs. Cause, burning chimney. Hook and Ladder 2 reported and rendered all service required.







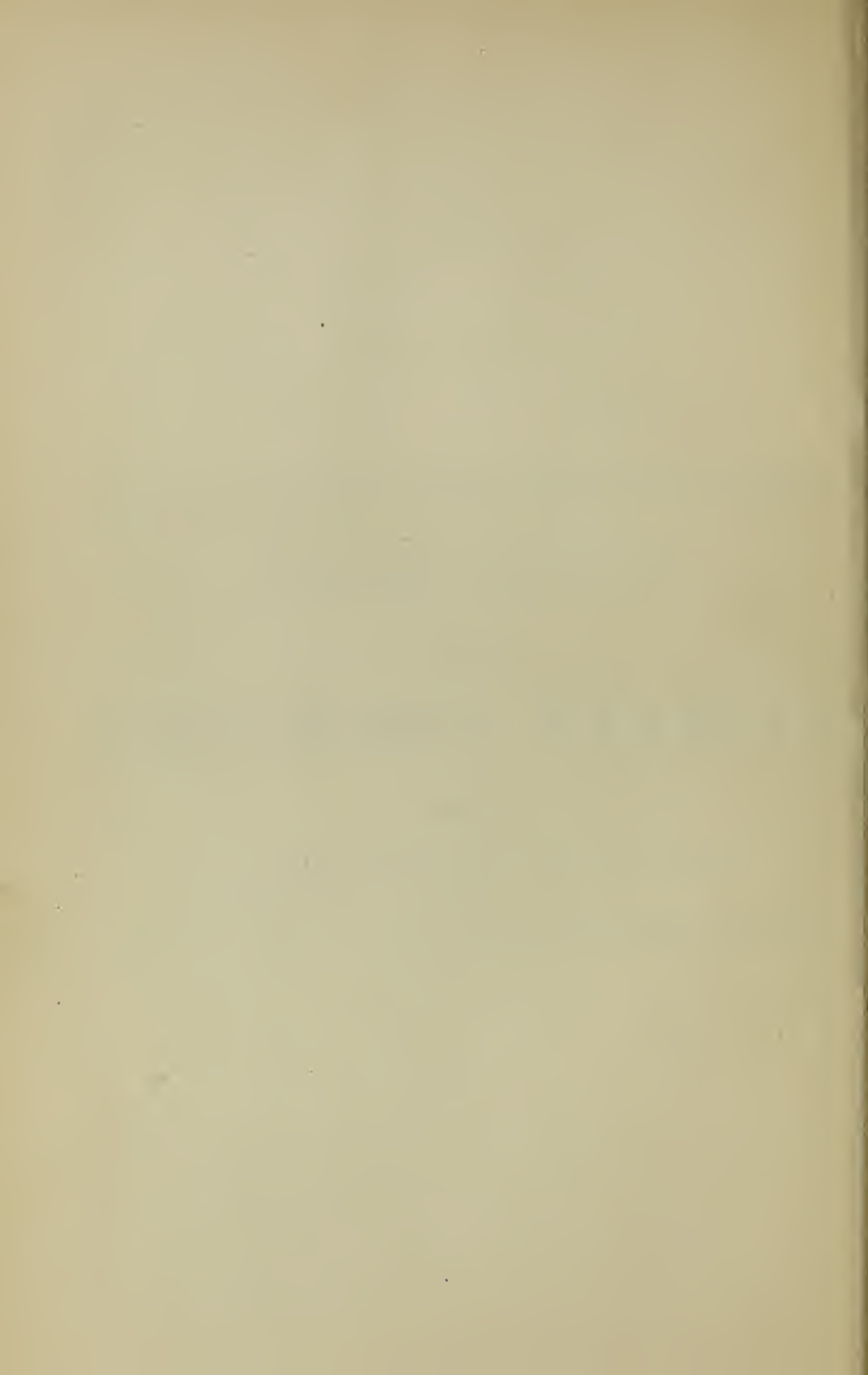
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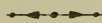
ANNUAL REPORT  
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LIBRARY COMMITTEE  
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# REPORT.



The Library Committee respectfully submit their ninth annual report, from March 1, 1878, to February 28, 1879 :

## FINANCES.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury March 1, 1878.....	\$263 11
Appropriation .....	1,250 00
Dog fund, 1877.....	377 40
Librarian, A. J. Comins, received for catalogues, fines, etc..	73 20
Received for six books. ....	8 92
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	\$1,972 63

### EXPENDITURES.

Lee & Shepard and others, for books, periodicals and binding.....	815 30
Thayer & Co., for paper to cover books.....	14 63
G. M. Whitaker, printing orders, etc.....	1 75
Cummings & Conant, duster and repairing stoves.	11 83
G. K. Dresser and others, coal and wood.....	58 63
Mutual Gas Light Co., gas for 12 months.....	148 68
A. J. Comins, librarian, etc., salary for 12 months.	600 00
express, stationery, labor, etc.....	55 04
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	\$1,705 86
Balance unexpended.....	<hr/>
	\$266 77

## LIBRARY COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

## BOOK ACCOUNT.

Balance to debit of account last year.....	6 11
Expended during the year.....	815 30
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Appropriation ... ..	\$821 41
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Debit balance.....	\$121 41

## BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
Reported last year.....	6,894	2,353
Added by purchase.....	389	....
gifts.....	66	15
commonwealth.....	20	
Reviews, magazines, etc., bound..	38	
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Present number.....	7,407	2,368

## DONORS AND GIFTS.

	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
Holmes Ammidown.....	2	....
W. W. Rice and Judge Jillson.....	46	1
Sampson, Davenport & Co. ....	2	....
Drew, Allis & Co.....	1	....
C. D. Paige.....	6	....
Manning Leonard.....	....	3
S. C. Hartwell.....	1	2
Nicholson File Co.....	1	....
R. M. Moore, Mayor of Cincinnati.....	....	1
Andover Theological Library.....	1	....
Leicester Public Library.....	1	1
Worcester ".....	....	1
Boston ".....	....	2
Fall River ".....	..	1
Brookfield ".....	....	1
Patent office.....	2	....
Smithsonian Institution.....	1	....
Department of Interior.....	....	1
Comptroller of the Currency.....	....	1
Commissioner of Education.....	1	"
Lewis A. Clark.....	1	....

*For the Museum.*

Holmes Ammidown, 2 birds, also a raven, a crown pigeon and a Himalaya pheasant.

Jairus Putney, vertebra of a fin-back whale.

Avery P. Taylor, an ancient newspaper.

A. J. Bartholomew, a Hungarian bank note.

S. M. Lane, two Rhode Island bank notes.

American Optical Co., the show case in which were exhibited their wares at the Centennial Exhibition, Philadelphia, 1876.

The New York *Nation* has been added to the periodicals in the reading room, and that department of the library has had a considerable increase in the number of those who regularly visit it.

The annual examination of the books in the library was made by the committee on the 21st and 22d of February, and they were gratified by finding that not one book had been lost during the year.

Many of the books exhibit marks of hard usage, and report very unfavorably in regard to the neatness of those who have handled them and the households where they have been. The lack of proper care in their use adds greatly to the labors of the librarian, and enhances the cost of operating the library. More than 5,500 volumes have had to be re-covered the past year. Had reasonable care been exercised in their use the number should not have exceeded 1,000.

The illness of the Librarian has deprived us of the benefit of her presence and influence in the library for several months but she has been able to do much work outside to instruct and aid her assistants. Her health is now improving and the prospect is favorable for her soon being able to be in the library most, if not all, the time it is open to the public.

Miss Harriet N. Chase, the assistant librarian, has been assiduous in her efforts to perform faithfully the duties of her office, and has met our fullest approbation.

It will be observed by the librarian's report, which is appended and made a part of our own as heretofore, that a larger number of books have been taken from the library than during any previous year.

We regret that the percentage of fiction continues so high and those of the more instructive, elevating and improving classes of works are so low.



Trustees and officers of Libraries are realizing and deploring these facts and enquiring what can be done to improve the selection made by readers.

One consolation is that our record shows better than most other libraries, and the committee mean to exercise the greatest care in the selection of books, and purchase only those that are approved as the "better class."

To defray the expenses of the library and reading room the ensuing year, we recommend an appropriation of \$1,200 and the "Dog Fund" for 1878.

Respectfully submitted by the Library Committee,

MANNING LEONARD,

*Secretary.*

PUBLIC LIBRARY, March 13, 1879.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

In offering this, my sixth annual report, and the ninth of the library, I desire to express to the members of the committee my hearty thanks for their consideration exercised during my illness, and their courtesy and kindness in again electing me to the office of librarian.

In reviewing the past year there seems increasing reason for congratulation that we have so valuable an institution. To become assured that it is not providing simply for the wants of those who are seeking reading as a pleasure, one needs only to spend a few hours as an observer. Its educational influence is each year more and more apparent, not only in the selection of books for reading, but in the greatly increased use of books of reference and for real study. There is still, and perhaps must always be, room for regret that so large a number read solely for pleasure; but we can but hope this gratification has its elevating influences, and that more and more will be realized the fact that books are companions, and that companions largely develop and form one's character.

During the year 16,624 books have been issued—making an increase of 727 over the previous year. Through the months of June, July and August the daily issue was 49; January, February and March, 65. The daily average for the year, 54. We have had during the year 765 different accounts, and during the nine years the library has been in operation 2,143. Of this number, 144 have been added the past year. At the yearly examination, Feb. 21st, it was found all the books were accounted for, none having been lost.

The sectional record shows there have been issued of

	Vols.	Percent.
Works of fiction .....	7,466	44.4
Juvenile works.....	4,464	26.9
Historical .....	603	3.67
Biographical .....	697	4.2
Travels and description.....	720	4.37
Poetical and dramatic....	358	2.19
Scientific and educational.....	396	2.5

Literary and esthetical.....	426	2.58
Religious and philosophical....	178	1.09
Complete works.....	103	.65
Miscellaneous works.....	454	2.77
Magazines and reviews .....	620	3.76
Agricultural .....	112	.69
Law books (reserved).....	...	....
Public documents of Massachusetts....	10	.08
Public documents of United States.....	7	.07
Reserved section.....	10	.08
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	16,624	100.00

The amount received has been for

Fines - - - - -	\$53 56
Catalogues - - - - -	9 00
Cards - - - - -	10 64
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	\$73 20

The amount paid for

Express, freight and postage - - - - -	\$13 16
Pens, ink and paper - - - - -	1 87
Blank books, eraser and rubber - - - - -	95
Mucilage and material for mending books - - - - -	62
Alcohol burner, alcohol and carbolic acid - - - - -	2 00
Brooms, floor brush and twine - - - - -	3 13
Charcoal and labor - - - - -	2 26
Cement, sponge and stove key - - - - -	60
Bulletin boards - - - - -	1 67
Cleaning - - - - -	16 36
Cards for cataloging - - - - -	4 77
13 chimneys for Argand burners - - - - -	1 40
Back numbers of Scientific supplement - - - - -	1 70
Cummings & Conant, for labor and materials - - - - -	3 30
Mr. Clarke, for repairing window - - - - -	50
Mr. Phelps, for repairing clock - - - - -	50
Mr. Gaudette, for repairing burners - - - - -	25
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	\$55 04

This amount, with my salary, \$600, has been paid me by the town treasurer.

A. J. COMINS, Librarian.



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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SELECTMEN  
OF THE  
TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE.

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# REPORT.



The selectmen having been requested by many to make a report of that part of the town affairs which comes under their immediate control respectfully submit the following report. For a more detailed statement of the expenses of the several departments we would refer you to the auditors' report.

## HIGHWAYS.

It became apparent after the very heavy rains of last Spring, and from numerous complaints that something must be done to the following streets: Hamilton, Crane, Central, Pine and Union, as nothing had been done to them for a number of years. The material had been washed off and worn out so as to make the town liable for damage. The question then arose where to obtain suitable material to do the work; only two places seemed to present themselves—Edwards estate and the Hamilton Woolen Company bank at Westville, ten cents per load being the cost from both places. While the board were getting at the cost of the work so as to bring it before the voters of the town under the head of special repairs as had been the practice in former years when streets required more than ordinary repairs, circumstances arose which enabled W. E. Alden and Dr. L. W. Curtis to offer to the town, free of charge, what gravel they had to spare by taking it out if done immediately. This gave no time to call a town meeting. Considering that every load that was put on the above streets was a saving to the town of twenty cents; considering also the distance of the haul and the price at the other two places mentioned, the selectmen felt fully justified in

directing the highway surveyor to commence operations. He has distributed this material in first class order—averaging eighteen inches deep and twenty-four wide, and with good crown and even grade—on Crane street west from the passenger depot to Hamilton street, on Hamilton street from St. Peter's church to the Sturbridge line, on West street from South to Main street; also, on Pleasant and Canal streets. 3,180 loads were placed on these roads. The gross amount saved by the liberality of the two above named gentlemen was at least \$600 besides getting some seventy-five loads of paving stones, for which this board, in behalf of the town, tender their sincere thanks.

Upon the suggestion of the highway surveyor the road opposite Mr. Alden's old store was widened 16 feet, and a retaining wall put in nearly eight feet high and sixty-five feet long, and the road from this point to the iron bridge was cut down about three feet to even the grade. This greatly improves the grade and gives the needed width to the road, which was demanded by the constantly increasing travel to Sturbridge.

The material used in filling Union and Cross streets was obtained from the Hamilton Woolen Company at the usual price of ten cents per load, and 520 loads were taken to repair them, which leaves them in the best of order.

By cutting Marcy street to an even grade with Main street we have added greatly to its appearance, besides furnishing 413 loads to repair River street, 484 to Central and 381 to Crane from the passenger station east to Hamilton; the material was not as good as could be wished, but we could do no better without going to a much larger outlay, still nine months in the year it makes a good road.

The cost of the above work was about \$1,800 most of which was in one district and may appear like a large sum for any one section, but we don't know of any district that needed it more.

Last Fall the leaves and muck that had been doing service on the Woodstock road for the last ten years commenced to get "played out," and the bottom seemed to be going out of certain sections. Mr. Henry Walker was sent out to put the section from the residence of Mr. Joseph Longway to the Woodstock Line in first-class shape, and it was done by him very satisfactorily, by taking up and enlarg-



ing the culverts and cutting down the high elevations in the road and filling up the low ones, making a good even grade which is greatly appreciated by those going over it with heavy teams. Another bad section, from near the residence of James H. Mason and running about a mile north, was very handsomely graded by Mr. Mason, who distributed 250 loads of very choice gravel, which made a good hard road and ought to last for the next five years.

Another section of this road, between the residences of Mr. Frank Sayles and Mr. Rufus Young, which suffered a severe washout in December, was fixed up with 320 loads of good material which leaves the Woodstock road in better shape than for a number of years, and it will not require much repairing this year, except a small section from the residence of Joseph Longsway running south about one-half mile. This road has cost about \$570 the past year. We think it is good policy to keep it in very good order, from the fact that there is a large amount of heavy teaming and trade travel over it during the year.

All the other roads have received their full share of attention; old culverts have been taken up and new ones put in where needed, by the highway surveyor, and so far as we have been able to learn the highways are fully up to the average. The standard of our highways may be judged from a remark made by County Commissioner Brown at Sturbridge, that "Southbridge had as good streets and roads as any town in the county."

We would also call the attention of the town that when money is voted for sidewalks from 15 to 20 percent of the amount raised should be added to our highway account as it costs about that to put in the gutters and grade up the streets after the walks are laid. In 1877 it cost the highway account over \$500 and last year nearly \$200. The amount expended on highways the past year is \$4,705. The average amount expended on the highways for the past eight years, including special repairs to different streets, has been nearly \$5,400.

We have estimated \$2,500 for this account the present year.—Owing to the fact of the heavy repairs of last year the roads will not need nearly as much this year to keep them in satisfactory order—although this is one of the most uncertain accounts there is to make estimates on for a year, as may be judged from the fact that only

one year, 1875, in the past eight has the highway department been able to meet its outlays without overdrawing and special appropriations.

### BRIDGES.

All the bridges were carefully examined the past year and the planking on Mill street and North street bridges was found so much decayed as to need renewing which was accordingly done. It was also found necessary to paint Mill street bridge and also the one on River street to improve the woodwork and give it a little better appearance, as they had been greatly defaced with marks and hieroglyphics ; \$171.20 was also used out of the account this year to pay for overlaying on iron bridge. Our estimate of \$200 will, we think, cover all repairs in this line.

### STREET LIGHTS.

Have cost less than last year and our recommendation of \$600 will be all that is necessary. The whole number of lanterns and posts at present is ninety-nine, placed as follows:

Main street.....	36
Hamilton street....	13
Central street.....	4
Elm street.....	8
Park street.....	1
Everett street.....	1
Mill street.....	6
South street.....	6
High street.....	4
Sayles street.....	4
Pleasant street.....	4
Marcy street.....	3
Crane street.....	1
River Street.....	9

There are also five without posts, as follows:

Edwards House block....	1
Passenger depot .....	1
Patrick Kelly's store ..	1

Near Iron Bridge. . . . .	1
Near J. S. Gleason's store. . . . .	1

## SIDEWALKS.

Agreeable to the wishes of the town as expressed by their votes we have built the following new walks :

Main and Mechanics streets from residence of William Freeman to American Optical Company, putting in curbing on Main street and concrete and plank on Mechanic street; in order to complete this work it was necessary to take about \$60 from the sidewalk account.

River street sidewalk has been built from Mill street to Passenger station on Crane street, about 2200 feet in length. The vote carried it to Hamilton street but we found that it would be more desirable to construct the walk from the depot on the north side of Crane street, and it would be impossible to do so without more money, as an extra curbing would be needed part of the way.

Pine street walk was a short piece from Notre Dame church to Hamilton street, costing \$153.31.

There was also voted \$400 for Main street walk, commencing at Pleasant street running about 800 feet toward Sturbridge; 675 feet of curbing and 14 corners have been purchased and paid by this account. Owing to a lack of funds the walk was not built.

The selectmen have put in 213 feet curb and gutters on Chapin street, and bought the brick for finishing the same. As soon as done there will be about \$100 to carry to credit of sidewalk account in shape of assessments. This was built to protect the street as it was continually a source of expense by washing out at every rain, but since the improvement it has kept in good condition.

The plank walk on Hamilton street has required considerable repairs during the year in the way of new plank and sleepers. The time is not far distant when the whole of it will have to be re-laid, especially the section opposite St. Mary's church where it is now about three feet below the crown of the road.

A concrete crossing from the JOURNAL block to police station and one in front of the Optical works have been built from this appropriation.

We have made no estimate for sidewalks relying upon the collecting of assessments due and some small transfers to give enough for repairs the coming year. The assessment against Mr. T. Harrington is objected to on the grounds of its being a second assessment. There is a difference of opinion regarding it and we have concluded to bring it before the town for its action.

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### BOARD OF HEALTH.

Nothing has been done by this board the past year, except to keep the streets clean and the spouts that carry away the waste water from sinks put under ground instead of running on top of it; all requests of this kind have been readily complied with.

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### OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The continued depression in business which has deprived many persons of employment has increased the expenditure of this department. As the statute requires overseers to furnish employment as well as relief and support to the poor, this board last year endeavored as much as possible to give those in needy circumstances work upon the highways and sidewalks preferring to have the town get some return for its money rather than deplete the treasury for nothing. The cost of the out of town poor has increased the past year to \$550 Whenever it has been found practicable we have ordered the above class to be sent back to Southbridge.

One or two families in town have been rather expensive—one of them drawing as high as \$5 per week. The auditors' report indicates even more than this, but nearly \$75 of the amount belonged to the year preceeding. This is a large family of small children; the husband has been unable to get work until recently. This family were pauperised in 1876 and moved from Webster that year into one of the Dresser Manufacturing Company's tenements. The board have given this department a great deal of their time and attention; and while making no pretensions that their course in all

cases have been the wisest that might have been, it is yet to be shown where they have assisted any person or family unnecessarily. We have endeavored to manage affairs with the strictest economy—without “grinding the face of the poor” or saving for the town’s benefit at the expense of suffering and starvation.

\$2,500 is our recommendation for the coming year, hoping that business may improve to such an extent that the above amount will be sufficient for all wants.

Mr. and Mrs. Brainard retain charge of the almshouse, and keep it in a very neat and orderly manner being governed with large feelings towards humanity. The average number of inmates during the year was 16, each costing \$1.69 per week. We recommend \$1,000 for this account.

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### SALARIES.

We recommend the sum of \$1,400 for salaries. A feeling of retrenchment towards this account has recently arisen, which is commendable. The salary of the selectmen for the past two years has been \$648 per year. This may seem high but we think that those unfamiliar with the details of this department fail to realize the time and attention it demands. During the past two years the care of the poor has involved an unusual amount of labor, owing to the stringency of the times; while the supervision of the highways and sidewalks—with their increasing length—has not been any less than in previous years. As our ideas of the salary question may seem to be biassed we submit the testimony of others. During the five years prior to 1877 the cost of each board of selectmen averaged \$810 per year. In 1874 the highways were under the control of the surveyor and he charged, for eleven months’ services \$346.25, which is not included in the above. These figures suggest the thought that other boards have considered that much time and labor were necessary in the management of town affairs.

## ESTIMATES.

We submit the following as the estimates of the amount of money to be raised by the town for the year 1879, as furnished by the different departments :

Highway repairs.....	\$2,500 00	
Bridge repairs .....	200 00	
Sidewalk repairs.....	None	
Insurance.....	None	
Printing .....	250 00	
Police station.....	175 00	
Salaries.....	1,400 00	
Street lights.....	600 00	
Outside poor....	2,500 00	
Interest....	1,500 00	
Public library dog fund and.....	1,200 00	
Support of poor .....	1,000 00	
Contingent .....	200 00	
Payment of debts.....	5,000 00	
Fire department contingent.....	800 00	
Payment of enginemen....	2,140 00	
High school.....	1,650 00	
Common schools, bank and corporation tax of 1879 and .....	5,300 00	
Contingent schools .....	500 00	
State and county tax.....	5,000 00	
Discount on taxes..	2,500 00	
Cemetery improvement.....	500 00	
	<hr/>	34,915 00

## CR.

Unappropriated funds..	\$3,828 59	
Transfer state aid .....	300 00	
	<hr/>	4,128 59
Total amount asked for ..		<hr/> <hr/> \$30,786 41

In making up the Common school account we have anticipated Bank and Corporation tax of 1879, which will become available in December, of about \$1,700, which saves raising it by taxation and gives to the committee what they ask for.

The above estimates will make the rate of taxation 10 1-2 per cent on the present valuation, and give to the different departments all the money required.

The cause of the high taxes last year can be easily found. In 1875 the town borrowed \$15,000, \$5,000 of this amount became due last year. In 1877 the town voted 4,680 for sidewalks and school houses which had to be paid last year—making \$9680 of previous years' expenses which 1878 had to pay. If the town had paid its bills when contracted the taxes last year would have been only \$14 per \$1,000; or if the town had borrowed \$9000 to keep taxes down—as it has done, on an average every year since 1870—the rate last year would have been reduced at least \$3 per \$1000. But the tax payers have passed through that ordeal. They have cancelled the above liabilities and paid \$4000 special appropriations, with all the necessary running expenses of the town, without running into debt a dollar. The coming year, with a desire on the part of all to economize, there is a good prospect that our rate of taxation will not exceed \$11 per \$1000 and reduce our debt \$5000 without adopting the precedent of borrowing to accomplish this end.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. OAKES,  
S. K. EDWARDS,  
A. H. WHEELER. } *Selectmen  
of  
Southbridge.*

SOUTHBRIDGE, March 22, 1879.





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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
CEMETERY COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE.

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# REPORT.



The cemetery committee submit their first report, as follows :

Under the provisions of the By-Laws of the town adopted at a meeting held by adjournment from November 6, 1877, to December 3d, 1877, your committee were chosen at the last annual town meeting to take charge of the Cemetery Grounds, and make the improvements thereon contemplated in the appropriations granted for that purpose. The Committee have not supposed that it would be necessary or desirable to press forward the work of constructing all the avenues in the grounds at once ; but they did regard it important to know just what should be done at some time in the future, and as fast as the town should be in condition to grant appropriations for the completion of the improvements therein, so that every step in that direction should be correctly taken for the development of a general plan which should comprise the entire area intended to be used for burial purposes, and just what artificial embellishments the nature of the grounds will permit. This could be obtained only by completing the surveys and lay-out of the grounds and preparing the plans thereof ; and the first work of the committee early in the season, therefore, was to finish the lay-out, which was less perfect last year than was judged advisable for proper plans. Mr. D. M. Wheeler was engaged for that purpose, and has laid out into lots all parts

of the cemetery available for burial purposes, as at present situated, and prepared a very perfect plan of the same including the old grounds, which is now in the hands of the committee. The expense of this survey was \$159, and the plans will cost \$200.

The committee also contracted with Messrs. Lamson & Woodbury for the erection of a front entrance to the old cemetery on Main street in accordance with the plans and specifications adopted by the town at the meeting held July 23d, 1877; the expense of this structure including wing walls has been \$809.12 The balance of the last year's appropriation, so far as it was expended, was used in general improvements upon the grounds, clearing away the rubbish left from the work of the year previous, repairing and grading avenues partially made, and grading quite an extensive area on the west side of the land, at a cost of some \$766. We are led to believe that no part of this sum has been wasted, and that a great improvement in the appearance of the grounds has been secured by this work at a comparatively small outlay. The expense of stakes for marking lots was \$19.20; and the committee have purchased hand tools for workmen which are properly marked and kept for use costing \$11.60, now the property of the town. As another incidental expense the committee have procured a full set of books, to wit: a Journal, Ledger, Record Book and an Order Book, for the purpose of keeping proper minutes of the transactions of the department, all adapted to its use, and 500 blank deeds, with a like number bound in books, so that a duplicate of each deed will be preserved for future reference if needed, among the public records of the town, at an expense in all of \$29.78. This expenditure seemed necessary to enable the committee to comply with the requirements of the By-Laws.

The department has also established a system of regulations for its own duties, which will be serviceable to secure

personal supervision over all matters coming under its charge.

The committee have thus organized their department, and as perfectly as they could, under the rules which the town has prescribed for them to follow, with considerable care. As usual the work has not been free from criticism, but it has been free from any just grounds for charging extravagance in any direction. Regarding the use of money appropriated for cemetery improvements to complete the front entrance to the old yard, to which the attention of the town has been called, unless it can be fairly urged that the gateway and front fence are not at least an attempt to make an improvement, the criticism is utterly groundless. It is true \$500 was specially appropriated for the front entrance; but it is also true that at the meeting held June 8, 1878, under an article in the warrant properly worded, the \$1,000 appropriated at the annual meeting "for completing avenues" limiting its use to purposes not requiring so much—at the request of the committee—the town voted to change it to "Cemetery Improvements" for the express purpose, as publicly stated and as publicly opposed, of enabling the committee to use so much thereof as was necessary to conclude the contract for the erection of the structure the town had voted to build. This would seem to justify the committee in drawing orders sufficient to pay the expense of the structure, as they did.

The committee do not recommend the town to press forward the work of completing the avenues and other improvements represented upon the plan at once. That may be done hereafter as the financial condition of the town will warrant. The public can now see what is in contemplation, and do it as they wish, or as the cemetery fund may enable them to do it. The burial lots have been appraised and about 800 lots are now for sale, which at the appraised price will net \$20,000. The estimated expense of the land and construction of the avenues and improvements will not exceed \$15,000. The

fund from the sale of lots will soon aid the town materially in completing the enterprise without burdensome appropriations, and its people to secure a beautiful landscape in whose bosom they may lay their dear ones as they pass away. Let us guard this enterprise with a prudent and watchful eye.

The committee recommend the following appropriations ;

For the purchase of a second plan, \$50 ; but one having been obtained.

For Cemetery Improvements, and to enable the committee to fulfil the obligations of the town according to the condition of the deed of Mrs. Kinsey regarding the fence on Ammidown avenue, \$500.

The detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures in this department is contained in the auditors' report, and may be referred to.

A. J. BARTHOLOMEW,

*Chairman of Committee.*

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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TAX COLLECTOR  
OF THE  
TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE,  
AND  
Warrant for Annual Town Meeting.

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# UNPAID TAXES.

Nathan Angell	\$2 00	Michael Collity	2 00
George Armes	2 00	Gilbert Chassie	2 00
Linus Albee	2 00	Peter Chamberlin	2 00
Edward Avery	2 00	Wm. Holden	2 00
Joseph Abbott	2 00	Henry Cataract	2 00
Joseph Belford	2 00	James Cooper	2 00
Alfred Bourque	2 00	Conghlin	2 00
Mrs. E. Boulton, estate	5 18	Alex Chapdallier	2 00
Alanson Burlingame	2 00	Alex Caster	2 00
Andie H. Bassett	2 00	John Cosset	2 00
Romain Broadman	2 00	John Corcoran	2 00
Michael Burke	2 00	Fred Crosby	2 00
Joseph Busha	2 00	Thomas Dolan	2 00
Peter Beebo	2 00	George K. Dresser	231 75
Godfrey Belford	2 00	George A. Dresser	408 70
Alphonso Busha	2 00	Michael DeBlois	2 00
Joseph Bridge	2 00	Frank Daisy	2 00
Alfred Brine	2 00	Andir Degreaney	2 00
Alfred Bombard	2 00	Albert Dupre	2 00
Alex Brown	2 00	Jean Dugreett	2 00
Louis Brooks	2 00	John Dodd	2 00
John Bressett	2 00	Edward Devilliers	2 00
John Bell	2 00	Francis Duplace	2 00
E. C. Barnes	9 18	F. H. Evans	2 00
Edward Belford	2 00	Edward Edwards	2 00
John Callahan	2 00	Mark Foley	2 00
James Clifford	2 00	W. D. Fairfield	2 00
Joseph Clark	2 00	Frank Feniff, Jr	2 00
Peter Congdon	2 00	Fred Farnell	2 00
Charles B. Cozzens	2 52	John Fox	2 00
William C. Cady	4 69	Peter Feniff	2 00
Moses Shassie	2 00	Isaac N. Goodell	2 00
Warren Cutting	2 00	J. W. Goodell estate	48 30
Frank Cozzens	2 00	Frank Gomo	2 00
Joseph Cabana	2 00	Louis Gomo	2 00
Joseph Cutter	2 00	Bartley Green	4 15
James Carrigan	2 00	Frank Goodrow	2 00
Patrick Cayler	2 00	S. B. Goodier, Jr	2 00
Jule Cantara	2 00	Peter Garison	2 00
Joseph Connor	2 00	Patrick Goff	2 00
Matt Coldrich, Jr	2 00	Peter Gañion	2 00

Louis Ganion	2 00	Samuel Laeash	2 00
Misoel Godu	2 00	Tilleford Lachu	3 20
George W. Gorgin	3 45	Napoleon Lovelly	2 00
Abram Gomo	2 00	Herbert Laplante	2 00
John Green	2 00	Morris Lachu	2 00
John Greenup	2 00	Peter Martin	2 00
Maximilian Greaney	2 00	Jude McKinstry	2 00
J. Gregory	2 00	John Monohan	2 00
John Garrigan	2 00	Douglas McCollum	6 31
Michael Green	2 00	Michael Monohan	2 00
W. H. Goodell	2 00	Thomas Mansfield	3 75
John Gerew	2 00	John McCarty	2 00
John Gerew, Jr.	2 00	Michael Monohan	2 00
Lisam Ganion	2 00	Timothy Meloney	2 00
John Gagnor	2 52	James Murphy	2 00
Thomas Green	2 00	Nicholas Martin	2 00
Adolph Herber	4 59	Moses Marchesault	2 00
Thomas Holden, 2d	4 16	Henry Martin	2 00
Michael Hickey	2 00	John Martin	2 00
Levi E. Horton	2 00	Michael Mahoney	2 00
Winthrop Harding	2 00	Gideon Morrow	2 85
Judson Hemingway	2 00	Nassau Martin	2 00
Stephen Hurlbert	2 00	Joseph Martin	2 00
Henry A. Holmes	2 00	Morris Murphy	2 00
Wm. E. Harrington	2 00	Martin Mahar	2 00
Wm. J. Hill	2 00	Wm. McGuirk	2 00
Augustus Haight	2 00	Alphonso Marcelle	2 00
Carson Hey	2 00	Dan. McCambridge	2 00
Wm. L. D. Hall	2 00	Thomas Nolan	2 00
Joseph D. Holden	2 00	Patrick O'Brien	2 00
Fred L. Holmes	2 00	Jacob Parsano	2 00
Jos. Hamlet	2 00	Edward Parent	2 00
Wm. Halloran	2 00	Felix Pelican	2 00
James Hannan	2 00	Joseph Proulx	2 00
Elyear Hetue	2 00	James Phillips	2 00
Patrick Kennedy	2 00	Albert Plant	2 00
John Kinney	2 00	Joseph Proulx, 2d	2 00
George Kelley	2 00	William Powers	2 00
Martin Karough	2 00	Louis Patnaud	2 00
Patrick King	2 00	John J. Peppard	2 00
Cyril King	2 00	Hermias Page	2 00
Delphis Lamont	2 00	Frank Phillips	2 00
Frank Longway	2 00	Peter Pelican	2 00
David Largess	2 00	Jos. Quartee	2 00
Michael Littleton	2 00	Daniel Ryan	2 00
John Lashapelle	2 00	Frank Riecher	2 00
John Laughlin	2 00	John Roy	2 00
Peter Lamont, Jr.	2 00	John Rockliffe	2 00
Frias Labounty	2 00	Luke Rily	2 00
Felix Lamont, Jr.	2 00	Newey Richard	2 99
Nelson Lovelly	2 00	Paul Simpson	2 00
John Larosche	2 00	Edward Simpson	2 00
Frank Lawson	2 00	Alex Simpson	2 00
Fred Lawson	2 00	Frank Shaw	2 00
Peter Lashapelle	2 00	E. L. Spencer	8 63
Fabrian Lescarbras	2 00	Jos Stone	2 00
Fabrian Lescarbras, Jr.	2 00	Patrick Sherridan	2 00
James Lee	2 00	Cornelius Shammon	2 00
Gilbert Lavieriere	2 00	Frank Sevarie, Jr.	2 00
Jos. O. LeClair	2 00	John Sawyer	2 00

## UNPAID TAXES.

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James Sulliyar .....	2 00	Michael Welch .....	2 00
Edward Shields .....	2 00	Alex Winning .....	2 00
Ferry Suprenant .....	2 00	Alex White .....	2 00
Kist St. Germain .....	2 00	Jos. Walding .....	2 00
Alfred Stephen .....	2 00	John Welch .....	2 00
John Stone .....	2 00	Ed. C. Warren .....	2 00
Anthony Thimblin .....	2 00	F. A. Webber .....	2 00
Nelson Tracy .....	2 00	George Washington .....	2 00
Peter Tracy .....	2 00	James White .....	2 00
John Toben .....	2 00	James Whight .....	2 00
Charles Thompson .....	2 00	Martin Ward .....	2 00
Dixie Terrio .....	2 00	Phillip Wedge .....	2 00
John Tommins .....	2 00	Patrick Welch .....	2 00
J. M. Toppin .....	2 00	Stephen Welch .....	2 00
Charles Tisdale .....	2 00	Fred L. Webster .....	2 00
Frank Vorey .....	2 00	Simeon Young .....	2 00
Patrick Welch ..	2 00	Walter Young .....	2 00
Joseph Wells ..	2 00	Cady & Harris .....	21 99

## NON-RESIDENTS.

William Thompson, Sturbridge .....	5 18
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# WARRANT FOR ANNUAL MEETING, 1879.

WORCESTER SS.

To either of the constables of the town of Southbridge. Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Southbridge qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town hall in Southbridge, on Monday, the seventh day of April next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

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

ARTICLE 2. To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year The following officers to be voted for on one ballot: Town Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, School Committee, Library Committee, Cemetery Committee, Auditors, Constables. Polls to be kept open until 3 o'clock, P M

ARTICLE 3. To hear the reports of the Auditors of Accounts, Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Fire Engineers, School, Library and Cemetery Committees, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will allow the usual discount on taxes excepting the taxes assessed on polls, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will authorize their treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will authorize the collector to use the means for collecting the taxes which the town treasurer, when appointed a collector, may use, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 7. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges the ensuing year, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 8. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to pay town bills and charges the ensuing year, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as posted and presented by the selectmen, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will vote to pay the engine men for the ensuing year, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will raise and appropriate such a sum of money as may be necessary to pay firemen or act thereon.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will instruct the fire engineers to establish a fire alarm telegraph between the two engine houses and the American Optical company's works, or any part thereof, raise and appropriate money therefor or act thereon.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the town will relocate and build a culvert on the highway about midway between the residences of Geo. E. Mansfield and Wm. H. H. Cheney, raise and appropriate money therefor—the same to be completed by the first day of May next.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the town will alter or amend Section 5 of the By-laws of the town, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the town will build a sidewalk on Marcy street from the north corner of Liberty Jitchfield estate to Main street, and raise and appropriate money to construct the same, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the town will lay out and construct a concrete sidewalk on the easterly side of the store occupied by Bugbee & Wheeler, commencing on the northerly side of Main street and running to the southerly end of Mill street bridge over the Quinebaug river about 106 feet, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the town will vote to build a concrete sidewalk from the engine house to iron bridge on north side of Main street, thence from iron bridge to Pleasant street, thence on east side of latter street to the north side of Canal street, a distance of 636 feet, to raise and appropriate money therefor or act thereon.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to build a sidewalk on the north side of Main street—Globe Village, from west side of Pleasant street to the west line of the N. Upham estate, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the town will allow the Women's Temperance union to hold their meetings in the Town hall free of charge, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for purchasing lamp posts and lanterns to be placed as follows: Two on Winter street, one on School street at corner of Winter street, one on South street—corner of Winter, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 21. To see what action the town will take in regard to completing the grading of Sayles street, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the town will provide suitable accommodation for another Intermediate school in Centre Village, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer to transfer from unappropriated funds the sum of \$3,828.59, and from state aid \$300 to the account of payments of debts; also from Pine street sidewalk \$68.25, Hamilton street reservoir \$39.10, Chapin street 13 cents, to credit accounts of sidewalks, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 24 To see if the town will authorize their treasurer to transfer the sum of \$6.15 from the contingent of schools to the credit of Main and Morris school account, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars (\$50) for the purpose of defraying the expense of decorating our soldiers' graves on Decoration day, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the town will vote to fix the compensation of town officers and laborers, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the town will instruct the overseers of the poor to furnish work for, and require tramps to labor in payment for food and lodging provided by the town, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 28 To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to issue no licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors the ensuing year, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to prosecute all violations of the law in relation to the sale of intoxicating liquor the ensuing year, or choose a committee for the purpose, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1000 for the purpose of paying the expenses of suppressing the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town the ensuing year, or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by publishing an attested copy of the same in the SOUTHBRIDGE JOURNAL the two weeks next preceding the time of holding the meeting as aforesaid. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings therein to the town clerk, at the time and place aforesaid. Given under our hands this twenty-sixth day of March, A. D. 1879.

J. J. OAKES,  
A. H. WHEELER, } *Selectmen*  
S. K. EDWARDS, } *of*  
                              } *Southbridge.*

A copy attest.

J. M. OLNEY, Constable of Southbridge.

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OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

SOUTHBRIDGE,

FOR THE

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## CLERK:

HENRY A. MORSE.

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## TREASURER:

FRANCIS L. CHAPIN.

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## SELECTMEN:

JAMES J. OAKES, ALBERT H. WHEELER, STEPHEN K. EDWARDS.

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## OVERSEERS OF THE POOR:

STEPHEN P. IRWIN, JR., LEONARD CUTLER, CLEMENT BEGIN.

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## ASSESSORS:

CHARLES W. WELD, AUGUSTUS COOK, LUTHER S. AMMIDOWN.

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## AUDITORS:

WILLIAM D. MORSE, CHARLES W. JOHNSON, PATRICK DUFFY.

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## LIBRARY COMMITTEE:

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JOSEPH JAGGER, " 1882.	
GEORGE H. MELLEN, " 1882.	

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## SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

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ELISHA M. PHILLIPS, " 1882.

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JOHN O. MCKINSTRY, Term expires 1880.

WILLIAM EDWARDS, " 1880.

STEPHEN P. IRWIN, JR., Term expires 1881.

A. J. BARTHOLOMEW, " 1881.

LUTHER S. AMMIDOWN, Term expires 1882.

EDWIN BACON, " 1882.

## FENCE VIEWERS:

WILLIAM H. H. CHENEY, JAMES BROWN, SOLOMON THAYER.

## SURVEYORS OF LUMBER:

LUTHER D. CLEMENCE, HENRY HYDE, JOSEPH S. SPENCER,

VICTOR W. LAMOUREUX, DANFORTH DOUTY.

## FIELD DRIVERS:

MATTHEW McVEY, District No. 1. | HERBERT DRESSER, District No. 4.

E. E. CHASE, " " 2. | HENRY SCARBOROUGH, " " 5.

BENJAMIN W. PATON, " " 3. | JAMES LYON, " " 6.

SANDERS CLARK, District No. 7.

## FIRE ENGINEERS:

PLINY M. CLARKE, CHIEF.

WILLIAM C. BARNES, 1st Assist. PAUL J. WHELAN, 2nd Assist.

## COLLECTOR OF TAXES:

SOLOMON THAYER.

## HIGHWAY SURVEYOR:

CHARLES W. WELD.

## CONSTABLES:

JOSEPH M. OLNEY, FRANK E. PARKER, PAUL N. LeCLAIR,

DENNIS RYAN, GEORGE H. THAYER.

## POLICE OFFICERS:

CHARLES E. SAMMONS, FREDERIC C. SPRAGUE, LINUS C. ALBEE,

JOSEPH S. BARTLETT, ALPHEUS S. BUELL, CALVIN CLAFLIN,

GEORGE LAMOUREUX, MICHAEL MAHONEY, SAM. F. FREEMAN,

MARCUS DILLABER, EDWIN O. GILLMORE.

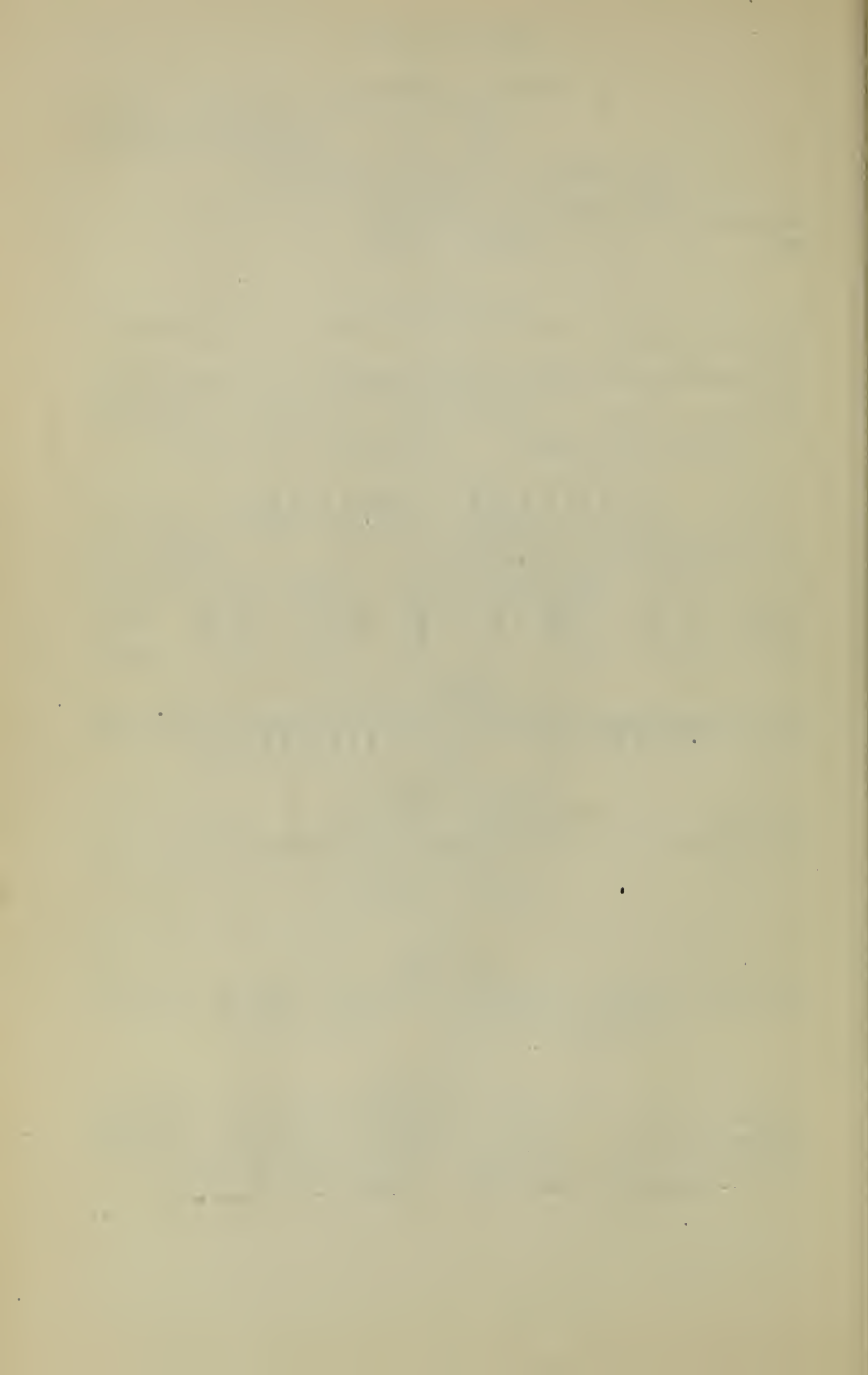
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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
AUDITORS  
OF THE  
TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE.

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# REPORT.

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The Auditors of Southbridge present the Annual Report of the financial transactions of the town for the year ending March 1, 1880.

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## THE ACCOUNT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

As presented by him, is herewith submitted, having been examined and found correct.

F. L. CHAPIN, *Treasurer*, in account with the Town of Southbridge, for the year ending February 29, 1880.

### RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury March 1, 1880 .....	\$5,665	95
Due from L. Morton, Collector .....	39	00
Due from T. Potter, Collector .....	122	35
Due from C. E. Cady, Collector.....	1,650	79
Due from S. Thayer, Collector.....	351	35
State tax .....	\$875	00
County tax .....	2,854	07
Bank tax and overlayings .....	1,453	55
Center watch district and overlayings .....	703	73
Overlayings on taxes.....	134	41
Common schools.....	5,660	00
Discount on taxes.....	3,000	00
Highways .....	2,515	00
Outside poor... ..	2,500	00

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Amounts carried forward... .. \$19,695 76 \$7,829 44

Amounts brought forward.....	\$19,695 76	\$7,829 44
Engine men .....	2,240 00	
High school .....	1,650 00	
Interest .....	1,500 00	
Salaries .....	1,400 00	
Public library .....	1,000 00	
Support of poor .....	1,000 00	
South street .....	1,000 00	
Payment of debts .....	900 00	
Fire department .....	800 00	
Marcy street sidewalk .....	700 00	
Street lights .....	600 00	
Main and Pleasant street sidewalks .....	550 00	
Contingent account schools .....	500 00	
Cemetery improvements .....	500 00	
North Main street sidewalk .....	300 00	
Sayles street .....	300 00	
Printing .....	250 00	
Bridges .....	200 00	
Contingent expenses .....	200 00	
Mill street sidewalk .....	200 00	
Police station contingent .....	175 00	
Cemetery plans .....	50 00	
Decoration day .....	50 00	
Insurance .....	25 00	
		<hr/> \$35,785 76
State Treasurer, bank tax .....		1,065 98
Corporation tax .....		976 34
State aid .....		280 00
Income Massachusetts school fund .....		262 80
Discount on bank tax .....		145 35
Collecting and assessing bank tax .....		13 08
Pauper account .....		12 55
Error in bank tax .....		11 57
County Treasurer, dog fund .....		291 85
Sidewalk assessment .....		1,224 24
Liquor licenses .....		500 00
Cemetery fund .....		411 00
Center watch district .....		400 00
Estate Lucian Green .....		214 05
C. A. Paige, account M. O'Brien .....		93 00
Labor, teams and men .....		78 32
		<hr/> \$49,595 33
Amount carried forward .....		\$49,595 33



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Amount brought forward .....	\$49,595 33
Public library, books, cards, fines, &c .....	77 04
Produce sold .....	58 56
Henry Fisk, toward support of Lydia Fisk .....	39 00
Police station fees .....	23 00
Gravel sold .....	20 75
Use of town hall .....	20 00
Licenses .....	19 00
Oxford, account E. Ellis .....	13 71
Naptha and barrels sold .....	12 99
Stove sold .....	5 00
Clement Begin, account John Parker .....	5 00
Dan Smith .....	4 01
Old brick sold .....	3 00
Manure sold .....	2 00
Plank sold .....	1 25
Old iron sold .....	50
Money borrowed in anticipation of taxes .....	11,000 00
Money borrowed for specific purposes .....	5,900 00
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	66,800 14

EXPENDITURES.

Common schools .....	7,905 62
South street .....	3,500 65
Discount on taxes .....	3,305 55
Outside poor .....	3,290 04
Highways .....	3,016 53
County tax .....	2,854 07
Engine men .....	2,240 00
Support of poor .....	1,732 41
Interest .....	1,716 16
Public library .....	1,619 73
High school .....	1,589 47
Edwards street .....	1,499 52
Bank tax .....	1,453 55
Salaries .....	1,364 11
Marcy street sidewalk .....	1,318 66
Center watch district .....	1,190 09
Street lights .....	1,134 05
Main and Pleasant streets sidewalk .....	971 81
State tax .....	875 00
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Amount carried forward .....	\$42,577 02

Amount brought forward.....	\$42,577 02
Fire department.....	721 83
Globe Main street sidewalk.....	675 03
Contingent account schools, &c.....	636 35
Contingent expenses.....	634 66
Sayles street.....	507 91
Cemetery improvements.....	503 76
Sidewalks.....	456 48
Abatement of taxes.....	406 25
State aid.....	298 00
Printing.....	247 47
Police station, contingent.....	223 27
Cemetery plan.....	200 00
Bridges.....	198 53
Mechanics street sidewalk.....	137 96
Mill street sidewalk.....	129 56
State Treasurer, licenses.....	125 00
Insurance.....	105 92
Railing highways.....	86 47
Decoration day.....	58 86
School apparatus.....	51 56
Crane street sidewalk.....	21 13
Note to William A. Marcy, dated April 15, 1875.....	5,000 00
Money borrowed in anticipation of taxes.....	11,000 00
Due from Charles E. Cady, Collector.....	255 79
Due from Solomon Thayer, Collector.....	1,510 83
Cash on hand.....	30 50
	<u>1,797 12</u>
	\$66,800 14

## NOTES OUTSTANDING FEBRUARY 29, 1880.

Date of Notes.	To whom given.	Amounts.	Payable	Rate of interest.
April 15, 1875	John Marcy.....	\$5,000	1880	6 percent.
Aug. 8, 1876	Luey H. Stowe.....	5,000	1881	5 "
Sept. 17, 1877	Brown, Riley & Co.....	5,000	1882	5 "
Sept. 17, 1877	Brown, Riley & Co.....	5,000	1883	5 "
July 21, 1879	Southbridge Savings Bank	2,500	Demand	4 "
Dec'r 9, 1879	Southbridge Savings Bank	2,000	Demand	5 "
Feb. 27, 1880	Southbridge Savings Bank	1,400	Demand	4 "
		<u>\$25,900</u>		



# INSURANCE

*on town property with date of expiration of policies.*

Amount insured.	Property insured.	When expiring.
\$3,000.	Books, &c., library.....	July 1, 1880
1,000.	Books, &c., library.....	July 1, 1880
600.	School house, Hooker district.....	April 1, 1880
2,500.	Town house.....	May 1, 1881
600.	School house, Bacon district....	June 1, 1881
1,600.	School house, Elm street.....	Sept. 1, 1881
2,200.	School house, Sandersdale.....	Dec. 1, 1881
2,000.	School house, Main street.....	Jan. 1, 1882
1,500.	Town hall, Elm street.....	Feb. 1, 1882
600.	School house, Sumner district.....	April 1, 1882
2,500.	Library building.....	Nov. 1, 1882
2,000.	School house, Union street.....	Nov. 1, 1882
2,692.	Town farm buildings.....	Dec. 1, 1882
2,000.	School house, Main street.....	Jan. 1, 1883
2,500.	School house, School street.....	Nov. 1, 1883
1,200.	School house, River street.....	Nov. 1, 1883

There is no insurance on Police Station, or on either of the Engine Houses, Engines, Hose and Furniture, Town Clock or School house in Dennison District and Morris street School House.

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## VITAL STATISTICS

*Marriages, Births and Deaths in town from Jan. 1, 1879, to Jan. 1, 1880.*

Number of marriages.....	52
American, 14. French, 25. Irish, 13.	
Number of births.....	216
American Parentage, 39. French, 127. Irish, 37. German, 3. English, 6. Scotch, 3. Poland, 1.	
Number of deaths.....	87
Americans, 30. French, 26. Irish, 28. English, 2. German, 1.	

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Number of dogs licensed from April 1, 1879 to March 1, 1880..... 168  
 Males, 159. Females, 9.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY A. MORSE, *Town Clerk.*

# TOWN DISBURSMENTS IN DETAIL.

## SALARIES.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1879 . . . . .	\$169	35
Appropriation . . . . .	1400	00
State treasurer, collecting bank tax . . . . .	13	08
	\$1,582	43

### EXPENDITURES.

A. H. Wheeler to April 1, 1879 . . . . .	14	00
S. K. Edwards " " " . . . . .	58	00
Salary of selectmen 1 year from April 1, 1879 to April 1, 1880 .. . . .	200	00
	\$272	00
Salary of Overseers of Poor 1 year from April 1, 1879 to April 1, 1880 . . . . .	200	00
L. S. Ammidown, services as Assessor . . . . .	27	50
C. W. Weld " " " " . . . . .	45	62
Augustus Cook " " " " . . . . .	96	49
	169	61
B. V. Stevenson, services as school com- mittee . . . . .	170	00
Making report 1878 and 1879 . . . . .	20	00
	190	00
E. M. Phillips, services as school committee . . . . .	97	50
J. M. Ammidown " " " " . . . . .	117	50
	405	00
F. L. Chapin, treasurer . . . . .	100	00
Henry A. Morse, for recording births deaths and marriages . . . . .	126	50
Gleason and Cochran, making town re- ports 1879 . . . . .	25	00
Auditing for March and April . . . . .	3	00
	28	00
Amounts carried forward . . . . .	\$28	00
	\$1,273	11

Amounts brought forward . . . . .	\$28 00	\$1,273 11
C. W. Johnson services as auditor to March 1..	25 00	
W. D. Morse, " " " " ..	22 00	
P. W. Duffy, " " " " ..	16 00	
	<hr/>	91 00
		<hr/> 1,364 11
Balance to credit of this account . . . . .		218 32
Order to C. E. Cady, tax collector, outstanding . . . . .		\$150 00

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## PRINTING.

### RECEIPTS.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$250 00
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### EXPENDITURES.

Geo. M. Whitaker, printing town reports	\$159 80	
adv. warrants, printing blanks,		
&c . . . . .	80 00	
	<hr/>	239 80
W. W. Corbin, bill of printing . . . . .		4 00
M. R. Warren, license blanks . . . . .		3 67
		<hr/> \$247 47
Balance to credit this account March 1, 1880 . . . . .		\$2 53

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## INSURANCE.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1879 . . . . .	\$91 19
Appropriation . . . . .	25 00
	<hr/> 116 19

### EXPENDITURES.

E. M. Phillips, insurance during the year . . . . .	105 92
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1880 . . . . .	<hr/> 10 27

## PUBLIC LIBRARY.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1879 .....	\$277 12
Appropriation .....	1000 00
Appropriation for printing .....	100 00
Dog fund, 1879 .....	323 25
Catalogues, fines, &c. ....	77 04
	<hr/> \$1,777 41

## EXPENDITURES.

Lee & Shepard, books.....	418 62
Manning Leonard, books.....	20 45
	<hr/> \$439 07
Manning Leonard, papers.....	57 20
Daily Advertiser.....	9 75
Library Journal, 2 years.....	10 00
Library Journal, book registry.....	1 25
Munn & Co., Scientific American.....	10 00
	<hr/> \$88 20
Mudge & Son, printing catalogues.....	117 00
A. J. Comins, writing catalogues .....	40 00
	<hr/> \$157 00
Am. library ass'n, supplies.....	29 27
P. M. Clarke, painting .....	30 09
F. D. Morse & Son, binding.....	40 70
A. J. Comins express and incidentals.....	60 20
Mutual Gas Light Co., for the year..	123 09
order outstanding Mch 1, '79	10 35
	<hr/> \$133 44
Carpenter, Irwin & Co., coal.....	31 01
Wm. Edwards' Sons, coal.....	7 00
W. P. Plympton, wood.....	3 75
	<hr/> \$41 76
	<hr/> \$335 46
A. J. Comins, services as librarian.....	\$600 00
	<hr/> \$1,619 73
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1880.....	\$157 68

## HIGHWAYS.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1879.....	\$10 45	
Appropriation.....	3,015 00	
		<u>\$3,025 45</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

J. J. Oakes, men, gravel, &c.....	66 78	
Jas. H. Mason, self, man and team.....	108 15	
for gravel.....	131 80	
		<u>239 95</u>
C. W. Weld, labor per contract .....	1,375 00	
self, men and team on West-		
ville road.....	45 02	
self, men and team labor on		
culverts and breaking roads	27 05	
		<u>1,447 07</u>
A. H. Wheeler, men breaking out roads..	23 62	
men on roads.....	15 25	
men and teams on New Village		
culvert.....	67 94	
		<u>106 81</u>
Horace Walker, self, men and team.....	42 31	
Wm. Edwards' Sons, men and teams .....	95 07	
S. K. Edwards, men and teams.....	3 19	
Joseph Williams, sundries .....	10 59	
Geo. S. Stone, repairing tools, &c. ....	14 35	
Lamson & Woodbury, curbing and crossing... ..	26 26	
A. J. Bartholomew, drain under Marcy street....	30 00	
Hamilton Woolen Co., men and teams. ...	3 50	
for gravel . . . . .	52 00	
		<u>55 50</u>
Calvin Clafin, New Village sewer.....	36 90	
cess pool for do .....	32 20	
		<u>69 10</u>
Chas. M. Morse, widening highway near Lucien		
Lyon's.....	25 00	
Henry Walker, labor self, men and team.....	278 19	
P. H. Carpenter & Co., powder and fuse .....	4 95	
Daniel Whitford, men and team.....	19 65	
Andrew J. Clark, self, men and team.....	78 90	
		<u>\$2,613 67</u>
Amount carried forward .....	\$2,613 67	



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Amount brought forward.....	\$2,613 67	
Michael Farrel, cement and labor.....	4 64	
A. J. Plimpton, self, man and team.....	4 25	
Charles Rawson, labor on Breakneck road.	6 25	
H. Harwood, self, men, team and gravel do	77 50	
George Perry, labor do	11 25	
Hiram B. Streeter, men and team do	24 40	
Wheelock & Marcy, gravel do	4 20	
Lyman Chamberlain, gravel do	4 80	
	<hr/>	128 40
John E. Sayles, self, man and team.....	13 13	
L. A. Lyon, self....	25 00	
Lucian Lyon, labor per contract.....	2 50	
Willis Morse, labor.....	2 00	
F. L. Chapin, men and team .....	14 10	
Hiram Morse, man and team....	12 20	
Nelson Vinton, labor per contract.....	12 00	
Dwight Marsh, labor ....	33 24	
C. Whiting, labor.....	1 75	
A. Marcelle, repairing tools.....	3 45	
Morse Bros., one lantern .....	1 28	
Cummings & Conant, bolts, plow point.....	1 20	
Lyman Chamberlain, labor and gravel.....	3 05	
Jas. Lyon, self, man and team.....	17 87	
Chauncey Brown, self, man and team on Lebanon hill .....	57 00	
Jos. Longsway, self, man and team.....	9 00	
Andrew J. Clark, self, man and team ....	13 65	
Amasa Haskell, labor per contract.....	15 00	
C. L. Sprague, labor of self and man..	11 40	
Mansfield culvert.....	14 75	
L. W. Curtis, order outstanding March 1, 1879....	2 00	
	<hr/>	3,016 53
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1880.....		\$8 92

EDWARDS STREET.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation ..... \$1,500 00

## EXPENDITURES.

William Edwards' Sons, contract for building . . . .	\$667 00	
Pay of men . . . . .	16 33	
Stephen K. Edwards, land damages as awarded by County Commissioners . . . . .	300 00	
George H. Hartwell, land damages as awarded by County Commissioners . . . . .	125 00	
Lamson & Woodbury, 250 ft. curbing stone, at 48 cents . . . . .	120 00	
62 feet curbing . . . . .	29 76	
5 corners, at \$2.25 . . . . .	11 25	
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Stone & Hiscox, 300 ft. curbing, at 48 cents. 144 00		
50 feet flag stone, at 16 cents . . . . .	8 00	
	<hr/>	152 00
George L. Winter, 74 feet drain pipe . . . . .	26 64	
1 drain pipe bend . . . . .	1 60	
	<hr/>	28 24
S. Thayer, serving Commissioners' notices . . . . .	11 10	
Charles W. Weld, self and men laying drain . . . . .	9 84	
William Edwards, paving stone . . . . .	29 00	
	<hr/>	1,499 52
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1880 . . . . .		<hr/> <hr/> 48

## SAYLES STREET REPAIRS.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$500 00	
For gravel sold . . . . .	20 75	
	<hr/>	\$520 75

## EXPENDITURES.

Charles W. Weld, self, men and teams . . . . .	426 29	
P. H. Carpenter & Co., powder and fuse . . . . .	13 65	
Duffy & Lewis, tools . . . . .	2 25	
Dwight Chamberlain, repairing steps, &c. . . . .	17 30	
Frank Ryan, repairing drills and picks . . . . .	48 42	
	<hr/>	507 91
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1880 . . . . .		<hr/> <hr/> \$12 84

## SOUTH STREET.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$3,500 00	
James A. King, labor . . . . .	2 50	
H. D. West, labor . . . . .	62	
	<u>          </u>	\$3,503 12

## EXPENDITURES.

James J. Oakes, men and teams . . . . .	2,771 20	
George K. Dresser, lime and cement . . . . .	11 08	
Men and teams . . . . .	39 20	
	<u>          </u>	50 28
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber . . . . .	32 61	
J. M. Clemence, land damages as awarded by County Commissioners . . . . .	250 00	
Ruth C. Thompson, land damages as awarded by County Commissioners . . . . .	10 00	
George S. Stone, repairing tools, &c . . . . .	17 88	
George L. Winter, drain pipe, &c . . . . .	4 11	
William Edwards' Sons, lumber . . . . .	19 07	
P. H. Carpenter & Co., powder and fuse . . . . .	46 07	
Drain pipe . . . . .	5 46	
	<u>          </u>	51 53
Napoleon Bertheaume, drill steel . . . . .	3 96	
A. A. Butterworth, labor and material . . . . .	20 97	
Isaac Clark, repairing tools . . . . .	16 48	
Joseph Williams, tools . . . . .	22 91	
Cummings & Conant, tools . . . . .	10 00	
Pliny M. Clarke, painting steps . . . . .	4 64	
George Whitford, laying brick, and lime . . . . .	10 50	
A. Belford, labor on fences . . . . .	15 00	
George A. Dresser, 22 days' labor . . . . .	66 00	
P. Welch, turfing . . . . .	10 00	
Leonard Cutler, work and material . . . . .	36 47	
Southbridge Brick company, 2000 brick . . . . .	14 00	
Calvin Clafin, work on sewer . . . . .	7 12	
William Griffin, concreting . . . . .	29 42	
Frank Parson, surveying and drafting . . . . .	26 50	
	<u>          </u>	3,500 65

Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1880 . . . . . 2 47

## BRIDGES.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$200 00	
Old plank sold . . . . .	1 25	
	<hr/>	\$201 25

## EXPENDITURES.

Balance against this at March 1879 . . . . .	64	
J. S. Gleason, tarred paper . . . . .	1 70	
Wm. Edwards' Sons, plank . . . . .	48 00	
E. M. Horton, plank . . . . .	26 52	
Duffy & Lewis, nails . . . . .	2 72	
A. H. Wheeler, labor of men . . . . .	13 50	
David Larges, drawing plank . . . . .	4 00	
Geo. L. Winter, nails . . . . .	5 20	
H. H. Bixby, plank . . . . .	24 08	
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, plank and timber . . . . .	40 44	
P. M. Clark, paint . . . . .	1 65	
Alex Boyer, labor of self and men . . . . .	27 25	
Jos. Williams, spikes . . . . .	3 47	
	<hr/>	199 17
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1880 . . . . .		\$2 08

## SIDEWALKS.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1879 . . . . .	\$106 33	
Transferred balance from Pine street . . . . .	68 25	
Transferred Hamilton street reservoir . . . . .	39 10	
C. S. Edmonds . . . . .	23	
Chapin street . . . . .	13	
Wm. Edwards . . . . .	3 00	
H. D. West, curbing . . . . .	11 90	
Assessments . . . . .	315 77	
	<hr/>	\$544 71

EXPENDITURES.

Wm. Edwards' Sons, men and teams . . . . .	\$97 48	
plank and joists . . . . .	67 35	
	— — — — —	\$164 83
J. J. Oakes, men and teams . . . . .		5 01
Duffy & Lewis, for nails . . . . .		7 44
L. Cutler, labor and lumber . . . . .		5 48
Wm. Griffin, laying concrete . . . . .		114 99
Daniel Whitford, man and team . . . . .		5 25
Geo. K. Dresser, self and man . . . . .		5 88
Chapin and Bartholomew, drawing gravel . . . . .		12 00
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber . . . . .		8 99
Verney Fisk, labor . . . . .		1 00
Joseph Williams, sand . . . . .		8 50
Geo. L. Winter, picks, &c. . . . .		2 70
Dwight Chamberlain, labor and lumber . . . . .		15 35
L. Phelps, 7 1-4 feet curbing . . . . .		3 26
A. H. Wheeler, men and team . . . . .		13 00
Chas. M. Morse, one drag . . . . .		5 00
S. Dresser, 2m brick . . . . .		14 00
Alfred Belford, labor . . . . .		21 00
Chas. Hyde & Co., plank . . . . .		23 13
M. Farrell, labor laying walk . . . . .		19 67
		—————
		\$456 48
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1880 . . . . .		\$88 23

MARCY STREET SIDEWALK.

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1879 . . . . .	\$100 00	
Appropriation . . . . .	700 00	
Labor . . . . .	60 58	
Assessment . . . . .	138 06	
	—————	\$998 64

EXPENDITURES.

William Edwards' Sons, men and teams . . . . .	\$560 19	
For 1480 feet plank . . . . .	23 68	
	—————	\$583 87
Amount carried forward . . . . .		\$583 87

Amount brought forward.....	\$538 87	
Lamson & Woodbury, for curbing .....	159 77	
Daniel Whitford, man and team .....	25 55	
William Edwards, paving stone.....	14 00	
William Griffin, 529½ yards concrete, at 34 cents..	180 08	
H. D. West, damage from blasting.....	2 00	
George S. Stone, repairing tools. ....	6 20	
Francis L. Chapin, man and team.....	23 70	
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber.....	2 50	
James F. Parker, man and team .....	19 25	
George K. Dresser, man and team.....	30 00	
E. Merrit Cole, curbing and flag stone.....	61 05	
James J. Oakes, flag stone .....	3 45	
Libya M. Litchfield, man and team .....	42 00	
Joseph Williams, for tools.....	10 31	
Samuel Williams, 150 feet curbing.....	72 00	
Edwin Bacon, drawing stone .....	1 00	
P. H. Carpenter & Co., powder and fuse.....	3 40	
Cummings & Conant, curbing and corners .....	97 78	
	<u>1,337 91</u>	
Order outstanding .....	19 25	
		<u>1,318 66</u>
Balance against this account March 1, 1880.....	\$320 02	

### MAIN STREET SIDEWALK.

[from Pleasant street to O. N. Upham's]

#### RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1879.....	\$20 50	
Appropriation .....	300 00	
Assessments.....	296 85	
		<u>\$617 35</u>

#### EXPENDITURES.

Lamson and Woodbury, 100 ft. flagging.....	16 00	
L. M. Litchfield, man and team.....	59 38	
Griffin Bro's., laying concrete.....	213 50	
A. H. Wheeler, labor of men and team ...	291 31	
Duffy & Lewis, tools.....	5 49	
Chas. Hyde, lumber.....	3 10	
Frank Parson, surveying....	3 50	
Geo. A. and G. K. Dresser, men and teams.....	82 75	
		<u>675 03</u>
Balance against this account March 1, 1880.....	\$57 68	

## MAIN AND PLEASANT STREET SIDEWALKS.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriation .....	\$550 00	
Labor and stone .....	14 62	
Assessments.....	328 59	
	<u>          </u>	\$893 21

## EXPENDITURES.

A. H. Wheeler, pay roll .....	277 78	
L. W. Curtis, stone and gravel .....	47 04	
Michael Farrell, men and cement.....	14 29	
Griffin Bro.'s, 450 yds. concrete, 34c.....	153 00	
85 do driveway, 75c.....	63 75	
	<u>          </u>	216 75
Dwight Chamberlain, making steps .....	7 65	
L. M. Litchfield, for teams.....	53 15	
Lamson & Woodbury, 450 ft. curbing.....	216 00	
185 ft flag, 46c.....	29 60	
Sewer stone and flagging.....	34 55	
	<u>          </u>	280 15
Geo. A. and Geo. K. Dresser, men and team.....	75 00	
	<u>          </u>	971 81
		<u>          </u>
Balance against this account March 1, 1880 .....		\$78 60

## MILL STREET SIDEWALK.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriation .....	\$200 00	
Assessments.....	58 66	
	<u>          </u>	\$258 66

## EXPENDITURES.

Calvin Claffin, laying concrete.....	\$35 00	
Hamilton Woolen Co., men, team, gravel, lumber.	42 24	
Lamson & Woodbury, 109 ft. curbing.....	52 32	
	<u>          </u>	129 56
		<u>          </u>
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1880.....		129 10

## SIDEWALK ASSESSMENTS DUE.

Main and Mechanic street sidewalk, Chas. Hyde & Co.....	\$95 27	
N. Y. & N. E. R. R. Co .....	49 41	
		\$144 68
River street sidewalk, Judson McIntire .....		37 80
Marcy Street, Heirs of Liberty Litchfield .....	122 07	
John Marcy .....	291 49	
		413 56
Main street, Otis Upham.....		73 25
Chapin street, Geo. W. Corey.....	26 27	
E. M. Phillips .....	93 03	
		119 30
Total .....		\$788 59

## STREET LIGHTS.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1879 .....	\$562 13	
Appropriation .....	600 00	
For old barrels sold .....	12 99	
		\$1,175 12

## EXPENDITURES.

Mutual Gaslight company .....	429 31	
U. S. Street-lighting Co., care of 66 lamps 5 months	275 84	
Thomas Mansfield, care of 13 lamps 9 months .....	46 04	
Marcus Dillaber, care 37 lamps 7½ months. 121 88		
Storing naphtha and labor.....	9 00	
		130 88
Enos Avey, care of 49 lamps .....	171 00	
Labor on lamps.....	3 50	
		174 50
Pliny M. Clark, setting glass .....	6 40	
Lewis O. Thompson, storing naphtha .....	9 00	
Ellis & Cook, matches, &c .....	5 45	
James T. McKinstry, setting glass .....	4 55	
J. & W. Booth, setting glass and painting .....	13 62	
N. Y. & N. E. R. R., freight on naphtha .....	4 20	
Samuel Walker & Co., for naphtha .....	23 31	
Amount carried forward.. .....	\$1,123 10	



Amount brought forward.....	\$1,123 10	
Henry D. Edwards, trucking .....	3 00	
Isaac Clark, repairing lanterns.....	70	
J. P. Carey, storing lamps while painting.....	4 00	
Frank Ryan, repairing lanterns.....	1 00	
Benjamin W. Paton, corks .....	25	
Duffy & Lewis, repairing lanterns .....	50	
James J. Oakes, carting naphtha .....	1 50	
		<u>\$1,134 05</u>
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1880 .....		\$41 07

## RAILING.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1879 .....	\$72 29
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## EXPENDITURES.

