

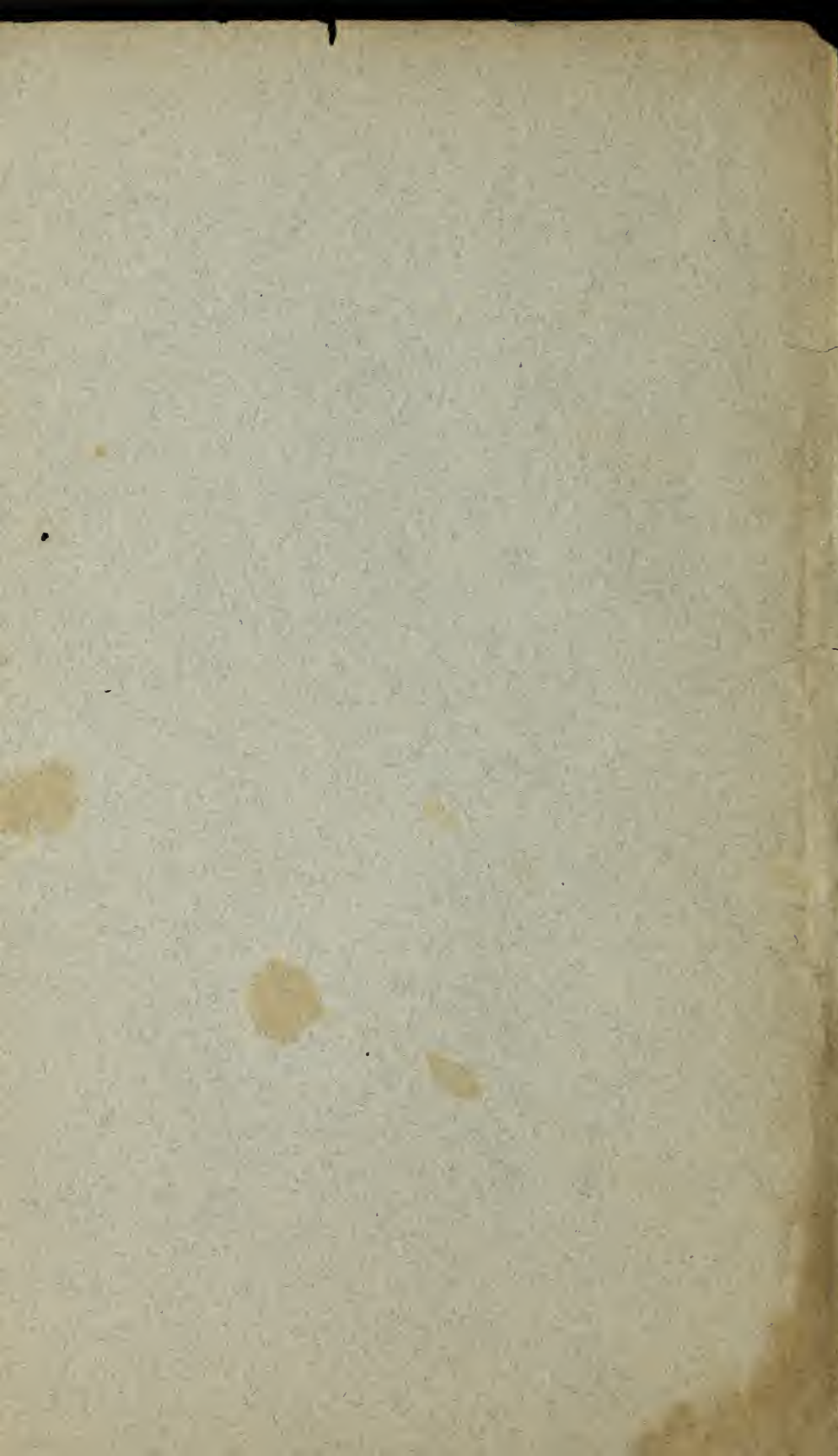
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TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1876-7.

Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, and Surveyors of Highways.

JOHN Q. A. FIELD, EDMUND B. TAYLOR, HENRY F. BARKER.

Town Clerk.

GEORGE L. GILL.

Town Treasurer.

HORACE B. SPEAR.

School Committee.

JAMES H. SLADE,	WILLIAM B. DUGGAN,	Terms expire, March, 1877.
CHAS. F. ADAMS, JR.,	EDWIN W. MARSH,	“ “ “ 1878.
JOHN Q. ADAMS,	CHAS. L. BADGER,	“ “ “ 1879.

Superintendent of Schools.

FRANCIS W. PARKER.

Collector of Taxes.

CHARLES N. BAXTER.

Auditors.

WILLIAM B. WORSTER,	EDWARD B. SOUTHER,	JEDIAH P. JORDAN,
CHARLES H. PORTER,	H. A. KEITH.	

Fire Engineers.

EDWARD A. SPEAR, CHIEF,	JOHN W. HALL,
AMOS M. LITCHFIELD,	HERBERT M. FEDERHEN,
JAMES T. PENNIMAN,	JAMES H. ELCOCK.

Constables.

W. M. FRENCH, CHIEF,	ALONZO GLINES,
EDWARD A. SPEAR,	BENJAMIN WATSON,
WILLIAM C. SEELVE,	GEORGE H. LOCKE,
JOSEPH T. FRENCH,	LEONE C. BADGER,
GEORGE B. PRAY,	CHARLES A. FOLLETT,
EDWARD RICHARDSON,	SAMUEL T. ALLEN,
LEVI STEARNS,	CHAS. H. S. NEWCOMB.

Trustees of the Public Library.

HENRY BARKER,	H. A. KEITH,	Terms expire, March, 1877.
L. W. ANDERSON,	EDWARD WHICHER,	“ “ “ 1878.
CHAS. F. ADAMS, JR.,	CHAS. A. FOSTER,	“ “ “ 1879.

Managers of the Adams Academy.

JOSIAH P. QUINCY,	HENRY BARKER,	Terms expire, March, 1877.
CHARLES F. ADAMS,	L. W. ANDERSON,	“ “ “ 1878.
CHARLES H. PORTER,	JAMES E. TIRRELL,	“ “ “ 1879.

Managers of the Mt. Wollaston Cemetery.

JOHN Q. A. FIELD, CHAIRMAN,	GEORGE L. GILL, SECRETARY.
HENRY F. BARKER,	ABNER B. PACKARD, Terms expire, March, 1877.
GEORGE L. BAXTER,	WILLIAM B. WORSTER, “ “ “ 1878.

Representative to the General Court.

HENRY F. BARKER.

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AUDITORS' REPORT.

THE AUDITORS appointed at the annual meeting in March, 1876, submit their Report.

They have carefully examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, and Treasurer of the Woodward Fund, and find the same correctly kept, with proper vouchers for all expenditures. The bills paid are carefully itemized, and no account is allowed without due attention to this important item.

They have also visited the Almshouse, and find the same neat and in such condition as the buildings will warrant, and good care taken of the inmates by the Superintendent. A new barn has been built upon the premises during the past year, to replace the one burned in March last, and is a good and substantial building.

WILLIAM B. WORSTER,
CHARLES H. PORTER,
JEDIAH P. JORDAN,
E. B. SOUTHER,
H. A. KEITH.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

TO THE INHABITANTS:—

The Selectmen beg leave to present herewith their annual report for the year ending Feb. 1, 1877.

It will be noticed that, in some of the accounts, the expenses exceed the appropriations.

In the matter of highways, a large amount of stone-work was found necessary, from various causes, during the early part of the year. Later in the season, it was found that the building of Robertson's block had closed the outlet of the drain which carried away the water from the square. The Surveyors were therefore obliged to provide some other means of drainage, and it was considered best to pave a gutter on Hancock Street, leading to the brook. In addition to this, the fact that a large number of persons who have a settlement in the town required assistance, either by giving them work or by helping from the town appropriation for the support of poor, rendered it advisable, in the opinion of the Selectmen, to expend, if necessary, the amount appropriated for highways, exclusive of labor from the Almshouse. The unusual amount of snow has caused the miscellaneous expenses of highways to exceed the appropriation.

The excess in the account of town officers was partially caused by the sums paid for the part of the year previous to March 1, 1876, and for enforcing the by-laws.

In the account of miscellaneous (town) expenses, the excess is partly due to an adverse decision in a lawsuit against the town.

During the year there have been numerous calls for help for the support of the poor, especially from a large number who have a settlement in Quincy, but are now residents of other

towns. This fact, together with the rebuilding of the barn, and the replacing of the harnesses, &c., destroyed by fire at the Almshouse, has naturally caused a large expenditure.

The excess above the appropriation for bridges was caused by the almost entire new planking of Neponset Bridge, it being found necessary to make it safe for travel.

JOHN Q. A. FIELD,
EDMUND B. TAYLOR,
HENRY F. BARKER,
Selectmen of Quincy.

SELECTMENS' CASH ACCOUNT.

The Selectmen have received from the Treasurer, during the year ending Feb. 1, 1877, as per Treasurer's Report, \$89,211 82

They have paid out as follows: —

For schools,	\$32,105 62	
Superintendent of schools,	2,000 00	
Repairs of highways, including new streets at Wollaston,	9,669 79	
Miscellaneous expenses of highways and removal of snow,	1,419 42	
Adams Place,	73 28	
Retaining walls on Willard and Cross Streets,	235 73	
Extension of Granite Place,	1,129 60	
Widening Quincy Avenue,	575 45	
Defining street lines,	330 20	
Almshouse,	4,776 71	
Poor out of almshouse,	5,979 82	
Mount Wollaston Cemetery,	1,946 35	
Old cemetery,	69 50	
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<i>Amounts carried forward.</i>	\$60,311 47	<hr/> \$89,111 92

Selectmen's Cash Account, continued.

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$60,311 47	\$89,211 82
For Fire department,	5,003 45	
Purchase of hose carriage,	800 00	
Reservoir at North Quincy,	56 21	
Reservoirs at Wollaston,	1,077 44	
Engine-house at Wollaston,	342 00	
Engine at Wollaston,	575 12	
Grand Army of the Republic, Post 88,	200 00	
Repairs of town buildings,	479 79	
Miscellaneous expenses,	2,532 91	
Public Library,	3,200 00	
Purchase of new safe,	350 00	
Police station,	440 94	
Back bills on Foster Street,	179 70	
State aid,	2,896 00	
Street lamps,	2,725 33	
Copying Braintree records,	349 95	
Town hall,	920 96	
Abatement of taxes (1875),	202 75	
Real estate bought in for taxes,	152 92	
Town officers,	3,204 25	
Fourth of July celebration,	600 00	
Vagrant account,	136 50	
Hingham and Quincy bridges,	1,178 06	
Neponset bridge,	1,296 07	
	<hr/>	\$89,211 82

The items of the above sums, with their credits, if any, can be found under their appropriate heads, as per Index, pages 3, 4.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

The amount of money paid out by the Selectmen, on account of schools and repairs of school-houses, for the year ending Feb. 1, 1877, is \$32,105 62

The items of the expenses can be examined on reference to the Report of the School Committee.

HIGHWAYS.

Repairs under the Direction of the Selectmen.

CENTRE DISTRICT.

HENRY F. BARKER, *Surveyor.*

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Paid H. Feltis, posts, bolts, and repairs,	93 70	Paid M. Kelliher, labor,	52 25
E. Menhinick, laying stone, walls, &c.,	373 69	M. Collins, "	3 00
J. Sullivan, labor with team,	2 10	C. Newcomb "	11 00
J. McDonnell, "	87 75	T. Maloney, "	75
M. Sheahan, "	6 00	A. Graney, "	20 25
W. Faxon, "	9 00	M. Cronin, "	2 62
H. E. Durgin, labor,	1 35	P. Haley, "	15 00
J. Donahoe, "	45 22	F. Miller, "	37
W. Crathorne, "	81 71	P. O'Brien, "	31 13
D. Ford, "	81 22	D. Ford, "	20 25
T. O'Brien, "	106 84	G. B. Jones, "	1 50
M. Dunn, "	104 57	P. Sullivan, "	93 75
D. Griffin, "	5 06	W. Griffin, "	65 63
P. Welsh, "	12 75	J. O'Neil, "	74 74
R. Wadmore, "	82 00	J. Gallagher, "	10 50
W. Shea, "	4 31	J. Shea, "	53 25
J. Falvey, "	10 12	P. Dolan, "	1 50
J. McCarty, "	76 88	C. F. Lord, "	75
M. Scully, "	80 37	J. O'Brien, "	10 00
M. Griffin, "	73 87	W. Garvin, "	4 13
		B. McGillicuddy, "	14 24
		T. Connors, "	3 00
<i>Carried forward,</i>	\$2,249 40		
Deduct amount of labor, &c., on Oak Street,			60 00
			<hr/>
			\$2,679 01

POINT DISTRICT.

HENRY F. BARKER, *Surveyor.*

Paid F. Costeric, gravel,	\$10 48	<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$110 15
Bailey & Baxter, stock and labor,	23 09	Paid G. B. Jones, labor,	1 50
T. W. Carter, stock and labor,	12 83	W. Crathorne, "	21 00
J. Q. A. Field, carting and use of derrick,	3 00	D. Ford, "	21 00
A. McFee, labor on culvert,	6 25	M. Dunn, "	28 50
W. Coolidge, labor on drain,	2 00	T. O'Brien, "	30 00
M. Sheahan, labor with team,	38 25	M. Scully, "	29 25
J. McDonnell, "	8 25	R. Wadmore, "	7 12
J. V. Packard, "	6 00	A. Graney, "	4 50
		M. Kelliher, "	13 50
		M. Griffin, "	28 50
<i>Carried forward,</i>	\$110 15	<i>Carried forward,</i>	\$295 02

Highways, continued.

<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$295 02	<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$310 27
Paid J. Donahoe, labor,	4 50	Paid J. O'Neil, labor,	1 75
D. Ford, "	3 00	J. Shea, "	21 75
P. O'Brien, "	6 00	J. McCarty, "	13 50
W. Griffin, "	1 75	W. Garvin, "	1 50
		D. Jordan, "	9 75
<i>Carried forward,</i>	<u>\$310 27</u>		
			<u>\$358 52</u>

EAST DISTRICT.

HENRY F. BARKER, *Surveyor.*

Paid R. H. Pomroy, lumber,	\$1 52
I. Litchfield, labor on fence,	1 75
	<u>\$3 27</u>

SOUTH DISTRICT.

JOHN Q. A. FIELD, *Surveyor.*

Paid D. Baxter, stock and labor on fence,	\$3 50	<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$488 20
W. Shea, covering stone,	2 00	Paid J. Falvey, labor,	9 00
Churchill & Hitchcock, stone,	72 80	J. O'Neil, "	59 50
J. Q. Wild, stone,	29 50	J. McCarty, "	16 50
C. H. Hardwick, stone,	27 43	J. Donahoe, "	11 25
R. H. Pomroy, posts and boards	33 14	M. Griffin, "	32 62
T. Owens, stone chips,	1 87	R. Wadmore, "	30 87
J. Q. A. Field, use of derrick,	4 00	B. McGillicuddy, "	2 63
Day, Collins & Co., drain pipe,	10 15	D. Ford, "	1 87
W. A. Coffin, carting,	75	T. O'Brien, "	21 37
J. Gray, carting derrick,	3 00	M. Cronin, "	1 50
I. Litchfield, labor on fence,	34 30	D. Griffin, "	6 00
E. Menhinick, " culvert, &c.,	87 00	W. Shea, "	6 75
J. McDonnell, labor with team,	28 12	W. Griffin, "	31 49
M. Sheahan, "	12 00	J. Shea, "	16 12
J. Kilshaw, "	10 03	P. O'Brien, "	9 00
W. Crathorne, labor,	22 87	W. Hobart, "	10 87
P. Welsh, "	19 50	G. B. Jones, "	9 75
D. Ford, "	15 00	E. F. Hayden, "	75
M. Dunn, "	43 12	A. Graney, "	2 25
M. Scully, "	21 37	P. Sullivan, "	10 12
E. Falvey, "	6 75	J. Glover, Jr., "	21 00
		M. Kelliher, "	7 50
		W. Talbot, "	50
<i>Carried forward,</i>	<u>\$488 20</u>		<u>\$807 41</u>

Highways, continued.

WEST DISTRICT.

JOHN Q. A. FIELD, *Surveyor*.

Paid T. O'Brien, 2d, gravel,	\$9 28	<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$699 97
L. N. Hayden, "	27 32	Paid D. Ford, labor,	59 26
Payson & Co., laying paving,	57 50	W. Crathorne, "	48 96
R. H. Smith, labor on fence,	4 75	J. Donahoe, "	65 17
A. M. Litchfield, "	7 76	J. McCarty, "	65 92
Whitman & Breck, surveying,	3 00	J. Falvey, "	2 94
F. & C. Wilson, stone and		M. Dunn, "	70 72
labor with team,	77 15	M. Scully, "	47 46
J. Nightingale, posts,	5 20	T. O'Brien, "	63 30
J. Shackley, stock and labor,	53 30	D. Griffin, "	4 00
Field & Cashman, carting,	64 25	E. Falvey, "	1 44
J. Fletcher, carting,	10 00	J. N. Welsh, "	72
P. Garrity, stone,	10 00	W. Nightingale, "	3 00
J. Berry, stone,	19 00	W. Shea, "	75
T. J. Sullivan, stone chips,	3 36	M. Griffin, "	54 90
F. & C. Wilson, wall-stone,	55 00	D. Ford, "	1 50
J. Noonan, paving-stone,	2 00	W. Griffin, "	16 63
T. Conway, "	4 00	J. O'Neil, "	27 44
E. Menhinick, laying wall,	47 30	R. Wadmore, "	8 50
E. Menhinick, setting edge-		A. Graney, "	17 25
stone,	2 80	M. Kelliher, "	39 37
T. McNeil, moving steps and		P. O'Brien, "	17 25
grading,	5 00	P. Sullivan, "	1 50
R. H. Pomroy, boards,	6 96	J. Shea, "	26 69
E. H. Doble & Co., oil,	14	M. Cronin, "	22 50
O. T. Rogers & Co., stone		W. Thayer, "	5 25
and stone chips,	26 00	D. Jordan, "	4 50
J. McDonnell, labor with team,	6 00	A. McFee, "	2 00
T. O'Brien, 2d, "	3 20	M. Halpine, "	10 87
S. Maloney, labor,	182 50	B. McGillicuddy, labor,	30 00
H. E. Durgin, "	7 20	P. McDonnell, 2d, "	16 12
<i>Carried forward,</i>	<u>\$699 97</u>		<u>\$1,435 88</u>

WOLLASTON AND NORTH DISTRICT.