Alexander Boyer, labor .....	\$3 75	
Isaac Clark, labor and material ....	17 01	
William Edwards' Sons, fence lumber .....	4 98	
Stone & Hiscox; stone posts ....	20 00	
George A. Dresser, labor per contract .....	23 00	
Charles Hyde, lumber.....	15 73	
Mnason Morse, posts .....	2 00	
		<u>86 47</u>
Balance against this account March 1, 1880.....		\$14 18

## DECORATION DAY.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1879 .....	\$8 86	
Appropriation .....	50 00	
		<u>\$58 86</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

James F. Parker, for teams . . . . .	\$11 00	
James A. King, for flags . . . . .	1 75	
Band Nationale, for services . . . . .	25 00	
Drum corps, for services . . . . .	10 00	
William A. H. Grant, sundries. . . . .	11 11	
	<u>          </u>	\$58 86

## INTEREST.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1879 . . . . .	\$66 21	
Appropriation . . . . .	1,500 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$1,566 21

## EXPENDITURES.

William A. Marcy . . . . .	\$467 50	
Southbridge Savings Bank . . . . .	198 66	
Daniel Whitford. . . . .	250 00	
Francis L. Chapin, Treasurer. . . . .	800 00	
	<u>          </u>	1,716 16
Balance against this account March 1, 1880. . . . .		\$149 95

## POLICE STATION.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$175 00	
Lock-up fees . . . . .	23 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$198 00

## EXPENDITURES.

Balance March 1, 1879 . . . . .	44	
Mutual Gas-light Company. . . . .	18 57	
Lewis O. Thompson, care of lock-up. . . . .	116 00	
For labor. . . . .	2 50	
	<u>          </u>	118 50
James J. Oakes, wood and cutting. . . . .	37 79	
	<u>          </u>	\$175 30
Amount carried forward. . . . .		\$175 30

Amount brought forward.....	\$175 30	
David Blackmer, wood.....	2 75	
Alfred Marville, wood.....	4 82	
D. Whitford, wood.....	6 09	
E. P. Sheddon, wood.....	5 75	
J. M. Geer, cutting wood.....	1 50	
Geo. Whitford, labor and material.....	7 50	
A. H. Shepard, for sprinkling street .....	12 00	
P. M. Clark, painting.....	8 00	
		<u>223 71</u>
Balance against this account March 1, 1880....		\$25 71

## FEES DUE THE TOWN.

S. Thayer .....	\$10 00	
F. E. Parker.....	2 50	
Total.....		<u>12 50</u>

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1879.....	\$60 70	
Appropriation .....	800 00	
		<u>\$860 70</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

Order outstanding... ..		4 25
P. M. Clark, cash for sundry accounts....	\$33 09	
Curtains, and repairing engine house No. 2.....	14 30	
Painting and varnishing apparatus.....	21 50	
		<u>68 89</u>
Teams for fires and practices.		
Hamilton Woolen Co.....	37 00	
A. H. Shepard.....	40 50	
J. F. Parker.....	47 00	
Amounts carried forward.....	\$124 50	<u>73 14</u>

Amounts brought forward..	\$124 50	\$73 14
Ferry & Dimmick...	1 50	
Judson McIntire .....	8 50	
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		134 50
Frank Ryan for repairs .....		15 40
C. M. Clapp & Co., for rubber goods.....		66 21
Hunneman & Co., 2 gong bells.....	29 50	
Repairing hose and coupling...	42 46	
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		71 96
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Old hose sold.....	43 99	
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		27 97
Cole Bros., new bed for steamer .....	75 00	
New grate for steamer.....	6 00	
Labor and expense putting in same....	10 60	
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		91 60
J. Gates & Sons, 100 ft hose.....		90 00
L. Cutler, slating engine house.....	85 96	
Labor, self and man .....	8 90	
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		94 86
Sam'l Williams, chairs and repairs.....		4 75
Calvin Clafin, repairing High street reservoir.....		5 27
Allen Fire Department supply Co., sundries ....		14 90
Duffy & Lewis.....		3 92
Chas. Bosworth, link blocks....		5 00
John Curry, labor.....		1 00
Frank Cady, supplies.....		2 25
H. C. Cady, labor, self and man on bed plate....		15 00
B. W. Paton, sponge and chamois.....		1 80
Central Mills Co., waste.....		1 64
J. T. McKinstry, lead.....		45
Jos. Williams, labor, pipe, &c.....		26 50
E. S. Ellis, coal.....		42 67
J. F. Parker, refreshment for firemen.....		3 00
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		\$721 83
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Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1880....		\$138 87
J. W. Robinson, order outstanding.....		1 50

## PAY OF ENGINE MEN.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1880 . . . . .	\$24 00	
Appropriation . . . . .	2,240 00	
		<u>\$2,264 00</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

Tiger Engine company . . . . .	450 00	
Melville Engine company . . . . .	450 00	
Steamer No. 1 . . . . .	370 00	
Steamer No. 2 . . . . .	370 00	
Hook and Ladder No. 1 . . . . .	150 00	
Hook and Ladder No. 2 . . . . .	150 00	
Pliny M. Clarke, Chief Engineer . . . . .	100 00	
William C. Barnes, Assistant . . . . .	25 00	
Paul J. Whelan, Assistant . . . . .	25 00	
Franklin Cady, steward . . . . .	75 00	
Frank Douty, steward . . . . .	75 00	
		<u>2,240 00</u>
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1880 . . . . .	\$24 00	

## CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1879 . . . . .	\$208 58	
Appropriation . . . . .	400 00	
		<u>\$608 58</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

County Commissioners, costs in highway case . . . . .	20 35	
T. S. Wheelock, repairing watering tub . . . . .	2 50	
Eaton & Dixon, record books . . . . .	14 50	
William C. Barnes, record books . . . . .	3 30	
Cummings & Conant, tools for highway . . . . .	2 80	
Southbridge Brick company, 4000 bricks . . . . .	30 00	
A. H. Barrett, services at town hall . . . . .	10 00	
Calvin Clafin, repairing town house . . . . .	61 43	
		<u>\$144 88</u>
Amount carried forward . . . . .	\$144 88	

Amount brought forward.....	\$144 88	
Robert Herron, repairing town house fence.....	4 80	
Joseph Williams, tools for highway .....	17 51	
A. A. Butterworth, labor and material at town house.	18 16	
Liberty Reynolds, salary as sealer of weights and measures .....	10 00	
Pliny M. Clarke, setting glass .....	75	
Painting and lettering st. signs... ..	37 25	
	<hr/>	38 00
James T. McKinstry, painting street signs .....	2 20	
Samuel F. Freeman, conducting funerals... ..	11 00	
Samuel Williams, conducting funerals .....	18 00	
Amasa Haskell, conducting funerals .....	1 00	
	<hr/>	30 00
Edwin Bacon, returning deaths to the Town Clerk.	22 00	
Leonard Cutler, labor and lumber.....	3 38	
William Edwards' Sons, use of team for Selectmen.	35 85	
Stone & Hiscox, bound posts .....	8 00	
O. B. E. Chipman, repair'g damage done by blasting.	3 70	
Solomon Thayer, police duty 35 Sundays .....	35 00	
William Edwards, labor of man and team .....	2 12	
Geo. S. Stone, repairing Emerson Clark's carriage..	2 75	
A. J. Bartholomew, retainer for 1878 & 1879. 50 00		
Services in Geo. A. Dresser case.. ..	25 00	
Services in laying out streets and sidewalks .....	49 50	
	<hr/>	124 50
Marcus Dillaber, police duty .....	1 50	
Duffy & Lewis, repairing watering tub.....	50	
L. M. Dean, repairing hearse .....	26 75	
Mutual Gaslight company, gas for town hall.....	6 75	
Frank Parson, surveying, &c .....	8 00	
Albert H. Wheeler, for teams .. ..	2 25	
Perambulating town bounds... ..	2 45	
	<hr/>	4 70
James J. Oakes, perambulating town bounds, teams, stationery, stamps, &c.....	26 15	
Newton E. Putney, work on town clock....	8 85	
Winding town clock .....	30 00	
	<hr/>	38 85
J. M. Olney, serving warrants town meeting. 10 00		
Notices served.....	6 86	
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Amounts carried forward.....	\$16 86	616 05

Amounts brought forward..	\$16 86	\$616 05
J. M. Olney, 50 postal cards and printing .	1 75	
	-----	18 61
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		634 66
Order outstanding in favor of Lorenzo Morton		
March 1, 1880.....	50 00	
	-----	684 66
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Balance against this account March 1, 1880.....		\$26 08

## CONTINGENT SCHOOLS.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriation .....	\$500 00	
Old stove sold .....	5 00	
	-----	\$505 00

## EXPENDITURES.

Order outstanding March 1, 1879 .....	107 91
Balance against this account March 1, 1879.....	4 08
Balance due Morris street school-house.....	6 15
Leonard Cutler, labor and lumber .....	64 11
Samuel Williams, shades and fixtures .....	13 75
Joseph Williams, repairing stoves .....	4 95
R. W. Morse, labor on Sumner school-house yard ..	2 25
----- Trombley, taking census 1879.....	15 00
C. T. Carpenter, straps for blackboard.....	50
Cummings & Conant, repairs on roof and hooks, &c.	8 05
William C. Barnes, books and paper.....	52 09
Otis N. Upham, cleaning vault .....	1 00
Guy & Brothers, 1 dozen brooms.....	2 75
Bugbee & Wheeler, curtains and fixtures.....	1 67
James A. King, book, stationery and crayon.....	9 69
Charles D. Cruft, setting glass .....	1 25
George L. Winter, repairing stoves, and supplies...	9 65
Calvin Clafin, labor and material .....	21 35
Mrs. Coldrick, cleaning School-street school-house.	5 00
Duffy & Lewis, for supplies .....	13 89
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Amount carried forward ..	\$345 09

Amount brought forward.....	\$345 09	
Dwight Chamberlain, labor and lumber .....	25 80	
Pliny M. Clarke, painting and setting glass.....	37 91	
James T. McKinstry, painting .....	18 90	
Setting glass.....	24 30	
		43 20
Geo. M. Whitaker, printing schedules, &c .....	11 10	
New England School-furnishing Co., desks, charts, dusters, &c .....	147 13	
New York & New England railroad, freight....	6 37	
Leonard Cutler, labor setting desks, &c .....	17 98	
J. & W. Booth, repairing in school-houses .....	12 00	
		646 58
Balance against this account March 1, 1880 .....		\$141 58

## HIGH SCHOOL.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1879 .....	\$473 19	
Appropriation .....	1,650 00	
		\$2,123 19

## EXPENDITURES.

Orders outstanding March 1, 1879....	292 00	
George H. Mellen, services as teacher.....	920 00	
Frank Parson, services as teacher .....	336 00	
George B. Corey, care of room and cutting wood..	35 86	
James A. King, for paper .....	2 76	
Geo. M. Whitaker, printing monthly reports .....	2 25	
William C. Barnes, for book .....	60	
		1,389 47
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1880 .....		533 72
Orders outstanding March 1, 1880:		
To George H. Mellen .....	280 00	
To Frank Parson .....	144 00	
		424 00



## COMMON SCHOOLS.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1879.....	\$190 57	
Appropriation .....	5,660 00	
State treasurer....	858 18	
Bank and corporation tax.....	2,040 68	
		8,749 43

## EXPENDITURES.

Order outstanding March 1, 1879.....		\$44 65
Susie E. Morse, teaching, 36 weeks....	432 00	
Mary A. Pratt, " 34 "	272 00	
Susie E. Knight, " 34 "	306 00	
Maria Cutting, " 34 "	272 00	
Josie A. Rice, " 35 "	315 00	
Idella M. Brewster, " 38 "	331 00	
Jennie F. Litchfield, " 24 "	216 00	
Ida M. Douty, " 38 "	380 00	
Fannie B. Freeman, " 34 "	306 00	
Mary Remington, " 34 "	272 00	
Mary Newell, " 34 "	238 00	
V. T. Wetherell, " 35 "	315 00	
A. Rebecca Rowley, " 34 "	306 00	
Nellie Booth, " 23 "	161 00	
Flora B. Allen, " 26 "	234 00	
Lizzie Douty, " 34 "	272 00	
Mary A. Hopkins, " 32 "	265 00	
Mary Pellett, " 34 "	238 00	
Julia V. Harwood, " 36 "	432 00	
Frank Spooner, " 36 "	348 00	
Jennie McVey, " 34 "	272 00	
Nellie Vinton, " 11 "	77 00	
Clara C. Nichols, " 34 "	272 00	
E. Etta Whitford, " 34 "	272 00	
Nellie M. Walker, " 16 "	112 00	
Alice Holmes, " 34 "	238 00	
		7,154 00
F. L. Chapin, wood and sawing.....	78 83	
W. H. H. Cheney, wood .....	30 00	
Commings & Conant, wood.....	142 99	
		7,198 65
Amounts carried forward.....	\$251 82	7,198 65

Amounts brought forward..	\$251 82	\$7,198 65
J. Whipple, wood.....	7 50	
Horace Walker, wood.....	15 00	
C. M. Bates, wood .....	118 05	
	-----	392 37
Thos. Mansfield, sawing wood.....	7 53	
R. Bouteatte, sawing wood.....	1 87	
Lewis Morse, wood and sawing wood .....	17 40	
Samuel Bond, sawing wood.....	93	
— Hughes, sawing wood .....	1 20	
J. M. Geer, sawing wood.....	1 13	
C. Lawson, sawing wood .....	1 12	
Mrs. Kirwin, sawing wood....	3 13	
P. LaRochelle, sawing wood.....	10 31	
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, shavings .....	1 00	
	- ———	45 62
H. Walker, cleaning Hooker school house.	1 25	
John Flood, care of River-street do	60 00	
Geo. B. Corey, care of rooms and cutting wood....	74 13	
Marcus Dillaber, care New Village school house .....	16 00	
R. Bouteatte, care Plimpton-street school house.....	10 00	
E. M. Chamberlain, care Dennison school house .....	13 00	
S. F. Freeman, care Schol-street school house.....	16 00	
Grammar school house... ..	16 00	
	-----	32 00
Wm. Morse, care Bacon school house.....	10 00	
A. Cozzens, care Hooker school house ....	8 48	
L. W. Putney, care Sandersdale sch'l house	4 00	
Mrs. Coldrick, care River-street sch'l house	2 00	
Mary A. Hopkins, care of room .....	8 00	
Dana Perrin, care Dennison school house.	4 00	
Mary Remington, care Ammidown school house .....	4 00	
J. H. Ryan, care Union-street school house	8 00	
C. E. Frost, care Ammidown school house.	5 00	
Roger Hickey, care Plimpton-street school house ....	5 00	
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Amounts carried forward .	\$264 86	7,636 64

Amounts brought forward..	\$264 86	\$6,636 64
Roger Hickey, sawing wood.....	4 12	
		268 98
		<u>7,905 62</u>
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1880.....		\$843 81
Orders outstanding March 1, 1880:		
Flora B. Allen.....		72 00
J. S. Gleason.....		32 86
Horace Walker.....		22 50
Nellie West.....		4 00
		<u>\$131 36</u>

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### SCHOOL APPARATUS.

#### RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1879.....		\$102 18
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#### EXPENDITURES.

Ruth C. Thompson, 2 Vols. Zell's Cyclopeda.....	8 50
Frank Parson, drawing cards.....	10 06
A. J. Bartholomew, for use of transit and repairs of same, used by High school scholars	33 00
	<u>51 56</u>
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1880.....	\$50 62

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### STATE AID.

#### RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1879.....	\$598 31
State treasurer.....	280 00
	<u>\$878 31</u>

#### EXPENDITURES.

Transferred from this account for payment of debts	\$300 00
Julia Seymour, to March 1, 1880.....	56 00
Francis McGuire and wife.....	72 00
	<u>\$128 00</u>
Amount carried forward.	\$128 00

Amount brought forward	\$128 00	
Martin Maher and wife.....	78 00	
Thos. Weld and wife.....	84 00	
Patrick Gleason .....	8 00	
		298 00
		<u>598 00</u>
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1880.....		\$280 31

## CEMETERY IMPROVEMENT.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1880 .....	\$76 64	
Apropriation .....	500 00	
		<u>\$576 64</u>

### EXPENDITURES.

Edwin Bacon, labor of self, men and teams .....	\$454 95	
J. J. Oakes, labor of men paving gutter at entrance	4 38	
B. T. Wells, for tulip bulbs.....	26 35	
Geo. S. Stone, repairing tools .....	20	
New cart body.....	8 00	
		<u>8 20</u>
Cummings & Conant, for cord.....	40	
Putman & Davis.....	8 10	
L. Cutler, sign boards.....	1 38	
		<u>503 76</u>
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1880.....		\$72 88

## CEMETERY PLAN.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1879 .....	\$150 00	
Apropriation .....	50 00	
		<u>\$200 00</u>

### EXPENDITURES.

Buttrick & Wheeler, for plan.....	200 00
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## SUPPORT OF POOR.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriation .....	\$1,300 00	
Balance March 1, 1879 .....	345 34	
Oxford, account E. Ellis .....	13 71	
C. A. Paige, guardian to M. O'Brien .....	93 00	
Produce sold .....	58 56	
Cash from Daniel Smith .....	4 01	
Old iron sold .....	50	
Estate of Lucian Green .....	214 05	
	<hr/>	\$2,029 17

## EXPENDITURES.

C. B. Brainard and wife, services to Nov. 1, 1879..	270 83	
George F. Northup and wife, services from Nov. 1 to January 1.....	54 16	
George M. Whitaker, blank orders, envelopes and notices .....	10 75	
Geo. C. Shepard & Co., medicines... ..	5 95	
Cummings & Conant, hardware .....	11 25	
Carpenter, Irwin & Co., dry goods ....	89 46	
Guy & Brothers, groceries.....	66 33	
Olney & Lescault, groceries .....	76 10	
Morse Brothers, groceries ... ..	108 95	
P. H. Carpenter & Co., groceries.....	89 14	
Ellis & Cook, groceries.....	94 38	
Thomas Potter, fish ....	32 01	
C. D. Paige & Co., clothing, boots and shoes.....	77 75	
M. M. Marble & Co., meat .....	55 10	
Blanchard & Quevillon, dry goods .....	25 74	
George K. Dresser, for horse.....	125 00	
For lime ....	12	
	<hr/>	125 12
Daniel Morse, shoeing oxen and repairs .....	9 29	
Samuel Williams, coffins and robes.....	18 75	
For cradle .....	1 50	
	<hr/>	20 25
Edwin Bacon, appraising property at farm.....	4 00	
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Amount carried forward .....	\$1,226 56	

Amount brought forward.....	\$1,226 56
George A. Dresser, appraising property at farm...	2 00
Liberty Reynolds, appraising property at farm .....	2 00
One pass book .....	10
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	2 10
H. T. Hyde & Co., dry goods .....	10 80
John Comins, 1 harness.....	25 00
Repairing harness.....	1 50
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	26 50
Charles Potter, for pigs .....	21 00
Joseph Ouimette, cart body frame .....	2 50
Nelson Vinton, butchering.....	3 50
Charles T. Carpenter, repairing reins .....	15
Perry & Dimmick, teams to farm .....	4 50
Leonard Cutler, teams to farm .....	5 00
Geo. L. Winter, hardware.....	9 85
S. P. Irwin, Jr., teams to farm.....	3 00
expenses to Haverhill on Daniel Smith case.....	17 01
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	20 11
Robert Herron, repairing mowing machine.....	9 80
P. M. Clark, paint brushes, &c.....	3 03
J. A. King, books.....	2 25
Comstock, Perry, & Co., dry goods.....	23 15
J. J. Oakes, dry goods.....	9 00
G. G. Bulfinch, attending Daniel Smith.....	2 00
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber.....	1 56
L. W. Curtis, medical attendance at farm April 1, 1878 to April 1, 1879.....	70 00
Geo. S. Stone, repairs .....	5 50
Bugbee & Wheeler, dry goods.....	5 30
S. Thayer, services in Daniel Smith case.....	4 50
M. J. Supernant, meat.....	38 76
Hiram Morse, for pigs .....	12 00
Chipman & Armes, crackers.....	3 00
Chas. B. Cozzens, repairing pump.....	5 00
Jos. Williams, hardware.....	7 23
Judson McIntire, teams to farm .....	3 00
W. P. Plimpton, grain.....	9 53
Wm. Horton, fish.....	95
Presson West, labor haying .....	40 00
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Amount carried forward.....	\$1,590 13

Amount brought forward.....	\$1,590 13	
I. Badger, repairing shoes.....	4 28	
Jas. W. Davis, 1 pair oxen.....	138 00	
		\$1,732 41
		296 76
Depreciation of town property.....	131 63	
		\$165 13

List of paupers at town farm February 28, 1880:

Obadiah Sabin.....	aged 83
John Clark.....	aged 70
John Roan.....	aged 59
Thomas Powers.....	aged 63
Charles Congdon.....	aged 33
Wm. Sabin.....	aged 25
Richard Dwyer.....	aged 23
Calista Rich.....	aged 73
Margaret O'Brien.....	aged 64
Ellen Powers.....	aged 60
Bridget Foley.....	aged 59
Lucy Harding.....	aged 45
Ida Sabin.....	aged 25
Burt Sabin.....	aged 3 1-2
Maud Sabin.....	aged 1 1-2
Matthias Ryan.....	aged 80
Catherine Tynon.....	aged 64
Margaret Jennings.....	aged 41
Margaret Jennings.....	aged 5 months
Daniel Ryan.....	aged 57
Ann Ryan.....	aged 55

Number different paupers during the year.....	21
Average number.....	20

## OUTSIDE POOR.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1879 .....	\$51 23	
Appropriation .....	3,200 00	
State Treasurer. ....	12 55	
Henry Fiske, support of Lydia Fiske.....	39 00	
Clement Begin, account of John Parker.....	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,307 78

## EXPENDITURES.

Bills outstanding March 1, 1879 .....	139 55	
James J. Oakes, goods and moving various parties.	48 19	
J. S. Gleason, goods delivered to Jos. Reno.	38 00	
Goods for A. Martin .....	19 00	
Goods for A. Moots .....	2 00	
Goods for Patrick Congdon.....	35 00	
Goods for Mrs. Boldue .....	1 00	
	<hr/>	95 00
W. E. Alden & Co., goods for Pat. Gleason.	91 25	
Goods for D. Patino .....	63 00	
Goods for P. Larachial .....	120 00	
Goods for Mrs. Cross.....	107 85	
Goods for David Bassett.....	20 00	
	<hr/>	402 10
LeClair & Son, goods for John Reno.....	33 12	
Goods for Louis Lavallie.....	77 17	
Goods for A. Dionne.....	10 02	
Goods for A. Moots .....	56	
Goods for A. Hurbert ... ..	75	
Goods for L. St. Martin .....	5 63	
Goods for Joseph Luc.....	26 25	
Goods for D. Patino.....	2 00	
	<hr/>	155 50
Patrick Kelly, goods for James Bown ....	164 44	
Goods for Thomas Keefe.....	14 00	
Goods for Stephen Day .....	144 03	
Goods for Catherine Hickey ....	25 51	
Goods for Patrick Eagan .....	96 11	
Goods for Mrs. Foyle .....	16 00	
Goods for Michael Littleton ....	108 96	
Goods for Mrs. Douglas .....	35 00	
Goods for Mrs. Nolan.....	2 00	
	<hr/>	606 05
Amount carried forward ....		<hr/> \$1,446 39



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Amount brought forward.....	\$1,446 39	
P. H. Carpenter & Co., goods for Mrs. Peter Stone.	156 00	
Morse Bros., goods for L. Albee, soldier aid.	10 00	
Goods for Jule Terrio .....	12 00	
Goods for Henry Martin .....	6 00	
Goods for Peter Lamotte .....	3 00	
Goods for F. Scarboro.....	19 00	
Goods for H. Bassett....	3 00	
Goods for George Martin .	141 81	
Goods for Ed. Trombley.....	12 00	
	<hr/>	206 81
Ellis & Cook, goods delivered F. X. Cassi-		
vant .....	80 29	
Goods for Ritchie family .....	14 00	
Goods for Mrs. Hogan ..	6 00	
Goods for Louis Laravier.....	38 00	
Goods for F. Scarboro .....	35 63	
Goods for Mrs. William Hall....	37 47	
	<hr/>	211 39
Olney & Lescault, goods delivered Esther		
Clark ...	7 25	
Goods for Mrs. Leblase .....	77 00	
Goods for Mrs. Largess ...	87 00	
	<hr/>	171 25
Guy & Bros., goods delivered F. Scarboro.	3 25	
Goods for Mrs. Sbea .....	42 63	
	<hr/>	45 88
Geo. C. Shepard & Co., goods delivered Medi-		
cundel Rivers.....	6 10	
M. M. Marble & Co., goods deliv'd E. Rivers	15 00	
Goods for H. Rivers.....	12 00	
Goods for F. Scarboro.....	1 70	
Goods for Mrs. White.....	1 00	
	<hr/>	29 70
C. Begin, for board of Mrs. Keough.....	42 00	
Fare to Troy, Mrs. Marchenay..	5 00	
Board for Meagher girl. ....	11 00	
Rent of A. Deon.....	3 00	
Medicine for Moots child.....	80	
Team to funeral Moots child ...	1 00	
Rent for Mrs. Herber.....	16 00	
	<hr/>	78 80
Amount carried forward .....	\$2,363 32	

Amount brought forward.....		\$2,363 32
City of Fitchburg, support of Hunt family	48 65	
Rent L. McIntire.....	20 00	
	-----	68 65
L. O. Thompson, rations for tramps.....		9 50
Asylum for Chronic Insane, support Lydia Fisk..		167 66
S. Thayer & Son, goods delivered Alonzo		
Martin .....	8 00	
Goods for Chas. Newhall.....	6 00	
Goods for Mrs. Baldrick.....	1 00	
Goods for A. Moots .....	3 00	
	-----	18 00
T. S. Wheelock, rent for Mrs. Cross.....		50 00
Worcester Lunatic Asylum, support Cath-		
erine Tynan.....	192 98	
Daniel Smith.....	49 23	
	-----	242 21
C. D. Paige & Co., mdse. delv'd Rooney boy	11 93	
Mdse. delivered Murphy.....	1 68	
	-----	13 61
Geo. A. Dresser, rent for Mrs. Herber.....		22 10
J. M. Olney, for taking Mrs. Newhall to		
Insane hospital .....	18 00	
Taking Daniel Smith to Insane		
hospital .....	23 50	
	-----	41 50
Central Mills Co., rent & wood Paul Martin	19 49	
Wood for Nancy Hall.....	6 00	
	-----	25 49
Bugbee & Wheeler, mdse. deliv'd Leduc..	3 25	
Mdse. delivered Deon.....	10 71	
Mdse. delivered John Reno.....	3 00	
Mdse. delivered Jos. Reno.....	8 89	
Mdse. delivered C. Hickey.....	8 45	
Mdse. delivered Bulgic.....	1 50	
Mdse. delivered Green .....	6 04	
Mdse. delivered A. Martin.....	1 50	
Mdse. delivered Ryan.....	6 59	
Mdse. delivered Scarboro.....	4 45	
Mdse. delivered P. Benjamin...	2 36	
Mdse. delivered Jas. Brown....	10 66	
Mdse. delivered M. Littleton....	3 08	
Mdse. delivered Douglass... ..	1 25	
	-----	71 73
Amount carried forward .....		\$3,093 77

Amount brought forward.. .. .	\$3,093 77	
Alex. Bebo, sawing wood for Esther Clark.....	2 50	
Southbridge Coal Co., coal, L. Rivers .....	7 00	
G. G. Bulfinch, Esther Clark.... ..	2 00	
J. Brown.....	18 00	
	<hr/>	20 00
S. Dresser, rent, P. Tracy .....	10 50	
Carpenter, Irwin & Co., goods for Rooney boy....	1 74	
Alex. Bebo, digging grave .....	75	
Hamilton Woolen Co., rent, S. Day.....	6 51	
S. Williams, coffin for Martin child .....	3 75	
Coffin for Mrs. Stone.....	7 50	
	<hr/>	11 25
A. H. Shepard, moving F. Ritchie to Webster ...	4 00	
Town of Sturbridge, support of Mary A. Burns...	8 69	
Peter Dumas, rent, A. Deon.....	2 00	
L. W. Curtis, milk to Herber family.....	4 73	
Edward Riopel, moving Baldie family... ..	15 00	
Leon Cadotte, rent, L. Rivers.....	6 00	
Comstock, Perry & Co., boots, Scarboro.....	4 50	
E. S. Ellis, coal, Louis Laravier.....	3 75	
J. & W. Booth, coffin, J. Luc.....	8 00	
A Moots child.....	3 00	
Frank Patino.....	10 00	
	<hr/>	21 00
B. W. Paton, medicine by order Dr. Curtis.....	6 00	
Wm. Edwards' Sons, coal for Scarboro.....	5 75	
S. P. Irwin, Jr., p'd for sawing wood, Esther Clark	3 00	
C. M. Bates, wood for Esther Clark.....	8 43	
Daniel Whitford, wood for Mrs. Stone.....	3 60	
H. D. Edwards, wood for Nancy Hall.....	4 00	
S. K. Edwards, rent, Martin family .....	10 00	
G. H. Hartwell, medicine for Wm. Hall .....	70	
Mrs. Ann Lyon, board Mrs. Meagher.... ..	5 00	
Francis Rivers, wood for A. Donne .....	2 50	
Southbridge Brick Co., wood for Esther Clark ...	6 75	
Leon Cadotte, rent, Henry Rivers .....	6 00	
City of Springfield, board for R. E. Dwyer	4 50	
Tramp to Charlton .....	1 15	
	<hr/>	5 65
	<hr/>	\$3,280 04
Order overdrawn (the money was returned to treasurer since the account was closed) .....	27 74	
	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$17 74

Bills outstanding to this account March 1, 1880:

LeClair & Son.....	\$67 31	
Patrick Kelly.....	93 50	
W. E. Alden & Co.....	72 56	
Bugbee & Wheeler.....	85 70	
J. S. Gleason.....	260 50	
Olney & Lescault.....	30 00	
Guy & Bros.....	28 00	
Dresser Manufacturing Co.....	48 00	
		<u>\$685 57</u>

## RIVER STREET SIDEWALK.

### RECEIPTS.

Geo. A. Dresser assessment.....	\$74 18
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### EXPENDITURES.

Balance against this account March 1, 1879.....	23 14	
Order outstanding, Chas. Hyde & Co.....	21 13	
		<u>\$44 27</u>
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1880.....		\$29 91

# BILLS OUTSTANDING.

Salaries:

Charles E. Cady .....	\$150 00	
Elisha M. Phillips .....	130 00	
		\$280 00

Fire department:

Jesse W. Robinson .....		1 50
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Contingent account:

Lorenzo Morton .....	50 00	
James F. Parker .....	35 00	
		85 00

High school:

George H. Mellen .....	280 00	
Frank Parson .....	144 00	
		424 00

Common schools:

Flora B. Allen .....	72 00	
Julius S. Gleason .....	32 86	
Horace Walker .....	22 50	
Nellie West .....	4 00	
George H. Thayer .....	14 75	
Joseph M. Olney .....	5 75	
Morse Brothers .....	28 94	
		180 80

Sidewalk account:

Sylvester Dresser .....		1 35
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Cemetery account:

Samuel Williams .....		6 50
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Amount carried forward .....		<div style="border-top: 1px solid black; display: inline-block;">\$979 15</div> 12
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Amount brought forward.....		\$979 15
Outside poor:		
LeClair & Son.....	\$67 31	
Patrick Kelly.....	93 50	
W. E. Alden & Co.....	72 56	
Bugbee & Wheeler.....	85 70	
J. S. Gleason.....	260 50	
Olney & Lescault.....	30 00	
Guy & Bros.....	28 00	
Dresser Manufacturing Co.....	48 00	
	<hr/>	\$685 57
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		\$1,664 72

In addition to the above, and since it was in type, the selectmen have given the auditors the following outstanding claims and appended statements:

Highways:		
Henry Walker.....	\$185 71	
C. W. Weld.....	35 60	
Chas. Hyde & Co., teams .....	20 65	
	<hr/>	\$241 96
Sidewalk account:		
Stone & Hiscox.....	121 52	
Verney Fisk .....	35 00	
Lamson & Woodbury .....	20 96	
G. H. Hartwell.....	35 00	
	<hr/>	212 48
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		\$454 44

The item of \$121.52 is for curbing on Dresser street; \$91.56 has been paid by Mr. Chapin and credited to this account—see auditors' report. This leaves \$29.56 due from Mr. Fellows. The \$35.00 due Mr. Fisk is for setting the curb; the bill due Mr. Hartwell is for 82 loads of stone which are now under the plank walk opposite Catholic church.

The bill of \$185.71 is for work done in October and November in District No. 6, including the repairs near residence of Joe. Longsway; \$35.60 for extra work; \$20.65 for use of Chas. Hyde & Co.'s teams on Dresser street. There is also a bill of \$70.00 due F. L. Chapin, trustee, for gravel used on Dresser street and Marcy street sidewalks.

# VALUATIONS.

## VALUATION OF THE TOWN FOR 1879.

Value of real estate.....	\$2,031,434 00
Value of personal estate . . . . .	\$75,027 00
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Total, real and personal.....	2,906,461 00
Total number of polls . . . . .	1,410
Total tax for State, county and town . . . . .	33,494 07
Rate of taxation per \$1000 . . . . .	10 60

## VALUATION OF CENTER WATCH DISTRICT.

Value of real estate....	\$693,760 00
Value of personal estate . . . . .	311,574 00
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Total within limits of district.....	\$1,005,334 00
Amount raised by taxation.....	700 00
Rate of taxation per \$1000 . . . . .	70

## ABSTRACT OF INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT TOWN FARM.

Class 1. Live stock . . . . .	\$585 00
2. Hay and grain. . . . .	223 30
3. Carts, wagons, harness and other farming tools.....	249 00
4 Household furniture . . . . .	126 46
5. Beds and bedding . . . . .	100 00
6. Family supplies . . . . .	91 37
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	1,375 13
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Decrease from 1879 . . . . .	\$131 63

GEO. A. DRESSER,  
EDWIN BACON,  
LIBERTY REYNOLDS,  
*Appraisers.*

February 28, 1880.

# CASH RECEIVED

by the SELECTMEN for the year ending February 28, 1880, and paid  
into the town treasury.

Town of Oxford, support of E. Ellis . . . . .	\$13 71
Lewis O. Thompson, lock-up fees . . . . .	8 50
Ebenezer Edmonds, balance of sidewalk assessment . . . . .	23
Edwin B. Cummings, street cleaning . . . . .	2 00
Bryant's Minstrels, license . . . . .	2 00
Good Samaritans, use of town hall . . . . .	16 00
Coup's circus, license . . . . .	15 00
Ladies of Congregational society, use of town hall . . . . .	2 00
— Gleason, walking match license . . . . .	2 00
Joseph M. Olney, lock-up fees . . . . .	4 50
Solomon and George H. Thayer, lock-up fees . . . . .	7 50
Frank E. Parker, lock-up fees . . . . .	2 50
Charles S. Edmonds, labor on South street . . . . .	46 58
William Edwards, old bricks . . . . .	3 00
Daniel R. Perry, sidewalk assessment . . . . .	68 57
George A. Dresser, sidewalk assessment . . . . .	74 18
George H. Hartwell, sidewalk assessment . . . . .	147 48
George Whitford, sidewalk assessment . . . . .	40 70
Samuel Williams, sidewalk assessment . . . . .	99 66
William Butler, sidewalk assessment . . . . .	38 40
Hamilton Woolen company, sidewalk assessment . . . . .	253 91
William E. Alden, sidewalk assessment . . . . .	133 24
Albert McKinstry, sidewalk assessment . . . . .	57 25
Daniel F. Newell, sidewalk assessment . . . . .	166 53
Frederic Crosby's estate, assessment . . . . .	23 96
Samuel L. Morse, use of town hall . . . . .	2 00
James A. King, labor of man on South street . . . . .	2 50
S. Walker & Co., naphtha and barrels . . . . .	12 99
H. D. West, labor of man on South street . . . . .	62
H. D. West, curbing . . . . .	11 90
James J. Oakes, sidewalk material . . . . .	10 12
Stephen K. Edwards, sidewalk material . . . . .	7 70
Charles W. Weld, labor of man and team . . . . .	14 00
William E. Alden, old plank . . . . .	1 25
Francis L. Chapin, curbing . . . . .	85 80
John O. McKinstry, sidewalk labor . . . . .	4 50
Lucian W. Curtis, sidewalk labor and curbing . . . . .	14 62

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\$1,397 40



## APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES.

Accounts.	Appropriations and receipts.	Expenditures.	Unexpended.	Outstanding.	Deficiency paid and unpaid.	Appropriations recommended.
Bridges.....	\$201 25	\$199 17	\$2 08			\$200 00
Cemetery improvement .....	576 64	503 76	72 88			600 90
Cemetery plan .....	200 00	200 00				
Cemetery fund .....						
Contingent.....	608 58	634 66		50 00	\$76 08	5 0 60
Common schools.....	8,749 43	7,995 62	834 81	131 36		*5,400 00
Contingent schools .....	505 00	646 58	141 58			650 00
Decoration day .....	58 86	58 86				100 00
Engine men.....	2,264 00	2,240 00	24 00			2,216 00
Fire department.....	860 70	721 83	138 87	1 50		800 00
High school.....	2,123 19	1,589 47	533 72	424 00		1,700 00
Highways .....	3,025 45	3,016 53	8 92			3,500 00
Insurance .....	116 19	105 92	10 27			
Interest .....	1,566 21	1,716 16		149 95	149 95	1,700 00
Police station.....	198 00	223 71			25 71	175 00
Printing.....	250 00	247 47	2 53			250 00
Public library.....	1,777 41	1,619 73	157 68			1,300 00 and Doz fund
Railing highways.....	72 29	86 47			14 18	
Salaries .....	1,582 43	1,364 11	218 32	150 00		1,400 00
School apparatus .....	102 18	51 56	50 62			
Sidewalks .....	544 71	456 48	88 23			200 00
do Marcy street.....	998 64	1,337 91		19 25	320 02	
do Main st. fr. Pleasant	617 35	675 03			57 68	
do Main & Pleasant st.	893 21	971 91			78 60	
do Mill street.....	258 66	129 56	129 10			
State aid .....	878 31	598 00	280 31			
Street lights .....	1,175 12	1,134 05	41 07			1,400 00
Streets—Edwards.....	1,500 00	1,499 52	48			
do Sayles.....	520 75	507 91	12 84			
do South.....	3,503 12	3,500 65	2 47			
Support of poor.....	2,029 17	†1,864 04				1,500 00
Outside poor.....	3,307 78	3,280 04	17 74	685 57	667 83	3,500 00

† Including \$131.63 depreciation of town property at farm.

\*In addition to the Bank and Corporation Tax.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. MORSE,  
 CHAS. W. JOHNSON, } AUDITORS  
 P. W. DUFFY,

March 1, 1880.



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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
School Committee  
OF THE  
TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE.

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# REPORT.

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The School Committee are glad to report another year of prosperity in the schools of the town. The difficulties that have been spoken of from year to year have not disappeared from our school registers; yet in some schools there has been marked improvement. Irregularity in attendance is still one of the greatest obstacles in the way of the earnest teacher's work. We would that we could so impress every parent with the importance of the regular attendance of their children, that the registers of the coming year might show that the parents appreciate the importance of the suggestion, and thereby not only encourage the teachers and committee but secure for their children the education which it seems to us lies within their reach. Your committee would recommend a more intimate relation between parents and teachers in our schools. It is only as teachers are sustained by the sympathy and active help of parents that they can do the best school work. If the homes of the scholars are indifferent or unfriendly to the teacher all their efforts are crippled. While, on the other hand, if the teachers have friendly and mutually sympathetic relations with the parents their power in the school-room is increased many fold. Sometimes the failure to establish such relations as we have mentioned is the fault of the teachers, but wherever the fault lies the result is always disastrous. If there exists be-

tween parent and teacher indifference or suspicion, instead of friendship and confidence, then we may expect no good results from our schools. If both parties could realize that they are working for the same great end, there would perhaps be greater harmony between them. Every parent and every true teacher is earnestly laboring for the highest good of the children. The means necessary for attaining the result may be in dispute, but let us always be willing to accord to the teacher honesty of motive unless there be proof to the contrary. We wish to urge again the importance of visiting the school-room oftener. Get better acquainted with our school system, and with those who are trying to carry that system into effect. It is only by combined action on the part of all concerned that our schools can be brought up to that grade of excellence which they ought to occupy. Your committee invite inspection, both of method, instruction and of their practical application in the schools. We welcome candid criticism from whatever quarter it may come, but we continue to decry that spirit of captious fault-finding which is so prevalent in some quarters, and which only serves to make things worse instead of better.

Our constant aim is to give the boys and girls in our schools such instruction as will fit them to "act well their parts" in the great drama of life. That some mistakes have been made—that some are being made—we do not deny; but as far as in us lies we are striving to develop a system of public instruction which will raise the standard of future manhood and womanhood in our town. Our teachers are instructed to direct their efforts toward developing thought in the pupils. A mere knowledge of text-book language—a mere familiarity with facts—does not satisfy the demands of our method; our pupils must learn principles; they must learn to reason—to find out the why and wherefore of their work. To know simply that a thing is so does not satisfy the desire of any thorough student. Our aim is to supply him with the reason why. This is effected by our plan of oral instruction, which has been adopted in all of our schools for many years. This plan has met with large

success already, and with the increasing facility of our teachers we may still expect to reap greater advantages from it. We deprecate the fact that so small a percentage of our pupils reach the grammar and high schools. We are convinced that the parents who unnecessarily take their children from school before they complete the full course of study offered by the town, do them a great wrong. They are depriving them of that which more than anything else could make them honored and valuable citizens. Let parents take this into consideration and send their children more and more to fill the ranks of our higher schools. Especially would we be glad to welcome more children of foreign parentage to the higher grades. These schools are wholly unsectarian. Morality in its highest forms is inculcated, but no religious doctrines are allowed to intrude.

Arrangements have recently been made to give our schools greater privileges in the use of the public library. This we hail as a step in the right direction. All the educational institutions of our town should be in harmony. We cannot establish too close a relation between them. We in conclusion ask each citizen to give his earnest effort in making our school system a success. Poor schools will never raise the tone of intellect or of morality among us. Only good schools will do this. We heartily recommend to your continued patronage and support our system of public instruction.

During the past year a new intermediate school has been formed, and for want of room elsewhere it has been held in the town hall. The constant interruptions and the unsuitableness of the room make it necessary for us to ask the town to provide suitable rooms. Your committee would recommend the erection of a suitable building centrally located, say near the residence of J. J. Oakes, and then consolidate the grammar and intermediate schools in this building. This will relieve the schools in the center for many years, beside materially reducing the expenses of these grades. If it should be found that some of the buildings now occupied for schools would not be needed they could be disposed of very readily without any loss to the

town. It is hoped that the town will give this matter an early consideration. It is an encouraging feature that there is a demand for more schools of the higher grades. Heretofore the demand has been wholly for provisions for primary schools.



# SCHOOLS.

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## HIGH SCHOOL.

Never have the results of the high school been more satisfactory than the past year. The average of the monthly written examinations is very much higher than last year. We desire to speak in commendation of the efforts of teachers and scholars in bringing about so desirable a result. Thoroughness of instruction in every department is the prominent feature of this school. The pupils seem to have a practical knowledge of the text-book, and are able to give a full and clear explanation of it. We would also speak of the general deportment of the school as being excellent. It gives us great pleasure to recommend the teachers to the continued confidence of the patrons of this school.

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## GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

The same teachers have been in charge this year—Miss Julia V. Harwood in the School-street and Miss Susie E. Morse in the Main-street. These schools are more nearly of the same grade than they have been for many years. The teachers have labored faithfully to raise the standard in this important grade of schools. The closing examination was highly satisfactory, showing clearly that the aim had been to make the scholars understand what they had been over. The committee feel confident that the candidates for admission to the high

school will make a better record than any of former years, thus showing that these teachers are not satisfied with the past attainment of their classes, but are determined to elevate their schools from year to year.

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## INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

The Main-street intermediate has suffered from the change of teachers and the irregularity of attendance of the scholars. The Main-street grammar and this school show the greatest irregularity in this regard of any school in the town. Parents forget that it is wholly impossible for those who attend but part of the time to keep pace with those who remain in school during the entire session. Miss Iola M. Converse resigned at the close of last year, and a new teacher was employed to take charge of the school; but the system of teaching being entirely new not as good results have been realized as would have been could Miss Converse have been retained. Miss Ida Douty has taught two terms in the School-street intermediate with her usual success. The last nine weeks she has been teaching in the Main-street intermediate, and will no doubt bring this school up to the grade of the School-street intermediate. Miss Hopkins succeeded Miss Douty, and at the close of the school good results were shown from her efforts. The River-street intermediate was taught during the entire year by Mr. Frank Spooner. Mr. Spooner possesses a rare tact for imparting knowledge to his pupils. The only criticism the committee would make is that the school did not have the good order desirable; therefore much of the good instruction given was lost. The last term showed a decided improvement. The class at the town hall, under the direction of Miss Jennie F. Litchfield, made good progress. At the commencement of the school year this school will be given three classes and will be constituted an intermediate grade.

## PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

The Carpenter school has had the same teachers as last year—Miss Nellie Booth in No. 1 and Miss Jennie McVey in No. 2. Each of these schools have made good progress, and by continued effort will rank with other schools of same grade.

Main-street primary No. 1, taught by Mrs. Susie M. Knight, has fully sustained its reputation as a good school. The necessity of taking out from this school the first class during the middle of the school year made it more discouraging for the teacher, and yet we found at the close of the year that she had a class ready for promotion.

Miss Josie A. Rice, teacher in No. 2, has had the grade of her school somewhat lowered by retaining the intermediate class in her school. The success of the last two terms has been the result of great effort on the part of this earnest teacher.

Elm-street No. 1.—Miss Mary Pellett has brought this school to occupy a good position as compared with other schools of this grade. In some recitations her pupils excelled. All were satisfactory to the committee. No. 2, taught by Miss Mary Pratt. The order in her school is always attractive. She has a very quiet way of securing it. There is no doubt but this school will take a position with the other two primaries. Miss Pratt has resigned, to take charge of a school where she gets better pay. It is to be regretted that we are not able to retain her services longer.

Union-street No. 1—taught by Miss Maria Cutting, has made good progress. This school is one of our largest primaries, and Miss Cutting succeeds admirably in this school. No. 2, taught by Miss Jennie Freeman, is a good school. The committee were pleased with the order and general interest manifested by the pupils in the exercises at the closing examination.

River-street primary No. 1—Miss Mary Newell, teacher. Miss Newell fully sustains the anticipation of the committee in their report of the school last year. No. 2, Miss Lizzie

Douty, teacher. Miss Douty is a good, faithful teacher. No. 3, in charge of Miss Flora B. Allen, has made good progress.

Plimpton-street primary is still taught by Miss Alice Holmes. This school has made commendable advancement.

School-street No. 1, taught by Miss Etta Whitford. Miss Whitford has a very easy way of maintaining good order and has the respect of her pupils. No. 2—It seemed to the committee that Miss Rowley had labored faithfully, and as a reward may have the satisfaction of knowing that her school ranks the highest of any of that grade in town.

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## MIXED SCHOOLS.

Bacon—taught by Miss Nellie Walker. This school was continued only two terms, fall and winter. This we do to accommodate the farmers, whose children attend only during the winter months.

Amidown.—This school, under the direction of Miss Mary Remington, has attained a good standing. No school in town has so good a register. The scholars are very regular in attendance and seem delighted to do all in their power to assist in making the school a success.

Sumner.—Miss Mary A. Hopkins has taught two terms in this school and Miss Idella M. Brewster the last term. This school is doing well.

Dennison.—Mr. V. T. Wetherell still continues as teacher in this school. Mr. Wetherell has fully sustained his former reputation as a good and faithful teacher.

Hooker.—Miss Clara C. Nichols still continues in this school. All the classes appeared well at the close of the term. Some of the scholars showed clearly that they had made good use of the time and had adopted the motto, "Labor conquers all things."

## D R A W I N G .

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This branch of instruction has been in charge of the regular teachers, under the supervision of the assistant of the high school. In the primaries the work has been on the whole satisfactory, but very uneven. The schools under Mrs. Knights, Misses Rice, Pratt, Freeman, McVey, Whitford and Allen must be mentioned with special praise as having done good work and a great deal of it. Some of the freehand and original designing in the first three named is remarkable. The intermediates have sustained a good reputation and displayed some talent of a high order. The grammar schools have far outdone their past in average quality and work. The fine shading in the center school is particularly noteworthy. In the high school drawing has been optional. Some very fine shading has been done, and good progress is being made by a few in oil coloring. In nearly every school some artistic genius may be found. It is to be sincerely hoped that some of the highly gifted in our upper schools may take a higher course of art instruction, and develop their splendid talent with the energy that is necessary to every great success.

Number of children in town May 1, 1879, as per census..... 1,068

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Whole number of different scholars.....	1,326
Average number....	1,035
" attendance .....	840
" number per school....	40
" attendance .....	34
" percent of attendance.....	87
Number of scholars over 15 years....	63
" " " under 5 " .....	10
" " " between 8 and 14.....	717
" " different teachers..	28
" " male " .....	4
" " female " .....	24
Salary of teacher in high school.....	\$1,200
" " assistant " " " per week.....	\$12 00
Average pay of teachers per week, except high school.....	\$8 60

## TABULAR VIEW OF SCHOOLS.

SCHOOLS.	No. of different scholars.	Average number.	Average attendance.	Average percent of attendance.	No. weeks of school.
High school.....	46	37.66	32.33	86	40
Main-street grammar.....	28	22	19.54	88	36
School-street grammar.....	41	38	36	95	36
Main-street intermediate.....	58	36.7	29	80	38
School-street intermediate.....	63	47	40	85	36
River-street intermediate.....	66	45	38.7	86	36
Town hall intermediate.....	46	34	30	88	36
Main-street primary No. 2.....	42	34	31.5	92	35
School-street primary No. 2.....	46	35.5	32	90	34
Union-street primary No. 2.....	36	31	24	80	34
Elm-street primary No. 2.....	40	30	27	90	34
Plimpton-street primary No. 2.....	36	31	26	85	34
Carpenter primary No. 2.....	41	35	28	80	35
River-street primary No. 3.....	47	38	33	87	34
River-street primary No. 2.....	43	37	32	87	34
River-street primary No. 1.....	83	56	50	90	34
Main-street primary No. 1.....	68	59	50	84	34
School-street primary No. 1.....	81	54	46	85	34
Union-street primary No. 1.....	87	54	40	74	34
Elm-street primary No. 1.....	70	43	41	95	34
Carpenter primary No. 1.....	68	40	34	85	34
Dennison school.....	41	35.5	31	90	35
Hooker school.....	16	12.25	11.5	94	34
Ammidown school.....	49	34	33	97	34
Sumner school.....	68	46	37	80	34
Bacon school.....	16	9.85	8.08	92	17
For all the schools.....	1,326	1,035	840	87	890
Average per school.....	51	40	34	87	34.23





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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
Library Committee.  
OF THE  
TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE.

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# REPORT.



The Library Committee respectfully present their tenth annual report for the year ending March 29, 1880.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury, March 1, 1879.....	\$266 77
Appropriation for printing.....	100 00
Regular appropriation.....	1,000 00
Dog fund, 1878.....	323 25
Received by librarian fines, catalogues, etc., per her account...	77 04
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	\$1,767 06

### EXPENDITURES.

Paid Lee & Shepard and others, for books and periodicals, for paper for covering and for binding.....	597 24
A. J. Comins, librarian, for services and expenses paid by her.....	660 20
Mutual Gas Light Co., gas for 1 year.....	123 09
Carpenter, Irwin & Co., and others, wood and coal.....	41 76
P. M. Clarke, painting, etc.,.....	30 09
Alfred Mudge & Son, printing supplement to catalogue.....	117 00
A. J. Comins, labor on the same....	40 00
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	\$1,609 38
Balance unexpended.....	\$157 68

## BOOK ACCOUNT.

Balance to debit of this account last year.....	\$121 41
Expended during the year.....	597 24
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Appropriation.....	\$718 65
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Debit balance.....	\$18 65

## BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
Number last year.....	7,407	2,368
Added by purchase.....	226	2
gifts.....	27	17
commonwealth.....	10	....
town officers.....	7	1
departments at Washington.....	2	11
magazines bound.....	31	...
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	7,710	2,399
Withdrawn from circulation.....	12	....
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Number in library March 1, 1880.....	7,698	2,399

## DONORS AND GIFTS.

	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
Mrs. Lydia W. Litchfield.....	8	....
J. M. Cochran, Esq. ....	7	....
Hon. W. W. Rice.....	5	....
Dr. Paine, Oxford.....	1	....
Sampson, Davenport & Co., Boston.....	1	....
Mr. E. M. Phillips.....	1	....
Rev. J. E. Fullerton, Laconia, N. H.....	1	....
Rev. Geo. A. Jackson, Swampscott.....	1	....
Mr. F. W. Bacon.....	1	....
Miss H. N. Chase.....	1	....
Harry C. Winter.....	....	2
Holmes Ammidown, Esq.....	....	1
Dr. S. C. Hartwell.....	....	1
Hon. Clarke Jillson.....	....	1
Boston Public Library.....	....	5
Concord " ".....	....	1
Worcester " ".....	....	1
Fall River " ".....	....	1

	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
Winchester Public Library . . . . .	....	1
American Library Association . . . . .	....	1
Mercantile Library, San Francisco, Cal. . . . .	..	1

*For the Reading Room.*

- Hon. W. W. Rice—Official Gazette of U. S. Patent Office.  
 Edward H. Ammidown, Esq.—Boston Commercial Bulletin, 1879-80.  
 Charles Gigault—Editor and proprietor, Le Bien Public, 1879.  
 J. M. Cheney—Semi-Weekly Tribune, 1880.

*For the Museum.*

- Mrs. E. S. Swift—Sample of cloth made from the inner bank of a tree brought from Altoci, one of the Sandwich Islands.  
 Holmes Ammidown, Esq.—A piece of the coffin of Isaiah Thomas, in which his body reposed for 60 years.  
 A map of St. Augustine, Fla., 1788.  
 Stereoscopic views in do.  
 Samples of corn, grown in Champaign County, Ill.

A large landscape painting of Globe Village, painted by Francis Alexander in 1822, of great historical value, has been presented by the widow of the late Edwin D. Plimpton, Esq., of Brooklyn, N. Y. Also a fine engraving, by Mr. Bernard A. Leonard, of Abraham Lincoln, the "Martyr President." These pictures have been placed where the visitors of the library and reading-room may study them, and from the former note the wonderful changes made in the town during the last two generations. From the latter gather inspiration and courage, as they realize what was accomplished by the "great emancipator" under unfavorable circumstances, who, by untiring industry, patient study, and always maintaining simple honesty and virtue, rose from humble beginnings to the highest station in the gift of a great nation, known and honored in all lands.

Besides the services of the librarian and her assistants, who have very moderate remuneration, a great amount of gratuitous labor has to be rendered by some of the members of the committee to keep the library and reading-room in good running condition. It would seem that the true interest in this institution should lead to the selection of such persons for Trustees as, from their engagements, may be enabled, and from their real favor of it, led, to give prompt, continuous and intelligent aid.

The committee, at their first meeting for organization, held April 14, 1879, realizing the value of the wise counsel and warm interest unremittingly manifested by S. M. Lane, Esq., for the institution from its beginning, unanimously constituted him an honorary life member of the committee. He was cordially invited to be present at all meetings of the committee, to take part in their deliberations, and to continue that department of library work upon which he had been so long engaged. He has continued the numerical catalogue, which contains, gratuitously written by him, in addition to other labors, a list of all the books in the library.

The first Library Committee chosen organized March 3,

1870. By purchase and gift 1117 volumes were gathered, and the issue of books commenced Feb. 4, 1871. In November of that year a catalogue was printed, containing a list of 2690 volumes. July 1, 1872, a supplement of 28 pages was added, and Oct. 1, 1873, another of 58 pages, which brought the number up to more than 4000 volumes. In the beginning of the year 1876 the number reached 6000 volumes, and during that year the large and comely catalogue, enumerating 6376 volumes, now in use, was completed. The additions have made it necessary to issue a supplement, and during the past year a supplement has been prepared which contains a list of 1274 volumes. It has been printed by Alfred Mudge & Son of Boston, and, like the catalogue which they also printed, has met the unanimous approval of the committee and, so far as we know, the friends of the library. The whole number of books circulated have been 129,594 to 2291 persons, with a loss of only four volumes—two in 1872 and two in 1875.

To facilitate the use of the library in the schools, provision has been made that each teacher in our public schools, above the primary grade, be allowed to draw books to the number of five, to be used in the school as aids to instruction, not to be kept longer than four weeks, the teacher to be responsible for them. The fines and penalties to be the same as in other cases.

At the annual examination of the library on the 20th of February, it was found, to the credit of the librarian, Miss A. J. Comins, and her assistants, Miss Myra B. Martin and Miss Julia S. Smith, that all the charges on the register were correct, and as the librarian states in her report, which is appended hereto, every book "account for."

To defray the expenses for the ensuing year we recommend the appropriation of \$1300 and the dog fund of 1879.

Respectfully submitted by the Library Committee.

MANNING LEONARD,

*Secretary.*

*Public Library, March 6, 1880.*

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

In preparing this, my seventh annual report, and the tenth of the library, there seems nothing new in importance or interest to mention. To say there is a growing appreciation of the advantages of the institution is only a repetition of what has been each year remarked, and which is the natural result of the education which comes from a right use of means. To an occasional visitor there may seem little change in the attitude of the patrons towards the institution, but to one who has been constantly a worker and observer, the change during seven years is not small or unimportant.

The greatest care and respect, as well as the greater intelligence with which books are used, is no small part of the change, and is not only a gratifying but promising feature to mark. The first year of the opening of the reading room it was often without readers, and seldom, even during an evening, filled. Now it is seldom without occupants, and often a room twice the size would be filled. The first year a strict vigilance was needed to maintain such order and quiet as would render the room inviting to persons desiring to read. Now it is only at rare intervals conduct not decorous or commendable is noticed. We feel much credit is due to those who daily frequent this room, for their efforts in the way of example in securing and maintaining the order and quiet with which we are favored.

The museum is not devoid of interest to the people, and we judge is becoming appreciated for its means of instruction. One of the teachers of our public schools has, with her pupils, spent a half day there, and we have had during the last six months 358 visitors. Other items of interest might be stated, all proving what is universally known to be true—wherever there are opportunities for improvement there we find progress.

From the library we have issued during the year 14,559 volumes. Through the summer months the average daily issue was 42; through the winter months 57; for the year the average daily



issue has been 48. We have had 768 different accounts, and of these 148 were new accounts, making from the opening of the library 2,291. At the yearly examination, Feb. 20, it was found all the books were accounted for—one only had been lost, and that was at the burning of Dr. West's house, and has been paid for.

The sectional record shows there have been issued of

	Vols.	Percent.
Works of fiction, - - - - -	6,291	43.2
Juvenile works, - - - - -	3,678	25.2
Historical, - - - - -	564	3.9
Biographical, - - - - -	633	4.4
Travels and description, - - - - -	805	5.5
Poetical and dramatic, - - - - -	419	2.8
Scientific and educational, - - - - -	365	2.5
Literary and esthetical, - - - - -	546	3.1
Religious and philosophical, - - - - -	158	1.1
Complete works, - - - - -	90	6
Miscellaneous works, - - - - -	416	2.91
Magazines and reviews, - - - - -	556	3.91
Agricultural, - - - - -	100	62
Law books (reserved), - - - - -		
Public documents of Massachusetts, - - - - -	12	.08
Public documents of United States, - - - - -	9	.06
Reserved section, - - - - -	17	.12
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	14,559	100.00

The amount received has been for

Fines, - - - - -	\$50 13
Cards, - - - - -	9 02
Catalogues, - - - - -	13 25
Waste paper, - - - - -	84
Dr. West, for book lost at fire, - - - - -	80
Moses Hemingway of Charlton, for privilege of taking books one year, - - - - -	3 00
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	\$77 04

The amount paid has been for

Express and freight, - - - - -	\$8 80
Postage, - - - - -	4 69
Ink, - - - - -	62
Stationery, - - - - -	5 65
Adhesive paper for repairing books, - - - - -	3 25
Blank book, - - - - -	30

Pen rack,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Pens, pencils and brushes,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2 14
Two pamphlets,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35
Rule,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
Rubber bands,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50
Brass flat heads,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Mucilage and glue,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4 50
Twine,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48
Brooms and dust pan,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	84
Insect powder for moths in museum,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Disinfectent,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40
Repairs,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 10
Labor,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	75
Cleaning,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20 51
Mr. Williams, for chair.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
Mr. Hobbs, for labor and material,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 25
Cummings & Conant, for repairing and cleaning stoves and pipes and for charcoal,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4 71
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This amount, with my salary, \$600, has been paid me by the town treasurer.

A. JEANNETTE COMINS, Librarian.

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# REPORT.

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We herewith respectfully submit a report of the transactions in the various departments under our charge during the past year. We may have made some mistakes in the management of the details of the various interests committed to our care; but in all cases it has been our aim to labor faithfully and according to our best judgment for the highest interests of the town. For complete details of cost and expenditures we refer you to the Auditors' report.

## HIGHWAYS.

In accordance with the vote of the town at the annual meeting in April, we advertised in the Southbridge Journal for proposals for repairing the roads, and received the following: District No. 1, \$475; No. 2, \$200; No. 3, 500; No. 5, \$200. No satisfactory offers having been received for the balance of the districts they were repaired by day work. The contract districts cost \$1375, and districts done by the day \$1258.27, making the cost of highways proper \$2733.27. This amount includes what is due from the town on labor performed. The balance of the highway account is made up from \$315 overlays and building a culvert across Hamilton street from the foot of Union street, also one on Marcy street extension from

Main street near the residence of A. J. Bartholomew, and extra work on Dresser street.

The work in the districts under contract has been performed, so far as we are able to judge, in a satisfactory manner, and the highways seem to be in as good a condition as is usual at this season of the year. The districts that were worked out by the day have been under the direction of Andrew J. Clark, Harrison Harwood, Chauncy Brown, J. H. Mason and Henry Walker, who have given good satisfaction.

In District No. 1 the whole of North street has been graveled, averaging about 15 inches deep at the crown. Our attention had been called to this street on account of its muddy condition, nothing having been done to it since it was built, and also from the fact that Messrs. J. M. & L. D. Clemence offered the gravel delivered in carts if the town would take it away. This generous offer was of course accepted and the contractor distributed about 600 loads on the above street. We mention this instance to counteract any feeling that we gave this piece of highway more than its share of attention.

The piece of road near the residence of Jos. Longeway had worn down until the traveled way was lower than the roadside, consequently it was wet and muddy most of the time. It was repaired late last fall by dumping in stones until the center of the road was raised to grade, then filling on top with such material as could be found in that section. It is now a very dry road at all seasons. This work necessitated a large part of the bills outstanding against this account. As stones are plenty and cheap it would permanently improve a very poor piece of road, if the balance of the way as far as "Morse spring" could be fixed in the same manner. This is particularly desirable on account of the large amount of travel that comes over the road from Eastford, Ashford and the Woodstocks.

The appropriation for repairing Sayles street was worked out under the direction of the Highway Surveyor to the very best advantage, and the result is very satisfactory to the resi-

dents of that locality, who were entitled to some relief from the steep grade that existed on that street.

In the repairs of our highways we labor under some disadvantage in the lateness of our annual meeting. For instance, last year the meeting was held April 7. The town voted to repair the roads by contract. On account of the time necessarily consumed in advertising for proposals and awarding contracts it was very near the first of May before work was commenced, when to have been done to advantage it should have been begun as early as the last of March, for our best road makers agree that the earlier in the spring we can get to work on our highways the better.

We have tried to give all the roads in town their equal share of attention. There is not much doubt but a good many improvements might be made in them, but we have endeavored to give you as good roads as possible and keep somewhere near the appropriation.

We recommend the sum of \$3,500 for the ensuing year.

#### EDWARDS STREET.

This is a street called for upon the petition of James D. Green, Samuel Williams, Piny T. Litchfield and others, and laid out by the County Commissioners, who awarded the damages and ordered the building of the road. At a meeting held to raise the money for defraying the expense an offer was made by Messrs. William Edwards' Sons to construct the same for \$667, which included paving gutter and setting 600 feet of curbing; and after the board had advertised in the Journal three weeks for other proposals, and no lower offer having been received, the contract was made with them, and by them the work was performed to the entire satisfaction of the County Commissioners.

## SOUTH STREET.

This terrible ghost, which has haunted us for the last ten years, we have this year actually encountered and successfully laid; and the very many thousands of dollars which rumor claimed, above what has been actually expended in prosecution of the work, can be carried to the score of difference between theory and practice.

The history of this enterprise is so fresh in the memory of all that it is not necessary to enter into details here, but we certainly may be permitted to express our satisfaction that the enemies of this project were covered with confusion and suffered the cruel fate of annihilation in their efforts to defeat the same. Remembering that the hour of victory is the time for magnanimity, we gladly pass to the more agreeable duty of thanking the voters of the town who so decidedly expressed, by an overwhelming vote, their confidence in the rectitude of our intention in the initiatory steps we took in this enterprise, and who also continued the direction of the work in our hands to its completion. We trust our management of the work has been such as will meet your approval; and it is with feelings of honest pride that we invite comparison with any work of like character that has been done by the town. We are gratified that, as a result of our efforts, we are able to give the public, not a contracted 34-foot cart path, but a street 45 feet, worked every inch of the width and no ragged edges at the limits, but instead grassy banks and trim stone walls greet and please the eye—another mark of the enterprise and usual good taste of our citizens in such matters. This will terminate the suspense so long endured by residents along the route in regard to boundaries and grade, and has already had the effect to attract capital from abroad to locate on its line, and thus assist to promote the growth of the town. The roadway could be much improved if the town would see fit to give it a coating of gravel through the center of the entire



traveled way, and also upon a portion of the sidewalks for the better accommodation of foot travel. We would recommend an appropriation sufficient for this purpose.

Let it be borne in mind that, through the uncalled-for opposition and agitation of this matter, considerable extra expense has been entailed upon the town in way of useless engineering and extra work to satisfy abutters, which had been uncalled for previously; it also incited abutters to make exorbitant claims for damage, which they would never have thought of, and while, with the exception of two instances, no party has any valid claim, it may cost the town something to defend suits and show the mistaken the error of their ways.

#### SIDEWALKS.

According to the vote of the town we have built and established this year the following walks: Marcy-street sidewalk from Main street to residence of William Butler; from engine house No. 2 on Main to Pleasant street, and on that to Canal street; from the corner of Pleasant street on Main street to Otis Upham's west line; on Mill street from Mill-street bridge to Main street. All of these walks have been constructed in a first-class manner with stone curbing and concrete.

We have completed the walk on the east side of Chapin street, begun last year, and established the same from the south line of George W. Corey to Dresser street, about 220 feet, with stone curbing and brick walk.

There has been built, by consent of the board of Selectmen, a walk on north side of Edwards street from Main street to C. L. Dean's line, about 300 feet, and as the expense was paid by the abutter we trust this public benefit will be appreciated, as it is the first instance of the kind on record.

The old plank walk on Hamilton street has been a constant source of expense as usual in way of repairs, especially that part opposite St. Mary's church. It is not in a condition to

meet the possible strain that may be brought to bear upon it, and in spite of ordinary care may precipitate an accident that may cause serious damage and consequent expense to the town. We advise its removal and a permanent walk substituted in its place that shall preclude the possibility of danger or damage.

On Dresser street we have set about 250 feet of curbing furnished by abutters, but have established no walk.

There has been constantly increasing demand, for a number of years, for a sidewalk on Main street over the hill, to better facilitate communication between the two villages. That cannot much longer be denied, as its reasonableness is patent to all, and we hope the town will see fit, when it appropriates any money for such purposes, to provide for laying it out on our main thoroughfares, where the *many* may be benefited, in preference to side streets for the convenience of the few.

We desire to call to the notice of the town to the fact that all sidewalks constructed by this board for the last three years have been completely established by our reporting the same to the Town Clerk for record on the books of the town as required by the By-Laws. As this has never been done by our predecessors in office, today the only legally established walks in town against which any penalty for non-compliance with the By-Laws could be enforced, are those so reported by us.

#### STREET CROSSINGS.

We have constructed crossings as follows: Two on Main street, one on Hamilton street, one on Pleasant street and one on Canal street.

#### STREET LIGHTS.

During the present year we have made some important changes in this department, to which attention is called. Im-

mediately after the annual meeting the gas company being aware that they were not receiving sufficient compensation for the amount of gas furnished, it being impractical to register what each light actually consumes, they objected to continuing at old rates and asked for an increase of pay. After due consideration we agreed with them for the sum of \$450 per year, being an advance of about \$2.00 each for the 33 posts furnished. That will cause a deficiency in the account for about this amount to April 1st next.

In October we found a new set of lamps were needed for the naphtha lights, which would cost \$25.00. At this time the United States Street-lighting Co. made us a proposition to attach their fixtures for making gas from gasoline to our lanterns and to operate them until spring at a small expense over the cost of using naphtha, for the purpose of giving us an opportunity to have an actual test of their system of street lighting. To save the expense of new lamps we readily accepted their proposition, having confidence in it, as the system is not a new or untried thing, it having superseded naphtha and sometimes gas in nearly all of the cities and large towns of the State, and has been under consideration before by us and former boards, and was not adopted on account of its costing more than provided for by the appropriation for this department; now the low price of gasoline makes it possible to compete successfully against naphtha in cost, and completely distances it in quantity and quality of light furnished. Accordingly the company have been operating 66 lights since October to our entire satisfaction and the unqualified approbation of the general public, as we have taken occasion to learn; we therefore recommend the town to continue the contract with this company for the coming year.

We would suggest in regard to lamp posts, in view of the high price of iron ones which now cost about \$15.00, the feasibility of using wood—either chestnut or cedar, which can be obtained for \$2.00, and are used in many larger places than ours. Lanterns now cost \$6.00 each.

## ESTIMATES.

The following are the estimates submitted by the Selectmen, after conference with the boards in charge of the different departments, as the sums necessary to be raised for the expenses of the fiscal year 1880 :

Highways .....	\$3,500 00
Bridges .....	200 00
Sidewalks .....	200 00
Printing.....	250 00
Police station....	175 00
Salaries .....	1,400 00
Street lights.....	1,400 00
Outside poor .....	3,500 00
Support of poor .....	1,500 00
Interest .....	1,700 00
Public library....	Dog fund and 1,300 00
Contingent .....	500 00
Payment of debts.....	10,900 00
Fire department contingent .....	800 00
Payment of engine men.....	2,216 00
High school .....	1,700 00
Common schools.....	Bank and corporation tax and 5,400 00
Contingent schools.....	650 00
State and county tax.....	5,000 00
Discount on taxes .....	4,500 00
Abatement of taxes.....	1,000 00
Cemetery improvement .....	600 00
	48,391 00
Available from unappropriated funds towards payment of debts.....	500 00
	\$47,891 00

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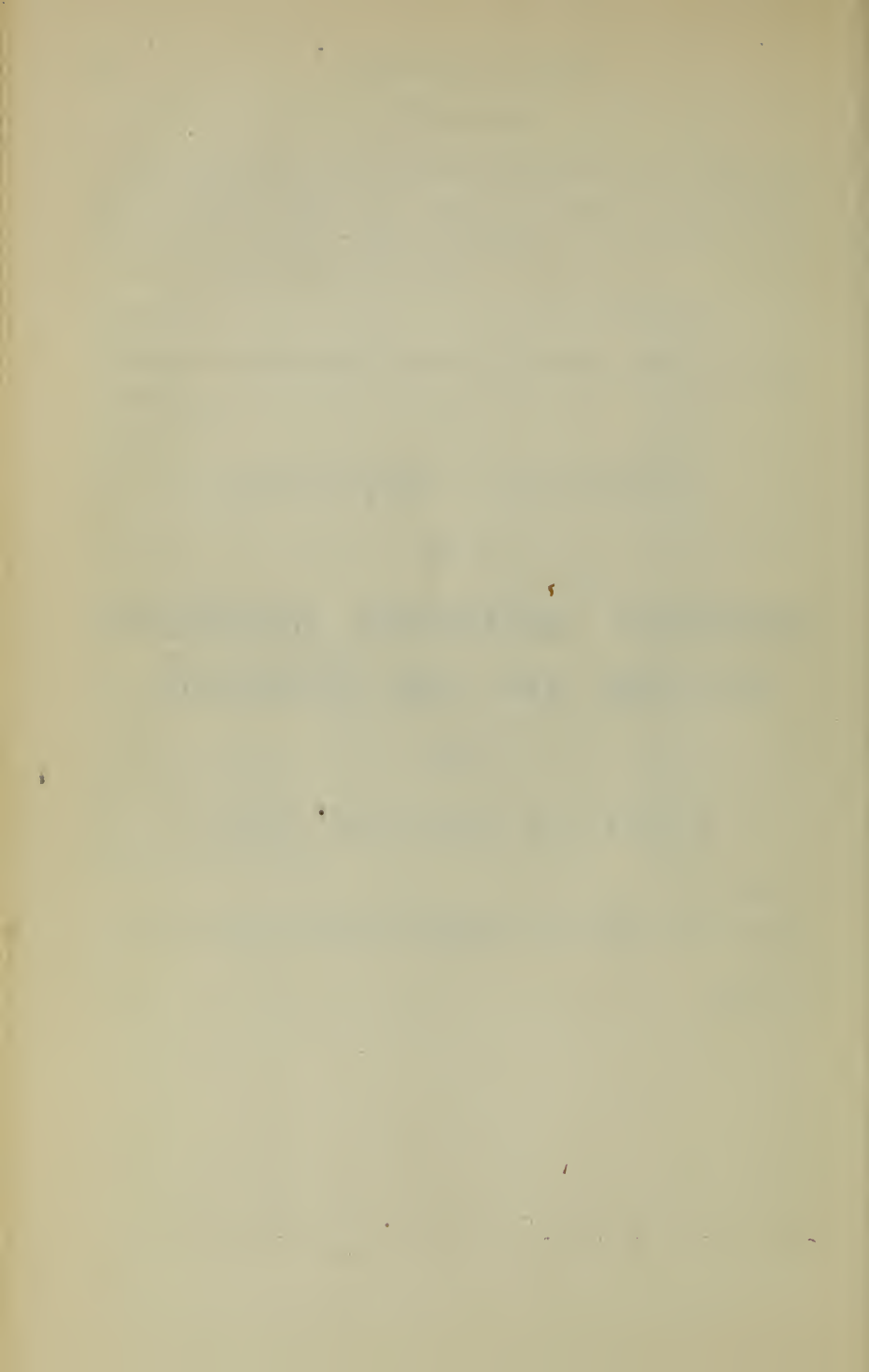
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ANNUAL REPORTS  
OF THE  
CEMETERY COMMITTEE, OVERSEERS  
OF POOR, AND FIRE ENGINEERS  
OF THE  
TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE.

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## REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

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The cemetery committee renew their previous recommendation to the town in regard to the prosecution of the work of improving the cemetery grounds. Much has been done during the year past to improve the appearance of the avenues and lots already laid out, at little expense comparatively, and labor should be continued from year to year.

Attention is called to the great change made at the entrance on Main street by the owners of the lots principally, by grading the ground upon the westerly side of the walk. A similar work should be done on the easterly side by the owners of the burial lots in the same way. These lots, as indeed all in the old yard, can not be graded without the consent of their owners ; nor can it be done with so little cost as by such owners uniting and doing the work themselves. The curbings, fences and shrubs should be removed, the wild bushes, grasses and weeds destroyed and a smooth lawn substituted for what now is observed there—greatly disfiguring its appearance. We urge upon the persons who are interested in that part of the cemetery the propriety of securing, by their united co-operation and labor, this improvement as a sure method of preserving its beauty for all future time, because in caring for the grounds the committee will ever after attend to the duty of keeping it smooth and clean. The situation there upon the main street of our village is an especial reason why such persons should engage in this work as soon as may be.

During the year past \$411 have been received from the sale of lots as a contribution to the fund to be used for the benefit of the cemetery, and quite a number of lots have been selected but not yet conveyed or paid for. It is safe to calculate that the annual receipts from the sales of lots will not fall short of \$400 ; and thereby the fund properly invested, as provided in the by-laws, will soon yield a sufficient sum to pay the annual cost of the improvements necessary

to be made and the expense of taking care of the grounds, in pursuance of the general plan adopted by the town. But in the mean time it should be cared for by expending a small sum each year.

The walls have not yet been all removed, nor have all commenced been completed; and those which should be built on the west side of Ammidown avenue, as required by the deed, have not been commenced. This work should and must be done. Then there should be gates constructed for the entrances upon the grounds through the Ammidown and Everett street avenues, to prevent the use of the avenues in the cemetery for general travel. Carriages and loaded teams now pass that way through the cemetery to save distance only, and nothing but stationing a guard at these points will stop it. The sand and gravel banks in the cemetery, with the present easy access thereto, are inviting constant invasions upon the grounds and much of these materials has been removed during the past year by night or in so secret a manner that no one could trace it. This can be stopped only by providing means of closing up the grounds instead of leaving them open as now.

There should also be a hearse house built near the Everett street entrance, of sufficient capacity to store the tools and property of the town used there, as well as the hearse, instead of using the tomb for a store-house, as is now done. For the purpose of enabling your committee to do something upon this needed work, your committee recommend the appropriation of \$600 for cemetery improvements.

We suggest to the voters of the town also the plan of organizing a club of a number who on a certain day in the spring and fall will procure and set out around the ground, and at points upon it where trees can be placed without injury to the lay-out, maple and elm shade trees, until the grounds are properly provided for. This would add greatly to its beauty and would soon supply all that would be required; and the persons doing it will find it no real burden, as a half day in digging trees and a half day in setting out would be all the time necessary for any one person to consume in doing his part of the work. The trees should be small but carefully selected, and thus more could be annually set out, with much better results finally than if large ones were procured. Your committee would be glad to aid in organizing a club for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted by

A. J. BARTHOLOMEW, Chairman.



## REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

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The Overseers of the Poor, in submitting their report, are fully aware that the cost of maintaining the poor of the town for the past year has been large; but our showing is made much larger than it otherwise would have been from the fact that we have had to pay nearly \$650 of last year's bills which were not included in the last report, and have brought up our accounts to March 1 and report all that is outstanding.

Under the present system of supporting the outside poor we see no reason why that account will not continue to increase. We would recommend enlarging the almshouse building to such an extent that it will give accommodation to at least seventy-five persons, and have in addition suitable rooms prepared for the insane poor that are now supported at the asylum in Worcester. Your board have no hesitation in saying that a large proportion of the outside poor and what constitutes the insane paupers could be supported at less than one-half the expense now being paid if suitable rooms had been provided for them at the almshouse.

Mr. George F. Northup and wife have charge of the farm and have given perfect satisfaction. They succeeded Mr. C. B. Brainard and wife, who resigned on account of ill health.

We recommend \$3500 for the support of outside poor and \$1500 for the support of poor at farm. Should the voters of the town deem it advisable to enlarge the almshouse a much smaller sum would be sufficient for the support of outside poor.

## REPORT OF FIRE ENGINEERS.

*Gentlemen:* The board of Fire Engineers desire to submit this their annual report of the fire department.

The force of the department consists of the board of Engineers, (composed of the Chief and two Assistants), one hundred and ten men, including the company officers, besides thirteen horses and seven drivers—all subject to act on call. The apparatus belonging to this department is in good working order. The engine-houses are in good repair. No extensive repairs have been made during the year except to slate the roof of engine-house No. 2, on Main street. The fire wells and reservoirs are in good order and no expense has accrued from them during the past year. Much praise is due the Hamilton street fire well, from the fact that it is the most reliable body of water which we have, and had it not been for this supply at the fire June 10, 1879, at Dr. H. D. West's residence on Main street, the department would have been unable to save any part of his beautiful mansion.

The only repairs made on apparatus the past year, to speak of, have been engine No. 1, which, from an unknown cause, was obliged to have a new bed-plate.

The gross amount of property belonging to this department is \$34,728.32.

We report having a well-organized and efficient fire department, with a well-selected and more efficient body of young men than we have ever enlisted into this department before.

The department still labors under the same disadvantage as all previous years in not having a system of fire alarm whereby

quicker time could be made and add much to the efficiency of the department.

The people of the town must not be unmindful of the fact that the strain put upon their fire apparatus, to force water from one thousand to fifteen hundred feet to extinguish fires, is fast destroying the engines and hose belonging to the town. There should be more reservoirs, and an outlay to that end now would result in saving money to the town.

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## FIRES

In the town of Southbridge, from March 1, 1879 to March 30, 1880:

May 26, 1879, 10 o'clock A. M. Wooden tenement house, owned by Mrs. D. N. Bartlett and occupied by herself and others. Cause, defective chimney. Department reported in good time. No service required.

June 10, 1879, 6:30 P. M. Wooden dwelling house and stable of Dr. H. D. West on Main street. Loss on stable and contents, \$1,635. Loss on house and furniture, \$2,800. Amount of insurance on house and stable, \$5,800; amount paid, \$2,800. Cause, struck by lightning. Companies reported, Engines No.'s 1, 2, 6 and 7, Hook and Ladder No.'s 1 and 2.

November 5, 1879, 1:45 A. M. Wooden tenement house of Hamilton Woolen company on Cross street. Loss, \$850. No insurance. Cause, defective flue. Engine No.'s 2, 6 and 7 and Hook and Ladder No.'s 1 and 2.

February 9, 1880, 10:15 A. M. Wooden tenement house of Sylvester Dresser on Charlton road. Cause unknown. Loss, \$75. Insured. Engine No.'s 1 and 7 and Hook and Ladder No. 1 in service; Engines No.'s 2 and 6 and Hook and Ladder No. 2 ordered back to house as they were not needed.

Respectfully submitted,

P. M. CLARKE, } Board of  
WM. C. BARNES, }  
P. J. WHELAN, } Fire Engineers.

*Southbridge, March 30, 1880.*



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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TAX COLLECTOR  
OF THE  
TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE,  
AND  
Warrant for Annual Town Meeting.

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# UNPAID TAXES.

Angell Nathan	\$2 00	Brown Felix	2 00
Albee Linus	2 00	Busha Leonard	2 00
Anglum James	2 00	Brenner Hermar	2 00
Abbott Joseph	2 00	Busha Alfred	2 00
Angreu Charles	2 00	Bassett Napoleon	2 00
Akey Cyrille	2 00	Brown Charles	2 00
Akey Joseph	2 00	Brother John	2 00
Airlie John	2 00	Bisson Oliver	2 00
Bebo Alexander	2 00	Bassett Moses	2 00
Bebo Charles	2 00	Cheney R. W.	2 00
Bruso Luke	2 00	Clarke Ebenezer	2 00
Bowker John W.	2 00	Clark Frank J.	2 00
Belford Alfred	2 00	Conlen Patrick	2 00
Buchan John	13 66	Cutter Theophilus	2 00
Bebo Louis	2 00	Cassian Patrick	2 00
Bebo Joseph	2 00	Cozzens Charles B.	2 00
Blanchette Flavia	2 00	Clemence D. D.	2 00
Bassett Henry	2 00	Corcoran Rodger	2 00
Burlingame Alanson	2 00	Cooper Benjamin	2 00
Barrett A. H.	2 00	Cutter Napoleon	2 00
Burke John	2 00	Cutter Joseph	2 00
Bauteate Richard	2 00	Coran Carmille	2 00
Burke Michael	2 00	Casavant John	2 00
Brunelle Henry	2 00	Coldrake Thomas	2 00
Bebo Peter	2 00	Collity Michael	2 00
Burns Thomas A.	2 00	Chassa Gilbert	2 00
Brine Alfred	2 00	Cain Charles	2 00
Bure John R.	2 00	Cuskie Alfred	2 00
Brooks Louis	2 00	Charbeneau Aremem	2 00
Brooks John	2 00	Cooper James	2 00
Busha David	2 00	Capestra Joseph	2 00
Bennett Daniel	2 00	Chassa Moses	2 00
Brown Henry	2 00	Coulthurst Ithiel	2 00
Bayley Henry	2 00	Cantara Levi	2 00
Bresette Louis	2 00	Callahan Patrick	2 00
Bartlett Joseph	2 00	Caton Martin	2 00
Bagley Peter	2 00	Callahan Thomas	2 00
Breckenstaff Thomas	2 00	Collet Joseph	2 00
Brown Vernon	2 00	Clark Peter	2 00
Bacon Frank	2 00	Cuplet Dennis	2 00
Barry Louis	2 00	Cuplet Oliver	2 00
Brunelle Enos	2 00	Conier Peter	2 00
Buchan James	2 00	Caughlan Thomas	2 00
Buchan John Jr.	2 00	Caswell Frank	2 00
Belford Alfred	2 00	Curtin Joseph	2 00

Carter Nelson	2 00	Garrigan John P.	2 00
Cabana Jesse	2 00	Gaudette John	2 00
Caestra Morris	2 00	Gerew John	2 21
Conway Edwin O.	2 00	Green John Jr.	2 00
Cagen John B.	2 00	Geer John W.	2 00
Cullen John	2 00	Godu Peter	2 00
Cook George	2 00	Gordrow Louis	2 00
Denat Oliver	2 00	Gomo Jacob	2 00
Dumas Daniel	2 00	Golet Joseph	2 00
Deslauries Edward	2 00	Gaudette Peter	2 00
Denny Peter	2 00	Green William	2 00
Ducat Joseph	2 00	Geinar Battes	2 00
Degreaney Andrew	2 00	Gilbert Daniel	2 00
Ducat Peter	3 33	Ganion Maxim	2 00
Dupre Albert	2 00	Giroux Napoleon	2 00
Dion Joseph	2 00	Horrigan Patrick	2 00
Dion Joseph Jr.	2 00	Heald John	2 00
Davis Hagar	2 00	Hetue Joseph	2 00
Dinsmore A. E.	2 00	Hemingway Judson	2 00
Duplace Francis	2 00	Holmes Henry A.	2 00
Dolally Patrick	2 00	Hall W. L. D.	2 00
Dino Michael	2 00	Holmes Fred L.	2 00
Degreaney Mark	2 00	Hanly John	2 00
Danar Stephen	2 00	Hetue Elezear	2 00
Dennie Stephen	2 00	Holly John	2 00
Duclair David	2 00	Holden Daniel	2 00
Ducette Battes	2 00	Hall Charles	2 00
Derange George	2 00	Hayes Edwin	2 00
Dupaul Leon	2 00	Harwood William H.	2 00
Dupa Albert	2 00	Hetue Louis	2 00
Demarse Austin	2 00	Hemphill William	2 00
Edwards Edwin	2 00	Johnson Jerome	2 00
Ellis John A.	2 00	Junior Gilbert	2 00
Eccleston William	2 00	Jackson Charles W.	2 00
Fanoff Fabin	2 00	Kennedy Patrick	2 00
Foley John	2 00	Kinney John	2 00
French S. C.	2 00	Keefe John	2 00
Foley Mark	2 00	Kavanaugh Martin	2 00
Furo Charles	2 00	Kavanaugh James	2 00
Fanoff John	2 00	Kimball C. W.	2 00
Farland Antoine	2 00	King Patrick	2 00
Fetix Peter	2 00	Kaskie Joseph	2 00
Foote Fred	2 00	Kies T. D.	2 00
Foye John	2 00	Keaugh John	2 00
Fisher Charles	2 00	Lamont Delphis	2 00
Fogal Andrew	2 00	Longsway Joseph	16 84
Farran Amos	2 00	Alex Levalley	2 00
Franklin James	2 00	John Levalley	2 00
Gomo John Jr.	2 00	Loveally Louis	4 12
Green Bartley	3 59	Longsway Peter	2 00
Ganian Peter	2 00	Largess David	4 26
Goodeau Joseph	2 00	Littleton Michael	2 00
Ganian Peter	2 00	Longsway Alexander	2 00
Ganion Louis	2 00	Laflamme Flavius	2 00
Goodrow Octave	2 00	Loveally Cyrille	2 00
Gadu Misail	2 00	Loveally Frank	2 00
Greenup John	2 00	Lamont Peter Jr.	2 00
Gouans David	2 00	Laboute Francis	2 00
Gregory Thomas J.	8 36	Lucia Golos	2 00
Galena Joseph	2 00	Loveally Nelson	2 00



Lavou Thansant	2 00	McKenna John	2 00
Lamreaux Godfrey	2 00	Moore Robert	2 00
Larosche John	2 00	Morrissey James	2 00
Lamont Henry	2 00	Middleton William	2 00
Lavrie Henry	2 00	Montville Newell	2 00
Lombard Edgar	2 00	Murray Moses	2 00
Lescarbeau Fabin Jr.	2 00	Marcelle Alfred	2 00
Lee James	2 00	Maynard Alfred	2 00
Lacache Samuel	2 00	Manahan Christopher	2 00
Laroschere Joseph	2 00	Norton Samuel	2 00
Larosche Julius	2 00	Newell Samuel	17 99
Larosche Joseph	2 00	Newell Edward	2 00
Longsway Matches	2 00	Nodam Linus	2 00
Lamont Francis	2 00	Olds George C.	2 00
Lebrat Ezra	2 00	Onge Fred	2 00
Luc Joseph	2 00	O'Brien Michael	2 00
Larange Francis	2 00	O'Brien John	2 00
Lee James	2 00	Potter Alden	2 00
Laduc Thomas	2 00	Potter Fred	2 00
Laduc Francis	2 00	Penderghast Patrick	2 00
Laduc Moses	2 00	Parsano Joseph	2 00
Laduc Thomas	2 00	Patnau David	2 00
Lacar Antoine	2 00	Parker John	2 00
LeClair Luger	2 00	Pelican Pelix	2 00
Lashapelle Nelson	2 00	Praux Joseph Jr.	2 00
Lemire Onesine	2 00	Pratt John A.	2 00
Lafery Phillip	2 00	Phillips James	2 00
Lockey Andrew	2 00	Plant Albert	2 00
Martin Peter	2 26	Praux Joseph	2 00
McIntire L H	2 00	Patnau Joseph	2 00
Martin Peter	2 00	Peppard John J.	2 00
Murphy John Blaine	2 00	Phillips Fergus	2 00
McCullem Douglass	4 65	Parren Philis	2 00
Monohan Michael	2 00	Pelican Narad	2 00
Melony Timothy	2 00	Padvin Paul	2 00
Morisey James	2 00	Phanof Peter	2 00
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McGrath Matthew	2 00	Phillip Thomas	2 00
McCarty John Jr.	2 00	Pelican Louis	2 00
Marchessault Moses	2 00	Peiree Peter	2 00
McDermott Joseph	2 00	Reno Joseph	2 00
Morse Edgar D.	2 00	Ryan Thomas	2 00
Murphy W. H.	2 00	Rochette Paul	2 00
Martin Nelson	2 00	Robedean Orville	2 00
Martin John	2 00	Rounds Alberto	2 00
McGee William	2 00	Ryan James	2 00
Marcy C. G.	2 00	Rivers Louis	2 00
Murphy Dennis	2 00	Ritchie Joseph	2 00
Marshall Augustus	2 00	Roberts Godfrey	2 00
Monette Louis	2 00	Rivers Emory	2 00
Munroe James	2 00	Shaw Frank	2 00
McGrath Thomas	2 00	Suprenant Frank	2 00
Melony Timothy Jr.	2 00	Stone John	2 00
McGuirk William	2 00	Smith Andrew B.	2 00
Martin Louis	2 00	Shaw Louis	2 00
McCambridge Daniel	2 00	Stone John	2 00
Metcalf William S.	2 00	St. Clair Peter	2 00
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Marr Martin	2 00	Stedman William	2 00
		Stephens Alfred	2 00

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Thimblin Anthony	2 00	Wells Joseph	2 00
Thimblin Michael	2 00	Williams Jos H	2 32
Tracy Peter	2 00	Washington George	2 00
Trembley Julius	2 00	Wright James	2 00
Trembley Theophilus	2 00	Wedge Phillip	2 00
Trembley Augustus	2 00	Webster Lucian	2 37
Terrio Joseph	2 00	Young Simon	2 00
Trembley Joseph	2 00	Chas. Hyde & Co	13 84
Thompson Charles	2 00	Edwards Geo	53
Tatro Jaque	2 00	Vinton Dwight	1 06
Trembley Edward Jr.	2 00	Shaw E F	7 42
Toole John	2 00		

# WARRANT FOR ANNUAL MEETING, 1880.

WORCESTER, SS.

To either of the Constables of the town of Southbridge. Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Southbridge, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the town hall in Southbridge, on Monday, the fifth day of April next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

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

ARTICLE 2. To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year. The following officers to be voted for on one ballot: Town Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, School Committee, Library Committee, Cemetery Committee, Auditors, Constables. Polls to be kept open until 3 o'clock p. m.

ARTICLE 3. To hear the reports of the Auditors of Accounts, Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Fire Engineers, School, Library and Cemetery Committees, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will allow the usual discount on taxes excepting the taxes assessed on polls, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use the means for collecting the taxes which the Town Treasurer, when appointed a Collector, may use, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 7. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges the ensuing year, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 8. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to pay town bills and charges the ensuing year, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as posted and presented by the Selectmen, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will vote to pay the engine men for the ensuing year, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will raise and appropriate such a sum of money as may be necessary to pay firemen, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to grade and complete South street, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the town will vote to build a sidewalk on the westerly side of Marcy street, extending from the northeast corner of the estate of Dr. H. D. West to Hamilton street, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the town will vote to build a sidewalk on Everett street, and raise and appropriate money for building the same.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the town will vote to become a subscriber to the Southbridge Telephone Exchange.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the town will vote to accept the report of the Selectmen laying out a town way over land of J. J. Oakes, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to defray the expense of a suitable observance of Decoration day, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 18. To see what action the town will take in regard to improving the road at Columbian Village, to raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to rebuild the sidewalk opposite to the St. Mary's (Catholic) church, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to make special repairs of the highway between the residence of Joseph Longsway and Andrew H. Morse, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the town will vote to lay out and construct a new town way from South street to Collier street or Water street, by the residence of Samuel Greenwood, to raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the town will put the wall and fence on the west side of Pleasant street, on the line from the barn of J. O. McKinsty to the northeast corner of yard of L. W. Curtis, raise and appropriate money for the same, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the town will refund to L. W. Curtis \$49.15 for laying walk on Pleasant street, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to buy an acre of ground for the gravel thereon for use on the highways in district No. 4, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money to purchase lamp-posts and lanterns as follows: 1 to be placed near the residence of H. J. Conant, 1 at the corner of Dresser and

Chapin streets, 1 near George W. Wells' residence, 1 each near the residence of H.T.Hyde and George W. Corey, 2 on Pine street, 20 from Columbian Village to Sandersdale, 1 lantern and bracket for Hook street, 1 lantern for South street; also, lamp-posts and lanterns as follows: 1 on corner of Winter and South street, 2 on Winter, 1 on corner of Winter and School, 1 on corner of Water and School, 1 on corner of Collier and School, 1 on Main street west of iron bridge, 1 on corner of Mill and Main streets, 3 on Mill street.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the town will instruct their Treasurer to transfer the sum of \$84.03 from Mill-street sidewalk to credit of Globe Main-street sidewalk; also, \$45.07 from Mill-street sidewalk and 48 cents from Edwards street to credit of Main and Pleasant streets sidewalk.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen in relation to licensing the sale of intoxicating liquors, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen of the town for the ensuing year not to grant licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors other than druggists' licenses, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the town will vote to fix the compensation of town officers and laborers, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$32.55 to refund to John O. McKinstry for the construction of sidewalk on Pleasant street, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the town will grade Park street from Elm to Everett street and build sidewalk on said street, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 32. To see what action the town will take in regard to enlarging the almshouse, to raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by publishing an attested copy of the same in the Southbridge JOURNAL the two weeks next preceding the time of holding the meeting as previously mentioned. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place heretofore indicated.

Given under our hands this twenty-fourth day of March, A. D. 1880.

J. J. OAKES,  
A. H. WHEELER,  
S. K. EDWARDS,

*Selectmen of Southbridge.*

A true copy. Attest:

J. M. OLNEY, *Constable of Southbridge.*



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OF THE

## TOWN OFFICERS

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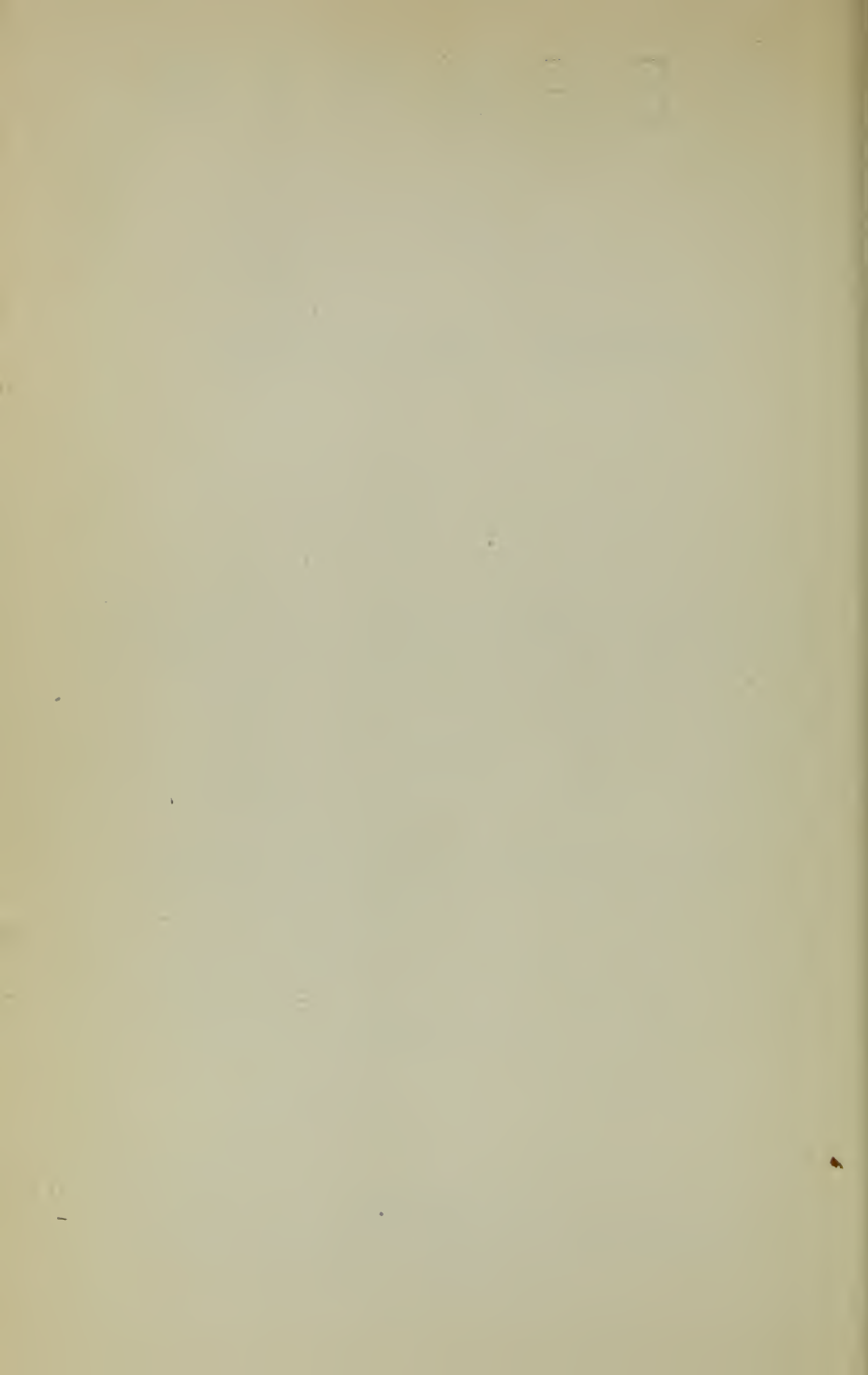
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FOR THE

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# TOWN OFFICERS, 1880-1.

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CLERK,

HENRY A. MORSE.

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TREASURER,

FRANCIS L. CHAPIN.

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SELECTMEN,

JOHN TATTERSON, A. J. BARTHOLOMEW, THOMAS SANDERS.

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OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

CALVIN A. PAIGE, SYLVESTER DRESSER, JACOB BOOTH.

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ASSESSORS,

DANIEL WHITFORD, SOLOMON THAYER, HENRY CLARKE.

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AUDITORS,

MANNING LEONARD, JULIUS S. GLEASON, ALBERT W. MARTIN.

## TOWN OFFICERS.

## LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

M. LEONARD, Term expires 1881.	E. M. PHILLIPS, Term expires 1882.
T. J. HARRINGTON, " 1881.	JOSEPH JAGGER, " 1882.
WM. HALLORAN, " 1881.	GEO. H. MELLEN, " 1882.
SAMUEL M. LANE, Term expires 1883.	
WILLIAM R. PATON, " 1883.	
DR. G. G. BULFINCH, " 1883.	

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

REV. B. V. STEVENSON, Term expires 1881.
ELISHA M. PHILLIPS, Term expires 1882.
GEO. M. WHITAKER, Term expires 1883.

## CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

S. P. IRWIN, JR., Term expires 1881.	L. S. AMMIDOWN, Term expires 1882.
A. J. BARTHOLOMEW, " 1881.	EDWIN BACON, " 1882.
J. O. MCKINSTRY, Term expires 1883.	
GEO. W. WELLS, " " 1883.	

## FENCE VIEWERS,

WM. H. H. CHENEY,	JAMES BROWN,	SOLOMON THAYER.
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## SURVEYORS OF LUMBER,

SAMUEL T. CUTTING,	DANFORTH DOUTY,	SAMUEL WILLIAMS.
JOHN E. CLEMENCE,	LEONARD R. MATTERSON.	

## MEASURES OF WOOD AND BARK,

CHAS. HYDE,	JOHN M. CHENEY,	DANFORTH DOUTY,
JULIUS S GLEASON,	PATRICK KELLY,	P. N. LE CLAIR,
GEO. H. THAYER,	WM. E. ALDEN, JR.,	FRANK D. DRESSER,
GEO. K. DRESSER,	AUGUSTUS COOK,	E. B. CUMMINGS,
J. M. OLNEY,	HENRY A. MORSE,	JOHN E. CLEMENCE,
L. R. MATTERSON,	CHAS. W. WELD,	SYLVESTER DRESSER,
J. F. B. LITCHFIELD.		

## FIELD DRIVERS,

WM. H. SANDERS, District No. 1.	SAM'L T. CUTTING, District No. 2.
HENRY FREEMAN, " " 3.	OTIS LYON, " " 4.
H. SCARBOROUGH, " " 5.	DANIEL MORSE, " " 6.

HORACE WALKER, District No. 7.

## FIRE ENGINEERS,

GEO. A. DRESSER, CHIEF.

AZEL THOMPSON,\* 1ST ASSIST.                      GEO. W. WELLS, 2ND ASSIST.

WM. BOOTH, 3D ASSIST AND CLERK.

## COLLECTOR OF TAXES,

HORACE W. BACON.

## HIGHWAY SURVEBOR.

A. H. SHEPARD.

## CONSTABLES,

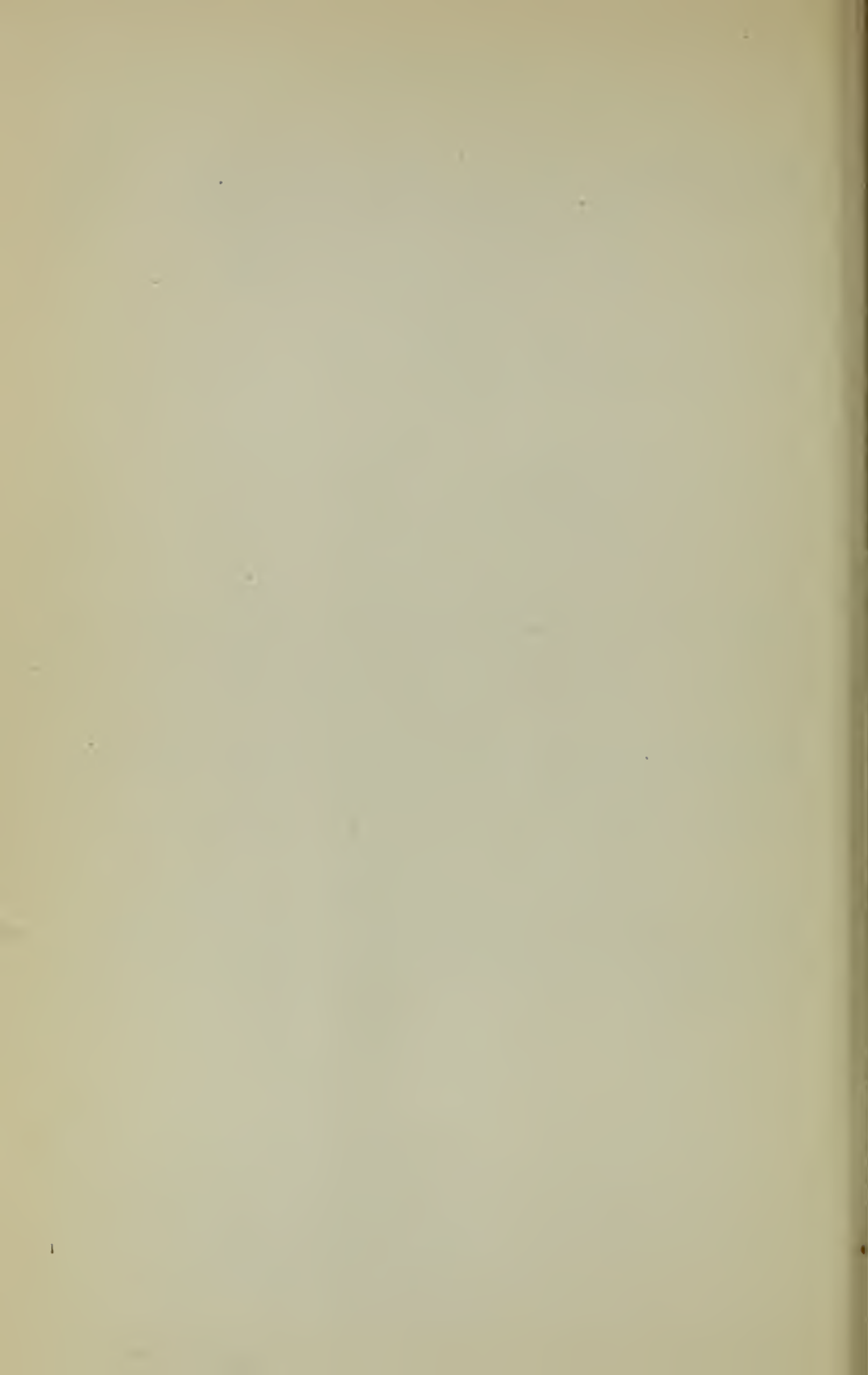
GEORGE H. THAYER, BRAD. C. STONE, JOSEPH S. BARTLETT,  
A. H. SHEPARD, JOSEPH M. OLNEY.

## POLICE OFFICERS,

MARCUS DILLABER,	A. S. BUELL,	H. W. BACON,
CHAS. E. SAMMONS,	THOMAS POTTER,	PLINY M. CLARK,
F. E. PARKER.		

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\*Acting Chief since January 1.



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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
AUDITORS  
OF THE  
Town of Southbridge.

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# PLAN OF AUDITORS' REPORT.

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## TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF THE RECEIPTS AND  
EXPENDITURES of the several departments au-  
thorized to draw orders, for the fiscal year  
ending March 1st, A. D. 1881.

I.—CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

II.—LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

III.—OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

IV.—SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

V.—SELECTMEN.

VALUATIONS.

TABULAR STATEMENTS.



# THE ACCOUNT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

As presented by him, is herewith submitted, having been examined and found correct.

F. L. CHAPIN, *Treasurer*, in account with the Town of Southbridge for the year ending, February 28, 1881.

## RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury, March 1, 1880 .....	\$	30	50
Due from C. E. Cady, collector.....		255	79
Due from S. Thayer, collector.....		1,510	83
State tax... ..	\$	2,625	00
County tax.....		2,546	00
Bank tax and over-layings... ..		3,083	99
Centre watch district do.....		704	42
Over-layings on taxes... ..		621	32
Assessments omitted.....		551	76
Payment of debts.....		10,900	00
Common schools.. ..		5,400	00
Discount on taxes.....		4,800	00
Highways .....		3,500	00
Outside poor.. ..		3,500	00
Engine men.....		2,216	00
Interest .....		1,700	00
High school .....		1,700	00
Amounts carried forward.....	\$	43,848	49
	\$	1,797	12

Amounts brought forward.....	\$43,848 49	\$1,797 12
Support of poor .....	1,500 00	
Street lights.....	1,400 00	
Salaries .....	1,400 00	
Public library .....	1,300 00	
Abatement taxes.....	1,000 00	
Fire department .....	800 00	
Hamilton street wall .....	650 00	
Contingent account schools.....	650 00	
Cemetery improvements....	600 00	
South street.....	500 00	
Contingent expenses.....	500 00	
Columbian road .....	300 00	
Printing.....	250 00	
Bridges .....	200 00	
Sidewalks .....	200 00	
Police station contingent.....	175 00	
Everett street entrance .....	150 00	
Decoration .....	100 00	
Railing highways .....	100 00	
Insurance .....	100 00	
Telephone fire alarm .....	50 00	
	<hr/>	55,773 49
State treasurer, corporation tax.....		1,962 39
Bank tax.....		573 39
State aid .....		232 00
Income Massachusetts school fund.....		204 22
Discount on bank tax .....		227 80
Collecting and assessing do.....		20 50
Error bank tax.....		3 77
Dog fund .....		282 91
Liquor licenses.....		650 00
Sidewalk assessment .....		605 31
Cemetery fund.....		450 00
Insurance account, Geo. Martin.....		440 00
Center watch district.....		400 00
Charlton, account John Reynold... ..		194 00
Oxen sold .....		135 00
Produce sold.....		128 53
C. A. Paige, account M. O'Brien.....		96 00
Public library, books, cards, fines, &c....		77 93
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Amount carried forward .....	\$64,234 36	

Amount brought forward .....\$64,284<sup>36</sup>

Licenses .....	60 50
Dudley, account A. Deon.....	48 22
Fines from district court .....	40 00
Henry Fiske, toward support Lydia Fiske.....	39 00
Old iron sold Isaac Clark .. .. .	20 80
Sturbridge bridge account.....	17 95
Police station fees.....	15 25
Sturbridge highway account.....	11 50
Overseers of poor, town order returned .....	10 00
Brimfield, account Samuel Bond.....	8 50
Printing bill error .....	4 75
Outside poor account, Railroad ticket returned.....	4 42
Money borrowed in anticipation of taxes.....	16,500 00
Money borrowed for specific purposes.....	3,500 00
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	\$84,565 25

## EXPENDITURES.

Common schools .....	\$ 6,406 07
Outside poor.....	5,440 13
Discount on taxes.....	4,776 95
Almshouse .....	3,660 00
Highways .....	2,920 82
State tax .....	2,625 00
County tax.....	2,546 00
Bank tax.....	2,278 04
Engine men.....	2,240 00
Public library.....	1,775 31
Support of poor.....	1,765 44
High school.....	1,743 08
Interest.....	1,741 13
Street lights.....	1,388 99
Salaries .....	1,347 74
Centre watch district.....	1,145 87
Fire department.....	859 82
Abatement of taxes.....	721 86
Hamilton street wall.....	694 19

Amount carried forward .....\$46,076 44

Amount brought forward .....	\$46,076 44
Contingent expenses.....	674 82
Cemetery improvements.....	658 31
Contingent account schools.....	633 60
Bridges .....	308 13
Columbian road.....	285 56
Sidewalks .....	283 64
Printing .....	277 52
State aid.....	256 00
Police station contingent.....	174 54
State treasurer liquor license.....	162 50
South street.....	161 25
Everett street entrance.....	123 00
Insurance .....	91 20
Marcy street sidewalk....	71 55
Decoration .....	67 00
Telephone.....	40 07
Railing highways....	29 02
School apparatus.....	27 84
Main and Pleasant street sidewalk.....	12 10
Sayles street.....	7 00
Note to John Marcy, dated April 15, 1875.....	5,000 00
Note to Southbridge Savings Bank, dated July 21, 1879.....	2,500 00
Note to Southbridge Savings Bank, dated Dec. 9, 1879.....	2,000 00
Note to Southbridge Savings Bank, dated Feb. 27, 1880.....	1,400 00
Money borrowed in anticipation of taxes.....	16,500 00
Due from H. W. Bacon, collector.....	\$4,954 54
Due from S. Thayer, collector.....	1,364 77
Cash on hand.....	424 85
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	6,744 16
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	\$84,565 25



NOTES OUTSTANDING FEBRUARY 28, 1881.

Date of Notes.	To whom given.	Amounts.	Payable.	Rate of interest.
Aug. 8, 1876	Lucy H. Stowe.....	\$5,000	1881	5 percent.
Sept. 17, 1877	Brown, Riley & Co.....	5,000	1882	5
Sept. 17, 1877	Brown, Riley & Co.....	5,000	1883	5
Jan. 1, 1881	F. L. Chapin.....	3,500	Demand	4 1-2
		\$18,500		

# RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS.

## CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

### CEMETERY AVENUE.

#### RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at April meeting, 1880.....\$ 150 00

#### EXPENDITURES.

For labor.....	\$	76	01
John Stone, for laying wall.....		17	00
Labor of teams.....		24	38
Materials for fences.....		3	15
Sharpening tools.....		2	51
		—————	\$ 123 00
Balance to credit this account.....	\$		27 00

### CEMETERY IMPROVEMENTS.

#### RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1880....	\$	72	88
Appropriation, April meeting, 1880.....		600	00
		—————	\$ 672 88

## EXPENDITURES.

George L. Winter, 2 hoes....	\$	90	
J. M. Cheney, grading lots at old entrance		15	00
S. Williams, roller for plan and notices...		6	50
Morse Bros., grass seed .....		2	10
Moses Wilcox, bill for flowers and plants.		26	75
Charles D. Thayer, flowers .....		15	00
	—————	\$	66 25
Christopher Abbott, for woodbines for entrance..			5 00
For work on Oak Ridge avenue:			
For work of men .....	\$	168	21
For use of teams .....		92	23
For laying wall .....		56	30
For repairs of tools .....		3	16
	—————		319 90
For work on improvements:			
For work of men .....		164	82
For use of teams .....		73	59
For manure furnished.....		9	00
For fencing materials .....		4	00
For repairs of tools ....			85
	—————		252 26
Samuel Williams, for roller for plan .....		3	95
Cummings & Conant, for spade.....			95
Edwin Bacon, for removing bodies .....		5	00
	—————		9 90
Duplicate order to Christopher Abbott, paid.....			5 00
	—————		658 31
Balance to credit of this account.....			14 57
Outstanding bill for date block in cemetery front, Woodbury & Lamson .....			38 00

## COHASSE STREET.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriation, July 15, 1878 .....\$ 150 00

## EXPENDITURES.

Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1881.. ....\$ 150 00



# LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

## PUBLIC LIBRARY.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1880.....	\$	157	68
Appropriation .....		1,300	00
Dog fund, 1879.....		291	85
Catalogues, fines, &c.....		77	93
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
			\$1,827 46

### EXPENDITURES.

Lee & Shepard and others, books.....	\$	509	93
Magazines and newspapers... ..		134	15
Readers & Writers Economy Co., paper for cover- ing books.....		33	03
F. D. Morse & Son, binding books and papers....		43	35
Geo. M. Whitaker, cards and printing.....		6	95
Thomas Todd, cards and printing.....		10	47
Readers & Writers Economy Co., loan desk, &c... ..		16	88
Card case, &c.....		46	75
H. Hobbs, labor on desk, &c.....		4	66
G. S. Truesdell, sheathing shelves, &c.....		20	95
Wm. C. Barnes, record book .....		1	88
P. M. Clarke, varnishing, &c.....		13	25
Cummings & Conant, repairing water pipes, putting in ventilator, &c... ..		27	21
Southbridge Coal company, coal .....		15	00
E. S. Ellis, coal .....		32	27
W. P. Plimpton, wood.....		5	90
Mutual Gaslight Co., gas for the year.....		144	91
A. J. Comins, services as librarian.....		600	00
Care of rooms and expenses.... ..		107	77
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
			\$ 1,775 31
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1881.....	\$	52	15

# OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

## SUPPORT OF POOR.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1881 .....	\$165 13
Appropriation .....	1,500 00
Produce sold ....	44 49
Hay sold .....	54 22
Veal sold .....	12 32
Cash from Cummings & Conant.....	17 50
Calvin A. Paige, guardian to Michael O'Brien...	96 00
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	\$1,889 66

### EXPENDITURES.

George F. Northrup and wife, services from January 1, 1880, to March 1, 1881 .....	454 16
George F. Northrup, 1 yoke and bows.....	5 00
George F. Northrup, expenses to Prescott for Mrs. Sedgwick .....	11 55
P. H. Carpenter & Co., groceries.....	107 71
Ellis & Cook, groceries.....	69 63
Guy & Brothers, groceries.....	224 86
Olney & Lescault, groceries .....	62 17
Morse Brothers, groceries .....	49 84
L. N. Holden & Co., groceries ...	20 06
M. J. Surprenant, meat .....	17 65
Bemis Brothers, meat.....	15 83
M. M. Marble & Co., meat .....	151 39
T. Potter & Co., fish .....	45 16
Blanchard & Quevillon, dry goods..	7 32
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Amount carried forward.....	\$1,242 33

Amount brought forward .....	\$1,242 33	
C. D. Paige & Co., clothing, boots and shoes ...	79 67	
Carpenter, Irwin & Co., dry goods ... ..	57 42	
Chipman & Armes, crackers.....	10 00	
Cummings & Conant, hardware .....	16 70	
George L. Winter, hardware .....	38 56	
Joseph Williams, 1 cook stove and pipe .....	50 70	
Hardware .....	2 26	
George S. Stone, shoeing oxen and repairs .....	15 63	
John King, shoeing oxen .....	2 75	
Dr. L. W. Curtis, medical attendance at farm from April 1, 1879, to April 1, 1880.....	50 00	
Dr. Geo. G. Bulfinch, medical attendance at farm from April 1, 1880, to April 1, 1881 ..	50 00	
George C. Shepard, medicine .....	11 06	
I. Badger, repairing boots and shoes .....	5 66	
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber.....	13 38	
Nelson Vinton, lumber .....	96	
Butchering hogs.....	3 00	
Potatoes .....	1 50	
Drawing hay .....	1 00	
James H. Mason, potatoes .....	4 00	
V. E. Walker, potatoes.....	5 00	
Vegetables .....	2 24	
Joseph Clarke, 5 pigs .....	18 00	
James Ryan, 8 1-2 days' labor, (hayng).....	10 63	
Edwin Bacon, 3 calves .....	13 50	
Michael Farrell, repairing set kettle .....	6 25	
Edward Whitney, 1 order book .....	6 50	
Samuel Williams, coffin for Mrs. Muldooney.....	7 50	
Coffin and robe for J. S. Luc .....	10 25	
Alexander Beebo, digging grave for J. S. Luc... .	1 75	
Jacob Booth, team to town farm.....	1 00	
Painting shed at farm.....	12 19	
George H. Thayer, moving Mathias Ryan to farm	1 00	
Moving Mrs. Muldooney to farm .....	1 00	
Town of Gloucester, R. I., care of Chas. Congdon..	12 05	
		<hr/> 1,765 44
		<hr/> 124 22
Gain of personal property at farm.....		390 82
		<hr/> \$515 04
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1881 .....		

## OUTSIDE POOR.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1880.....	\$	17 74
Appropriations .....		3,500 00
Life Insurance of Geo. Martin.....		440 00
Town of Brimfield, support of Samuel S. Bond...		8 50
Additional appropriation.....		1,200 00
Town of Charlton, support of John Reynolds.....		194 00
Town of Dudley, support of A. Deon .....		48 22
Alex Latelle, railroad ticket returned.....		4 42
Henry Fiske, support of Lydia Fiske.....		39 00
Received for order No. 171, overdrawn in 1879....		10 00
	—————	\$ 5,461 88

## EXPENDITURES.

P. H. Carpenter, goods delivered to Mrs.		
Peter Stone. ....	151 00	
Goods to Arnum Charbaneau..	3 00	
Goods to James Coughlan.....	21 00	
Goods to Esther Clark.....	5 00	
Goods to Mrs. Rodger Hickey..	4 00	
Goods to Mrs. Twombly .....	2 00	
Goods to Mrs. Lamont.....	3 00	
	—————	189 00
W. E. Alden & Co., goods delivered to		
Mrs. Muldony.....	1 00	
Goods to Patrick Gleason.....	67 03	
Goods to Mrs. Philip Cross....	118 00	
Goods to Peter Larochel.....	8 00	
Goods to Mrs. P. O'Brian.....	96 00	
Goods to John Murphy .....	18 00	
Goods to Michel Littleton.....	6 00	
Goods to John Gomo.....	26 00	
Goods to Mrs. John Parker ...	35 00	
Goods to Joseph Bracket.....	2 30	
Goods to Richard Welch.....	6 00	
Goods to Louis Goodroe.....	2 00	
Goods to Mrs. M. Shea.....	1 50	
	—————	
Amounts carried forward..	\$386 83	\$189 00

AUDITORS' REPORT.

Amounts brought forward.	\$386 83	\$189 00
W. E. Alden & Co., goods to Thos. Laduke	3 00	
Goods to P. Benjamin.....	4 00	
Goods to Gilbert Letcher....	12 00	
	— —	405 83
Patrick Kelly, goods delivered to Mrs.		
John Calahan .....	48 00	
Goods to Patrick Eagan.....	76 50	
Goods to James Brown, 2d... ..	183 00	
Goods to Stephen Day....	157 50	
Goods to Margaret Murphy....	2 00	
Goods to Mrs. Mary Coughlan.	15 50	
Goods to Richard Welch.....	2 00	
Goods to Michel Littleton.....	57 98	
Goods to A. Deon.....	1 25	
Goods to Mrs. Hickey .....	2 00	
	— —	545 73
J. S. Gleason, goods delivered to Mrs. A.		
Herber .....	247 00	
Goods to T. J. Gregory....	88 00	
Goods to Ebenezer Clark.....	2 00	
Goods to Peter Letcher.....	18 00	
Goods to Andrew Moots.....	135 00	
Goods to John Reynolds.....	174 00	
Goods to Margaret Murphy....	16 00	
Goods to Nellie Marhar.....	22 00	
Goods to A. Deon.....	20 95	
Goods to Mrs. A. Nolan .....	18 00	
Goods to Charles Farro.....	8 00	
Goods to Peter LarocheL .....	7 00	
Goods to David Bassett.....	4 00	
Goods to Mrs. Rodger Hickey..	2 00	
Goods to Joseph Reno.....	65 50	
	— —	827 45
S. Thayer & Son, goods d'ld Alonzo Martin	110 96	
Goods d'ld Mrs. John Parker..	4 00	
	— —	114 96
Olney & Lescault, goods d'ld Mrs. C. White	133 00	
Goods d'ld Mrs. Adolph. Lages	48 00	
Goods d'ld Mrs. Leblace....	42 00	
	— —	223 00
Amount carried forward .....		\$2,305 97

Amount brought forward .....		\$2,305 97
Ellis & Cook, goods d'ld Mrs. Wm. Hall.	175 41	
Goods d'ld Esther Clark.....	12 13	
Goods d'ld Emory Rivers.....	74 50	
Goods to Louis Rivers.....	130 45	
Goods d'ld Mrs. King.....	24 00	
Goods d'ld Mrs. J. Hogan... .	33 00	
Goods d'ld Feb Scarbo.....	6 00	
	<hr/>	455 49
Guy & Bros., goods to Mrs. M. Shea.....	210 00	
Goods to A. Sherbeno... ..	39 00	
Goods to A. H. Barrett.....	2 00	
Goods to Peter Lamont.....	6 00	
	<hr/>	257 00
Morse Bros., goods to Geo. Martin.....	106 00	
Goods to Anthony Duplacy ...	70 00	
Goods to Joseph Vancelette... .	22 00	
Goods to Mrs. Wm. Hall.....	3 50	
	<hr/>	201 50
LeClair & Son, goods to Louis Lavalli... .	134 81	
Goods to Henry Diorme.....	15 31	
Goods to Narcisse Brodeur, Jr.	15 00	
Goods to Chas. Fairon.....	2 00	
Goods to Telesphare Leduc... .	3 00	
Goods to Henry Bassett. ....	6 00	
Goods to Simeon Young.....	4 00	
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M. M. Marble & Co., goods to Esther Clark	5 75	
Goods to Emory Rivers.....	33 17	
Goods to Louis Rivers.....	15 28	
Goods to Ebenezer Clark .....	28	
	<hr/>	54 48
Bemis Bros., goods to Esther Clark.....	5 00	
Goods to Mrs. Anthony Duplacy	2 00	
	<hr/>	7 00
J. H. Kelly, goods to Mrs. Hickey.....		5 00
M. J. Suprenant, goods to Mrs. A Duplacy	26 00	
Goods to Mrs. Mary Lamont ..	2 00	
	<hr/>	28 00
Carpenter, Irwin & Co., goods to Joseph		
Bracket for Rooney boy.....	2 68	
Ticket to Boston for tramp....	2 10	
	<hr/>	4 78
Amount carried forward .....		\$3,499 34

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Amount brought forward . . . . .	\$3,499 34	
L. Wesley Curtis, mdse. to Mrs. Shea . . . . .	5 00	
Mdse. to Mrs. Jerry Hogan . . . . .	10 00	
Mdse. to Mrs. John Parker . . . . .	8 00	
Mdse. to John Reynolds . . . . .	10 00	
		33 00
Bugbee & Wheeler, mdse. to A. Deon . . . . .	6 38	
Mdse. to A. Moots . . . . .	5 08	
Mdse. to Louis Lazelle . . . . .	8 54	
Mdse. to Peter Larochel . . . . .	2 85	
Mdse. to James Brown 2d . . . . .	4 50	
Mdse. to John Gomo . . . . .	10 35	
Mdse. to H. Rivers . . . . .	3 95	
Mdse. to Mrs. Shea . . . . .	44 69	
Mdse. to Mrs. John Keough . . . . .	2 76	
Mdse. to Mrs. Douglass . . . . .	1 00	
Mdse. to Mrs. A. Herber . . . . .	9 66	
Mdse. to Joseph Reno . . . . .	8 92	
Mdse. to Michael Littleton . . . . .	5 95	
Goods to Mrs. A. Nolan . . . . .	75	
Goods to Feb Scarbo . . . . .	2 03	
Goods to David Pateneau . . . . .	1 50	
Goods to P. Benjamin . . . . .	4 25	
Goods to John Murphy . . . . .	5 50	
		128 66
C. D. Paige, wood to Esther Clark . . . . .	2 00	
Clothing to Rooney boy . . . . .	3 15	
Clothing to Jerry Hogan . . . . .	8 25	
Shoes to Mrs. Parley Laffin . . . . .	1 25	
Clothing to J. Muldooney . . . . .	7 50	
Clothing to Peter Garro . . . . .	7 00	
		29 15
Alex. Lataille, bread to A. Moots, 30 weeks . . . . .	30 00	
Aid to Joseph Caga family . . . . .	21 25	
Railroad ticket to Canada for Peter Garro . . . . .	8 85	
Railroad ticket to St. John for Margaret Shenernait . . . . .	8 50	
		68 60
Dandurand & Derossier, bread to Michael Littleton . . . . .	5 00	
J. J. Oakes, goods to Ebenezer Clarke . . . . .	6 00	
Michael Delhanty, milk to Mrs. John Keough . . . . .	6 10	
Amount carried forward . . . . .	\$3,775 85	

## AUDITORS' REPORT.

Amount brought forward.....		\$3,775 85
Leon Cadotte, rent for Henry Rivers ....	16 00	
Rent for Emory Rivers.....	18 00	
	<hr/>	34 00
Hamilton Woolen Co., rent for S. Day....	30 38	
Rent for John Reynolds .....	10 00	
Wood for Mrs. Herber ... ..	11 38	
	<hr/>	51 76
Dresser Manufacturing Co., rent for Mrs.		
Peter Stone .... ..	96 00	
Rent for Ebenezer Clarke .....	3 30	
	<hr/>	99 30
John Buchan, rent for Mrs. Herber.....	28 00	
Rent for Mrs. Herber .....	20 00	
	<hr/>	48 00
Asylum for Chronic Insane, for support		
Lydia Fiske .....		172 54
Worcester Lunatic Asylum, support of		
Catherine Tynan .....	181 99	
Support of Daniel Smith .....	203 42	
Support of Mrs. Chas. Newhall.	17 85	
Support of Edwards Hill, Jr....	46 22	
	<hr/>	449 48
C. Begin, fare to Worcester for A. Deon..	2 00	
Rent for A. Deon.....	2 00	
Medicine for Henry Rivers ....	1 00	
Mrs. Marrette, board of Nellie		
Meagher.... ..	5 00	
Board of Mrs. J. Keough .....	10 00	
Moving Louis Laravier.....	1 00	
	<hr/>	21 00
City of Springfield, aid rendered Louis		
Bulgiac .....		4 25
Town of Prescott, aid rendered Esther		
Sedgwick.....		45 00
Town of Webster, 1 coffin for child of		
Louis Shaw.....	3 50	
Digging grave.....	2 00	
	<hr/>	5 50
Town of Spencer, aid rendered Charles		
Gadditte .....	3 32	
Aid rendered Chas. Rivers.....	90	
Aid rendered Joseph Collett...	8 53	
Aid rendered John Shepard...	39 12	
	<hr/>	51 87
Amount carried forward .....		\$4,758 55



AUDITORS' REPORT.

Amount brought forward.....		\$4,758 55
Town of Sturbridge, medical attendance and medicine, [for], Fannie Nedson .....		7 75
Town of North Brookfield, aid rendered Chas. Goddard.....		70 02
State of Massachusetts, support of Ed- ward H. Hill at Worcester lunatic hospital.....		101 14
City of Worcester, board, nursing (and clothing furnished Henry Lovely while sick with small pox, \$30 00; medical attend- ance, \$12 00; burial expenses, \$28 00....	70 00	
Medical attendance and medi- cine furnished A. J. McKin- stry.....	14 95	84 95
T. S. Wheelock, rent, Mrs. Philip Cross..		62 50
Central Mills Co., rent, Amene Charbaneau	6 00	
Rent, Paul Martins....	3 00	
Wood to Paul Martins.....	2 62	
Wood to Amene Charbaneau..	8 62	
Wood to Mrs. Wm. Hall.....	21 00	
	<hr/>	41 24
W. P. Plimpton, wood to Esther Clark.....		6 38
Cummings & Conant, wood to Esther Clark	4 50	
Wood to Mrs. Wm. Hall.....	11 61	
	<hr/>	16 11
Luther Marcy, wood to Mrs. Wm. Hall...	4 00	
Wood to Esther Clark.....	6 00	
	<hr/>	10 00
L. N. Holden & Co., goods to Amene Charbaneau		6 00
J. & W. Booth, coffin, Hilare Risard, child	4 00	
Coffin, Joseph Vancelette....	9 00	
Coffin, Peter Laracheal, child..	6 00	
Coffin, Peter Reno, child.....	4 00	
Coffin, Chas. Rivers .....	10 00	
Fare of Benjamin family to Millbury .....	1 85	
	<hr/>	34 85
Amount carried forward .....		\$5,199 49

Amount brought forward .....	\$5,199 49	
Samuel Williams, coffin, Mrs. Bard.....	8 50	
Coffin, Mrs. Lamont, child....	7 50	
Coffin, Felix Lamont .....	3 75	
Coffin, Mrs. Lamont .....	7 50	
Coffin, A. Duplacy .....	11 50	
Coffin, Geo. Martin....	4 00	
Coffin, Mrs. Frank Lovely.....	7 50	
Coffin, Mrs. Cager.....	7 50	
Coffin, Henry Rivers .....	7 50	
Coffin, James Coughlan .....	7 50	
	<hr/>	72 75
Louis Homman, digging grave for James Coughlan ... ..	2 00	
Digging grave for Mrs. Muldony	2 00	
	<hr/>	4 00
Alex Beebo, digging grave for Mrs. Cager.....		1 75
A. H. Shepard, team to Marvin Reynolds on Mrs. Parley Laflin case .....		2 25
Ferry & Dimmick, moving Joseph Luc to Town Farm .....		1 00
Wm. Powers, moving Bridget Foly to Town Farm		1 00
Southbridge Post-office, stamps.....		2 00
C. A. Paige, books for overseers' accounts	1 45	
Fare to Worcester to settle pau- per cases.....	1 70	
J. F. Parker, weighing hay....	75	
Fare to Worcester to settle small pox case.....	1 70	
Expenses to Worcester to get Geo. Martin to sign necessary papers for the collection of his life insurance.....	7 15	
Fare to Oxford, Milton W. Streeter case.....	2 35	
Fare to Palmer, Mrs. Sedgwick case.....	2 50	
Postage stamps .....	1 22	
Team to Sturbridge, Fanny Nedson case.....	75	
Expense to Worcester & Roch- dale, John Shepard case ....	4 66	
	<hr/>	24 23
Amount carried forward.....	\$5,308 47	

Amount brought forward .....	\$5,308 47	
L. O. Thompson, rations furnished tramps.....		75
L. W. Curtis, medical attendance, Andrew Lynch... ..	1 50	
Medc'l attendance, Mrs. S. Day	4 50	
	<u>          </u>	6 00
John Cutting, taking care of Ebenezer Clark.....		5 00
Wm. L. D. Hall, care of Ebenezer Clark.....		9 00
A. H. Barrett, sawing wood for Esther Clark .....	1 50	
\$2 00 per week for 4 weeks' sickness in family... ..	8 00	
	<u>          </u>	9 50
Marvin Reynolds, care and support of Widow Par- ley Lafin.....		48 23
Wm. Reynolds, care and support of Widow Parley Lafin.....		57. 18
	<u>          </u>	5,443 13
		<u>          </u>
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1881 .....		\$18 75
Order to Bemis Bros., outstanding.....		3 00
		<u>          </u>
		\$21 75

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

## HIGH SCHOOL.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1880 .....	\$533 72	
Appropriation .....	1,700 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$2,233 72

### EXPENDITURES.

George H. Mellen, services as teacher.....	1,120 00	
Frank Parson, services as assistant .....	144 00	
Mary E. Silverthorne, services as assistant teacher	198 00	
Frank Spooner, services as assistant teacher .....	130 00	
George B. Corey, care of room .....	40 15	
George W. Wells, for wood.....	25 62	
Cummings & Conant, for wood.....	58 97	
For 1 stove.....	14 50	
Michael Farrell, for plastering.....	8 39	
Pliny M. Clarke, for setting glass.....	3 45	
	<u>          </u>	1,743 08
Balance to to credit of this account March 1, 1881 ....		\$490 64

## COMMON SCHOOLS.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1880.....	\$ 843 81	
Appropriations .....	5,400 00	
Corporation tax .....	1,991 27	
Bank tax... ..	573 39	
	<u>          </u>	8,808 47

## EXPENDITURES.

*Teaching.*

C. M. Perrin, 27 weeks . . . . .	\$247 00	
V. T. Wetherell, 23 weeks . . . . .	207 00	
Susie E. Morse, 23 weeks . . . . .	276 00	
Josie A. Rice, 34 weeks . . . . .	306 00	
Susie E. Knight, 22 weeks . . . . .	198 00	
Flora B. Allen, 42 weeks . . . . .	378 00	
Maria Cutting, 22 weeks . . . . .	176 00	
Idella M. Brewster, 34 weeks . . . . .	272 00	
Mary Remington, 22 weeks . . . . .	187 00	
Jennie McVey, 23 weeks . . . . .	184 00	
Laura Williams, 11 weeks . . . . .	99 00	
Mary Clemence, 11 weeks . . . . .	66 00	
Minnie Perry, 11 weeks . . . . .	88 00	
Ellen M. Boulton, 9 weeks . . . . .	45 00	
Mrs. Moulton, 12 weeks . . . . .	84 00	
Mary A. Hopkins, 12 weeks . . . . .	108 00	
Nellie Booth, 22 weeks . . . . .	154 00	
Julia V. Harwood, 23 weeks . . . . .	276 00	
Alice Holmes, 22 weeks . . . . .	154 00	
Fanny Freeman, 22 weeks . . . . .	198 00	
Mary Newell, 22 weeks . . . . .	165 00	
A. Rebecca Rowley, 22 weeks . . . . .	198 00	
Jennie Litchfield, 12 weeks . . . . .	108 00	
Lizzie Douty, 34 weeks . . . . .	272 00	
Ida M. Douty, 23 weeks . . . . .	230 00	
Nellie Douty, 12 weeks . . . . .	72 00	
E. Etta Whitford, 25 weeks . . . . .	200 00	
E. Etta McFarland, 12 weeks . . . . .	96 00	
Clara L. Nichols, 33 weeks . . . . .	264 00	
Mary Pellett, 22 weeks . . . . .	176 00	
Mary Clemence, 11 weeks . . . . .	66 00	
Frank Parson, teaching drawing . . . . .	67 50	
		5,617 50

*Care of School Houses.*

Mrs. Kate Parker, Plimpton street school house . . . . .	10 00
Felix Searles, Sumner school house . . . . .	8 00
John Flood, River street school house . . . . .	30 50
Thomas Hayes, School st. school house . . . . .	16 00
John Barrett, School st. school house . . . . .	29 33

Amounts carried forward . \$93 83 \$5,617 50

Amounts brought forward...	\$93 83	\$5,617 50
James Ryan, Union st. school house.....	28 84	
Geo. B. Corey, Main street school house and cutting wood.....	120 82	
John C. Brown, Hooker school house....	9 25	
Nellie A. West, Hooker school house....	4 00	
Eugene M. Chamberlain, Dennison school house.....	9 25	
Oscar P. Brown, Dennison school house..	4 00	
	<hr/>	269 99

*Wood.*

Cummings & Conant .....	\$ 357 25	
Morse Bros....	49 69	
Horace Walker.....	22 50	
Olney & Lescault .....	13 75	
Wm. P. Plimpton.....	6 00	
Sylvester Dresser.....	20 00	
	<hr/>	469 19

*Cutting wood.*

John Flood.....	19 12	
Edward Hughes .....	3 00	
N. S. Robinson.....	2 25	
F. Scarbo .....	3 37	
Thomas Conghlan .....	3 65	
	<hr/>	31 39
Willis Morse, board of Walter Pratt.....	18 00	
	<hr/>	6,406 07
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Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1881.....	\$ 2,402 40	

## CONTINGENT SCHOOLS.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriations ..... \$650 00

## EXPENDITURES.

Balance against this account March 1, 1880.....	\$141 58	
Elsey School Furniture Co., desks and crayons....	142 33	
J. & W. Booth, school furniture and setting glass.	57 41	
Samuel Williams, chair and table .....	4 67	
N. E. School Furnishing Co., chairs and desks....	38 51	
N. Y. & N. E. R. R., freight on desks .....	4 71	
Henry M. McElwin, slating blackboards .....	80 57	
Oliver Bisson, taking census of children .....	15 00	
John J. Bowlen, freight on desks from Charlton..	5 87	
Joseph Williams, 1 stove and pipe .....	19 02	
William C. Barnes, school books .....	7 71	
Avril & Hunting, dusters and brushes.....	7 50	
James A. King, books and crayons....	25 04	
J. S. Gleason, books and crayons.....	32 86	
Cummings & Conant, brooms and pails.....	13 93	
G. L. Winter, eave trough for school house	37 91	
Supplies... ..	6 37	
	<hr/>	44 28
Daniel M. Chamberlain, labor.....	11 20	
Dwight Chamberlain, labor, &c.....	5 75	
Leonard Cutler, labor and lumber... ..	21 07	
H. Hobbs, labor on seats.....	1 00	
Frank Link, labor.....	5 50	
T. & J. H. Sanders, repairs on school house.....	4 00	
Michael Farrell, labor.....	1 75	
John Flood, labor moving seats.....	3 75	
John Delond, stationery .....	5 80	
G. M. Whitaker, printing....	13 50	
Wm. Powers, cleaning vaults.....	14 80	
Thomas Hayes, cleaning vaults.....	2 00	
P. M. Clark, setting glass. ....	6 10	
J. M. Olney, services as truant officer.....	5 75	
Geo. Thayer, truant officer.....	14 75	
Alice Hickey, cleaning town hall for school.....	1 50	
Frost & Adams, supplies for drawing.....	15 97	
	<hr/>	775 18
Balance against this account March 1, 1881.....	\$	125 18

## SCHOOL APPARATUS.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1880 .....	\$50 62
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## AUDITORS' REPORT.

## EXPENDITURES.

Elisha M. Phillips, 2 charts.....	\$10 50	
William C. Barnes, supplies for drawing.....	16 15	
Idella M. Brewster, cards, etc .....	1 19	
	<u>          </u>	27 84
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1881 .....	\$22 78	

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance of state school fund account on hand March 1, 1880. ....	\$ 262 80	
District court, fines.....	40 00	
State school fund, 1880.....	204 22	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 507 02

## EXPENDITURES.

Balance on hand March 1, 1881.....	507 02
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# SELECTMEN.

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## ALMSHOUSE ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

### RECEIPTS.

Appropriation, June 1880.....	\$ 3,500 00	
Transfer, Dec. 27, 1880.....	160 00	
		\$ 3,660 00

### EXPENDITURES.

Paid Hartwell Hobbs on contract for building ad- dition, etc.....	3,500 00	
Extra work and materials.. . . . .	140 00	
Michael Farrell for work.....	20 00	
		3,660 00

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## BRIDGES.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1880.....	\$ 2 08	
Appropriation at April meeting.....	200 00	
From Sturbridge on Westville bridge. ....	17 95	
Transfer liquor license money, Nov. 20, 1880... .	145 00	
		\$ 365 03

### EXPENDITURES.

<i>Old accounts.</i>		
A. H. Wheeler, for work.....	\$ 2 19	
Wm. Edwards' Sons, for plank.... . . . .	23 03	
		\$ 25 22
Amount carried forward .....	\$ 25 22	

Amount brought forward.....\$ 25 22

*Westville Bridge Pier.*

N. Y. & N. E. railroad company, freight..	7 65	
W. M. Harris, cement.....	28 25	
Edward Duceth, mason work.....	67 30	
Wheelock & Marcy, drawing stone.....	6 00	
A. J. Plimpton, drawing stone.....	3 25	
Hamilton Woolen Co., plank, derrick, &c.	28 60	
	<hr/>	141 05
Peter Phanauff, work planking.....	8 00	
Geo. Lamoureux, work planking.....	1 50	
Wm. Edwards' Sons, plank .....	101 34	
T. & J. H. Sanders, work planking.....	20 67	
Jos. Williams, spikes, &c .....	10 35	
	<hr/>	141 86
		<hr/> \$ 308 13
Balance to credit March 1, 1881.....		56 90
Outstanding bill, A. J. Plimpton, 1881.....		1 50
Bill, James Wesson, work in 1879.....		10 00

COLUMBIAN ROAD.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation ..... \$300 00

EXPENDITURES.

Austin H. Shepard, pay roll of men, self and teams....	\$253 70
George S. Stone, repairs of tools .....	15 46
P. H. Carpenter & Co., powder and fuse .....	16 40
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	285 56
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1881 .....	<hr/> \$14 44

## CONTINGENT.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at April meeting.....	\$	500	00
Transfer liquor license money, Nov. 20, 1880. ..		234	25
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	\$	734	25

## EXPENDITURES.

*Old Accounts.*

Balance March 1, 1880.....	\$	26	08
L. Morton, outstanding order No. 434....		50	00
J. J. Oakes, use of horse.....		4	79
J. M. Olney, extra watch.....		4	50
G. A. Dresser, perambulating town lines.		6	00
D. M. Chamberlain, for road signs.....		1	75
L. W. Curtis, for examining A. Morton..		1	00
J. F. Parker, for horse and carriages.....		9	50
N. E. Putney, for repairs on clock .....		6	41
J. F. Parker, for teams for selectmen....		25	50
H. A. Morse, express and expenses.....		7	05
P. M. Clarke, for repairs on town hall....		1	50
S. Thayer, for serving health notices, 1879		5	25
A. H. Wheeler, for labor.....		1	00
Dwight Chamberlain, for fixing rails....		1	75
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		152	08

*Bills for the past year.*

A. H. Barrett, moving seats in hall .....	1	00
N. E. Putney, care of town clock ....	25	00
Solomon Thayer, sundry police duty.....	22	00
C. A. Paige, clearing town hall yard .....	1	00
Solomon Thayer, assessors' books.....	5	75
W. H. Jacobs, book-case and drawers, etc.	35	56
Austin H. Shepard, police duty .....	60	00
Pliny M. Clarke, posting notices, etc .....	4	68
M. Dillaber, reward for malicious mischief.	10	00
Hamilton Woolen Co., use of land for steps to depot.....	1	00
J. S. McAdoo, liquor prosecutions.....	174	24
Hamilton Woolen Co., repairs on walk to depot .....	5	74

Amounts carried forward . \$345 97 \$ 152 08

Amounts brought forward...	\$345 97	\$ 152 08
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber for do ..	16 00	
Bacon & Hopkins, written opinion .....	5 00	
Joseph Williams, pipe to water tub .....	6 54	
Samuel Williams, services at funerals ....	18 00	
Edwin Bacon, collecting deaths, etc. ....	29 75	
Cummings & Conant, putty and glass, etc.	24	
Horace I. Joslin, carriages for officers ....	12 00	
Geo. B. Corey, care and repairs town hall.	12 37	
J. M. Olney, warning and attending town meetings .....	23 70	
James A. King, stationery .....	50	
Geo. M. Whitaker .....	6 00	
J. B. Giroux, painting hearse .....	20 00	
Henry A. Morse, services as clerk .....	18 75	
J. Booth, funeral conductor .....	9 00	
Duffy & Lewis, care of water tub ....	6 75	
Henry A. Morse, clerk's expenses ....	4 27	
A. J. Bartholomew, license blanks, etc. ....	4 82	
Pliny M. Clarke, setting glass .....	9 16	
	<u>548 82</u>	
		<u>700 90</u>
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1881 .....		\$33 35

*Bills outstanding.*

S. Dresser, services regarding almshouse .....	15 00
Horace W. Bacon, police duty .....	25 00
L. W. Curtis .....	1 25

## DECORATION DAY.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at April meeting .....	\$ 100 00
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## EXPENDITURES.