EDMUND B. TAYLOR, *Surveyor*.

Paid C. F. Pierce, lanterns,	\$7 85	<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$11 60
B. J. Mann, repairing bridge,	2 00	Paid J. M. Glover, gravel,	248 56
W. C. Seelye, "	1 75	S. D. Ramsdell, "	8 80
<i>Carried forward,</i>	<u>\$11 60</u>	<i>Carried forward,</i>	<u>\$268 96</u>

Highways, continued.

<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$268 96	<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$3,388 07
Paid Churchill & Hitchcock,		Paid O. Mahoney, labor,	24 00
stone,	9 75	P. Sullivan, 3d, "	31 50
O. C. R. R. Co., new bridge		J. Lines, "	46 50
at Wollaston,	248 05	E. Burke, "	84 75
J. Wilson, sharpening picks,	2 87	T. Riordan, "	12 00
J. Donovan, " "	6 25	T. Brady, "	35 25
I. Litchfield, labor on fence,	5 00	C. Lines, "	41 25
A. T. Stearns & Co., lumber,	68 54	P. McCune, "	34 50
S. D. Ramsdell, stock and		M. Bowen, "	44 62
labor,	122 91	C. Lines, "	16 50
J. Q. A. Field, carting stone,	4 00	T. Goulding, "	36 75
Field & Cashman, culverts,	115 00	J. Martin, "	15 00
A. McFee, labor and stone on		J. Glancey, "	58 87
culverts,	557 40	J. Lines, "	7 50
W. Shea, labor and stone on		J. Goulding, "	21 00
culverts, &c.,	233 60	M. Scully, "	3 00
E. Menhinick, labor and stone		D. McCarty, "	16 12
on culverts, &c.,	274 71	D. O'Neil, "	38 62
W. H. Jones, labor and stone		J. Leary, "	52 50
on culverts,	132 00	B. Gerry, Jr., "	19 12
O. T. Rogers & Co., stone,	9 00	J. Burr, "	9 00
M. W. Gerry, labor with team,	233 25	D. Mahoney, "	32 25
B. Gerry, "	276 75	J. O'Brien, "	26 25
J. Mahoney, "	26 25	T. Gilrain, "	24 75
M. E. Farrell, "	82 50	J. Lines, "	20 25
J. Bowen, "	19 50	G. Martin, "	17 25
J. Hays, " &c.,	108 75	M. Harding, "	6 00
W. Mahoney, labor with team,		P. Colbert, "	7 50
and gravel,	385 75	J. Lyons, "	22 50
H. E. Durgin, labor,	1 44	P. Dolan, "	12 75
W. Crathorne, "	6 25	T. Lines, "	14 25
D. Ford, "	4 75	P. Cunningham, "	8 25
T. O'Brien, "	4 81	P. Goulding, "	7 50
J. Donahoe, "	15 81	P. Goulding, "	2 25
J. Shea, "	85 49	H. Burr, "	8 25
J. McCarty, "	1 87	D. Mahoney, "	1 50
M. Dunn, "	3 37	J. Cunniffe, "	1 50
J. Falvey, "	1 87	Smith & Smith, "	10 10
M. Griffin, "	3 37	P. Sullivan, "	4 50
P. Martin, "	68 25	D. Griffin, "	93
<i>Carried forward,</i>	\$3,388 07	<i>Carried forward,</i>	\$4,264 95

Highways, continued.

<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$4,264 95	<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$4,280 95
Paid E. Ramsdell, labor,	6 00	Paid J. Colgan, labor,	18 00
J. Smith, " "	10 00	S. Maloney, " "	26 75
	<u> </u>		<u> </u>
<i>Carried forward,</i>	\$4,280 95		\$4,325 70
Labor from Almshouse,			394 00
			<u> </u>
			\$4,719 70
Deduct amount of gravel and labor on Billings Street,		\$90 00	
Deduct amount of labor and material on new streets at Wollaston,		1,879 07	
		<u> </u>	\$1,969 07
Total cost of repairs in North District,			<u> </u>
			\$2,750 63

RECAPITULATION.

Centre District,		\$2,679 01	
Point District,		358 52	
East District,		3 27	
Oak Street,		60 00	
Labor from Almshouse,		1,054 00	
		<u> </u>	\$4,154 80
South District,		\$807 41	
West District,		1,435 88	
Labor from Almshouse,		1,178 50	
		<u> </u>	\$3,421 79
Wollaston and North District, including new streets at Wollaston and labor from Almshouse,		\$4,629 70	
Billings Street,		90 00	
		<u> </u>	\$4,719 70
			<u> </u>
			\$12,296 29
Appropriation for Repairs on Highways,		\$8,000 00	
" Oak Street,		100 00	
" Billings Street,		100 00	
" New Streets at Wollaston,		1,850 00	
		<u> </u>	\$10,050 00
Expenses more than appropriations,			<u> </u>
			\$2,246 29

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES OF HIGHWAYS AND REMOVAL OF SNOW.

Paid C. French, cedar posts, \$53 00	<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$80 67
N. H. Beals, chestnut posts, 18 00	Paid E. Farmer, painting signs,	7 16
Bailey & Baxter, casing pump, 9 67	Whitney & Nash, pick-handle,	35
		<u> </u>
<i>Carried forward,</i>	<i>Carried forward,</i>	\$88 18
		<u> </u>

Willard and Cross Streets — Granite Place.

<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$88 18	<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$366 81
Paid Ames & Severance, posts and labor,	29 40	Paid L. Briggs & Co., survey- ing (1872),	5 00
J. Wilson, sharpening tools, &c.,	2 87	A. Vogel, gravel (1873), Mil- ler street,	46 64
S. K. Tarbox, "	3 66		<u>418 45</u>
J. Q. Wild & Co., "	164 14	Paid sundry persons for re- moval of snow,	1,000 97
E. Snow, labor on Randolph turnpike,	78 00		<u>\$1,419 42</u>
S. F. Newcomb, hoe,	56		
<i>Carried forward,</i>	\$366 81		
Expenses,		\$1,419 42	
Appropriation,		1,000 00	
Expenses more than appropriation,		\$419 42	

RETAINING WALLS ON WILLARD AND CROSS STREETS.

Paid Elcock & Sons, stone,	\$67 50	<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$153 00
E. Menhinick, labor,	48 00	Paid J. Donahoe, labor,	3 00
P. Flaherty, "	22 50	J. McCarty, "	3 00
M. Dunn, "	4 50	M. Kelliher, "	3 00
J. Shea, "	3 75	W. Hobart, "	22 50
D. Ford, "	3 00	P. McDonnell, 2d, "	3 00
W. Crathorne, "	75	R. Wadmore, "	18 37
T. O'Brien, "	3 00	W. Griffin, "	25 36
<i>Carried forward,</i>	\$153 00	M. Griffin, "	4 50
Deduct amount of cash received from Old Colony Railroad, damage to Cross Street,			<u>235 73</u>
			100 00
			<u>\$135 73</u>
Appropriation,		\$300 00	
Expenses,		135 73	
Expenses less than appropriation,		\$164 27	

EXTENSION OF GRANITE PLACE.

Paid J. Gray, carting derrick,	\$2 50	<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$461 75
County of Norfolk, land dam- ages,	400 00	Paid A. McFee, laying wall,	20 00
Field & Cashman, carting,	51 00	P. McDonnell & Sons, chips and sharpening tools,	55 55
S. A. Fletcher, carting,	6 00	G. E. Faxon, use of derrick,	18 00
W. F. Lakin & Co., cement,	2 25	J. Q. A. Field, "	6 00
<i>Carried forward,</i>	\$461 75	<i>Carried forward,</i>	\$561 30

Granite Place, continued—Quincy Avenue.

<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$561 30	<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$913 73
Paid Whitney & Nash, powder and fuse,	27 69	Paid T. O'Brien, labor,	30 75
E. Menhinick, labor,	6 00	J. McCarty, "	29 37
J. Shea, "	8 75	J. Donahoe, "	26 62
W. Griffin, "	69 12	J. O'Neil, "	28 50
R. Wadmore, "	67 37	W. Hobart, "	30 75
T. Connors, "	21 75	P. O'Brien, "	12 50
D. Ford, "	30 50	J. Shea, "	12 00
W. Crathorne, "	31 00	B. McGillicuddy, "	22 13
M. Dunn, "	26 25	M. Cronin, "	9 75
M. Scully, "	30 50	M. Kelliher, "	9 75
M. Griffin, "	33 50	D. Jordan, "	1 50
		A. Graney, "	2 25
<i>Carried forward,</i>	\$913 73		\$1,129 60
Appropriation,		\$1,200 00	
Expenses,		1,129 60	
Expenses less than appropriation,		\$70 40	

WIDENING QUINCY AVENUE.

Paid S. A. Fletcher, carting,	\$15 00	<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$419 08
S. K. Tarbox, sharp'g tools,	36 84	Paid G. B. Jones, labor,	67 12
Whitney & Nash, powder and fuse,	27 69	J. F. G. Glover, "	21 00
J. Q. A. Field, use of derrick, team, and man,	37 50	M. Dunn, "	9 75
J. McDonnell, labor with team,	10 00	D. Ford, "	8 25
R. Wadmore, labor,	97 09	T. O'Brien, "	9 75
W. Griffin, "	91 84	J. Donahoe, "	6 75
W. Hobart, "	77 62	J. McCarty, "	9 75
T. Bennett, "	25 50	M. Griffin, "	9 75
		J. Shea, "	6 00
<i>Carried forward,</i>	\$419 08	W. Crathorne, "	3 75
Expenses,		M. Kelliher, "	4 50
Appropriation,			\$575 45
Expenses more than appropriation,			500 00
			\$75 45

Adams Place — Foster Street — Defining Street Lines.

ADAMS PLACE.

Paid T. O'Brien, labor,	\$7 65	<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$46 80
D. Ford, "	9 30	Paid M. Griffin, labor,	8 85
W. Crathorne, "	7 80	J. Donahoe, "	7 65
M. Dunn, "	8 85	J. Shea, "	6 30
M. Scully, "	5 55	J. O'Neil, "	1 80
J. McCarty, "	7 65	P. O'Brien, "	1 88
<i>Carried forward,</i>	<u>\$46 80</u>		<u>\$73 28</u>
Appropriation,		\$100 00	
Expenses,		73 28	
Expenses less than appropriation,		<u>26 72</u>	

BACK BILLS ON FOSTER STREET.

Paid Heirs of Peter Hardwick, land damages,	\$100 00	
N. B. Furnald, expenses of settling damages,	79 70	
	<u>179 70</u>	\$179 70
Appropriation,	\$180 00	
Expenses,	179 70	
Expenses less than appropriation,	<u>30</u>	

DEFINING STREET LINES.

Paid Whitman & Breck, surveying, &c.,	\$271 70	
Elcock & Sons, posts,	27 00	
J. McDonnell, carting posts,	12 00	
J. F. G. Glover, setting posts,	13 50	
Frank Jacobs, "	6 00	
	<u>330 20</u>	\$330 20
Appropriation,	\$400 00	
Expenses,	330 20	
Expenses less than appropriation,	<u>\$69 80</u>	

ALMSHOUSE.

N. A. Durgin, Superintendent.

DR.

Paid N. A. Durgin, services, self and wife,	\$470 34
William Shea, labor,	106 00
Daniel Griffin, “	97 50
Robert Wadmore, labor,	24 50
William Griffin, “	31 55
Frank Chase, “	74 76
Thomas Noble, “	5 75
Jeremiah Shea, “	18 00
John Donahoe, “	3 00
James O’Neil, “	11 50
Michael Dunn, “	1 50
W. Hobart, “	9 00
Timothy O’Brien, “	1 50
George B. Jones, “	9 00
Michael Griffin, “	1 50
John McDonnell, “	6 00
Dennis Ford, “	1 50
Peter Lane, “	6 00
Nora Daley, “	132 00
John Q. Bent, mowing,	9 00
J. Loud & Co., grain,	532 66
I. W. Munroe & Co., groceries,	182 36
Ebenezer Bent, “	122 86
G. F. Wilson, “	177 64
Daniel Baxter & Co., “	121 21
James N. Blake, “	19 50
E. A. Adams, “	86 44
H. W. Gray, “	201 06
C. H. Stone & Co., “	12 03
Elbridge Clapp, “	19 05
T. E. Furnald & Co., “	71 92
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<u>\$2,566 63</u>

Almshouse, continued.

	<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$2,566 63
Paid	Wallace H. Cook, provisions,	76 26
	Henry S. Totman, “	79 75
	William A. Hodges, crackers,	12 25
	Frederick Hardwick, flour,	40 00
	H. Farnum, “	23 25
	E. H. Doble & Co., “	23 25
	John Arnold, butter,	32 01
	R. P. Littlefield, milk,	7 55
	W. G. Prescott, ice,	4 00
	John H. Wheble, fish, &c.,	64 94
	D. B. Stetson, boots and shoes,	50 45
	George Saville, clothing,	45 40
	John H. Veazie, medicines,	40 12
	A. G. Durgin & Co., “	20 13
	J. A. Gordon, M.D., services,	25 00
	D. H. Bills, coal,	35 96
	S. S. French, hay,	28 02
	E. B. Taylor, “	23 55
	Mount Wollaston Cemetery, hay,	60 00
	M. E. Farrell, harness,	25 00
	George J. Jones, harness and repairs,	92 26
	J. Q. Wild & Co., blacksmithing,	103 25
	John Curley, “	1 75
	S. K. Tarbox, “	4 26
	W. H. Phelps & Co., truss,	5 00
	Roger Lewis, stock and labor,	18 69
	I. Litchfield, stock and labor on fence, &c.,	41 80
	Elisha Hobart, “	4 00
	Richard Newcomb, “	25 16
	Tirrell & Sons, “	105 11
	A. M. Litchfield, “ on culvert,	27 18
	W. F. Lakin & Co., lumber,	18 93
	R. H. Pomroy, “ and cement,	11 04
	Roger Lewis, turnips,	3 50
	<i>Amount carried forward.</i>	\$3,745 45

Almshouse, continued.

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$3,745 45	
Paid Whitney & Nash, sundries,	37 12	
W. M. French, board of horses,	113 14	
James W. Pierce, stove and tinware,	35 77	
Louis Frederick, expressing,	85	
Ford's Express, " "	4 40	
Churchill & Hitchcock, stone,	3 50	
John Gray, carting derrick,	2 00	
Field & Cashman, carting timber,	3 50	
B. F. Billings, pail, &c.,	35	
Keating & Spear, oil and mattress,	5 25	
C. F. Hovey & Co., blankets,	19 50	
M. Sheahan, use of cart,	1 25	
W. Hobart, dressing hogs,	6 00	
E. W. Connor, pasturing heifer,	8 00	
E. S. Fellows, castings and repairs,	8.85	
F. W. Cotton, repairing pump,	1 00	
John Hall, horse-keeping and rope,	2 00	
S. A. Fletcher, carrying roll and horse,	3 50	
Dodge, Gilbert & Co., hubs and axles,	10 09	
Minot & Co., tools,	14 50	
Whittemore Bros., hay-cutter,	8 00	
Macomber, Bigelow & Dowse, shovels,	11 63	
Ames Plow Co., tools,	17 40	
R. E. Townsend, sea-weed,	2 50	
J. Q. A. Field, use of derrick,	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$4,067 05
NEW BARN.		
Paid Joseph Thomas, contract,	\$575 00	
" labor and stock, build- ing stalls, &c.,	61 73	
John W. Hersey, painting,	65 93	
William Griffin, labor,	3 50	
James O'Neil, " "	3 50	
	<hr/>	\$709 66
Total amount of cash paid for Almshouse,		<hr/> \$4,776 71

ALMSHOUSE.

CR.

Appraisal of Stock, Tools, Provisions, &c., Feb. 1, 1877.

3 horses,	\$600 00	<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$1,491 00
Heifer,	20 00	17 barrels potatoes,	20 00
Cow,	90 00	Manure,	50 00
8 harnesses,	150 00	Coal,	15 00
Hay-cutter,	8 00	Sleigh,	5 00
3 tons English hay,	75 00	2 wheelbarrows,	3 00
Pung,	5 00	3 screens,	20 00
1 covered and 1 open wagon,	25 00	4 carts,	215 00
Blankets, surcingles,	6 00	250 lbs. sugar,	30 00
Stable furniture,	10 00	Flour,	12 00
Grain,	8 00	Butter,	9 60
Ladders,	3 00	Lard,	17 00
Street-roller,	150 00	45 lbs. tea,	20 00
2 hay-wagons,	75 00	Rice,	6 30
Scraper,	5 00	Cheese,	3 25
Horse-sled,	8 00	Dried apples,	4 80
9 snow-plows,	75 00	Coffee,	8 00
Drag and jack,	3 00	Tobacco,	10 00
10 cedar posts,	10 00	Soap,	3 00
Lumber,	8 00	Molasses,	26 00
Tools and yokes,	45 00	Beans,	5 00
55 barrels,	6 00	Meal,	2 00
Large grain-chest,	8 00	800 lbs. salt pork and corned beef,	125 00
Block and fall,	3 50	150 lbs. hams and shoul- ders,	22 50
Grindstone,	5 00	5 turkeys,	8 00
Axes, vise, and carpen- ter's tools,	7 50	50 fowls,	37 50
Timber and wood,	72 00	Sewing-machine,	60 00
5 barrels apples,	10 00	Road-tools,	75 00
<i>Carried forward,</i>	\$1,491 00		\$2,303 95

STATEMENT OF THE ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.