Mechanics Bank .....	\$ 45 00
A. H. Shepard, for hacks for choir .....	3 00
J. F. Parker, for hacks for choir .....	3 00
Ferry & Dimmock, for hack for orator .....	3 00
Amount carried forward .....	<u>\$ 54 00</u>

Amount brought forward .....	\$	54 00	
Wm. C. Barnes, for flags....		2 00	
J. A. Marcy, for refreshments....		9 42	
Sheet music for singers....		80	
Printing and postage.....		78	
			<u>67 00</u>
Balance to credit account March 1, 1881.....	\$		<u>33 00</u>

## ENGINE MEN.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1880.....	\$	24 00	
Appropriation at annual meeting.....		2,216 00	
			<u>\$ 2,240 00</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

Tiger Engine Company, May 1, 1880.....	\$	450 00	
Melville Engine Company, May 1, 1880.....		450 00	
Steamer Engine Company No. 1.....		370 00	
Steamer Engine Company No. 2.....		370 00	
Hook & Ladder Company No.1.....		150 00	
Hook & Ladder No. 2.....		150 00	
P. M. Clarke, chief fire engineer.....		100 00	
Steward, Steamer No. 1.....		75 00	
Steward, Steamer No. 2.....		75 00	
Wm. C. Barnes, 1st assistant engineer. ....		25 00	
Paul J. Whelan, 2d assistant engineer.....		25 00	
			<u>\$ 2,240 00</u>

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1880.....	\$	138 87	
Appropriation at April meeting.....		800 00	
			<u>\$ 938 87</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

*Old Accounts.*

Wm. C. Barnes, rubber hose, 1879 .....	\$	1	00
C. T. Carpenter, straps for steamers, 1879.		2	15
J. S. Gleason, supplies for engine house, 1879.....		13	46
W. H. Jacobs, repairs on engine house, '79		2	79
J. F. Parker, use of horses, Feb. 1880....		5	00
Jos. Williams, stove, Jan., 1880.....		5	00
Ferry & Dimmick, horses, Feb. 1880....		4	56
P. M. Clarke, repairs, Feb. 1880.....		6	00
Duffy & Lewis, repairs, 1879.....		2	90
Hamilton Woolen Co., horses, 1879.....		28	50
A. H. Shepard, horses, 1879.....		18	50
Wm. Edwards' Sons, damage to photo saloon, 1878 .....		10	00
F. Cady, repairs on fire extinguisher.....		3	80
C. M. Clapp & Co., coat, 1879.....		5	00
	-----	\$	108 66

*Bills for the past year.*

Carpenter, Irwin & Co., for carpets.....	177	34
J. & W. Booth, fixtures for rooms.....	20	06
Wm. C. Barnes, fixtures for rooms.....	4	35
S. Williams, door mats.....	2	70
Cummings & Conant, for spittoons....	6	75
	-----	211 20
A. H. Shepard, for horses.....	82	00
J. F. Parker, for horses.....	48	00
Ferry & Dimmock, for horses.....	17	00
	-----	147 00
Southbridge Coal Co., for coal.....	147	36
H. D. Edwards, for coal.....	1	85
Wm. P. Plimpton, for wood.....	5	65
S. Thayer, for wood.....	8	75
	-----	163 61
Leonard Cutler, for repairs.....	8	10
W. H. Jacobs, for butts, etc .....	1	00
M. Brien, for keys.....	1	75
	-----	10 85
A. Thompson, for repairs engine.....	2	12
Geo. S. Stone, for lead bars.....	5	00
	-----	7 12
Amount carried forward .....	\$	648 44

Amount brought forward .....	\$	648 44	
Fiskdale Mills Co., for waste .....	10	00	
Columbian Mills Co., for waste .....	3	82	
Duffy & Lewis, for supplies .....	11	31	
Cummings & Conant, for oil, etc. ....	1	80	
J. S. Gleason, for oil. ....	5	36	
P. H. Carpenter, for brooms and salt. ....	1	36	
P. Kelley, for pails. ....	1	09	
Jos. Williams, for axe .....	1	25	
			35 99
George H. Thayer, cleaning well .....	3	00	
Patrick Maher, watching .....	1	50	
John Stone, watching. ....		50	
A. H. Barrett, watching .....		75	
			5 75
Belt and Leather Stuff Co., hose dressing.	60	38	
George A. Dresser, freight on same .....	1	00	
Freight on belt .....		50	
Cole Brothers, hydrant couplings .....	30	00	
P. Maher, work on hydrants. ....	1	95	
			93 83
J. & W. Booth, lettering coats .....	4	50	
Geo. M. Whitaker, printing cards .....	2	00	
			6 50
G. A. Dresser, services as Chief Engineer to December 1, 1880 .....	58	31	
Telephone Exchange, labor and material on fire alarm. ....	11	00	
			69 31
			859 82
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1881. ....			\$79 05

*Bills outstanding.*

Hamilton Woolen Co., for horses ..	50	00
Austin H. Shepard, for horses .....	5	00
James F. Parker, for horses .....	8	00
George S. Stone, for repairs. ....	5	50
Cummings & Conant, for rope .....	1	76
W. C. Barnes. ....	1	23

## HAMILTON STREET WALK.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at April meeting.....	\$650 00	
Transfer Dec. 27, 1880.....	50 00	
		\$700 00

## EXPENDITURES.

A. H. Shepard, pay roll of men, teams and self....	\$401 90	
Geo. S. Stone, repairs on tools.....	2 44	
Cummings & Conant, curbing.....	54 78	
Stone & Hiscox, curbing.....	100 00	
Hamilton Woolen Co., work setting curbing.....	65 13	
Geo. S. Stone, irons, &c. for railing.....	39 94	
John P. Carey, filling.....	30 00	
		\$ 694 19
Balance to credit this account March 1, 1881.....	\$	5 81

## HIGHWAYS.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1880.....	\$	8 92
Appropriation, April meeting.....	3,500 00	
Sturbridge, work of team.....	11 50	
Cattle sold.....	135 00	
		\$ 3,655 42

## EXPENDITURES.

*Old Accounts.*

A. H. Barrett, labor, Nov., Dec. and Jan., 1879-80.....	\$	16 26
C. Whiting, shoveling snow, Feb. 1880...	1 25	
C. M. Morse, 4 drags.....	18 00	
C. Brown, breaking out roads, Feb. 1880 .	1 25	
Wm. Edwards' Sons, work on Dresser St. Nov. 1879.....	20 65	
C. M. Morse, work on roads, Dec. 1879...	25 48	
G. K. Dresser, work in Nov. and Dec. '79.	15 25	
Amount carried forward.....	\$98 14	



Amount brought forward ...	\$ 98 14	
Jos. Longsway, work in Dec. 1879.....	17 90	
E. B. Weld, work in 1877.....	5 75	
J. F. Brooks, scraper in 1879.....	117 00	
C. W. Weld, work in 1879.....	22 45	
H. Walker, work in summer of 1879... ..	185 71	
A. H. Wheeler, work in 1879 .....	2 50	
Geo. Whitford, bricks used on South St..	1 35	
J. F. Parker, teams on highways.....	51 15	
C. M. Morse, shoveling snow and work on roads .....	6 10	
J. Edwards' estate, gravel on Dresser St..	71 50	
H. Fairbanks, sledge handles.....	55	
J. J. Oakes, work on Main street, 1879...	3 75	
L. W. Curtis, gravel, plank and work....	30 60	
Geo. Lyon, work on roads.....	6 37	
Daniel Whitford, work.....	2 83	
E. Ducette, moving wall.....	6 50	
	<hr/>	\$ 630 15

*Bills for the past year.*

A. H. Shepard, Highway Surveyor, for self, pay roll of men and teams .....	1,633 45
Samuel Hobbs, yoke of cattle.....	145 00
G. S. Stone, sharpening tools and repairs.	77 43
Shoeing cattle .....	6 13
Steel for drills.....	10 80
Town farm and others, for hay .....	97 30
Ellis & Cook, feed for cattle.....	34 93
Cummings & Conant, plows and tools....	19 41
P. H. Carpenter & Co., powder and fuse..	18 40,
Joseph Williams, tools .....	9 92
Samuel Hobbs, 1 drag.....	3 50
T. & J. H. Sanders, 1 yoke .....	3 50
Hamilton Woolen Co., gravel....	22 40
American Optical Co., paving stones....	25 00
A. Stevens, 100 feet flag stones .....	18 00
Thomas Hayes, work on road.....	10 62
Thomas Welch, work on road.....	6 25
A. H. Barrett, work on road ...	3 13
J. Cutting, work on road .....	1 50

Amounts carried forward . \$2,146 67 \$ 630 15

Amounts brought forward..		\$2,146 67	\$ 630 15
Isaac Clark, turning water, etc.....		75	
L. A. Lyon, work on Lebanon hill road ..		30 00	
Amasa Haskell, work on cross roads .....		20 00	
Austin H. Shepard, self and men shoveling snow .....		84 55	
George K. Dresser, cleaning gutters on Hamilton street .....		1 50	
W. P. Morse, shoveling snow.....		2 70	
E. M. Chamberlain, shoveling snow.....		2 00	
A. H. Wheeler, order twice drawn .....		2 50	
		—————	2,290 67
			————— 2,920 82
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1881 .....			\$734 60

*Outstanding orders and bills.*

Order 354, Ellis & Cook.....	\$ 4 10
Order 395, S. Dresser.....	12 00
Order 398, Frank Parson... ..	2 00
Order 416, Hamilton Woolen Co.....	2 00
Order 417, Geo. L. Clemence....	1 50
Bill, Wm. Griffin, concreting in year 1879. ....	25 75
Bill, Wm. Edwards, bill of year 1879.....	6 16
Bill, Jo. Ouimette, 1879 .....	2 50
Bill, A. H. Shepard, barn rent.....	6 00
Bill, Willis Morse, snow work.....	2 00
Bill, Cummings & Conant, lanterns.....	1 70
Bill, George Lyon, snow work ....	1 22
Bill, L. W. Curtis, fees .....	1 32

INSURANCE.

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1880 .....	\$ 10 27
Appropriation, 1880 .....	100 00
	————— \$ 110 27

## EXPENDITURES.

E. M. Philips, Hcoker school house.....	\$	8	20
Library .....		40	00
Poor farm buildings ....		43	00
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	\$	91	20
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Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1881 .....	\$	19	07

## INTEREST.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriation, 1880 .....	\$	1,700	00
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## EXPENDITURES.

Amount overdrawn last year.....	\$	149	95
Mechanics Savings bank .....		500	00
John Marcy, on note April 15, 1875.....		470	00
Lucy H. Stow, on note Aug. 8, 1876.....		250	00
Southbridge Savings bank.....		500	46
Southbridge National bank, discount.....		20	67
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	\$	1,891	08
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Balance against this account March 1, 1881.....	\$	191	08

## MAIN STREET WALK, GLOBE VILLAGE.

## RECEIPTS.

Transfer April 6, 1880, from Mill street .....	\$84	03
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## EXPENDITURES.

Balance overdrawn March 1, 1880.....	57	68
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Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1881 ...	\$26	35

## MAIN AND PLEASANT STREET SIDEWALK.

## RECEIPTS.

Transfer from Edwards street walk April 6, 1880..\$	40	
Transfer from Mill st. sidewalk April 6, 1880.....	45 07	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 45 55

## EXPENDITURES.

Balance March 1, 1880, overdrawn.....	78 60	
Paid F. Ryan bill for repairing tools .....	12 10	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 90 70
Balance against this account March 1, 1880... ..		<u>          </u> \$ 45 15

## MARCY STREET SIDEWALK.

## RECEIPTS.

Assessment of Liberty Litchfield .....	\$119 16	
Assessment of John Marcy.....	291 59	
	<u>          </u>	\$410 65

## EXPENDITURES.

Amount overdrawn March 1, 1880.....	320 02	
Paid C. W. Weld, bill for work 1879.....	39 10	
Paid G. A. Dresser, bill for work 1879.....	7 20	
Paid G. A. Dresser, bill for work 1880.....	6 00	
Paid J. F. Parker, bill for work 1879. ....	19 25	
	<u>          </u>	391 57
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1881.....		<u>          </u> \$ 19 08

## POLICE STATION.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriation 1880.....\$	175 00	
Transfer Dec. 27, 1880.....	25 00	
Lock-up fees.....	15 25	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 215 25

## EXPENDITURES.

*Old Accounts.*

Amount overdrawn last year.....	\$ 25 71	
J. J. Oakes, bill for wood 1879.....	13 62	
Chas. E. Cady, bill for wood 1879... ..	4 00	
Mutual Gas-light Co., for gas 1879 .....	2 25	
	<hr/>	45 58

*Bills for the past year.*

L. O. Thompson, care of station.....	22 00	
Cummings & Conant, for cups.....	1 50	
P. M. Clarke, for setting glass, etc.... ..	5 00	
G. L. Winter, for repairing roof and stove..	10 65	
A. J. Bartholomew, for 1 1-2 cords wood..	6 00	
Mutual Gas-light Co., for gas.....	10 83	
Thos. Potter, for care of station.....	73 18	
Wm. P. Plimpton, for wood.....	18 50	
Jos. Williams, for spittoon.....	1 00	
P. M. Clarke, for setting glass... ..	1 00	
Jos. Williams, for chambers and keys....	5 01	
	<hr/>	154 67
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		200 25
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1881.....	\$	15 00

*Outstanding bills.*

Mutual Gas-light Co. for gas .....	\$ 90
T. Potter for wood.....	11 00
Order, Geo. L. Winter, for stove, etc.....	10 65

## PRINTING.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1880. ....	\$ 2 53	
Appropriation at annual meeting .....	250 00	
Transfer Dec. 27, 1880 .....	50 00	
Error in G. M. Whitaker's bill .....	4 75	
	<hr/>	\$ 307 28

## AUDITORS' REPORT.

## EXPENDITURES.

Geo. M. Whitaker, reports .....	\$ 208 72	
Bills, warrants, &c.....	53 55	
W. M. Corbin, bill heads.....	12 00	
Assessors' notices .....	3 25	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 277 52
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1881 .....		<u>          </u> 29 76

## PAYMENT OF DEBT.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at annual meeting, 1880 .....	\$ 10,900 00
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## EXPENDITURES.

John Marcy, note of April 15, 1875.....	\$ 5,000 00	
Southbridge Savings bank, note of July 21, 1879..	2,500 00	
Note of Dec. 9, 1879 .....	2,000 00	
Note of Feb. 27, 1880.....	1,400 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$10,900 00

## RAILINGS.

## RECEIPTS.

Annual appropriation, 1880... ..	\$ 100 00	
For iron railings sold Isaac Clarke.....	20 80	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 120 80

## EXPENDITURES.

Balance against this account March 1. 1880.....	14 18	
Hamilton Woolen Co., for work railing Hamilton street walk to depot... ..	11 84	
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, for lumber for same... ..	17 18	
		43 20
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Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1881.....\$		77 60
<i>Outstanding order.</i>		
Hamilton Woolen Co., for work.....		\$5 13

## SIDEWALKS.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1880.....\$	88 23	
Annual appropriation, 1880.....	200 00	
Transfer, liquor license money.....	108 25	
Otis N. Upham, assessment....	73 25	
George W. Corey, assessment.....	26 27	
		\$496 00

## EXPENDITURES.

*Old Accounts.*

J. J. Oakes, work in 1879, repairs.... ..\$	3 88	
Wm. Edwards' Sons, work on walks, 1879	10 50	
A. H. Wheeler, labor on walks, Feb., 1880	5 25	
V. Fiske, work on Dresser St. walk, 1879.	35 00	
Stone & Hiscox, curbing.... ..	29 46	
C. W. Weld, Hamilton street walk, 1879..	35 70	
Wm. Edwards' Sons, work in Sept. 1879..	4 40	
G. H. Hartwell, stone on Hamilton St., '79	35 00	
Stone & Hiscox, curbing in 1879.... ..	85 80	
Wm. Searles, repairs walk on Sayles street	1 00	
L. Tully, repairing River street walk....	50	
F. L. Chapin, work on Dresser street, '79	20 00	
Wm. Griffin, repairing walk on Hamilton St	2 50	
		\$ 268 99
Amount carried forward .....	\$	268 99

Amount brought forward .....	\$	268	90
<i>Bills for the past year.</i>			
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber .....	\$	10	
M. Farrell, work repairing walk Main St..		3	00
M. Greenier, repairing walk, Main St ...		2	50
Duffy & Lewis, nails for Hamilton St....		1	05
	—	\$	14 65
			<u>\$ 283 64</u>
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1881.....	\$	212	36
Outstanding bill, Wm. Griffin on Crane St., 1879....	\$	46	69

## SALARIES.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1880.....	\$218	32
Annual appropriation, 1880 .....	1,400	00
State Treasurer, collecting bank tax .....	20	50
	—	<u>\$1,638 82</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

C. E. Cady, collecting tax in 1878.....	150	00
J. W. Marble, sealing weights and measures.....	10	00
J. J. Oakes, services as Selectman .....	25	39
W. D. Morse, services as Auditor. ....	3	00
C. W. Johnson, services as Auditor .....	25	00
E. M. Phillips, services as School Committee .....	130	00
H. A. Morse, services as Town Clerk .....	16	25
J. M. Amidon, services as School Committee .....	7	50
Geo. K. Dresser, assisting Assessors.....	20	62
Solomon Thayer, services as Assessor in 1880....	111	87
Daniel Whitford, use of team in 1880 .....	37	50
Henry Clarke, services as Assessor in 1880.....	112	83
B. V. Stevenson, services as School Committee, 1880	25	00
H. A. Morse, collecting returns, etc.....	130	30
F. L. Chapin, services as Treasurer one year .....	100	00
Board of Overseers of the Poor one year .....	200	00
Board of Selectmen one year .....	200	00
A. W. Martin, services as Auditor to March 1, 1881	23	50
J. S. Gleason, services as Auditor to March 1, 1881	19	00
	—	<u>1,347 74</u>
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1881 .....	\$291	08



## SOUTH STREET.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1880....\$	2 47	
Appropriation at annual meeting.....	\$500 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$502 47

## EXPENDITURES.

Dr. L. W. Curtis, land.....	1 25	
Jacob Booth, land damage.....	100 00	
Ellen M. Newell, land damage.....	60 00	
	<u>          </u>	161 25
		<u>          </u>
Balance to credit account March 1, 1881.....\$	341 22	
<i>Outstanding Order.</i>		
John Rowley, for land damages settled.....	\$60 00	

## STATE AID.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1880 . . . . .	\$280 31	
State Treasurer.....	232 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$512 31

## EXPENDITURES.

Julia Seymour.....	48 00	
Martin Maher.....	33 00	
Patrick Gleason.....	44 00	
Francis McGuire.....	44 00	
Thomas Welch.....	66 00	
Anthony Deon.....	21 00	
	<u>          </u>	256 00

Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1881..... \$256 31

## STREET LIGHTS.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1880 .....	\$441 07	
Appropriation at annual meeting .....	1,400 00	
		<u>          \$1,441 07</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

Mutual Gaslight Company .....	487 50	
U. S. Street-lighting Co., care of 68 lamps .....	733 39	
Enos Avey, care of 33 lamps .....	148 50	
Marcus Dillaber, fixing lamp post and street lights.	6 25	
J. J. Oakes, 1 lantern .....	6 00	
Pliny M. Clarke, setting glass .....	2 40	
Ellis & Cook, matches .....	1 65	
Olney & Lescault, matches .....	3 30	
		<u>          1,388 99</u>

Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1881..... \$52 08

*Bills outstanding.*

J. T. McKinstry.....\$5 09

## TELEPHONE FIRE ALARM.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriation, 1880 ..... \$ 50 00

## EXPENDITURES.

Southbridge Telephone Exchange, telephone rentals ..... 40 07

Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1881.....\$ 9 93

Bills outstanding.....\$14 14

# BILLS OUTSTANDING.

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## *Bridges.*

James Wesson, bill of 1879.....	\$10 00	
A. J. Plimpton. ....	1 50	
	\$	11 50

## *Cemetery improvements.*

Lamson & Woodbury.....	38 00	
Frank Parson .....	2 25	
	\$	40 25

## *Common schools.*

C. M. Perrin, teaching.....	\$ 90 00	
V. T. Wetherell, teaching .....	130 00	
S. E. Morse, teaching .....	156 00	
S. E. Knight, teaching ....	108 00	
Maria Cutting, teaching. ....	96 00	
Mary Remington, teaching .....	102 00	
Laura Williams, teaching .....	130 00	
Mary Clemence, teaching .....	72 00	
Minnie Perry, teaching.....	117 00	
Nellie Booth, teaching .....	84 00	
Julia V. Harwood, teaching.....	156 00	
Alice Holmes, teaching .....	84 00	
Fanny Freeman, teaching... ..	108 00	
Mary Newell, teaching.....	96 00	
A. R. Rowley, teaching.....	108 00	
Ida M. Douty, teaching.....	130 00	
Mary Pellett, teaching.....	96 00	
	1,863 00	
Etta McFarland, order overdrawn.....	24 00	
	\$	1,890 00
Amount carried forward.....	\$	1,890 75

Amount brought forward .....	\$ 1,890 75	
There is also a small sum due Nellie Walker for teaching in the Bacon district, but the term is not finished.		
Eugene M. Chamberlain, care school house.....	5 00	
Oscar P. Brown, care school house.....	5 00	
Thos. Hayes, care school house.....	27 08	
Wm. Renny, care school house .....	1 00	
Mrs. John Parker, care school house.....	10 00	
J. Ryan, care school house .....	8 00	
Geo. B. Corey, care school house. ....	40 00	
Cutting wood.....	30 00	
Sundries .....	2 05	
	<hr/>	128 13

*Contingent schools.*

Cummings & Conant.....	10 00	
Duffy & Lewis.....	11 16	
H. D. Edwards .....	2 36	
Wm. C. Barnes .....	16 40	
J. S. Gleason .....	21 13	
J. T. McKinstry .....	5 32	
John Flood.....	15 00	
J. & W. Booth..	7 15	
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*Contingent.*

S. Dresser.....	15 00	
Horace W. Bacon.....	25 00	
L. W. Curtis .....	1 25	
	<hr/>	41 25

*Fire department.*

Hamilton Woolen Co., order outstanding.....	50 00	
J. F. Parker.....	8 00	
A. H. Shepard....	5 00	
Geo. S. Stone. ....	5 50	
Cummings & Conant.....	1 76	
W. C. Barnes.....	1 23	
	<hr/>	71 49

*High school.*

F. M. Smith.....	240 00	
Mary E. Silverthorne .....	96 00	
Wm. C. Barnes .....	7 88	
Geo. B. Corey .....	12 30	
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Amount carried forward.....\$ 2,576 32

Amount brought forward.....\$ 2,576 32

*Highways.*

Wm. Edwards .....	6 16	
Wm. Griffin .....	25 75	
S. Dresser....	12 00	
A. H. Shepard.....	6 00	
Ellis & Cook.....	4 10	
Jos. Ouimette .....	2 50	
F Parson... ..	2 00	
Willis Morse .....	2 00	
Hamilton Woolen Co.....	2 00	
Geo. L. Clemence.....	1 50	
Cummings & Conant....	1 70	
L. W. Curtis.....	1 32	
George Lyon.....	1 22	
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*Police station.*

Mutual Gas-light Co .....	90	
T. Potter.....	11 00	
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*Railing highways.*

Hamilton Woolen Co.....	5 13
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*Salaries.*


Geo. H. Thayer, truant officer.....	12 50	
J. M. Olney, truant officer .....	9 25	
Rev. B. V. Stevenson, school committee .....	141 00	
E. M. Phillips, school committee.....	112 50	
Geo. M. Whitaker, school committee.....	77 25	
Manning Leonard, auditor ... ..	16 50	
	<hr/>	369 00

*Street lights.*

J. T. McKinstry .....	5 09
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*Sidewalks.*

T. W. Griffin, bill of 1879.....	46 69
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 Amount carried for ward.....\$ 3,082 38

Amount brought forward . . . . . \$ 3,082 38

*Outside poor.*

J. S. Gleason . . . . .	124 00	
W. E. Alden & Co . . . . .	125 00	
	<hr/>	249 00

*School apparatus.*

Geo. M. Lovell . . . . .		4 00
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*South street.*

John Rowley, for land damages settled . . . . .		60 00
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*Telephone fire alarm.*

Telephone exchange . . . . .		14 14
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		\$ 3,409 52

This large amount of outstanding bills is increased by the common school account, the treasurer being unable to pay the orders from lack of funds, the cause of which is explained on pp. 115-6. There is to the credit of this account . . . . . 2,402 40

Leaving as really outstanding . . . . .	\$ 1,007 12
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# VALUATIONS.

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## VALUATION OF THE TOWN FOR 1880.

Value of real estate.....	\$2,045,874 00
Value of personal estate.....	1,002,645 00
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Total real and personal.....	\$3,048,519 00
Gain on real estate over 1879.....	14,400 00
Gain on personal estate over 1879.....	127,618 00
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Total gain real and personal.....	\$ 142,058 00
Total tax, state, county and town.....	50,812 00
Rate of taxation per \$1000.....	16 00
Total number of polls .....	1,328
Total number of horses assessed.....	431
Total number of cows assessed.....	417
Total number of sheep assessed.....	179
Total number of dwelling houses assessed... ..	698
Total number of acres of land assessed.....	12,299

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## VALUATION OF CENTRE WATCH DISTRICT.

Value of real estate.....	\$ 709,720 00
Value of personal estate.....	296,534 00
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Total real and personal.....	\$1,006,254 00
Amount raised by taxation.....	700 00
Rate of tax per \$1000. ....	70

# CASH RECEIVED

## BY THE SELECTMEN.

### *For Licenses.*

J. F. Parker, first class liquor license.....	\$125 00
Warren Armes, first class do.....	125 00
J. W. Robinson, fourth class do.....	75 00
G. H. Hartwell, fourth class do.....	75 00
B. W. Paton, fourth class do.....	75 00
Geo. C. Shepard & Co., fourth class do.....	75 00
Geo. W. Faulkner, second class do.....	50 00
Wm. E. Horton, second class do.....	50 00
Murray's circus license.....	15 00
E. G. Guy, auctioneer, 2 licenses.....	4 00
L. N. Holden, do.....	2 00
H. G. Amidon, do.....	2 00
Street sales.....	50
S. Dresser, 13 hall shows.....	26 00

### *Sidewalk Assessments.*

John Marcy on Marcy street.....	291 49
Liberty Litchfield, on Marcy street.....	119 16
Otis N. Upham, Main street.....	73 25
N. Y. & N. E. R. R. Co., Mechanics street....	49 41
Geo. W. Corey, Chapin street.....	26 27
Judson McIntire, River street.....	30 00

### *Miscellaneous.*

Cattle sold.....	135 00
Sturbridge, for labor on Westville bridge....	11 50
Sturbridge, cement, etc.....	17 95



## BY THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

and paid to the the Treasurer for the year ending Feb. 28, 1881.

1880.

April 20.	Of G. F. Northrup, for bones sold.....	\$0 80
	Of M. M. Marble, 72 lbs. veal.....	5 04
May 18.	Of Selectmen, hay for highways.....	14 60
July 5.	Of Selectmen, hay for highways... ..	19 25
	7. Of Cummings & Conant, hay for highways.....	20 37
Oct. 27.	Of G. Northrup, 46 bushels potatoes sold.....	23 00
	Of Calvin A. Paige, 10 bushels potatoes.....	5 00
	28. Of town of Brimfield, aid for Samuel H. Bond..	8 50
Dec. 11.	Of A. F. Luther, 10 bushels potatoes.....	5 00
	Of M. Dillaber, 8 bushels potatoes.....	4 00
	Of Cutter, 2 hens.....	1 25
	Of Truesdale, turnips.....	40
	22. Of Cummings & Conant, keeping horse....	17 50
1881.		
Jan. 25.	Of Town of Charlton, aid of John Reynolds . . .	194 00
Feb. 17.	Of M. M. Marble, for hide.....	4 32
	28. Of M. M. Marble, for veal.....	8 00
	Of Alex. Lataille, for railroad ticket.....	4 42

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 \$335 45

# MISCELLANEOUS.

## BILLS DUE THE TOWN.

Town of Oakham for aid to Widow Samuel King..\$	24 00	
Town of Dudley, aid for Anthony Deon.....	17 88	
Samuel C. Hartwell, for hay.....	10 15	
Geo. A. Dresser, cart body.....	1 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$53 03

## SIDEWALK ASSESSMENTS DUE.

Joseph Fellows.....	\$ 29 56	
Chas. Hyde & Co.....	95 27	
*E. M. Phillips .....	93 03	
	<u>          </u>	\$217 86

## PROPERTY IN CARE OF HIGHWAY SURVEYOR.

1 three-wheel road scraper, 1 ox cart, 1 drag, 2 plows, 1 ox yoke, 1 hand scraper, 1 snow plow, 2 snow shovels, 3 iron bars, 3 hoes, tool box, 5 drills and steel wedge, 2 striking hammers, tamping iron and spoon, 1 stone hammer, 3 chains, 18 shovels, 6 picks, 1 powder can, 2 pails, 2 dippers, 1 axe, and 2 lanterns.

\* Paid since March 1st.

# TABULAR STATEMENT.

Accounts.	Appropriations and receipts.	Expended.	Unexpended.	Outstanding.	Deficiency paid and unpaid.	Appropriations recommended by Selectmen.
Bridges .....	\$365 03	\$308 13	\$56 90	\$11 50		\$150 00
Cemetery improvement ..	672 88	658 31	14 57	40 25	25 68	350 00
Cemetery avenue.....	150 00	123 00	27 00			
Common schools .....	8,808 47	6,406 07	2,402 40	1,967 13		8,600 00
Contingent schools.....	650 00	775 18		88 52	125 18	1,000 00
Contingent account .....	734 25	700 90	33 35	41 25	7 90	500 00
Columbian road.....	300 00	285 56	14 44			
Cohasse street.....	150 00		150 00			100 00
Debt, payment of.....						8,500 00
Decoration day.....	100 00	67 00	33 00			50 00
Engine men .....	2,240 00	2,240 00				1,400 00
Fire department .....	938 87	859 52	79 05	71 49		800 00
Hamilton street wall .....	700 00	694 19	5 81			
High school .....	2,233 72	1,743 08	490 64	356 18		1,550 00
Highways.....	3,655 42	2,920 82	734 60	68 25		2,500 00
Insurance.....	110 27	91 20	19 07			200 00
Interest.....	2,100 00	2,291 08			191 08	1,600 00
Police station.....	215 25	200 25	15 00	11 90		175 00
Public library .....	1,827 46	1,775 31	52 15			1,400 00 and Dog fund 350 00
Printing .....	307 28	277 52	29 76			
Railing highways .....	120 80	43 20	77 60	5 13		
Salaries.....	1,638 82	1,347 74	291 08	369 00	77 92	1,850 00
School apparatus.....	50 62	27 84	22 78	4 00		
School Committee .....	507 02		507 02			
Sidewalks .....	496 00	287 64	212 36	46 69		200 00
do Marcy street.....	410 65	391 57	19 08			
do No. Main street.....	84 03	57 68	26 35			
do River street .....	59 91		59 91			
State aid .....	512 31	256 00	256 31			
Street lights .....	1,441 07	1,388 99	52 08	5 09		1,450 00
Sayles street .....	12 84	7 00	5 84			
South street .....	502 47	161 25	841 22	60 00		
Support of poor .....	2,280 48	1,765 44	515 04			1,500 00
Taxes, abatement of.....						1,000 00
Telephone .....	50 00	40 07	9 93	14 14	4 21	
Outside poor .....	5,461 88	5,440 13	21 75	249 00	227 25	3,500 00

# REMARKS AND RECOMMEN- DATIONS.

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The outstanding bill of William Griffin for work on Crane street, in 1879, came before the Auditors at their last meeting in February. As we had no knowledge of the correctness of the bill, and as it was not properly approved, the Auditors did not feel at liberty to give it their endorsement.

In Treasurer's report of receipts the item "State Treasurer," dog fund, should read County Treasurer.

The account "Cemetery avenue," on page 15, detailed statement of receipts and expenditures, is the same as "Everett street entrance" in the Treasurer's report. The Treasurer's account of "Dresser street to cemetery" is the same as "Cohasse street" on page 16.

The Auditors recommend that all orders on the Town Treasurer for payment of town bills be drawn payable "to order." This will secure the endorsement of the payee upon the order and show at a glance to whom the money was paid.

The Auditors also recommend that the printing account either be abolished and all printing charged to the contingent accounts of the several boards, or that printing for all departments be charged to the printing account.

Respectfully submitted.

MANNING LEONARD,  
J. S. GLEASON,  
A. W. MARTIN,

Auditors.

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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
OVERSEERS OF THE POOR  
OF THE  
Town of Southbridge.

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# REPORT.

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The overseers have drawn 266 orders, amounting to \$1765 for the alms-house poor and \$5443 for the outside poor. There are two outstanding bills to be added to the outside account, of \$249, making the total account of outside poor, \$5692. We have paid last year's bills reported outstanding to the amount of \$685, and other last year's outstanding bills not reported, increasing the amount to over \$1200. We have paid for other towns, which has or will be paid back to the town, \$292, which should be deducted together with \$1200 paid of last year's bills, to show the amount \$4200 paid for the town the present year. The cost for the support of the insane at the hospital is charged to the outside account, and over \$700 has been paid this year. In addition \$281 has been paid for paupers in other towns chargeable to the town, which reduces the amount paid out in the town to \$3219. This amount ought, and in our opinion should be largely reduced the coming year, on account of the additional alms-house accommodation which has not been available the past year, and will require the immediate attention of the incoming board. Two families in other towns are now chargeable to the town, who have but recently been on expense with only a small amount paid to this time, but will be increasing, and will require early attention from the incoming board. Since the last annual meeting of the town, the alms-house has been enlarged and now has ample and good accommodations

for the wants of the town. The management of the farm and alms-house by Mr. Geo. F. Northup and wife has been to the satisfaction and approval of the overseers, who have secured their services for another year. There are no outstanding bills known to the board except at Worcester hospital, which are paid quarterly, payable April 1, and will be about \$130.

We recommend \$1500 for the support of the alms-house poor and \$3500 for the outside poor for the ensuing year.

The average number of inmates of the almshouse has been eighteen. The following is the list of those there Feb. 28, 1882:

Obediah Sabin,	-	-	aged 84
John Clark,	-	-	aged 71
Charles Congdon,	-	-	aged 34
Richard Dwyer,	-	-	aged 24
Calista Rich,	-	-	aged 74
Margaret O'Brien,	-	-	aged 65
Thomas Powers.	-	-	aged 64
Ellen Powers,	-	-	aged 61
Bridget Foley,	-	-	aged 60
Lucy Harding,	-	-	aged 50
Mathias Ryan,	-	-	aged 81
Catherine Tynon,	-	-	aged 65
Daniel Ryan,	-	-	aged 58
John Roan,	-	-	aged 50
Ann Ryan,	-	-	aged 56
Mary Baker,	-	-	aged 80
Esther Sedgwick,	-	-	aged 85
Michael Craney,	-	-	aged 27

The inmates of the Worcester hospitals from this town are Lydia Fiske, Catherine Tynan and Daniel Smith,

The following accounts are due the town: Town of Oakham, \$24.00; town of Dudley, \$17.88; S. C. Hartwell, hay, \$10.15; George A. Dresser, cart body, \$1.00.

C. A. PAIGE,  
SYLVESTER DRESSER,  
JACOB BOOTH.



## ABSTRACT OF INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT FARM.

Class 1. Live stock.....	\$661 00
2. Hay, grain, etc.....	268 45
3. Carts, wagons, farming tools, etc.....	248 00
4. Household furniture.....	195 76
5. Beds and bedding.....	150 00
6. Family supplies.....	242 74
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Total appraisal.....	1,765 95
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Gain from 1880 .....	\$390 82

C. A. PAIGE,  
S. DRESSER,  
JACOB BOOTH,  
DAN'J. WHITFORD, } *Appraisers.*

February 28, 1881.



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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
FIRE ENGINEERS  
OF THE  
Town of Southbridge.

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# REPORT.

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Some changes in the fire department made during the past year render it proper for the engineers to present a special report.

The board regarded it to be in the interest of economy, in view of the prospect of additional facilities for the extinguishment of fires in the Centre Village, not to organize companies for the Hand Engines and to rely upon the Steamers for the permanent fire force. This made some changes necessary. The Hand Engine companies claimed a considerable part of the furniture, pictures and property in the firemen's halls and removed and sold it, making it necessary to purchase new carpets and some other articles, at an expense of about \$1000. The Hook & Ladder companies and Steamer men who owned some of the property used in their departments, by vote turned over to the Fire Department all such articles, being property of considerable value; so that in future there will be no clashing of claims to any of the property connected with the Fire Department.

The auditors' report for the year ending March 1, 1880, shows that the sum of \$900 was paid out to the Tiger and Melvill engine companies for service of men the year previous, and it was also voted at our last annual meeting to pay for the last year a like sum. In addition to this these companies incurred some expenses which would upon the average amount to not less than \$100. By dispensing with these therefore that has been saved from the necessary appropriations for this year. The provisions

of the statutes in regard to organizing the Fire Department give to this board authority to appoint such number of men as it shall deem expedient, which authority was used as stated. It is apparent that the Hand Engines are not sufficiently modern or valuable for fire service in connection with the present fire apparatus to justify their maintenance longer, and that it would be wise to substitute for them something more easily moved, attended with less expense to maintain and more efficient in service. This the improved fire apparatus has supplied in the mounted fire extinguishers, and if the town should wish to add to its forces anything for quick work, the Board recommend that the hand engines be sold and one fire extinguisher be purchased and located at the Globe.

The Board regard the telephone of service to the department, and recommend that it be continued as a means of efficiency and promptness in case of fires, and of saving expense at times. But it should be left in the discretion of the Board fully, so that it may be adapted each year to such a make-up of the companies as there may be organized, and the expense taken from the fire contingent appropriation. The cost of it will be annually about \$75—upon the average.

By the action of the directors of the Water Supply Co., all hydrants now established, and all that may be put in until further action in regard to that subject, are placed at the service of the fire department in cases of fire and for the trial of engines, free of charge to the town. The Board has procured the necessary coupling to connect the engines with the hydrants, and wrenches also, so that in case of emergency the means of water supply may be regarded as ample in the Centre watch district, at least, and readily obtained. We can only express the hope that the desire of the officers of the Water Supply company to extend their pipe down High street and establish hydrants thereon, may be realized and that part of our town also put in as favorable a position as the Centre Village.

Value of property belonging to this department is appraised at \$32,758 by this Board.

The apparatus belonging to the department, now in use, is in good working order.

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## ROSTER OF THE DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE A. DRESSER, *Chief*.  
AZEL THOMPSON, 1st Assistant.  
GEORGE W. WELLS, 2d Assistant.  
WILLIAM BOOTH, 3d Assistant and Clerk.

## STEAMER NO. 1.

H. C. CADY, Engineer.  
W. S. ROBINSON, Assistant.  
JOSEPH FALLOWS, Fireman.

## HOSE NO. 1.

FRANKLIN CADY, Foreman.  
JAMES HARRIS, Assistant.  
J. W. ROBINSON, Clerk.

## STEAMER NO. 2.

CALVIN CLAFLIN, Engineer.  
PATRICK FLYNN, Fireman.

## HOSE No. 2.

W. C. LEWIS, Foreman.  
A. F. WEDGE, Assistant.  
JAMES WHELAN, Clerk.

## HOOK AND LADDER NO. 1.

MONROE REYNOLDS, Foreman.  
E. L. GAY, Assistant.  
GEORGE V. MOULTON, Clerk.

## HOOK AND LADDER, No. 2.

WILLIAM KELLY, Foreman.  
MICHAEL BREEN, Assistant.  
PATRICK MAHAR, Clerk.]

## FIRES.

In the town of Southbridge from April 1, 1880, to March 1, 1881:

May 10. A shed belonging to George Lamereaux. Cause not known. Department reported in good time, and fire confined to shed.

June 5. The department was called by an alarm of fire, which proved to be brush in the southerly part of the town.

June 13. In the tenement house belonging to S. C. Hartwell on Central street. Cause unknown. Damage slight.

June 18. In wood shed in rear of Mrs. Levi Bartlett's house. Shed and contents total loss.

August 2. The department was called out for fire in G. A. Dresser's house, corner of Mill and River streets, but its services were not needed.

July 30. The department was called out for fire in the building near the bank. Services not needed.

Dec. 27. Residence Manning Leonard. Steamer No. 1 and both Hook and Ladder companies reported but not called upon. Cause defective chimney. Loss slight.

January 3. Also for fire in tenement house belonging to Hamilton Woolen Co., near cotton mill. Cause defective chimney.

Jan. 15. Residence A. W. Martin, corner High and South streets. Department called out but not needed. Cause defective flue. Loss about \$20.

February 21, 9 P. M. Fire was discovered in the shed in the rear of Daniel Whitford's barn, and worked its way into his barn, and made a stubborn fight with the steamers before it was finally subdued. Loss some \$1000.



We recommend the appropriation of \$800 for the contingent expenses of this department, and regard that sum as amply sufficient to meet all necessary supplies for the year to come, including use of telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

AZEL THOMPSON,  
GEO. W. WELLS,  
WM. BOOTH,

Engineers.



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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

School Committee

OF THE

Town of Southbridge.



# REPORT.

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The school committee take pleasure in announcing that the schools of the town are in healthy condition, and in some respects better than ever before.

## GRADE. COURSE OF STUDY.

Since the introduction of oral teaching, by which the pupils are clearly explained the principles of a study before they can use a text book to advantage, and by which scholars in the lower classes have particular opportunities to learn much from hearing the talk to those above them,—there has been a continual raising of the grade of all the schools. So that now they are twelve months ahead of the course adopted only three years ago; and when that was printed the committee congratulated the town on the fact that a comparison of the course of study with that of ten years before showed that the schools had been brought to a much higher grade. It is sometimes said that our course of study takes too long, and reference is made to the “good old times” when scholars got “through” the high school much younger than now. It should be remembered, however, that by this raising the grade of the schools the pupils are continually getting better advantages and more instruction, although one not familiar with the course might be misled by the names of the schools. Children in all of them are doing work that was once done in the grade above. Our primary scholars are thoroughly grounded in the four fundamental rules of arithmetic—written and mental; the intermediate

pupil becomes a master of the rules of grammar and common parsing; the grammar school does much that was formerly left for the high school, while the graduate of the high school has as good an education as would formerly have required a course of two or three years in an academy after leaving the high school.

Although some system of classification and course of study is necessary, it is the aim of the committee to use the system for the benefit of the schools, rather than to run the schools for the purpose of upbuilding and perfecting a system. Consequently we have mingled some elasticity with it, so as to favor individual ability as much as we could without doing injustice to the mass. In pursuance with this policy we publicly advertised early in the year that whenever scholars were qualified to so advance they would be allowed to "jump" a class. At the conclusion of the long summer vacation about a dozen applied for examination for advanced standing. Nearly all had studied faithfully during the vacation and were fully prepared for promotion. Thus the course was made a year shorter for them. They have all taken a creditable stand in the higher classes. If the town votes for the new school house recommended below, we shall be enabled to rearrange the course of study so as to give each teacher fewer classes. This will tend to facilitate more rapid advancement.

#### CRITICISM VS. GRUMBLING.

We are pleased that the schools have gone on very smoothly during the past year so far as freedom from any injury through adverse criticism is concerned. The town has had walking matches, roller skating and bicycles but the modern mania for abusing the public schools has not reached our quiet valley. No local Richard Grant White has declared our institutions of learning a failure; no educational agnostic has arisen in our midst to decry the work of the school room. That occasional criticisms have arisen we do not deny. It is impossible that an institution so large and including so many hundred different interests can be managed so as to suit every one. Our schools have some 1400 pupils, and no human classification can be devised which

will give just the exact amount of attention to each one of those 1400 peculiarities of taste, temper and disposition, which might seem desirable. We trust those who think they have a grievance will reflect upon this, imagine themselves for a few moments in the teacher's place, and then consider for few minutes more the committee's perplexities with all these 1400 interests demanding attention. After this if your grievance proves to be a real one, if you are sure it exists, visit the school, see its working and have a cordial, frank talk with the teacher. If trouble still continues a galling reality then go to the committee. We invite a full and free criticism of the schools by the parents or others well informed as to their workings. A plain talk may remove a misunderstanding or make you better satisfied by knowing and realizing how difficult it is to do impossibilities. But do not try to remedy the trouble by talking it over with your neighbors or by a ceaseless grumbling in shop and store; do not think the evil will grow less by letting the children know that you think the teacher has made a mistake. If the teacher feels that she has your support and sympathy she will do much better work. Hon. John D. Philbrick says that one essential means of progress in education is "judicious, honest, intelligent, disinterested criticism." But he also says that there is another kind of criticism "which has a tendency to produce an opposite effect. Its influence is obstructive and reactionary." Let us have as little as possible of the latter and as much as possible of the former. In order to secure this we hope that during the coming year the public will take more interest to find out by actual personal observation, rather than by heresay, just what our schools are doing. Some of our brightest and best schools have scarcely a visitor from one term to another, aside from the committee and personal friends of the teacher.

#### IRREGULARITY OF ATTENDANCE. WORK IN THE MILLS.

One of the greatest hindrances to perfect school work is irregularity of attendance. This evil could often be remedied

if parents properly appreciated the merits and advantages of the schools. But unfortunately many of the youth of the place are compelled by adverse circumstances to work more or less in the factories. About one-half of our school children never go beyond the primary schools, and many of these are driven into school by the strong arm of the law. Hence their attendance is irregular while they are on the school rolls. They do not attend the primary schools to fit for the intermediate, but to get all the school education they will ever have. Consequently they ought to receive special attention from the best teachers, so that their few days in the school-room shall count as much as possible for them. With our graded and classified schools it is sometimes hard to find a place where these pupils will just fit. They must be put back or crowded too much ahead to conform to some existing class; possibly the other members may be thus prevented from advancing as rapidly as they otherwise would. By the time they get rooted, as it were, in the class—get accustomed to the routine and begin to really learn—they have to go into the mill again. A special obligation rests upon us in relation to this class of pupils. We deeply sympathize with them in the necessarily enforced abridgement of school advantages, and would like to give them the very best for the short time they are in the school-room. Would it be well to try one or two ungraded schools, or what is best to be done? The committee do not at present feel prepared to answer their own question.

#### MORE SCHOOL ROOM.

Again we have to report to the town a demand for more school room. We have during the year fitted up the upper room in the Plimpton street building and established a school there. We have also had to hire the Universalist vestry for another, and the town hall has been continued as a school room during the year. We renew, but with more emphasis, our recommendation of a year ago for a new school house on Main street, near Oakes avenue and Cross street. This should have



at least six rooms, and then all the grammar and intermediate schools could be consolidated there. Such an arrangement would give the pupils in these grades much better instruction and at a reduced expense to the town, while it will give five rooms in different parts for primary schools—two on Main street, two on School street, and one on River street. We urge immediate action on this, as the Universalist vestry and town hall are ill adapted for school rooms.

#### DRAWING.

The drawing for the year has continued under the charge of Frank Parson, C. E., who has continued the good work he has done in years past. He has much ability for this business, and has carried the drawing of the schools to such a degree of perfection that the work of many of our scholars even in the primary schools is remarkably good, and a credit to the town. If we were to make any suggestion, it would be that in the future a little more attention ought to be given to perspective and model drawing and designing, as the intent of the statute is to encourage industrial, not pictorial drawing.

Mr. Parson makes the following report :

The eclectic plan, adopted some years ago, has been continued with its usual marked success. The pupils are not drawn like wire through a guage block, but the work and instruction is as far as possible adapted specially to the genius of each scholar. This is one of the secrets of all good teaching, but it is far more easy of application in drawing than in any other department. The work has been done by the regular teachers, except in the high school, where lessons have been given by a special instructor, who has also superintended the work of the other schools.

With perhaps two exceptions the teachers have all done excellent work with the material at their disposal. I did not mean to mention names for it is difficult to accord proper praise or censure in this matter. Some schools are filled with bright eyes that from babyhood have been familiar with beautiful pictures; here the teacher does noble work in drawing. Go into other schools, you will find a sea of languid eyes, at the portals of whose sight Beauty rarely knocks for entrance, and is little heeded when she does. An equal

teacher here reaps only crooked lines and disappointment. But one success has been so marked, and in a way so vital that it must be noticed. The development of originality has been one of the year's chief aims. Miss Mary A. Pellett has met with wonderful success in this direction by persistent effort. In a class of twelve primary pupils ten will walk out into the floor and rapidly dictate to the rest a complicated figure in either bilateral or quadrilateral symmetry, composing the design as they speak. This is very gratifying, for whether in drawing or elsewhere originality is the power that moves the world; one ounce of this is worth more than 1000 pounds of machine. Teachers, let us have more of it. Till you seek it you have little idea of the vast facility of invention that lies hidden in the brain of a child. Some of you have done much to develop this great power, but really only the turf is removed from the mine; you have not got to the solid ore. Parents can materially aid the efforts of the teachers by showing a lively interest in the children's drawings and applying the stimulus of praise. People do not usually allow this department its due weight. Our power in this world depends very greatly upon having clear ideas. The vast majority of our ideas have to do with material things that have form; the discipline of mind derived from drawing is a wonderful aid to gaining clear ideas of anything possessed of form and shape. It is to be hoped that the near future may find Southbridge supplied with the means of successfully teaching model drawing.

#### ESTHETICS.

We do not like the condition of the grounds about many of the school houses. Thanks to the enterprise and thrift of our fellow-citizens, Southbridge is an uncommonly neat and beautiful village. The citizens in their corporate capacity ought to do at least as much as they do individually for the improved appearance of the place. There is no excuse for any town to have its school yards the neighborhood dumping place for ashes, or to have them ornamented with decaying brush heaps, projecting ledges, boulders, loose stones and weeds. But such a slovenly appearance is particularly out of place in a town like this. The committee of 1877-8 said: "The grounds surrounding the school houses are with few exceptions positively unsightly, and anything but a credit to the town."

## SUGGESTIONS TO TEACHERS.

It is difficult and of infrequent occurrence for the teachers to be got together to receive suggestions; most that is done by way of advice is the individual work of the "local" of the different schools. We therefore wish to take space here to make three general suggestions to the teachers. The first is: Try to make your scholars love school and study. Some teachers have this knack, and the result is a great advantage; other teachers, though perfectly competent to instruct, though earnest and even ambitious in their endeavors, lack the faculty of making their scholars love the school room. The result is a friction that is wearing to the nerves of both pupil and teacher. Our second suggestion is to give more attention to the pronunciation of the English language. Scholars, who are learning to read and to use words, ought to learn to give them the right names. Thirdly, we desire to call the attention of teachers to the vast moral power they hold. They ought to lose no opportunity—and there will be plenty—to sow a seed of honesty, truthfulness or reverence.

## SUPERVISION.

During the past year the committee have adopted a plan of supervision which we think is the best that has ever been in vogue here. Instead of apportioning the schools for supervision by localities as heretofore, it has been done by grades, one member taking the grammars and intermediates, another the second primaries and the third the first primaries. This plan has many advantages over the old one and we hope it will be continued. It is the next best thing to employing a superintendent, as all the schools of the same grade are under a single head, who is superintendent for that grade.

## ARITHMETICS.

Greenleaf's intellectual arithmetic, which has been a prescribed text book, we have concluded to be totally unfit for the use to which it has been put. The mathematical puzzles are intolerable. We have therefore decided on a change of arithmetics and have adopted the Franklin series, which will be found more

simple and practical. No more working out examples on paper by the help of parents or teacher, then committing the figures to memory and reciting them, under the delusion that it is mental arithmetic.

## NEXT YEAR.

We present below the schedule of terms for next year :

	First Term.			Second Term.			Third Term.*		
	Weeks.	Begin.	Close.	Weeks.	Begin.	Close.	Weeks.	Begin.	Close.
High .....	13	April 4	July 1	15	Sept. 5	Dec. 16	12	Jan. 2, '82	Mar. 24, '82
Grammar .....	12	" 4	June 24	11	" 5	Nov. 18	13	Dec. 5,	" 3,
Intermediate .....	12	" 4	" 24	11	" 5	" 18	13	" 5,	" 10,
Primary .....	11	" 4	" 17	11	" 5	" 18	12	" 5,	" 3,
Ungraded .....	11	Mar. 28	" 10	11	" 5	" 18	12	" 5,	" 3,

\* One week vacation during the holidays.

## FIRST PRIMARIES.

The rapid increase in the number of pupils in this grade has necessitated the opening of two new schools—one in the school house on Plimpton street, the other, for lack of a better place, in the vestry of the Universalist church.

We sometimes think that we ought not to expect much from the schools of this grade, and that it matters very little what young lady may be appointed teacher; but the importance of having first-class teachers in our first primary schools is making itself more evident to the committee every year as they know the great difference of attainment in the several schools. Teachers of tact, kindness and energy are as much needed in this grade of schools as in any of the higher, and only when we have those of this character can we rightly begin reducing the number of our school years. We have quite a number of this kind of teachers, (we wish there were more), at the head of which, considering the position of her school at the beginning and the result of her labors at the close of the school year, we would place Miss Mary Newell.

## SECOND PRIMARIES.

After the pupil has acquired a good degree of facility in reading short words and the multiplication table, he is promoted

from the first to the second primary. Here he is continued in reading and spelling, and given a thorough understanding of the fundamental rules of written and mental arithmetic, besides receiving a general knowledge of geography. Oral instruction is largely used in both arithmetic and geography. There are seven schools of this grade, which are, with their teachers, as follows: Miss I. M. Brewster, Carpenter; Miss Mary Pellett, Elm street; Miss Josie M. Rice, Main street; Miss Fanny Freeman, Union street; Miss Flora B. Allen, River street; Miss Lizzie Douty, Plimpton street and Miss A. R. Rowley, School street. All are in good condition and about of equal grade. Miss Allen's is hardly up to the others, and Miss Freeman has had some difficulties to contend with that have put her school back a little. To Miss Pellett is due particular praise for the manner in which her school has advanced.

#### INTERMEDIATES.

This grade is steadily increasing. We shall have the coming year a large number enter from our first primaries. If this continues, as we hope it may, we shall find that the increase will soon reach our grammar and high school, thus giving a more healthy outlook to our public schools.

The teachers in this department have all done well. Some of them have surpassed all former efforts, and what has been said with reference to the grammar schools will apply with equal force here.

#### GRAMMAR.

Never since any member of the board has been in service have these grades taken so high a rank as the present year. Both teachers and scholars have seemed to bring every power into exercise in order to accomplish so desirable a result. A practical application is made of the study pursued, so that if the scholar is not able to continue beyond this grade, he will be very well fitted for active life. We give those schools our hearty approval.

## HIGH SCHOOL.

This school has labored under the disadvantage of having two changes of teachers. In the fall Miss Silverthorne succeeded Mr. Spooner as assistant. Miss S. is a graduate of Wellesley college, with good education and a good faculty for imparting to others what she knows. At the close of the second term of the year Mr. Mellen resigned the principalship. We were sorry that it was necessary to make a change just at the time when there was to be so much reviewing and other work incidental to the close of the school year and the graduation of a class—work which could be best done by one familiar with the school. F. M. Smith, A. B., (Yale, '80), who was engaged to do this difficult task, has succeeded very well, and the school is in good condition.

We wish there was more popular interest in, and appreciation of, the high school—that there was not such a difference between the number of scholars in the lower schools and in high school. We have a most excellent place of higher education—one which will compare favorably with even many academies; and we are sorry that such a comparatively small number of parents avail themselves of the opportunity thus freely given for the education of their children.

## UNGRADED.

Hooker, taught by Miss Clara L. Nichols, has been a good school, though small in numbers.

Sumner, taught during the last term by Mrs. Moulton, has done fairly. Mrs. Moulton gives promise of becoming an excellent teacher.

Bacon school.—There is but one scholar in this district between 5 and 15 years of age. We have maintained a school here 13 weeks, and for nine weeks more have paid the board of the single pupil in the Centre village.

Dennison school.—Mr. Wetherell labors under the disadvantage of having 26 daily recitations, and has done as well as could be expected.

Sandersdale.—Miss Remington has great tact as a teacher, and has done good work in this school.

## IN CONCLUSION.

We bespeak for the future the same indulgence that has been extended to us in the past. Our school system is not perfect, neither is it a failure. One person in looking at a landscape will see the beauties, while some unsightly pile of rubbish or other unpleasant feature may be all that another can see. And so one person may look at the schools and only carp at the defects, while another will see the excellencies and the great work that is being accomplished. He who notices the faults should do it with a view of helping to remove, rather than of gloating over them.

Respectfully,

E. M. PHILLIPS,

B. V. STEVENSON,

GEO. M. WHITAKER,

Committee.

The tabular statements of the schools are appended :

Number of children in town May 1, 1880, as per census.....	1,279
Whole number of different scholars.....	1,375
Average number.....	1,025.5
Average attendance.....	902.3
Average number per school.....	36.4
Average attendance per school.....	32
Average percent of attendance.....	88
Number of scholars over 15 years.....	35
Number of scholars under 5 years.....	6
Number of scholars between 8 and 14.....	774
Number of different teachers.....	29
Number of male teachers.....	3
Number of female teachers.....	26
Salary of teacher in high school.....	\$1,000
Salary of assistant teacher in high school per week.....	\$12 00
Average pay of teachers per week, except high school.....	\$8 10

# TABULAR VIEW OF SCHOOLS.

SCHOOLS.	No. of different scholars.	Average number.	Average attendance.	Average percent of attendance.	No. of weeks of school.
High school.....	45	36	31	.86	36
Grammar—Main street.....	33	25.3	22.8	.90	36
School street.....	33	26.5	25	.94	36
Intermediate—Main street .....	52	36.2	31	.856	36
Town hall .....	51	35	31.8	.91	36
River street .....	42	37	30	.81	36
School street.....	42	37	30	.81	36
Second Primary—Main street .....	47	42.8	38.4	.897	34
Carpenter.....	40	25.2	22.7	.90	34
Elm street .....	42	30.6	27.7	.90	34
Union street .....	41	34.2	29.1	.85	34
School street.....	60	37	31.6	.85	34
Plimpton street .....	32	23	18.9	.82	34
River street.....	76	55.2	46.5	.844	34
First Primary—Main street .....	73	52.5	44.8	.85	34
Carpenter .....	68	40	35.6	.89	34
Elm street.....	56	36.5	31.4	.86	34
School street .....	76	54	49	.90	34
Plimpton street.....	10	45	42.3	.94	24
Union street.....	96	57.5	47.3	.82	24
River street, No. 1.....	76	51.3	45.7	.80	34
River street, No. 2 .....	42	34.6	28.2	.81	34
Hamilton street.....	40	32.1	25.5	.794	22
Ungraded—Dennison.....	46	32	28	.875	36
Hooker.....	17	11.9	10.3	.87	33
Sandersdale .....	51	44.3	42.9	.968	34
Sumner ..	78	42.8	34.3	.80	34
Bacon.....	10	10	9.5	.95	13
For all the schools .....	1,375	1,025.5	902.3	88	933
Average per school.....	49	36.4	32	88	33.33



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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
Library Committee  
OF THE  
Town of Southbridge.

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# REPORT.

The Library Committee respectfully present their eleventh annual report for the year ending February 28, 1881.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury March 1, 1880.....	\$ 157 68
Appropriation.....	1,300 00
Dog fund, 1879.....	291 85
Received by librarian for catalogues, fines, etc....	77 93
	<hr/> \$ 1,827 46

### EXPENDITURES.

Paid Lee & Shepard and others for books and periodicals, paper for covering books and binding.	720 46
A. J. Comins, librarian, for services, etc. ....	707 77
Mutual Gaslight Co., gas for year .....	144 91
E. S. Ellis and others, for coal and wood.....	53 17
R. & W. Economy Co., desk, card case, etc.....	63 63
Cummings & Conant, repairing pipes, etc.....	27 21
G. S. Truesdell, sheathing shelves, etc....	20 95
P. M. Clarke, varnishing, etc.....	13 25
Thomas Todd, cards and printing.....	10 47
Geo. M. Whitaker, printing.....	6 95
H. Hobbs, labor on desk, etc.....	4 66
Wm. C. Barnes, record book .....	1 88
	<hr/> 1,775 31
Balance unexpended.....	\$ 52 15

## BOOK ACCOUNT.

Balance to debit of account last year.....	\$	18 65	
Expended during the year .....		720 46	
		<hr/>	\$ 739 11
Appropriation for this account.....			700 00
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Debit balance.....	\$		39 11

## BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
Number last year....	7,698	2,399
Added by purchase.....	358	....
Added by gifts.....	115	170
Added by commonwealth.....	4	....
Added by town officers.....	8	1
Added by magazines bound .....	36	....
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Number in Library March 1, 1881.....	8,219	2,570

## DONORS AND GIFTS.

	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
Hon. W. W. Rice.....	34	8
Francis W. Bacon, M. E.....	25	62
Hon. Charles L. Flint.....	14	48
Dr. S. C. Hartwell.....	11	....
Bernard A. Leonard... ..	6	....
J. M. Cochran, Esq.....	5	....
Holmes Ammidown, Esq.....	3	4
Geo. M. Whitaker.....	2	24
Sampson, Davenport & Co.....	2	....
American Swedenborg Publishing Co.....	2	....
Dr. H. J. Bowditch.....	1	....
George M. Mellen.....	1	....
Charles E. Cady... ..	1	....
L. A. Clark.....	1	....
Worcester Savings Society.....	1	....
Smithsonian Institution....	1	....
Hartford Library Association.....	1	6
Pittsfield Athenæum.....	1	5
Turner Free Library, Randolph.....	1	....
North Brookfield Public Library.....	1	....
Providence Public Library....	1	....

Worcester Public Library.....	1
Concord Public Library.....	1
Leicester Public Library.....	1
Boston Public Library.....	4
Hon. Geo. F. Hoar.....	1
Rev. J. M. Avann.....	1
E. M. Phillips.....	1
A. J. Comins.....	2
Trustees of Children's Hospital, Worcester.....	1

*For the Reading Room.*

- Hon. W. W. Rice—Official Gazette of United States Patent Office.  
 E. H. Ammidown, Esq.—Boston Commercial Bulletin, 1880-1.  
 F. W. Bacon—Van Nostrand's Engineering Magazine, 1881.  
 Geo. M. Whitaker, Editor and Proprietor—Southbridge Journal, July,  
 1879, to Jan., 1881.  
 Henry C. Gray, Editor and Proprietor—Malden Mirror from 1872.

*For the Museum.*

- Dr. H. F. Leonard—An Indian stone hammer.  
 Herbert L. Grant—A collection of birds' eggs.  
 J. F. B. Litchfield—A piece of the "charter oak."  
 Tickets to the impeachment of President Andrew Johnson.

## REMARKS.

During the year 54 volumes have been rebound, and 25 volumes have been purchased to replace those too much worn for further circulation. Of the former, 19 were from section 1 — works of fiction — and 14 from section 2 — juvenile works. Of the latter 12 were from section 1, and 11 from section 2.

By the favors of Holmes Ammidown, Esq., whose liberality in providing rooms for the library, should be held in grateful remembrance, and the generous appropriations of the town, the inhabitants of Southbridge are to be congratulated that they are now in possession of a well appointed library of more than 8000 volumes.

Many persons, whose knowledge of books makes them competent judges, pronounce it one of the very best libraries of its size in the country. The custom has been to accept all books donated, so that we have some that the committee probably would not have purchased, and many that they could not, for the terms of the lease of the rooms prohibit the purchase of books "which are partisan in politics, or denominational or sectarian in religion."

The library has been in operation ten years and three months, and the following is a tabular statement of the expense of maintaining it:

Paid for books, reviews, magazines, binding, etc.....	\$8,946 01
Librarian and assistants.....	4,706 83
Catalogues, printing, binding, etc....	1,577 79
Gas for lighting the rooms.....	1,388 28
Coal and wood for heating the same... ..	613 18
Other expenses .....	1,488 71
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Total expenses.....	\$18,720 80

It is very evident that the library is not accomplishing all the good it might and ought. By the librarian's report, which is appended, and as heretofore is made a part of our own, it will be observed that the best books are not those most read. Almost 44 percent of the books taken from the library the past year have been works of fiction. We feel like appealing more earnestly than ever to teachers of our schools, parents and all others of influence, to labor unremittingly to effect a change in the reading of many who patronize the library. It now contains a large number of excellent books, the careful reading of which will aid in acquiring an education that can never be obtained from reading novels.

No books have been lost the past year, and only four since the library was established. Two books have been so damaged by borrowers that new ones have been purchased to replace, at their expense.

To defray the expenses of maintaining the library the ensuing year, we recommend the appropriation of \$1,400 and the dog fund of 1880.

Respectfully submitted by the Library Committee,  
MANNING LEONARD,  
Secretary.

Public Library, March 7, 1881,

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

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In reviewing the past year we find no new feature in our progress as a library to mention. There is reason for congratulation that we have evidence of an increasing recognition of its value as an educator.

The change in the manner of reading, as well as amount and matter read, is one of the promising points to mark.

This change is particularly noticeable with regard to some of the pupils of the high school, as well as some of the schools of lower grades, who, under the supervision of their instructors, are learning to read much more carefully and wisely than hitherto. But the advance is not so great that we do not regret it is not greater. It may be argued that it is outside the province of library matters to discuss or suggest how education shall be conducted. But is not a library, rightly used, the most efficient educator within reach of the community? Should it not only aid in the elementary steps, but supplement all those steps? Is not the great mistake made in many of our educational plans that effort is made to acquire what is showy, to the exclusion of what is useful? Teachers are to a great extent like a librarian, expected to supply what is demanded. Where and how shall a reformation begin? Should not our youth first of all be taught to read critically, rather than for excitement or amusement — taught to read so as to glean the good and reject the bad — so as to learn high moral lessons from the mistakes as well as the successes of life? In what better way can this be done than by such co-operation between schools and library as shall direct and limit the reading of pupils? Can it be said our library and schools are putting forth their best endeavors for the right use



of means within their power until some plan has been adopted to bring about such a result?

We have issued from the library during the year 14,166 books. The daily average has been 46. The largest number issued any day was 142, the smallest number, 11. In addition to the books issued, an account of those used in the library has been kept, the number of which is 3,000, making the total number 17,166. 162 names have been added to our accounts, making from the opening of the library, a little more than ten years, 2453 different accounts. At the yearly examination, February 21, it was found all the books were accounted for, none having been lost. Two have been injured and paid for by the borrowers, their places being supplied with new books.

The Museum has been opened the first Monday afternoon and evening of each month, and also has been accessible other days through the kindness of one of our committee, Mr. E. M. Phillips. There have been during the year 770 visitors to this department.

The sectional record shows there have been issued of

	Volumes.	Percent.
Works of fiction.....	6,210	43.93
Juvenile works.....	3 871	27.42
Historical.....	491	3.56
Biographical....	535	3.79
Travels and description.....	688	4.96
Poetical and dramatic.....	312	2.31
Scientific and educational.....	407	2.97
Literary and esthetical.....	378	2.68
Religious and philosophical.....	144	1.02
Complete works .....	96	.69
Miscellaneous works.....	359	2.64
Magazines and reviews...	493	3.47
Agricultural. . . . .	57	.40
Law books (reserved).....	...	...
Public documents of Massachusetts ...	4	.02
Public documents of United States.....	4	.02
Reserved section.....	17	.12
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	14,166	100.00
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The amount received has been for

Fines.....	\$49 61
Cards .....	8 78
Catalogues.....	12 75
Waste paper....	54
Injured books.....	2 00
Registry slips returned.....	1 25
Moses Hemingway of Charlton for taking books.....	3 00
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	\$77 93

The amount paid has been for

Express and freight ... ..	\$ 10 28
Postage.....	6 04
Mucilage, glue and twine .....	1 95
Labor and repairs.....	4 14
Material for repairing books.....	2 68
Stationery and printing.....	2 30
Rubber bands and gas lighters.....	85
Iron step and fixture and pail.....	38
Insect powder and disinfectant.....	53
Duster, brushes and brooms.....	3 48
Charcoal .....	80
Cummings & Conant, cleaning stoves and repairs.....	2 50
Mr. Hobbs, for labor.....	1 63
Cleaning .....	20 21
Care of fires, rooms and stairs .....	50 00
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	\$107 77

This amount with my salary, \$600, has been paid me by the town treasurer,

A. JEANNETTE COMINS,  
Librarian.

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Cemetery Committee

OF THE

Town of Southbridge.



# REPORT.

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A word once fitly spoken will bear repeating, and therefore the Cemetery Committee again commend to the consideration of voters the propriety of making a moderate appropriation for cemetery improvements. The accounts show that much of the amount used last year was expended outside the grounds. The work on the walls upon Oak Ridge avenue, which was required by the deed, cost \$319.90; for work on grounds, \$164.82; for team work, \$73.59—\$558.31 of the whole sum used. The Auditors' accounts will show the items for which the remainder was expended.

It is now proposed to set the gate taken from the old cemetery front across Oak Ridge avenue and to build a new gate for the Everett street entrance, plans and estimates of which have been obtained, to prevent the use of these ways and the cemetery grounds from invasion for general travel. This gate will cost \$275, if built according to the plans. A hearse-house is also needed, and must sooner or later be provided. That in the yard can not be used for the reason that a hearse can not be got out of it now, and the hearse is not kept there at all. Plans and estimates of this have also been procured for use whenever the voters shall agree with us in the propriety of constructing it, and the expense will be \$425 above foundations.

Something this year has been done to beautify the grounds by setting out flowers in the places set apart for the purpose. This should be continued, and hardy shrubs and ornamental

trees should be provided also for the spaces designed to be used in that way as the plan shows. This will enable us to enjoy the possible beauties of the grounds, and the sooner it is commenced the earlier we shall be able to derive that pleasure from the grounds.

We again urge the proprietors of lots in the old grounds, to combine and arrange for the clearing up and grading of their lots, so that the weeds, wild grasses and bushes, and some larger growth, and the mounds and uneven surfaces, which now disfigure the lands may disappear and a smooth lawn be substituted. Scarcely anything could be done to improve the appearance of the cemetery more than this; but the work should be done by the owners, as we have no authority to act in this regard, or to interfere further than to suggest and advise in the prosecution of the work. We trust some parties will commence this improvement during the coming summer. Then, too, the farmers should agree upon a tree day, and collect and set out shade trees around the grounds as suggested last year. One day will accomplish this work, and the trees will be then growing for the beautifying of the grounds. Time is important in this respect and none should be lost.

The net receipts for lots sold last year are \$350, and the sum now in the hands of the Treasurer to the credit of the Cemetery Fund is \$808.25, the interest of which is available for improvement and care of grounds. All of this has been derived from the sale of lots.

During the year Holmes Ammidown has given the town \$100 to be added to this fund to secure the perpetual care of his tomb, and lot No. 247 in the old cemetery owned by Mrs. Mynott, only the income thereof being used for that purpose.

The committee has been notified that Cohasse street, laid out as required by the deed of land from R. H. Cole to the town, must be built, for which we have \$150 already appropriated. But this sum will not be sufficient to build it and fence the street as named in the deed, and at least \$100 additional appropriation should be made for this purpose.

The property in the care of this department consists of 2

hearses, 1 set of runners, 6 shovels, 1 spade, 1 pick, 2 hoes, 1 bier and pall, 2 plans of the grounds, and the old plans and books of record.

The committee would recommend for the cemetery improvement \$350, and that all other sums appropriated for any of the purposes suggested above should be made as special appropriations.

A. J. BARTHOLOMEW,  
Chairman of Committee.





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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SELECTMEN  
OF THE  
Town of Southbridge.

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# REPORT.

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This board, being in possession of some information not easily obtainable from the accounts as stated in the Auditors' report, submits to the attention of the voters of the town a special report. Accurate data are the only foundations for any conclusion worth adopting. We therefore feel constrained to present some statistics carefully selected.

The available funds at our disposal during the last fiscal year for repairs of highways were the appropriation made at the annual meeting of \$3500 and other receipts of \$155.42, in all amounting to \$3655.42. There was used from this to pay bills contracted previous to March 1, 1880, and unpaid \$636.15, leaving a balance for our use during the year of \$3019.27. There is a balance to the credit of this account of \$734.60, so that the sum actually expended was \$2284.67. The board purchased a yoke of cattle at a cost of \$145, working them during the season and sold them in November for \$135. The following is a summary of the expenditures, as shown by the items of our accounts:

Highway surveyor for 92 1-4 days work, \$2.50 a day - \$	230	61
Laborers, 776 7-10 days work, \$1.25 a day - - -	970	36
Cattle and man, 46 1-2 days, \$3 a day - - - - -	139	50
Horses and man, 52 1-2 days, \$3.50 a day - - - - -	235	21

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\$1,575 68

Town team, 90 3-4 days work on roads.

We invite voters to inspect the items of the expenditures for highways not here stated, as itemized in the auditors' accounts, to show how the balance of the expenditures was used.

The surveyor had charge also of two special jobs, to wit: the "Hamilton street wall" and the "Columbian hill," of which we give the summary as follows:

(1) *Hamilton street wall.*

Surveyor worked 33 1-4 days at \$2.50 a day	- - -	\$ 83 12
John Stone, laying wall 19 3-4 days at \$2 a day	- -	39 50
Hired team work filling and drawing stone	- - -	120 00
Men 151 days work	- - - - -	189 28
Town team worked 21 days.		

The balance of the \$694.16 used in this work will be found in the auditors' statement itemized.

(2) *Columbian hill.*

Surveyor worked 20 1-4 days at \$2.50 a day	- - -	\$ 50 62
Men and horses, 6 1-2 days at \$3.50 a day	- - - -	22 75
Men worked 145 days at \$1.25 a day	. - - - -	180 33
Town team worked 20 days.		

The balance of the \$285.56 used on this work will be found itemized in the auditors' statement. From these accounts it appears that the cattle worked for the town 131 3-4 days, and allowing them \$1.75 a day as a fair price for their labor, and what it would have cost the town to have hired them, they earned \$230.56. It cost to feed them till sold \$106 23, for shoeing \$6.13, for use of stalls \$6 — in all \$118.36. The loss in the sale below cost was \$10; interest on the cost for 6 months, \$4.35; making total cost of keeping, \$132.71; and deducting this from the earnings, \$230.56, leaves a net profit of \$97.85, a sum it would seem quite sufficient to pay all the risks of the ownership of the property for the six months of time they were used by the town. If a like saving could have been made on the other team work employed by the town working its own teams, about \$125 more could have been added to this profit. These statistics give point to the inquiry whether it would not be prudent

and economical for the town to own its teams, both horses and cattle, buying cattle in the spring and selling in the fall, or keeping them, as may be possible if young cattle should be bought, so as to realize a profit on their growth in compensation for the keeping, for which purpose the farm might be serviceable.

Special attention last year was given upon the main roads to the removing of stones and rocks from the road bed, to forming them so as to prevent wash, and widening the narrow places, and opening the gutters and culverts. This should be followed next season by placing in the ruts and flat places new materials, instead of attempting to use materials within the road by cutting off the shoulders, or bringing into the traveled path the waste in the gutters, which has been once dried and pulverized and thus rendered unfit for use upon the road bed. Such materials give no permanence to the roads, and though work of this kind is easy and cheap, in the long run it is expensive, and from year to year invites attention to the same places all over town. To make the roads good and to keep them so whatever has been lost must be restored, beginning with the worse spots and extending it as much as possible year after year, and thus restore our worn-out road-beds.

A single superintending Surveyor should be kept in charge of this department, for the reason that if competent at all he will have a knowledge of the work and what should be done, where and when, and in doing it will organize his corps of workmen with special regard to his service and keep them quite permanently employed, thereby securing more efficient laborers, better discipline and more valuable work for the money expended than can be obtained otherwise. It would seem to be possible for a single man with his gang of men to do such repairs as are required each year, and do the special jobs also, unless unusually large. The tools and property of the town used in the business would be kept together, and not be scattered from one section of the town to the other and possibly lost, entailing the necessity of purchasing new ones quite too frequently. This is an important branch of the public service, both because good roads are necessary and desirable, and

because, also, the expenditure is considerable annually. A policy should be established and vigorously maintained, to the end that its requirements may be reduced as near as possible to a labor account for work actually performed, although such policy excite criticism and opposition.

The plank foot walk at the Central street bridge will need attention this season, to put under proper supports. The ends of the planks next to the bridge are considerably decayed, and they have no support except the ends. One or two strings of sleepers should be put under and the ends next the bridge cut off, leaving a space which will prevent decay. The sum to be raised for bridges contemplates doing this work.

For the coming year the board regard it no part of their duty to recommend any particular special appropriations. Of all those which will demand the consideration of the voters at the annual meeting they should select the most pressing ones, remembering that each should never be separated from its effect upon the rate and burdens of taxation when not brought within the demands of necessity. Such demands should be promptly met and paid for as incurred, and simple improvements continued as the town can afford them. We must remember that our schools, our poor, our roads, our fire department, the increasing contingent expenses in the several departments, are always confronting us with expenses, which must be paid, and with our present valuation alone require a rate of \$10.50 on the thousand. The average state and county taxes add \$1.65 per thousand, and make the rate of unavoidable taxation at least \$12.15, as the list of appropriations are constituted. The question, then, is, how much are we willing to add to this rate for debt and interest accounts and for improvements? This inquiry is answered in every appropriation made beyond those named above. Without discouragement to that fair spirit of enterprise that keeps pace with our growth and provides for all its reasonable necessities, and properly supports and maintains what we have, the town should scrutinize carefully special demands in a prudent and conservative spirit. Next to this in importance the public are interested in the use of the appropriations by the officers charged

with the duty and responsibility of expending them. In their discretion and judgment are vested powers, delicate at times and always important, to be exercised exclusively in the interest of the public. With money to use only the least that will do the work—the smallest sum that will properly sustain a department—should be used and the balance saved. This rule of conduct inspects the smallest items, which often unduly increase the sum total. It is a check—a conservative force—keeping officials within appropriations, and prudent and particular in details; it scorns the private gain that, by hook or crook, can be filched from the public purse, and renders to the public a just return for its money. The town is a corporation having certain works to do, requiring money expenditures. Its officers are its agents to do such work, and the people have a right to insist that they shall be done with the same prudence, calculation and economy that sagacious business men bring to their service in managing their own affairs. Their struggle is to save, and that struggle brings success; and so it may be in town affairs. If a dollar can be cut off here and one there without serious injury, let it be done; even against the personal opinion that can not see why, possibly because it has been so in the past, and the private interest that loses the dollar which the great public gains. The study of the official is therefore to economize and save, with no possible duty to follow precedents, however long practiced or well approved, if they lead to extravagance or to unnecessary expense. His duty is conservative as a rule, and if discharged in that spirit he is liable to bring down upon him criticism, though that sometimes may be the best indication of faithful administration.

These suggestions are familiar, but their mention here derives propriety from the feeling prevailing among many of our tax payers and often expressed, that the rate of taxation stands at too high a figure. The remedy does not lie entirely with officials. Voters have their part in the impressions they give and the appropriations they make. Water will not naturally rise above its fountain head, nor boards of officers naturally strike out for themselves in directions not approved by their

constituents. When voters are frugal in their demands, and are content to accept results as better tests of faithful official service than a consideration of methods, they will give practical aid to reductions in expenditures.

Of the special appropriations last year some report should be made.

Columbian hill could only be commenced with the \$300 given us, and but a show of the possible improvement made with a sufficient sum. At least \$800 will be required to complete the work through the village as contemplated. Ledge rock confronts the workmen at every bad point in the road and upon its sides, making both widening and grading alike expensive.

Hamilton street wall has been completed, and a little surface gravel dressing upon the walk will make it a good job. The sidewalk appropriation should do this and the account be closed.

South street has had no benefit of the \$500 appropriation. The board did no work graveling, because they were unwilling to exceed the sum appropriated, which is barely sufficient to pay the damages claimed in suits pending in court when the appropriation was made—Rowley, Booth and Newell's—have settled and been paid—\$220. The suit of Isaac Clark was tried and a verdict obtained of \$142; now pending in court, and as we are advised by Mr. F. P. Goulding, our counsel, can not be sustained. This and the last board made efforts to settle this suit before trial; but failing, judged it better to resist the claim of \$300 as excessive than pay it. We estimate that graveling the points contemplated in the last appropriation, and forming an earth walk, will cost \$350.

The query may with propriety be suggested whether in extending our sidewalks upon streets outside of the limits of the business parts of our villages, it may not be best to adopt some less expensive method of constructing them than that thus far used? Is it best to impose upon abutters and the town the expense of concrete or brick coverings? Will not curbings, paved gutters and coal ash, or good gravel covering properly pu



on, costing less than 10 percent of what brick or concrete would cost, satisfy nearly all the present applicants for walks, and enable the town to do annually something to extend our walks, instead of periodically making a large appropriation for special jobs? With the proper action of the selectmen in locating such walks, the right of assessment for the brick or concrete covering that in time may be demanded, or necessary, may be saved, and the foundations obtained for something better; and in the meantime a serviceable walk will be provided in many places where something is really required now. A little money will do a good deal to improve our streets for footmen, if not indeed satisfy them that brick and concrete are not the only materials fit to cover sidewalks with, to make them satisfactory to the public—a proposition to which we have no hesitation now in giving our entire assent. One thing may be settled in the public mind already, and that is that plank walks are too expensive and too dangerous even for cheap work. We should spend no money in constructing plank walks. Experience demonstrates the unserviceability and expensive character of such materials in the long run.

Prudential considerations lead business men to pay their debts at the earliest possible day, and to keep out of debt so far as can be. The item of \$1600 for interest this year shows what it costs tax payers annually to be in debt. That sum would pay for many material conveniences if it could be saved or used for such purposes, and if we were not involved the most of it, at least \$1200 of that sum, would be available for public improvements. It would nearly support the high school. Frugality warns us therefore to get out of debt and keep out of it, and pay as we advance, without shifting to the shoulders of others burdens which actually starve and cramp ourselves. No business corporation, with our present resources, would consent a moment to carry a debt of \$20,000 longer than it would take to turn them to its payment. Why should the town do so? It may, but does not reason and business experience alike teach us that its possibility should be the constantly revolving signal of danger in

our course to be avoided? The town has paid \$14,406 for interest alone since 1871, and can any voter point to one thing the town has to show for this money, one benefit or advantage gained by the expenditure — what monument to its glory.

The school houses and the new streets that our advancing prosperity and growth demand, at times call for expenditures unusual in amount, and quite enough to please tax payers. But with debts upon us we are weaker to meet them than we should be without, and more likely in meeting such exigencies to increase our indebtedness than we otherwise should be. It is easier to secure financial strength by prompt payment than by any other course. Voters should make these business axioms rules of action in town affairs, in which they hold the key for a wise solution of them.

In connection with payment it occurs to us to suggest that voters should hold their officers as the by-laws do to a strict responsibility in accounting for the obligations they contract each year in their several departments. Unreported outstanding debts of any considerable sums should not be overlooked, for the reason that a system which tolerates it keeps our appropriations at the mercy of demands which should have been paid, and robs us of funds actually required for present necessities; the town never knows where it stands, what sums to appropriate, or what it needs. And there is no difficulty in avoiding this, in most cases and in all of any great importance, or amounts, and they are all essential to a fair exhibit of the accounts each year.

#### TAX COLLECTORS' ACCOUNTS.

*Solomon Thayer, Collector of Taxes, 1873, '4, '5, '9.*

The Treasurer's accounts show as due from Mr.

Thayer upon taxes,	\$1,364 77
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This sum is accounted for as follows:

Whole amount of taxes of 1879,	\$33,785 76
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Balance of uncollected taxes of years 1873,	351 35
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\$36,137 11
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Amount of cash paid treasurer,	-	\$34,941	34
Certificate of abatement on taxes of			
1873, '4, '5,	-	-	349 98
Certificate of abatement on taxes of 1879,		241	16
Order of Selectmen for salary,	-	175	00
		<u>          </u>	<u>\$35,707 48</u>
Balance due from Collector,	-	-	\$429 63

which we find to be the amount of unpaid taxes, chiefly poll taxes, for the year 1879, some of which are collectable and some not, but accounting for all deficiencies.

We do not regard it best to call in this warrant yet, because some of this sum will no doubt be collected, and assurances of payments have been given warranting delay in closing the account by abatement or otherwise.

*H. W. Bacon, Collector of Taxes, 1880.*

The Assessors' returns to the Treasurer show			
the assessment of	-	-	\$55,772 89
And deducting therefrom the sums collected and			
discounts the Treasurer's accounts show in the			
hands of the Collector,	-	-	4,954 54
But this is not the true sum, there being only	-		1870 55

This balance being accounted for in unpaid taxes. The actual deficiency in the money assessed is \$3,083.99, arising from an error in the rate fixed for the assessment. This deficiency just equals the bank tax, which was omitted from the sum to be raised and the sum upon which the rate was calculated. We give below a summary of the assessment :

Valuation.		Taxes to be assessed.	
Real estate,	- \$2,045,874	Town appropriations,	\$45,641 00
Personal estate,	1,002,645	State tax,	- 2,625 00
	<u>          </u>	County tax,	- 2,546 00
Total,	- \$3,048,519		<u>          </u>
		Total,	- \$50,812 00

\$16 per \$1000 on			
\$3,048,519,	\$48,776 30	Overlayings, -	\$621 32
Tax on 1328 polls,			<hr/>
at \$2.00 each, -	2,656 00		
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Total, -	51,432 30		
Fraction difference,	1 02		
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	\$51,433 32		51,433 32
The Assessors included also watch district tax,		-	700 00
Overlayings,		-	4 42
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And committed same to Collector, making the sum of			52,137 74
And the bank tax of -			3,083 99
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			55,221 73
The Assessors assessed on omitted property and polls,			551 16
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As the tax lists were originally made up,			
Which, added, makes up the sum purported to be as-			
essed and collected, -			55,772 89
But the bank tax being omitted, as above stated, re-			
sults in a deficiency of -			3,083 99

The Treasurer should be instructed to adjust these accounts and correct his books to meet the error.

Some discussion has been had as to the proper way of closing the Collector's accounts, which stand sometimes too long, perhaps unsettled on the books of the Treasurer, conveying to the voter impressions unjust to the Collector, by showing a fictitious balance against him. These balances may generally be considered and are usually uncollected taxes, and for the most part worthless. It is plain that the simple and proper way to adjust the Collector's accounts is to have the worthless and uncollectable taxes abated by the Assessors, who are a continuous board for the performance of all the duties imposed upon them by the provisions of the statutes. The town can not abate taxes nor

assess them. That authority belongs to the Assessors only. Their rights do not die with the board, but survive to their successors in office, who may abate taxes assessed by a previous board composed of different persons, of years before, or reassess omitted or illegally assessed taxes of such previous boards within the period named in the statutes, and certificates of abatement are valid in discharging the Collector, when so granted. The case of Hubbard vs. Garfield, 102 Mass., 72, declares that "the Assessors constitute a tribunal with powers which imply a continued and uninterrupted existence, not limited to the individuals who at the time compose it," were it not so many of the statute provisions granting authority to them would be absolutely nugatory and inoperative, by each election in which the same individuals are not retained in office. With abatement certificates the Collector may settle his accounts with the proper officers and keep his accounts with the Treasurer so as to show precisely the standing of his accounts, and avoid unreal charges against him.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN TATTERSON,  
A. J. BARTHOLOMEW,  
THOMAS SANDERS,  
Selectmen.



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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TAX COLLECTOR  
OF THE  
Town of Southbridge.





# UNPAID TAXES.

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Auglen James	\$2 00	Bashaw Charles	2 00
Abbott Joseph	2 00	Brocwell William	2 00
Akey Cyril	2 00	Backume Andrew	2 00
Archerson Albert	3 60	Belrom Joseph	2 00
Baylies Albert	2 00	Brooks John	2 00
Bourque Joseph	11 60	Bebo Alexander	2 00
Bracket Joseph	4 00	Barnbard Alfred	2 00
Brennon Patrick	2 00	Burke John	2 00
Bonner John	2 00	Bordeau Albert	2 00
Bouvia Joseph	2 00	Bordeau Gilbert	2 00
Boutelle Richard	2 00	Bates Oscar	2 00
Bushen Amable	2 00	Butterfield William J	2 00
Bushen Calix	2 00	Betram Thomas	2 00
Bushen Dirnelense	2 00	Betram Joseph	2 00
Bergis Francis	2 00	Belleuger Frank II	2 00
Buckley John	2 00	Bacon Frank H	2 00
Breen Michael	2 00	Bridget Martin	2 00
Burns Thomas	2 00	Chamberlain A M	84 88
Brunell Henry	2 00	Collins Breen	2 00
Bassett Mason	2 00	Cantara Oliver	2 00
Bushen Charles	2 00	Condon Patrick	2 00
Bushen Alfred	2 00	Col.ety Michael	2 00
Bassett Henry	2 00	Carey Andrew	2 00
Boker Frank	2 00	Conroy John	2 00
Bassett Frank	2 00	Capelet Peter	2 00
Bowers Fred	2 00	Cahill Cornelius	2 00
Bowers Harris	2 00	Clarke John C	2 00
Bargone Frank	2 00	Clarke Joseph	2 00
Bebo Peter	2 00	Clarke Charles M	2 00

Cozzens F C	2 00	Duplicc Anthony	2 00
Cady Joseph	2 00	Densmore A E	2 00
Connelly Edward	2 00	Dislourie Edward, Jr	2 00
Carbenean Joseph	2 00	Demarchain Nicholas	2 00
Connell Patrick	2 00	Dennette Oliver	2 00
Cain Robert	2 00	Duprez Peter	2 00
Cain Robert, Jr	2 00	Dennis Lewis	2 00
Cruff Charles	2 00	Douty William L	2 00
Clarke Peter P	2 00	Duffee Francis	2 00
Clark Henry F	2 00	Earle Martin	2 00
Coleman J M	2 00	Easdon Robert	2 00
Croma Robert	2 00	Edwards Edwin	2 00
Cadette John	2 00	Farquber John	4 80
Cadette Eli	2 00	Faro William	2 00
Capistrand Joseph	2 00	Flood John	5 20
Conaint John B	2 00	Felton Will.am S	2 00
Carbens Florence	2 00	Fanoff Baltic	2 00
Clemence Frank	2 00	Farlien Dennis	2 00
Clark Frank J	2 00	Fanoff Peter	2 00
Cutting Theodore	2 00	Franklin James	2 00
Cockeran John	2 00	Fanoff Fabner	2 00
Carney Cornelius	2 00	Fontaine John	2 00
Dresser A K	44 80	Fritzfar Exenie	2 00
Dresser George A	66 00	Fellows William S	2 00
Dumas Peter	2 00	Freland Alonzo	2 00
Dennis Peter	2 00	Felix Joseph, Jr	2 00
Dehon Joseph	2 00	Gomo John	2 00
Darrair Saul	2 00	Gomo Abrobens	2 00
Doolen Thomas	2 00	Gomo Rainie	2 00
Donnelly Patrick	2 00	Goodro Lewis	2 00
Day Stephen	2 00	Goodro Octave	2 00
Degrenny Andrew	2 00	Gargon John	2 00
Durfee D Henry	2 00	Grenier Maxillere	2 00
Douie Joseph	2 00	Grenier John	2 00
Dodd Martin	2 00	Green John	2 00
Dumerce Calixta	2 00	Gill Richard	2 00
Dumerce Daniel	2 00	Gilbert Anthony	2 00
Ducatt Edward, Jr	2 00	Geroux John	2 00
Ducte Daren	2 00	Ganion Louis	2 00
Deslauries Edward	2 00	Godier Napoleon	2 00
Ducatt Napoleon	2 00	Godape John	2 00
Desonin Lewis	2 00	Goodroe Peter	2 00
Defoe Peter	2 00	Gregory, Charles	2 00
Dumas Gregwell	2 00	Gauthier Exgen	2 00

Goodro Joseph	2 00	Johnson George W	2 00
Gaudette Charles	2 00	Johnson Jerome	2 00
Gauthier Dennis	2 00	Kelley William	2 00
Griswold Leander	2 00	Kies T D	2 00
Gervais Peter	2 00	Kinney John	2 00
Ganivice Maxim	2 00	Kennedy David	2 00
Gregnon Joseph	2 00	Kennedy Patrick	2 00
Green John	2 00	Keef John	2 00
Gonyeon Pierre	2 00	Keef Michael	2 00
Gamash Nicholas	2 00	Keef Patrick	2 00
Green Norman	2 00	Kaskie Joseph	2 00
Grant Thomas	2 00	Keough John	2 00
Grant Michael	2 00	Kenney Albert	2 00
Grant William	2 00	Longsway Joseph	20 06
Hodges Lawrence, Jr	2 00	Lovely Lewis	5 20
Hyde Charles	6 40	Longsway Peter	2 00
Hanly Patrick	2 00	Lapland Albert	2 00
Hogan Edward	2 00	Lapland Lewis	2 00
Hogan Joul	2 00	La Breen Anthony	2 00
Herbendeen Benjamin	2 00	Longsway Alex	2 00
Hicky Michael	2 00	Lovely Alex	2 00
Hougan Patrick	2 00	Laflume Felix	2 00
Holmes Fred L	2 00	Lovely Peter	2 00
Hoyl Charles	2 00	Lamone Paul	2 00
Hunt L A	2 00	Larigreve Francais	2 00
Hyde Alvah	2 00	Littleton Michael	2 00
Holden Thomas 2d	2 00	Link Frank	2 00
Holden Patrick	2 00	Lane Daniel	2 00
Holden Daniel 2d	2 00	Lovely William	2 00
Holden James	2 00	Laduke Moses	2 00
Hayes John	2 00	Lovely Joseph 2d	2 00
Halloran William	2 00	Lemone Paul	2 00
Holland James	2 00	Larochelle Peter	2 00
Hanna James	2 00	Lovely Lewis 2d	2 00
Higgins Andrew	2 00	Lareum Antoine	2 00
Hall Charles	2 00	Lapage Eaton	2 00
Henry Thomas	2 00	Locock Samuel	2 00
Hall Willard	2 00	Laduke Tellis	2 00
Hannon Patrick	2 00	Lamott Peter	2 00
Handy Daniel	2 00	Lamott Levi	2 00
Hanly William	2 00	Lamott Mason	2 00
Hadley Frank	2 00	Lamott Baptiste	2 00
Jervais Joseph	2 00	Lamone Peter	2 00

Lareaux Maguire	2 00	Miller Frank	2 00
Lamont Nelson	2 00	Minor James	2 00
Lynch Thomas	2 00	Murphy Edward	2 00
Larger David	2 00	Martells Isador	2 00
Lovely Charles	2 00	Morris Jerry	2 00
Lamoine James	2 00	Morris Jerry, Jr	2 00
Lapratt Joseph	2 00	Morris Moses	2 00
Lovely Albert	2 00	Martin Peter	2 00
Lamolou Froncie	2 00	Marcear Lewis E	2 00
Longsway Joseph	2 76	Medely Walter	2 00
Lemire Onesimer	2 00	McKenna Barney	2 00
Lavvich Tellis	2 00	McKenna Michael	2 00
Lovely Gilbert	2 00	Murray James J	2 00
Lavois Henry	2 00	Mahony Frank	2 00
Lescault Igneus	2 00	Mony Joseph	2 00
Mansfield Thomas	3 60	Newell Samuel	21 82
Marsh Fitz Henry	2 00	Neddo Lewis	2 00
Morrisy John J	2 00	O'Bryan Michael 2d	2 00
Meagher Patrick	2 00	Onga Freeland	2 00
Melony John	2 00	Onga Charles	2 00
Martin Nicholas	2 00	Olden Joseph	2 00
Megow Roderick	2 00	Oakes Oliver	2 00
Mannalt Mosel	2 00	O'Bryan Jerry	2 00
Marhalland Nicholas	2 00	O'Bryan Michael	2 00
Monnohan Michael	2 00	Phillips Curtis Est	32 00
McCarty John, Jr	2 00	Prue Francis	11 10
McCarty Martin	2 00	Parker John	2 00
Murphy James	2 00	Peppard John	2 00
McRemis John J	2 00	Pendergrast Patrick J	2 00
Marchassault Moses	2 00	Parent Daniel	2 00
Murry Charles	2 00	Patrué Joseph	2 00
Murphy W H	2 00	Patuor David	2 00
Meagher Patrick	2 00	Pellington Peter	2 00
McCorruh John	2 00	Phillips Furgur Jr	2 00
Manning Owen	2 00	Prue John	2 00
Mannier Luke	2 00	Paron Felix	2 00
Mannier Thomas	2 00	Pare Joseph	2 00
McGee William	2 00	Part John H	2 00
Maynard Albert	2 00	Patvin Lewis	2 00
Montaille Noer	2 00	Prue Joseph D	2 00
Marchassault Bemas	2 00	Pellett C H	2 00
Martin Henry	2 00	Parker Henry	2 00
McCambridge Daniel	2 00	Parrint Edward	2 00

Patnor Joseph	2 00	Spooner Frank	2 00
Prue Joseph E	2 00	Suprenault Lewis	2 00
Peliquin Pierre	2 00	Stevens George	2 00
Peliquin Peter	2 00	Steveos Lyman	2 00
Palven Paul	2 00	Scarboro Flavia	2 00
Passenoe Benjamin	2 00	Scarboro Flavia, Jr	2 00
Powers William 2d	2 00	Stone Victor	2 00
Rivers Joseph	5 00	Stone John	2 00
Reno John	2 00	St Martin Lewis	2 00
Rivers Lewis	2 00	Shannon Eugene	2 00
Ryan Dennis	2 00	Sammons Charles S	2 00
Ritchie Frank	2 00	Sawyer John	2 00
Reynolds George	2 00	Sherman Eugene	10 40
Reynolds Munroe	2 00	Tobin John	2 00
Rabideen James	2 00	Tatro Jaques	2 00
Ryan James	2 00	Tatro Treffeley	2 00
Reopal Leander	5 20	Tatro Henry	2 00
Robillard John	2 00	Top Peter	2 00
Robillard John Jr	2 00	Thimblin Anthony	2 00
Rivers Lewis	2 00	Tarrio Joseph	2 00
Reed Joseph	2 00	Tracy Peter	2 00
Roberts Godfrey	2 00	Talbot Charles	2 00
Robedeau Joseph	2 00	Thompson Charles	2 00
Round Albert	2 00	Thompson Eber	2 00
Rescoe Lewis	2 00	Varrey Frank	2 00
Ritchie Joseph	2 00	Viall Henry	2 80
Seavey Frank	2 00	Vurchills Joseph	2 00
Shannan Patrick	2 00	Valender Narcis	2 00
Suprenalt Francis	2 00	Ward Thomas	2 00
Stone Joseph	2 00	Whelan Martin	2 00
Shaw Frank	2 00	Ward Patrick	2 00
Shaw Lewis	2 00	Weld John	2 00
Shaw Lewis 2d	2 00	Weld Thos 2d	2 00
Shey Thomas	2 00	Wright James	2 00
Sinclair Peter	2 00	Wilcox Henry	2 00
Shaw William	2 00	White Edmund	2 00
Smith J O	2 00	Warren E C	2 00
Stone Charles	3 20	Webster Willie	2 00
Shepard Nelson	2 00	Williams John	2 00
Shepard Joseph	2 00	Warren Edward	2 00
Simpson Exavio	2 00	Wright James	2 00
Stone Vetolin	2 00	Whitman Nelson	2 00
Suprenault Reni	2 00	Wesson James	2 72

## UNPAID TAXES.

Toushgeusk C	2 00	Southbridge Brick Co	124 80
Wm Edwards' Sons	122 80		

## NON-RESIDENTS.

Buck E A, Ashford, Ct	28 00	Spicer Albert	1 60
Edwards Geo, Dudley	80	Bancroft A M, Eastford, Ct	3 20
Vinton Dwight, Dudley	1 60		

## OMITTED TAXES.

Hyde Isaac P	9 60	Chamberlain Oscar T	2 00
Clemence J L & L D	3 20	Ryan John P	2 00
Passeno Jerry	2 00	Keeno John	2 00
Hager Wm D	2 00	Phillips Frank	2 00
Davis Lucien	2 00	Corbin W W	2 00

Total .....\$ 1,431 47

Made up as follows:

389 Polls, \$2 ... ..	\$ 778 00
Property taxes.....	618 54
Non-resident taxes.....	35 20

————— 1,431 74

Balance collected since accounts closed, \$438 81

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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TOWN CLERK,  
AND  
WARRANT FOR ANNUAL MEETING  
OF THE  
Town of Southbridge.





# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

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## INSURANCE ON TOWN PROPERTY WITH DATE OF EXPIRATION OF POLICIES.

Amount insured.	Property insured.	When expiring.
\$2,500.	Town house .....	May 1, 1881
600.	School-house, Bacon district .....	June 1, 1881
3,000.	Books, etc., library .....	July 1, 1881
1,000.	Books, etc., library .....	July 1, 1881
1,600.	School-house, Elm street .....	Sept'r 1, 1881
2,200.	School-house, Sandersdale .....	Dec'r 1, 1881
2,000.	School-house, Main street.....	Jan'y 1, 1882
1,500.	Town hall, Elm street .....	Feb'y 1, 1882
600.	School-house, Sumner district.....	April 1, 1882
2,000.	School-house, Union street.....	Nov'r 1, 1882
2,500.	Library building .....	Nov'r 1, 1882
2,692.	Town-farm buildings, stock, etc .....	Dec'r 1, 1882
2,000.	School-house, Main street....	Jan'y 1, 1883
2,500.	School-house, School street.....	Nov'r 1, 1883
1,200.	School-house, River street.....	Nov'r 1, 1883
600.	School-house, Hooker district..	April 1, 1885
2,000.	New almshouse .....	Jan'y 1, 1886
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\$30,492.	Total amount of property insured.	

There is no insurance on the police station, engine-houses, engines, hose and furniture, town clock, school-house in Dennison district and Morris-street school-house.

It will be noticed by the foregoing schedule that there are two school-houses that remain uninsured, and that there are six more on which the insurance expires the coming year. I see no reason why that the liability to burn is not the same with these as those insured; therefore, I would recommend to the town to appropriate money enough to insure all of the school-houses or else not reinsure those expiring the coming year,

## VITAL STATISTICS.

Marriages, Births and deaths in town from January 1, 1880, to  
January 1, 1881.

Number of marriages .....	56
American, 30; French, 19; Irish, 6; African, 1.	
Number of births.....	216
American parentage, 30; French, 150; Irish 34; German, 2.	
Number of deaths .....	119
Americans, 26; French, 57; Irish, 31; Scotch, 3; English, 2.	
Number of dogs licensed from April 1, 1880, to March 1, 1881 ....	168
Males, 154; females.	

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY A. MORSE,  
Town Clerk.

# WARRANT FOR ANNUAL MEETING, 1881.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.  
WORCESTER SS.

*To either of the Constables of the Town of Southbridge. Greeting.*

In the name of the commonwealth aforesaid you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Southbridge, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town hall in said Southbridge, on Monday, the fourth day of April next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

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

ARTICLE 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year—the Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, School Committee, Library Committee, Cemetery Committee, Auditors and Constables will be voted for on one ballot; and the polls will be kept open until 2 o'clock P. M., unless the meeting shall otherwise determine.

ARTICLE 3. To hear the reports of the Auditors of Accounts, Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Fire Engineers, School Committee, Library Committee, and Cemetery Committee, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 4. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to pay town bills and charges the ensuing year, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as posted and presented by the selectmen, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will allow the usual discount on taxes, excepting the taxes assessed on polls, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will authorize the collector of taxes to use the means for collecting taxes which the Treasurer when appointed a Collector may use, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money for the use of the town in anticipation of the taxes to be assessed the current year, and to give the notes of the town therefor, payable out of such taxes, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will transfer the following accounts, to wit. \$19.08 from Marcy street walk and \$26.07 from Main street walk to Main and Pleasant street walk, and \$5.81 from Hamilton street walk and \$.28 from Main street walk to the credit of sidewalks.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will vote to pay the engine men for the ensuing year, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be required to pay firemen, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to defray the expenses of the observance of decoration day, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money to renew, replace or pay any existing debts of the town, and to give the notes of the town therefor, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to settle with the Collector of Taxes for the year 1880, and adjust the accounts for such collections and allow to said Collector such credit as he shall be entitled to receive, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the town will build the following new sidewalks—On Pleasant street from Canal to N. W. corner of estate of Chester Curtis, deceased; on Hamilton street from Union church to the store of J. S. Gleason; on Everett from Main to the Cemetery avenue, and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 16. "To see whether the town will by its vote or otherwise ask the legislature to extend to women, who are citizens, the right to hold town offices and to vote in town affairs on the same terms as male citizens," or act thereon.

ARTICLE 17. To vote by ballot "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town," the check list being used, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the town will vote to purchase lamp-posts and lanterns to be placed as follows: one on Pine street, one on Dresser street and two on Chapin street, and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the town will vote to build a new school house, locate the same and purchase land therefor, to raise and appropriate money for the same, or act thereon.

# REPORTS

OF

# THE TOWN OFFICERS

OF

SOUTHBRIDGE, MASS.,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1882.



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1882.



TOWN OFFICERS.  
FOR 1881-82.

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TREASURER,  
F. L. CHAPIN.

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CLERK,  
HENRY A. MORSE.

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SELECTMEN,  
A. J. BARTHOLOMEW, JOHN TATTERSON, THOMAS SANDERS.

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OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,  
CALVIN A. PAIGE, SYLVESTER DRESSER, JACOB BOOTH.

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ASSESSORS,  
SOLOMON THAYER, AUGUSTUS COOK, CHARLES W. WELD.

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AUDITORS,  
FRED. W. EATON, CHARLES W. HILL, GEO. W. COREY.

## TOWN OFFICIALS.

## LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

M. LEONARD,	Term expires 1882	S. HAYWARD,	Term expires 1882*
E. M. PHILLIPS,	" 1882	WM. R. PATON,	" 1883
JOSEPH JAGGER,	" 1882	T. J. HARRINGTON,	" 1882*
	J. M. COCHRAN,	Term expires 1884.	
	A. G. UPHAM,	" 1884.	
	B. U. BUGBEE,	" 1884.	

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

B. V. STEVENSON,	Term expires 1884.
GEO. M. WHITAKER,	Term expires 1883.
E. M. PHILLIPS,	Term expires 1882.

## CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

L. S. AMMIDOWN,	Term expires 1882.	J. O. MCKINSTRY,	Term expires 1883.
EDWIN BACON,	" " 1882.	GEO. W. WELLS,	" " 1883.
	A. J. BARTHOLOMEW,	Term expires 1884.	
	CHRISTOPHER ABBOTT,	" " 1884.	

## FENCE VIEWERS,

W. H. H. CHENEY,	JAMES BROWN,	SOLOMON THAYER.
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## SURVEYORS OF LUMBER,

SAMUEL T. CUTTING,	JOHN E. CLEMENCE,	DANFORTH DOUTY,
	LEONARD R. MATTERSON,	

## MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK,

CHAS. HYDE,	JULIUS S. GLEASON,	GEO. H. THAYER,
GEO. K. DRESSER,	J. M. OLNEY,	L. R. MATTERSON,
J. F. B. LITCHFIELD,	JOHN M. CHENEY,	PATRICK KELLY,
WM. E. ALDEN. JR.,	AUGUSTUS COOK,	HENRY A. MORSE,
CHAS. W. WELD,	DANFORTH DOUTY,	P. N. LE CLAIR,
FRANK D. DRESSER,	E. B. CUMMINGS,	SYLVESTER DRESSER,
JOHN E. CLEMENCE.		

\*Elected to fill vacancy.



TOWN OFFICERS.

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FIELD DRIVERS,

LARKIN A. UPHAM, District No. 1.	JOSEPH BRACKETT, District No. 2.
THOMAS F. RYAN, " " 3.	ABIJAH VINTON, " " 4.
W. H. H. CHENEY, " " 5.	HERBERT F. HASKELL, " " 6.

CHARLES M. CLARK, District No. 7.

FIRE ENGINEERS,

HENRY C. CADY, CHIEF.

AZEL THOMPSON, 1st Assist.	CHAS. W. WILLIAMS, 2d Assist.
JULIUS S. GLEASON, 3d Assist.	J. W. ROBINSON, 4th Assist.

J. W. ROBINSON, CLERK.

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR,

A. H. SHEPARD.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES,

DANIEL WHITFORD.

CONSTABLES,

GARDNER O. BENSON,	A. H. SHEPARD,	GEO. H. THAYER,
	JOSEPH BARTLETT.	

POLICE OFFICERS,

MARCUS DILLABER,	THOMAS POTTER,	ASA M. MORSE,
A. S. BUELL,	GEO. W. MARTIN,	FRANK E. PARKER,
JOSEPH SANDERS,	W. S. FITTS,	A. W. MARTIN,
ALBERT TESDALE,	R. G. ELLIS.	



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# THE ACCOUNT OF THE TOWN TREASURER,

As presented by him, is herewith submitted, having been examined and found correct.



F. L. CHAPIN, TREASURER, in account with the Town of Southbridge for the year ending February 28, 1882.

## RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury March 1, 1881.....	\$	424 85
Due from H. W. Bacon, collector.....		4,954 54
Due from S. Thayer, collector.....		1,364 77

**Tax bill of 1881:**

State tax.....	\$	2,625 00
County tax.....		2,122 00
Bank tax and over-layings... ..		2,746 67
Centre watch district and over-layings .....		728 23
Over-layings on taxes.....		616 68
Poll tax omitted .. ..		2 00
Amounts carried forward.....		\$8,840 58 \$6,744 16

Amounts brought forward.. .....	\$ 8,840 58	\$6,744 16
Common school.....	8,600 00	
Outside poor.....	3,500 00	
Discount on taxes.....	4,431 01	
H. W. Bacon, collector, deficiency.....	3,083 99	
Highway.....	2,500 00	
Salaries.....	1,850 00	
Interest.....	1,600 00	
High school.....	1,550 00	
Street lights.....	1,500 00	
Support of poor.....	1,500 00	
Public library.....	1,400 00	
Engine men.....	1,400 00	
Contingent account, schools etc.....	1,000 00	
Abatement of taxes.....	1,000 00	
Hamilton street sidewalk.....	850 00	
Fire department.....	800 00	
Contingent expense.....	500 00	
Everett street sidewalk.....	425 00	
Columbian road.....	400 00	
Printing.....	350 00	
Cemetery improvements.....	350 00	
South street.....	350 00	
Insurance.....	200 00	
Sidewalks.....	200 00	
Police station contingent.....	175 00	
Bridges.....	150 00	
Pleasant street sidewalk.....	125 00	
Cohasse street.....	100 00	
Lamps.....	60 00	
Decoration.....	50 00	
		48,840 58
State treasurer, Corporation tax.....	2,768 17	
National bank tax.....	538 95	
Income school fund.....	280 08	
Soldiers' and sailors' fund.....	249 00	
Discount on bank tax.....	196 11	
Collecting and assessing bank tax.....	17 68	
Transportation paupers.....	1 95	
County treasurer, dog fund.....	284 76	
Liquor licenses.....	700 00	
		60,621 44
Amount carried forward.....	\$60,621 44	

Amount brought forward.....	\$ 60,621 44
Cemetery fund.....	451 00
Center watch district.....	400 00
Produce sold.....	192 62
Oxen sold.....	170 00
C. A. Paige, account M. O'Brien..	94 00
Public library, cards, fines, books, &c.,.....	63 63
S. B. Fiske, toward support Lydia Fiske .....	39 00
Dudley, account Mr. Deon.....	34 88
Millbury, account T. Sherique. ....	34 00
Oakham, account Mrs. Samuel King.....	29 00
Licenses .....	27 00
Police station fees.....	26 00
Common school tuition.....	10 00
Broken hitching posts.....	8 50
A. H. Wheeler, overdraft.....	2 50
Money borrowed in anticipation of taxes ..	22,000 00
for specific purposes .....	5,000 00
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	\$89,203 57

## EXPENDITURES.

Paid common schools.....	\$ 9,856 16
Discount on taxes.....	4,393 53
Highways.....	3,905 56
Contingent expenses.....	3,403 20
Deficiency assessment, 1880.....	3,083 99
Outside poor ..	3,005 08
State tax.....	2,625 00
County tax.....	2,122 00
High school.....	1,962 35
Bank tax.....	1,961 12
Support of poor .....	1,872 32
Salaries.....	1,851 50
Public library.....	1,712 99
Engine men.....	1,358 00
Street lights... ..	1,345 92
Centre watch district.....	1,210 01
Interest... ..	1,126 50
Contingent account schools etc.....	818 33
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Amount carried forward.....	\$47,613 56

Amount brought forward.....	\$47,613 56	
Everett street sidewalk.....	884 85	
Hamilton street sidewalk.....	805 73	
Abatement of taxes.....	631 14	
South street.....	506 09	
Fire department.....	487 08	
Printing.....	287 62	
State aid.....	272 00	
Cemetery improvements.....	251 95	
Cohasse street.....	250 00	
Insurance.....	211 70	
Bridges.....	197 36	
Sidewalks.....	175 78	
State treasurer, liquor license.....	175 00	
Police station contingent.....	159 42	
Main and Pleasant street sidewalk.....	149 72	
Decoration.....	69 79	
Street lamps.....	60 00	
Railing highways.....	50 17	
School apparatus.....	33 70	
Note to L. H. Stowe, dated August 8, 1876.....	5,000 00	
Note to F. L. Chapin, dated January 1, 1881.....	3,500 00	
Money borrowed in anticipation of taxes.....	22,000 00	
		83,772 66
Cash in treasury March 1, 1882..	1,959 66	
Due from D. Whitford, collector.....	2,137 05	
Due from H. W. Bacon, collector.....	970 55	
Due from S. Thayer, collector.....	363 65	
		5,430 91
		<u>\$89,203 57</u>

## NOTES OUTSTANDING FEBRUARY 28, 1882.


Date of Notes.	To whom given.	Amounts.	Payable.	Rate of interest.
Sept. 17, 1877	Brown, Riley & Co. ....	\$5,000	1882	5 percent.
Sept. 17, 1877	Brown, Riley & Co. ....	5,000	1883	5 percent.
Aug. 8, 1881	Lucy H. Stowe.....	5,000	1884	4 percent.
		\$15,000		








# RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS.



## CEMETERY COMMITTEE.



### CEMETERY IMPROVEMENTS.

#### RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit this account March 1, 1881.....	\$	14	57	
Appropriation annual meeting.....		350	00	
				<u>          </u>
	\$			364 57

#### EXPENDITURES.

Woodbury & Lamson, date block in cemetery front .....	\$	38	00	
Frank Parson, surveying.....		2	25	
Edwin Bacon, labor self and men.....		213	95	
				<u>          </u>
				254 20
				<u>          </u>
Balance to credit this account March 1, 1882.....		110	37	
Outstanding order Frank Parson.....			2	25
				<u>          </u>
				112 62

## Bills outstanding:

Joseph Williams .....	14 00
Edwin Bacon... ..	25 62
Ellis & Cook... ..	5 15
Cummings & Conant.....	7 65
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	52 42

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 COHASSE STREET.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1881...\$	150 00	
Appropriation annual meeting .....	100 00	
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		250 00

## EXPENDITURES

Edwin Bacon, labor self and men.....	250 00
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# LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

## PUBLIC LIBRARY.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit account, March 1, 1881.....	\$	52	15
Appropriation at annual meeting.....		1,400	00
Dog fund.....		282	91
Catalogues, cards and fines.....		63	63
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	\$	1,798	69

### EXPEDITURES.

Lee & Shepard and others, books, magazines and periodicals.....	\$	590	16
F. D. Morse & Son, binding books.....		88	22
S. Williams, picture frames, etc.....		34	15
J. DeLand, stationery.....		7	90
G. M. Whitaker, certificates.....		6	95
Readers & Writers Economy Co., library supplies.....		4	47
A. J. Comins, services as librarian.....		600	00
A. J. Comins, care of rooms and expenses.....		163	01
Southbridge coal company, coal.....		41	40
E. S. Ellis, coal.....		15	12
W. P. Plimpton, wood.....		6	75
Mutual Gaslight Co., gas and piping.....		154	86
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	\$	1,712	99
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1882..	\$	85	70

# OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

## SUPPORT OF POOR.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit this account March 1, 1881.....	\$	515	04
Appropriation, annual meeting .....		1,500	00
Produce sold. ....		192	62
Oxen.....		170	00
Calvin A. Paige, guardian to Michael O'Brien...		94	00
Gain of personal property at farm .....		138	40
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	\$	2,610	06

### EXPENDITURES.

Geo. F. Northrup, and wife, services from March 1, 1881, to March 1, 1882.....		400	00
Guy Brothers, groceries....		178	26
P. H. Carpenter & Co., groceries.....		149	62
Ellis & Cook, groceries.....		56	48
Morse Brothers, groceries .....		76	55
Joseph Olney, groceries.....		28	54
Geo. L. Winter, hardware.....		59	25
Cummings & Conant, hardware.....		25	21
H. J. Conant, hardware.....		4	19
Joseph Williams, hardware.....		3	15
Irwin & Co., dry goods.....		26	93
C. V. Carpenter & Co., dry goods.....		10	00
Blanchard & Quevillon, dry goods.....		6	72

Amount carried forward..... \$1,024 90

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Amount brought forward.....\$ 1,024 90

Thomas Potter, fish .....	41 82
C. D. Paige, clothing, boots and shoes.....	72 75
J. & W. Booth, furniture .....	6 00
M. M. Marble, meats.....	121 01
M. J. Surprenant, meat.....	18 85
Geo. S. Stone, shoeing oxen and repairs.....	38 56
John King, shoeing oxen .....	4 50
Charles N. Clark, labor on farm.....	126 00
Charles N. Plimpton, labor on farm.....	1 00
Geo. G. Bulfinch, medical attendance at farm from April 1, 1881, to April 1, 1882..	50 00
Comfort Baylies, one yoke oxen.....	145 00
Fisk & Company, lightning rods for farm buildings	60 00
Wm. P. Plimpton, grinding grain .....	15 49
Spokes, rims and plaster.....	2 68
Joseph Ouimette, wood for cart.....	3 50
Solon Smith, four bushels barley.....	4 00
Samuel Williams, coffin and robe for Obediah Sabin....	10 25
Coffin and robe for Mathew Ryan.....	10 25
Coffin and robe for Michael Carney....	10 25
Chipman & Armes, crackers.....	24 44
Chauncy Brown, meat.....	1 50
H. G. O. Bacon, meat.....	5 34
V. A. Walker, vegetables.....	1 98
T. & S. R. Hopkins, thrashing grain.....	6 84
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber.....	7 59
Amasa Haskell, self and team taking Charles Congdon to almshouse.....	1 00
Fred S. Bowen, one steer.....	19 00
Javia Joslin, pigs .....	12 50
Andrew Clark, butchering .....	4 00
C. T. Carpenter, wagon seat .....	90
Geo. F. Shepard, medicine.....	9 48
Peter Lavoix, one bag meal.....	1 50
Southbridge Coal Co., lime and cement.....	2 00
Michael Farrel, labor.....	5 44
W. H. H. Cheney, services as appraiser.....	2 00

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 Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1882.....\$ 737 74

## OUTSIDE POOR.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit this account March 1, 1881.....	\$	21	75
Appropriation annual meeting.....		3,500	00
Town of Oakham, aid furnished Mrs. King .....		29	00
Town of Dudley, aid furnished Anthony Deon...		34	88
Town of Millbury, aid furnished Joseph Theraque		34	00
Sarah B. Fiske, support of Lydia Fiske.....		39	00
State treasurer, transportation of paupers.....		1	95
	—————	\$	3,660 58

## EXPENDITURES.

Worcester Lunatic Asylum, support Cath- erine Tynan.....	\$	186	57
Support of Daniel Smith.....		193	16
Support of Patrick Welch.....		153	28
Support of Frances E. Scarbor- ough .....		82	65
Support of Louis Gaumonde... ..		69	03
	—————		684 69
Asylum for chronic insane, support Lydia Fiske..		181	11
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, aid rendered Richard Dwyer at almshouse.....		6	26
Support Jerry Hogan at reform school..		38	00
Town of Leicester, aid rendered John Shepard and family .....		15	83
Town of Shirley, aid rendered Moses Chassa and family ... ..		26	04
Town of Franklin, aid rendered Miss Ada French		71	42
Town of Ayer, aid rendered Adolphe Largess' fam- ily ... ..		5	64
Town of Webster, aid rendered Bridget Hogan...		2	00
W. E. Alden & Co., goods delivered to Mrs. Patrick Gleason.....		120	00
Goods to Alonzo Martin .....		69	00
Goods to Mrs. P. Cross.....		34	00
Goods to P. O'Brian.....		32	00
Goods to John Gomo.....		28	00
Goods to Richard Welsh.....		23	00
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Amounts carried forward....	\$306_00	\$1,030	99



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Amounts brought forward....	\$306 00	\$1,030 99
W. E. Alden & Co, Goods to John Murphy	14 00	
Goods to Gilbert Letcher.....	22 00	
Goods to Mrs. John Parker.....	9 00	
Goods to Ronan boy.....	8 50	
Goods to Mrs. Hogan.....	7 62	
Goods to A. Moute... ..	13 00	
Goods to Thomas Lauke.....	5 00	
Goods to Edward Rene.....	2 50	
Goods to Louis Goodroe.....	2 00	
Goods to William Collins.....	2 00	
Goods to Mrs. William Powers	45	
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J. S. Gleason, goods delivered to Mrs. A.		
Herber.....	132 00	
Goods to Thomas J. Gregory... ..	44 25	
Goods to Peter Dume.....	40 00	
Goods to Anthony Deou.....	32 00	
Goods to Feb Scarbo Jr.....	30 00	
Goods to Andrew Moots.....	25 00	
Goods to D. Bassette.....	18 00	
Goods to James Reno.....	20 00	
Goods to Ann Nolan.....	13 00	
Goods to Nellie Marhar.....	10 00	
Goods to Peter Letcher.....	9 00	
Goods to Alex Longway.....	8 00	
Goods to Edward Reno.....	6 00	
Goods to Peter Rochelle.....	5 00	
Goods to Mary Connelly ....	2 00	
Goods to Margaret Murphy... ..	2 00	
	<hr/>	396 25
Ellis & Cook, goods d'ld to Feb Scarborough.....	39 00	
Goods d'ld Mrs. Nancy Hall... ..	30 00	
Goods d'ld Mrs. Adolph Largess	25 00	
Goods d'ld Mrs. J. Hogan....	18 00	
Goods d'ld Mrs. John Lovely.	15 00	
Goods d'ld Mrs. Louis Rivers..	9 00	
Goods d'ld Mrs. King.....	5 00	
Goods d'ld Mrs. Felix Ritchia..	3 00	
	<hr/>	144 00
Amount carried forward .....	...	\$1,963 31

AUDITORS' REPORT.

Amount carried forward.....	\$	1,963	31
T. & J. Ryan, goods delivered to James			
Brown .....	96	00	
Goods d'ld Mrs. Condon.....	62	00	
Goods d'ld Mrs. Mary Coughlan	6	00	
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			164 00
Guy & Bro's, goods delivered to Mrs. Sh <sup>ea</sup>	116	00	
Goods to Kate Powers.....	10	38	
Goods to Mrs. Geo. Marble....	5	00	
Goods to Esther Clarke... ..	3	00	
Goods to H. Charbaneu.....	3	00	
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			187 38
Morse Brothers, goods delivered to Mrs. A			
Duplisee.....	59	00	
Goods to Mrs. Peter Ritchia....	26	00	
Goods to Mrs. Felix Ritchia....	18	00	
Goods to Mrs. Geo. Martin. . . .	10	00	
Goods to Mrs. Peter Benjamin..	6	00	
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			119 00
Alex. Lataille, goods delivered to Mrs.			
Peter Ritchia.... ..	51	00	
Goods to Mrs. Felix Ritchia... ..	32	00	
Ticket to Canada, H. Charbaneu	8	00	
Goods to Julian Trembley ... ..	3	00	
Goods to Edward Trembley.... ..	6	00	
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			100 00
P. H. Carpenter & Co., goods delivered to			
Mrs. Peter Ritchia.....	12	00	
Goods to Mrs. Felix Ritchia....	8	00	
Goods to Mrs. Peter Stone....	10	00	
Goods to Esther Clark.... ..	10	00	
Goods to Nancy Hall.....	9	72	
Goods to Mrs. Lamottee.....	6	00	
Goods to John Brooks.....	2	50	
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			58 22
Michael Suprenant, Goods delivered to			
Mrs. Felix Ritchia.....	25	00	
Goods to Mrs. Peter Ritchia... ..	20	00	
Goods to Mrs. Duplisee.....	6	00	
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			51 00
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Amount carried forward.....	\$	2,592	91

Amount brought forward.....	\$ 2,592 91	
Patrick Kelly, goods delivered to Jas Brown ... ..	16 50	
Goods to Mrs. Coughlan.....	14 38	
Goods to Mrs. Day.....	7 88	
Goods to Kate Callahan.....	5 00	
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Olney & Lescault, goods delivered to Chas. White..	18 00	
LeClair & Son, goods delivered to Louis Lovely.	11 00	
S. Thayer & Son, goods delivered to Alonzo Martin	12 00	
Joseph Olney, goods delivered to Mrs. Pe- ter Ritchia. ....	4 00	
Goods to Mrs. Felix Ritchia. . .	3 00	
	<hr/>	7 00
C. D. Paige & Co., goods d'p'd Nancy Hall	3 32	
Goods to Mrs. Peter Ritchia. . .	2 50	
	<hr/>	5 82
Bugbee & Wheeler, goods delivered to Mrs. Shea	5 00	
M. M. Marble, goods delivered to Louis Rivers..	3 00	
Hamilton Woolen Co., wood for Mrs. Shea.....	6 25	
Wood for Mrs. Hogan .....	3 50	
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H. J. Conant, wood for Mrs. Powers.....	5 62	
Chauncy Brown, wood for Henry Barrett .....	3 25	
Joseph Longway, wood for Henry Barrett .....	3 50	
Central Mills Co., wood for Nancy Hall ..	2 25	
Wood for Mrs. Peter Ritchia. . .	3 00	
	<hr/>	5 25
Wm. P. Plimpton, wood for Mrs. Peter Ritchia.....	1 00	
Wood for Mrs. Nancy Hall....	6 56	
Wood for Esther Clark.....	11 75	
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Samuel Barrett, wood for Esther Clarke.....	2 00	
Frederick Davidson, wood for Mrs. Geo. Marble..	4 50	
Joseph Lovely, wood for Mrs. Cordelia Davis....	2 00	
Waldo Carpenter, wood for Mrs. Geo. Marble....	7 22	
Alfred McKinstry, wood for Mrs. Hefner.....	2 50	
John Buchan, rent for Mrs. Herber....	8 00	
Albert McKinstry, rent for Mrs. Hogan.....	7 50	
Tristram Wheelock, rent for Mrs. P. Cross.....	10 00	
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Amount carried forward... ..	\$ 2,788 89	

Amount brought forward .....		\$2,788 89
Dresser Mfg. Co., rent for Mrs. P. Stone .....	8 00	
Horace Fairbanks, milk delivered to Nancy Hall..	2 15	
Edwards Grain Co., coal d'd John Brooks .....	2 25	
S. Williams, coffin, Mrs. H. Charbanau. . .	7 50	
Coffin Sophia Tremblay.....	8 50	
Coffin, Deon child.....	4 00	
Coffin, Mrs. Philius Thibetts..	7 50	
Coffin, Peter River's child.....	3 75	
Coffin, Charles Gasso's child..	3 75	
Coffin, James Rooly.....	5 00	
	<hr/>	40 00
J. & W. Booth, coffin, Mrs. Letcher.....	8 00	
Coffin, Mrs. Archaraque.....	8 00	
Coffin, Francis Tillier's child..	4 00	
Coffin and robe, Richard Bou-		
teatte .....	13 00	
	<hr/>	33 00
Wm. C. Callahan, coffin, Mrs. Kellahe... ..	7 50	
Digging grave Mat. Ryan.....	2 00	
Digging grave Mrs. Kellahe..	2 00	
Digging grave Michael Craney	2 00	
	<hr/>	13 50
Alex Bebo, Digging grave.....	2 00	
N. Y. & N. E. R. R. Co., freight on A. Largess		
furniture, from Ayer .....	6 30	
S. Thayer, expenses taking woman to state alms-		
house .....	13 35	
Joseph Theraque, support of son.....	34 00	
A. H. Barret, allowance for sickness in family ...	4 00	
Henry Chickering, aid for P. E. B. Botham.....	5 00	
William Reynolds, aid for Mrs. Parley Laflin ...	12 87	
Ezra Herendeen, aid for Nathaniel Esterbrooks..	3 00	
T. Potter, feeding thirty tramps.....	3 00	
Care of sick tramp and fare to		
Palmer.....	3 00	
	<hr/>	6 00
Geo. C. Shepard, medicine for Roney Boy	69	
Medicine for Nancy Hall....	3 25	
Medicine for Scarboro .....	2 60	
Medicine for Jennie Carroll....	90	
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Wm. Powers, taking Mrs. Connelley to alms house	1 00	
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Amount carried forward.....		\$2,982 75

Amount brought forward.....	\$ 2,982 75	
Sylvester Dresser, expenses to Franklin, Ada		
French case.....	6 70	
Expenses to Webster, Bridget		
Hogan .....	4 00	
	<hr/>	10 70
C. A. Paige, expenses to Webster, Bridget		
Hogan .....	80	
Worcester, Rufus Young.....	1 70	
Worcester, Galen Cook.....	1 70	
Sturbridge, P. E. B. Botham..	1 00	
Lock for secretary .....	10	
Postage stamps.....	1 98	
Fare of Wm. Sabin.....	85	
Certificate of clerk of courts,		
Worcester, Martin's Ins.,...	50	
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Outstanding order, Bemis Bros., March 1,		
1881 .....	3 00	3,005 08
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Balance to credit this account March 1, 1882,		\$ 656 50

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

## HIGH SCHOOL,

### RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit account March 1, 1881.....	\$ 490 64	
Appropriation at annual meeting.....	1,550 00	
		<u>2,040 64</u>

### EXPENDITURES

F. M. Smith, services as teacher.....	1,090 00	
S. Haywood, services as teacher.....	150 00	
Mary E. Silverthorn, services as assistant teacher	576 00	
G. B. Corey, care of room and cutting wood.....	55 34	
J. A. King, books, etc.....	26 42	
E. N. Lawson, wood.....	16 50	
S. Williams, curtains, etc.....	10 75	
A. H. Barrett, care of room.....	9 00	
G. M. Whitaker, dictionary.....	8 50	
Printing.....	5 00	
W. C. Barnes, books, etc.....	13 84	
N. E. Putney, cleaning clock.....	1 00	
		<u>1,962 35</u>
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1882.....	\$ 78 29	

Bill outstanding.

Daniel H. Morse, wood.....	7 31
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## CONTINGENT SCHOOLS.

## RECEIPTS.

A appropriation at annual meeting.....\$ 1,000 00

## EXPENDITURES.

Balance against this account March 1, 1880.....	125 18
J. & W. Booth, painting, varnishing and curtains.	137 50
Hartwell Hobbs, labor and lumber .....	92 27
H. A. Walbridge, painting, etc. ....	77 65
P. M. Clarke, painting, etc. ....	74 15
Universalist society, rent. ....	66 66
J. S. Gleason, books, etc. ....	40 70
Boston School Supply Co., erasers and slating....	38 40
L. Cutler, labor . ....	36 25
W. C. Barnes, books, etc. ....	20 13
S. Williams, chairs. . ....	19 55
Shades and repairs. ....	13 67
G. M. Whitaker, printing. ....	16 65
C. D. Cruff, painting. ....	14 17
Geo. H. Thayer, services as truant officer. ....	12 50
Duffy & Lewis, supplies for repairs. ....	22 34
Cummings and Conant, supplies. ....	21 45
Geo. F. Sayles, labor on Hooker school house. ....	11 75
J. M. Olney, truant officer. ....	9 25
M. Dillaber, truant officer. ....	8 50
H. J. Conant, supplies for repairs. ....	7 12
J. A. King, books, etc. ....	8 84
P. H. Carpenter & Co., brooms, ..	2 75
Henry Walker, labor, Dennison school house. ....	4 30
J. McIntire, labor and lumber. ....	3 86
D. Chamberlin, labor and lumber ...	6 50
G. B. Corey, setting glass, etc. ....	6 90
M. Farrell, labor. ....	2 60
Averill & Co., dusters. ....	5 22
B. V. Stevenson, stamps and postal cards. ....	2 10
J. Greene, labor. ....	1 50
Kate Coldrich, cleaning. ....	2 50
G. O. Benson, truant officer, .....	4 00

Amount carried forward ..... \$ 916 91

Amount brought forward.....	\$	916 91
G. M. Lovell, dictation exercises.....		4 00
J. T. McKinstry, setting glass.....		5 32
C. H. Bigelow, crayons, etc.....		1 64
Hamilton Print Works, ashes.....		2 40
J. Williams, pails.....		1 52
John Foy, labor.....		1 00
Adams Express company, express on books....		95
W. Powers, labor.....		6 00
G. L. Winter, pails and dippers.....		97
Daniel Morse, labor.....		60
F. L. Pelton, setting glass....		50
G. H. Hartwell, thermometer, etc.....		45
H. D. Edwards, drawing wood and tables.....		1 25
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	\$	943 51
Balance to credit this account March 1, 1882.....	\$	56 49

## SCHOOL APPARATUS.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1881.... ..\$ 22 78

### EXPENDITURES.

N. E. Furniture Co., supplies for primary schools..... 33 70

Account overdrawn, March 1, 1882 ... .. 10 92

## COMMON SCHOOLS.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1881 .....	\$2,402 40
Appropriation annual meeting.....	8,600 00
A. S. Keyes, tuition.....	10 00
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	\$11,012 40



## EXPENDITURES

*Teaching.*

Julia V. Harwood, 50 weeks.....	\$ 600 00	
Susie E. Morse, 50 weeks .....	600 00	
Ida M. Douty, 50 weeks.....	550 00	
Laura Williams, 50 weeks.....	500 00	
Susie M. Knight, 47 weeks.....	423 00	
A. Rebecca Rowley, 47 weeks.....	423 00	
Mary Remington, 47 weeks.....	399 50	
Fanny B. Freeman, 47 weeks.....	399 00	
Mary Newell, 47 weeks.....	376 00	
Mary Pellett, 46 weeks .....	368 00	
Alice Holmes, 47 weeks.....	341 00	
V. T. Wetherell, 37 weeks.....	333 00	
Jennie Dillaber, 37 weeks.....	321 00	
Lizzie Douty, 35 weeks.....	315 00	
Flora B. Allen, 35 weeks.....	315 00	
Hattie Moulton, 35 weeks....	280 00	
Clara L. Nichols, 35 weeks.....	280 00	
Idella M. Brewster, 33 weeks .....	276 00	
Nellie Douty, 35 weeks.....	269 00	
Minnie Perry, 23 1-2 weeks.....	212 00	
Josie A. Rice, 23 weeks.....	207 00	
Maria Cutting, 23 weeks.....	184 00	
Ida Whitford, 23 weeks.....	149 00	
Mary E. Clemence, 23 weeks.....	149 00	
Nellie Booth, 21 weeks.....	147 00	
Nellie R. Wiggins, 22 weeks.....	110 00	
E. G. Penniman, 12 weeks.....	96 00	
C. M. Perrin, 10 weeks.....	90 00	
Nellie Walker, 13 weeks....	78 00	
Addie Martin, 12 weeks.....	72 00	
Effie Smith, 11 weeks .....	66 00	
Julia Smith, 10 weeks.....	50 00	
		8,978 50

*wood and Care of Rooms.*

Chauncy Paul, wood.....	190 78
G. B. Corey, care of rooms and cutting wood .....	149 69
Thos. Hayes, care of rooms.....	84 08

Amounts carried forward....\$ 424 55 \$8,978 50

Amounts brought forward ..	\$ 424 55	\$8,978 50
John Flood, care of rooms and cutting wood.....	77 75	
Universalist Society, rent of rooms. ....	36 66	
E. N. Lawson, wood.....	32 66	
James Ryan, care of rooms.....	30 00	
Henry Walker, wood....	30 00	
Mnason Morse, wood.....	27 10	
Mrs. Parker, care Plimpton school house.	26 95	
Horace Walker, wood.....	25 75	
E. S. Ellis, coal .....	20 79	
V. T. Wetherell, taking census.....	18 00	
A. H. Barrett, care of rooms.....	16 00	
Nelson Lamont, care Sumner school house	13 00	
W. P. Plimpton, wood and kindling.....	12 53	
J. L. Plimpton, care Dennison school house	12 00	
L. Ammidown, care Ammidown school house .....	9 00	
John Brown, care Hooker school house..	8 00	
Wm. Powers, shavings, &c .....	7 30	
A. B. Collis, care Bacon school house....	6 40	
Morse Bros., wood.....	6 25	
O. P. Brown, care Ammidown school house	5 00	
E. M. Chamberlin, Dennison school house	5 00	
Lewis Morse, wood.....	4 50	
Mary Remington, care Sandersdale school house .....	4 00	
Clara Nichols, care Hooker school house..	4 00	
D. Hemingway, care Hooker school house	4 00	
Wm. Morse, care Bacon school house....	3 25	
J. A. King, books.....	2 87	
Mrs. Horace Walker, cleaning Hooker school house.....	1 25	
Mrs. McGuirk, cleaning.....	1 00	
W. Rooney, cutting wood.....	1 00	
W. E. Alden & Co., brooms.....	85	
P. H. Carpenter & Co., pail and dipper...	25	
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		9,856 16
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Balance March 1, 1882.....	.....	\$ 1,156 24
Outstanding bill.		
Daniel H. Morse, wood.....		52 31

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance of state school fund on hand March 1, 1881.....	507 00	
State school fund, 1881.....	280 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 787 10

## EXPENDITURES.

Balance on hand March 1, 1882.....	787 10
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## 'BRIDGES.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit this account March 1, 1881.....	\$	56 90	
Appropriation annual meeting.....		150 00	
		<hr/>	\$ 206 90

### EXPENDITURES.

A. J. Plimpton, work.....	\$	1 50	
James Wesson, work.....		10 00	
Hamilton Woolen Co., work and plank.....		34 46	
James H. Mason, work....		2 50	
Edward Ducette, work.....		24 00	
Joseph Williams, nails.....		4 88	
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, plank..		111 41	
Central Mills Co., work....		4 06	
A. H. Shepard, work.....		3 75	
Cummings & Conant, nails.....		80	
Daniel Whitford, plank.....		15 30	
T. & J. H. Sanders, work.....		3 00	
		<hr/>	\$ 215 66

Balance against this account March 1, 1882.....\$ 8 76

### Outstanding orders.

Daniel Whitford.....	15 30
T. & J. H. Sanders.....	3 00

## COLUMBIAN ROAD.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit this account March 1, 1881.....	\$	14	44
Appropriation at annual meeting.....		400	00
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Balance to credit this account March 1, 1882.....	\$	414	44

## CONTINGENT.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit account, March 1, 1881.....		33	35
Appropriation at annual meeting.....	\$	500	00
Transfer liquor license money.....		166	65
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	\$	700	00

## EXPENDITURES.

ra Berry, damage to team.....	\$	10	00
N. E. Putney, care of town clock .....		25	00
W. C. Barnes, repairing and cleaning town clock.....		18	25
C. D. Paige, safe for selectmen's office..		50	00
Putnam & Davis, books for selectmen....		14	50
W. C. Barnes, record books, etc....		6	75
M. R. Warren, license blanks.....		3	65
Ellis & Cook, assessor's blanks.....		3	50
V. W. Corbin, billheads.....		3	00
P. H. Carpenter & Co., one quart ink....		75	
Mutual Gas Light Co., gas for town house.....		7	25
M. Farrell, repairs in town house.....		4	52
T. B. Corey, moving seats in town hall..		3	70
J. P. Deon, work in town house yard....		1	00

Amount carried forward ....\$ 151 87

Amount brought forward..	\$ 151 87
Cummings & Conant, rings for jury box..	20
Lead pipe and labor for Main street water tub ... ..	42 24
J. Williams, pipe and repairing water tub	6 33
Repairing police station roof..	52 32
A. H. Shepard, labor on water tub....	6 88
Sprinkling streets.....	20 00
Duffy & Lewis, labor on Globe water tub	8 48
Irwin & Co., draperies for Garfield's memorial.. ..	49 25
Edwin Bacon, returning deaths. ....	30 25
W. C. Callahan, returning deaths .....	6 25
S. Williams, conducting funerals.....	35 00
J. Booth, conducting funerals... ..	9 00
H. W. Bacon, posting notices... ..	4 50
Police duty....	25 00
G. O. Benson, police duty.....	19 40
S. Thayer, police duty.....	5 00
M. Dillaber, police duty.....	4 00
J. S. Bartlett, police duty.....	3 00
Geo. H. Thayer, police duty.....	3 00
P. M. Clark, police duty.....	2 00
A. S. Buell, police duty.....	2 00
Dr. N. Jacques, services account Gomo..	8 00
S. Thaxter & Son, apparatus for testing oil.....	6 30
Liberty Phelps, clock.....	2 00
Davis & Farnham mfg. Co. iron hitching posts. . . . .	8 00
Thomas Sanders, freight on hitching posts.....	67
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	510 94

*Small Pox Expenses.*

Franklin Gauthier, eighty-three days' medical attendance .....	830 00
Clothing destroyed....	8 40
J. M. Olney, for groceries furnished pest house and families.....	401 89
S. Williams, furniture, bedding and coffins .....	205 50

Amounts carried forward...\$1,445 79 \$ 510 94

Amounts brought forward..\$1,445 79 \$ 510 94

Joe. Green, burying dead and moving patients....	125 00
S. S. Perry, clothing, bedding, etc.....	121 76
Mrs. Nelson Blair, seventy-six days services as nurse .....	152 00
A. Lataille, groceries for pest house and families.....	84 75
M. J. Surprenant, provisions.....	77 24
G. J. Lamoureux, rent of Ritchia tenement and sundry services.....	68 45
J. A. Robbillard, M. D. medical attendance.....	63 75
J. A. Letourneau, M. D. medical attendance.....	50 00
G. G. Bulfinch, M. D. vaccinating 180 persons.....	45 00
C. D. Paige & Co., clothing, etc... . . .	41 46
Blanchard & Quevillon, clothing, etc....	40 68
Nelson Blair, nursing Peter Ritchia.....	37 50
C. H. Lanphear, M. D., vaccinating.....	34 90
R. W. Morse, milk, etc.....	33 90
G. H. Hartwell, medicine.....	32 18
A. H. Barrett, watchman.....	30 75
John Cutting, watchman.....	25 00
Cummings & Conant, stoves, etc.....	29 04
Mrs. Felix Ritchia, clothing destroyed ..	27 10
H. W. Bacon, posting notices, etc.....	27 00
S. Dresser, rent of house for probation..	25 00
L. W. Curtis, M.D. vaccinating forty-nine persons....	24 50
Central Mills Co., Peter Ritchia rent.....	22 00
Wood for Robbedeau.....	2 50
Irwin & Co., clothing, etc... . . . . .	23 00
W. P. Plimpton, wood.....	20 80
T. & J. H. Sanders, disinfectants.....	20 12
Snow & Earle, disinfectants.....	17 02
J. O. McKinstry, comforters.....	16 75
A. H. Shepard, use of teams.....	16 02
S. C. Hartwell, M. D., attendance, vaccinating, etc.....	15 75
G. M. Whitaker, publishing health rules..	13 25

Amounts carried forward...\$2,809 96 \$ 510 94

Amounts carried forward...	\$2,809 96	\$ 510 94
P. M. Clarke, painting furniture.....	12 15	
Dandurand & Derosier, bread.....	12 00	
Alex. Bebo, digging graves.....	10 00	
Bugbee & Wheeler, comforters.....	9 39	
Moses Tusine, moving Peter Ritchia.....	9 00	
P. H. Carpenter & Co., groceries.....	8 94	
Mrs. Pinsinault, nurse.....	8 00	
J. W. Robinson, medicine.....	5 67	
S. Phillips, milk for Mrs. Ritchia.....	4 79	
Sumner Marsh, milk.....	3 84	
W. W. Corbin, printing notices.....	3 75	
Mary Lamotte, cleaning Lamoureux house.....	3 00	
J. Williams, can, oil and putty.....	2 35	
H. H. Wells, milk.....	2 56	
Ellis & Cook, groceries.....	2 20	
G. O. Benson, police service.....	2 00	
A. H. Morse, straw.....	1 81	
T. Potter & Co., honey.....	1 80	
J. B. & N. Plante, clothing.....	1 25	
L. Reynolds, milk.....	1 25	
W. C. Barnes, wall paper for pest house..	1 05	
Expenses for small pox.....	2,916 76	
Total expenditures.....	3,427 70	
Account overdrawn March 1, 1882.....	\$ 2,727 70	
Outstanding order, L. W. Curtis.....	24 50	
Outstanding bill, S. Williams, conducting funerals.....	7 00	

## DECORATION DAY.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit account March 1, 1881.....	\$ 33 00
Appropriation at annual meeting.....	50 00
	—————\$ 83 00



## EXPENDITURES.

Mechanics band.....	40 00	
J. F. Parker, teams.....	10 50	
J. Hodges, flowers.....	8 00	
G. W. Faulkner, lemonade.....	6 00	
W. C. Barnes, flags.....	2 14	
A. F. Luther, music.....	1 40	
G. M. Whitaker, printing ..	1 00	
Carpenter Irwin & Co., rosettes... ..	75	
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Balance to credit this account March 1, 1882..... \$13 21

## ENGINE MEN.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at annual meeting.....\$ 1,400 00

## EXPENDITURES.

Steamer company No. 1.....	\$ 370 00	
Steamer company No. 2.....	370 00	
Hook & Ladder company No. 1.....	180 00	
Hook & Ladder company No. 2.....	180 00	
Azel Thompson, chief engineer.....	58 00	
William Booth, assistant engineer.....	25 00	
Geo. W. Wells, assistant engineer.....	25 00	
Steward, Steamer company No. 1.....	75 00	
Steward, Steamer company No. 2.....	75 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,358 00

Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1882.... ..\$ 42 00

## EVERETT STREET WALK.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at annual meeting.....\$ 425 00

## EXPENDITURES

A. H. Shepard, labor self, men and teams.....	329 36	
F. M. Ballou & Co., concrete .....	194 33	
J. J. Oakes, curbing .....	190 70	
Cummings & Conant, curbing ... ..	170 36	
		584 75
Balance against this account March 1, 1882.....	\$	459 75
Solewalk assessments due:		
John Edwards estate.....	\$258	96
Wm. D. Morse.....	48	10
Asa M. Morse .....	53	90
C. H. Hanson, .....	40	00
F. P. Pratt .....	40	00
		\$440 96

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1881...\$	79 05	
Appropriation at annual meeting.....	800 00	
Transfer from telephone.....	9 93	
		\$ 888 98

## EXPENDITURES.

Telephone exchange.....\$	74 86
Southbridge Coal Co., coal.....	58 62
J. F. Parker, use of horses .....	50 00
Hamilton Wooten Co., use of horses..	85 00
A. H. Shepard, use of horses....	46 00
Cole Bros., hose and coupling. ....	45 08
J. W. Robinson, rubber coats and boots.....	20 25
J. S. Gleason, oil, &c.....	17 01
F. Ryan, repairs.....	11 25
G. K. Dresser, storing Melvill engine....	8 00
L. E. Ferry, use of horses .....	7 50
W. Booth, fire ladders, &c.....	5 66
G. S. Stone, repairs .....	5 50
	\$ 434 73
Amount carried forward.....	\$ 434 73

Amount brought forward.....	\$ 434 73	
Jos. Fallows, labor and repairs on steamer.....	5 50	
C. Clafin; platform for steamer.....	5 00	
A. H. Barrett, shoveling snow..	5 00	
Columbian mills, waste.....	4 23	
S. Thayer & Sons, oil, &c. . . . .	4 95	
Duffy & Lewis, lantern, &c.....	3 00	
H. T. Hyde, cloth for drapery.....	3 25	
W. P. Plimpton, wood and kindlings.....	3 38	
Frank Cady, repairs on steamer and hose carriage	2 50	
Frenchman watching fire on woodland. ....	2 50	
J. & W. Booth, painting ladder.....	2 50	
J. Williams, oil and lanterns.....	3 70	
Lustrelis Manufacturing Co., oil.....	2 35	
Central Mills Co.....	2 53	
Cummings & Conant, rope.....	1 76	
P. M. Clarke, setting glass....	1 50	
W. C. Barnes, stationery. ....	1 25	
Hunneman & Co., hose rope.....	70	
G. H. Hartwell, acid and chemicals.....	55	
P. H. Carpenter & Co., oil.....	50	
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		397 60

## Outstanding orders.

Lustrelis Manufacturing Co.....	2 35	
J. Williams. ....	1 95	
	<hr/>	\$ 4 30
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Balance to credit this account March 1, 1882..... 401 90

## Outstanding bill.

Duffy & Lewis.....	1 47
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HAMILTON STREET WALK.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriations at annual meeting.....\$ 850 00

## EXPENDITURES

Stone & Hiscox, curbing.....	217 59	
Woodbury & Lawson, capstone.....	169 21	
A. H. Shepard, labor men and teams....	191 17	
Wm. Griffin, concrete....	128 48	
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber for railing.....	23 93	
J. P. Mason, iron for railing posts.....	21 87	
Peter Fortier, making railing posts.....	9 35	
Hamilton Woolen Co., labor and material, setting railings.....	32 13	
Geo. A. Dresser, labor.....	12 00	
		\$ 805 73
Balance to credit this account March 1, 1882.....	\$ 44 27	

## HIGHWAYS.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit account, March 1, 1881.....	\$ 734 60	
Appropriation, at annual meeting.....	2,500 00	
A. H. Wheeler, overdraft.....	2 50	
Transfer from license account.....	358 35	
		\$ 3,595 45

## EXPENDITURES.

A. H. Shepard, labor self, men and teams....	\$ 3,183 94
S. Dresser, gravel .....	115 75
Litchfield Shuttle Co., gravel.....	109 30
Kimball Bros., road scraper.....	140 00
T. & J. H. Sanders, use, and repairing derrick ....	52 51
L. W. Curtis, repairing wall on Pleasant street..	50 00
E. Ducett, relaying wall at Columbian canal.....	35 00
Geo. S. Stone, repairing tools, etc.....	29 90
Cummings & Conant, tools....	31 31
Wm. Griffin, laying crossing.....	21 52
L. A. Lyon, labor.....	33 75
Amasa Haskell, labor.....	20 00
Amount carried forward.....	\$3,822 98

Amount brought forward.....	\$3,822 98	
P. H. Carpenter & Co., powder and fuse.....	7 52	
W. Edwards, labor in 1879.....	6 16	
Hiram Morse, snow shoveling.....	13 25	
Mnason Morse, snow shoveling.....	5 95	
G. L. Clemence, snow shoveling.....	8 50	
A. J. Plimpton, snow shoveling.....	7 71	
James Mason, snow shoveling.....	6 60	
C. Whiting, snow shoveling ...	3 20	
Hamilton Woolen Co., snow shoveling.....	2 00	
Geo. Perry, snow shoveling.....	3 12	
H. H. Wells, snow shoveling.....	3 00	
Willis Morse, snow shoveling.....	2 00	
Geo. Lyon, snow shoveling.....	1 22	
A. McKinstry, snow shoveling.....	1 00	
Ellis & Cook, meal.....	4 10	
F. Parson, surveying.....	2 00	
J. Williams, tools.....	2 25	
Duffy & Lewis, tools.....	50	
J. Ouinette, gravel for walk.....	2 50	
L. W. Curtis.....	24 55	
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Account overdrawn, March 1, 1882.....	\$	334 66
Order outstanding, L. W. Curtis.....		24 55

## INSURANCE.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit account March 1, 1881.....	\$	19 07
Appropriation at annual meeting.....		200 00
	<hr/>	\$ 219 07

## EXPENDITURES.

E. M. Phillips, Town hall building.....	\$	59 50
Public library.....		40 00
Elm street, school house ...		40 00
Sandersdale, school house.....		31 80
Main street, school house... ..		31 00
Bacon district, school house.....		9 40
	<hr/>	\$ 211 70
Balance to credit this account March 1, 1882.....	\$	7 37

## AUDITORS' REPORT.

## INTEREST.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at annual meeting .....\$ 1,600 00

## EXPENDITURES.

Amount overdrawn March 1, 1881.....	\$	191 08
Mechanics Savings bank. ....		500 00
L. H. Stowe, on note \$5,000 00.....		250 00
On money borrowed in anticipation of taxes.....		267 44
F. L. Chapin, on note \$3,500,00.....		101 06
On deficiency, March 1, to April 8.....		8 00
	—————	\$ 1,317 58
Balance to credit this account March 1, 1882.....	\$	282 42

## LAMP POSTS.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at annual meeting ..... \$ 60 00

## EXPENDITURES.

United States Street Lighting Co., 4 lamp posts and lanterns \$ 60 00

## PLEASANT STREET WALK.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriation annual meeting.....\$ 125 00

## EXPENDITURES

Wm. Griffen, concrete .....	\$ 37 35
A. H. Shepard, labor self and men .....	36 01
Geo. A. Dresser, curbing .....	36 57
Stone & Hiscox curbing .....	39 79
	<hr/> \$ 149 72
Balance against this account March 1, 1882 .....	\$ 24 72
Assessment due from L. W. Curtis .....	74 86

## POLICE STATION.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit this account March 1, 1881 .....	\$ 15 00
Appropriation at annual meeting .....	175 00
Lock-up fees .....	26 00
	<hr/> \$ 216 00

## EXPENDITURES.

Thos. Potter, care of station .....	\$ 101 32
M. Farrell, labor on chimney .....	19 75
W. P. Plimpton, wood .....	15 25
Mutual Gas Light Co., gas .....	10 24
Thos. Potter, wood .....	6 00
Cummings & Conant, wood .....	4 81
S. Dresser, brick for chimney .....	4 58
J. Williams, lead for chimney .....	1 05
P. M. Clark, painting .....	1 00
	<hr/> \$ 164 00
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1882 .....	\$ 52 00
Outstanding order, S. Dresser .....	4 58
Outstanding bill, W. P. Plimpton .....	6 50

## AUDITORS' REPORT.

## PRINTING.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit account March 1, 1882 .....	\$	29 76	
Appropriation at annual meeting.....		350 00	
			—————\$ 379 76

## EXPENDITURES.

W. W. Corbin, posters and blanks.....	\$	20 00	
G. M. Whitaker, reports, warrants, advertising, etc		267 62	
			—————\$ 287 62
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1882.....	\$	92 14	
Outstanding bill, G. M. Whitaker.....	\$	4 50	

## PAYMENTS OF DEBT.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriation Nov. 21, 1881.....	\$	3,500 00	
Note, Lucy H. Stowe, Aug. 8, 1884 .....		5,000 00	
			—————\$ 8,500 00

## EXPENDITURES.

Note, F. L. Chapin, demand ....	\$	3,500 00	
Note, Lucy H. Stowe, Aug. 8, 1876 .....		5,000 00	
			—————\$ 8,500 00

## RAILING &amp; HIGHWAYS.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit account March 1, 1881.....	\$	72 47
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## EXPENDITURES.