DR.	
To stock on hand Feb, 1, 1876,	\$2,696 25
“ cash paid as per this report,	4,776 71
	<u> </u> \$7,472 96
CR.	
By stock on hand Feb. 1, 1877,	\$2,303 95
“ cash received for rent of Rock Island,	20 00
“ labor on highways and new streets,	2,626 50
	<u> </u> \$4,950 45
Total cost of Almshouse,	<u> </u> \$2,522 51

SUPPORT OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

DR.	
Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital, as follows :—	
Support of Wm. F. Hinckley,	\$209 12
“ Mary T. Rodman,	186 50
“ Susan Hunt,	201 63
“ John Cullen,	219 35
“ *George Littlefield,	44 00
“ *Mary O’Hearn,	196 28
“ †Catherine V. Saville,	193 63
“ †Cordelia J. Soule,	55 05
“ †A. N. Davenport,	150 95
“ †Eugene Nye,	108 40
“ James Fitzgerald,	40 20
“ †Mary A. Flaherty,	36 35
“ T. B. Hardwick,	256 95
State Reform School, as follows :—	
Support of W. F. Rowell,	26 14
“ William Buchan,	13 14
“ George B. Dasha,	13 14
	<u> </u>
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$1,950 83

* Refunded.

† To be refunded.

Support of Poor out of Almshouse, continued.

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,950 83
Paid House of Correction, as follows :—	
Support of James D. Billings,	12 86
“ Jason Wood,	13 00
State of Massachusetts,	
Support of James Fitzgerald,	50 00
State Industrial School,	
Support of Eliza A Mangan,	34 99
Northampton Lunatic Hospital,	
Support of R. G. Cass,	204 50
City of Boston, as follows :—	
Support of John Cluse, 1st,	20 47
“ Timothy Curtin,	2 13
“ J. N. Dexter,	68 00
“ John Dooner,	13 00
“ John Cluse, 2d,	116 73
“ Eliza McMahan,	10 24
“ William T. Riley,	12 38
“ Mary Simmons,	44 47
“ Alonzo Jones,	6 38
“ Sarah A. Leavitt,	4 12
“ Thomas Ahearn,	14 13
“ James Fitzgerald.	2 00
“ George A. Mears,	6 00
“ child of C. Saville,	12 00
“ Edward Gallagher,	6 10
City of Cambridge, as follows :—	
Support of John Gallagher,	47 28
“ A. O'Connell,	137 32
“ Mary Gallagher,	5 25
“ B. Gallagher,	12 00
“ George A. Mears,	32 00
City of Haverhill, as follows :—	
Support of children of Wm. Talbot,	93 00
“ “ (1875),	116 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<u>\$3,047 18</u>

Support of Poor out of Almshouse, continued.

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$3,047 18
Paid City of Fitchburg,	
Support of J. Q. Hobart,	128 00
City of Somerville,	
Support of J. Gallagher,	80 71
Town of Duxbury,	
Support of Mrs. J. T. Ripley,	11 78
Town of Revere,	
Support of T. M. H. Rowell,	110 20
Town of Abington,	
Support of Susan D. Strong,	86 00
Town of Brockton,	
Support of George H. Lingham,	88 90
Town of Milton, support of Wm. Buchan,	26 00
*Mitchell Goodhue, goods to J. Moran,	10 18
E. E. Hall, goods to M. Drohan,	7 75
" " *W. A. Storz,	13 37
H. B. Harding, goods as follows :—	
to John Hastings,	3 00
Mrs. J. Holloran,	10 00
Martin Horan,	5 00
W. H. Rowell,	5 19
D. Mahoney,	2 00
Mrs. J. Cunningham,	1 10
Henry Chubbuck, goods as follows :—	
to †Mrs. Mahany,	18 69
†Thomas Somes,	5 00
John Connell,	36 34
G. F. Wilson, goods as follows :—	
to †L. F. Leavitt,	2 83
†E. Farmer,	7 47
†William Mulligan,	4 00
J. Grady,	5 00
Mrs. N. E. Glover,	48 25
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$3,763 94
* Refunded.	† To be refunded.

Support of Poor out of Almshouse, continued.

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$3,763 94
Paid E. A. Adams, goods as follows :—	
to †J. Moran,	12 00
J. N. Welsh,	8 14
†Mrs. Gardner,	3 00
†William Mulligan,	12 02
†L. P. Holbrook,	6 50
†Delia W. Hayden,	3 01
Mrs. W. S. Tyler,	1 00
Richard Allis,	4 00
Thomas Bennett,	2 00
†P. Curley,	3 00
James Desell,	2 00
P. Garrity, 3d,	8 00
E. H. Doble & Co., goods as follows :—	
to †John Keenan,	8 00
Joseph Roberts,	3 00
S. F. Newcomb, goods as follows :—	
to Mrs. A. L. Jones,	57 01
Jonathan Spear,	156 03
L. L. White,	51 00
H. W. Gray, goods as follows :—	
to Mrs. McManus,	2 61
†P. Curley,	7 00
Ellen O'Brien,	20 00
*poor person,	2 00
Ebenezer Bent, goods as follows :—	
to Mrs. A. L. Jones,	20 26
†A. H. Daley,	3 00
†Thomas Somes,	3 00
A. Burke,	2 00
Mrs. J. Callahan,	2 61
Mrs. M. Scully,	24 00
Mrs. N. E. Glover,	6 77
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<u>\$4,196 90</u>

* Refunded.

† To be refunded.

Support of Poor out of Almshouse, continued.

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$4,196 90
Paid Fred'k Hardwick, goods, as follows :—	
to T. Welsh,	2 00
†L. P. Holbrook,	3 00
S. Keegan,	20 33
Thomas Gurney, goods as follows :—	
to M. Harding,	2 00
Mrs. D. Mahoney,	8 00
Joseph King,	3 00
J. N. Blake, goods as follows :—	
to Mrs. H. Lewis,	49 56
P. Garrity, 3d,	8 74
†Francis King,	12 91
Mrs. N. E. Glover,	3 20
A. P. French,	2 00
C. H. Fish,	2 00
Daniel Baxter & Co., goods as follows :—	
to C. O. Whitney,	3 00
†L. E. Johnson,	1 00
Mrs. Denward,	7 00
James Desell,	4 00
George H. Locke, goods as follows :—	
to Thomas Bennett,	3 00
Jacob Wells,	2 00
E. E. Fellows, goods to L. L. White,	3 57
C. Hall & Co., “ Hayden children,	52 00
†Elb. Clapp, “ Mrs. E.W. West,	107 00
George Crane, “ Jno. Connell,	37 96
T. E. Furnald, “ J. Cummings,	52 97
†B. F. Billings, “ F. Bean,	4 00
C. M. Fales, “ T. M. H. Rowell,	2 22
Ewell & Co., “ Mrs. Briggs,	1 00
†George Saville, “ Catherine Dunn,	1 50
H. H. Faxon, rent for Mrs. Lewis,	68 32
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<u>\$4,664 18</u>
† To be refunded.	

Support of Poor out of Almshouse, continued.

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$4,664 18
Paid Stephen Neagle, rent	Mrs. A. L. Jones,	36 00
Est. of T. Baxter, “	“	40 00
E. C. Bumpus, “	“	21 00
Heirs of T. Swithin, “	Hugh Lewis,	11 00
Terence Keenan, “	Mrs. G. Packard,	18 00
B. F. Curtis, “	“	12 00
A. M. Litchfield, “	“ N. E. Glover,	110 00
†P. P. Kittridge, “	“ A. H. Daley,	64 00
Margaret Daley, “	Mrs. Galvin,	6 00
Mrs. Wm. Doner, “	“ M. Scully,	10 00
Daniel Ford, “	“ Callahan,	14 00
Estate H. Wood, “	“ Madigan,	26 25
Daniel Baxter, “	“ Denward,	60 00
Jacob Wells,		
Support of †Delia W. Hayden,		50 00
“ M. Sanville,		2 00
*M. Shattuck, support of Storz family,		15 00
J. Morrison, M.D., certificate, E. Scannell,		3 00
“ “ T. Kennedy,		3 00
“ “ M. J. Anderson,		3 00
†J. A. Stetson, M.D., “ Mrs. E. Flaherty,		3 00
J. A. Gordon, M.D., services as follows : —		
to Mrs. Sanville,		2 00
† “ Mahaney,		22 00
†L. F. Leavitt,		11 00
Jno. Connell,		50 00
†Delia W. Hayden,		22 00
L. L. White,		6 00
J. Wells,		2 00
B. Lefevre,		12 00
†R. Hickey,		16 00
Mrs. Lingham,		11 00
At accident,		2 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		\$5,327 43

* Refunded.

† To be refunded.

Support of Poor out of Almshouse, continued.

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$5,327 43
Paid J. H. Gilbert, M.D., certificate, T. Kennedy,	3 00
“ “ E. Scannell,	3 00
“ *services to Wm. A. Storz,	12 00
*J.W.Small, M.D., services to Louisa Blake,	4 00
John H. Veazie, medicines, as follows : —	
to †L. P. Holbrook,	5 40
†Francis King,	1 00
Jotham Cummings,	5 10
F. Mahoney,	3 80
Jno. Connell,	2 35
Mrs. Lingham,	3 60
Thomas Walsh,	1 00
James Gallagher,	1 40
Jacob Wells,	5 65
†Mrs. A. W. Goodwin,	21 75
“ James Callahan,	2 75
†“ F. Bean,	4 50
†Delia W. Hayden,	4 15
P. Garrity, 3d,	65
B. Lefevre,	1 55
A. G. Durgin & Co., medicines, as follows :	
to †Mrs. A. W. Goodwin,	1 75
†Delia W. Hayden,	1 45
Jotham Cummings,	2 30
*poor person,	1 00
Wm. S. Pattee, medicines to R. Hickey,	2 00
John Hall, burial expenses, as follows : —	
for *William A. Storz,	19 00
†James A. Goodall,	25 00
M. Donlin,	23 00
Susan Hunt,	16 00
Mrs. H. Newcomb,	19 00
†Child of L. E. Johnson,	16 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$5,540 58
Refunded.	† To be refunded.

Support of Poor out of Almshouse, continued.

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$5,540 58
Paid H. A. Durgin, conveying M. Sanville,	5 00
Wm. Mahoney, " J. Prune and family,	5 00
J. T. French & Co., conveying paupers,	13 50
O. C. R. R., " "	4 10
E. A. Spear, conveying A. Bean and wife,	7 10
Alonzo Grines, conveying D. Sines and family,	7 60
John Hall, conveying Lemuel French,	3 00
" " Daniel Daley,	3 00
*W. M. French, care of Mrs. J. M. Walsh,	2 50
G. Brooks, fuel, as follows : —	
to H. O. Whitney,	6 50
D. Mahoney,	2 00
†L. P. Holbrook,	8 00
J. Connell,	6 75
†E. Hayden,	10 00
Mrs. Denward,	3 50
*poor person,	6 25
George H. Frost, fuel, as follows : —	
to D. Mahoney,	6 75
Mrs. J. Cunningham,	2 25
Cyrus Patch, fuel, as follows : —	
to O. McLean,	4 28
J. Connor,	4 76
Jno. Connell,	11 55
H. Sullivan,	5 24
†J. Keenan,	7 00
Mrs. M. Connor,	14 53
Mrs. G. Daley,	8 88
Mrs. H. Lewis,	6 12
*poor person,	4 28
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<u>\$5,710 02</u>

* Refunded.

† To be Refunded.

Support of Poor out of Almshouse, continued.

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$5,710 02
Paid D. H. Bills, fuel, as follows :—	
to Mrs. J. H. Callahan,	9 26
Mrs. G. Daley,	7 13
Mrs. M. Connor,	4 63
Mrs. Denward,	7 51
Mrs. James Hall,	9 13
Mrs. Robert Morris,	8 01
Mrs. A. L. Jones,	4 63
Mrs. Jno. Donovan,	4 50
Mrs. B. Munday,	4 50
Mrs. N. E. Glover,	4 50
Mrs. Mahaney,	3 88
Mrs. William Burke,	16 13
Mrs. M. Forbes,	7 00
Ellen O'Brien,	2 63
Mary Mahoney,	4 63
Ellen Callahan,	11 76
Albert P. French,	11 63
L. L. White,	9 00
Thomas Welsh,	4 63
* Jos. Moran,	14 89
P. Garrity, 4th,	4 63
† A. H. Daley,	4 63
† C. F. Arnold,	4 50
† Thomas Somes,	9 13
† Francis King,	6 13
Jacob Wells,	8 82
P. Garrity, 3d,	4 50
E. S. Fellows, cash to sundry poor persons,	2 25
E. B. Taylor, cash to Martin Keegan,	2 00
† J. Q. A. Field, cash, trav. exp. on account	
Mrs. Flaherty,	4 00
J. Q. A. Field, cash, trav. exp. of paupers,	12 89
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$5,923 48

* Refunded.

† To be refunded.

Support of Poor out of Almshouse, continued.

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$5,923 48	
Paid S. T. Williams & Co., fuel to E. O'Brien,	2 25	
Somerset Coal Co., fuel, as follows :—		
to †Edward Farmer,	5 25	
Ellen O'Brien,	7 15	
Mrs. M. Scully,	2 00	
Mrs. Donovan,	7 50	
Mrs. A. L. Jones,	6 05	
Mrs. Madigan,	3 50	
†L. P. Holbrook,	2 94	
J. Griffin,	8 80	
†P. Curley,	7 65	
Albert P. French,	3 25	
		<hr/> \$5,979 82

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By cash from State,	support of poor,	\$21 00	
City of Boston,	"	25 00	
" Worcester,	"	59 37	
" Gloucester,	"	22 13	
Town of Milton,	"	42 00	
" Braintree,	"	93 20	
" Blackstone,	"	62 00	
" Tisbury,	"	20 08	
" Randolph,	"	20 38	
" Reading,	"	2 50	
" Templeton,	"	37 82	
" Fairhaven,	"	57 00	
" Cohasset,	"	33 00	
J. Q. A. Field, board of			
Mary O'Hearn,	196 28		
William Davenport, board of			
A. N. Davenport,	11 35		
Rufus Littlefield, board of			
George Littlefield,	44 00		
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<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$747 11	\$5,979 82	

† To be refunded.

Support of Poor out of Almshouse, continued.

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$747 11	\$5,979 82
By cash from Jos. Welsh, for goods furnished,	3 00	
Jacob Wells, for coal furnished,	2 32	
Timothy O'Brien, “	7 50	
E. B. Taylor, goods furnished		
poor person,	12 53	
	<u> </u>	\$772 46
Total cost of poor out of Almshouse,		<u>\$5,207 36</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Total cost of Almshouse,	\$2,522 51	
“ poor out of Almshouse,	5,207 36	
	<u> </u>	\$7,729 87
Expenses,	\$7,729 87	
Appropriation,	6,000 00	
	<u> </u>	
Expenses more than Appropriation,	\$1,729 87	

MOUNT WOLLASTON CEMETERY.

DR.

Paid J. W. Manning, trees and freight,	\$61 64
Harvey French, cutting posts,	14 20
Parker & Gannett, grass-seed,	11 94
Morss & Whyte, screen,	10 00
E. A. Spear, labor and fares,	2 35
Ames Plow Co., tools,	22 79
Albert Holt, wheelbarrow,	6 00
A. M. Burrell, painting sign,	38 88
Green & Prescott, printing,	22 75
W. H. Mitchell, manure,	10 00
Wm. A. Hodges, “	49 00
	<u> </u>
<i>Amonnt carried forward,</i>	\$249 55

Mount Wollaston Cemetery, continued.

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$249 55	
Paid J. Q. Wild & Co., sharpening tools, &c.,	2 80	
Mrs. A. B. Packard, plants,	38 00	
Tirrell & Sons, stock and labor,	42 50	
L. Briggs & Co., surveys and plans (1874),	45 00	
Whitney & Nash, tools, &c.,	6 32	
George L. Gill, cash paid for postage,	12 00	
“ services as Secretary,	75 00	
“ registration of burials,	14 00	
Albert Holt, labor with team,	527 00	
Patrick Sullivan, labor,	9 00	
Thomas McCarty, “	260 25	
Michael Devlin, “	296 76	
Patrick McDonald, “	172 13	
Michael Lane, “	15 75	
Frank Gerrin, “	152 26	
John Hammond, “	1 65	
Harvey French, “	8 25	
J. Wentworth, “	16 50	
Dennis Ford, “	15 00	
Patrick Donlin, “	10 50	
Hiram Hunt, “	8 25	
Michael Cronin, “	8 25	
William Garvin, “	7 50	
Thomas Kelly, “	4 13	
James Connors, “	7 50	
Lewis Coburn, “	6 75	
M. O'Connor, “	2 25	
	<hr/>	\$2,014 85
Deduct amount of above labor charged to the Old Cemetery,		68 50
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		<hr/> \$1,946 35

Mount Wollaston Cemetery, continued.

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$1,946 35
	CR.	
By cash from sale of lots,	\$150 00	
for labor on lots,	599 25	
for labor on lots, 1875,	57 00	
for hay sold,	60 00	
for assessment of non-resident owners of lots,	98 00	
	<u> </u>	\$964 25
Balance of cash,		\$982 10
Appropriation,	\$1,000 00	

The above items represent only the cash transactions of the past year. For further information relating to the Cemetery account, reference may be made to the statement of the Secretary of the Board of Managers.

 OLD CEMETERY.

Paid John Hall, lock and chain,	\$1 00	
Labor by sundry parties, from the account of Mount Wollaston Cemetery,	68 50	
	<u> </u>	\$69 50
Appropriation,	\$100 00	
Expenses,	69 50	
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Expenses less than appropriation,	\$30 50	

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Edward A. Spear, Chief Engineer.

NIAGARA, NO. 1.

JOHN CRATHORNE, Foreman.

Paid fifty members,	\$500 00	
steward,	40 00	
Cyrus Patch, coal,	4 28	
D. H. Bills, coal,	9 00	
M. F. Newcomb, repairing lock,	1 00	
James W. Pierce, stock and labor,	3 40	
Ebenezer Bent, oil,	80	
Charles H. Spear, milk,	32	
	<hr/>	\$558 80

TIGER, No. 2.

AMOS M. LITCHFIELD, Engineer. GEO. H. OSBORNE, Foreman.

Paid fifty members,	\$500 00	
steward,	40 00	
Grenville Brooks, coal and wood,	11 75	
John A. Wood, rent of land,	25 00	
W. Dunbar, services on engine,	1 50	
E. E. Fellows, ladle,	60	
E. B. Souther, stationery,	85	
Patterson & Lavender, table,	25 00	
Ford's Express, expressing,	1 00	
Tirrell & Sons, painting and repairing engine, &c.,	210 60	
Hunneman & Co., repairs,	7 25	
E. S. Fellows, stove, pipe, &c.,	13 55	
C. F. Pierce, lantern and repairs,	1 85	
Frederick Hardwick, refreshments,	22 46	
Daniel Baxter & Co.,	14 81	
M. Goodhue,	121 53	
	<hr/>	\$997 75
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		<hr/> \$1,556 55

Fire Department, continued.

Amount brought forward, \$1,556 55

GRANITE, No. 3.

JAMES H. ELCOCK, *Engineer.* PETER F. FARRELL, *Foreman.*

Paid fifty members,	\$500 00	
steward,	40 00	
Tirrell & Sons, painting engine, &c.,	184 25	
C. O'Leary, setting glass,	1 48	
M. A. Dolan, stove and fixtures,	32 00	
E. E. Fellows, lanterns and globes,	26 40	
John L. Thompson, repairs,	4 70	
P. F. Lacy, " "	7 45	
J. McNeil, expressing,	1 90	
M. Glennon, cleaning vaults,	3 00	
Whiton, Bro. & Co., rope,	2 66	
Whitney & Nash, nails,	1 00	
E. E. Hall, refreshments, &c.,	239 34	
J. Babcock & Co., refreshments,	63 07	
H. Farnum, " "	30 93	
	<hr/>	\$1,138 18

VULTURE, No. 4.

H. M. FEDERHEN, *Engineer.* CHARLES F. LAPHAM, *Foreman.*

Paid fifty members,	\$500 00	
steward,	40 00	
D. H. Bills, coal,	19 63	
Grenville Brooks, wood,	1 50	
Whitney & Nash, lantern, tools, &c.,	6 80	
Charles F. Lapham, sponges, &c.,	1 25	
Hunneman & Co., repairs, &c.,	36 81	
Tirrell & Sons, painting engine, &c.,	174 00	
A. M. Alpaugh, expressing,	1 25	
William Tyner, " "	75	
John S. Cleverly, repairs,	75	
Thomas E. Furnald, furniture,	15 00	
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<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$797 74	<hr/> \$2,694 73

Fire Department, continued.

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$797 74	\$2,694 73
Thomas W. Carter, stock and labor,	4 85	
E. E. Fellows, stove-pipe,	1 35	
Charles Hall & Co., refreshments, &c.,	159 17	
	<hr/>	\$963 11

HOOK AND LADDER, NO. 1.

JAMES T. PENNIMAN, *Engineer.* JOSEPH M. GLOVER, *Foreman.*

Paid twenty-five members,	\$250 00	
steward,	40 00	
D. H. Bills, coal and wood,	6 88	
Tirrell & Sons, repairs,	7 00	
C. F. Pierce, pump, hose, &c.,	13 48	
E. S. Fellows, stove-pipe,	3 75	
Thomas E. Furnald, chairs,	27 00	
" refreshments, &c.,	103 04	
	<hr/>	\$451 15

W. M. FRENCH HOSE, NO. 1.

JOHN W. HALL, *Engineer.* JAMES E. MAXIM, *Foreman.*

Paid twenty members,	\$200 00	
steward,	100 00	
Cyrus Patch, coal,	9 30	
Grenville Brooks, wood,	10 75	
G. S. Coffin, keys,	1 50	
E. A. Spear, cash paid for insurance,	4 00	
C. M. Clapp & Co., squillgee,	1 75	
James Boyd & Sons, repairing hose,	15 50	
C. F. Pierce, stock and repairs,	5 75	
Tirrell & Sons, "	16 00	
John J. Kemp, milk,	1 52	
L. W. Richardson, refreshments,	2 80	
Ebenezer Bent, " &c.,	32 28	
	<hr/>	\$401 15
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		<hr/>
		\$4,510 14

Fire Department, continued.

Amount brought forward, \$4,510 14

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid John Page, Jr., stuffing hose,	\$12 00	
W. A. Coffin, carting hose,	5 25	
C. M. Clapp & Co., rubber boots and coats,	76 25	
E. B. Souther, books and stationery,	2 70	
Hartshorn's Express, carting hose,	5 00	
James O'Neil, labor on reservoir,	7 87	
Green & Prescott, printing,	3 25	
James Sullivan, carting,	3 00	
Hunneman & Co., repairs on engines,	145 94	
James Dolan, labor at fire,	2 50	
Edward A. Spear, cash paid for horse-hire,	2 00	
Tirrell & Sons, repairs,	16 75	
	\$282 51	

STEAM PUMP.

Paid William Panton, use of steam,	\$25 00	
William Panton, labor and care of pump,	25 00	
Grenville Brooks, coal and wood,	151 42	
Blake Manufacturing Co., repairs,	9 38	
	\$210 80	

\$5003 45

Expenses,	\$5,003 45
Appropriation,	4,500 00
	\$503 45

PURCHASE OF HOSE CARRIAGE.

Paid Tirrell & Sons, hose carriage,		\$800 00
Appropriation,	\$800 00	

RESERVOIR AT NORTH QUINCY.

Paid Edward A. Spear, stock and labor,		\$56 21
Appropriation,	\$75 00	
Expenses,	56 21	
Expenses less than appropriation,	\$18 79	

RESERVOIRS AT WOLLASTON.

Paid Churchill & Hitchcock, stone, &c.,	\$265 60
O. T. Rogers & Co., " "	139 50
Jones Howe, building reservoirs,	405 00
James Forrest, stone and carting,	15 00
Horace Feltis, covers,	25 00
Stephen Maloney, labor, carting, &c.,	128 25
W. A. Coffin, hauling engine,	2 00
Michael W. Gerry, labor with team,	8 25
John Hayes, " "	21 75
Jeremiah Shea, labor,	5 25
Robert Wadmore, " "	2 62
James Lines, " "	6 00
John Lines, " "	9 00
Cornelius Lines, " "	7 87
Charles Lines, 2d, " "	5 25
Peter Martin, " "	5 25
George Martin, " "	7 87
John Glancey, " "	5 25
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<u>\$1,064 71</u>

Reservoirs at Wollaston, continued.

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$1,064 71
Paid John Leary, labor,		2 62
Dennis O'Neil, "		2 62
Daniel Mahoney, "		2 62
Michael Bowen, "		3 37
Edward Burke, "		75
Timothy Riordan, "		75
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		\$1,077 44

Voted at the town-meeting held Aug. 3, 1876. No provision was made for the payment of the above, except by borrowing money.

ENGINE HOUSE AT WOLLASTON.

Paid George G. Souther, building, per contract,	\$327 00
Wm. C. Seelye, moving building,	10 00
H. T. Whitman, plan,	5 00
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	\$342 00

Voted at the town-meeting held Aug. 3, 1876. No provision was made for the payment of the above, except by borrowing money.

ENGINE AT WOLLASTON.

Paid New Eng. Fire Ex. Co., chemical engine,	\$392 01
Whitney & Nash, wrench,	1 25
E. A. Spear, trav'g expenses and services,	6 87
W. W. Pratt, window shades,	8 75
J. C. Russell, jack, keys, &c.,	29 13
Keating & Spear, chairs and table,	5 50
J. W. Pierce, stove, pipe, &c.,	36 30
M. F. Whiton & Co., canvas,	1 00
Thayer, Robson & Co., acid and soda,	17 37
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$498 18

Engine at Wollaston, continued.

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$498 18	
Paid William H. Barnes, scale,	5 00	
Wentworth's Express, carting,	4 40	
Silas Pierce & Co., soda,	5 04	
C. M. Clapp & Co., hose, &c.,	6 00	
Cyrus Patch, coal,	6 50	
W. C. Seelye, building tank,	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$575 12

Voted at the town-meeting held Aug. 3, 1876. No provision was made for the payment of the above, except by borrowing money.

REPAIRS OF TOWN BUILDINGS
OTHER THAN SCHOOL-HOUSES.

ALMSHOUSE.

Paid A. M. Litchfield, stock and labor,		\$118 72
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TOWN HOUSE.

Paid Wm. H. French, stock and labor,	\$5 50	
E. C. Wilkins, repairing lightning-rods,	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$6 50

TIGER ENGINE HOUSE.

Paid A. M. Litchfield, door,		\$5 00
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GRANITE ENGINE HOUSE.

Paid R. H. Pomroy & Co., lumber,	\$30 74	
W. E. Thomas, stock and labor,	36 60	
C. O'Leary, " "	28 95	
P. F. Lacy, " "	3 02	
J. A. & W. Bird & Co., paint and oil,	35 73	
	<hr/>	\$135 04
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		\$265 26

Repairs of Town Buildings, continued.

Amount brought forward, \$265 26

VULTURE ENGINE HOUSE.

Paid A. M. Litchfield, stock and labor,	\$31 00	
John S. Cleverly, " "	1 25	
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HOOK AND LADDER HOUSE.

Paid A. M. Litchfield, stock and labor,	\$10 95	
John W. Hersey, " "	17 50	
	_____	\$28 45

HOSE HOUSE.

Paid Richard Newcomb, Jr., stock and labor,	\$62 00	
John W. Hersey, " "	2 00	
Perez Chubbuck, " "	40 00	
Asa A. Pope, " "	2 00	
William Davenport, paper-hanging, &c.,	11 35	
J. H. Robinson & Co., sheathing-paper,	18 10	
G. B. Totman, cash paid sundry persons for repairs,	18 38	\$153 83

		\$479 79

Appropriation,	\$500 00	
Expenses,	479 79	

Expenses less than appropriation,	\$20 21	

TOWN OFFICERS.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, AND SURVEYORS OF HIGHWAYS.

Paid E. S. Fellows, to March 6, 1876,	\$93 00	
Wm. A. Hodges, “	85 00	
J. Q. A. Field. “	85 00	
J. Q. A. Field, to March 5, 1877,	700 00	
H. F. Barker, “	700 00	
E. B. Taylor, “	700 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,363 00

TOWN CLERK.

Paid George L. Gill,	\$50 00
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TOWN TREASURER.

Paid Horace B. Spear, to March 6, 1876,	\$150 00
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COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

Paid Charles N. Baxter,	\$175 00
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ENGINEERS.

Paid Edward A. Spear, chief,	\$25 00	
A. M. Litchfield,	15 00	
John W. Hall,	15 00	
H. M. Federhen,	15 00	
James H. Elcock,	15 00	
Michael Welch,	15 00	
“ extra services,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$105 00

CONSTABLES AND POLICE OFFICERS.

Paid W. M. French,	\$77 00	
W. C. Seelye,	21 00	
Edward A. Spear,	59 25	
Charles A. Follett,	8 00	
Samuel T. Allen,	6 00	
Charles N. Hunt,	6 00	
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<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$177 25	\$2,843 00

Town Officers, continued.

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$177 25	\$2,843 00
Paid James E. Maxim,	6 00	
E. H. Richardson,	26 00	
C. E. French,	6 00	
John C. Easton,	3 00	
George B. Pray,	27 00	
Levi Stearns,	6 00	
William Parker,	6 00	
Frederick H. French,	6 00	
Joseph T. French,	9 00	
Alonzo Glines,	36 00	
George H. Locke,	6 00	
N. B. Furnald,	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$320 25

TRUANT OFFICERS.

Paid Samuel Ames,	\$17 50	
Joseph A. Lapham,	6 50	
E. W. Underwood,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$26 00

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Paid George Saville,		\$15 00
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Total amount of cash paid,		\$3,204 25
Expenses,	\$3,204 25	
Appropriation,	2,300 00	
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Expenses more than appropriation,	\$904 25	

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid Francis W. Parker, superintendent,		\$2,000 00
Appropriation,	\$2,000 00	

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Mrs. M. Adams, tax of 1875 refunded,	\$15 00
Estate of J. A. Duggan, “	18 80
Dennis Shea, “	3 00
John Q. Bent, “	11 25
John Crane, trustee, “	13 50
E. S. Sparrow, tax of 1874 refunded,	15 00
W. M. French, expenses of fire inquests,	87 80
Rand, Avery & Co., printing Selectmen's Report,	404 10
Whitman & Breck, surveying,	78 00
G. F. Packard, repairing flag and halyards,	5 00
George H. Locke, expenses advertising tax,	3 50
Daniel Ford, repairs on fence,	5 00
R. M. Yale, repairing flag,	4 00
E. Worthington, recording by-laws,	3 40
L. W. Lovell, labor for assessors,	5 00
Expenses and costs, Cunniffe <i>vs.</i> town (1874),	249 37
A. P. French, burying horse,	2 00
Green & Prescott, printing and adver- tising,	305 00
H. A. Keith, compiling Selectmen's Report,	100 00
J. S. Carey, damages to crops,	25 00
W. H. Reed, examining records,	35 00
J. H. Burdakin, “	55 00
E. B. Taylor, cash paid for copying tax- books,	70 00
J. L. Simons, repairs on wagon,	4 15
John Kilshaw, removing wagon,	1 50
Tirrell & Sons, painting and varnishing hearse,	25 00
Tirrell & Sons, varnishing by-laws,	2 00
<i>Amount carried forward.</i>	<u>\$1,546 37</u>

Miscellaneous Expenses, continued.

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,546 37
Paid N. B. Furnald, reward offered (breaking street lamps),	15 00
W. A. Coffin, carting guide-boards,	2 50
John O. Holden, care of town clock,	75 00
J. N. Blake, care of lantern,	5 08
G. W. Billings, “	50
Charles Marsh, services and expenses in relation to State Aid,	25 00
C. H. S. Newcomb, guide-boards,	8 31
T. H. McDonald, damage on highway,	20 00
John Kenshaw, “	8 50
Keating & Spear, altering safe,	18 50
W. M. French, horse-hire,	10 50
James Boyd & Sons, belts, &c., for police,	11 50
N. B. Furnald, repairing safe,	3 50
J. H. Gilbert, M.D., services,	13 00
J. Q. Bradish, pens and pencils,	3 00
Knight, Adams & Co., envelopes,	1 15
H. Morton & Co., pens,	2 50
Cambridgeport Diary Company, copying-press, &c.,	19 36
E. B. Souther, stationery, &c.,	20 23
C. K. Darling, police register,	7 00
William Garrity, expressing,	5 60
Bowditch & Co., “	1 00
Drew's Express, “	3 55
J. P. Cotton & Son, repairing pump,	6 50
P. A. Wales & Son, pump and repairs,	30 00
F. W. Cotton, repairing pump,	3 50
Wm. A. Hodges, use of horse and carriage,	8 00
E. S. Fellows, “	8 00
E. B. Taylor, “	100 00
“ cash paid for trav. expenses,	21 50
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$2,004 15

Miscellaneous Expenses, continued.

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$2,004 15	
Paid Geo. L. Gill, preparing appendix,	5 00	
“ additional recording,	15 00	
“ cash for postage and stat’y,	20 57	
“ “ expressing,	4 00	
“ “ atlas,	10 00	
“ registering births, deaths, &c.,	144 40	
John Hall, keys,	1 50	
“ ringing bell,	52 00	
“ returning deaths,	40 00	
“ use of horse,	1 00	
J. Q. A. Field, cash paid as follows :—		
for stamps and postage,	14 19	
telegrams,	1 27	
trav. expenses (tax cases),	2 13	
killing dog,	50	
use of horse and carriage,	108 00	
H. F. Barker use of horse and carriage,	100 00	
“ cash paid for trav. expenses,	9 20	
		<u>\$2,532 91</u>
	CR.	
By cash, reward refunded,		<u>\$15 00</u>
		\$2,517 91
Expenses,	\$2,517 91	
Appropriation,	2,000 00	
		<u>\$517 91</u>
Expenses more than appropriation,	\$517 91	

TOWN HALL.

DR.

Paid Citizens' Gas Light Co., gas,	\$552 50	
" globes and burners,	4 80	
Grenville Brooks, fuel,	5 00	
Cyrus Patch, coal,	44 09	
D. H. Bills, " "	7 50	
S. T. Williams & Co., coal,	79 24	
William A. Hodges, wood,	3 50	
Thomas Beal, " "	3 50	
James Bowen, charcoal,	3 50	
Michael Doherty, " "	3 20	
E. Packard & Co., sawdust,	3 00	
P. H. Gavin, stock and labor,	14 70	
C. C. Brackett, " "	6 10	
C. F. Pierce, " "	35 60	
Ewell & Josephs, " "	15 96	
Peter B. Turner, " "	6 77	
John W. Hersey, " "	1 00	
Jacob Flint, care of selectmen's room,	57 62	
" " hall,	55 75	
" washing windows,	1 50	
John H. Veazie, alcohol,	90	
J. McDonald, carting ashes, &c.,	2 25	
H. A. Hall, spittoons,	4 50	
Whitney & Nash, brooms, &c.,	2 85	
Ewell & Josephs, brush, &c.,	5 63	
	<hr/>	\$920 96

CR.