Daniel Whitford, posts for railing at Westville ...	\$	4	80
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber. ....		16	20
P. M. Clarke, painting railing near depot .....		12	57
Hamilton Woolen Co., labor and material railing Pleasant street.....		11	47
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	\$	45	04
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Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1882.....	\$	27	43

## SALARIES.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1881...\$	291	08
Annual appropriation.....	1,850	00
State treasurer, collecting bank tax.....	17	68
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	\$	2,158 76

## EXPENDITURES.

B. V. Stevenson, services School Committee, 1880	141	25
Services School Committee to March 1, 1882 .....	197	50
E. M. Phillips, services School Committee, 1880...	112	50
Services School Committee to March 1, 1882 .....	128	75
G. M. Whitaker, services School Committee, 1881.	77	25
A. W. Martin, services and making Auditors' re- port, March 1881.....	10	50
J. S. Gleason, services and making Auditors' re- port, March 1881.....	10	50
Manning Leonard, services as Auditor, 1881.....	21	50
Augustus Cock, services as Assessor, 1882.....	102	80
S. Thayer, services as Assessor, 1882.....	74	25
Board of Overseers of the Poor 1 year, to March 1, 1882 .....	200	00
Board of Selectmen of the Poor 1 year, to March 1882 .....	200	00
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Amount carried forward.....	\$1,276	30

Amount brought forward.....	\$1,276 80
Joel M. Marble, care of Town clock.....	20 00
Sealing weights and measures.....	10 00
Geo. W. Corey, services as Auditor to March 1, 1882.....	22 50
F. W. Eaton, services as Auditor to March 1, 1882	20 00
C. W. Hill, services as Auditor to March 1, 1882..	20 00
Geo. B. Corey, care of Town hall.....	10 00
F. L. Chapin, services as Town Treasurer to March 1, 1882.....	150 00
C. W. Weld, services as Assessor 1882....	28 75
H. A. Morse, collecting returns, etc.....	147 20
S. Thayer, services as Tax Collector 1879.....	175 00
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	\$ 1,880 25
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	\$278 51
Outstanding order, C. W. Weld,.....	28 75
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Balance to credit this account March 1, 1882.....	\$307 26
Bill outstanding:	
Geo. M. Whitaker, March 1, 1881, to March 1, 1882, .....	78 75

## STREET LIGHTS.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit account, March 1, 1881.....	\$ 52 08
Appropriation, at annual meeting.....	1,500 00
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	\$ 1,552 08

### EXPENDITURES

U. S. Street Lighting Co., care of lamps.....	\$ 700 82
Mutual Gas Light Company.....	473 37
Enos Avery, care of lamps.....	135 68
P. M. Clarke, setting glass.....	12 53
J. T. McKinstry, setting glass .....	12 47
A. H. Shepard, labor setting posts.....	3 74
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Amount carried forward.....	\$1,338 61

Amount brought forward..... \$1,338 61

H. D. Edwards, freight on post .....	2 76
Geo. S. Stone, repairing posts....	2 50
Ellis & Cook, matches.....	1 65
J. & W. Booth, setting glass.....	50
J. Williams, repairing lamps.....	40
	—————\$ 1,346 42
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	\$ 205 66
Outstanding order, J. & W. Booth.....	50
Balance to credit account March 1, 1882.....	206 16

## SIDEWALKS.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit this account March 1, 1881.....	\$ 212 36
Appropriation at annual meeting .....	200 00
Transfer Main street sidewalk.....	28
Transfer Hamilton street sidewalk.....	5 81
	—————\$ 418 45

### EXPENDITURES.

Wm. Griffin, concrete.....	\$ 98 48
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber .....	31 53
Cummings & Conant, nails .....	3 25
Joseph Williams, nails.....	4 60
A. H. Shepard, labor .....	11 37
Lampson & Woodbury, curbing.....	12 40
Verney Fiske, labor....	14 15
Sylvester Dresser, brick.....	5 25
	—————\$ 181 03
	—————
Balance to credit this account March 1, 1882 .....	\$ 237 42
Outstanding order, S. Dresser.....	5 25
	—————
	\$ 242 67

AUDITORS' REPORT.  
SOUTH STREET.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit account March 1, 1881.....	\$	341 22	
Appropriation at annual meeting... ..		350 00	
		-----	\$ 691 22

EXPENDITURES.

Isaac Clark, land damages.... ..	\$	260 00	
John Rowley, land damages.....		60 00	
Staples & Goulding, services in Clark suit.....		69 00	
S. Newell, witness fees in Clark suit.....		1 35	
S. Newell, capstone for culvert.....		75	
A. H. Shepard, labor men and teams.....		116 25	
Hamilton Woolen Co., labor men and teams .....		58 74	
		-----	\$ 506 09
Balance to credit this account March 1, 1882.....	\$		185 13

STATE AID.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit this account March 1, 1881.....	\$	256 31	
State treasurer.....		249 00	
		-----	\$505 31

EXPENDITURES.

Thos. Welch.... ..	72 00	
Julia Seymour.... ..	48 00	
A. Deon.....	54 00	
Pat. Gleason .....	48 00	
F. McGuire .....	48 00	
Martin Mahar.....	6 00	
	-----	\$ 276 00
Balance to credit this account March 1, 1882.....	\$	229 31
Outstanding order, F. McGuire.....		4 00

# VALUATIONS.

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## VALUATION OF THE TOWN FOR 1881.

Value of real estate.....	\$ 2,107,780 00
Value of personal estate.....	875,776 50
	<u>2,983,556 50</u>
Total real and personal.....	\$ 2,983,556 50
Loss personal estate.....	126,868 50
Gain on real estate.....	61,906 00
	<u>64,962 50</u>
Total loss.....	\$ 64,962 50
Total tax, state, county and town.....	41,899 00
Rate of taxation per \$1000.....	14 25
Total number of polls.....	1,424
Total number of horses assessed....	452
Total number of cows assessed.....	421
Total number of sheep assessed.....	175
Total number of dwelling houses assessed...	712
Total number of acres of land assessed.....	12,300

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## VALUATION OF CENTRE WATCH DISTRICT.

Value of real estate.....	\$ 729,270 00
Value of personal estate.....	311,072 00
	<u>1,040,342 00</u>
Total real and personal.....	\$1,040,342 00
Amount raised by taxation.....	700 00
Rate of tax per \$1000.....	70

## TABULAR STATEMENT.

Accounts.	Appropriations and receipts.	Expenditures.	Unexpended.	Deficiency paid and unpaid.	Outstanding.	Appropriations recommended.
Bridges .....	\$206 90	215 66		8 76		\$150 00
Cemetery improvement...	364 57	254 29	110 37		52 42	350 00
Cohase street.....	250 00	250 00				
Common schools.....	11,012 40	9,856 16	1,156 24		52 31	6,600 00
Contingent schools.....	1,000 00	943 51	56 49			1,200 00
Contingent account.....	700 06	510 94	189 06		7 00	700 00
do do small pox		2,916 76		2,916 76		
Columbian road.....	414 44		414 44			300 00
Debt, payment of.....	8,500 00	8,500 00				
Decoration day.....	83 00	69 79	13 21			60 00
Engine men.....	1,400 00	1,358 00	42 00			1,350 00
Fire department.....	888 98	491 38	397 60		1 47	800 00
High school.....	2,040 64	1,962 35	78 29		7 31	1,600 00
Highways.....	3,595 45	3,930 11		334 66		3,500 00
Insurance.....	219 07	211 70	7 37			200 00
Interest.....	1,600 00	1,317 58	282 42			1,000 00
Lamp posts.....	60 00	60 00				100 00
Police station.....	216 00	164 00	52 00		6 50	200 00
Public library.....	1,798 69	1,712 99	85 70			1,400 00 and Dog fund
Printing.....	379 76	287 62	92 14		4 50	350 00
Railing highways.....	72 47	45 04	27 43			100 00
Salaries.....	2,158 76	1,880 25	278 51		78 75	1,850 00
School apparatus.....	22 78	33 70		10 92		
School committee.....	787 10		787 10			
Sidewalks.....	418 45	181 03	237 42			300 00
Sidewalk, Everett street..	425 00	884 75		459 75		100 00
Sidewalk, Hamilton street	850 00	805 73	44 27			960 00
Sidewalk, Pleasant street.	125 00	149 72		24 72		
State aid.....	505 31	276 06	229 31			
Street lights.....	1,552 08	1,346 42	205 69			1,300 00
South street.....	691 22	506 09	185 13			65 00
Support of poor.....	2,610 06	1,872 32	737 74			1,500 00
Taxes, abatement of.....	1,633 32	631 14	1,002 18			1,000 00
Outside poor.....	3,660 58	3,005 08	655 50			3,000 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>50,242 03</b>	<b>46,630 02</b>	<b>7,367 58</b>	<b>3,755 57</b>	<b>210 26</b>	<b>29,975 09</b>

## R E M A R K S .

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The account "State Aid" in the Treasurer's report shows a debit balance of \$15.69 which was caused by an error in the State treasurer's return, giving a credit of \$219.00, to the "Soldiers and Sailors relief fund," instead of "State aid," which has since been corrected, making a credit to this account of \$233.31 as we report in our statement.

GEO. W. COREY,  
F. W. EATON,  
C. W. HILL.

Auditors.





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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Cemetery Committee

OF THE

Town of Southbridge.



## REPORT.

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This committee again commend to voters the propriety of making moderate appropriations for cemetery improvements. We should keep in view the needs of the grounds and therefore repeat what has heretofore been presented in our reports. The gate at the Everett street entrance for which \$275 will be required when built, and the hearse house for which about \$500 will be necessary, for which plans are in our possession, should be provided as soon as the town can afford the outlay. Hardy shrubs, ornamental trees, and flowers for the spaces designed for their use, should be provided to beautify the grounds—and shade trees should be provided as heretofore suggested in our reports, and our annual appropriations ought to allow some money for use for these purposes specifically, so that it may be devoted and used for no other purposes—reason, there is so much that may and should be done in simple works, that the temptation is strong to use appropriations in that way, and to omit the other improvements.

Cohasse street has been built and fenced, not so perfectly wrought as it ought to be, but sufficiently for use for the present. Fifteen lots have been sold and \$451 received for them during the year, now making the Cemetery Fund amount to \$1,359.25, which is in the hands of the Treasurer for investment as provided in the By-Laws of the town. Only the income of this can be used for improvements upon the grounds. The committee have not yet used a dollar of income and only what

the town has granted to us; the object being to create a Fund sufficiently ample to net annually a sum which will provide for the care of the grounds, and their constant improvement, as it is certain will transpire sometime with the sale of the lots. Prudence dictates the saving of the Funds and income sacredly unimpaired as long as possible, so that this department may be self-sustaining at the earliest date possible. The details of the accounts will show the uses of the money granted us.

The property in the possession of this department consists of two hearses, bier and pall, one set of runners, two plans of grounds, the old plans and record books and lawn mower, besides hand tools same as last year.

A. J. BARTHOLOMEW,

Chairman.

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Library Committee

OF THE

Town of Southbridge.

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# REPORT.

The Library Committee respectfully present their twelfth annual report for the year ending February 28, 1882.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit account, March 1, 1881.....	\$	52	15
Appropriation at annual meeting....		1,400	00
Dog fund, 1880....		282	91
Received by librarian for catalogues, cards and fines		63	63
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	\$	1,798	69

### EXPEDITURES.

Lee & Shepard and others, books, periodicals and binding.....	\$	678	38
A. J. Comins, librarian, for services, etc....		763	01
Mutual Gaslight Co., for gas used in rooms.....		143	80
Southbridge coal company and others, for coal and wood.....		63	27
S. Williams, for picture frames, etc.....		34	15
Mutual Gaslight Co., for drop light, etc.....		11	06
J. DeLand, for stationery.....		7	90
G. M. Whitaker, for certificates and printing....		6	95
Readers & Writers Economy Co., for registry slips		4	47
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	\$	1,712	99
Balance unexpended.....			
	\$	85	70

## BOOK ACCOUNT.

Balance to debit of account March 1, 1881.....	\$	39	11
Expended during the year.....		678	38
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	\$	717	49
Appropriation for this account.....		700	00
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Debit balance.....	\$	17	49

## BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

	Volumes.	Pamphlets
Number last year.....	8,219	2,570
Added by purchase.....	302	....
By gifts.....	36	61
By town officers.....	9	2
		....
Magazines and pamphlets bound.....	86	
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Number of books in library Feb. 28, 1882.....	8,652	2,633
Number of pamphlets bound, sold and duplicates .		1,497
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Number of pamphlets in cases, catalogued.....		1,136

## DONORS AND GIFTS.

	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
Holmes Ammidown.....	6	....
E. M. Phillips.....	6	5
Hon. W. W. Rice.....	3	32
Dr. S. C. Hartwell.....	3	3
Geo. M. Lovell.....	2	....
B. A. Leonard.....	2	....
James A. King.....	2	..
W. S. Kilton.....	1	....
A. J. Comins, librarian.....	2	....
D. D. Cowie.....	1	....
F. W. Bacon.....	1	....
J. H. Walker.....	1	....
Smithsonian Institution.....	1	..
Long Island Historical society.....	1	....
Northampton Public Library.....	1	....
Weston Public Library.....	1	....
Hollis Public Library.....	1	....



	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
Unknown .....	1	....
Judge Jillson.....	....	2
J. M. Cochran.....	....	1
S. L. Morse.. ..	....	1
San Francisco Library Association.....	....	1
Hartford Library Association.....	....	1
St. Louis Public Library.....	....	2
Boston Public Library .....	....	5
Andover Public Library.....	....	2
Providence Public Library.....	....	1
Concord Public Library .....	....	1
Mendon Public Library.....	....	1
Marlborough Public Library.....	....	1
Leicester Public Library... ..	....	1
Bowdoin College.....	....	1

Holmes Ammidown, Esq, has given to the Library 25 sets—50 volumes—of his Historical collections, with authority to exchange for other Town Histories. 6 volumes have already been exchanged and credited as above.

H. C. Bowen, Esq.,—2 steel engravings—noted authors of the U. S., and Emancipation Proclamation.

Houghton Mifflin & Co.—5 steel portraits—Bryant, Holmes, Longfellow, Lowell and Whittier.

*For the Reading Room.*

Hon. W. W. Rice—Official Gazette of U. S. Patent Office.

E. H. Ammidown—Boston Commercial Bulletin from 1879.

H. C. Gray, Editor and Proprietor—Malden Mirror from 1872.

Rev. Frank Magwire—Woman's Journal for three months.

Southbridge Woman's Christian Temperance Association—Temperance Advocate.

*For the Museum.*

H. C. Curtis—Fac simile of the deed of the town of Marlborough, granted in 1684.

W. S. Kilton—Chip of the Roger Williams Rock, Providence R. I.

Hon. A. J. Bartholomew—Complaint for affirmation of a judgment made in 1752.

C. A. Paige—A piece of stone from Hoosac Tunnel.

## REMARKS.

At the beginning of the year two members of the Committee, S. M. Lane, Esq., and Dr. G. G. Bulfinch, resigned, and Rev. S. Hayward and T. J. Harrington were elected in their places, to serve until the annual town meeting, as provided in the by-laws of the town. Mr. Lane was elected a member of the committee at the time the Library was established, and has been ardently devoted to its interests all these years. He has performed a vast amount of gratuitous labor, writing the manuscript of our large Catalogue, aiding in carrying it through the press, writing the numerical Catalogue of all the books in the Library up to the present year, etc., etc. The committee elected him an honorary life member, and invited him to be present at our meetings whenever convenient, and take part in our deliberations. Mr. C. D. Monroe has generously continued the numerical catalogue without charge.

It will be observed that Mr. Ammidown has added to his former gifts to the Library, by the generous donation of twenty-five sets of his histories, to be exchanged for other works. Two large pictures presented by Mr. Bowen, and five by Messrs. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., have been framed, and suspended where they can be seen by all visitors to the rooms. A list of all the books added to the Library since the supplementary catalogue was issued in 1880, has been published in the South-bridge Journal.

The Library has been in operation over eleven years, and everything connected with it and the Reading Room is now thoroughly organized and equipped, and all the operations are moving along quietly and smoothly. We congratulate the citizens of our town on the possession of so very valuable and popular an institution, and trust that as great liberality as has

been exhibited heretofore will be granted, in making appropriation for its support, the ensuing year.

The report of our faithful and efficient Librarian—her ninth in course—is herewith appended, and, as heretofore, is made a part of our own.

Respectfully submitted by the Library Committee,

MANNING LEONARD,

SECRETARY.

Public Library, March 6, 1882.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

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In reviewing the past year, the twelfth of the Library, there seems, as in each previous year, evidence that we are making advances in various directions. The general awakening of interest and criticism concerning the reading issued from Public Libraries has not been without its effect upon us. Parents have in some instances been stimulated to greater watchfulness and care for the reading of their children, and other persons of mature years have shown an increased interest that nothing harmful or degenerating shall find a place upon our shelves. The American Library Association is making an effort by comparison of statements and reports from a number of libraries, to determine what authors are considered most objectionable, and to what extent the writings of such authors may be found in circulation. We may feel much satisfaction that we were able to send so favorable a report. The most undesirable of the books named were discarded from our Library several years since, a few have been discarded the past year, and those concerning which the opinion of worth is more questionable, are not to be replaced by new, when worn out. Another work has been going on through the Library Journal which commends itself to our notice, inasmuch as it proves how high has been the standard, and how correct the judgment of those who have had to do with the selection of our books. A list comprising one hundred of the most desirable books for a Public Library was solicited. Fifty-three lists were sent by fifty-three different persons. From these lists one hundred were selected because the largest number of votes were given for them. All of these one hundred books, except two, may be found in our Library.

With material of so much worth given into our keeping, may we not well look for good results?

During the past year we have accomplished the work so long contemplated, of so arranging the pamphlets that they may be easily accessible to persons desiring to consult them. The Patent Office Reports, hitherto counted with the pamphlets have been bound; some other periodicals, historical sketches of towns and reports, have been bound. We have now 1136 pamphlets classified and arranged in pamphlet cases; each pamphlet represented by a card bearing the title, and each case by an index card representing the class, or subject of contents. We hope this arrangement will be found what is necessary to render the pamphlets useful. We have had rebound during the year fifty-four books. Eighty-six books have been added to the Library by the binding of periodicals and the pamphlets mentioned. 302 books have been added by purchase and 45 by gifts; 13 have been purchased to fill the places of those worn out.

We have issued from the Library, during the year, 14,689 books. The proportion of Fiction and Juvenile works issued has been smaller than the previous year. The books used in the Library number 3,032, making the number with those issued 17,721. The daily average issue has been 48; the largest number issued any one day 147, the smallest number 16. 146 names have been added to our accounts, making since the opening of the Library 2,599 accounts. At the yearly examination February 22d, it was found that all the books were accounted for, none having been lost.

The Museum has, as heretofore, been opened the first Monday of each month, afternoon and evening, and has been accessible other days through the kindness of a member of our Committee, Mr. E. M. Phillips. There have been during the year 678 visitors.

The Sectional Record shows there have been issued of

	Volumes.	Percent.
Works of fiction.....	6,585	44.82
Juvenile works.....	3,555	24.20
Historical.....	626	4.27
Biographical.....	596	4.06
Travels and description.....	797	5.42
Poetical and dramatic.....	404	2.76
Scientific and educational.....	408	2.78
Literary and æsthetical.....	452	3.08
Religious and philosophical.....	156	1.07
Complete works.....	117	.79
Miscellaneous works.....	396	2.69
Magazines and reviews.....	426	2.90
Agricultural works.....	95	.64
Law books (reserved).....		.....
Public documents of Massachusetts.....	21	.14
Public documents of United States.....	2	.01
Reserved section.....	53	.37
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	14,689	100.00

The amount received has been for

Fines.....	\$	47.35
Cards.....		5.48
Catalogues.....		2.50
Waste paper and damaged book.....		3.80
Mr. Hemmingway of Charlton, for taking books one year...		3.00
Mr. Sherwood of Charlton for taking books six months...		1.50
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	\$	63.63

The amount paid has been for

Express and freight.....		11.29
Postage.....		7.38
Stationery and blank book.....		2.87
Mucilage, glue, twine and material for repairing books.....		1.96
Brass flat-heads and rubber bands.....		.71
Index to Atlantic Monthly and Scrap Book.....		2.70
Reference lists for 1881 and 1882.....		1.50
Magazines and papers to complete volumes.....		1.30
Broom, duster and brush.....		.68
Labor and repairs.....		1.98
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Amount carried forward.....	\$	32.37

Amount brought forward .....	\$	32 37
Gas lighters, taper holder and matches.....		1 98
Alcohol for Museum and insect powder.....		70
Shovel for coal house and coal hod.....		1 70
Charcoal and basket.....		1 55
Cummings & Conant for repairs to stoves.....		4 20
Cleaning.....		20 51
A. and M. Martin for assistance Saturday evenings....		25 00
A. and M. Martin, J. Smith and others for assistance while librarian, worked upon pamphlets.....		23 25
A. Martin and J. Smith for filing papers.....		1 75
H. Barrett and others for sweeping and care of fires.....		50 00
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	\$	163 01

This amount with my salary, \$600, has been paid me by the Town Treasurer.

A. JEANNETTE COMINS

Librarian.





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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
OVERSEERS OF THE POOR  
OF THE  
Town of Southbridge.

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## REPORT.

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The overseers of the poor report the amount paid the past year for the poor at the alms-house and farm, \$1,872; for the outside poor, \$3,002—total, \$4,874, against \$7,457 last year with \$249 outstanding bills, a reduction of \$2,583. The outside account includes \$866 paid for the insane at the Hospital, \$215 to other towns, \$44 to State Reform school and alms-house, which should be deducted to show the amount—\$1877—paid in the town. Nearly \$200 of the amount was caused by the small pox visitation which made new demands on this account. If the reduction for the ensuing year should be one half as much it would be sufficient to more than pay for the new alms-house, which cost \$3,500. With the continuance of outside aid there is great danger that the expense will be increased. It should be the aim of the town to discontinue outside aid where it possibly can be done. A number of persons and families the past year have made application for aid and when informed they could only be helped by going to the alms-house, have found ways to take care of themselves. The question of whether the pauper account is to be increased or reduced depends upon the management of the outside account.

The cost of the support of the insane at the hospital is constantly increasing; seven inmates are now in Worcester hospital chargeable to this town—an increase of four in number the past year—Daniel Smith, Patrick Welsh, Edwards Hill,

Lewis Gammond or Gorno, Catherine Tynon, Lydia Fiske, Francis E. Scarborough.

Aid in other towns has been furnished to Seba C. French, Franklin; Moses Jassha, Shirley; John Shepard, Leicester; Adolphus Lagus, Ayer; Bridget Hogan, Webster, who have settlements in the town. Notices from Franklin and Leominster have recently been received that Galen Cook and wife, and Eugene Vane and family are being helped in those towns, claiming that their settlement is in this town—which is not yet determined. This will require early attention from the incoming board.

#### ALMS-HOUSE.

The number of inmates at the alms-house has averaged 18, the same as last year, and has cost \$1.36 per week each, which includes salaries of Superintendent, Town physician, and all repairs of buildings and hired labor. The management of the farm and alms-house under the superintendance of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Northup has been to the acceptance and satisfaction of the overseers, and their services are engaged for another year. We recommend that repairs and alterations be made to the barn by raising the same to provide cellar room and other necessary repairs, and that \$1500 be raised for the support of poor at the alms-house and \$3000 for outside poor the ensuing year.

The following is the list of inmates at the alms-house during the year:

John Clark,	-	-	-	-	aged 72
Charles Congdon,	-	-	-	-	aged 35
John Roan,	-	-	-	-	aged 61
Calista Rich,	-	-	-	-	aged 75
Thomas Powers,	-	-	-	-	aged 65
Ellen Powers,	-	-	-	-	aged 62
Margaret O'Brien,	-	-	-	-	aged 66
Bridget Foley,	-	-	-	-	aged 61
Lucy Harding,	-	-	-	-	aged 51
Catherine Tynon,	-	-	-	-	aged 66

Daniel Ryan, - - - - -	aged 59
Ann Ryan, - - - - -	aged 57
Esther Sedgwick, - - - - -	aged 86
Mary Baker, - - - - -	aged 81
Jane Brackett, - - - - -	aged 40
Mary Connelly, - - - - -	aged 73
Richard Dwyer, - - - - -	aged 25

Obediah Sabin, died April 14, 1881, -	aged 84
Mathias Ryan, died Dec. 14, 1881 -	aged 81
Michael Craney, died Jan. 22, 1882 -	aged 27

## CASH RECEIVED BY OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

and paid to the Treasurer for the year ending Feb. 28, 1882.

1881

March	12.	J. Booth, one warming pan . . . . .	\$ 1 50
		W. H. Clarke, 3 bushels potatoes . . . . .	1 80
	30.	C. A. Paige, 1 barrel apples . . . . .	1 00
April	5.	Town of Oakham, aid Wm. King . . . . .	29 00
May	6.	Guy Brothers, 58 lb. lard . . . . .	6 67
	18.	Ellis & Cook, 10 bushels potatoes . . . . .	8 00
	19.	F. P. Pratt, potatoes and apples . . . . .	4 40
June	5.	H. Hobbs, 1 bushel potatoes . . . . .	80
		A. J. Cummings, 1 peck apples . . . . .	15
		Marcus Dillaber, 1 barrel apples . . . . .	1 25
		A. Goodier, potatoes . . . . .	50
		James Marble, 1 bushel potatoes . . . . .	95
		C. A. Paige, 1 bushel potatoes . . . . .	95
	21.	M. M. Marble, 1 calf . . . . .	7 04
		P. H. Carpenter & Co., lard and apples . . . . .	20 01
		C. A. Paige, potatoes . . . . .	45
July	14.	Guy Brothers, 27 bushels potatoes . . . . .	25 65
Sept.	19.	Chauncy Brown, 1 calf . . . . .	6 00
		Charles Chase, potatoes . . . . .	75
Nov.	1.	Geo. S. Stone, old iron . . . . .	50
Amount carried forward . . . . .			\$ 117 37

	Amount brought forward.....	\$ 117 37
Nov.	29. F. P. Pratt, potatoes and apples.....	1 10
	H. Hobbs, one half bushel potatoes.....	40
	A. F. Luther, 10 bushels potatoes.....	8 00
	C. V. Carpenter, 2 1-2 bushels potatoes.....	2 50
	C. V. Carpenter, Clerk 1 bushel potatoes.....	1 00
	M. M. Marble, 54 lbs. hide.....	3 75
	F. P. Pratt, 2 bushel potatoes.....	2 00
	H. Hoobs, 4 bushel potatoes.....	4 00
	Charles Edmonds, 10 bushels potatoes.....	10 00
	M. M. Marble, 99 lbs. hide.....	6 93
	Jas. Green, 100 lbs. beef.....	8 00
	Nelson Vinton, 10 lbs. beef.....	1 00
	H. Walker, 17 3-4 lbs beef.....	1 24
	C. A. Paige, 10 bushel potatoes.....	10 00
	C. A. Paige, cream and milk.....	47
Dec.	20. J. W. Davis, 1 yoke oxen.....	170 00

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Feb.	23. Town of Millbury, aid to Joseph Therque.....	34 00
	24. E. B. Cummings, keeping horse, cow, etc.....	15 00
	P. H. Carpenter, pears.....	75
	Charles Chase, beef.....	8 00
	Henry Wells, beef.....	6 58
	E. Northrup, 1 horse rake.....	5 00
	George Trusedale, 4 bushel potatoes.....	4 00
	C. V. Carpenter, 2 1-2 bushel potatoes.....	2 50
	F. P. Pratt, 2 bushel potatoes.....	2 00
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		\$ 425 62

## ACCOUNTS DUE THE TOWN.

S. C. Hartwell, for hay.....	\$ 10 15
Geo. A. Dresser, cart body.....	1 00
Joseph Green, for old iron.....	5 73
Edwin Bacon, team work and beans.....	7 50
City Holyoke, aid J. P. Brooks.....	4 75
State Massachusetts, aid Kate Powers.....	16 00

ABSTRACT OF INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT FARM.

Class 1.....	..\$	657 00
2.....		280 55
3.....		259 60
4.....		202 36
5.....		170 00
6.....		334 84
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		\$ 1,904 35
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Gain from 1881.....	\$	138 40

C. A. PAIGE,  
 S. DRESSER,  
 JACOB BOOTH, } *Appraisers.*  
 W. H. H. CHENEY, }

February 28, 1882.

C. A. PAIGE,  
 SYLVESTER DRESSER,  
 JACOB BOOTH.





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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
FIRE ENGINEERS  
OF THE  
Town of Southbridge.

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# REPORT.

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The Board of Engineers herewith respectfully present their annual report:

Little has transpired in the department the past year, the number of fires having been small and damage to property light. A general good feeling has existed throughout the department and all alarms have been promptly responded to. All apparatus, engines, hose, ladders, etc., are in good order and ready for immediate duty.

The Board find deficiency in the water supply in some parts of the town, and would recommend that a reservoir be placed in New Village and one on west side of Globe Village to derive good advantages in case of fire in these localities. The Board consider that the hydrants of the Water Supply Company in the Centre Village amply supply a long felt need in this locality, and are in hopes that during the year a line will be established through High Street.

We recommend the sum of \$800 be appropriated for the contingent expenses of this department. We also recommend the continuation of the Telephone as an alarm for fire.

FORCE OF DEPARTMENT.

HENRY CADY, CHIEF

AZEL THOMPSON, 1st Asst.

CHAS WILLIAMS, 2d Asst.

J. S. GLEASON, 3d Asst. J. W ROBINSON, 4th Asst. & Clerk.

## STEAMER NO. 1.

A. H. Cozzens, Foreman;

James M. Marble, Asst. Foreman;                    Nelson Baker, Clerk;  
Joseph Fallows, Engineer;                            Frank Cady, Asst. Engineer;  
Geo. W. Cady, Stoker.

Hosemen—J. W. Bowker, Jos. Stewart, Geo. Bartlett, E. L. Gay,  
John S. Williams, W. S. Felton, Thos. Whitaker, Jr. D. A. Reeves,  
Chas. Horton.

Frank Cady, Steward.

## STEAMER No. 2.

Albert Macomber, Foreman;

J. W. McKinstry, Asst. Foreman;                    C. W. Hall, Clerk;  
Calvin Clafin, Engineer;                            J. Bartlett, Asst. Engineer;  
Frank Douty, Stoker.

Hosemen—H. A. Bosworth, Geo. Thayer, T. Burns, G. Upham, E.  
Upham, P. Pottrell, J. Martin, R. Meguil, J. S. Coldrick.

Substitutes—J. A. Ryan, E. Upham 2d.

Geo. Thayer, Steward.

## HOOK &amp; LADDER NO. 1.

Geo. V. Moulton, Foreman;

Wm. J. Douty, Asst. Foreman;                            J. W. Boak, Clerk;  
A. Higgins, Thomas F. Miller, L. E. Davis, L. S. Davis, J. Bebo,  
Geo. Armes, A. Montminie.

Substitutes—Wm. Cooper, M. Dillaber.

## HOOK AND LADDER NO. 2.

John Splain, Foreman;

Thomas Thimblin, Asst. Foreman;                    Thomas Shea, Clerk;  
J. J. Ryan, Treasurer.

Luke Reilly, Thomas Ryan, John Pendergast, Patrick Pendergast,  
Michael Breen, Wm. Kelly.

Total number of men 55.

SALARIES.

Chief Engineer.....	\$100 00
4 Asst. Engineers, at \$25.....	100 00
2 Foreman Hose Companies, at \$25.....	50 00
2 Asst. Hose Companies at \$20.....	40 00
2 Engineers, Steamers, at \$100.....	200 00
2 Asst Engineers, Steamers, at \$25.....	50 00
2 Stokers, at \$50.....	100 00
20 Hosemen, at \$15.....	300 00
20 Hook and Ladder men, at \$15.....	300 00
2 Stewards, at \$75. ....	150
	<i>150.00</i>

APPARATUS.

The apparatus consists of two steam fire engines, two hose carriages, two hook and ladder trucks, with ladders, hooks, ropes, etc.

Total amount of hose, thirty-three hundred feet of 2 1-2 inch in service. Thirty one hundred feet of leather hose, two hundred feet of rubber.

Four chemical fire extinguishers.

LIST OF FIRES.

May 13. Central Mills Co. brick mill. Loss \$50. Cause of fire, friction of machinery. Companies attending, Steamer No. 1, Hook and Ladder, Nos. 1 and 2; Steamer No. 2, stopped by telephone. Apparatus not used.

July 12. Dwelling house owned by F. Dragon. Loss \$200; Insurance \$2,000 00. Cause of fire unknown. Companies attending, Steamer No. 1, Hook and Ladder Nos. 1 and 2; Steamer No. 2 stopped by telephone.

Oct. 2. Shed, owned by Calvin Claffin. Total loss \$200. No insurance. Cause of fire, child with matches. Companies attending, Steamer Nos. 1 and 2, Hook and Ladder Nos. 1 and 2. Steamer No. 1 not used.

Oct. 5. Knife manufactory, owned by Theo. Harrington. Loss \$5. Cause of fire, sparks from a burning chimney. Companies promptly responded but were stopped on the way.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. CADY,  
AZEL THOMPSON,  
CHAS. WILLIAMS,  
J. S. GLEASON,  
J. W. ROBINSON,

Board of Engineers.

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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TAX COLLECTOR  
OF THE  
Town of Southbridge.

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# UNPAID TAXES.

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Abbott Joseph	\$2 00	Cuddihy Patrick	\$2 00
Albee Linus	2 00	Capestrau Joseph	2 00
Aunga Joseph	2 00	Carbeneau Joseph	2 00
Aunga Fred	2 00	Cochlan Thomas	2 00
Breen Patrick	2 00	Chamberlain Lyman D.	2 00
Brown Daniel V.	2 00	Collity Michael	2 00
Bourdean Gilbert	2 00	Caplet Peter	2 00
Bourdean Albert	2 00	Cruff Charles	2 00
Bickerstaff Thomas	2 00	Coburn Otis	2 00
Busha David	2 00	Cutting Edgar	2 00
Beebo Cham	2 00	Caplet Dennis	2 00
Beebo Joseph	2 00	Caplet Peter	2 00
Brown Vernon	2 00	Carbenau Alex.	2 00
*Bowker John W.	2 00	Chamberton A. M.	74 39
Blaine W. H.	2 00	Connell John	2 00
Backume Peter	2 00	Clark Albert S.	2 00
Botetts John	2 00	Densmore A. E.	2 00
Boulton A. W.	2 00	Ducat Edward Jr.	2 00
Barker Chas. D.	2 00	Duchanime Oliver	2 00
Boardman Romaine	2 00	Demerse Colles	2 00
Busha Arnable	2 00	Ducat Joseph	3 07
Busha Gardenas	2 00	Daisy Frank J.	2 00
Busha Alphonse	2 00	Daisy Louis	2 00
*Breen Michael	2 00	Delaney Michael	2 00
Bashand John	2 00	Demerse Gregory	2 00
Betram Joseph	2 00	Deslauriers Edward	2 00
Bashand Peter	2 00	Duclou David	2 00
Babcock G. G.	12 46	Derosier Louis	2 00
Clark Chas. M.	2 00	Demevse Cyril	2 00

## UNPAID TAXES.

Dupre Albert E.	\$2 00	Lynch Patrick	\$2 00
Denoi Oliver	2 00	Lataille Cyrille	2 00
Donais Michael	2 00	Lonsway Joseph	19 80
Donnell James	2 00	Lamont Felix, Jr.	2 00
Donehue Thos.	2 00	Lane Otis	1 80
Eccleston Charles F.	2 00	Lemoine Paul	2 00
Fanning John	2 00	Littleton Michael	2 00
Fanoff John	2 00	Lonsway Frank	2 00
Fanoff Peter	2 00	Lorange Louis	2 00
Felix Peter	2 00	Laduke Moses	2 00
Freely Walter	2 00	Lovelley Joseph, Jr.	2 00
Foy John	2 00	Lovelley Joseph 2d	2 00
Flood Patrick	2 00	Lovelley Louis, Jr.	2 00
Ganion Peter	2 00	Laduke Felis	2 00
Greenwood Henry D.	2 00	Largess David	2 00
Greiney Maximilian	2 00	Lavoie Felis	2 00
Gargon James	2 00	Lovelley Michael	2 00
Goodroe Octave	2 00	Lonsway Lewis, Jr.	2 00
Ganion Louis	2 00	Lamoine Jancia	2 00
Gervais Peter	2 00	Laplante Norbet	2 00
Goodroe Joseph	2 00	Lorange Frank	2 00
Gauthier Zivia	2 00	Lashapelle John	2 00
Gievar John	2 00	Lura Maguire	2 00
Goodroe Joseph	2 00	Lonsway Napoleon	2 00
Gravel Louis	2 00	L'homme Michael	2 00
Ganion Louis	2 00	Lee Samuel	2 00
Green Archie	2 00	Leopold Hermidas	2 00
Ganion Peter	2 00	Lashapelle Nelson	2 00
Green Norman G.	3 87	McGurk Wm.	2 00
Hennessey John	2 00	Monahan Chris.	2 00
Hancock Daniel	2 50	Montville Louis	2 00
Hennessey Thos.	2 00	Manion Luke	2 00
Henry James	2 00	Marchesault Moses	2 00
Higgins Michael	2 00	Morrissey John J.	2 00
Hogan Edward	2 00	McGrath Edward	2 00
Holmes Fred L.	2 00	McGrath Matt.	2 00
Holley C.	2 00	Monahan Micheal	2 00
Hall W. L. D.	2 00	Morrissey James	2 00
Johnson A. E.	2 00	McIntire L. J.	2 00
Kelley George	2 00	Martin Nelson	2 00
*Kelley Wm.	2 00	Martin Charles	2 00
Lavegea Joseph	2 00	Monville John	2 00
Lovelley Louis	4 85	Mack John	2 00

Martin Octave	\$2 00	Ryan John J.	\$2 00
Martin Henry	2 00	Rivers Louis	2 00
Morse Calvin	2 00	Rivers Ambrose	3 78
Martin Norris	2 00	Richards Fred	2 00
Murphy Michael	2 00	*Riley Luke	2 00
Magmaunt Ignand	2 00	Roberts Godfrey	2 00
Murphy Arthur	2 00	Robideau Antoine	2 00
Martin John	2 00	Robideau John	2 00
Minns James	2 00	Robideau Antoine	2 00
Mahony Francis	2 00	Simpson Mrs. and daughters	13 47
Martin Henry	2 00	Sayles John E.	2 00
McVey Matt.	2 00	Savory Frank	2 00
McKenna John J.	2 00	Savory Frank, Jr.	2 00
Newell Samuel	29 16	Shaw Wm. A.	2 00
Netherwood Daniel est	4 27	Southbridge Button Co.	29 90
Nedoux John	2 00	Spicer Albert	1 43
Nedoux Louis	2 00	Scarbro Thos., Jr.	2 00
O'Mara Wm.	2 72	Sheridan Patrick	2 00
*O'Halloran Wm.	2 00	Simpson F. X.	2 00
O'Brien Jerry	2 00	Sartaine John	2 00
O'Brien Martin	2 00	Scarborough Charles	2 00
Proux Francis	17 68	Stone Julius	2 00
Peppard John	2 00	Trombly Theophile	2 00
Peppard Robert B.	2 00	Thompson L. A.	2 00
*Penderghast P., Jr.	2 00	Thimblin Anthony	2 00
Pelican Lazarus	2 00	Terrio Joseph	2 00
Perrien Joseph	2 00	Tracey Peter	2 00
Peck Richard	2 00	Thompson Charles	2 00
Perron Phillips	2 00	Therique Joseph	2 00
Pelican Peter	2 00	Trelan Moses	2 00
Plante Louis	2 00	Tisdale T.	2 00
Pelican Joseph	2 00	Vincelett Jos.	2 00
Proux Frank	2 00	Welch Michael	2 00
Plouffe George	2 00	Welch John	2 00
Passaro Thomas	2 00	Wesson James	3 07
Penderghast John	2 00	Worcester & Wood	7 48

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\*Firemen, who have claims against the Town for more than enough to pay their Taxes.



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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

School Committee

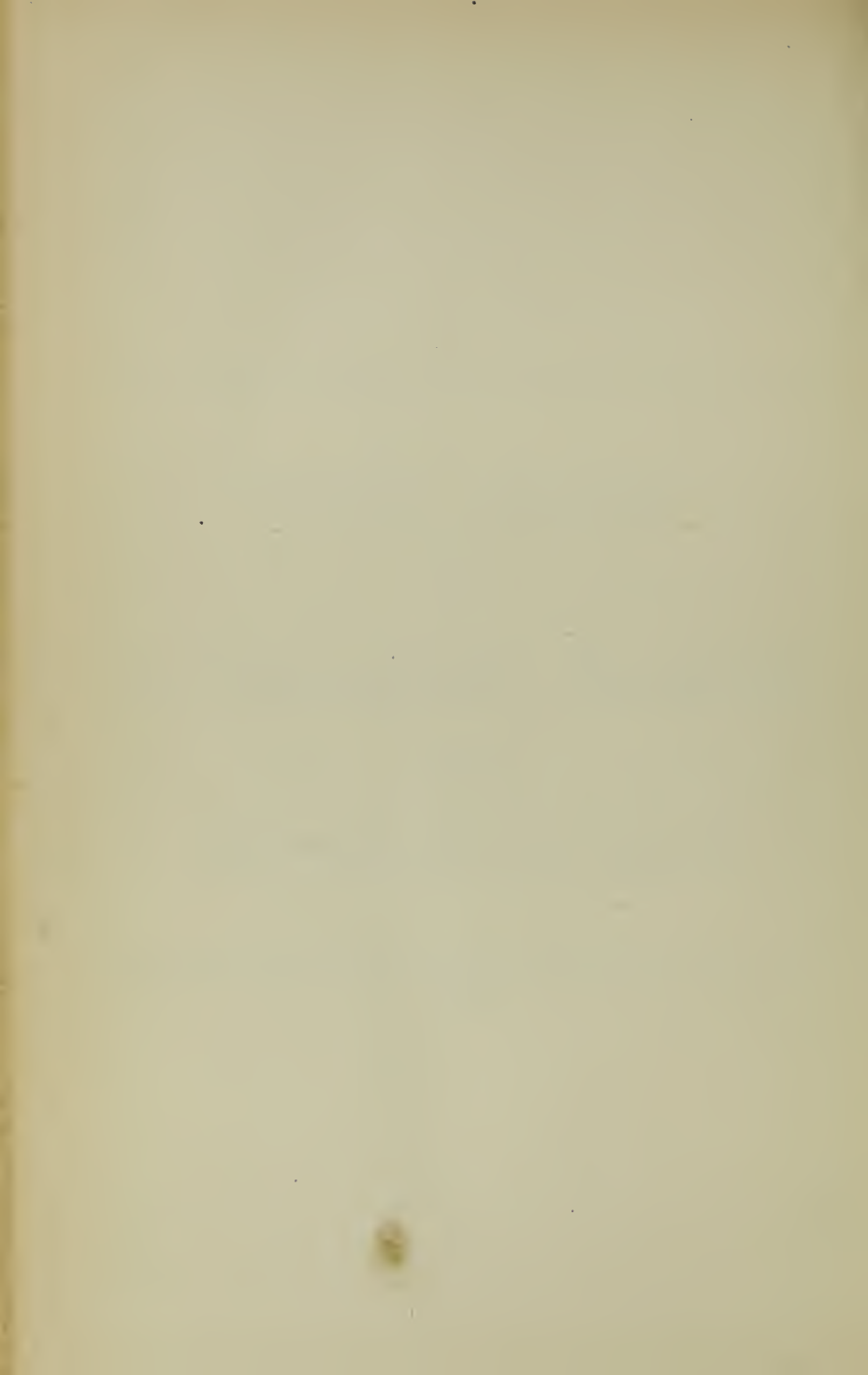
OF THE

Town of Southbridge.

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# REPORT.

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The close of another year finds the schools of the town in a state of continued prosperity. The classes ready for promotion from the various graded schools are on the whole more advanced than any previous ones. This is extremely creditable to teachers and pupils, for the first term of the year was seriously interrupted by the small pox scare. This advancement has not been made at the expense of thoroughness; the pupils show a commendable understanding of the principles they have studied. The far-famed "Quincy method," on a limited scale and in a unostentatious manner, has been in vogue here for some time. Practical rather than showy instruction is aimed at; original, understanding explanations rather than a mechanical echoing the works of the book.

## PAROCHIAL SCHOOL.

During the year a parochial school has been opened under the auspices of the Notre Dame (R. C.) church. This has taken about 500 pupils from the public schools, four of which have been closed for lack of scholars, and in others the ranks have been decimated. The desire to have their youth brought up in the faith of their church is common to every one—and perfectly proper; the right to do so is also unquestioned. But we wish our Catholic friends could have found an opportunity for doctrinal instruction as a supplement to the common schools. We believe that a very important educational influence

comes from the commingling in the public schools of the youth of all races, creeds, and degrees of social standing. Education is not a mere process to fit persons for buying and selling, for figuring receipts and expenses—it is a preparation for life social, political, esthetic and intellectual, as well as bread earning. And the education that comes from having the children of all kinds stand side by side in the same class on a perfect equality may be worth as much as the rule of three or decimal fractions. The atmosphere of the school room where the only aristocracy is one of brains, where the raggedest, dirtiest urchin, if his lesson is well learned, “gets above” the well dressed child of pampered luxury, is decidedly healthy and desirable. We need the French, they need us; the benefit is reciprocal; the growing up together of the children broadens and Americanizes every one; separation is liable to contract and beget clanishness. One aspect of the case deserves notice that the action of the committee may not be misunderstood. The wisdom of the commonwealth has provided that “no child under ten years of age shall be employed in any manufacturing, mechanical or mercantile establishment,” and that “no child under fourteen years of age shall be so employed, except during the vacations of the public schools, unless during the year next preceding such employment he has for at least twenty weeks attended some public or private day school under teachers approved, under section two of chapter forty-seven, by the school committee of the place where such school is kept,” and “no child shall be so employed who does not present a certificate made by, or under the direction of, said school committee of his compliance with the requirements of this section.” Section two, chapter forty-seven, alluded to above, reads as follows :

School committees shall approve a private school only when the teaching therein is in the English language and they are satisfied that the teaching equals in thoroughness and efficiency the teaching in the public schools in the same locality, and that equal progress is made by the pupils therein in the studies required by law with that made during the same time in the public schools, but they shall not refuse to approve a private school on account of the religious teaching therein.



Our duty is clear in the case ; as soon as we have the required satisfactory evidence we are ready to officially endorse the school so far as signing certificates is concerned, until we have it we can not. The law is so explicit that it gives no chance for any exercise of personal feelings one way or the other.

## NEXT YEAR.

We present below the schedule of terms for next term :

	First Term.			Second Term.			Third Term.*		
	Weeks.	Begin	Close	Weeks.	Begin	Close	Weeks.	Begin	Close
High,	13	April 10	July 7	12	Sept. 4	Nov. 24	15	Dec. 4	Mar. 29, '83
Grammar,	12	April 3	June 23	12	Sept. 4	Nov. 24	13	Dec. 4	Mar. 16, '83
Intermediate,	12	April 3	June 23	12	Sept. 4	Nov. 24	13	Dec. 4	Mar. 16, '83
Primary,	11	April 3	June 16	12	Sept. 4	Nov. 24	12	Dec. 4	Mar. 9, '83
Ungraded,	11	Mar. 27	June 9	12	Sept. 4	Nov. 24	12	Dec. 4	Mar. 9, '83

\*Two weeks' vacation during the holidays, Dec. 22-Jan. 8.

## HIRING TEACHERS.

It may be interesting for the public to know the rules by which the committee are governed in employing teachers—for certain definite rules have been in force for some time. The first is to retain teachers as long as they do good and satisfactory work. The law requiring teachers to be hired every year, is with us a mere formality. We never dispense with the services of an experienced and capable teacher simply to make a place for some one else. Then there is an equally definite rule for filling vacancies as they occur from resignation or other causes. The committee have an "application book" in which are entered the names of all applicants who pass a satisfactory examination, and vacancies are filled from this list in the order of the application, with this exception; applicants living in Southbridge always have the preference and receive an appointment before those ahead of them on the list who live out of town, due regard being had to the quality of the applicant and the nature of the vacancy. No sensible person would want an inferior teacher employed merely from motives of local patriotism; nor would we be justified in employing a weak female teacher for the winter term of an ungraded school a mile from any boarding place, or in placing an inexperienced petite girl over a school of large, unruly boys.

## HYGIENE.

This and the sanitary condition of the school houses have received careful attention from us, but in some cases there are radical defects of construction—improper arrangements for lighting, inadequate ventilation, and poorly constructed closets. The principal outside complaints have been made about the closets of the Main street house. Dry earth and disinfectants have been used, but to no purpose. The boards constituting the sides of the channels from the closets are so soaked that nothing but a radical change will remedy the trouble, especially in the upper stories. The passage ways should be reconstructed; proper water closets and urinals

constructed, and possibly a connection made with the pipes of the Southbridge water works. There ought in addition to be separate urinals for the boys in the higher schools. The committee have asked for an increased sum for their contingent account in order to make needed changes and improvements.

#### REPAIRS.

During the past year the committee have expended considerable in the way of repairs. The town has such a large amount of school building property that a certain small sum should be expended every year to keep it in good condition. The burden will be much less than to wait till everything is badly run down and then expend a very large amount.

#### IN GENERAL.

While we congratulate the town on its excellent schools, we would not be construed as meaning that they are above criticism. Our schools would be better if some one could give his entire time to supervising them. As a step in this direction that would give almost as good returns at a much less expense, we still adhere to the idea of a large centrally located school house, in which should be conveniences for all the higher schools. One master could have charge of the whole building. Again, our teachers by a study of educational publications and the use of good judgment and thought can still further equip and improve themselves for the duties of the school room. If there is one failing common to all young teachers it is in adhering too closely to the printed text book routine, and failing to do sufficient to train the perceptive faculties, by which the dry facts of the books can be given life, the school room made attractive, curiosity awakened and a taste for future study developed. An occasional word upon daily occurring phenomena, a reading lesson upon or oral explanation of some little point of natural philosophy, zoology, or botany, would rest and rouse the young minds, and do an infinite deal of good. Much of the old time dry grinding routine of grammar has already left our schools,

and its place substituted by much oral instruction. The practical application of grammar by means of English composition is being more and more introduced, and we hope to soon find time for it even in the Intermediate schools. Drawing has received little attention this term. The committee becoming convinced that our schools were going too far in the pictorial, and not far enough in the industrial, work have not filled the vacancy in the position of drawing teacher.

# DETAILED REPORT.

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## PRIMARIES.

The grades of Primaries from which we promote into the Intermediates have done well. The introduction of the Franklin series of Arithmetics in the place of Greenleaf's Intellectual has proven a success. Never before have the classes to be promoted been more thoroughly fitted. We were much pleased to find the scholars able to give intelligent explanations of the examples put upon the board as well as a clear analysis of the oral examples.

It is in this grade that the foundation is laid upon which the future education is to be built. It is therefore important that the teachers exercise great caution, both in the method of explanation and the mechanical execution of the examples. Habits of study and recitation formed here if correct will prove invaluable, if incorrect of great injury.

The first Primaries have not been as full as last year; thus giving an opportunity to impart more oral instruction, as well as to give more time to exercises suitable to this grade. Our teachers in these schools are all we could desire. They seem to have a tact requisite to take the little ones and at once interest them so that the school-room is not to them a place to be dreaded, but one to which they love to go. It is no easy task for the teacher to take the child as it comes from its home, and create within it a desire and love for learning; and hence we have found it more difficult to find suitable teachers for this, than any other grade.

## INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

These also have been taught by the same teachers. The Main street Intermediate taught by Miss Ida Douty has been too large for one teacher, and yet she has succeeded in keeping the school up to grade. She is a teacher of great energy, and perseverance. This school owing to the number that are ready for promotion will have to be again divided at the commencement of the next school year.

The School street Intermediate taught by Miss Williams has also a good class ready to enter the Grammar school. The River street Intermediate taught by Miss Dillaber has not as large a class as last year. This school is always variable, most of the scholars going from school to mill, and mill to school.

## GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

We have had another year of good work in these schools. The same teachers were continued. Those who are most familiar with the method of instruction in this grade will say that the classes have done exceedingly well. The teachers have labored earnestly to give practical instruction, always requiring an explanation of the principle upon which the statement is founded. If the scholar has only the text upon which he is to rely for a knowledge of the study pursued he will be quite likely to make a failure of his effort, but if he can find the principle upon which the rule is based, there can be no doubt of an understanding of the text, thus permanently fixing it in the mind in a manner that mere imparted instruction fails to do.

## HIGH SCHOOL,

The closing year furnishes a record of this school similar in efficiency and results to the years that have gone by. The good opinion in which it is held by all its patrons, as well as the increasing interest manifested by the community alike testify to its usefulness and popularity.

The changes have not been great in number, have been gradual rather than absolute and such as the merits of the school demanded. We are very much gratified with the efforts of Mr. Smith and their results. There seems to be more interest on the part of the pupils, thus rendering the teaching by far more effectual.

Some of the practical results are these:

1. English composition has been made a regular study in connection with the practice of expressing thought upon paper.

2. Latin and Greek have been more carefully taught, and the principles more thoroughly understood, by constant changing of English into those ancient languages, and by translation at sight by the most advanced classes.

3. French and German have been taught by the adoption of the conversational method. Miss Silyerthorn has labored faithfully not only in this department, but in all the classes under her charge.

4. Mathematics have been presented in such forms as to be pursued with interest and pleasure. Optional examples and problems formed a special feature of this work.

5. Reading has received a fresh impulse by the introduction of selections from Milton and Tennyson. No branch of study demands more liberal provision and intelligent teaching than reading, since no study of the school will be so frequently applied to practical use in after life, and no other will afford so much rational enjoyment, and abundant means for personal improvement if properly applied.

We desire to impress upon the pupils this fact that the strength and worth of the High School depends largely upon the scholars composing it, or in other words that their success will be the result of individual energy and industry, and the want of success will be the result of individual idleness and disinterestedness. The school must have heart and mind in sympathy with the teachers in order that the benefits so liberally provided by the town may be made available to each and every one alike.

## MIXED SCHOOLS.

The Sandersdale school has been under the teaching of Miss Remington another year with the same good results as formerly. That she is appreciated by the patrons of the school is evident from the fact that a beautiful present was given her on the day of the examination.

Sumner, Mrs. Hattie Moulton has taught another year in this school. The examination at the close of the year was very satisfactory, showing good work both by teacher and scholar.

Dennison, taught by E. G. Penniman. This was his first experience in teaching. Mr. Penniman shows in the school-room that he has the tact requisite for making a good teacher. He is interested in his work and with a little more attention to the order of the school-room will have a model school.

Hooker, Miss Clara Nichols is a thorough teacher. Her pupils understand what they have been over. This school is small and the scholars are not in constant attendance owing to being situated in a farming community, but good results are always found at the close of the school.



# TABULAR VIEW OF SCHOOLS.

SCHOOLS.	No. of different scholars.	Average number.	Average attendance.	Average percent of attendance.	No. of weeks of school.
High school.....	85	33.66	28	.831	40
Grammar—Main street.....	40	29.86	26.7	.894	36
School street.....	37	28.4	26.7	.94	37
Intermediate—Main street....	78	39.33	35.74	.909	36
Town hall.....	41	31	23.66	.763	12
River street.....	55	33.6	30.3	.90	37
School street.....	40	32.8	30.1	.918	37
Second Primary—Main street.....	44	33.43	29.76	.89	36
Carpenter.....	39	14.5	10.8	.74	23
Elm street.....	27	23.6	21.86	.926	11
Union street.....	42	16.9	15.66	.927	35
School street.....	54	35	30.1	.86	35
Plimpton street.....	47	25.8	21.43	.829	35
River street.....	42	27	23	.85	35
First Primary—Main street.....	58	45.58	37.57	.82	35
Carpenter.....	50	36.5	33	.90	9
Elm street.....	33	25.77	21.66	.84	35
School street.....	75	32.3	28.2	.87	35
Plimpton street.....	58	44.66	36.28	.81	11
Union street.....	70	55.87	44.67	.798	11
River street, No. 1.....	65	40.14	32.9	.819	35
River street, No. 2.....	53	39.77	34.66	.87	35
Hamilton street.....	47	33.6	24.6	.73	11
Ungraded—Dennison.....	26	21.38	18.4	.86	36
Hooker.....	21	13.18	11.9	.90	35
Sandersdale.....	53	40.63	38.27	.94	35
Sumner.....	71	28.13	21.15	.75	35
Bacon.....	11	9.8	8.8	.898	10
For all the schools.....	1,312	871.94	745.96	.855	813
Average per school.....	46.8	31.28	26.64	.85	29.1

From the tabular statement and other sources we compile the following:

Number of children in town May 1, 1881, as per census . . . .	1,390
Whole number of different scholars.....	1,312
Average number .....	871.94
Average attendance .....	745.96
Average number per school .....	31.28
Average attendance per school.....	26.64
Average percent of attendance.....	.855
Number of scholars over 15 years.....	45
Number of scholars under 5 years.....	26
Number of scholars between 8 and 14.....	774
Number of different teachers.....	31
Number of male teachers.....	3
Number of female teachers....	28
Salary of teacher in high school.....	\$1,000
Salary of assistant teacher in high school per week.....	\$12 00
Average pay of teachers per week, except high school.....	\$8 10

Respectfully,

E. M. PHILLIPS,  
 B. V. STEVENSON,  
 GEO. M. WHITAKER,  
 Committee.

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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
S E L E C T M E N  
OF THE  
Town of Southbridge.



## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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We submit our second annual report of matters in our department, pertaining to the prudential interests of the town. Our accounts have been so arranged as to present in detail the items of all expenditures and the purposes for which they were used, to enable voters to obtain accurate information as to the uses of money placed at our disposal. We trust voters will examine them, as a means of determining the actual necessities of the town, for each of the several usual and specific appropriations granted at the annual meeting. We endeavored as far as possible to keep within them, and at the same time to do as much as we could to meet all present demands and such future wants as seemed to be necessary to maintain and improve whatever was under our care, giving to all the appropriations as much purchasing power as they possessed.

Another year of experience has confirmed us in the suggestions contained in our last report. If proper we would repeat them. But they are accessible to voters if not remembered.

Last year we presented the results of our experiment in doing our road work, and we are not prepared to change our convictions therein expressed. The business interests of the town have a greater degree of interest in our roads, not alone in our villages but outside of them also, than in anything else certainly

in our department. Good roads are indeed essential to our welfare. No expenditure of money is more generally criticised than for this work and none more liable to actual waste. We earnestly recommend a single surveyor for reasons stated last year. The unusual contingencies of this year have not modified our convictions in this respect. It is true that the heavy and frequent rain-fall during the first three months of the past year made the season for work much shorter than usual, and imposed an unusually large amount of repairs made necessary by continuous washing of the hilly parts of our roads. Work was postponed to a later day in the season in some places than was desirable, and yet the ordinary work was all done, and besides much of a more permanent character. But it was quite expensive because the cost of material alone was nearly ten percent of the money expended, and the team work required for drawing it long distances consumed some sixty percent of the balance expended. High, Hamilton, Central and Main streets had the greater part of the expenditures.

The total sum paid out for the work done for repairs by the surveyor omitting some items not properly included was

			\$3,014.60
Paid out for teams used by him,	-	\$1,386.92	
Paid out for workmen,	-	1,275.20	
Paid for surveyor's services,	-	352.48	
		<hr/>	\$3,014.60

These items show what part of the expenses goes for teams alone.

The town has been discussing for years the best method for making road repairs. At times in our history there has been just cause for complaint as to the condition of our highways; such times are likely to occur again unless provision for permanent improvement is made, instead of relying upon merely temporary repairs. It is clear that money expended in this way is like interest consuming all the while, in mere forbearance,

and securing no satisfactory results. The question then is can anything be suggested promising better things?

We will answer this inquiry with a suggestion for the consideration of voters: To secure materials that will stand for time, stay where they are placed upon our roads, and preserve their form, stone can be relied upon without question. Such materials may be obtained by the use of a stone crusher; some of the larger towns, as Milford and Hopkinton, use these with great success, and, as they judge, profit. The stone are not put on expensively, that is the roads are not macadamised, but as the roads become flat they are crowned up with crushed stone six or eight inches in depth, and thus is secured a bed which will not wash, but be hard for years and free from mud. Common field stone are used. Of course the work must be done with care. The implements necessary are a portable stone crusher and a roller, used usually near to the places where the materials are required. The towns named have used this process for years, and no longer regard it experimental. Can there be any doubt that our streets could be permanently improved in this way, that the hilly parts could be made secure from washing, or that the expense of the work would be greatly in excess of what it has been to put on gravel, which can never be as good or durable? We do not hesitate to recommend the town to obtain accurate and reliable information upon this subject with a view to its adoption here, if found practicable, because we have not such information before us except of a general character. But the town should know.

In the next place it is advisable that the town should own its teams as a prudent business man who had so much work to be done, would do. The town farm can be serviceable for keeping them, and be improved thereby. The horses besides this work would ordinarily be able to do what the Fire Department require for practice at least, and an expense of about \$200 00 saved annually in that direction. In this way the work can be kept moving, and the account for road repairs reduced nearer to

a labor account than is possible by continuing to hire teams as we have done. The same principle of economy that provides itself with implements for doing work also dictates this plan. We do not overlook the consideration of cost of teams, carts, and the like, the items of repairs, keeping, loss of time and the chances of injury or loss; these enter into the cost of each team the town hires, and are paid for. The property will belong to the town and such money as may be expended in its purchase will be therefore an investment, only at the risk of the town of course; but if properly cared for, it will pay in our judgment a good percent in the annual saving of expenses, and in the cost of our road work. Thus provided with the means of doing our road work and having a properly organized gang of workmen, we can each year gain a point of permanence and completion in our highways and streets, that may safely be trusted to be found the next, at a cost nearer to what it should be than is possible under our present methods. We seriously urge consideration of these suggestions.

There are some sidewalk repairs that should be provided for this year. The plank walks on Hamilton street have been a constant source of annoyance; and several accidents, although fortunately none of them very serious as we trust, have occurred; and that notwithstanding a careful inspection of them had been made and considerable expended in attempting to make them safe for use. It is a serious question whether the town should not take them up, provide a filled or gravel walk, on that street at least, rather than run its chances for claims for accidents longer. The other plank walks are of more recent construction, and less free from defective places, but they also will reach a similar condition shortly. No more investments in traps of this kind should be placed upon our streets.

The brick walks on each side of Main street in front of the business blocks in the center village, are not in as good condition as they should be, and the sidewalk appropriation should be made sufficient to do work there, or a special one for it, as



the town deems best. For these purposes we recommend the town to make provision.

The bridges have had much more work this year than usual, but they are now, so far as we know, in good condition. One bridge on Chestnut street had to be entirely taken up, and other such unexpected work has exhausted the account, but not to a great amount, and the usual sum will probably suffice for next year.

The South street balance should have an additional sum of about \$64.87 for the purpose of placing a street crossing at the head of High street, and perhaps also at Sayles street, and extending the gravel walks west of High street. This appropriation we recommend.

The Columbian road grant was not used for the want of time to do the work. We do not think the sum is sufficient to do the work contemplated. If it is to be thoroughly done, the appropriation should be increased two or three hundred dollars. Our estimate for this work was seven hundred dollars, and we think nothing less will complete the work.

For these specific purposes there may be sums taken from the unappropriated funds in the treasury without making special appropriations to be raised by taxation this year. Except for the purpose of adjusting accounts, the balance of the unappropriated funds in the treasury should be applied to the payment of the town debt, and this we recommend.

It is a subject of special congratulation that the Fire Department, by the prudent and considerate care of the Engineers, has so greatly reduced its expenses, and saved so large a credit balance. The usual contingent should be granted so that the Engineers may supply hose as it is required. The Engineers have earned a good name by their management of the prudential affairs of their department, and have sustained the efficiency of the department in every respect. This special mention is due them.

Three applications for new roads have been made during the past year. That of Mr. Mansfield and others for a new road from Sandersdale village to West Dudley, round the hill, was not favorably considered by the Board, for the reason that it is not advisable to maintain two parallel roads so near to each other, for so great a distance.

The street across from Main street to Dresser street, prayed for by Mr. Goddard and others, is much needed and should be laid out. But considerable expense is involved in its construction, and the expenses for land damages promise much controversy, if not litigation, and it is hoped that these difficulties may be so modified that the project may be successfully presented for town action.

The street at the Globe Village from the house of Samuel Greenwood to Winter street is necessary for his accommodation; but his neighbors place a high estimate upon their land, and cannot be made to see any advantage in conceding any for this purpose, without considerable compensation, and more than we judged proper to pay.

During the year the Board have procured a new set of books uniform in style and adapted to the use of the department, and opened them; one for the record of sidewalk locations and assessments, and one for the Board of Health, containing the code of Health Laws now in force in this town, and for the record of their doings. A large Iron Fire Proof Safe has been purchased for use of the department. The Health Laws are prepared to cover most all instances that can arise, and provided with penalties, so that sending notifications simply will be all that the Board will need to do when complaints are made, and our successors will find no difficulty in knowing what to do and be able to save much time in case applications for relief are made. Blank notices have been prepared also for use. Printed blanks for warrants for town meetings; for constables'; treasurer's and collector's bonds; engineers' bills and returns, licenses, and accounts, and a printed pamphlet of the health laws for circula-

tion, have been prepared with a view to save time, and secure uniformity in doing the business of our department.

In this connection it has occurred to us that it would be a great convenience to the people and of great service to town officers, if their business of a clerical nature could be taken care of for them. The salary and fees of the town clerk, with such compensation as could be paid to a person for this work would be sufficient to secure for the several boards entire relief from the duty of preparing bills, drawing orders and keeping accounts, and a place and person who could be found each day for town business, thus relieving officers from a great amount of work and at the same time better accommodate the people. This can be done by electing a town clerk who is competent to attend to these duties, and will be at the office in business hours for that purpose. It seems to us that such an officer would be of great advantage, and a reason why with him, men whose time is of great value to them might be more readily induced to accept public offices.

The year has been fruitful in special services unpleasant to perform. The board endeavored to meet the exigencies with such efforts as seemed proper, guided by the best information we could obtain. The small pox visitation was an unfortunate and disturbing element in our business interests for many weeks and a source of great anxiety to us. Considerable excitement prevailed, our labors were arduous, and sometimes our acts did not meet popular approval; but now that their history has been made up, in the light of all that transpired it cannot be said in fairness that the board were not successful in suppressing the contagion; cases occurred in ten separate families and in seven different dwellings, under such circumstances as to excite the belief that many might have been exposed before it was known to us; and it is a source of congratulation that not more than twenty-six cases appeared and that it was kept absolutely within the families of the persons known to have been originally exposed to the infection. This should settle the

question as to the prompt and effective care of the cases and their successful management. It was of course expensive to the town, and calamitous in the death rate—eight dying of the number. It is earnestly hoped that we may never be so afflicted again. The precautions against it are secured by observing the legal regulations regarding the vaccination of children, scholars, and operatives in our mills; careful watch in this regard will secure us against its recurrence.

A detail report was submitted to the meeting in November when the sum of \$3,500 was raised to pay the expenses of small pox which will be included in the assessment of taxes this year. The accounts have all been paid so far as any we know, except those of the proprietors of the hospital for its use, which were referred to the Board to adjust. The Board have adhered to their proposal of \$265 for the claim, which amounts to \$465. We regarded our offer quite ample and at the request of the claimants who desire the consideration of voters upon the matter in controversy, recommend that they be permitted to present their claim for the action of voters thereon at the meeting in April, for which the sixth article in the warrant will be in terms a sufficient legal foundation as well as for all other recommendations contained in this report.

The claim for additional compensation by Joseph De Grenier has not been pressed, and we think will not be, beyond the offer of \$25, which we have made.

The appropriation therefor already granted will be ample to adjust all claims made, or in dispute.

We recommend some changes of accounts as follows: New cemetery account should be closed; credit balances to Main and Pleasant street walks and to Mechanic and Main street walks should be transferred to sidewalk account; Sayles street debt charged over to highways in order to close them; \$1,591.50 standing to bank tax, should be transferred to the account of unappropriated funds; from unappropriated funds \$5,000 should be appropriated to pay the note due Sept. 17,

1882, this should be done instead of using it for other purposes; the balance of unappropriated funds should be applied to the payment of debt deficit in the highway account, Everet street walk so far as necessary, and the balance so far as it will go to such cases of special appropriations as may be voted. We trust only necessary special grants will be made at all.

Our financial standing with the policy of reducing expenses to the lowest possible sums and paying the debt as fast as it matures, is such as to promise a large reduction in the rates of taxation, and is now flattering indeed. We congratulate the people upon this appearance of our finances. Having in the treasury for use \$1,959.66 in cash to pay current expenses in anticipation of taxes and the large sum of unappropriated funds for payment of the debt, will materially reduce the interest account, and the credit balances in nearly all our accounts will enable officers to meet contingencies that may occur without provisions by grants of any thing above what may seem really necessary. The only remaining point is to guard against large special appropriations; let these be scrutinized carefully when called for, and our treasury will continue strong—and our taxes be much less than they have been, without in any respect injuring our property, or our condition, or appearances in all material matters, or in any way impairing our educational interests.

We recommend the town to appoint a committee of three who with the auditors shall constitute a board of appraisal of all the property, real and personal, belonging to the town in each department, and report the same to the town. This has never been done with sufficient care, and the treasurer is earnestly desirous that it should be done with care and consideration, by a disinterested and independent board from personal inspection, with a view to determine the actual value of all town

property, and to show in his accounts on the trial balance our real standing. We ask the town to act upon this recommendation at the April town meeting.

JOHN TATTERSON,  
THOMAS SANDERS,  
A. J. BARTHOLOMEW,  
Selectmen.

March 20, 1882.

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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TOWN CLERK,  
AND  
WARRANT FOR ANNUAL MEETING  
OF THE  
Town of Southbridge.





# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

INSURANCE ON TOWN PROPERTY WITH DATE OF EXPIRATION  
OF POLICIES.

Amount insured.	Property insured.	When expiring.
\$ 600.	School-house, Sumner district.....	April 1, 1882
3,000.	Books, etc, library.....	July 1, 1882
1,000.	Books, etc. library.....	July 1, 1882
2,000.	School-house, Union Street.....	Nov. 1, 1882
2,500.	Library building.....	Nov. 1, 1882
2,692.	Town farm building, stock, etc.....	Dec. 1, 1882
2,000.	School-house, Main street.....	Jan. 1, 1883
2,500.	School-house, School street.....	Nov. 1, 1883
1,200.	School-house, River street.....	Nov. 1, 1883
2,500.	Town house.....	May 1, 1884
600.	School-house, Hooker district.....	April 1, 1885
2,000.	New Almshouse.....	Jan. 1, 1886
600.	School-house, Bacon district.....	June 1, 1886
1,600.	School-house, Elm street.....	Sept. 1, 1886
2,200.	School-house, Sandersdale.....	Dec. 1, 1886
2,000.	School-house, Main street.....	Jan. 1, 1887
1,500.	Town hall, Elm street.....	Feb. 1, 1887
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\$30,492.	Total amount of property insured.	

## VITAL STATISTICS.

Marriages, Births and deaths in town from January 1, 1881, to  
January 1, 1882.

Number of marriages.... 55  
American, 19; French, 28; Irish, 7; Scotch 1.

Number of births..... 245  
Male, 120; female, 125

American parentage, 49; French, 169; Irish, 27

Number of deaths..... 146  
Americans, 42; French, 76; Irish, 24; English, 2; Scotch 1; African, 1;

Of this number, 64 were under 5 years of age, 6 between 5 and 10, 12 between 10 and 20, 14 between 20 and 30, 6 between 30 and 40, 14 between 40 and 60, 19 between 60 and 80, 11 over 80.

Number of dogs licensed from April 1, 1881, to March 1, 1882.... 159  
Males, 151; females, 8.

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY A. MORSE,  
Town Clerk.

# WARRANT FOR ANNUAL MEETING, 1882.

*To either of the Constables of the Town of Southbridge, in the County of Worcester,*

GREETING:

WORCESTER SS.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby requested to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Southbridge, aforesaid, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Southbridge, on Monday, the third day of April next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

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

ARTICLE 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year—the Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Overseers of Poor, Assessors, School Committee, Library Committee, Cemetery Committee, Auditors, and Constables will be voted for on one ballot; and the polls will be kept open for voting until 2 o'clock p m., unless the meeting shall otherwise determine.