By cash received for rent of rooms,	\$300 00	
" use of hall,	585 50	
	<hr/>	\$885 50
Amount of cash paid,	\$920 96	
" received,	885 50	
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Expenses more than receipts,	\$35 46	

Town Hall, continued.

There is due for use of Town Hall, from	
H. A. Marshall,	\$8 00
E. C. Winneberger,	9 00
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	\$17 00

The Town Hall has been used without pay forty-eight times during the past year, at an expense of about \$288 00.

POLICE STATION.

DR.

Paid W. M. French, superintendent,	\$150 00	
C. F. Pierce, pails and repairs,	23 60	
Ewell & Josephs, bedding,	36 00	
Mrs. M. Daley, washing blankets.	4 00	
John W. Hersey, stock and labor,	9 50	
W. H. French, " "	6 00	
Richard Newcomb, closet,	5 00	
W. A. Coffin, carting,	1 00	
D. H. Bills, coal,	15 38	
W. M. French, meals for 1,838 lodgers,	190 46	
	<hr/>	\$440 94

CR.

By cash received from officers,	19 50
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Total expense of police station,	\$421 44

The commitments to the police station for the year ending Feb. 1, 1877, were as follows :—

For drunkenness,	43
larceny,	14
assault,	8
selling liquor,	2
breaking and entering,	4
lodgers provided for,	1,838

BRIDGES.

HINGHAM AND QUINCY BRIDGES.

DR.

Paid J. Q. A. Field, treas., assessm't (1876),	\$1,167 29	
Jas. Humphrey, " " (1875),	10 77	
	<u> </u>	\$1,178 06

CR.

By cash from Charles Damon, old lumber,	\$17 76	
" T. J. Dunbar, damage to bridge,	16 75	
" Town of Hingham, assessment,	330 40	
	<u> </u>	\$364 91
		<u> </u>
		\$813 15

NEPONSET BRIDGE.

Paid Pratt & Co., lumber,	\$971 87	
Cyrus Balkam, labor,	290 45	
George W. Berry, stock and labor,	27 20	
John Donovan, straps and bolts,	2 85	
H. B. Harding, sundries,	3 70	
	<u> </u>	\$1,296 07
		<u> </u>
		\$2,109 22
Expenses,	\$2,109 22	
Appropriation,	1,500 00	
	<u> </u>	
Expenses more than appropriation,	\$609 22	

The expense of maintaining the Hingham and Quincy Bridges is borne by the towns of Quincy, Hingham and Weymouth. The assessment of Weymouth for 1876, amounting to \$566 39, has been paid since Feb. 1, 1877, and reduces the actual cost of those Bridges, for the year, to \$246 76.

The Trustees have on hand lumber at an appraised value of \$536 50.

STREET LAMPS.

Paid Globe Gas Light Co.,	\$1,005 00	
Citizens' Gas Light Co.,	1,443 75	
E. A. Perkins,	27 00	
E. W. Underwood,	4 50	
J. L. Souther,	16 00	
G. W. Billings,	1 25	
Amos Churchill,	17 00	
Stephen Maloney,	18 00	
Owen Treanor,	16 00	
George W. Brooks,	16 00	
John McGowan,	16 00	
John B. Bass,	16 00	
Estate of J. A. Duggan,	16 00	
A. B. Chamberlain,	9 33	
E. W. Ellis,	67 50	
Noah Cummings,	18 00	
J. Q. A. Field,	18 00	
	<u> </u>	\$2,725 33
Appropriation,	\$2,800 00	
Expenses.	2,725 33	
	<u> </u>	
Expenses less than appropriation,	\$74 67	

STATE AID.

DR.

Due from State, Feb. 1, 1876,	\$6,370 71	
Paid during year ending Feb. 1, 1877,	2,896 00	
	<u> </u>	\$9,266 71

CR.

By cash from State Treasurer,	3,372 13	
balance due from State, Feb. 1, 1877,	2,896 00	
balance of account, not allowed by State,	2,998 58	
	<u> </u>	\$9,266 71

State Aid, continued.

The account rendered by the State to the end of 1875 is given below. The balance there given (\$404 46), has been paid and is included in the credit of \$3,372 13, in the previous account.

	Charged by town.	Reimbursed.	Balances.	Disallowances.
1864,	\$13,611 03	\$13,300 00	\$311 03	\$653 64
1865,	8,447 10	8,200 00	247 10	770 37
1866,	9,668 94	8,000 00	1,668 94	407 73
1867,	6,925 17	6,500 00	425 17	131 40
1868,	3,536 00	3,500 00	36 00	132 00
1869,	4,164 75	4,100 00	64 75	413 30
1870,	4,479 50	4,200 00	279 50	506 44
1871,	4,572 50	4,000 00	572 50	671 40
1872,	3,788 00	3,000 00	788 00	534 75
1873,	3,357 50	3,000 00	357 50	329 00
1874,	3,332 00	3,061 34	270 66	270 66
1875,	3,069 80	2,967 67	102 13	102 13
	<u>\$68,952 29</u>	<u>\$63,829 01</u>	<u>\$5,123 28</u>	<u>\$4,922 82</u>
Charged by Town on returns,				\$68,952 29
Reimbursed by State,				<u>63,829 01</u>
Balances,				\$5,123 28
Disallowed and suspended,				<u>4,922 82</u>
Balance,				\$200 46
Additional allowance by State (1873),				<u>204 00</u>
				<u>\$404 46</u>

It will be seen from the above account of the State, that the large balances carried forward as an asset of the town for some years past have been nearly all disallowed or suspended. The town may possibly receive some small part of them, but the Selectmen do not consider it advisable to reckon upon the return of any portion. In the Schedule of Outstanding Accounts, they have considered as good only the amount paid by them during the past year (\$2,596 00).

State Aid, continued.

The apparent discrepancy between the two accounts, in the matter of amount due from the State and amount disallowed, is owing to the sum thrown out as worthless by the Auditors, in 1872, and which has not since been counted among the assets of the town.

 TAXES (1875).

George H. Locke, Collector.

DR.

To amount of taxes unpaid Feb. 1, 1876, as per last report,	\$4,762 75
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CR.

By Cash paid town treasurer (abatements, \$202 75),	\$4,212 25
balance, amount of taxes unpaid Feb. 1, 1877,	550 50
	<hr/> \$4762 75

 TAXES (1876.)

Charles N. Baxter, Collector.

DR.

To Town Tax,	\$86,530 00
State "	7,020 00
County "	5,780 56
One-mill tax, for reduction of town debt,	7,533 14
Non-resident's bank-tax,	1,741 60
Overlayings,	3,166 33
	<hr/> \$111,771 63
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$111,771 63

Taxes (1876), continued.

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$111,771 63
	CR.	
By cash paid town treasurer,		\$97,349 36
discounts,		3,675 00
abatements,		1,252 36
amount of taxes unpaid Feb. 1, 1877,		9,494 91
		<u> </u> \$111,771 63
Appropriation for 1876,		\$5,000 00
Discounts and abatements for 1876,		4,927 36
		<u> </u>
Less than appropriation,		\$72 64

The list of unpaid taxes can be found on page 67.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid Henry Barker, treasurer,		\$3,200 00
Appropriation,		\$3,200 00

For further information concerning the Public Library account, reference may be made to the report of the treasurer of the Board of Trustees.

COPYING BRAINTREE RECORDS.

Paid Lockwood, Brooks & Co., paper,		\$2 25
A. F. Spencer, copying,		25 20
L. S. Richardson, " "		10 00
Charles N. Marsh, " and expenses,		293 50
Nichols & Hall, binding,		18 00
Charles F. Howland, insurance,		1 00
		<u> </u>
		\$349 95
Appropriation,		\$350 00
Expenses,		349 95
		<u> </u>
Expenses less than appropriation,		05

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, POST 88.

Paid W. W. Penniman, quartermaster,		\$200 00
Appropriation,	\$200 00	

REAL ESTATE BOUGHT IN FOR TAXES.

Paid George H. Locke, collector, as follows:—

For property taxed to

Joseph Richardson,	\$11 53	
“ Henry C. Cutter,	19 37	
“ Joseph H. Beals,	118 78	
postage and recording deeds,	3 24	
	<u> </u>	\$152 92

PURCHASE OF SAFE.

Paid Nathaniel C. Nash, safe,		\$350 00
Appropriation,	\$400 00	
Expense,	350 00	
Expense less than appropriation,	<u>\$50 00</u>	

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION.

Paid H. F. Barker, treasurer of committee,		\$600 00
Appropriation,	\$600 00	

VAGRANT ACCOUNT.

Paid George G. Souther, rent of land,	\$12 00	
Daniel Dinegan, carting stone,	7 50	
John McDonald, stone and carting,	25 00	
Tirrell & Sons, saw-horses, &c.,	5 25	
M. Sheehan, labor with team,	1 50	
Minot & Co., hammers and handles,	24 25	
Macomber, Bigelow & Dowse, shovels,	13 50	
Whitney & Nash, tools,	5 00	
W. M. French, overseeing vagrants,	42 50	
	<hr/>	\$136 50
Appropriation,	\$200 00	
Expenses,	136 50	
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Expenses less than appropriation,	\$63 50	

APPRAISAL OF TOOLS, STONE, ETC., ON HAND FEB. 1, 1877.

13 shovels,	\$8 66	
12 hammers,	20 00	
2 saw-horses,	3 00	
2 baskets,	1 00	
1 axe,	1 25	
2 wood-saws,	2 00	
stone,	30 00	
	<hr/>	\$65 91

Appropriations for 1876, continued.

Celebration of Fourth of July,	\$600 00
Expense under vagrant law,	200 00
Counsel fees, &c., in suit Nat'l Sailors' Home,	200 00

At the town meeting held Aug. 3, 1876, the town also voted to build two reservoirs, three water-ways and one engine-house at Wollaston, and to purchase an engine to be stationed at Wollaston, for all which no provision was made, except by authorizing the Town Treasurer to borrow money.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

PREPARED BY THE SELECTMEN.

Support of poor,	\$7,000 00
Repairs of town buildings,	500 00
Town officers,	3,500 00
Discount and abatement of taxes,	5,500 00
Interest on town debt,	5,500 00
Miscellaneous expenses,	2,500 00
Bridges,	1,800 00
Mount Wollaston Cemetery,	1,000 00
Old Cemetery,	100 00
Repairs of highways,	9,000 00
Removal of snow and miscellaneous ex- penses of highways,	1,500 00
Decoration of soldiers' graves,	200 00
Public Library,	3,000 00
Fire Department,	6,000 00
Willard Street,	350 00
Defining street lines,	75 00
Police Station and Vagrant account,	500 00
Widening Quincy Avenue,	500 00
Street Lamps,	3,000 00

SCHEDULE OF OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS DUE THE
TOWN.

For support of poor as follows:—

State of Mass., for Mary Sanville,	\$2 00	
“ Mrs. Mahaney,	48 37	
“ Francis King,	13 91	
“ J. Goodall,	20 04	
“ Edward Farmer,	12 72	
	<hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/>	\$97 04
Town of Braintree, for Delia W. Hayden,	\$96 06	
“ William Mulligan,	16 02	
“ C..F. Arnold,	4 50	
	<hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/>	116 58
“ Randolph, for L. P. Holbrook,	\$25 84	
“ L. F. Leavitt,	13 83	
	<hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/>	39 67
“ Medford, for A. H. Daley,		71 63
“ Templeton, “ J. Moran,		6 00
“ Fairhaven, “ Mrs. West and family,		107 00
“ Holbrook, “ Mrs. Goodwin,		29 60
City of Boston, for Mrs. Gardner,	3 00	
“ L. E. Johnson,	17 00	
“ Mrs. C. Dunn,	1 50	
	<hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/>	21 50
William Davenport, for A. N. Davenport,		445 76
Sumner Soule, “ C. J. Soule,		80 55
James Kelley, “ Mary Flaherty,		43 35
Alfred Nye, “ Eugene Nye,		108 40
Edward Capen, “ C. V. Saville,		193 63
E. Hayden, for goods furnished,		10 00
Patrick Curley, “		17 65
Thomas H. Hayes, rent of land,		20 00
Town of Weymouth, acc. H. and Q. bridges,		566 39
Real estate bought in for taxes,		152 92
State Aid, due Feb. 1, 1877,		2,896 00
		<hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/>
		\$5,023 67

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Horace B. Spear, Treasurer.

DR.

To cash in treasury on settlement, Feb.	
1, 1876,	\$16,219 72
Town of Braintree, support of poor,	93 20
" Blackstone, "	62 00
" Tisbury, "	20 08
" Randolph, "	20 38
" Reading, "	2 50
" Milton, "	42 00
" Templeton, "	37 82
" Fairhaven, "	57 00
" Cohasset, "	33 00
City of Boston, "	25 00
" Worcester, "	59 37
" Gloucester, "	22 13
Town of Milton, one-half expense of building culvert on Hancock Street,	42 00
A. G. Durgin, liquor license in Feb- ruary, 1876,	50 00
Joseph N. Welsh, goods furnished,	3 00
Timothy O'Brien, coal "	7 50
J. Wells, " "	2 32
William Davenport, support of Mrs. Davenport,	11 35
Rufus Littlefield, support of George Littlefield,	44 00
Joseph T. French, auctioneer's license,	2 00
Joseph W. Lombard, "	2 00
Circus licenses,	50 00
Billiard-room license,	4 00
Income from town hall,	585 50
Rent of rooms in town house,	300 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<u>\$17,797 87</u>

Treasurer's Report, continued.

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$17,797 87
To William Hobart, rent of land,	1 00
C. C. Johnson, for loam,	75
Edward Turner, “	1 25
James Edwards, “	30 75
Thomas Hinckley, for gravel,	4 20
W. H. French, “ sand,	2 00
B. L. Crane, “ street sweepings,	1 75
Dr. Jos. Underwood, for “	2 50
Bryant Newcomb, “ old iron,	5 37
E. B. Taylor, refunded for reward paid,	15 00
F. W. Parker, school books furnished scholars,	53 00
Old Colony Railroad, damage to Cross Street,	100 00
lots sold in Mt. Wollaston Cemetery,	150 00
labor on lots “	599 25
“ “ in 1875,	57 00
hay sold from “	60 00
assessment of non-resident owners of lots,	98 00
repair fund of lots in Mt. Wollaston Cemetery,	100 00
J. Q. Adams, rent of Rock Island two years,	20 00
Fines for violation of town by-laws,	20 00
Treasurer of trustees, Hingham and Quincy bridges,	364 91
W. M. French, use of lock-up,	19 50
E. B. Taylor, refunded by poor person,	12 53
Geo. H. Locke, collector of taxes, 1875,	4,212 25
Chas. N. Baxter, “ 1876,	97,349 36
Notes payable, borrowed in anticipa- tion of taxes,	34,150 00
J. Q. A. Field, board of Mary O'Hearn,	196 28
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$155,424 52

Treasurer's Report, continued.

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$155,424 52
To State Treasurer, acc. State paupers,	21 00
" " aid,	3,372 13
" Nat. bank tax,	2,079 25
" Corporation tax,	3,255 95
" interest on State tax,	40 95
" income Mass. School Fund,	265 17
County Treasurer, interest on county tax,	49 75
County Treasurer, dog licenses,	845 42
George H. Locke, collector, account interest on tax,	105 47
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	\$165,459 61

CR.

By State treasurer, State tax,	\$7,020 00
" Nat. bank tax,	2,462 17
" one-fourth amount received for liquor license,	12 50
county treasurer, county tax,	5,780 56
H. Barker, treasurer public library, dog licenses,	845 42
Notes payable, borrowed in anticipation of taxes,	34,150 00
" Woodward fund,	11,000 00
Interest, sundry persons on notes,	6,014 36
Town orders,	89,211 82
Balance in treasury, Feb. 1, 1877,	8,962 78
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	\$165,459 61

STATEMENT OF TOWN DEBT.

NOTES PAYABLE.

State of Massachusetts, due Dec. 9, 1878,		\$5,000 00
“ “ Nov. 1, 1881,		20,000 00
“ “ Dec. 9, 1883,		5,000 00
“ “ Mar. 23, 1884,		20,000 00
“ “ Dec. 9, 1888,		5,000 00
“ “ June 1, 1889,		10,000 00
Woodward Fund, on demand,		17,000 00
Interest accrued on the above notes,		1059 17
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		\$83,059 17
	CR.	
By cash in the treasury,	\$8,962 78	
Due as per schedule of outstanding ac- counts, page 59,	5,023 67	
Unpaid taxes 1875, as per list, page 67,	550 50	
“ 1876, “	9,494 91	
	<hr/>	\$24,031 86
Net amount of town debt, Feb. 1, 1877,		59,027 31
Net amount of town debt, Feb. 1, 1876,		\$65,832 84
“ “ Feb. 1, 1877,		59,027 31
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Decrease for the year,		\$6,805 53
Amount of one-mill tax for reduction of town debt,		\$7,533 14
“ corporation tax,		3,255 95
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		\$10,789 09
Town notes paid,		\$11,000 00

WOODWARD FUND.

CASH ACCOUNT.

HORACE B. SPEAR, Treasurer, in account with the Woodward Fund.

DR.

To cash on hand, Feb. 1, 1876,	\$1,393.47	
interest on Portland Water Co. bonds,	480 00	
“ “ scrip,	38 64	
“ City of Boston bonds, gold,		
\$200.00, premium \$21.75,	221 75	
interest on United States bonds, gold,		
\$360.00, premium \$31.05,	391 05	
interest on Vt. & Can. R.R. bonds,	120 00	
“ City of Cleveland “	140 00	
“ “ Cambridge “	90 00	
“ of sundry persons on loans,	287 00	
“ “ Town of Quincy on notes,	1,509 38	
rent, of Peter Butler,	1,000 00	
Norfolk Mutual Fire Ins. Co., damage		
to barn by lightning,	17 00	
D. J. Roach, for cedar posts,	2 00	
Town of Quincy, note,	1,700 00	
“ endorsed on note,	11,000 00	
		\$18,390 29

CR.

By W. C. Strong for trees and setting,	\$38 83	
repairs on buildings,	41 25	
stone and labor on Linden Place,	96 25	
surveying,	8 00	
Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Co.,		
rent of safe,	20 00	
insurance on buildings,	26 00	
<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$230 33	\$18,390 29

Woodward Fund, continued.

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$230 33	\$18,390 29
By loan to Town of Quincy,	1,700 00	
1 bond, City of Fall River,	1,075 00	
3 " " Cambridge,	3,330 00	
3 " " Lynn,	3,285 00	
accrued interest on bonds,	76 17	
14 shares Nat'l Mt. Wollaston Bank,	2,100 00	
loans secured by mortgage,	2,300 00	
2 United States bonds, 6's, 1881,	2,290 00	
expenses,	100 26	
Balance cash on hand,	1,903 53	
	<hr/>	\$18,390 29

STATEMENT OF THE FUND, FEB. 1, 1877.

Personal Property received from estate of Dr. Woodward, at appraisalment,	\$30,089 83	
Sale of land,	18,743 02	
Sale of pews,	120 00	
Income account,	24,742 68	
	<hr/>	\$73,695 53

INVESTED AS FOLLOWS.

6 Bonds U. S. 6's, \$1,000 each, at appraisalment,	\$7,020 00
8 Bonds Portland Water Co., \$1,000 each, at appraisalment,	8,000 00
3 Bonds Vt. & Can. R.R., \$1,000 each, at appraisalment,	3,030 00
5 Bonds Vt. Cen. R.R., \$1,000 each, at appraisalment,	4,000 00
6 Bonds Hartford & Erie R.R., \$1000 each, at appraisalment,	2,520 00
Notes secured by mortgage,	11,100 00
Loan to Town of Quincy,	17,000 00
Portland Water Co., interest scrip,	552 00
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$53,222 00

Woodward Fund, continued.

	<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$53,222 00
2	Bonds City of Cleveland, \$1,000 each,	2,060 00
4	“ “ Boston, \$1,000 “	4,430 00
1	“ “ Fall River, \$1,000 “	1,075 00
3	“ “ Cambridge, \$1,000 “	3,330 00
3	“ “ Lynn, \$1,000 “	3,285 00
2	“ U. S. 6's, 1881, \$1,000 “	2,290 00
14	shares National Mt. Wollaston Bank,	2,100 00
	Cash deposited in bank,	1,903 53
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The Greenleaf Farm, and one pew in the Universalist Church.

Interest overdue on notes, \$329 00

The above statement shows that personal property was received from the Executor of the will of Dr. Woodward, the appraised value of which at that time was \$30,089.83. In this amount is included six Hartford & Erie Railroad Bonds, and three Vermont Central Railroad Bonds, the present market value of which is only about \$1,200.

The last six months' interest due on the Vermont & Canada Railroad Bonds, which were also taken at the same time, has not been paid, and the bonds could not be disposed of at the present time without making a large loss.

A plan has been submitted to the several security holders of the Vermont Central & Vermont & Canada Railroads, which, if accepted, will probably increase the value of these Bonds. As so little would be realized if sold now, the Managers think it would be for the interest of the Fund to hold them.

HORACE B. SPEAR,
Treasurer.

LIST OF UNPAID TAXES, FEB. 1, 1877.

TAXES FOR 1875.

Billings, C. F.,	\$20 25	<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$216 75
Curtis, Franklin,	42 00	Mechanics Savings Bank,	96 75
Loud, Martha B.,	154 50	Squantum Land Co.,	237 00
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<i>Carried forward,</i>	\$216 75		\$550 50

TAXES FOR 1876.

Abercrombie, estate of, and		<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$853 35
C. H. Edwards,	\$25 20	Collins, Mrs. J. J.,	2 80
Adams, Joseph,	94 05	Colgan, Edward, balance,	2 80
Adams, Joseph, Mrs.,	130 20	Connor, Patrick,	3 40
Allison, estate, John,	16 80	Cook, Wallace H.,	9 00
Ames, Samuel,	49 60	Cuddy, Sarah,	18 20
Anderson, Charles,	5 20	Daley, Michael,	16 00
Arnold, Seth H., balance,	4 80	Davis, Moses B., balance,	3 50
Bartlett, Abigail,	11 00	Dearborn, estate, Horatio G.,	25 20
Balkham, Cyrus,	3 05	Decelle, James,	4 80
Bent, heirs of Wm., balance,	26 80	Dell, Lewis,	55 20
Bent, John Q.,	4 10	Dell, Simon,	25 80
Berry, James,	33 50	Ditmar, Carl,	164 40
Bennett, Thomas, balance,	2 80	Duggan, estate, John, balance,	134 90
Biganess, Charles,	28 00	Duggan, John A.,	6 90
Billings, Caleb F.,	81 80	Dwelle, estate, Lemuel, balance,	28 00
Billings, George W., balance,	2 00	Elcock, estate, Charles,	7 00
Billings, Herbert T.,	24 40	Elliott, Richard G.,	17 05
Blaisdell, estate, Gilbert,	2 80	Eldridge, John S.,	3 40
Boyd, William,	11 10	Emerson, Thomas G.,	3 40
Bradbury, Luther M., balance,	2 00	Fallon, John,	27 20
Breshingham, Delia,	7 00	Farrell, estate, Patrick,	26 60
Burke, James,	34 20	Farrell, John,	3 40
Burr, Henry, balance,	4 35	Farrell, Edward,	6 20
Burrell, Joseph, balance,	42 00	Feltis, Alexander,	48 20
Chase, Andrew J.,	27 20	Feltis, Horace,	58 00
Chubbuck, estate of Wm. C.,	21 00	Field, John Q. A., guardian, or	
Cleverly, James M.,	8 30	by whom owned,	2 10
Cleverly, James T.,	15 30	Flint, Daniel K.,	6 20
Cleverly, Thomas F.,	3 40	Flowers, James,	30 00
Coleman, Edward W.,	46 80	Flynn, estate, Edward,	2 80
Collins, J. J.,	84 60	Flanigan, Michael,	2 80
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<i>Carried forward,</i>	\$853 35	<i>Carried forward,</i>	\$1,598 60

Unpaid taxes for 1876, continued.

<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$1,598 60	<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$2,654 10
Fuller, Frederick J.,	163 00	Lombard & Leavitt,	70
Gallagher, Peter,	10 50	Lowe, Ralph,	24 40
Galloway, estate, Jas., balance,	9 60	Lunt, heirs of William P.,	98 00
Garvin, Patrick,	46 10	Lord, Joseph H.,	18 80
Gärbereno, Nicholas,	3 40	Magill, George S.,	34 20
George Brothers,	16 00	Mahoney, Owen,	6 20
Gearing, Frank,	17 40	Marks, Stephen F.,	31 40
Gilbert, John H.,	4 80	Mana, Michael,	16 80
Gill, estate, Charles,	12 60	McConarty, Peter,	33 50
Goodall, estate, James,	3 50	McGoverin, Michael,	16 00
Goocher, Charles A., balance,	23 80	McLay, Francis and Andrew,	5 40
Guild, Henry,	137 10	Miller, Gilbert M.,	4 80
Hall, estate, Edward,	37 80	Miller, Fabian,	17 40
Halloran, Timothy,	1 40	Miller, Swan,	5 50
Hardwick, Henry, balance,	42 70	Murphy Edward, balance,	70
Harris, John,	17 40	Murray, Hector,	10 05
Harrison, Charles H.,	12 50	McKay, Mrs. Martha A.,	7 70
Hayden, Charles,	18 10	Neagle, Stephen,	17 40
Hayden, Jonathan,	12 50	Newcomb, estate of Benj.,	16 80
Hayden, Samuel P.,	31 40	Newcomb, estate of Jesse P.,	71 40
Hayden, Loring N.,	37 70	Newcomb, Paul W.,	13 20
Hayes, Thomas H.,	69 90	Newcomb, Winslow M.,	31 40
Hayes, Thomas P.,	32 10	Nicholson, W. H., balance,	7 00
Hayes, John,	13 20	O'Brien, John,	30 00
Hunt, Charles N.,	4 80	Page, estate, Peter R.,	14 00
Jacobs, Edward C.,	30 10	Parker, Henry,	6 20
Jenkins, Samuel W.,	6 20	Peverly, O. J.,	6 20
Johnson, Wm.,	4 20	Pickernal, Wm.,	7 60
Lacy, Mary A.,	22 40	Pope, estate, Edmund,	124 60
Lacy, Patrick F.,	38 40	Pope, John A.,	2 70
Lacy, Barry & Cary,	2 10	Pratt, Henry G., Jr.,	72 70
Lakin, Wm. F.,	4 10	Prescott, Wm. G.,	98 04
Lanigan, John,	20 20	Prescott, Geo. R., balance,	28 00
Lapham Bros., balance,	8 40	Quincy Adams Granite Works,	10 50
Larkin, Daniel,	16 00	Quincy Horse R.R.,	120 40
Lary, Caroline, and Mary Drew,	25 90	Reed, Warren,	222 50
Leahy, Michael M.,	35 60	Rideout, Luke,	45 40
Lines, Thomas B.,	23 00	Rideout, Wm. H. H.,	34 55
Linnehan, Dennis,	7 60	Ring, John,	2 70
Livermore, George K.,	2 00	Roach, David J.,	3 05
Lombard, Joseph W.,	30 00	Roberts, Joseph,	9 80
<i>Carried forward,</i>	\$2,654 10	<i>Carried forward,</i>	\$3,981 79

Unpaid taxes for 1875, continued.

<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$3,981 79	<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$4,882 49
Ryan, Wm. B.,	6 20	Bowker, Elizabeth C. and Chas. I.,	2 10
Sanville, Joseph,	11 10	Brackett, Amanda R.,	3 50
Shea, James,	11 80	Butterworth, Frank H.,	42 60
Shea, Jeremiah,	4 80	Cornish, John B.,	33 50
Sheahan, estate, Patrick,	8 40	Cushing, Sarah E.,	8 40
Silva, Joseph,	4 10	Cutter, Henry C.,	10 50
Simonds, Wm.,	17 40	Dame, Seth T.,	68 50
Smith, estate, H. Farnum, bal.,	25 00	Dowse, B. T.,	46 20
Souther, Fred., balance,	14 70	Emery, Thomas B.,	29 00
Spear, Capt. Geo.,	16 00	Faxon, George,	4 20
Spear, Jonathan,	11 20	Furnald, George S.,	52 40
Spear, Joshua H.,	28 60	Gannett, Howard,	143 40
Sullivan, Michael,	18 80	Goodrich, Melora,	5 60
Sullivan, Timothy,	13 20	Hanks, Frank P.,	4 20
Thomas, V. T.,	3 40	Haynes, John P., balance,	26 60
Thompson, Geo. W.,	4 10	Hobart, Walter H.,	39 80
Torrey, Frances,	37 20	Ingraham, Louisa,	2 80
Totman, Henry S.,	39 80	Jones, Henry A.,	49 60
Turner Samuel B.,	12 60	King, Benjamin,	41 90
Tuck, Abiatha,	6 90	Lakin, John H.,	63 00
Walsh, Richard,	11 80	Loring, Abbott,	5 60
Washburn, Mrs. G. M.,	50 40	McIntyre, Farrington, bal.,	113 27
Watson, Benjamin,	4 10	Noyes, Increase E.,	37 10
Wellington, Asa,	16 00	Pierce, Charles H.,	5 60
Wentworth, Abigail M.,	2 80	Pinkham, G. F.,	606 80
White, Isaiah P.,	18 80	Pinkham & Beals,	243 60
Williams, Jonathan,	178 40	Pinkham, Horace A.,	129 40
Worster, Wm. B.,	79 00	Randall, E. G.,	48 90
Wrisley, estate, Charles E.	25 20	Robinson, Alfred E.,	28 60
		Rollins, Joshua D.,	44 00
		Seelye, Wm. C.,	41 90
		Shaw & Morrison,	9 80
		Smith, Joel E.,	49 60
		Smith & Smith,	38 50
		Sparrow, Edward S.,	72 10
		Sprague, Alfred W.,	74 80
		Stewart, Wm. H.,	42 00
		Turner, R. W.,	5 60
		Torrenze, James,	9 10
		Wilson, John,	8 40
<i>Carried forward,</i>	\$4,882 49	<i>Carried forward,</i>	\$7,174 96

Unpaid taxes for 1876, continued.

<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$7,174 96	<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$7,388 36
BELLEVUE PARK.			
Carpenter, A. F.,	3 85	McDonald, Ellen M.,	1 40
Clark, George, Jr.,	9 45	Mellyn, Martin J.,	70
Coburn, J. B. V.,	1 05	Neponset Grove Associates,	21 00
Cross, John,	6 30	Pease, Charles G.,	70
Cutter, Sarah E.,	1 40	Quigley, Andrew J.,	1 05
Doyle, Geo. H.,	1 40	Ratigae, Thomas,	70
Drew, Mrs. G. M.,	1 40	Smith, John,	2 80
Garbett, Wm. A.,	1 40	Smith, Elizabeth G.,	7 00
Hanley, C. W.,	1 40	Shepard John,	7 00
Haynes, Mrs. Clara F.,	1 40	Squantum Land Associates,	92 40
Jackson, Chas. E.,	6 65	BOSTON.	
Knight, Wm. H.,	1 05	Adams, —	5 60
McPhail, Wm. A.,	1 40	Alléy, Wm. H.,	70
Morrison, John T.,	4 55	Ahlborn, Henry,	4 20
Mortimer, C. C.,	3 40	Baker, Wm. P.,	218 40
Nason, A. F.,	14 00	Barry, Patrick,	14 00
Page, Caleb,	1 40	Batchelder, Henry L.,	14 00
Pattee, Wm. S.,	2 80	Bishop, John O.,	11 20
Perry, J. B.,	1 05	Barham, R. H.,	88 20
Swan, J. B.,	2 80	Bartlett & Elliott,	70
Taylor, Geo. W.,	8 75	Butland, J. M.,	39 20
Taylor, Julia A.,	1 40	Crowley, Maria E.,	4 90
Unknown owners,	5 60	Dacy, J. B.,	11 20
Walker, N. B.,	1 40	Dehon, estate, Wm.,	240 80
Williams, A. M.,	2 10	Dix, Joseph,	69 30
SQUANTUM LAND COMPANY.		Dowling, Wm.,	70
Albee, John,	70	Field, Henry,	4 20
Barry, Geo. M.,	2 80	Foye, —	2 10
Billings, Lorenzo L.,	70	Gardner, Casilda,	4 20
Breed, Mary Ann,	1 40	Green, Charles A.,	165 20
Burditt, Geo. H.,	1 40	Harding, H. B.,	5 60
Clark, Geo., Jr.,	80 50	Henry, Mrs. Elizabeth N.,	4 20
Clark, Geo. F.,	24 85	Holden, A. R.,	4 20
Cox, T. W. & J. H.,	3 50	Howard, —	2 80
Cox, Geo. D.,	2 10	Kennison, Parker,	28 00
Dodge, John F.,	1 40	Leonard, Amos M.,	40 60
Eaton, John, Jr.,	70	McGrail, Peter,	2 10
Hurlburt, Cornelia,	5 95	Newhall, Cheever,	19 60
<i>Carried forward,</i>	\$7,388 36	Pierce, Henry,	70
		Pingree, Mrs.,	12 60
		<i>Carried forward,</i>	\$8,542 31

Unpaid taxes for 1876, continued.

<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$8,542 31	<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$9,167 71
Poole, Benj., Jr., or by whom owned,	8 40	WEYMOUTH.	
Porter, Alexander S.,	45 50	Crotty, Mrs.,	11 20
Preston, John,	183 40	RESIDENCE UNKNOWN.	
Ripley, A.,	70	Wilbur, Cornelius,	5 60
Ragen, Charles,	70	BRACKETT ESTATE.	
Shaw, Thomas,	28 00	Barlow, Ben. C., Wollaston,	2 80
Simonds, George,	1 40	Cheever, Samuel, Manchester,	1 40
Souther, Henry,	52 80	Fessenden, Emily, Cambridge,	2 80
Stone, Wm.,	14 00	Gannett, Joseph H.,	2 80
Wild, A. H.,	28 70	Gannett, H. C.,	53 20
Williams & Foss, or by whom owned,	25 20	Gannett, Howard,	75 60
Wright, A. W.,	46 90	Keith, Herbert F.,	2 80
BRAINTREE.		McDonald, Wm. L., Boston,	2 80
Holbrook, J. H.,	2 80	McKay, Mary J., Boston,	1 40
Hollis, Joel,	1 40	McKay, Susanna T., Wollaston,	70
HYDE PARK.		Whitcomb, Nathaniel W., N.Y.,	2 10
Brown, Roxana,	70	POLL TAXES.	
MILTON.		Arnold, Albert W.,	2 00
Littlefield, estate of Samuel,	6 30	Arnold, Charles,	2 00
Russell & Farrington,	70 00	Anderson, Geo.,	2 00
NEWTON.		Burrell, Henry T.,	2 00
Capen, Chas. H., or by whom owned,	16 80	Bisson, Henry F.,	2 00
Ray, Edwin,	21 00	Brown, Edward A.,	2 00
RANDOLPH.		Billings, Roger,	2 00
Howard, Edgar, or by whom owned,	27 30	Blaisdell, Chas. A.,	2 00
SAN FRANCISCO.		Butterworth, —	2 00
Pratt, Henry G.,	29 40	Brown, Joshua,	2 00
SOMERVILLE.		Baker, Arthur,	2 00
Bartlett, J. C.,	4 20	Connors, John,	2 00
Wilson, Robert,	9 80	Clark, John,	2 00
<i>Carried forward,</i>	\$9,167 71	Cronin, Michael,	2 00
		Coffee, John M.,	2 00
		Coolidge, Wm.,	2 00
		Collier, Joseph A.,	2 00
		Costello, John A.,	2 00
		Costello, Edward,	2 00
		Cleverly, John S.,	2 00
		Crooker, A. J.,	2 00
		<i>Carried forward,</i>	\$9,374 91

Unpaid taxes for 1876, continued.