ARTICLE 3. To vote by ballot “yes” or “no” in answer to the question, “Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town,” the check list being used, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 4. To see whether the town will by its vote, or otherwise, ask the legislature to extend to women who are citizens the right to hold town offices and to vote in town affairs on the same terms as male citizens, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 5. To hear the reports of the Auditors of Accounts, Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Fire Engineers, School Committee, Library Committee, and Cemetery Committee, and to act upon any recommendations therein contained, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 6. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to pay town bills and charges for the ensuing year, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will authorize the Collector of Taxes to use the means for collecting taxes which the Treasurer, when appointed a Collector, may use, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will allow the usual discount on taxes, except the taxes assessed on polls, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money for the use of the Town in anticipation of the taxes to be assessed the current year, and to give the notes of the Town therefor, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to pay the engine men for the ensuing year, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will accept the list of jurors as posted and presented by the selectmen, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will authorize the treasurer to borrow money to renew, replace or pay any existing debts of the town, and give the notes of the Town therefor, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to pay firemen according to the vote at the last annual meeting, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to defray the expenses of decoration day, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to construct the following sidewalks—from the end of the walk in front of the residence of Wm. Edwards on Main street, north side, to the rail road bridge—from the brick store, to the west end of the walk put in last year on the north side of Hamilton street in Globe Village, and on Main street between the store of Bugbee & Wheeler and the bridge at the Globe Village—to extend the sidewalk on Everett street—extend the sidewalk on Edwards street from the corner of S. K. Edwards land to Marcy street, also on opposite side Edwards street from Marcy street to the north westerly corner of the estate of the late Geo. H. Hartwell, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to put in a drinking fountain on Main street Center Village, connecting the same with the pipes of the Water Supply Co., and raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to cut down and grade Chapin street in front of the residence of Geo. W. Corey, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred dollars to raise up, repair and dig a cellar under the Town farm barn, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to raise up to the grade of the street the engine house at the Globe Village, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will authorize the treasurer to close the New Cemetery account, and to transfer the accounts for Main and Mechanics street walks, and Crane and River street walks to the account for sidewalks—and Sayles street account to highways, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will establish lamp posts as follows, to wit. two on Dresser street, one on Summer street, two on Everett street, and raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will transfer \$1,591.50 from the account of bank tax to unappropriated funds. And to see if the Town will appropriate \$5,000 of the unappropriated funds to the payment of the Town debt maturing Sept. 17, 1882, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to cut down the grade of the highway on the old Slough hill north of the residence of Lucian Lyon, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will instruct the selectmen to locate a road from Sandersdale depot near the river to the Dudley line in West Dudley, and report the location at the earliest practicable opportunity, or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by publishing an attested copy thereof twice in the Southbridge JOURNAL, the first publication being not less than nine days next preceding the day of the meeting,—or by posting up such attested copies in four conspicuous public places within the Town, at least nine days, including Sundays, before the day of holding said meeting. The polls will be open at 9 o'clock, A. M., and close at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place hereinbefore named.

Given under our hands this tenth day of March. A. D., 1882.

THOMAS SANDERS,  
A. J. BARTHOLOMEW,  
JOHN TATTERSON,  
Selectmen of Southbridge.

A copy—Attest: G. O. BENSON,

Constable of Southbridge.

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OF THE

# TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE

WITH THE REPORTS OF THE

# TOWN OFFICERS,

For the Year ending March 1st, 1883.

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# Town Officers for 1882-3.

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TREASURER.

F. L. CHAPIN.

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CLERK.

HENRY A. MORSE.

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SELECTMEN.

THOMAS SANDERS,

JOHN TATTERSON,

A. H. WHEELER.

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OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

CALVIN A. PAIGE,

SYLVESTER DRESSER,

JACOB BOOTH.

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ASSESSORS.

AUGUSTUS COOK,

CHAS. W. WELD,

GUSTAVUS A. CHENEY.

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AUDITORS.

GEO. W. COREY,

CHARLES W. HILL,

FRED W. EATON.

## TOWN OFFICERS.

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

SILVANUS HAYWARD,	- - - - -	Term expires 1885.
JAMES J. OAKES,	- - - - -	" 1883.
GEO. M. WHITAKER,	- - - - -	" 1883.

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## LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

MANNING LEONARD,	- - - - -	Term expires 1885.
SYLVANUS HAYWARD,	- - - - -	" 1885.
GEO. M. WHITAKER,	- - - - -	" 1885.
J. M. COCHRAN,	- - - - -	" 1884.
A. G. UPHAM,	- - - - -	" 1884.
B. U. BUGBEE,	- - - - -	" 1884.
W. R. PATON,	- - - - -	" 1883.
C. D. MONROE,	- - - - -	" 1883.
F. M. SMITH,	- - - - -	" 1883.

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## CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

SAMUEL WILLIAMS,	- - - - -	Term expires 1885.
EDWIN BACON,	- - - - -	" 1885.
A. J. BARTHOLOMEW,	- - - - -	" 1884.
CHRISTOPHER ABBOTT,	- - - - -	" 1884.
JOHN O. McKINSTRY,	- - - - -	" 1883.
GEO. W. WELLS,	- - - - -	" 1883.

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## FENCE VIEWERS.

W. H. H. CHENEY,                      JAMES BROWN,                      SOLOMON THAYER.

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## SURVEYORS OF LUMBER.

SAMUEL T. CUTTING,		DANFORTH DOUTY,
SAMUEL WILLIAMS,		J. E. CLEMENCE.

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK.

CHAS. HYDE,  
 FRANK D. DRESSER,  
 J. M. OLNEY,  
 DANFORTH DOUTY,  
 HENRY A. MORSE,  
 W. E. ALDEN, JR.,  
 JOHN E. CLEMENCE,  
 JOHN M. CHENEY,

GEO. H. THAYER,  
 P. N. LECLAIR,  
 CHAS. W. WELD,  
 JULIUS S. GLEASON,  
 AUGUSTUS COOK,  
 PATRICK KELLEY,  
 SYLVESTER DRESSER,  
 L. R. MATTERSON.

FIELD DRIVERS.

F. E. PARKER,	- - - - -	District No. 1.
JOSEPH BRACKETT,	- - - - -	" 2.
S. CHAMBERLAIN,	- - - - -	" 3.
FRANK E. RANDALL,	- - - - -	" 4.
FRED RYAN,	- - - - -	" 5.
T. THIMBLIN,	- - - - -	" 6.
G. O. BENSON,	- - - - -	" 7.

FIRE ENGINEERS.

HENRY C. CADY, CHIEF.

CHAS. W. WILLIAMS,	- - - - -	1st Assistant.
CALVIN CLAFLIN,	- - - - -	2d "
BRADFORD STONE,	- - - - -	3d "
J. W. ROBINSON,	- - - - -	CLERK.

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR.

AUSTIN H. SHEPARD.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

SYLVANUS CHAMBERLIN.

## TOWN OFFICERS.

## CONSTABLES.

G. O. BENSON,  
BRADFORD C. STONE,  
THOMAS W. D. BROWN,

GEO. H. THAYER,  
PLINY M. CLARK.

## POLICE OFFICERS.

MARCUS DILLABER,  
A. S. BUEL,  
MANNING PLIMPTON,  
MICHAEL BREEN,  
R. G. ELLIS,

HUGH VARNER,  
GEORGE WOOD,  
THOMAS POTTER,  
FRANK E. PARKER,  
ASA M. MORSE.

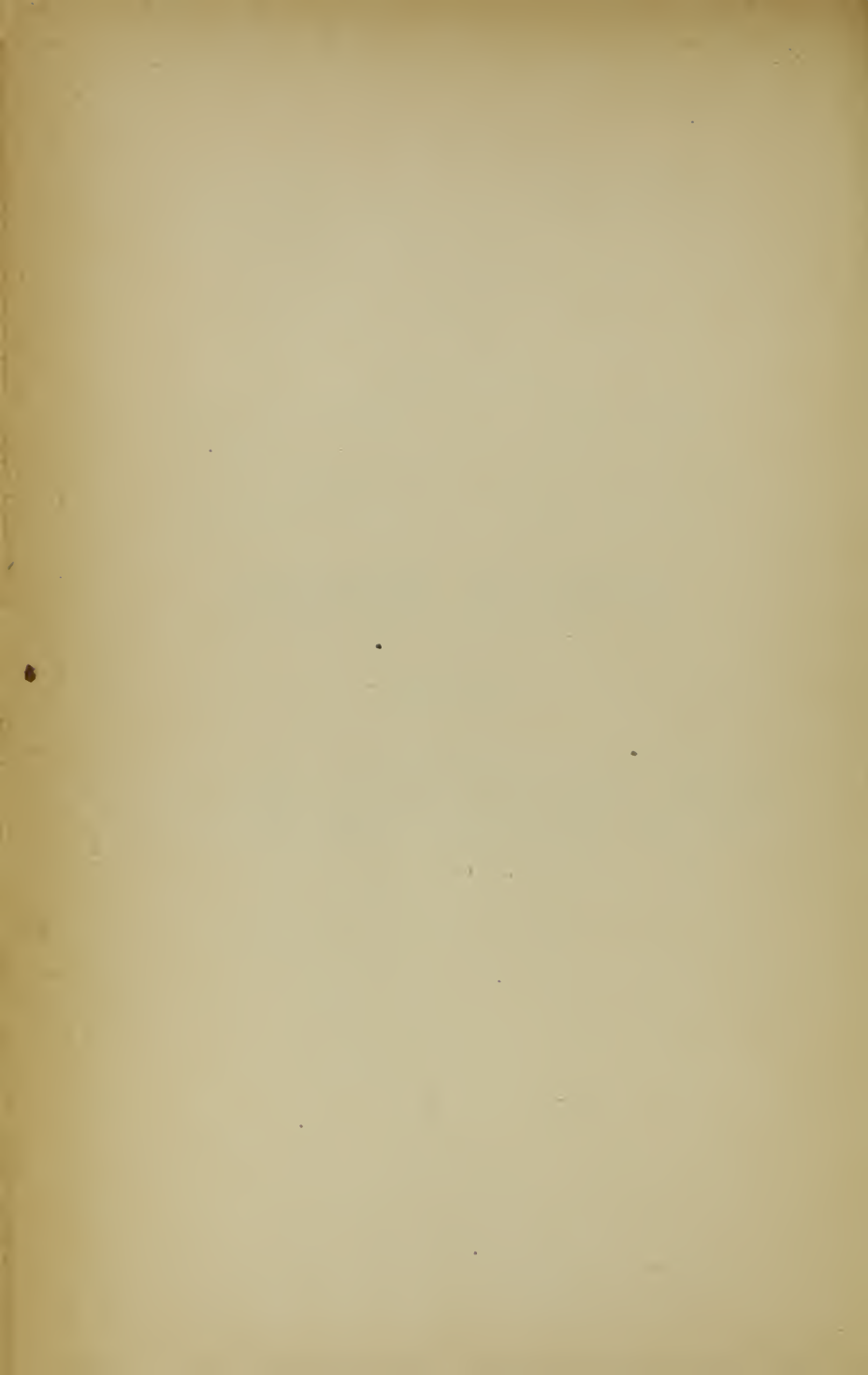
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ANNUAL REPORT

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AUDITORS.

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# The Account of the Town Treasurer,

As presented by him, is herewith submitted, having been examined and found correct.

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F. L. CHAPIN, TREASURER, in account with the Town of Southbridge, for the year ending Feb. 28, 1883:

## RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury March 1, 1882, . . . . .	\$1,959 66
Due from D. Whitford, collector, . . . . .	2,137 05
H. W. Bacon, collector, . . . . .	970 55
S. Thayer, collector, . . . . .	363 65

Tax bill of 1882:	
State tax, . . . . .	\$3,500 00
County tax, . . . . .	2,334 00
Bank tax and overlayings, . . . . .	3,103 85
Centre watch district and overlayings, . . . . .	732 43
Overlayings on taxes, . . . . .	62 97
Assessment omitted, . . . . .	17 50
Common schools, . . . . .	6,600 00
Contingent expenses, . . . . .	4,200 00
Discount on taxes, . . . . .	<u>4,000 00</u>
Amounts carried forward, . . . . .	\$24,550 75    \$5,430 91

Amounts brought forward, . . .	\$24,550 75	\$5,430 91
Highways, . . . . .	3,500 00	
Deficiency in tax of 1881, . . . . .	3,500 00	
Outside poor, . . . . .	3,000 00	
Salaries, . . . . .	1,850 00	
High school, . . . . .	1,600 00	
Support of poor, . . . . .	1,500 00	
Public library, . . . . .	1,400 00	
Engine men, . . . . .	1,350 00	
Street lights, . . . . .	1,300 00	
Contingent account, schools, . . . . .	1,200 00	
Main street walk east, . . . . .	1,200 00	
Interest, . . . . .	1,000 00	
Abatement of taxes, . . . . .	1,000 00	
Edwards street walk, . . . . .	800 00	
Fire department, . . . . .	800 00	
Sidewalks, . . . . .	700 00	
Town farm barn, . . . . .	600 00	
Hamilton street walk, . . . . .	550 00	
Main street walk west, . . . . .	550 00	
Printing, . . . . .	350 00	
Cemetery improvements, . . . . .	350 00	
Slough hill, . . . . .	350 00	
Everett street walk, . . . . .	250 00	
Police station contingent, . . . . .	200 00	
Insurance, . . . . .	200 00	
Chapin street, . . . . .	150 00	
Bridges, . . . . .	150 00	
Drinking fountain, . . . . .	100 00	
Railing highways, . . . . .	100 00	
Lamp posts, . . . . .	75 00	
South street, . . . . .	65 00	
Decoration, . . . . .	60 00	
		\$54,350 75
State treasurer, Corporation tax, . . . . .	\$2,495 06	
Bank tax, . . . . .	596 94	
State aid, . . . . .	276 00	
Income Massachusetts school fund, . . . . .	238 63	
Amount carried forward, . . . . .	\$63,388 29	



Amounts brought forward, . . . . .	\$63,388 29
State treasurer, discount on bank tax, . . . . .	226 15
Paupers temporary support, . . . . .	36 82
Collecting and assessing bank tax, . . . . .	20 34
County treasurer, dog fund, . . . . .	285 99
Sidewalk assessments, . . . . .	1,303 88
Worcester, account small pox, . . . . .	527 65
Center watch district, . . . . .	400 00
Produce sold, . . . . .	249 86
Cemetery fund, . . . . .	210 00
Licenses, . . . . .	108 00
C. A. Paige, account M. O'Brien, . . . . .	96 00
School books sold, . . . . .	85 20
Public library, cards, fines, &c. . . . .	57 15
Premium on note, . . . . .	50 00
Millbury, account Jos. Therique, . . . . .	38 00
R. R. tickets returned, . . . . .	31 85
Stones, gravel and street cleaning, . . . . .	31 96
Police station fees, . . . . .	15 50
Old plank sold, . . . . .	10 00
Plants sold, . . . . .	10 00
North Brookfield account M. Castigan, . . . . .	10 00
Wood sold, . . . . .	5 50
Liquor licenses, . . . . .	5 00
Holyoke account John Brooks, . . . . .	4 75
Brookfield account Geo. Walcott, . . . . .	2 00
Springfield account M. Marchault, . . . . .	1 25
Money borrowed in anticipation of taxes, . . . . .	13,000 00
	<u>\$80,301 14</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

Paid common schools, . . . . .	\$7,557 22
Discount on taxes, . . . . .	4,850 05
Outside poor, . . . . .	3,790 01
State tax, . . . . .	3,500 00
Highways, . . . . .	2,722 49
County tax, . . . . .	2,334 00
Bank tax, . . . . .	2,261 65
Support of poor, . . . . .	2,073 70
Amounts carried forward, . . . . .	<u>\$29,089 12</u>

Amount brought forward, . . . . .	\$29,089 12
Public library, . . . . .	1,745 27
High school, . . . . .	1,698 17
Street lights, . . . . .	1,565 37
Salaries, . . . . .	1,489 00
Contingent expenses, . . . . .	1,474 73
Engine men, . . . . .	1,390 00
Sidewalks, . . . . .	1,141 59
Main street walk east, . . . . .	1,129 36
Center watch district, . . . . .	1,115 10
Abatement of taxes, . . . . .	1,099 59
Contingent account schools &c, . . . . .	1,098 77
Interest, . . . . .	904 14
Fire department, . . . . .	889 16
Tax refunded, . . . . .	842 20
Farm barn, . . . . .	625 18
Hamilton street walk, . . . . .	572 74
Main street walk west, . . . . .	552 14
Edwards street walk, . . . . .	539 13
Columbian road, . . . . .	493 24
Bridges, . . . . .	431 00
Cemetery improvements, . . . . .	385 49
Everett street walk, . . . . .	295 48
Drinking fountain, . . . . .	275 00
Printing, . . . . .	240 30
Insurance, . . . . .	223 12
State aid, . . . . .	207 00
Police station contingent, . . . . .	168 75
Chapin street, . . . . .	150 41
Railing highways, . . . . .	148 22
South street, . . . . .	108 70
Decoration, . . . . .	84 32
Slough hill, . . . . .	78 50
Lamp posts, . . . . .	75 00
School Apparatus, . . . . .	22 85
State Treasurer, license fees, . . . . .	1 25
Noteto Brown, Riley & Co., dated Sept. 17, 1877, . . . . .	5,000 00
Money borrowed in anticipation of taxes, . . . . .	13,000 00

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\$70,349 39

Amounts brought forward, . . . . .		\$70,349 39
Cash in treasury March 1, 1883, . . . . .	\$6,645 67	
Due from S. Chamberlain, collector, . . . . .	1,236 62	
H. W. Bacon, collector, . . . . .	870 55	
D. Whitford, collector, . . . . .	835 26	
S. Thayer, collector, . . . . .	363 65	
		<u>\$9,951 75</u>
		<u>\$80,301 14</u>

## Notes Outstanding February 28, 1883.

Date of Notes.	To Whom Given.	Amounts	Payable.	Rate of Interest.
Sept. 17, 1877	Brown, Riley & Co.	\$5,000	1883	5 per cent.
Aug. 8, 1881	Lucy H. Stowe,	5,000	1884	4 per cent.
		\$10,000		

# Balance of Accounts, Feb. 28, 1883.

School houses, . . . . .	\$14,600 00	Town Property, . . . . .	\$50,563 85
Steam fire engines, . . . . .	8,000 00	Notes Payable, . . . . .	10,000 00
Town house, . . . . .	5,000 00	Unappropriated funds, . . . . .	3,836 79
Hose, . . . . .	5,000 00	Cemetery fund, . . . . .	1,569 25
Engine houses, . . . . .	4,000 00	Abatement of taxes, . . . . .	902 59
Farm, . . . . .	3,400 00	Highways, . . . . .	817 90
Lamp posts, . . . . .	2,500 00	Common schools, . . . . .	794 85
Police station, . . . . .	2,500 00	Salaries, . . . . .	688 60
Personal property, . . . . .	2,063 85	Support of poor, . . . . .	669 40
Fire engines, . . . . .	1,500 00	Main street walk east, . . . . .	575 95
School furniture, . . . . .	1,000 00	Contingent expenses, . . . . .	549 72
Hose carriages, . . . . .	1,000 00	Edwards street walk, . . . . .	530 44
General appropriations . . . . .	<u>13,816 84</u>	Center watch district, . . . . .	433 28
Cash, . . . . .	6,845 67	Interest, . . . . .	428 28
S. Chamberlain, collector, . . . . .	1,036 62	Fire department, . . . . .	312 74
H. W. Bacon, collector, . . . . .	870 55	State aid, . . . . .	302 31
D. Whitford, collector, . . . . .	835 26	Dog fund, . . . . .	285 99
S. Thayer, collector, . . . . .	363 65	Woodstock road, . . . . .	271 50
Bridges, . . . . .	261 46	Contingent account schools, . . . . .	242 92
Drinking fountain, . . . . .	175 00	School committee, . . . . .	238 63
Sidewalks, . . . . .	149 59	Printing, . . . . .	201 84
Columbian road, . . . . .	78 80	Discount on taxes, . . . . .	194 85
Street lights, . . . . .	59 21	School apparatus, . . . . .	163 00
Farm barn, . . . . .	25 18	South street, . . . . .	141 43
Railing highways, . . . . .	20 79	Police station contingent, . . . . .	103 33
High school, . . . . .	19 88	Cemetery improvements . . . . .	87 13
Insurance, . . . . .	15 75	Public library, . . . . .	82 34
Outside poor, . . . . .	9 84	Main and Pleasant street	
Decoration, . . . . .	11 11	walk, . . . . .	50 14
Main street walk west, . . . . .	2 14	Everett street walk, . . . . .	38 81
		Chapin street, . . . . .	29 05
		Everett street entrance, . . . . .	27 00
		Hamilton street walk, . . . . .	21 53
		Liquor licenses, . . . . .	3 75
		Engine men, . . . . .	2 00
	<u>\$75,161 19</u>		<u>\$75,161 19</u>

F. L. CHAPIN, *Treasurer.*

Southbridge, March 1, 1883.

# Cemetery Committee.

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## CEMETERY IMPROVEMENTS.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1882 . . . . .	\$112 62	
Appropriation at annual meeting . . . . .	350 00	
Plants sold . . . . .	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$472 62

### EXPENDITURES.

Edwin Bacon, labor self and men . . . . .	\$213 08	
Joseph Hodges, plants . . . . .	145 61	
Joseph Williams, lawn mower . . . . .	14 00	
Cummings & Conant, grass, seed, &c. . . . .	7 65	
Ellis & Cook, phosphate . . . . .	5 15	
	<hr/>	\$385 49
Balance to the credit of this account, March 1, 1883, .	\$87 13	

# Library Committee.

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## PUBLIC LIBRARY.

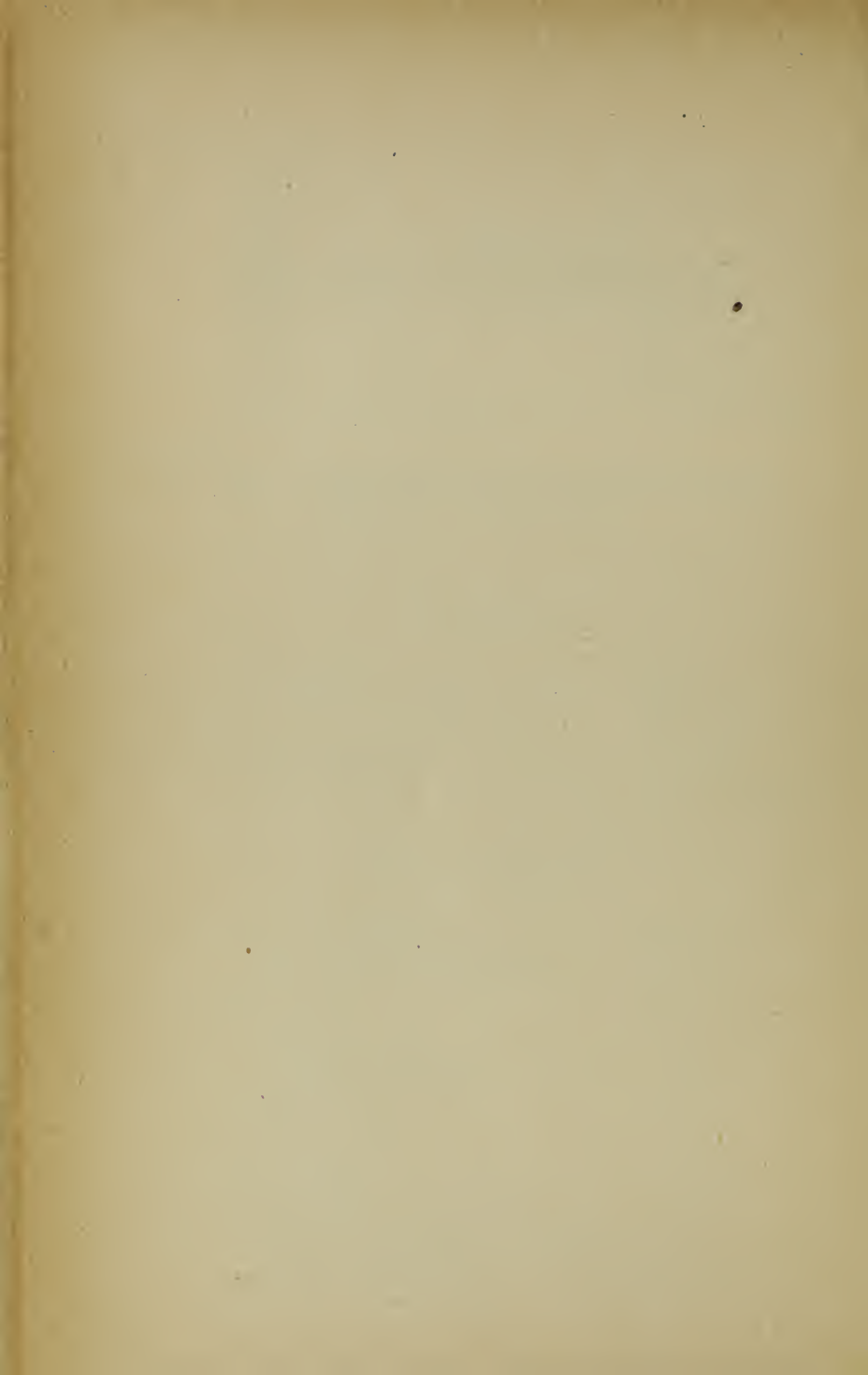
### RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1882 . . . . .	\$85 70
Appropriation at annual meeting . . . . .	1400 00
Dog fund, 1881 . . . . .	284 76
Cards, fines and catalogues . . . . .	57 15
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	\$1,827 61

### EXPENDITURES.

A. J. Comins, salary as librarian . . . . .	\$600 00
care of rooms and expenses . . . . .	166 36
Lee & Shepard, books . . . . .	295 56
Estes & Lauriat, books . . . . .	78 61
Newspapers, periodicals, &c . . . . .	171 21
F. D. Morse & Son, binding books . . . . .	71 92
Mutual Gas Light Co., gas . . . . .	142 40
Southbridge Coal Co., coal . . . . .	54 70
Library bureau, supplies . . . . .	43 84
Rand & McNally, atlas, . . . . .	30 00
N. E. School Furnishing Co., pamphlet cases, . . . . .	20 00
Century Co., back Nos. <i>Scribner</i> and <i>St. Nicholas</i> , 13 00	
Amount carried forward, . . . . .	<hr/> \$1,687 60

Amounts brought forward, . . . . .	\$1,687 60	\$1,827 61
P. M. Clarke, repairs, . . . . .	12 71	
W. P. Plympton, wood, . . . . .	12 50	
McDonnell Bros. History Rebellion, . . . . .	12 00	
American library association, membership fees, . . . . .	6 00	
Thomas Whitaker, stationery, &c, . . . . .	4 30	
C. D. Collet, books, . . . . .	4 14	
Calvin Claffin, repairs, . . . . .	2 69	
G. L. Winter, duster, . . . . .	2 15	
L. Cutler, labor, . . . . .	1 18	
		<u>\$1,745 27</u>
Balance to the credit of this account, March 1, 1883,		\$82 34





# Overseers of the Poor.

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## OUTSIDE POOR.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance, March 1, 1882, . . . . .	\$655 50
Appropriation at Annual Meeting, . . . . .	3,000 00
City of Holyoke, aid to John Brooks, . . . . .	4 75
Town of Millbury, aid to J. Theriaque, . . . . .	38 00
Town of Brookfield, aid to Geo. Walcott, . . . . .	2 00
Town of North Brookfield, aid to M. Castigan, . . . . .	10 00
State Treasurer, temporary support of paupers, . . . . .	36 82
City of Springfield, Marchault, R. R. fare, . . . . .	1 25
R. R. ticket returned, . . . . .	31 85
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	\$3,780 17

### EXPENDITURES.

Worcester Lunatic Hospital,	
Support of Catherine Tynan, . . . . .	191 10
Daniel Smith, . . . . .	183 56
Patk Welch, . . . . .	227 54
Lewis Gomo, . . . . .	186 64
F. E. Scarboro, . . . . .	170 21
E. H. Hill, . . . . .	119 43
Catherine Kenney, . . . . .	138 20
Asylum for Chronic Insane,	
Support Lydia Fiske, . . . . .	173 03
Amounts carried forward, \$1,389 71	
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	\$3,780 17

Amounts brought forward,	\$1,389 71	\$3,780 17
City of Worcester,		
Aid to Thos. Grant, (small pox)	241 39	
Worcester City Hospital,		
Aid to Thos. Grant, . . . . .	17 26	
Frank Sherman, . . . . .	22 00	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts,		
Support Jerry Hogan at Reform		
School, . . . . .	31 00	
Town of Franklin,		
Aid furnished Abbie French,	104 00	
Aid furnished Galen Cook, . .	93 49	
Town of Spencer,		
Aid furnished John Shepard,	36 82	
Goods purchased on Overseers' orders,		
Mrs. Peter Ritchie, . . . . .	203 00	
Jule Cartier, . . . . .	133 64	
Mrs. A. Herber, . . . . .	109 50	
Mrs. Conlon, . . . . .	105 00	
James Brown, . . . . .	104 00	
A. Duplisse, . . . . .	90 00	
Mrs. Felix Ritchie, . . . . .	79 00	
Mrs. A. Largess, . . . . .	78 86	
Mrs. Shea, . . . . .	78 00	
Patrick Gleason, . . . . .	78 00	
Mrs. Philip Cross, . . . . .	69 00	
Thomas J. Gregory, . . . . .	65 00	
John Murphy, . . . . .	48 90	
Alonzo Martin, . . . . .	46 00	
Esther Clark, . . . . .	35 00	
Alex. Lonsway, . . . . .	34 45	
Mary Phalen, . . . . .	31 00	
Francis Varrie, . . . . .	22 00	
Ed Parent, . . . . .	18 00	
Katie Powers, . . . . .	16 00	
John Cassavant, . . . . .	13 25	
Oliver Lapine, . . . . .	12 82	
John Lovely, . . . . .	12 00	
D. McCullom, . . . . .	10 00	
Amounts carried forward,	\$3,428 09	\$3,780 17

Amounts brought forward,	\$3,428 09	\$3,780 17
John Kinney, . . . . .	10 00	
Nancy Hall, . . . . .	10 00	
John Stone, . . . . .	10 00	
Jule Tremblay, . . . . .	9 00	
Feb. Scarboro, . . . . .	9 00	
Noel Montville, . . . . .	8 50	
Andrew Moots, . . . . .	8 00	
Mrs. P. O'Brien, . . . . .	8 00	
Catharine Fitzpatrick, . . . . .	8 00	
Mrs. Hickey, . . . . .	8 00	
Mrs. O'Mara, . . . . .	5 37	
P. E. B. Botham, . . . . .	5 00	
Mrs. Dragon, . . . . .	4 75	
Mrs. Geo. Marble, . . . . .	4 00	
Eugene Vane, . . . . .	3 00	
Marble Vane, . . . . .	3 00	
Michael Grant, . . . . .	3 00	
Geo. Walcott, . . . . .	2 00	
M. Connelly, . . . . .	2 00	
Mrs. Thomas Powers, . . . . .	1 00	
J. Theriaque, aid support son, . . . . .	38 00	
E. B. Cummings, aid support Lucy Cady, . . . . .	17 14	
Joseph Deon, aid support daughter, . . . . .	6 00	
Thomas Potter, feeding tramps, . . . . .	5 80	
W. P. Plimpton, wood to L. C. Albee, . . . . .	4 00	
M. Gilletts, care J. Cartier, . . . . .	7 50	
G. G. Babcock, care Nancy Hall, . . . . .	9 00	
Fanny Waldron, care Nancy Hall, . . . . .	3 00	
Hugh Varner, board P. Shea, . . . . .	1 53	
S. Williams, coffin Nancy Hall, . . . . .	12 00	
Mrs. Stone, . . . . .	7 50	
Mrs. Chasse, . . . . .	7 50	
Mrs. Peloquin, . . . . .	7 50	
W. C. Callahan, coffin, Ed. Parent, . . . . .	7 50	
J. & W. Booth, coffin, Peter Prue, . . . . .	7 50	
P. Benjamin, . . . . .	4 50	
E. Bluke, . . . . .	3 50	
Amounts carried forward,	\$3,699 18	\$3,780 17

Amounts carried forward,	\$3,699 18	\$3,780 17
Oliver Lapine, fare family to Glen Falls,	20 00	
P. Shea, fare to Boston, . . . . .	2 75	
Marchault, fare to Springfield, . . . . .	1 25	
Mrs. Dragon, fare to Douglass, . . . . .	1 00	
J. F. Parker, transportation F. Sherman, . . . . .	5 00	
J. F. Parker, transportation Alex Lonsway, . . . . .	5 00	
E. Letcher, R. R. ticket, Canada, . . . . .	31 85	
C. A. Paige, sundry expenses, care of poor, . . . . .	20 48	
A. H. Barrett, cutting wood, Esther Clark, . . . . .	3 50	
	<u>\$3,790 01</u>	<u>3,780 17</u>
Account overdrawn March 1, 1883, . . . . .		\$9 84
Outstanding bill, W. E. Alden & Co., . . . . .		\$125 26

## SUPPORT OF POOR.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1882, . . . . .	\$737 74	
Appropriation at annual meeting, . . . . .	1,500 00	
Produce sold, . . . . .	409 36	
C. A. Paige, guardian of M. O'Brien, . . . . .	96 00	
	<u></u>	<u>\$2,743 10</u>

### EXPENDITURES.

George F. Northrup, and wife, services March 1, 1882 to March 1, 1883, . . . . .	\$400 00	
Expenses to Worcester for L. Gomo, . . . . .	4 55	
W. P. Guy, grain and groceries, . . . . .	254 18	
Ellis & Cook, groceries, . . . . .	160 03	
Amounts carried forward, . . . . .	<u>\$818 76</u>	<u>\$2,743 10</u>

Amount brought forward, . . . . .	\$818 76	\$2,743 10
P. H. Carpenter & Co., groceries, . . . . .	156 39	
Morse Brothers, groceries, . . . . .	87 45	
M. M. Marble, meat and provisions, . . . . .	178 64	
M. J. Surpeenaut, meat and provisions, . . . . .	8 82	
Andrew Clark, beef, . . . . .	18 02	
George Young, beef, . . . . .	7 88	
Thomas Potter, fish, . . . . .	18 92	
O. B. E. Chipman, crackers, . . . . .	24 98	
Paige & Co., clothing, . . . . .	70 77	
Irwin & Co., dry goods, . . . . .	21 94	
C. V. Carpenter & Co., dry goods, . . . . .	9 04	
White & Co., dry goods, . . . . .	7 91	
Blanchard Bros., dry goods, . . . . .	1 25	
I. Badger, repairing shoes, . . . . .	6 45	
James Burns, labor, . . . . .	90 00	
A. Blanchard, labor, . . . . .	65 00	
G. F. Sayles, labor, . . . . .	18 00	
I. Ryder, labor, . . . . .	15 50	
Marble Vane, labor, . . . . .	8 00	
Eugene Vane, labor, . . . . .	8 00	
James Quinn, labor, . . . . .	6 25	
N. Vinton, butchering, . . . . .	4 00	
N. Vinton, 1 pair steers and yoke, . . . . .	150 00	
J. Williams, phosphate, . . . . .	33 75	
Albert E. Vinton, pigs, . . . . .	12 00	
Hiram Morse, drag plank, . . . . .	2 50	
Amasa Haskell, potatoes, . . . . .	2 00	
S. Williams, coffin, Mrs. Brackett, . . . . .	11 25	
Bridget Foley, . . . . .	10 25	
W. C. Callahan, digging grave, . . . . .	2 00	
G. S. Stone, shoeing, etc, . . . . .	41 03	
G. L. Winter, hardware and tools, . . . . .	21 70	
Conant & Clarke, hardware and tools, . . . . .	28 76	
J. Williams, hardware and tools, . . . . .	21 21	
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber, . . . . .	10 34	
S. Dresser, brick, . . . . .	10 29	
M. Farrell, building chimney, . . . . .	4 75	
J. & W. Booth, glass, . . . . .	72	
Amount carried forward . . . . .	\$2,014 52	\$2,743 10

Amount brought forward, . . . . .	\$2,014 52	\$2,743 10
A. H. Shepard, taking H. Simpson to farm, . . . . .	2 00	
G. C. Shepard & Co., medicine, . . . . .	6 23	
Mrs. G. H. Hartwell, medicine, . . . . .	35	
W. P. Plimpton, grinding, . . . . .	60	
G. G. Bulfinch, M. D. professional services, . . . . .	50 00	
		<u>\$2,073 70</u>
Balance to the credit of this account March 1, 1883,		\$669 40

## TOWN FARM BARN.

### RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at Annual Meeting, . . . . .	\$600 00
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### EXPENDITURES.

J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber, . . . . .	\$176 76	
Charles Ide, lumber, . . . . .	110 49	
Ira C. Bailey, labor, . . . . .	68 50	
William Barrett, labor, . . . . .	51 62	
Samuel Barrett, labor, . . . . .	51 62	
Eph. Nedson, labor, . . . . .	8 00	
William Shelley, labor, . . . . .	4 00	
P. M. Clarke, painting, . . . . .	67 43	
Charles M. Morse, raising barn, . . . . .	50 00	
G. L. Winter, hardware, . . . . .	19 26	
Southbridge Coal Co., lime and cement, . . . . .	17 50	
		<u>\$625 18</u>
Account overdrawn March 1, 1882, . . . . .	\$25 18	

# School Committee.

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## COMMON SCHOOLS.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit, account March 1, 1883, . . .	\$1,156 24	
Transfer from School Committee Account . . .	590 33	
Appropriation at Annual Meeting, . . . . .	6,600 00	
Wood sold, . . . . .	5 50	
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		\$8,352 07

### EXPENDITURES.

#### *Teaching.*

Laura B. Williams, 38 weeks, . . . . .	\$454 00	
Ida M. Douty, 37 weeks, . . . . .	396 00	
Jennie Dillaber, 37 weeks, . . . . .	370 00	
Mary Newell, 36 weeks, . . . . .	338 00	
Mary Remington, 36 weeks, . . . . .	325 50	
Flora B. Allen, 35 weeks, . . . . .	315 00	
Idella Brewster, 35 weeks, . . . . .	315 00	
A. Rebecca Rowley, 35 weeks, . . . . .	315 00	
Mary Pellett, 35 weeks, . . . . .	315 00	
Clara Nichols, 36 weeks, . . . . .	313 00	
S. M. Knight, 34 weeks, . . . . .	306 00	
Lizzie Douty, 36 weeks, . . . . .	300 00	
Susie E. Morse, 24 weeks, . . . . .	288 00	
Hattie Moulton, 35 weeks, . . . . .	280 00	
Alice Holmes, 35 weeks, . . . . .	280 00	
Nellie Douty, 35 weeks, . . . . .	280 00	
Addie Martin, 35 weeks, . . . . .	234 00	
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Amounts brought forward, \$5,424 50		\$8,352 07

Amounts brought forward,	\$5,424 50	\$8,352 07
Emogene Macomber, 24 weeks, . . . . .	200 00	
Mary Clemence, 24 weeks, . . . . .	200 00	
Nellie Walker, 24 weeks, . . . . .	196 00	
Callie E. Haskell, 35 weeks, . . . . .	175 00	
Josie Rice, 11 weeks, . . . . .	99 00	
Nellie Vinton, 11 weeks, . . . . .	99 00	
E. G. Penniman, 12 weeks, . . . . .	96 00	
Fannie Freeman, 11 weeks, . . . . .	93 50	
Jennie E. Chamberlain, 12 weeks, . . . . .	90 00	
	<hr/>	\$6,673 00
Charles Hyde, wood, . . . . .	\$192 00	
Edwards Grain Co., wood, . . . . .	75 60	
Daniel H. Morse, wood, . . . . .	52 31	
Morse Brothers, wood, . . . . .	43 13	
W. S. Weld, wood, . . . . .	35 75	
Mnason Morse, wood, . . . . .	31 00	
Lovell Putney, wood, . . . . .	21 00	
F. E. Vinton, wood, . . . . .	20 25	
Henry Walker, wood, . . . . .	8 38	
C. P. Lawson, wood, . . . . .	7 50	
	<hr/>	\$486 92
Care of rooms and cutting wood,		
Thomas Hayes, . . . . .	\$70 94	
A. H. Barrett, . . . . .	63 91	
John Flood, . . . . .	56 41	
J. M. Geer, . . . . .	40 00	
J. J. Ryan, . . . . .	18 75	
A. B. Corlis, . . . . .	13 00	
W. P. Plimpton, wood and shavings,	15 25	
Jule Gagnon, care of room, . . . . .	9 50	
Hattie Moulton, care of room, . . . . .	8 00	
E. Lewis Ammidown, care of room, . . . . .	8 00	
Chauncy Brown, care of room, . . . . .	7 00	
James Lataile, care of room, . . . . .	5 25	
Nellie Walker, care of room, . . . . .	4 00	
Leon Lamothe, care of room, . . . . .	4 00	
James L. Dodge, care of room, . . . . .	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$328 01
Amounts carried forward, . . . . .	\$7,487 93	\$8,352 07



Amounts brought forward, . . . . .	\$7,487 93	\$8,352 07
W. E. England, drawing teacher, . . . . .	48 40	
Frank Trembly, taking census of school children, . . . . .	15 00	
Joseph Prue, kindlings, . . . . .	3 00	
Peter Gilbert, kindlings, . . . . .	1 00	
G. M. Whitaker, schedules and telegram, . . . . .	1 89	
		<u>\$7,557 22</u>
Balance to credit this account March 1, 1883, . . . . .		\$794 85

## CONTINGENT SCHOOLS.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit account, March 1, 1882, . . . . .	\$56 49	
Appropriation, Annual Meeting, . . . . .	1,200 00	
Books sold, . . . . .	85 20	
		<u>\$1,341 69</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

Lee & Shepard, school books, . . . . .	\$50 10	
W. Ware & Co., school books, . . . . .	43 40	
Prang Educational Co., school books, . . . . .	40 95	
Cowperthwaite & Co., school books, . . . . .	29 16	
Boston School Supply Co., school books, . . . . .	17 46	
Knight, Adams & Co., school books, . . . . .	12 42	
Taintor Bros. Merrill & Co, school books, . . . . .	11 45	
Clark & Maynard, school books, . . . . .	10 12	
A. S. Barnes & Co., school books, . . . . .	7 20	
Iverson, Blakeman, Taylor & Co., school books, . . . . .	1 30	
		<u>\$223 56</u>
J. & W. Booth, painting, . . . . .	220 81	
A. A. Butterworth, repairs on school houses and fence, . . . . .	173 19	
Amounts carried forward, . . . . .	\$617 56	\$1,341 69

Amounts brought forward, . . . .	\$617 56	\$1,341 69
Boston School Supply Co., erasers, slating and charts, . . . . .	85 20	
P. M. Clarke, painting and setting glass, . . . .	43 81	
New England School Furnishing Co., balance of bill, 1879, . . . . .	32 60	
Thomas Whitaker, rank book and stationery, . . . .	27 50	
C. H. Bigelow, stationery and crayons, . . . . .	24 44	
George S. Truesdell, one desk, . . . . .	23 00	
Pulsifer, Jordan & Wilson, stationery, . . . . .	20 28	
Hartwell Hobbs, labor and lumber, . . . . .	19 71	
George L. Winter, labor and tin for roof, . . . .	17 15	
L. Cutler, labor and lumber, . . . . .	16 63	
William C. Barnes, books and stationery; . . . .	14 58	
Duffy & Lewis, supplies, . . . . .	14 55	
Conant & Clarke, supplies, . . . . .	13 97	
William Powers, labor, . . . . .	12 70	
Eagan & Farland, painting, . . . . .	10 82	
Samuel Williams, chairs and curtains, . . . . .	10 56	
Thomas Hayes, banking and cleaning school house, . . . .	9 50	
J. J. Oakes, carting seats, etc, . . . . .	9 35	
Calvin Claffin, labor, . . . . .	7 75	
Morse Brothers, brooms, etc, . . . . .	7 75	
Charles Morse, repairs, . . . . .	6 50	
J. M. Geer, setting glass, . . . . .	4 60	
William H. Jacobs, repairs, . . . . .	4 50	
Mrs. Baldwin Vinton, cleaning rooms, . . . . .	4 00	
D. Chamberlin, labor repairs, . . . . .	3 75	
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, sash, . . . . .	3 40	
J. A. King, stationery, . . . . .	3 44	
P. H. Carpenter & Co., brooms and duster, . . . .	3 36	
Mrs. J. Cooper, cleaning rooms, . . . . .	3 00	
A. H. Barrett, cleaning rooms, . . . . .	3 00	
P. M. Clarke, services as Truant Officer, . . . .	3 00	
Azel Thompson, benches, . . . . .	2 53	
J. T. McKinstry, setting glass, . . . . .	2 40	
W. J. Keith, crayons, etc, . . . . .	2 10	
Mrs. J. Stone, cleaning rooms, . . . . .	2 00	
Mrs. J. Burke, cleaning rooms, . . . . .	1 75	
Amounts carried forward, . . . .	\$1,092 74	\$1,341 69

Amounts brought forward, . . . . .	\$1,092 74	\$1,341 69
D. M. Chamberlin, labor, . . . . .	1 50	
S. Haywood, postage stamps, etc, . . . . .	1 20	
Edwin Penniman, setting glass, . . . . .	91	
Joseph Williams, supplies, . . . . .	85	
H. J. Conant, glass, . . . . .	72	
Ezra Putney, fitting keys, . . . . .	50	
Arthur Harwood, repairs, . . . . .	35	
		<u>\$1,098 77</u>
Balance to credit this account March 1, 1883, . . .		\$242 92

## HIGH SCHOOL.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit account, March 1, 1882, . . . . .	\$78 29	
Appropriation at Annual Meeting, . . . . .	<u>1,600 00</u>	
		\$1,678 29

### EXPENDITURES.

F. M. Smith, services as teacher, . . . . .	\$1,000 00	
Mary E. Silverthorn, services as teacher, . . . . .	560 00	
A. H. Barrett, care of room and cutting wood, . . . . .	29 25	
J. M. Geer, care of room and cutting wood, . . . . .	18 00	
S. Dresser, rent of hall for graduating exercises, . . . . .	27 50	
G. M. Whitaker, programmes for graduation exercises, . . . . .	9 50	
Edwards Grain Co., wood, . . . . .	20 00	
Morse Brothers, wood, . . . . .	15 75	
Daniel Morse, wood, . . . . .	7 31	
J. A. King, stationery, . . . . .	5 49	
William C. Barnes, stationery, . . . . .	3 02	
Samuel Williams, furniture, . . . . .	1 85	
P. M. Clark, setting glass, . . . . .	50	
		<u>\$1,698 17</u>
Account overdrawn March 1, 1883, . . . . .	\$19 88	

## SCHOOL APPARATUS.

## RECEIPTS.

Transfer from School Committee account, . . . . .	\$196 77
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## EXPENDITURES.

Balance against account March 1, 1882, . . . . .	\$10 92
Ruth C. Thompson, analysis of Zell's Encyclopedia, 2 50	
S. Hayward, maps, . . . . .	12 85
J. J. Oakes, globe, . . . . .	4 00
Boston School Supply Co., charts, . . . . .	3 50
	<u>333 77</u>
Balance to credit account March 1, 1883, . . . . .	\$163 00

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit account March 1, 1882, . . . . .	\$787 10
State School Fund 1882, . . . . .	238 63
	<u>1,025 73</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

Transfer to Common Schools, . . . . .	\$590 33
Transfer to School Apparatus, . . . . .	196 77
	<u>787 10</u>
Balance to credit account March 1, 1883, . . . . .	\$238 63

# SELECTMEN.

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## BRIDGES.\*

### RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at Annual Meeting, . . . . .	\$150 00	
Old plank sold, . . . . .	10 00	
		<u>\$160 00</u>

### EXPENDITURES.

Amount overdrawn March 1, 1882, . . . . .	\$8 76	
S. T. Cutting, plank, . . . . .	161 08	
Edwards Grain Co., plank, . . . . .	145 84	
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, plank, . . . . .	8 98	
Hamilton Woolen Co., labor and materials, . . . . .	27 56	
D. Chamberlin, labor and materials, . . . . .	26 59	
D. M. Chamberlin, labor, . . . . .	16 87	
A. H. Shepard, labor, . . . . .	9 88	
S. T. Cutting, labor, . . . . .	4 50	
T. & J. H. Sanders, labor, . . . . .	3 70	
Conant & Clarke, nails, . . . . .	4 00	
Duffey & Lewis, nails, . . . . .	3 25	
J. Williams, nails, . . . . .	45	
		<u>\$121 46</u>
Account overdrawn March 1, 1883. . . . .	\$261 46	

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\* See Remarks at end of Auditors' Report.

## COLUMBIAN ROAD.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance, March 1, 1882, . . . . .	\$14 44	
Appropriation at Annual Meeting, . . . . .	400 00	
		\$414 44

## EXPENDITURES.

A. H. Shepard, labor, men and teams, . . . . .	\$493 24
Account overdrawn March 1, 1883, . . . . .	\$78 80

## CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at Annual Meeting . . . . .	\$700 00	
Appropriation account, small pox expenses, . . . . .	3,500 00	
Received from City of Worcester, account Geer family, . . . . .	527 65	
		\$4,727 65

## EXPENDITURES.

Account overdrawn March 1, 1882, . . . . .	\$2,727 70	
Morse family, rent of pest house, . . . . .	325 00	
Joe Green, balance services in small pox cases, . . . . .	25 00	
Alex Bebo, digging graves, for " . . . . .	1 50	
J. M. Almy, injury on sidewalk, . . . . .	125 00	
Mrs. M. Murphy, injury on sidewalk, . . . . .	110 00	
Mrs. Casey, injury on sidewalk, . . . . .	35 00	
W. D. Hayer, damage to carriage, . . . . .	10 00	
Amasa H. Morse, damage to harness, . . . . .	8 50	
G. S. Stone, repairing Clark's carriage, . . . . .	6 00	
L. W. Curtis, damage to sled, . . . . .	2 75	
H. W. Bacon, examining Edwards horse damages, . . . . .	1 50	
Amounts carried forward, . . . . .	\$3,377 95	\$4,727 65

Amounts brought forward, . . . . .	\$3,377 95	\$4,727 65
S. C. Heald, sewer plan and report, . . . . .	91 00	
A. J. Bartholomew, three years retainer fees to date, . . . . .	75 00	
A. J. Bartholomew, services in Central Mill Co. case, . . . . .	50 00	
W. C. Callahan, conducting funerals, . . . . .	48 00	
S. Williams, conducting funerals, . . . . .	40 00	
Jacob Booth, conducting funerals, . . . . .	11 00	
Edwin Bacon, rent of barn and storing hearse, . . . . .	54 00	
Conant & Clarke, setting drinking fountain, . . . . .	40 15	
P. M. Clarke, painting drinking fountain, . . . . .	5 00	
painting safe, . . . . .	5 00	
painting town clock, etc, . . . . .	31 28	
painting police station, . . . . .	25 00	
painting lamp posts, . . . . .	11 23	
J. & W. Booth, painting lamp posts, . . . . .	28 70	
Mutual Gas Light Co. setting lamp posts, . . . . .	23 20	
gas for town hall, . . . . .	80	
A. H. Barrett, labor repairing lamp posts, . . . . .	4 50	
F. O. Letcher, repairing water trough, . . . . .	13 37	
Duffey & Lewis, repairing water trough, . . . . .	15 32	
A. H. Shepard, repairs globe spring, . . . . .	10 32	
D. Chamberlin, covering globe spring, . . . . .	5 75	
Edwards Grain Co., cement for water tub, . . . . .	4 00	
Michael Breen, police duty, . . . . .	25 25	
A. S. Buell, police duty, . . . . .	4 00	
Asa M. Morse, police duty, . . . . .	3 00	
Edwin Bacon, returning deaths, . . . . .	19 50	
W. C. Callahan, returning deaths, . . . . .	16 75	
Thomas Whitaker, engineer's record, . . . . .	18 00	
Sylvester Dresser, service building committee, . . . . .	15 00	
Southbridge Water Supply Co., water for drink- ing fountain, . . . . .	12 50	
G. O. Benson, collecting show licenses, . . . . .	10 00	
A. H. Shepard, sprinkling street, . . . . .	10 00	
F. & J. H. Sanders, expense moving safe, . . . . .	9 50	
P. M. Clarke, officers' fees, . . . . .	9 25	
H. A. Morse, express, etc., from March 1881, . . . . .	9 09	
Amounts carried forward, . . . . .	\$4,132 41	\$4,727 65

Amounts brought forward, . . . . .	\$4,132 41	\$4,727 65
Thos. Sanders, expenses selectmen to Hopkinton, . . . . .	7 71	
Thomas Sanders, expenses to Boston, . . . . .	5 00	
P. H. Carpenter & Co., stamps and stationery, . . . . .	5 88	
broom, . . . . .	35	
A. H. Shepard, labor at fire, Vinton lot, . . . . .	5 94	
repairing wall near Shuttle shop, . . . . .	3 25	
setting signs, . . . . .	1 00	
Conant & Clarke, carting stone, . . . . .	3 50	
J. F. Parker, teams, . . . . .	3 50	
C. L. Creedon, M. D., professional services, . . . . .	3 00	
J. A. King, stationery, . . . . .	1 73	
Rockwell & Churchill, license blanks, . . . . .	2 00	
Ellis & Cook, collector's book, . . . . .	1 00	
L. E. Ferry, team, . . . . .	1 00	
S. T. Cutting, timber for guide post, . . . . .	66	
		<u>\$4,177 93</u>
Balance to the credit of this account, March 1, 1883,		\$549 72

## CHAPIN STREET.

### RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at Annual Meeting, . . . . .	\$150 00	
Gravel and stone sold, . . . . .	29 46	
		<u>\$179 46</u>

### EXPENDITURES.

A. H. Shepard, labor men and teams, . . . . .	\$150 41	
Balance to the credit of this account, March 1, 1883,	\$29 05	

## DECORATION DAY.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance, March 1, 1882, . . . . .	\$13 21	
Appropriation at Annual Meeting, . . . . .	60 00	
		<u>\$73 21</u>



## EXPENDITURES.

Services speaker, music, etc, . . . . .	\$84 32
Account overdrawn March 1, 1883, . . . .	\$11 11

## DRINKING FOUNTAIN.\*

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at Annual Meeting, . . . . .	\$100 00
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## EXPENDITURES.

Conant & Clarke, fountain and setting, . . . . .	\$275 00
Account overdrawn March 1, 1883, . . . .	\$175 00

## ENGINE MEN.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1882, . . . . .	\$42 00	
Appropriation at Annual Meeting, . . . . .	1,350 00	
		\$1,392 00

## EXPENDITURES.

Steamer company No. 1, . . . . .	\$445 00	
Steamer company No. 2, . . . . .	445 00	
Hook & Ladder company No. 1, . . . . .	150 00	
Hook & Ladder company No. 2, . . . . .	150 00	
Chief engineer, . . . . .	100 00	
Four assistant engineers at \$25.00 each, . . . .	100 00	
		\$1,390 00
Balance to the credit of this account, March 1, 1883,		\$2 00

\* See Remarks at end of Auditor's Report.

## EVERETT STREET SIDEWALK.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at Annual Meeting, . . . . .	\$250 00	
Assessment Estate John Edwards, . . . . .	254 12	
W. D. Morse, . . . . .	52 19	
C. H. Hanson, . . . . .	43 49	
Asa M. Morse, . . . . .	46 60	
F. M. Vinton, . . . . .	56 28	
S. Dresser, . . . . .	42 21	
Mrs. H. A. Smith, . . . . .	49 25	
		<u>\$794 14</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

Account overdrawn, March 1, 1882, . . . . .	\$459 85	
A. H. Shepard, labor men and teams, . . . . .	131 94	
Lamson & Woodbury, curbing, . . . . .	98 54	
O. E. Smith, concreting, . . . . .	65 00	
		<u>\$755 33</u>
Balance to the credit of this account March 1, 1883, . . . . .		\$38 81

## EDWARDS STREET SIDEWALK.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at Annual Meeting, . . . . .	\$800 00	
Assessment Estate L. Litchfield, . . . . .	89 96	
C. L. Dean, . . . . .	85 62	
J. D. Green, . . . . .	47 46	
G. G. Bulfinch, . . . . .	46 53	
		<u>\$1,069 57</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

A. H. Shepard, labor men and teams, . . . . .	\$203 34	
Lamson & Woodbury, curbing, . . . . .	203 21	
O. E. Smith, concreting, . . . . .	116 28	
S. Dresser, gravel, . . . . .	16 30	
		<u>\$539 13</u>
Balance to the credit of this account, March 1, 1883, . . . . .		\$530 44

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1882, . . . . .	\$401 90	
Appropriation at Annual Meeting, . . . . .	800 00	
		<u>\$1,201 90</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

N. Y. Belting & Packing Co, hose, . . . . .	\$407 80	
Telephone Exchange, use of telephones, . . . . .	83 90	
J. F. Parker, use of horses, . . . . .	78 00	
Hamilton Woolen Co., use of horses, . . . . .	54 00	
repairing ladder, etc, . . . . .	4 65	
supplies, . . . . .	3 20	
A. H. Shepard, use of horses, . . . . .	53 00	
E. S. Ellis, coal, . . . . .	46 99	
P. M. Clarke, Painting engine house, . . . . .	40 75	
J. Williams, supplies, . . . . .	13 45	
Duffy & Lewis, supplies, . . . . .	12 68	
Edward Burr, repairing hose, . . . . .	11 65	
A. Deslauriers, labor on engine house, . . . . .	11 23	
L. E. Ferry, . . . . .	10 50	
J. S. Gleason, supplies, . . . . .	9 23	
L. Cutler, labor, . . . . .	8 74	
J. T. McKinstry, painting, . . . . .	8 00	
G. K. Dresser, storing "Melville" engine, . . . . .	8 00	
A. H. Barrett, shoveling snow from man holes, . . . . .	5 00	
Calvin Claffin, repairing ladder, . . . . .	3 50	
A. S. Buell, watching fire, . . . . .	3 00	
B. W. Paton, sponge, etc. . . . .	1 85	
J. & W. Booth, supplies, . . . . .	1 75	
D. Chamberlin, labor, . . . . .	1 50	
Geo. S. Stone, repairs, . . . . .	1 35	
Mrs. G. H. Hartwell, chemicals, . . . . .	64	
D. M. Chamberlin, labor, . . . . .	50	
Outstanding orders March 1, 1882, . . . . .	4 30	
		<u>\$889 16</u>
Balance to the credit of this account, March 1, 1883, . . . . .	\$312 74	

## HAMILTON STREET SIDEWALK.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1882, . . . . .	\$44 27	
Appropriation at Annual Meeting, . . . . .	550 00	
		<u>\$594 27</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

Lamson & Woodbury, curbing, . . . . .	\$254 95	
A. H. Shepard, labor men and teams, . . . . .	153 91	
O. E. Smith, concreting . . . . .	81 10	
Hamilton Woolen Co., brimstone, paint, etc. . . . .	38 18	
J. P. Mason, iron for railing, . . . . .	27 23	
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber, . . . . .	15 87	
S. Dresser, gravel, . . . . .	1 50	
		<u>\$572 74</u>
Balance to the credit of this account, March 1, 1883,	\$21 53	

## HIGHWAYS.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at Annual Meeting, . . . . .	\$3,500 00	
Transfer from unappropriated funds, . . . . .	344 66	
Transfer balance account, Sayles street, . . . . .	5 84	
		<u>\$3,850 50</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

Account overdrawn, March 1, 1882, . . . . .	\$334 66	
A. H. Shepard, labor men and teams, . . . . .	2,212 48	
S. Dresser, gravel, . . . . .	77 20	
Estate John Edwards, gravel, . . . . .	50 80	
L. W. Curtis, gravel, . . . . .	16 40	
Lamson & Woodbury, flagging, . . . . .	47 00	
Amounts carried forward, . . . . .	\$2,738 54	<u>\$3,850 50</u>

Amounts brought forward, . . . . .	\$2,738 54	\$3,850 50
Geo. S. Stone, repairing tools, . . . . .	53 35	
T. & J. H. Sanders, repairing tools, . . . . .	8 25	
A. Fortier, repairing tools, . . . . .	3 22	
Harrison Harwood, work on roads, . . . . .	40 00	
L. A. Lyon, work on roads, . . . . .	25 75	
Amasa Haskell, work on roads, . . . . .	20 00	
Edwin Bacon, work on roads, . . . . .	8 25	
Verney Fiske, work on roads, . . . . .	7 00	
Henry Wells, work on roads, . . . . .	5 00	
W. H. H. Cheney, work on roads, . . . . .	3 00	
Conant & Clarke, tools, . . . . .	45 60	
Joseph Williams, tools, . . . . .	16 94	
Duffy & Lewis, tools, . . . . .	2 30	
Geo. L. Winters, tools, . . . . .	90	
P. H. Carpenter & Co., powder, fuse and salt, . . . . .	11 13	
Geo. Wight, drag plank, . . . . .	5 00	
A. H. Wheeler, paid for cleaning crossings, . . . . .	1 59	
D. Whitford, shoveling snow, . . . . .	10 89	
F. J. Clark, shoveling snow, . . . . .	9 50	
Amasa Haskell, shoveling snow, . . . . .	3 45	
Truman Chamberlin, shoveling snow, . . . . .	3 27	
W. P. Morse, shoveling snow, . . . . .	3 00	
F. E. Vinton, shoveling snow, . . . . .	2 75	
F. A. Fisher, shoveling snow, . . . . .	1 95	
W. F. Ide, shoveling snow, . . . . .	1 35	
Geo. Lyon, shoveling snow, . . . . .	62	
		<u>\$3,032 60</u>
Balance to credit of this account, March 1, 1883, . . . . .		\$817 90

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## INSURANCE.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1882, . . . . .	\$7 37
Appropriation at Annual Meeting, . . . . .	200 00

\$207 37

## EXPENDITURES.

E. M. Phillips, Alms-house, . . . . .	\$94 12	
Union street school house, . . . . .	50 00	
Books in public library, . . . . .	40 00	
Public library building, . . . . .	30 00	
Sunner schoolhouse, . . . . .	9 00	
		<u>\$223 12</u>
Account overdrawn, March 1, 1883, . . . . .	\$15 75	

## INTEREST.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1882, . . . . .	\$282 42	
Appropriation at Annual Meeting, . . . . .	1,000 00	
Premium on Lucy Stowe note, . . . . .	50 00	
		<u>\$1,332 42</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

Interest on Brown, Riley & Co. note . . . . .	\$375 00	
Lucy Stowe note, . . . . .	200 00	
money borrowed in anticipation of taxes, . . . . .	329 14	
		<u>\$904 14</u>
Balance to credit of this account, March 1, 1883, . . . . .	\$428 28	

## LAMP POSTS.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at Annual Meeting, . . . . .	\$75 00
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## EXPENDITURES.

U. S. Street Lighting Co., five posts and lanterns, . . . . .	\$75 00
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## MAIN STREET SIDEWALK, (EAST.)

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at Annual Meeting, . . . . .	\$1,200 00	
Assessment Wm. Edwards, . . . . .	238 33	
Mrs. H. Ammidown, . . . . .	189 91	
E. Edmonds, . . . . .	37 08	
Mrs. R. H. Cole, . . . . .	19 05	
N. Y. & N. E. R. R. Co., . . . . .	11 74	
Wm. Freeman, . . . . .	9 20	
		<u>\$1,705 31</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

A. H. Shepard, labor men and teams, . . . . .	\$486 52	
O. E. Smith, concreting, . . . . .	392 26	
Lamson & Woodbury, curbing, . . . . .	247 08	
Geo. A. Dresser, labor, . . . . .	3 50	
		<u>\$1,129 36</u>
Balance to the credit of this account, March 1, 1883,	\$575 95	

## MAIN STREET SIDEWALK (WEST).

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriation, at Annual Meeting, . . . . .	\$550 00
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## EXPENDITURES.

A. H. Shepard, labor men and teams, . . . . .	\$362 89	
Lamson & Woodbury, curbing, . . . . .	114 19	
O. E. Smith, concreting, . . . . .	50 16	
Hamilton Woolen Co., labor and materials, . . . . .	16 70	
S. Dresser, gravel, . . . . .	8 20	
		<u>\$552 14</u>
Account overdrawn March 1, 1883, . . . . .	\$2 14	

## MAIN AND PLEASANT STREET SIDEWALKS.

## RECEIPTS.

Assessment from L. W. Curtis, . . . . .	\$74 86
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## EXPENDITURES.

Account overdrawn March 1, 1882, . . . . .	\$24 72
Balance to the credit of this account March 1, 1883,	<u>\$50 14</u>

## POLICE STATION.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1882 . . . . .	\$56 58	
Appropriation at Annual Meeting, . . . . .	200 00	
Lockup fees, . . . . .	<u>15 50</u>	
		\$272 08

## EXPENDITURES.

Thos. Potter, care of station, . . . . .	\$85 50	
wood, . . . . .	6 37	
painting and whitewashing, . . . . .	5 00	
repairs, . . . . .	1 90	
Edwards Grain Co., coal, . . . . .	17 75	
Geo. L. Winters, stove, . . . . .	17 48	
W. P. Plimpton, wood, . . . . .	9 75	
Mutual Gas Light Co., gas, . . . . .	9 00	
P. M. Clarke, setting glass, . . . . .	3 50	
A. H. Shepard, wood, . . . . .	3 00	
N. E. Putney, repairing locks, . . . . .	3 00	
M. Farrell, labor repairing, . . . . .	1 25	
Conant & Clarke, lime . . . . .	67	
Outstanding order, March 1, 1882 . . . . .	<u>4 58</u>	
		\$168 75
Balance to the credit of this account, March 1, 1883,		<u>\$103 33</u>



## PRINTING.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1882, . . . . .	\$92 14	
Appropriation at Annual Meeting, . . . . .	<u>\$350 00</u>	
		\$442 14

## EXPENDITURES.

G. M. Whitaker, town reports, . . . . .	\$168 36	
warrants, etc. . . . .	33 86	
advertising, . . . . .	12 68	
posters, . . . . .	4 50	
certificates, etc. . . . .	6 75	
Thos. Whitaker, posters, . . . . .	4 50	
orders, . . . . .	3 00	
billheads, . . . . .	3 65	
assessors' notices, . . . . .	1 75	
W. W. Corbin, posters, . . . . .	<u>1 25</u>	
		\$240 30
Balance to credit of this account, March 1, 1883, . . . . .		<u>\$201 84</u>

## PAYMENT OF DEBTS.

## RECEIPTS.

Transfer from unappropriated funds, . . . . .	\$5,000 00
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## EXPENDITURES.

Note, Brown, Riley & Co., . . . . .	\$5,000 00
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## RAILING HIGHWAYS.\*

## RECEIPTS.

Balance, March 1, 1882, . . . . .	\$27 43	
Appropriation at Annual Meeting, . . . . .	100 00	
		<u>\$127 43</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber, . . . . .	\$52 31	
J. T. McKinstry, painting, . . . . .	27 00	
Geo. S. Stone, iron rods, . . . . .	22 92	
P. M. Clarke, painting, . . . . .	15 41	
L. Cutler, labor, . . . . .	12 20	
A. H. Shepard, labor, . . . . .	11 05	
N. Lemoine, labor on rods, . . . . .	6 00	
N. Y. & N. E. R. R. Co., freight, . . . . .	67	
P. H. Carpenter & Co., brimstone, . . . . .	66	
		<u>\$148 22</u>
Account overdrawn March 1, 1883, . . . . .	\$20 79	

## SALARIES.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance, March 1, 1882, . . . . .	\$307 26	
Appropriation at Annual Meeting, . . . . .	1,850 00	
State Treasurer, assessing and collecting bank tax, . . . . .	20 34	
		<u>\$2,177 60</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

Outstanding order, March 1, 1882, . . . . .	\$28 75	
G. M. Whitaker, services School Committee, . . . . .	160 00	
Rev. S. Hayward, services School Committee, . . . . .	127 25	
		<u>\$316 00</u>
Amounts carried forward, . . . . .	\$316 00	\$2,177 60

\* See Remarks at end of Auditors' Report.

Amounts brought forward, . . . . .	\$316 00	\$2,177 60
J. J. Oakes, services School Committee, . . . . .	71 88	
E. M. Phillips, services School Committee, . . . . .	35 00	
Rev. B. V. Stevenson, services School Committee, . . . . .	23 75	
Augustus Cook, services as Assessor, . . . . .	112 00	
C. W. Weld, services as Assessor, . . . . .	53 57	
G. A. Cheney, services as Assessor, . . . . .	45 45	
Board of Selectmen, to Mar. 1, 1883, . . . . .	200 00	
Board of Overseers of the Poor, to Mar. 1, 1883, . . . . .	200 00	
Board of Auditors, to Mar. 1, 1883, . . . . .	54 50	
making Town Report, 1882, . . . . .	23 00	
H. A. Morse, services as Town Clerk, . . . . .	32 50	
collecting returns, . . . . .	131 35	
F. L. Chapin, services Town Treasurer to Mar. 1, 1883, . . . . .	150 00	
Joel W. Marble, sealer weights and measures, . . . . .	10 00	
care town clock, . . . . .	20 00	
Geo. B. Corey, care town hall, . . . . .	10 00	
		<u>\$1,489 00</u>
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1883, . . . . .		\$688 60

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## SIDEWALKS.\*

### RECEIPTS.

Balance, March 1, 1882, . . . . .	\$242 67	
Appropriation at Annual Meeting, . . . . .	700 00	
Transfer from Crane Street, . . . . .	59 91	
		<u>\$1,002 58</u>

### EXPENDITURES.

Transfer to Main Street walk to close account, . . . . .	10 58	
Outstanding order, March 1, 1882, . . . . .	5 25	
A. H. Shepard, labor men and teams, . . . . .	340 25	
Lamson & Woodbury, curbing, . . . . .	246 38	
Amounts carried forward, . . . . .	\$602 46	\$1,002 58

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\* See Remarks at end of Auditors' Report.

Amounts brought forward, . . . . .	\$602 46	\$1,002 58
O. E. Smith, concreting, . . . . .	95 20	
Calvin Claffin, labor repairing walk, . . . . .	63 80	
Est. John Edwards, gravel, . . . . .	38 50	
Verney Fiske, labor repairing walk, . . . . .	26 50	
Conant & Clarke, curbing, . . . . .	25 08	
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber for repairs, . . . . .	23 23	
S. Dresser, brick, . . . . .	23 00	
gravel, . . . . .	11 30	
J. J. Oakes, turf for Everett street walk, . . . . .	19 12	
Verney Fiske, labor turfing Everett street walk, . . . . .	8 75	
Hamilton Woolen Co., plank, nails and sand, . . . . .	6 16	
Oliver Cantara, repairing Elm street walk, . . . . .	5 62	
Duffy & Lewis, nails, . . . . .	2 30	
Geo. A. Dresser, labor, . . . . .	2 12	
D. Chamberlin, labor, . . . . .	1 50	
Jos. Williams, nails, . . . . .	1 37	

#### MAIN STREET WALK REPAIRS.

S. Dresser, brick, . . . . .	150 00	
Verney Fiske, labor, . . . . .	14 50	
Calvin Claffin, labor, . . . . .	21 00	
A. H. Shepard, labor, . . . . .	10 66	
		\$1,152 17
Account overdrawn March 1, 1883, . . . . .	\$149 59	

### STREET LIGHTS.\*

#### RECEIPTS.

Balance, March 1, 1882, . . . . .	\$206 16	
Appropriation at Annual Meeting . . . . .	1,300 00	
		\$1,506 16

\* See Remarks at end of Auditors' Report.

## EXPENDITURES.

Outstanding order, March 1, 1882, . . . . .	\$ 50	
U. S. Street Lighting Co., lighting lamps, . . .	703 37	
Mut. Gas Light Co., gas, . . . . .	484 50	
A. H. Barrett, lighting lamps, . . . . .	146 99	
Globe Gas Lighting Co., . . . . .	147 58	
A. H. Watkins, gasoline, . . . . .	31 75	
P. M. Clarke, setting glass, . . . . .	25 40	
M. Dillaber, freight, . . . . .	6 38	
Thos. Sanders, freight and expenses, . . . . .	4 85	
J. T. McKinstry, painting and setting glass, . .	4 00	
J. Williams, repairs, . . . . .	2 50	
A. H. Shepard, carting lamp posts, . . . . .	2 00	
J. & W. Booth, supplies, . . . . .	1 70	
Conant & Clarke, repairs, . . . . .	1 30	
G. S. Stone, repairs, . . . . .	1 25	
Duffy & Lewis, repairs, . . . . .	75	
P. H. Carpenter & Co., matches, . . . . .	55	
		\$1,565 37
Account overdrawn, March 1, 1883, . . . . .	\$59 21	

## SOUTH STREET.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance, March 1, 1882, . . . . .	\$185 13	
Appropriation at Annual Meeting, . . . . .	65 00	
		\$250 13

## EXPENDITURES.

A. H. Shepard, labor, men and teams, . . . . .	\$108 70
Balance to the credit of this account, March 1, 1883,	\$141 43

## STATE AID.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance, March 1, 1882. . . . .	\$233 31	
Appropriation at Annual Meeting, . . . . .	<u>276 00</u>	
		\$509 31

## EXPENDITURES.

Outstanding order, March 1, 1882. . . . .	\$8 00	
Thos. Welch, . . . . .	66 00	
Julia Seymour, . . . . .	44 00	
Patrick Gleason, . . . . .	44 00	
Geo. W. Morse, . . . . .	24 00	
Francis McGuire, . . . . .	12 00	
Anthony Deon, . . . . .	<u>9 00</u>	
		\$207 00
Balance to credit of this account, March 1, 1883, . . . . .		\$302 31

## WOODSTOCK ROAD, (SLOUGH HILL.)

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at Annual Meeting, . . . . .	\$350 00
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## EXPENDITURES.