<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$9,374 91	<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$9,434 91
Callahan, John, Jr.,	2 00	Keenan, John,	2 00
Cronin, Timothy,	2 00	Locke, Chas.,	2 00
Coleman, George,	2 00	Mullany, Bernard,	2 00
Conley, James,	2 00	Merritt, John,	2 00
Conley, Daniel,	2 00	McGowan, Wm.,	2 00
Edson, Hosea B.,	2 00	McClusky, John,	2 00
Ellis, Francis C., Jr.,	2 00	Newcomb, Oliver T.,	2 00
Foss, John,	2 00	Newcomb, George H.,	2 00
Faxon, Dexter,	2 00	Packard, George F.,	2 00
Ferrari, Hannibal,	2 00	Packard, Josiah V., Jr.,	2 00
Finn, Dennis,	2 00	Perry, Fred.,	2 00
Graney, Stephen,	2 00	Parrott, Luther,	2 00
Garrity, Lawrence,	2 00	Pratt, Albert G.,	2 00
Grady, John,	2 00	Ryan, Mortimer,	2 00
Gray, Henry F.,	2 00	Ripley, John T.,	2 00
Griffin, James,	2 00	Richards, Charles,	2 00
Griffin, John,	2 00	Russell, John,	2 00
Goodrich, Henry,	2 00	Richards, Augustus,	2 00
Garrity, Patrick, 2d,	2 00	Richardson, L. B.,	2 00
Gardner, John,	2 00	Rogers, Madison,	2 00
Griffin, Geo. W.,	2 00	Spear, Edward A., 2d,	2 00
Gilrain, James,	2 00	Sproule, George,	2 00
Holbrook, Alden H.,	2 00	Tibbetts, George,	2 00
Hartney, John,	2 00	Underwood, Chas. E.,	2 00
Hayden, Chas. H.,	2 00	Whicher, Levi M.,	2 00
Hartney, Thomas W.,	2 00	Woodbury, Chas. E.,	2 00
Haynes, Frank,	2 00	Wales, Samuel,	2 00
Hunt, John T.,	2 00	Weston, Frank W.,	2 00
Jones, David, Jr.,	2 00	Wilson, William,	2 00
Keegan, Edward,	2 00	Walsh, Joseph N.,	2 00
<i>Carried forward,</i>	<u>\$9,434 91</u>		<u>\$9,494 91</u>

CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT.

TO THE SELECTMEN OF QUINCY.

Gentlemen, — I most respectfully submit the following report : —

The department is under the control of a Chief and five Assistant Engineers.

The buildings of the town connected with the department are as follows : —

Three for hand engine companies ; one for hook and ladder company ; one for hose company ; one for chemical engine company, — all are in good condition, with the exception of the house for No. 2, which needs shingling.

There are three hand engines with hose carriages attached, all having been overhauled and painted the past year, and all being in good condition ; one hook and ladder carriage and equipments ; there are also one four-wheeled hose carriage, new, and one chemical engine, which have been added to the department since my last report.

The steam pump at William Panton's shop is in good condition, and has been ready for use at all times during the past year.

The old four-wheeled hose-carriage, with hose, is in charge of W. M. French Hose Co., and is kept at John Hall's stable. The hose carriage which belonged to No. 1 is at Patrick McDonald's, in charge of the company of Tiger, No. 2.

HOSE.

There are in the department 4,130 feet of leading hose, consisting of 2,850 feet cotton, good ; 500 feet linen, poor ; 300 feet leather, not reliable ; 180 feet rubber, new, for chemical engine ; and 300 feet cotton, unserviceable.

RESERVOIRS.

One near the Old Stone Church, one near Adams Academy, one at Williams' Corner, one at corner of Water Street and Faxon's Lane, one at High School House, one near the W. M. French Hose House, one at corner of Foster and Washington Streets, one near the church at Point, one near Willard School House, one at corner of Granite and Willard Streets, one near or on land of Charles Curtis, Franklin Street, one at junction of Beal Street and Central Avenue, one on Arlington Street, one on Spofford Street, one on private way east of O. C. & N. R.R., and one at Atlantic, — all in good order.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Our board would respectfully recommend the purchase of one steam fire engine, 2d class, one medium size chemical fire engine for the South and Centre Districts, and that a house be built to accommodate steamer, chemical, hose and hook and ladder in one building ; also the purchasing of a boiler and the erection of a brick building for steam pump, independent of any other, and to be used for fire purposes only ; also the purchase of 500 feet leading hose, and the building of two more reservoirs, one at the foot of Mount Pleasant, and one near Enos Ricker's, on Faxon's Plain.

The department as now organized consists of, —

Engine-men,	150
Hose-men,	20
Hook and ladder men,	25
Chemical engine-men,	20
Engineers,	6
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Whole number,	221

We would recommend the appropriation of the sum of \$6,000 for the coming year.

All of which is most respectfully submitted to your honorable board, together with a schedule of town property in charge of each company.

E. A. SPEAR,
Chief Engineer.

FIRES AND ALARMS IN 1876.

- March 8 Barn burned at Wollaston, belonging to a Mr. Jarvis. Alarm given at 11 P.M., loss \$1,000, insured for \$1,500, — supposed incendiary.
- March 12 Almshouse barn, alarm 12.40 A.M., loss \$700, — supposed incendiary.
Lakin's Mill, alarm 1.30 A.M., loss about \$5,000, no insurance, — supposed incendiary.
- April 2 J. Ford's house, alarm 4.50 P.M., loss \$400, insured.
- May 6 False alarm, supposed fire in Old Stone Church.
- May 16 Alarm at 4 A.M., house of Maj. W. G. Sheen, — defective flue, — damage \$1,500, insured.
- May 18 Alarm about 10 A.M., accidental burning of tar at Quincy Point, loss slight.
- June 16 Alarm 10.45 P.M., fire in basement of building owned by H. H. Faxon; loss by W. B. Ryan, \$125.; C. F. Pierce, \$200; and J. H. Veazie, \$80, — cause unknown. Discovered by M. Garrity, watchman.
- June 25 Alarm 11 P.M., house on Cross Street, owned by a Mr. Riordan, \$1,200 damage, insured for \$500, — cause unknown.
- July 8 Alarm 10.45 P.M., house of a Mr. McGowen, W. Quincy, damage \$200, insured.
- July 11 Alarm 12.45 A.M., house of a Mr. Bemis at Wollaston, destroyed, loss \$6,000, insured for \$4,000, — supposed incendiary.
- July 30 Alarm 9.45 P.M., barn on old Fenno place burned, loss \$200, not insured, — supposed incendiary.
- Aug. 10 Alarm at 2 A.M., Willard House burned, loss \$2,500, — supposed incendiary.
- Aug. 11 Alarm 12.45 A.M., shed and house belonging to Patrick Brannon on Quincy Ave., loss \$300, insured \$150.
- Aug. 21 Alarm about 4 A.M., house, barn, and outbuildings belonging to the Newcomb family on Adams Street, loss \$7000, insured \$2200, — cause unknown.
- Aug. 28 Alarm 10.45, house owned by Patrick McDonald, corner of Sea and Brackett Streets, loss trifling, — cause unknown.

- Oct. 3 Alarm 4.15 A.M., barn, slaughter-house, and other buildings, property of Henry Glidden, loss \$4,500, insured \$2,500, — cause unknown.
- Oct. 8 Alarm about 1 A.M., barn on Mill Street, owned by H. H. Faxon, occupied by Alex. Vining, loss \$800, insured,— supposed incendiary.
- Oct. 9 Fire discovered and extinguished by M. Garrity, in Tirrell & Sons' blacksmith shop, no alarm, loss trifling,— accidental.
- Oct. 26 Alarm 12.15 A.M., barn belonging to John Ballou, W. Quincy, loss \$500, insured, — cause unknown.
- Nov. 20 Fire at N. Quincy about 11 P.M., house and barn owned by Hannah F. Billings, destroyed, loss \$5,000, insured,— no alarm in centre of town. Steamer 20 Boston fire department was on the ground, but was unable to save the property,— cause unknown.
- Dec. 16 Alarm at 5 P.M., burning of Carl Ditmar's dry-house, North Quincy, loss \$500, no insurance,— accidental.
- Jan. 17, '77 Alarm 11.45 A.M., house occupied by F. W. French near railroad station, loss \$150, insured \$100,— cause unknown.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE TOWN, ATTACHED TO THE DEPARTMENT.

Tiger, No. 2. One engine and two hose carriages, 600 feet leading hose, 1 fire bell and rope, 10 spanner belts, 12 spanners, 4 lanterns, 2 wrenches, 1 jack, 2 stoves, 5 tables, 1 ladder, 1 follower wrench, 8 settees, 8 chairs, 4 benches, 2 boilers, 6 lamps, 2 fire-hats, 3 rubber-coats, 1 pair rubber boots, 1 shovel, 28 mugs, 40 bowls, 70 plates, 60 spoons, 1 pitcher, 1 feather duster.

Granite, No. 3. One engine and hose carriage, 650 feet hose, 9 belts, 18 spanners, 3 rubber coats, 1 pair rubber boots, 6 lamps, 2 stoves, 1 table, 4 benches, 60 spoons, 30 bowls, 2 boilers, 1 broom, 1 shovel, 1 watering-pot, 2 fire-hats, 1 jack, 1 duster, 1 oil-can, 2 tubs, 2 ladders.

Vulture, No. 4. One engine and hose carriage, 550 feet duck hose, 250 feet linen hose, 3 stoves, 1 coal-hod, 1 shovel, 1 table,

8 settees, 18 chairs, 8 lamps, 1 oil-can, 1 jack, 2 water-pails, 3 lanterns, 1 feather duster, 1 axe, 1 broom, 12 cuspadores, 1 set tools for engine, 4 tables, 6 horses, 1 watering-pot, 1 pair rubber boots, 3 rubber coats, 2 pairs rubber pants, 5 suction-hose belts, 6 spanner belts, 4 leading-hose belts, 8 spanners, 2 jugs, 3 sponges, 2 chamois skins, 20 bowls, 40 mugs, 90 spoons, 2 fire-hats.

Hook and Ladder, No. 1. One carriage, 6 hooks, 9 ladders, 3 Johnson pumps, 12 buckets, 2 axes, 3 forks, 2 guy ropes, 1 jack, 3 rubber coats, 26 chairs, 12 setters, 12 lamps and fixtures, 2 stoves, 2 shovels, 2 tables.

W. M. French Hose, No. 1. Two (2) four-wheeled carriages, 1,050 feet cotton hose, 250 feet linen hose, 4 Johnson pumps, 3 rubber coats, 1 cook stove and furniture, 1 cylinder stove, 1 walnut table, 2 axes, 1 pipe, 3 lanterns, 6 lamps, 2 jacks, 15 spanners, 9 spanner-belts, 2 chamois skins, 1 watering-pot, 1 water-pail, 1 wrench, 1 oil-can, 21 chairs, 1 sponge, 1 squillgee, 1 old hose carriage, 600 feet hose, 1 pipe, 1 spanner, 1 crotch, 2 spanner belts, 1 pair rubber boots.

L. W. Lovell, No. 1, Wollaston Heights. One chemical engine with 180 feet hose, 1 Stewart stove, 1 coal-hod, 1 tea-kettle, 1 wash-dish, 1 table, 4 chairs, 1 pair scales, 1 wrench, 5 curtains, 1 cask soda, 1 carboy vitriol, 3 lamps, 3 cuspadores, 2 chamois skins, 1 feather duster, 1 oil-can, 2 tin-dippers, 1 water-pail, 1 broom, 1 shovel, 2 sponges, 1 jack, 1 thermometer.

One steam pump at William Panton's shop.

E. A. SPEAR,
Chief Engineer.

MOUNT WOLLASTON CEMETERY.

THE BOARD OF MANAGERS of the Mount Wollaston Cemetery respectfully submit their Third Annual Report, as required by the By-Laws.

SALE AND CARE OF LOTS.

The sum of one hundred and fifty [\$150 00] dollars has been received for fifteen lots sold, and two hundred and twenty-five [\$225 00] dollars for grading the same.

The sum of three hundred and seventy-four dollars and twenty-five cents [\$374 25] has been collected for labor, and care of lots, and for manure furnished for same, which, with the \$225 00 on new lots, makes a total of \$599 25 collected on account of labor on lots.

NON-RESIDENT ASSESSMENT.

The amount received from the above assessment, authorized by vote of the town, is \$98 00. The justice of the small annual assessment of \$2 00 per lot is admitted by all non-residents, as far as can be ascertained, but not yet so fully responded to as it should be, or as it may be in future, even by those who are able to pay. There is a class of non-residents who are unknown to your Board, and of whom no trace can now be found. There are others who are unable to pay, and others who are entirely devoid of any interest in the improvement of the Cemetery. On the other hand, there is a class of interested non-resident owners, who will cheerfully pay the assessment, and it should be the aim of the Secretary to place as many in this class as possible. No lots are now sold to non-residents, yet as any resident of the town can buy a lot, he may by removal from town become a non-resident, and thus the number of such owners will slowly increase, therefore the more need of holding as many as possible to some annual contribution for the general

improvement of the Cemetery. In accordance with the vote passed, this assessment will be an annual one, for such a sum as the Board of Managers shall direct.

REPAIR FUND.

Article 11 of the By-Laws of the Cemetery bears the above title, and is as follows :—

ART. 11. Proprietors of lots in the Cemetery shall, upon payment to the Secretary of any sum of money, have the income thereof, not exceeding six per cent per annum of the principal sum, appropriated and annually expended in the repair of their respective lots, according to the terms of trust expressed in Deed, Form No. 1, hereto annexed.

The Secretary shall, upon receipt of the above money, as above provided and of the proper deed of trust duly executed by the proprietor, furnish such proprietor with the certificate accompanying said Form No. 1.

It is also provided that the Secretary shall keep a complete record of all such payments, and shall pay the money to the Town Treasurer, who shall keep a separate account of the same under the following section: "The moneys so received by the Town Treasurer shall constitute and be kept a separate Fund, to be designated and known as 'The Repair Fund of Lots in Mount Wollaston Cemetery.'"

For the first time we have to report a deposit under the above By-Law, and the beginning of a Special Fund, as is therein proposed. It is believed that the many and obvious advantages of this method of providing for the care of lots have not yet been fully appreciated, or even kept in mind, and this extended notice may serve to bring the same to the attention and examination of owners of lots.

A SUGGESTION.

As it adds very much to the general appearance of the Cemetery to have lots graded and reclaimed from their original rough state, it would be a mutual benefit, as well as a personal satisfaction, if all owners of lots, who can do so, would improve their lots in this manner. Your board take the liberty to make the suggestion, as it is more evident every year that many lots are held by persons who, more from indifference than inability, make no improvements, and from whom an expenditure of small amount would add greatly to the beauty of the grounds.

NEW LOTS.

By the method referred to in the report of last year, of laying out lots, and preparing a part of the grounds before lying waste, there are now forty lots, graded and ready for sale, with suitable paths for access. The entire cost of the labor on the same, having been paid for, will be reimbursed to the town when the lots are sold.

APPROPRIATION.

An appropriation of \$1,000, being the sum voted for several years, is recommended for the general care and improvement of the grounds, also for setting out trees, which it may be thought advisable to do to a greater extent than has usually been done.

FINANCIAL.

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1876,	\$219 73
Appropriation for 1876,	1,000 00
Collected for lots sold,	150 00
" labor on lots,	599 25
" from non-resident owners,	98 00
" for hay sold,	60 00
" " unpaid bills of 1875,	57 00
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	\$2,183 98
Expended, as appears by the Selectmen's account,	1,946 35
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Balance of cash to new account,	\$237 63
Balance due from owners of lots for labor :	
Unpaid bills of 1873,	16 00
" 1874,	69 00
" 1875,	71 50
" 1876,	67 50
	<hr/>
	\$224 00

REPAIR FUND.

Amount deposited for one lot,* \$100 00

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN Q. A. FIELD, *Chairman.*

GEORGE L. GILL, *Secretary.*

* The income only to be used.

PUBLIC LIBRARY OF QUINCY.

THE TRUSTEES of the Public Library ask leave to offer their Sixth Annual Report relative to the progress and to the present condition of that institution.

During the year 1876, the Library was open 303 days, it being closed only on Sundays and the legal or general holidays. The whole number of volumes borrowed was 42,968, being the largest number in any year, with one exception (1872), since the Library was opened. As in previous years the largest number borrowed in any one month was in March (4,715), and the smallest number was in July (2,557). On the 12th of February, 455 volumes were issued, being the greatest number in any one day; while the smallest number was 32, on the 4th of April. The use made of the Library in the different seasons of the year is very unequal. No less than 16,374 volumes, or 39 per cent of the whole, were borrowed during the four winter months, November–February, of 1875–6, and only 11,166, or 26 per cent of the whole, during the four summer months, May–August. This fact has an important bearing on the question of summer and winter library hours. During the year, 322 new volumes and 178 pamphlets were added to the Library. Of these, 78 volumes were presented. In addition to the above, 220 volumes, worn out by use, were replaced, and 280 volumes were bound.