A. H. Shepard, labor men and teams, . . . . .	\$78 50
Balance to credit of this account, March 1, 1883 . . . . .	<u>\$271 50</u>

# VALUATIONS.

## VALUATIONS OF THE TOWN FOR 1882.

Valuation of Real Estate, . . . . .	\$2,167,529 00
Personal Estate, . . . . .	900,146 50
Total Valuation, . . . . .	<u>\$3,067,675 50</u>
Gain on Real Estate, . . . . .	\$59,749 00
Personal Estate, . . . . .	24,370 00
Total Gain, . . . . .	<u>\$84,119 00</u>
Total tax, State, County and Town, . . . . .	\$50,484 00
Rate of taxation per \$1000 . . . . .	15 50
Total number of polls, . . . . .	1,474
horses, . . . . .	459
cows, . . . . .	511
sheep, . . . . .	76
dwelling houses, . . . . .	727
acres of land, . . . . .	12,300

## VALUATION OF CENTER WATCH DISTRICT.

Value of Real Estate, . . . . .	\$794,695 00
Personal Estate, . . . . .	332,129 00
Total Valuation, . . . . .	<u>\$1,126,824 00</u>
Gain in Valuation over 1881, . . . . .	\$86,482 00
Amount raised by taxation, . . . . .	\$700 00
Rate of taxation per \$1000, . . . . .	65c

# Tabular Statement.

Accounts.	Appropriations and receipts.	Expenditures.	Unexpended.	Deficiency, paid and unpaid.	Outstanding.	Appropriation recommended.
Abatement of Taxes, . . . . .	\$2,002 18	\$1,099 59	\$902 59			\$1,000
Bridges, . . . . .	169 54	431 00		\$261 46		100
Do., voted Aug. 26, 82, . . . . .						300
Cemetery Improvements, . . . . .	472 62	385 49	87 13			350
Chapin Street, . . . . .	179 46	150 41	29 05			
Columbian Road, . . . . .	414 44	493 24		78 80		200
Common Schools, . . . . .	8,352 07	7,557 22	794 85			7,500
Contingent account Schools, . . . . .	1,341 69	1,098 77	242 92			1,000
Contingent Expenses, . . . . .	4,727 65	4,177 93	549 72			300
Debts, payment of . . . . .						1,000
Decoration Day, . . . . .	73 21	84 32		11 11		90
Discount on Taxes, . . . . .	5,044 90	4,850 05	194 85			5,000
Drinking Fountain, . . . . .	100 00	275 00		175 00		
Do., voted Aug. 26, 82, . . . . .						175
Engine men, . . . . .	1,392 00	1,390 00	2 00			1,400
Fire Department, . . . . .	1,201 90	889 16	312 74			800
High School, . . . . .	1,678 29	1,698 17		19 88		2,000
Highways, . . . . .	3,540 39	2,722 49	817 90			2,500
Insurance, . . . . .	207 37	223 12		15 75		150
Interest, . . . . .	1,332 42	904 14	428 28			500
Lamp posts, . . . . .	75 00	75 00				
Outside Poor, . . . . .	3,780 17	3,790 01		9 84	126 25	3,500
Police Station, . . . . .	272 08	168 75	103 33			100
Public Library, . . . . .	1,827 61	1,745 27	82 34			1,650 & dog tax.
Printing, . . . . .	442 14	240 30	201 84			100
Railing Highways, . . . . .	127 43	148 22		20 79		100
Do., voted Aug. 26, 82, . . . . .						200
Salaries, . . . . .	2,177 60	1,489 00	688 60			1,300
School Apparatus, . . . . .	196 77	33 77	163 00			
School Committee, . . . . .	1,025 73	787 10	238 63			
Sidewalks, . . . . .	992 00	1,141 59		149 59		300
Do. voted Aug. 26, 82, . . . . .						150
Sidewalk, Everett Street, . . . . .	794 14	755 33	38 81			
Edwards Street, . . . . .	1,069 57	539 13	530 44			
Hamilton Street, . . . . .	594 27	572 74	21 53			2,000
Main St. (East) . . . . .	1,705 31	1,129 36	575 95			
Main St. (West), . . . . .	550 00	552 14		2 14		
Main & Pleasant St. . . . .	74 86	24 72	50 14			
State Aid, . . . . .	509 31	207 00	302 31			
Street Lights, . . . . .	1,506 16	1,565 37		59 21		1,600
Do., voted Aug. 26, 82, . . . . .						150
South Street, . . . . .	250 13	108 70	141 43			
Support of Poor, . . . . .	2,744 36	2,074 96	669 40			1,500
Town Farm Barn, . . . . .	600 00	625 18		25 18		
Water Supply, . . . . .						500
Woodstock Road, . . . . .	350 00	78 50	271 50			
Westville Road, . . . . .						1,000
Total,	\$53,894 77	\$46,282 24	\$8441 28	\$828 75		\$38,515



# REMARKS.

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At a meeting of the Town, held August 26th, 1882, it was voted to authorize the Treasurer to borrow for the following accounts: Bridges \$300, Railing Highways \$200, Drinking Fountain \$175, Sidewalks \$150, and Street Lights \$150, but as there was sufficient money in the treasury, it did not seem necessary to borrow money and pay interest on the same, consequently these accounts show debit balances, and the money will be raised by this year's taxation.

GEO. W. COREY,  
CHAS. W. HILL,  
F. W. EATON, } *Auditors.*



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ANNUAL REPORT

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SELECTMEN.

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# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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In retiring we submit our annual report regarding the prudential affairs of the town, coming under our care during the last fiscal year. The practice certainly has its uses if the reports are properly prepared, and if voters themselves devote sufficient attention to them to read them, and in discharging their duties keep in view results that may and can be secured in the management of the appropriations annually granted, and the expenditures made. That trust is so largely discretionary and so far a matter of good judgment and business capacity that not only these should be regarded as essential qualifications for officials, but also policies approved by the experience of faithful public service should be pursued until improvement may be safely made. The burdens of taxation that fall upon the people to support our municipal institutions grow heavy and oppressive, as carelessness or mismanagement permits even the smaller items of expense to be incurred or the appropriations are deprived of their greatest purchasing power, and therefore it is but proper to assume that so far as these reports contain information explaining in a general way the accounts itemized in the Auditor's report, both voter and succeeding official will be better able to understand the actual necessities of the town, and the methods best calculated to secure an economical and wise administration of affairs. This should justify our course; conscious that decided advancement has been made within a few

years past, we earnestly desire that no step backwards be taken, but holding to all that has been accomplished, still more improvement may be made without detriment to our municipal interests.

We have expended of the appropriations placed at our disposal during the year for all purposes \$24,040.42. In but eight instances have the expenditures exceeded the appropriations and four of these accounts shown in the Auditor's report, namely: Bridges, Railings, Sidewalks and Street Lights, were provided for by special appropriations in August last, the only accounts now showing a deficit being the Columbian Road, Decoration Day, Insurance and the Globe Main Street walk, amounting to \$107.80 in all.

#### HIGHWAYS.

The total sum paid for work on Highways has been \$3,032 60, as follows :

Paid for Surveyor's services,	\$211 13
Teams used by him,	847 19
Supplies and repairs of tools,	185 44
Gravel,	144 40
Workmen,	<u>1,644 44</u>
	\$3,032 60

It may be again proper in this connection to add that the suggestions contained in the report of last year, regarding our roads and the best method of repairing them, as worthy of consideration in doing road work in a prudent way. In our judgment the town should procure a stone crusher and apparatus connected therewith, for the purpose of macadamizing the main streets in the business portion of the town and the most defective portions of our roads, thereby making them durable, clean, and secure against washing. Towns adopting this plan of making roads secure most satisfactory results. We trust the town will not forget this matter and will soon adopt this method of permanent road making. Our highways are certainly

improved and in better condition throughout the town than formerly, but not so good as they may be made with no considerable larger appropriation than is usually granted for this work.

Improved methods in the line suggested and in providing for our team work will add somewhat to the expenses, but the property purchased will be available in reducing the cost of road repairs, and other special work, or to be sold if the town should wish to dispose of it.

#### SIDEWALKS.

We have during the year constructed the walks voted by the town at the April meeting, viz: Main Street walk globe, from the engine house to Gothic Hall, 134 ft. 4 inches, with a solid substantial wall. At first it was intended to make this a gravel walk but as the work progressed it was decided that no change of grade would be likely to occur soon, and to make a finished concrete walk. We have constructed on Hamilton Street walks from Gleason's store to the road leading to the blacksmith shop, 289 feet 5 inches, Edwards Street from Marcy Street to land of S. K. Edwards, and from land of Samuel Williams to estate of the late Geo. H. Hartwell, 434 feet 6 inches, Everett Street from the Cemetery entrance to the south end of land of Mrs. H. A. Smith, 210 feet, Main Street Center Village from the land of William Edwards, to the railroad bridge, 970 feet, all with concrete covering and curbstones, as voted by the town. We have also constructed on Hamilton Street 358 feet 5 inches of walk, with concrete covering and curbstones from the end of the present gravel walk to Crane Street, north side, and have repaired the walks generally, new brick covering on the walk on Main Street, in front of the business blocks from corner of Elm Street to the building owned by Sylvester Dresser. When this work was done an appropriation of \$150.00 was asked and granted in August. In making up the accounts, a credit balance of 41 cents appears to be unexpended.

## BRIDGES.

The Bridges have needed much work and material during the year, but most of them have been covered with new planks of good quality, and the outlay for this account will be small next year. The appropriation of last April was insufficient to purchase material, but at the August meeting an appropriation of \$300.00 was made, and for old planks sold during the year \$10.00 was received which enabled us to do the work, and a credit balance of \$38.54 unexpended.

## COLUMBIAN ROAD.

This appropriation has been used and the work done, although not completed as it should be, for want of sufficient money and more time. The sum granted was less than the estimates, and the account was overdrawn \$78.80. We recommend that the ledge at the Columbian dam be removed far enough to ensure safe travel for teams, and the taking down and rebuilding of the wall in front of the large tenement house in the village on a grade with the road. It is now in a rough condition and is unsafe.

## SOUTH STREET.

The street crossings have been laid on this street at the head of High and Sayles Streets, and the gravel walk west of High Street has been extended to West Street, making a good walk to that point.

## STREET LIGHTS.

The lamps posts and lanterns voted at the Annual Meeting have been procured. The appropriation for this account made in April was insufficient, because a contract could not be made with the Lighting Company at the previous terms, and an additional sum of \$150.00 was asked and granted in August. With this amount the lighting has been done through the year, leaving a credit balance of \$90.79, besides a purchase of five barrels of gasoline now on hand, in consequence of the failure



of the United States Street Lighting Co. to continue their contract. Upon investigation it was found that the town could own its fixtures and do the lighting cheaper than hire. We therefore have bought new attachments for our gasoline lanterns with all the necessary supplies for lighting, at a cost not exceeding \$300.00 which can be paid for the coming year from the regular appropriation made and do the lighting also. The town now owns its fixtures, and the amount needed for street lighting will be greatly reduced in the future for the same number of lamps.

#### RAILING HIGHWAYS.

Much was needed to be done in railing highways, and a considerable amount of new railings have been placed in different sections of the town. There is a considerable amount of railing material on hand to be used, but for want of time a part of the work has not been done. South Marcy Street should be provided with railings, and an appropriation was granted in August of \$200.00 with the intention of doing this work, but time was so occupied with other works in process that it could not be done. There is a credit balance on this account of \$179.21, which should be used in part for South Marcy Street.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT.

This department has been well managed and with economy, showing a good credit balance, notwithstanding the purchase of a large amount of new hose and other necessary supplies. The engineers are deserving of credit for the judicious management of their department.

#### DRINKING FOUNTAIN.

This valuable and long needed necessity has been placed in the center of Main Street, easy of access, and yet out of the way of public travel, and probably nothing done during the year has been more appreciated than this. The fountain was not

purchased early in the year because the amount appropriated was not sufficient to pay for what was needed, nor until the appropriation of \$175.00 voted in August. The purchase was made immediately after this grant.

#### CHAPIN STREET.

The cutting down of the ledge on this street has been done in accordance with the vote of the town, and a decided improvement in the grade and appearance of the street has been made.

The bank wall at Westville, on the highway adjoining the premises of the Litchfield Shuttle Co., must be rebuilt and we recommend the removal of the old wall and building of a substantial wall, at the same time widening the road, which is narrow at this point, straightening the line of the road. The widening of the road an average of five to six feet would be a great improvement, and the Litchfield Shuttle Co. will give the land required for this change.

The unsettled small pox claims for use of hospital belonging to the Morse heirs, and for services of Joseph DeGrenier, long disputed, have been adjusted and disposes of all known outstanding matters in that account.

Notice of claim for personal injury has been filed by Narcisse Bashan for falling upon the ice which may result in a suit. The claim appears to be one of a questionable character.

The town also stands indicted with a dozen of the real estate owners in the Center Village, for maintaining a nuisance caused by the contamination of the brook. The town becomes a party to this prosecution by reason of the sewers in the streets, which, it is alleged, discharge filth into the water channel from buildings which have sewer pipes entering them. This case will come on for trial at the May term of the Superior Court. This prosecution led the board to take the steps they did in regard to a sewer, and now we earnestly recommend the town to establish some general sewer system, to relieve that locality from this source of danger, and settle for the conflicting interests

and notions of the land owners the constantly embarrassing questions that are annually brought to the attention of the Board of Health. This appears to be the only method that can be pursued, but this should be done at the expense of the land owners, and not fall upon the town to defray.

The Central Mills Co. petitioned the County Commissioners for an abatement of the taxes assessed upon its real estate, which was heard and dismissed, but it is understood that the petitioner will prosecute its application by a *certiorari* before the Supreme Court.

In these matters the interests of the town have been carefully attended to, and allusion is made to them here, so that our successors may possess information as to the legacies of a legal character our administration has unfortunately bequeathed upon the town, by chance however, rather than by official action on our part.

There has been for the past two or three years an error in the assessment of taxes, that has disturbed our accounts, and produced an annual deficiency in our resources. This has arisen from the bank tax assessment on the stock of resident stockholders, collected and paid by the State Treasurer. This tax has been charged to the collector in the assessors' warrant, while in fact nothing was given to collect, to pay it with. This was corrected this year, but last year a balance stands against Mr. Whitford, of several hundred dollars, while in fact he owes but a few dollars. Doubtless this will be corrected hereafter. The deficiency now existing must be corrected by vote of the town.

The town indebtedness is now reduced practically to \$10,000, the unappropriated funds and unexpended balances upon special appropriations and on accounts that will not require the balances credited to them for use, amounting in all to about \$5,250. We recommend that these balances be transferred to unappropriated funds, and out of that to appropriate \$4,000 to payment of the debt, leaving but \$6,000 to be raised by taxation to extinguish the entire debt. The logic of this history in conducting the affairs of the town, should impress all

tax payers with the necessity of making business, prudence and sagacity the indispensable qualifications for official trust. We hope that next year the town will be out of debt, the first time for a period of nearly twenty-five years.

We shall commit to our successors a department well arranged for easy management, in the hope that so far as our methods have been prudent, our successors will pursue them, with all the beneficial results to the public that follow.

JOHN TATTERSON, } *Selectmen*  
THOMAS SANDERS, } *of*  
A. H. WHEELER, } *Southbridge.*

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ANNUAL REPORT

+ OF THE +

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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# REPORT.

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THE past year has been one of more than ordinary moment in the educational affairs of the town. Mr. E. M. Phillips, who had been on the Board ten years, and done much excellent work for our schools, was succeeded by Rev. Silvanus Hayward, and Rev. B. V. Stevenson, who had been a member of the Committee for five years, adding to its strength and efficiency, was succeeded by Mr. James J. Oakes. But the change of two-thirds of the Board from men of such long service to persons new to the educational work in this town, does not include all that has contributed to distinguish the past year from many of its predecessors.

One of the first things we found requiring attention was a course of study. Last year's Board had considered the subject and left it for our action. The old schedule had so unified the system and improved the methods that great advancement had been made during the years since its adoption, and the schools had advanced beyond it. They were, on an average, more than a year ahead of the printed requirement, and having no points to steer by, were temporarily drifting. While working upon the new schedule we decided upon another change. By the old system three years were spent in each school. This gave too much work to each teacher, but the number of schools in town was so many that the arrangement could not well be changed without incurring more of a financial load than the Committee thought prudent. The closing of eight schools by the opening

of the parochial school, however, left us with means and accommodations and opened the way for reducing the work in each room. Consequently we opened two new schools, and placed in them the first classes in the intermediate schools and the third classes in the grammar schools. The new schools were named Lower Grammar. This enabled us to rearrange the whole system, so as to have only a two years' course in each room.

In the new course of study we continued the improved methods of the old one; and added thereto as much as the advanced conditions of the schools would warrant. It is our aim to have the schools teach principles in a thorough manner, and to cultivate habits of observation and thought, rather than to fill the pupils' minds with an accumulation of undigested facts, or the precise language of text books. This, it seems to us, is the real practical education, about which so much is said in these days. All of text book elementary geography is omitted from the plan, and its place is supplied by more oral instruction and the study of the special geography of our own state. Some of the elementary book work in arithmetic is also omitted and more done orally and on the blackboard. The changes in grammar alluded to in the last report are continued. Much of the old fashioned rote parsing and analysis, which was nothing but the machine-like repetition of stereotyped formulas with little practical knowledge of how to use the language correctly, is omitted. Instead we give considerable work in the construction of sentences. The closing examinations this spring showed some very creditable work in original composition, even in the primary grade. We have adopted Swinton's Language Lessons as a standard to be followed.

The practical results of former boards' attempts at improving the school system of the town is seen in the continual elevation of the standard of our higher schools, and the fact that the number of scholars in them has also steadily increased. Nearly two years of the work now done in the grammar schools was once crowded into the high school, and the standard of that was never better than at present, placing it in the front rank



of schools of that grade. Yet, notwithstanding, every seat has been occupied during the past year and the incoming class will probably number twelve or fifteen more than the graduating class. This necessitates immediate arrangements for more accommodations.

We trust that future years will show as good results from the additional steps taken this year. Indeed we think that an improvement can already be noticed, and we believe that the spring examinations were never more satisfactory than this year in thoroughness of work and advancement made. For this, however, due credit should be given to the teachers. A desire for self improvement has led them voluntarily to meet monthly with the Committee for informal conferences on various educational topics. The beneficial results have been plainly seen in the school room.

The statutes require drawing to be taught in the public schools. The Committee feeling, as has been intimated in previous reports, that this was drifting too much in the line of pictorial work, and not enough in the direction of the industrial, consulted with the Secretary of the State Board of Education, at whose instance Prof. Carter, of the State Normal Art School, gave a series of lectures to the teachers. Mr. W. A. England has since visited the town once a month to direct the work.

A study of the public statutes as revised and codified last winter discovered the following recently-enacted law :

Each school committee shall procure, at the expense of its town, a sufficient supply of text books for its public schools, and shall give notice of the place where such books may be obtained. They shall be furnished to the pupils at such prices as merely to reimburse the expense of the same.

The law seemed imperative, and therefore we acted according to its provisions. We have on hand \$80.00 worth of books, which sum should be placed to the credit of the account which appears with the Auditors' report.

In last year's report we called attention to the opening of the parochial school, and the law regulating the employment of children in factories. Acting under the provisions of that law we have visited the school at stated periods and certified to the

attendance there of such of its pupils as wished to work in the manufacturing establishments in town. Our action had nothing to do with the school system of the state or town, or with "endorsing" the school, or with the school laws. The statute under which we acted is entitled "Schooling and limit of labor of children employed in manufacturing and other establishments."

The statutes relating to truant children say that "Each town shall . . . . provide suitable places for the confinement, discipline and instruction of such children," to which any minor convicted of being a truant may be committed by the District Court. County and union truant schools may be established by the County Commissioners, and "a town may assign any such truant school, or, with the consent of the State Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity, the State Primary School, as the place of confinement, discipline and instruction of children so convicted"

The town by-laws provide that a minor so convicted of truancy "shall be committed to the Monson Almshouse or other place of confinement provided for that purpose."

The question has arisen whether or not this vote complies with the statutes, and as the town will lose its proportion of the state school fund unless it makes the legal provision for truants, we have caused an article to be inserted in the warrant, that the voters may consider the matter.

# Course of Study and Regulations

OF THE

## PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF SOUTHBRIDGE,

Adopted, March, 1883.

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### REGULATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS TO TEACHERS.

Three principal objects should be kept in mind:—to train pupils to observe, to think, and to express.

Children are naturally curious and observant. Their interest in common things should be encouraged and stimulated by questions and simple talks about the numberless objects in street, highway, field, forest, and sky.

In reading *begin* by requiring each sentence to be read as a whole, just as it should be spoken in conversation. Secure clear and distinct enunciation, but avoid the separate naming of words. The articles *a* and *the* should be pronounced as part of the following word. For instance, *a boat, a goat, the gun, the past*, should be spoken as if they were single words like *about, ago, begun, depart*. Avoid all exact rules in regard to pauses and inflections. Teach correct methods by example rather than by rules. Even the little child who really understands what he is reading, will uniformly give nearly the right expres

sion, unless hampered by bad habits or false training. Leave no lesson till the average scholar in the class can read it fairly. In all recitations distinct utterance and correct language should be required. In reciting tables and in answer to questions the falling inflection should be insisted on.

The practical use of correct spelling is found only when thoughts are expressed in writing. Exercises in spelling, therefore, should be principally in writing. As early as possible sentences should be written from dictation, and parts of daily lessons should be written on the board by the pupils. Words thus spelled in vital connection with each other, will be much better remembered than when written in dry lists, as isolated, dead fragments.

In Grammar, remember that the technical forms of routine parsing are of comparatively small value. The true design of the study is to enable the pupil to understand language, and to acquire facility in its accurate use. Thus every recitation properly conducted becomes a language lesson.

In Arithmetic teach *principles* rather than rules. Absolute accuracy is indispensable. Every statement, whether in words or other symbols must be precisely true. Secure perfect clearness of thought and clearness of expression will naturally follow. This necessary precision and accuracy should be secured without a slavish repetition of the exact words of the book.

Geography should not be a study of dry details, a mere memorizing of isolated facts and statistics, but a living description of the home of man, its diversified surface and varied climate, its vegetable and animal life, and the manners and customs of its inhabitants.

In History require pupils to recite in their own language, and avoid mere memorising. Assign lessons frequently by topics instead of sections and pages of the text-book, and thus endeavor to awaken an interest in representative men and decisive events. Aim to secure a knowledge of the general current of events with their causes and effects, and encourage the consultation of other books illustrating the period studied.

Drawing and Penmanship are required throughout the course.

Teachers will devote some time each week to instruction in temperance, morals, and manners, as required by the statutes of the Commonwealth.

Beginning with the seventh grade, written examinations are required each month. The papers will be deposited with the School Board, and kept on file for at least two years.

The course prescribed for any grade is to be considered a *minimum*, and the teacher is expected to proceed further, whenever the proficiency of a class will admit.

Except in Primary grades, no pupil will be transferred from one class to another without the express direction of the School Board.

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## COURSE OF STUDY.

### LOWER PRIMARY.

#### FIRST AND SECOND GRADES.

Reading, beginning with chart. Never allow a word to be spelled to find out what it is. Carefully distinguish between reading and mere naming of words. Teach pupils to hold book and turn leaves properly.

Spelling. In oral spelling teach pupils to pause distinctly after each syllable, but to pronounce only the whole word. Do not repeat a syllable by itself to aid them in spelling.

Writing on slates and black-board.

Counting. Tables. Roman and Arabic numerals. Oral and black-board exercises indefinitely.

Oral Geography, giving a few of the simplest facts.

Correct common errors in the use of language.

Object lessons indefinitely.

## HIGHER PRIMARY.

## THIRD GRADE.

Reading, special attention to enunciation and meaning of words.

Spelling,—mainly written.

Elementary Arithmetic, first three sections.

Oral Geography extended to the location and general characteristics, inhabitants, animals, climate and productions of the principal countries of the globe.

Write sentences of words defined,—also give brief descriptions of familiar objects, both orally and in writing.

## FOURTH GRADE.

Reading. Pupils should repeat in their own language the substance of lessons read.

Written spelling.

Elementary Arithmetic to page 78.

Warren's Geography, first fifteen pages, also the special Geography of Massachusetts, adding oral instruction in reference to Worcester County and the Town of Southbridge.

Oral Physiology and Hygiene—very elementary.

Writing as in Third Grade.

## INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

## FIFTH GRADE.

Reading and Spelling continued.

Written Arithmetic pp. 64-88.

Geography pp. 16-26 and Special Geography of New England, omitting Massachusetts.

Oral Language Lessons. Teacher will take Swinton's Language Primer, as a general guide, to p. 33.

## SIXTH GRADE.

Reading and Spelling continued.

Arithmetic pp. 88-124 omitting paragraphs 117 and 265.

Geography pp. 27-54, with some attention to black-board map-drawing,

Oral Language Lessons—guided by Language Primer pp. 34-70.

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LOWER GRAMMAR.

## SEVENTH GRADE.

Reading and Spelling continued.

Arithmetic pp. 124-185, omitting paragraph 395.

Geography completed with special attention to map drawing.

Oral Language Lessons—guided by Language Primer from p. 70 to end.

## EIGHTH GRADE.

Reading and Spelling continued.

Arithmetic, page 185 to page 254.

Swinton's Language Lessons, 60 pages.

Physiology begun.

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HIGHER GRAMMAR.

## NINTH GRADE.

Spelling as before.

Physiology completed.

U. S. History begun. The lesson in History used as a reading lesson.

Swinton's Language Lessons to p. 116.  
Arithmetic completed.

### TENTH GRADE.

Spelling continued.

U. S. History completed.

Geography reviewed topically, Rivers, Oceans, Mountains, Governments, States, etc., as so many different topics.

Arithmetic reviewed.

Swinton's Language Lessons finished.

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### HIGH SCHOOL.

A written examination will be required of pupils desiring admission to the High School, and each one admitted will select which Course of Study he desires to pursue. Optional Studies can be chosen with consultation with the principal, subject to the necessities of the school organization.

No change from one Course, or from one Optional Study to another, or taking of irregular or mixed courses can be permitted except on written request of parent or guardian, approved by the Principal and confirmed by vote of the Board. Diplomas will be awarded *only* to those who have completed one of the *regular* Courses.

A record will be kept of each pupil's standing as determined by recitation and by examination. Each perfect recitation will be reckoned *ten*,—entire failures and unexcused absences each *zero*, in making up the average standing. An average of sixty per cent. will be required for advancement in each study.

### ENGLISH COURSE.

#### FIRST YEAR.

FIRST TERM.—General History; Algebra; Elementary Physics.



SECOND TERM.—General History; Algebra; Physical Geography.

THIRD TERM.—History of Greece; Algebra; Elementary exercises in English Composition.

#### SECOND YEAR.

FIRST TERM.—History of Rome; Geometry; Botany.

SECOND TERM.—English Analysis; Geometry; Botany or Zoology.

THIRD TERM.—Rhetoric; Geometry; Advanced Physics.

#### THIRD YEAR.

FIRST TERM.—Rhetoric; Trigonometry, French, or German; Geology.

SECOND TERM.—English Literature; Surveying, French, or German; English History.

THIRD TERM.—English Literature; Chemistry, French, or German; U. S. Constitution.

#### FOURTH YEAR.

FIRST TERM.—American Literature; Chemistry, French, or German; Mental Science.

SECOND TERM.—English Composition; Astronomy, French, or German; Mental Science.

THIRD TERM.—Logic, or U. S. History; Astronomy, French, or German; Book Keeping and Commercial Arithmetic.

### CLASSICAL COURSE.

#### FIRST YEAR.

FIRST TERM.—Latin Lessons; Algebra; General History.

SECOND TERM.—Latin Reader; Algebra; General History.

THIRD TERM.—Latin Reader; Algebra; History of Greece.

## SECOND YEAR.

FIRST TERM.—Cæsar; History of Rome; Geometry.

SECOND TERM.—Cæsar; Greek Lessons; Geometry.

THIRD TERM.—Cæsar; Greek Lessons; Geometry.

## THIRD YEAR.

FIRST TERM.—Cicero; Anabasis; Ovid, French, or German.

SECOND TERM.—Cicero; Anabasis; Ovid, French, or German.

THIRD TERM.—Cicero; Anabasis; Ovid, French, or German.

## FOURTH YEAR.

FIRST TERM.—Virgil; Anabasis; Ovid, French, or German.

SECOND TERM.—Virgil; Iliad; Ovid, French, or German.

THIRD TERM.—Virgil; Iliad; Review of Mathematics; French or German.

## GENERAL COURSE.

## FIRST YEAR.

FIRST TERM.—Latin; Algebra; Elementary Physics.

SECOND TERM.—Latin; Algebra; Physical Geography.

THIRD TERM.—Latin; Algebra; Elementary Exercises in English Composition or History of Greece.

## SECOND YEAR.

FIRST TERM.—Latin; Geometry; Botany or History.

SECOND TERM.—Latin; Geometry; Botany, Zoology, or History.

THIRD TERM.—Latin; Geometry; Advanced Physics or Rhetoric.

## THIRD YEAR.

FIRST TERM.—Latin, French, or German; Trigonometry or Rhetoric; Geology.

SECOND TERM.—Latin, French, or German; Surveying or English History, English Literature.

THIRD TERM.—Latin, French, or German; Chemistry or English Literature; U. S. Constitution.

FOURTH YEAR.

FIRST TERM.—Latin, French, or German; Chemistry, or American Literature; Mental Science.

SECOND TERM.—Latin, French, or German; Astronomy or English Composition, Mental Science.

THIRD TERM.—Latin, French, or German; Astronomy or U. S. History; Logic or Bookkeeping and Commercial Arithmetic.

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General exercises for all courses, in Reading, Spelling, Composition, Declamation and Drawing.

# TEXT BOOKS

Authorized to be used in the Public Schools of  
Southbridge.

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MATHEMATICS.—Franklin Arithmetics, Eaton's Algebra, Wentworth's Geometry, Loomis's Trigonometry.

PHYSICAL SCIENCES.—Warren's Brief Course in Geography, Gray's How Plants Grow, Houston's Physical Geography, Hutchison's Physiology, Steele's Chemistry, Steele's Astronomy, Steele's Natural Philosophy, Dana's Geological Story Briefly Told.

HISTORY.—Higginson's Young Folks' History of the United States, Creighton's History of Rome, Fyffe's History of Greece, Young's Medieval History, Anderson's General History, Young's Constitutional Text Book.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE.—Franklin Series of Readers, Swinton's Language Lessons, Munroe's Speller, Munroe's Sixth Reader, Cathcart's Literary Reader, Hill's Rhetoric, Parker's English Composition, — — — English Literature.

LATIN.—Harkness' Latin Grammar, Harkness' Latin Reader, Allen and Greenough's Cæsar, Hanson's Cicero, Rolf and Hanson's Virgil, Jones's Latin Prose Composition, White's or Andrews's Latin Lexicon.

GREEK.—Hadley's or Goodwin's Greek Grammar, Boise's or Goodwin's Greek Lessons, Goodwin and White's Xenophon's Anabasis, Boise's Homer's Iliad, Jones's Greek Prose Composition; Liddell and Scott's Greek Lexicon, Autenrieth's Homeric Lexicon.

GERMAN.—Whitney's German Grammar, Whitney's German Reader, Meisterschaft System of German, Selected Ballads, Adler's German Dictionary.

FRENCH.—Keetel's French Grammar, Keetel's French Reader, Meisterschaft System of French, Selected Plays, Smith and Hamilton's French Dictionary.

GENERAL EXERCISES.—Franklin Song Collection, Smith's Drawing Books, Westlake's Speller, Choice Selections for Declamations, Long's Classical Atlas, Richardson's and Julia Colman's Temperance Text Books.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. M. WHITAKER, }  
JAMES J. OAKES, } *Committee.*  
SILVANUS HAYWARD, }



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ANNUAL REPORT

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OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

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# REPORT.

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## OUTSIDE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor report the amount of orders paid for the Outside Poor \$3,790, with one outstanding bill of \$126, total \$3,916, against \$3,002 last year, an increase of \$914. The account includes payment, for the insane at the Hospital \$1,389, to and for other towns and the state, \$661, total \$2,051,—should be deducted to show the amount \$1,865 paid in the town against \$1877 last year, \$12 less. The increase is \$523 for Hospital charges, \$403 paid for and to other towns and the state more than last year. The Hospital charges are large, nearly one third of the whole amount. During the year there have been 8 inmates, 3 have recently been discharged: Edward Hill, Catherine Kenney, Lewis Gomo; the latter is now at town Almshouse, 5 are now remaining at the Hospital: Daniel Smith, Patrick Welch, Catherine Tynon, Francis E. Scarborough, Lydia Fisk. Correspondence of the overseers with the superintendent of the Hospital gives no encouragement for the further discharge of inmates. There are no disputed cases of settlement except Michael Coughlin and family. It is not yet determined whether it is in this town or the town of Millbury or the State, this case will require immediate attention of the incoming board.

## ALMSHOUSE AND FARM.

The amount of charges \$2073, at the almshouse and farm, \$201 more than last year. The income from the farm has been reduced by the loss of the Hay, Corn and Potato crops, on account of the severe drought last summer, estimated at not less than \$300, and made necessary extra expenditures for meal, feed, etc. The number of inmates has averaged 17, at a cost of \$1.77 per week each, which includes all bills for repairs of buildings other than the barn and for the services of the superintendent and matron for labor and doctoring all the poor of the town. The barn, which was in a dilapidated and poor condition, has been repaired and improved in accordance with a vote of the town at an expenditure of \$625.18 and is now among the best in the town; much satisfaction is expressed by all who have seen it, and agree the money has been well expended. The overseers again renew their approval of the management of the institution by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Northrup, and have secured their services for the ensuing year, and recommend an appropriation of \$3,500 for the outside poor and \$1,500 for the almshouse.

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### LIST OF INMATES.

The following is a list of the inmates at the Almshouse during the year:

John Clark, . . . . .	aged 73
Charles Congdon, . . . . .	aged 36
John Roan, . . . . .	aged 62
Calista Rich, . . . . .	aged 76
Thomas Powers, . . . . .	aged 66
Ellen Powers, . . . . .	aged 63

Margaret O'Brine, . . . . .	aged 67
Lucy Harding, . . . . .	aged 52
Mary Baker, . . . . .	aged 82
Esther Sedgwick, . . . . .	aged 87
Richard Dwyer, . . . . .	aged 26
Hiram Simpson, . . . . .	aged 59
Catherine Tynon, . . . . .	aged 67
Lewis Gammond, . . . . .	aged 21
Frank Hall, . . . . .	aged 1
Lillie Hall, . . . . .	aged 4
Andrew Hall, . . . . .	aged 7

DIED.

Bridget Foley, Aug, 31st, 1882, . . . . .	aged 62
Jane Bracket, Aug. 12th, 1882, . . . . .	aged 41

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ACCOUNTS DUE THE TOWN.

OUTSIDE ACCOUNT.

State of Massachusetts, . . . . .	\$28 00	
Town of Douglas, . . . . .	5 37	
Spencer, . . . . .	5 75	
		\$39 12

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.

S. C. Hartwell, for hay, . . . . .	\$10 15	
Geo. A. Dresser, one cart body, . . . . .	1 00	
Joseph Green, old iron, . . . . .	5 73	
Edwin Bacon, team work and beans, . . . . .	7 75	
		\$24 63

## Abstract of Inventory of Personal Property at Farm.

Class 1 . . . . .	\$860 50	
2 . . . . .	212 00	
3 . . . . .	285 75	
4 . . . . .	205 30	
5 . . . . .	175 00	
6 . . . . .	325 30	
		\$2,063 85
Gain from 1882, . . . . .	\$159 50	

C. A. PAIGE,  
 SYLVESTER DRESSER, } *Appraisers.*  
 JACOB BOOTH,  
 GEO. L. CLEMENCE, }

February 28, 1883.

## ACCOUNT OF CASH

RECEIVED BY THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR AND PAID TREASURER,  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 28, 1883.

C. A. Paige, beans and potatoes, . . . . .	\$ 2 80
C. V. Carpenter, potatoes, . . . . .	2 00
Chas. Clark, calf, . . . . .	6 00
B. Harwood, old bones, . . . . .	1 17
Chas. Clark, beans, . . . . .	2 00
E. Northup, harrow, . . . . .	2 00
S. Dresser, potatoes, . . . . .	1 00
S. Marsh, potatoes, . . . . .	4 00
E. Metever, potatoes, . . . . .	2 00
Chas. Plimpton, hen, . . . . .	50
A. Shepard, potatoes, . . . . .	3 00
Geo. K. Dresser, barley, . . . . .	13 00
C. Brown, corn, . . . . .	25
A. Clark, corn, . . . . .	37
Edwin Bacon, potatoes, . . . . .	3 00
P. H. Carpenter, potatoes, . . . . .	7 63
Amount carried forward, . . . . .	\$50 72

Amount brought forward, . . . . .	\$50 72
C. D. Paige, potatoes, . . . . .	2 00
S. Dresser, potatoes, . . . . .	2 90
C. A. Paige, potatoes, . . . . .	2 00
F. P. Pratt, potatoes, . . . . .	2 00
J. F. Parker, potatoes, . . . . .	1 80
Chas. Chase, potatoes, . . . . .	1 00
Conant & Clarke, potatoes, . . . . .	10 00
Guy Bros., lard and potatoes, . . . . .	17 70
Town of Millbury, aid Jos. Therique, . . . . .	38 00
Ira Bailey, plowing garden and beans, . . . . .	1 50
A. B. Goodier, exchg. cement, etc., . . . . .	64
Mrs. Bracket, cash, . . . . .	1 21
A. Clark, calves, . . . . .	14 00
M. M. Marble, veal, . . . . .	7 80
Frank Vinton, cow, . . . . .	40 00
M. M. Marble, hide, . . . . .	4 34
F. Sayles, hen, . . . . .	60
James Burns, for clothing, etc., . . . . .	21 40
Henry Wells, for apples, . . . . .	9 50
Town of Brookfield, aid Geo. Wolcott, . . . . .	2 00
Geo. F. Trusedale, beans, . . . . .	1 25
Wm. Wells, yoke steers, . . . . .	57 50
Town of North Brookfield, aid Mary Castigan, . . . . .	10 00
A. Latoille, return Canada R. R. tickets, . . . . .	31 85

\$331 71

C. A. PAIGE,  
SYLVESTER DRESSER,  
JACOB BOOTH, } *Overseers  
of  
Poor.*

FEBRUARY 28, 1883.



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ANNUAL REPORT

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FIRE ENGINEERS.

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# REPORT.

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The BOARD OF ENGINEERS respectfully submit their Report for the year ending March 1, 1883 :

The past year has not been an eventful one for the fire department. The number of fires to which the department responded has been small, and the total loss to March 1 does not exceed \$3,500.00, nearly all of which was covered by insurance.

All the fire apparatus belonging to the department is in good condition. During the year the Board have purchased 800 feet of cable hose, in place of the old rubber hose, which is unfit for service, also 400 feet of linen hose.

At some of the fires the past year the Board have seen the need of more hosemen, and think the number should be increased by the addition of two men to each company.

The need of better water supply is on High Street and the New Village, and we are in hopes will be improved.

The year has not passed without proving to the town the efficiency of the hydrant service furnished by the Water Supply Co. At the fire in the Whitford & Ellis block, water was put on from the hydrant several minutes before the steamer, and was used some time after it was known that the supply in Main Street reservoir was nearly exhausted.

It is our opinion that the property of the Water Supply Co. should belong to the town. This would enable the town to lay pipes on High Street and such portions of Main and Hamilton Streets, thus furnishing protection to those streets, including the New Village.

## ROSTER OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

## ENGINEERS.

H. C. CADY, CHIEF.

CALVIN CLAFLIN, 1st Asst. CHAS. W. WILLIAMS, 2nd Asst. &amp; Clerk.

BRADFORD C. STONE, 3rd Asst. J. W. ROBINSON, 4th Asst.

## STEAMER No. 1.

A. II. Cozzens, Foreman;

James M. Marble, Asst. Foreman; E. L. Gay, Clerk;

Joseph Fallows, Engineer; Franklin Cady, Asst. Engineer &amp; Steward.

George W. Cady, Stoker.

Hosemen—John Williams, Geo. Bartlett, D. A. Reeves, William Felton, Chas. Horton, A. Buell, E. Comstock, Alfred E. Morton, Chas. Pellett.

## HOOK AND LADDER No. 1.

George V. Moulton, Foreman;

John Boak, Asst. Foreman; Marcus Dillaber, Clerk;

Frank Miller, Joseph Bebo, Geo. Armes, L. E. Davis, L. S. Davis, Earl Ide, C. M. Vinton.

## STEAMER No. 2.

A. L. Macomber, Foreman;

J. W. McKinstry, Asst. Foreman; C. W. Hall, Clerk;

Calvin Clafin, Engineer; C. W. Hall, Asst. Engineer;

Andrew Simpson, Stoker;

Hosemen—G. W. Upham, J. A. Ryan, T. Burns, J. S. Coldrick, R. Kane, R. Meguil, Geo. H. Thayer, M. Marcherauld, L. Riley, M. Coldrick.

## HOOK AND LADDER No. 2.

John Splain, Foreman;

John J. Ryan, Asst. Foreman; William Kelley, Clerk;

M. Breen, Steward; Thomas Ryan, Thomas Thimblin, Thomas Shea, Edward Hogan, Patrick Ward, M. Thimblin.

## LIST OF FIRES.

Apr. 29. Hamilton Woolen Co., Cotton Mill. Loss small. Full department called out. Cause of fire, friction in gearing.

Aug. 2. Hamilton Woolen Co., Dwelling house. Loss \$50.00. Not occupied. Full department called out. Cause incendiary.

Aug. 19. Horace Fairbanks Estate, barn occupied by John Sayler. Loss \$1,000.00. Cause of fire, unknown. Department not called out.

Aug. 21. Hamilton Woolen Co., cotton mill. Loss small. Caught in picker.

Aug. 23. House and barn owned by C. A. Paige. Loss \$500.00. Cause incendiary. Full department called out.

Nov. 23. Hamilton Woolen Co., hardening shop. Loss small. Cause of fire, sparks from forge. Full department called out.

1883. Jan. 17. Whitford & Ellis Block, Main Street. Loss \$2,000.00. Cause of fire, incendiary. Full department called out. The whole block would probably have been lost but for the use of hydrants of the Water Supply Co., all other water supplies having failed.

Feb. 21. Wood shed, on Morris Street, belonging to Frank Letcher. Loss small. Full department called out. No insurance.

CHARLES W. WILLIAMS, *Clerk.*



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ANNUAL REPORT

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LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

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# R·E·P·O·R·T.

The Library Committee respectfully present the following as their Thirteenth Annual Report, for the year ending February 28th, 1883 :

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of account, March 1, 1882, . . . . .	\$85 70
Appropriation at annual meeting, . . . . .	1,400 00
Dog fund 1881, . . . . .	284 76
Received by librarian for fines, cards, etc. . . . .	<u>57 15</u>
	\$1,827 61

### EXPENDITURES.

Estes & Lauriat, and others, books, periodicals and binding, . . . . .	\$676 44
Miss A. J. Comins, librarian, for services, and expenses paid by her, . . . . .	766 36
Southbridge Coal Co. and others for coal and wood, . . . . .	67 20
Mutual Gas Light Co. for gas one year, . . . . .	142 40
Leonard Cutler, for labor and materials, . . . . .	1 18
Geo. L. Winter, for feather duster, . . . . .	2 15
Thomas Whitaker, Jr., for printing, etc. . . . .	4 30
P. M. Clarke, for labor, . . . . .	12 71
Library association for membership fees, . . . . .	6 00
N. E. School Furnishing Co. for pamphlet cases, . . . . .	20 00
Library bureau for paper and other supplies, . . . . .	43 84
Calvin Clafin, for labor, . . . . .	<u>2 69</u>
	\$1,745 27
Balance unexpended, . . . . .	82 34

## BOOK ACCOUNT.

Balance to the debit of account, March 1, 1882,	\$17 49	
Expended during the year, . . . . .	<u>676 44</u>	\$693 93
Appropriation for this account, . . . . .		<u>\$700 00</u>
Balance, . . . . .		6 07

## REMARKS.

On the 22d day of February, the Committee made a careful examination of the Library, and found it in excellent condition, all the books being on the shelves, or accounted for.

Since the date of our last annual report, at which time the Library contained 8652 volumes, there have been added by purchase 239 volumes, by periodicals bound 47, by exchange 2, by donations 346, making the total accessions for the year 634 volumes, and the total number of books in the Library to date 9270. There have also been purchased 26 volumes, to take the place of those too much worn for longer service. Holmes Ammidown, Esq., to whom the Library has been largely indebted in former years, has again remembered the institution by a generous donation of 274 volumes, many of which are valuable and rare. He has also placed in our keeping 14 more of his Historical Collections, making 34 sets (78 volumes) of this collection which we now have on hand. These are to be exchanged for other desirable local histories.

The circulation for the twelve months ending with this report has exceeded that of any recent year, and there has been a corresponding gain in the number of persons using the Library, which facts sufficiently indicate the sustained interest of the people in this public institution. In 1879 the first supplementary catalogue was published, containing a list of



1274 books. The additions to the Library since that date aggregate about 2000 volumes, making it necessary to issue a second supplement. The Committee have ascertained the probable cost, which would be about \$250.00.

To defray the expenses for the ensuing year, including the publication of a supplementary catalogue, we recommend the appropriation of \$1,650.00, and the dog fund of 1882. As heretofore, we herewith append the report of our Librarian, which is made a part of our own.

Respectfully submitted by the Library Committee.

C. D. MONROE, *Secretary.*

Public Library, March 5, 1883.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

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It is perhaps pardonable that we have some pride in our large and well selected Library. Would it not be well to remind ourselves that with increasing advantages comes a corresponding degree of responsibility. With such a storehouse of knowledge from which to draw, should we not demand of ourselves higher moral and intellectual aims, and greater attainments in all that means real progress.

To secure such results, perhaps nothing is of greater importance, or more neglected, than a judicious guidance of the reading of the young. In matters of dress or household knowledge, children are not permitted to go on without careful direction and oversight. In the expenditure of money they are limited, not alone by necessity, but as a matter of education, but too often in their reading are left to their own choice and judgment. As a result the mind is not only by too much and too rapid reading crowded beyond its capacity to appropriate, but the memory is weakened, and its forces dissipated. From books which in later life, with ripened judgment, help might be gathered and knowledge acquired, too frequently only false ideas are obtained if not real harm received. It is true, a few do give careful attention to the reading of their children. That which we lament is that more do not exercise this wise care. Books are companions. It is possible in our reading to select only those from which we shall glean good. Of such com-

panions we may, if we choose, have the wisest and best. Those whose office it is to issue the books, are desirous as far as is in their power to aid in a judicious selection for the young. With more time to devote to this department of work much more good could be accomplished. The accessions to our list of readers has been, the past year, larger than any previous year. We are pleased to notice among them a good number of our foreign population; we also notice with great satisfaction, their selection of reading is often from our best writers of history, biography and travels. The interest in our Natural History collection is very gratifying. There have been 1066 visitors to the room the past year.

For the unusually large addition to our list of books, it will be noticed we are indebted to Mr. Holmes Ammidown for a large number, more even than we have purchased. A carefully prepared list of a greater part of these has already been printed in the *Southbridge Journal*, under the heading "Ammidown Library." Most of these are valuable local histories, procured by him at great expense, and formerly a part of his private Library. Many of them could not, if worn out or lost, be replaced at any cost, and hence the restriction in use. Among the books given are 49 volumes of the Massachusetts Register, all duplicate copies of volumes previously presented by Mr. Ammidown. These are rare and valuable, and are by his instructions to be held for exchange for other works. There are also 13 volumes of the Massachusetts Historical *collection*, duplicates of those already in our Reference Section; these are to be kept for exchange. Seven other volumes, are *Proceedings* of the Massachusetts Historical Society; for convenience, these are place in our Reference case, with our Historical *Collections* of the Massachusetts Society. In addition to those mentioned, the gift includes 14 sets of Mr. Ammidown's work, "Historical Collections," and added to those given in 1881, makes 39 sets of this work, given us for exchange. Four sets were exchanged last year, one set has been exchanged this year, leaving 34 sets, (68 books) for exchange.

## GENERAL STATEMENT.

	Mar. 1, 1882	Added from Mar. 1, 1882 to Mar. 1, 1883	Withdrawn from Mar. 1, 1882 to Mar. 1, 1883.	Total No. in the Library Mar. 1, 1883
Books in Library, . . . . .	8,652	634	16	9,270
Pamphlets in Library, . . . . .	1,136	48	4	1,180
Periodicals (odd numbers) in Library, . . . . .	185	42		227
Total unbound material, . . . . .	1,321	90	4	1,407

## ACCESSIONS.

Purchases, . . . . .	239
Binding of periodicals, reports and pamphlets, . . . . .	47
Exchange of Mr. Ammidown's Histories for other Histories, . . . . .	2
Gifts from Mr. Ammidown, . . . . .	274
Other gifts, . . . . .	72
Total additions, . . . . .	634
Deduct withdrawals, . . . . .	16
	618
Add number in the Library, Mar. 1, 1882, . . . . .	8,652
Present number in the Library, . . . . .	9,270

## CLASSIFICATION.

[ACCESSIONS AND CIRCULATION.]

RANK OF CLASSES.		No. added.	No. in the Library.	No. circulated.	Percentage.
1	Fiction, . . . . .	32	964	7,651	49.2
2	Juvenile Works, . . . . .	34	696	3,731	23.3
3	History, . . . . .	32	860	562	3.7
4	Biography, . . . . .	21	799	485	3.1
5	Travels and Description, . . . . .	10	544	916	6.1
6	Poetry and Drama, . . . . .	17	435	312	2.1
7	Scientific and Educational, . . . . .	27	510	390	2.6
8	Literary and Æsthetical, . . . . .	48	699	399	2.6
9	Religious and Philosophical, . . . . .	9	326	167	1.1
10	Complete Works, . . . . .	0	249	117	.8
11	Miscellaneous Works, . . . . .	5	278	315	2.1
12	Bound Periodicals, . . . . .	44	599	402	2.9
13	Agricultural Works, . . . . .	1	120	49	.3
14	Law Documents, [reserved] . . . . .	4	157	00	
15	Mass. Public Documents, . . . . .	16	278	8	.05
16	U. S. Public Documents, . . . . .	44	507	5	.03
R.	Reserved Section, (issued by special permit), . . . . .	30	338	16	.1
D.	Duplicates, . . . . .	107	243	00	
A.L.	Ammidown Library, . . . . .	152	678	00	
		633	9,270	15,525	100

## RANK OF MONTHS.

USE IN LIBRARY.		HOME USE.	
1	March, . . . . . 235	1	March, . . . . . 1364
2	April, . . . . . 280	2	April, . . . . . 1230
3	May, . . . . . 310	3	May, . . . . . 1220
4	June, . . . . . 310	4	June, . . . . . 1084
5	July, . . . . . 302	5	July, . . . . . 1268

6 August, . . . . .	259	6 August, . . . . .	1208
7 September, . . . . .	260	7 September, . . . . .	1153
8 October, . . . . .	240	8 October, . . . . .	1288
9 November, . . . . .	334	9 November, . . . . .	1240
10 December, . . . . .	345	10 December, . . . . .	1432
11 January, . . . . .	396	11 January, . . . . .	1511
12 February, . . . . .	244	12 February, . . . . .	1527
Total, . . . . .	3515	Total . . . . .	15525

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## CIRCULATION.

From March 1, 1882, to March 1, 1883.

### AGGREGATE.

Total number of volumes consulted at library, . . . . .	3515
Total number taken home for use, . . . . .	15525
Total circulation of books, . . . . .	19040

### USE OF THE LIBRARY WITHIN THE ROOM.

Largest use on any day, . . . . .	July 19, 62
Smallest use on any day, . . . . .	Oct. 14, 2
Average use per day, . . . . .	11

### ISSUED FOR HOME USE.

Largest number issued any day, . . . . .	Feb. 10, 150
Smallest number issued any day, . . . . .	Sept. 11, 9
Average issue per day, . . . . .	51

### NUMBER WHO HAVE TAKEN BOOKS FROM THE LIBRARY.

Accounts opened from the beginning, . . . . .	2818
Accounts cancelled from the beginning, . . . . .	1544
Accounts opened the past year, . . . . .	219
Accounts now open, . . . . .	1274

## DONORS AND GIFTS.

	Books.	Pamphlets.
Ammidown, Edward H. . . . .		1
Ammidown, Holmes, . . . . .	274	1
Appleton, Francis H. . . . .		1
Bartholomew, A. J. . . . .		1
Boston Public Library, . . . . .		5
Collet, C. D., London, England, . . . . .	7	1
Commonwealth, . . . . .	6	
Concord, Mass., Public Library, . . . . .		1
Friends, Society of . . . . .		2
Hargraves, Dr. Minnie, . . . . .		1
Hartford Library Association, . . . . .		2
Hartwell, Dr. S. C. . . . .	1	
Hayward, Rev. S. . . . .	1	
Hoar, Hon. Geo. F. . . . .	16	
Hyde Park Public Library, . . . . .		1
Jillson, Hon. Clarke, . . . . .		2
Kilton, W. S. . . . .		1
Leicester Public Library, . . . . .		1
Long Island Historical Society, . . . . .		1
Lovell, G. M. . . . .	1	
Mass. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children,		1
Monson, Mass. Library Association, . . . . .		1
Monroe, C. D. . . . .		4
Phillips, E. M. . . . .		1
Providence Public Library, . . . . .		2
Rice, Hon. W. W. . . . .	33	8
Sampson, Davenport & Co. . . . .	1	
San Francisco Mercantile Library, . . . . .		2
San Francisco Public Library, . . . . .		2
Smithsonian Institution, . . . . .	1	
Southbridge Town Officers, . . . . .	4	2
Stennet, W. H. . . . .		1
Swansea, Wales, Public Library, . . . . .		1
Ware, Mass., Young Men's Library Association, . . . .		1
Whitaker, G. M. . . . .		3

## GIFTS TO READING ROOM.

- Ammidown. E. H., *Commercial Bulletin*.  
 Ammidown, Holmes, Map of St. Augustine, Fla., (revised and published by the donor.)  
 Corbin, W. W., *Southbridge Herald*.  
 Gray, H. C., *Malden Mirror*.  
 Hayward, Rev. S., *Le Republicain*.  
 Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Steel Portrait of R. W. Emerson.  
 Rice, Hon. W. W., Map of the United States. Published 1882.  
 Southbridge Woman's Christian Temperance Union, *The Temperance Advocate*.

## GIFTS TO MUSEUM.

- Ammidown, Holmes. Piece of Porcelain clay, from Aiken, S. C., also a piece of Red Stone, which underlies that region.  
 Ballard, Joshua. Two Lottery Tickets, one bearing date "Boston, June, 1765," with John Hancock's signature, the other "Boston, Feb. 1769," with Thomas Cushing's signature.  
 Burke, Master Charlie. A Bat.  
 Dresser, C. A. Bale of Texas Cotton.  
 Litchfield, Mrs. Lydia W. Geological specimens from Mt. Tabor, Vermont.  
 Paige, C. A. Piece of the Bell from the Dresser Co. Mill, which was burned May 20, 1870. The bell was cast in 1824.

## FINANCIAL.

## RECEIPTS.

Fines, . . . . .	\$46 51
Cards, . . . . .	5 80
Catalogues, . . . . .	2 80
Waste Paper, . . . . .	54
A. Sherwood, Charlton, for taking books six months, 1 50	

\$57 15



## EXPENDITURES.

Express and Freight, . . . . .	\$ 14 42	
Postage and Stationery, . . . . .	10 30	
Gummed tags, glue pot, mucilage, . . . . .	1 71	
Card rack, rubber bands, twine, . . . . .	2 08	
Muslin for repairing books, extra papers, . . . . .	95	
Lock and keys, screw driver, disinfectant, . . . . .	1 65	
Gas lighters, charcoal, stove poker, . . . . .	1 92	
Alcohol and insect powder for museum, . . . . .	1 30	
Labor and repairs, . . . . .	6 23	
Brooms, brushes and cleaning, . . . . .	25 80	
J. Smith and M. A. Kelly, for work at desk and care of museum, . . . . .	50 00	
Mr. Bailey, Mrs. Albee and others, for care of fires and sweeping, . . . . .	50 00	
		\$166 36

This amount, with my salary, \$600, has been paid me by the town treasurer.

A. JEANNETTE COMINS,

*Librarian.*



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# UNPAID TAXES.

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Angua, Charles . . . . .	2 00	Brunnel, Henry Jr. . . . .	2 00
Albee, Edwin . . . . .	2 00	Betram, Samuel . . . . .	2 00
Allen, Albert . . . . .	2 00	Betram, Louis . . . . .	2 00
Agnew, Andrew . . . . .	2 00	Beebo, Edward . . . . .	2 00
Bacon, H. W. . . . .	5 26	Biger, Louis . . . . .	2 00
Bacon, H. W. Jr. . . . .	3 62	Bishop, Charles . . . . .	2 00
Bourgue, Joseph . . . . .	2 00	Berry, Peter . . . . .	2 00
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Busha, Amable . . . . .	2 00	Barry, Joseph Jr. . . . .	2 00
Busha, Colles . . . . .	2 00	Benway, Alphonse . . . . .	2 00
Breen, Michael . . . . .	2 00	Bullock, W. H. . . . .	2 00
Benway, Peter . . . . .	2 00	Babcock, G. G. . . . .	10 88
Bachand, Peter . . . . .	2 00	Chamberlin, A. M. . . . .	79 27
Benson, G. O. . . . .	4 02	Clark, Frank J. . . . .	69 31
Beebo, Louis . . . . .	13 95	Casavant, Mrs. Adaline . . . . .	12 92
Bebo, Charles . . . . .	2 00	Coldrick, Thomas . . . . .	2 00
Beebo, Joseph . . . . .	2 00	Clark, James . . . . .	2 00
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Brown, Felix . . . . .	2 00	Clark, Joseph . . . . .	2 00
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Connell, Michael . . . . .	2 00	Freeley, Peter . . . . .	2 00
Coderre, Peter . . . . .	2 00	Gaumont, Remo . . . . .	2 00
Coderre, Joseph . . . . .	2 00	Greaney, Maximelian . . . . .	2 00
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Caplet, Nelson . . . . .	2 00	Greaney, Henry . . . . .	2 00
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Cabana, Jesse . . . . .	2 00	Gowans, David . . . . .	2 00
Curran, John . . . . .	2 00	Gauthier, Exzear . . . . .	2 00
Dion, Joseph Jr. . . . .	2 00	Gervais, Peter . . . . .	2 00
Degreaney, Andrew, . . . . .	2 00	Gravel, Louis . . . . .	2 00
Daisey, Frank Jr. . . . .	2 00	Green, Peter . . . . .	2 00
Dodd, Martin . . . . .	2 00	Gaumont, Abraham . . . . .	2 00
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Dinsmore, A. E. . . . .	2 00	Giewar, Leander . . . . .	2 00
Denot, Oliver . . . . .	2 00	Girard, George . . . . .	2 00
Delage, Frank . . . . .	2 00	Giewar, Frank . . . . .	2 00
Deslauriers, Edward . . . . .	2 00	Gragg, W. H. . . . .	2 00
Devois, Michael . . . . .	2 00	Ganion, Maxim . . . . .	2 00
Devois, Stephen . . . . .	2 00	Ganion, Lucian . . . . .	2 00
Detoe, John . . . . .	2 00	Homer, Louis . . . . .	2 00
Dwyer, Thomas . . . . .	2 00	Hogan, John . . . . .	2 00
Deslauriers, Alfred . . . . .	2 00	Holden, James T. . . . .	2 00
Dupra, Victor . . . . .	2 00	Holden, James . . . . .	2 00
Duquette, John B. . . . .	2 00	Hancock, Daniel . . . . .	2 93
Donais, Napoleon . . . . .	2 00	Hennessey, John . . . . .	2 00
Duquette, Peter . . . . .	2 00	Hamilton, John F. . . . .	2 00
Demarshe, Joseph . . . . .	2 00	Hetue, Louis . . . . .	2 00
Doyon, Joseph . . . . .	2 00	Holden, Daniel J. . . . .	2 00
Duhamel, Peter . . . . .	2 00	Holmes, Henry . . . . .	2 00
Eccleston, Charles F. . . . .	2 00	Johnson, Jerome . . . . .	2 00
Felton, Wm. F. . . . .	2 00	Jeck, William . . . . .	2 00
Faro, Charles . . . . .	2 00	Kelley, James H. . . . .	3 66
Felix, Joseph Jr. . . . .	2 00	Kelley, William . . . . .	2 00
Flynn, Thomas . . . . .	2 00	King, Augustus . . . . .	2 00
Fanoff, John . . . . .	2 00	Kennedy, Michael 2nd, . . . . .	2 00
Fountain, Lucian . . . . .	2 00	Kershaw, James . . . . .	2 00
Felix, Peter . . . . .	2 00	Kernan, Thomas . . . . .	2 00

King, Paul . . . . .	2 00	Martil, Moses . . . . .	2 00
Kormier, Peter . . . . .	2 00	Martin, Nicholas . . . . .	2 00
Littleton, Michael . . . . .	2 00	McCarty, Martin . . . . .	2 00
Longsway, Joseph . . . . .	21 94	Marchesault, Moses . . . . .	2 00
Lavelley, Louis . . . . .	5 10	McCormick, John . . . . .	2 00
Longsway, Peter . . . . .	2 00	Morrissey, Patrick . . . . .	2 00
Longsway, Frank . . . . .	2 00	Marble, James M. . . . .	2 00
Lorange, Louis Dr. . . . .	2 00	Macfarland, H. M. . . . .	2 00
Laughnauc, John . . . . .	2 00	Martel, Isadore . . . . .	2 00
Laduke, Moses . . . . .	2 00	Mormec, Jerry Jr. . . . .	2 00
Lovelley, Joseph . . . . .	2 00	Montville, Frank . . . . .	3 62
Lovelley, Joseph Jr. . . . .	2 00	Moulton, Geo. V. . . . .	2 00
Lovelley, Louis Jr. . . . .	2 00	Murphy, James . . . . .	2 00
Laduke, Teles . . . . .	2 00	Murphy, Arthur . . . . .	2 00
Lamont, Felix . . . . .	2 00	Martin, John . . . . .	2 00
Lamont, Levi . . . . .	2 00	Murray, Barney . . . . .	2 00
Labounty, Frank . . . . .	2 00	Martin, Nelson . . . . .	2 00
Largess, David . . . . .	2 00	Montville, John . . . . .	2 00
Lavoic, Teles . . . . .	2 00	Martin, Henry Jr. . . . .	2 00
Laplant, Nelbare . . . . .	2 00	Martin, Geo. W. . . . .	2 00
L'homme, Michael . . . . .	2 00	Martin, Paul . . . . .	2 00
Luru, Magorie . . . . .	2 00	Martin, Narsus . . . . .	2 00
Lachapell, Nelson . . . . .	2 00	Murray, Thomas . . . . .	2 00
Laplante, Joseph . . . . .	2 00	McKennon, James . . . . .	2 00
Laplante, Elzedor . . . . .	2 00	Marchesault, Nelson, . . . . .	2 00
Lataille, Joseph . . . . .	2 00	Morrissey, Thomas L. . . . .	2 00
Livermoir, Oliver . . . . .	2 00	Murphy, Thomas . . . . .	2 00
Longsway, Matteos . . . . .	2 00	Nedroux, John B. . . . .	2 00
Laplante, Almedor . . . . .	2 00	O'Brien, Jerry . . . . .	2 00
Lovelley, Lubert . . . . .	2 00	Oakes, Michael . . . . .	2 00
Lashapell, Amande . . . . .	2 00	O'Connell, John . . . . .	2 00
Labonnte, Maxim . . . . .	2 00	O'Connell, Patrick . . . . .	2 00
Lamont, Joseph . . . . .	2 00	Peppard, Robert B. . . . .	2 00
Longsway, Paul . . . . .	2 00	Pelican, Peter . . . . .	2 00
Longsway, Phillip . . . . .	2 00	Phillips, Frank E. . . . .	2 00
Larivier, Adoloise . . . . .	2 00	Perron, Phillias . . . . .	2 00
Martin, Peter . . . . .	2 54	Peck, Richard . . . . .	2 00
Mansfield, Thomas . . . . .	3 09	Proux, Joseph . . . . .	2 00
Morean, T. F. . . . .	2 00	Pellett, Charles H. . . . .	2 00
Morrissey, John J. . . . .	2 00	Powers, Wm. 2nd, . . . . .	2 00

Perry, Albert . . . . .	2 00	St. Onge, Adaloise . . . . .	2 00
Pelican, Louis . . . . .	2 00	Stebbins, Joseph . . . . .	2 00
Peck, Peter . . . . .	2 00	Shay, Thomas . . . . .	2 00
Pelican, Nazarus . . . . .	4 81	Tetro, Jacque . . . . .	2 00
Patnand, Ozeas . . . . .	2 00	Tetro, Trifla . . . . .	2 60
Perry, Joseph . . . . .	2 00	Tisdale, Albert . . . . .	2 00
Paul, Frank . . . . .	2 00	Terrio, Joseph . . . . .	2 00
Proux, Joseph . . . . .	2 00	Tracy, Peter . . . . .	2 00
Proux, John . . . . .	2 00	Trombly Frank . . . . .	2 00
Proux, Francis 2nd, . . . . .	2 00	Thompson, Charles . . . . .	2 00
Paige, Hector . . . . .	2 00	Therique, Joseph . . . . .	2 00
Raynolds, Munroe . . . . .	10 12	Trombly, Theophile . . . . .	2 00
Ryan, John J. . . . .	2 00	Terrio, Gilbert . . . . .	2 00
Rivers, Joseph . . . . .	2 00	Trombly, Frank . . . . .	2 00
Riley, Matt 2nd, . . . . .	2 00	Terrier, Daniel, . . . . .	2 00
Ryan, James . . . . .	2 00	Thimblin, Michael . . . . .	2 00
Ryan, James H. . . . .	2 00	Upham, Edward H. . . . .	2 00
Roberts, Louis . . . . .	2 00	Vincleth, Napoleon . . . . .	2 00
Riemion, Nelson . . . . .	2 00	Vinton, Larkin . . . . .	2 00
Reed, Joseph . . . . .	2 00	Vinton, Charles . . . . .	2 16
Ryan, John P. . . . .	2 00	Vane, Eugene . . . . .	2 00
Ritter, Robert . . . . .	2 00	Volin, Adolphus . . . . .	2 00
Roberts, Maxim . . . . .	2 00	Welch, Thomas . . . . .	2 00
Simpson, Mrs. & daughters	13 07	Whelan, Martin . . . . .	2 00
Savory, Frank . . . . .	2 00	Ward, Patrick . . . . .	2 00
Shaw, Louis . . . . .	2 00	Whitney, Pliny . . . . .	2 00
Stone, Charles . . . . .	2 00	Wesson, James . . . . .	2 39
Stone, John . . . . .	2 00	Welch, Richard . . . . .	2 00
Sheridan, Partick . . . . .	2 00	Waldron, Adelbert . . . . .	2 00
Savory, Frank Jr. . . . .	2 00	Wurkert, Heinrich . . . . .	2 00
Simard, Ephriam . . . . .	2 00	Wilde, Howard . . . . .	2 00
Stone, Charles . . . . .	2 00	Wine, Frank . . . . .	2 00
Simard, Aristides . . . . .	2 00	Wine, Joseph . . . . .	2 00
Stone, John . . . . .	2 00	Young, Simeon . . . . .	2 00
Simmons, John . . . . .	2 00	Young, Leon . . . . .	2 00
Simpson, George . . . . .	2 00	Southbridge Button Co. . . . .	16 15
Sheridan, Edward . . . . .	2 00	Cutting, Horace Estate, . . . . .	7 75
Senechal, Napoleon . . . . .	2 00	Shaw, E. T. . . . .	9 30
Senechal, John . . . . .	2 00	Spicer, Albert . . . . .	1 55



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ANNUAL REPORT

+ OF THE +

TOWN CLERK,

+ AND +

Warrant for Annual Meeting.

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# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

## INSURANCE ON TOWN PROPERTY,

WITH THE DATE OF EXPIRATION OF POLICIES.

Amount.	Property Insured.	Expires.
\$ 3,000.	Books, etc. library, . . . . .	July 1, 1883
1,000.	Books, etc. library, . . . . .	July 1, 1883
2,500.	School house School St, . . . . .	Nov. 1, 1883
1,200.	River St, . . . . .	Nov. 1, 1883
2,500.	Town house, . . . . .	May 1, 1884
600.	School, Hooker District, . . . . .	April 1, 1885
2,500.	Library building, . . . . .	Nov. 1, 1885
6,400.	Alms-house, barn, shed, stock, etc. . . . .	Dec. 1, 1885
600.	School house, Bacon District, . . . . .	June 1, 1886
1,600.	School house, Elm St, . . . . .	Sept. 1, 1886
2,200.	Sandersdale, . . . . .	Dec. 1, 1886
2,000.	Main St, . . . . .	Jan. 1, 1887
1,500.	Town hall, Elm St, . . . . .	Feb. 1, 1887
600.	School house, Sumner district, . . . . .	April 1, 1887
2,000.	Union St, . . . . .	Nov. 1, 1887
2,000.	Main St, . . . . .	Jan. 1, 1888
<u>\$32,200.</u>	Total amount of property insured.	

The amount appropriated at the last annual meeting for the purpose of keeping the town property insured, was not sufficient, owing to the additional insurance placed upon the alms-house buildings, stock, etc. but the amount required for the ensuing year will be much less; I would recommend the sum of \$150.00 as that sum will

be ample to pay the outstanding claims and premiums on expiring policies for the ensuing year.

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## VITAL STATISTICS.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS IN TOWN FROM JANUARY 1,  
1882, TO JANUARY 1, 1883.

Number of marriages, . . . . . 73

American 28; French 35; Irish 9; Indian 1.

Number of Births, . . . . . 208

Male 104; female 104.

American 33; French 153; Irish 15; English 2; Scotch 3; African 2.

Number of deaths, . . . . . 145

American 39; French 77; Irish 27; Scotch 2.

Of this number 57 were under 5 years of age, 3 between 5 and 10, 8 between 10 and 20, 13 between 20 and 30, 8 between 30 and 40, 13 between 40 and 50, 5 between 50 and 60, 31 between 60 and 80, and 7 over 80.

Number of dogs licensed from March 1, 1882, to March 1, 1883, 167

Males, 158, females, 9.

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY A. MORSE, *Town Clerk.*

# Warrant for Annual Meeting, 1883.

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*Worcester, ss. To either of the Constables in the Town of Southbridge, in the county of Worcester.*

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby requested to notify the inhabitants of the town of Southbridge, aforesaid, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Southbridge, on Monday, the second day of April next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles.

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

ART. 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year—the Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, School Committee, Library Committee, Cemetery Committee, Auditors and Constables will be voted for on one ballot; and the polls will be kept open for voting until three o'clock p. m., unless the meeting shall otherwise determine.

ART. 3. To vote by ballot “yes” or “no” in answer to the question, “Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town,” the check list being used, or act thereon.

ART. 4. To hear the report of the Auditors of Accounts, Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Fire Engineers, School Committee, Library Committee, and Cemetery Committee, and to act upon any recommendations therein contained or act thereon.

ART. 5. To raise and appropriate one thousand dollars for payment of debt. Also such sums of money as may be necessary to pay town bills and charges for the ensuing year or act thereon.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will authorize the Collector of Taxes to use the means for collecting taxes, which the Treasurer when appointed collector may use, or act thereon.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will allow the usual discount on taxes, except taxes assessed on polls, or act thereon.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money for the use of the Town in anticipation of the taxes to be assessed the current year, and to give the notes of the Town therefor, or act thereon.

ART. 9. To see if the Town will vote to pay the engine men for the ensuing year or act thereon.

ART. 10. To see if the Town will accept the list of jurors as posted and presented by the selectmen or act thereon.

ART. 11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to pay firemen according to the vote at the last annual meeting, or act thereon.

ART. 12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to defray the expenses of the observance of Decoration Day, or act thereon.

ART. 13. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to transfer the credit balances of the following accounts, viz: Chapin street, Edwards street walk, Main and Pleasant street walk, Main street walk east, South street, Hamilton street walk, Everett street walk, Everett street entrance and liquor licenses to unappropriated funds and to transfer from unappropriated funds enough to balance the following accounts, viz: Main street walk west, town farm barn and Columbian road, and to pay from the unappropriated funds the sum of four thousand dollars towards the note of the town of five thousand dollars maturing September 17, 1883, or act thereon.

ART. 14. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money to renew or pay any existing debts of the town and give the notes of the town therefor or act thereon.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate one thousand dollars, to widen and straighten the road, and rebuild the bank wall adjoining the premises of the Litchfield Shuttle Co., at Westville, or act thereon.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will appropriate from unappropriated funds seven hundred and eighty-five dollars and fifty-five cents, to the credit of Daniel Whitford, collector, the assessment of bank tax charged him in the assessors' warrant, or act thereon.

ART. 17. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to replace the old plank walk on the north side of Hamilton street, from the old Catholic church to corner of Oliver street, with curbing and concrete covering, or act thereon.

ART. 18. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to construct a sidewalk on the east side of Mill street, from River street to the bridge near the post office in Globe Village, or act thereon.

ART. 19. To see if the Town will construct a sidewalk on Central street, from that now built near the northerly line of James A. King, on westerly side of said street to the river, and on easterly side of said street from near the northerly line of Dr. Hartwell, to the southerly line of land of the New York & New England R. R. Co.; raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ART. 20. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars to pay for the use of the hydrants of the Southbridge Water Supply Co., from August 26, 1882, to March 1, 1883, or act thereon.

ART. 21. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to pay the Southbridge Water Supply Co., for the use of their hydrants, for fire purposes the ensuing year, or act thereon.

ART. 22. To see if the Town will accept the road from Chestnut street to Morris street, two hundred and thirty feet long by forty feet wide, adjoining the estates of Alpha M. Cheney and F. O. Letcher, or act thereon.

ART. 23. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate forty-nine dollars and eighty-five cents to reimburse Dr. L. W. Curtis for sidewalk built by him in front of his block on Pleasant street, or act thereon.

ART. 24. To see if the Town will establish lamp posts as follows, to wit: three on Water street, three on Mill street, one on Edwards street, and one on Central street near the Central street bridge, and raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ART. 25. To see what action the Town will take in regard to designating a school to which truants may be sent in compliance with the statutes, or act thereon.

ART. 26. To see if the Town will defray the expenses of the committal of persons arrested by the collector for non-payment of taxes, or act thereon.

ART. 27. To see if the Town will change the by-laws of the town regarding the insurance of town property, so that it will not be necessary to insure such property, or act thereon.

ART. 28. To see if the Town will contract with the Telephone Company for telephones for use of the fire department the ensuing year, or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by publishing an attested copy thereof twice in the *Southbridge Journal*, the first publication being not less than nine days next preceding the day of the meeting—or by posting up such attested copies in four conspicuous public places within the town at least nine days, including Sundays, before the day of holding said meeting. The polls will be open at 9 o'clock a. m., and close at 3 o'clock p. m.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place hereinbefore named.

Given under our hands this 21st day of March, A. D. 1883.

JOHN TATTERSON, } *Selectmen*  
 THOMAS SANDERS, } *of*  
 A. H. WHEELER, } *Southbridge.*

A true copy—Attest:

P. M. CLARKE, *Constable of Southbridge.*



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