Of the works borrowed, 73 per cent of the whole were fiction, as compared with 76 per cent during the previous year, and 81 per cent during the year before that. The circulation of periodical literature has amounted to 7 per cent, as compared with 5 per cent during the previous year; and that of juvenile books to 6 per cent. Of works of the more solid class, the circulation was 15 per cent of the whole, divided somewhat as follows: biography, 2.4 per cent; travels, 2.2 per cent; history, 3 per cent; books relating to the arts and sciences, 2.3 per cent; and

others in like proportion. These percentages do not differ materially from those of last year. Each one per cent represents a circulation of about 430 volumes.

Meanwhile, with the single exception of the wealthy town of Brookline, Quincy now has the largest Public Library by far in Norfolk County, circulating nearly twice as many books as any other, except the one mentioned. According to the recent State census the population of the town is 9,155. It would, therefore, appear that during the last year the library, for its legitimate current expenses, cost 38 cents per head of the population, in return for which it circulated 47 volumes to each inhabitant, the circulation of each volume costing the town 8 cents.

The librarian, Miss Mary I. Brooks, resigned her position, for reasons connected with her health, on the 1st of September last. During the year of her connection with the Library, she had accomplished a great deal towards its reorganization, and had succeeded in placing it on a footing which can be easily and economically maintained. Her resignation was a subject of much regret to the Trustees.

For reasons connected with the finances of the institution, which will hereinafter be referred to, no successor to Miss Brooks, in the position of librarian, has been appointed. Miss Bumpus, the assistant librarian, has attended to the duties, so far as they are connected with the routine of the library, while the other and more complicated work connected with the catalogue, &c., has been allowed to run into arrears. For reasons which will be presently stated, the Trustees do not propose to appoint a new librarian at present.

In their last annual report, the Trustees stated that the deficiency then existing in the catalogue fund, "amounting to some \$700," occasioned by borrowing from it to meet the unexpected cost of preparing the present library building for use, would be "met out of the next [this] year's dog-tax." This has been done, and the catalogue is now wholly paid for. During the year, 79 copies of it were sold, and 14 were given away to other libraries, generally in exchange.

The town, at its annual meeting in March last, appropriated \$3,200 for the support of the Library during the year,—that

being the amount asked for by the Trustees. When the estimate of \$3,200 was made, and that sum appropriated, it was supposed that the financial year for the Library would close on the 31st of December, as had been the practice up to that time. At the meeting, however, at which the appropriation was made, a system of town by-laws was adopted, under the first section of which the 31st of January was prescribed to all town officers as the date for closing the financial year. In order to comply with this rule, it was necessary for the Trustees to make the financial year of the Library thirteen, instead of twelve, months. Upon consideration, they did not feel themselves at liberty, even under these circumstances, either to exceed their appropriation or to disregard the by-law of the town, and accordingly it was decided to cut off all but absolutely necessary expenses, and, by rigid economy, to make an appropriation for twelve months suffice for thirteen. When, therefore, the librarian resigned, the position was not filled, the cost of lighting was reduced, new books were purchased only very sparingly, and the work of renewing and binding volumes, wholly or partially worn out, was temporarily suspended. By these means the deficiency was made good, and the close of the year of thirteen months leaves the institution with not a single bill of any description outstanding against it. Meanwhile it cannot be claimed that the Library is in as good a condition as it was a year ago. The economy it has been necessary to practice has not permitted the necessary wear and tear of the books to be made good, — much less the new books which should belong to the Library to be added to it. At the beginning of the present library year (January 1st), an examination showed that about 700 volumes were wholly worn out, and needed to be replaced; some 300 required to be bound; while 500 new books and duplicates would not more than suffice to keep the institution equal to the demands made upon it. This, however, would call for a larger appropriation than the Trustees would be willing to ask for, or the town, probably, inclined to grant. An appropriation of \$3,000 it is believed will suffice to make good the deficiencies occasioned by the excessive economies practiced during the last year, and to prevent the Library from running further

into arrears of books. An arrangement has been effected, under which the work of cataloguing can be temporarily kept up without the necessity of filling the position of librarian. The economy thus effected will enable the Trustees to purchase a reasonable number of new publications, for which a considerable demand is made. An appropriation of \$3,000 is, therefore, asked for.

The receipts and expenditures of the past year are set forth in the accompanying report of the Treasurer.

C. F. ADAMS, JR.,
L. W. ANDERSON,
HENRY BARKER,
CHARLES A. FOSTER,
EDWARD WHICHER,
H. A. KEITH.

ACCOUNT OF TREASURER OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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To cash in treasury, Feb. 1, 1876,	\$141 23
From Town Treasurer, appropriation,	3,200 00
" " " dog-tax,	845 42
From fines and catalogues,	172 17
From mdse.,	1 00
	<hr/> \$4,359 82

CR. BY DISBURSEMENTS.

For books,	\$902 82
Binding,	123 65
Catalogues,	724 85
Stationery and printing,	171 52
Expressage,	21 00
Fuel,	154 70
Gas,	200 50
Salaries and services,	1,315 41
Furniture and fixtures,	37 58
Postal expenses,	25 75
Rent (part of 1875-6),	606 00
Sundries,	49 25
Balance, Feb. 1, 1877,	26 79
	<hr/> \$4,359 82

HENRY BARKER, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE MANAGERS OF ADAMS ACADEMY.

THE BOARD OF MANAGERS elected by the town to oversee the Adams Academy during the past year have attended to that duty, and respectfully report that the growth and progress of that institution has been, in view of the condition of the times, quite as favorable as could reasonably be expected. Instead of diminishing in numbers, as has been the experience in many similar schools elsewhere in the country, the Principal reports the facts as follows :—

“ Last year we had one hundred and fifteen pupils in the Academy, not including the preparatory class. This year we have had one hundred and forty.

“ Thirteen members of our last class have entered Harvard College, four Amherst, three Brown, and one Yale, and one the Virginia Military Institute, making twenty-two in all sent to college (if we consider the last equal to a college), in the fourth year of the school's existence.

“ Beginning four years ago last September with twenty-five pupils, the school has increased during this short time, till it is one of the largest academies in the country devoted entirely to preparation for college, and has already, during these years of mere beginning, sent forty-five boys to college.

“ This has been accomplished under the great disadvantage of having no clientage or constituency to depend upon, with no school traditions in its favor, with everything untried.

“ We have also labored under the very great disadvantage of having to depend entirely upon tuition fees for support. With the exception of the building, its care and heating, all other expenses must be met from tuition fees, the only case in the country, I think, where a school of its grade is so situated. I

received nothing last year, nor have I this, from the income of the fund towards the payment of salaries, nor for many other incidental expenses. The academies at Exeter, at Andover, and at East Hampton, have large incomes from their invested property, independent of the tuition fees. More than one-seventh of our pupils pay no tuition.

“ I have now four assistants, giving their entire time to the instruction of the school, two of these being in their fourth year of service, one in his third, and the other in his second. Besides these there are special instructors in French, German, elocution, and drawing, who give but a portion of their time to their work here.

“ I have felt from the beginning that the only course to take was to give to our pupils all the facilities of a good education, and have endeavored to do so without much reference to personal profit or advantage. If we would place and keep our school in the front rank of those undertaking to give to boys a thorough and full preparation for college, our teachers must be of equal ability, scholarship, experience, and proportionate number with the oldest and best schools in the country.

“ In such a school there are a good many incidental expenses, resulting from the necessary correspondence with parents, and material used in instruction. Some expenses attend the issuing of the annual catalogues and the monthly reports sent to parents. Hitherto I have thought it expedient to spend some money in advertising, as so many of our pupils, without the tuition of whom the school could not exist, have been attracted from a distance.

“ It is necessary to pay teachers of the high scholarship necessary for good work in the Academy very considerable salaries. In the Boston Latin School there are several assistant teachers who receive a salary of three thousand dollars each, and several more who receive more than two thousand dollars.

“ If the present teachers are retained, I cannot estimate the expenses of the Academy, aside from the care of the buildings, for another school year at less than fifteen thousand dollars. This with the present state of our funds must come entirely from the tuition fees.

“ I do not think that it is safe to count on one hundred and fifty paying pupils. We must either reduce the expenses, — and this means giving up some of our teachers, already of experience in our work, — or we must increase the tuition fees paid by the boys whose parents are not residents of Quincy. The usual fee at the best private schools in Boston is two hundred dollars per annum. That, however, at the older academies at Andover, Exeter, and East Hampton, is less than our present charge, as their funds make them to a considerable extent independent of the money received from pupils. Probably the new school at Braintree will be opened next autumn. This has a substantial money foundation and may attract some who would otherwise come to us. We may not find a sufficient number of those willing to pay an increased tuition, but unless we have in some way additional income, I do not see how the school can be carried on without lowering our aims and the standard of instruction and scholarship.

“ I would suggest for your consideration that the tuition be raised to one hundred and fifty dollars per year, payable fifty dollars at the beginning of each term. If we should have one hundred paying pupils at this rate, we should secure the running expenses of the school, and this would amply provide for the free tuition of the Quincy boys at present.”

This extension of the number in the school has rendered the existing edifice too small for the accommodation of the scholars in their recitations. Recourse has been had to the supervisors for assistance, and they judged it proper to apply a portion of the fund remaining in their hands to the erection of a small but convenient temporary building, which has been found to answer the purpose thus far very well.

In the condition of Quincy at the outset of this undertaking it would have been impossible to provide for the proper care and nurture of so many boys but for the accidental opportunity presented of converting what was formerly the Hancock House into a boarding house under the immediate supervision of the Principal. This experiment, not unattended with both risk and trouble, was finally entered upon ; and it is not too much to say that it has materially contributed to the prosperity of the

school, if it has not proved of material benefit to the master. Though not in any way involving responsibility on the part of the town, it has been deemed expedient to insert that portion of his report to the Managers relating to the subject, in order to correct some erroneous ideas that have prevailed in regard to the personal advantage erroneously supposed to have been derived from it:—

“A very important part of the Academy is the boarding house, and it really has no official and definite connection with it. With an income from the funds only sufficient to heat and care for the Academy building, it was, of course, necessary in order to carry on a school of high order, though for but a few boys, to secure pupils from without the town to pay the salaries of teachers. It would not be practicable to depend entirely upon day scholars from other towns, and parents from a distance are generally unwilling to send their sons away from their own homes, unless they feel assured that they are under the constant charge of the teachers. This makes the boarding house essential to the carrying forward of our work. The building used was in many respects ill-adapted to the purpose, inconvenient, and much out of repair. By the kindness of Hon. Charles F. Adams a loan of five thousand dollars was made for the earliest repairs, of which five hundred dollars is to be repaid with interest every year during the lease of ten years. This, with the rent and taxes paid to Mr. Faxon, makes the sum annually paid in the nature of rent about \$2,500 per annum. Besides this, I have expended \$2,500 in further repairs and alterations found necessary, and \$6,000 for the furniture and equipment necessary for the comfort of the boys.

“Everything in the way of income received by me from the school or boarding house, with the mere exception of a living for myself and small family (partially otherwise supported), has been spent on the school and on these needful expenditures for the house, and I am in no respect richer for the four years and a half of constant anxiety and care and work given by me to Adams Academy.

“I think it necessary, in consequence of an absurd statement in the papers last summer, to make this explanation to you in justice to myself.”

The progress of the Academy is reported to have been favorable, although not unattended by painful events. In this connection the following remarks may not be without interest:—

“The teachers in the Academy remain the same as last year. All have gained by their experience, and I am proud of the character and attainments of my assistants.

“Last year John Quincy Adams, Esq., founded for the Academy a prize, in the form of a gold medal of great beauty, to be awarded annually as a prize for excellence in elocution.

“Prof. William Everett of Cambridge, being present at the public exhibition in June, gave a prize to the second competitor on that occasion.

“We need some provision for prizes to be awarded for excellence in studies and for special literary exercises. Such prizes have been awarded for the past two years, but they have been paid for by myself.

“John C. Ropes, Esq., of Boston, has given to the Academy a fine photograph of Julius Cæsar from the bust at Naples, and also two fine Piranesi etchings of the Coliseum and Pantheon, all of them handsomely framed.

“In the autumn I imported from Berlin, and take pleasure in presenting to the Academy, a large cast of the Acropolis at Athens. I have also had framed and have given to the Academy a number of photographs of the building and the boys taken in different years, that will, I hope, be of interest to coming generations of our school boys.

“During these years of the existence of the school, we have been wonderfully blessed in the continued good health of the pupils and teachers. Of our boarding pupils no one has had at any time a dangerous illness or a serious accident. This report must not close, however, without a notice of bereavement during the last year in the death of two of our pupils. The death of John Quincy Adams of the Fourth Class of the Academy was startling in its suddenness, and a sad disappointment to his teachers, who recognized an uncommonly manly spirit in his boy life. His classmates mourned him with sincere sorrow, and, as a tribute of their affection, kept his desk at school

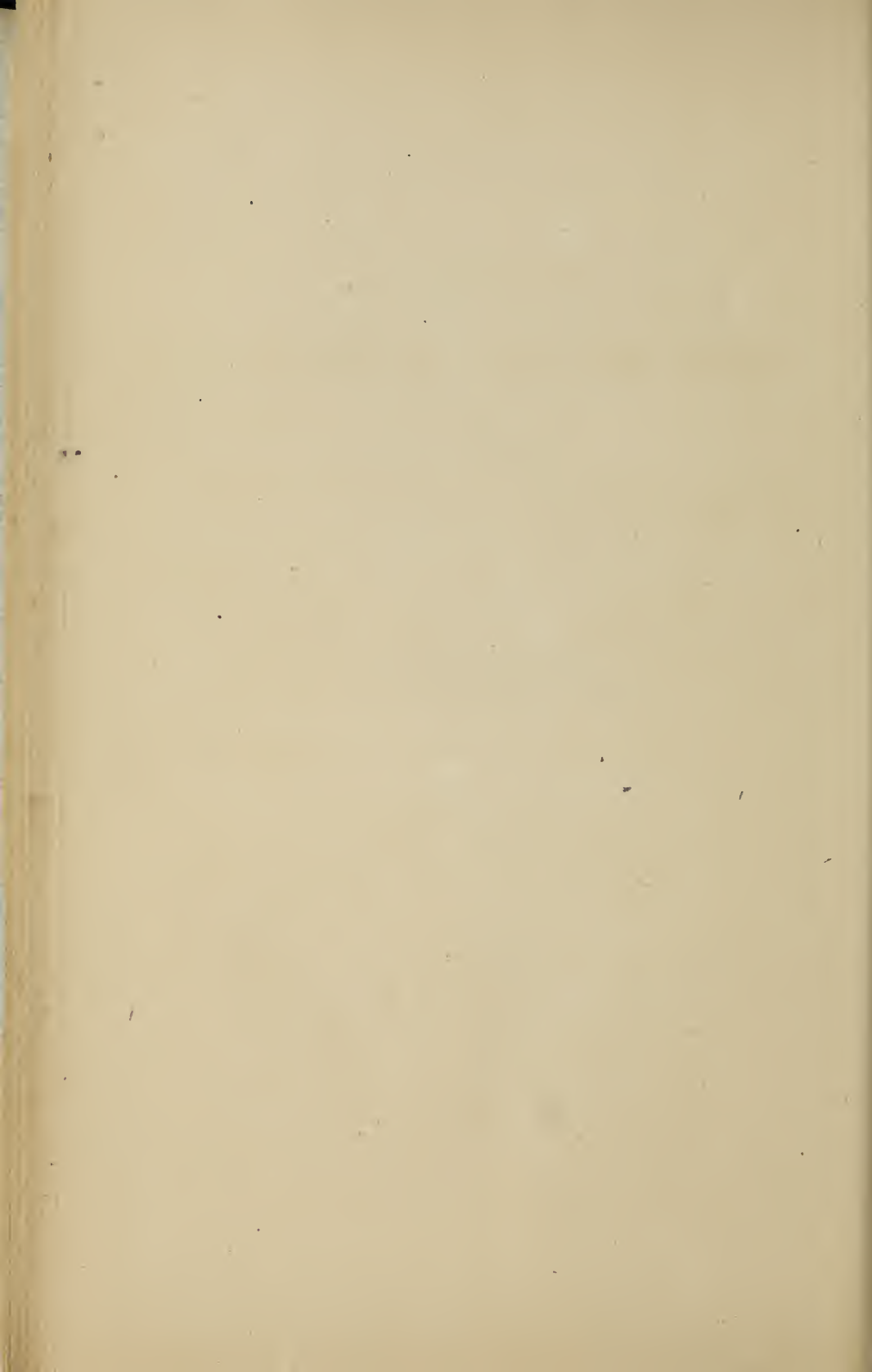
covered with flowers every day during the remainder of the school year.

“Early in the summer vacation, Benjamin Worcester Cobb, of Abington, who had a few weeks before been graduated from the Academy and had passed successfully and without conditions his examination for admission to Harvard College, and was full of anticipations of a college life and a successful career, died very suddenly. He was a young man of high intellectual promise and of great moral purity and worth.”

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. F. ADAMS, *Chairman*,
L. W. ANDERSON,
J. P. QUINCY,
HENRY BARKER,
J. E. TIRRELL,
C. H. PORTER, *Secretary*.

APPENDIX.



REGISTRY
OF
BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS,
IN 1876.

NOTE. — All corrections of errors, inaccuracies, or omission, will be gratefully received by the Town Clerk.

BIRTHS.

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| <p>Jan. 1. — Connor.
 3. Esther Merritt Jones.
 4. Edwin Beckford Langley.
 9. Bridget Mahoney.
 17. Lizzie Francis Packard.
 17. Sadie L. McKenzie.
 19. Mary Frances Dumphy.
 21. Berenice Emily Goodnow.
 24. Henry H. Lord.
 28. Nellie Gerry.
 29. John P. Granahan, Jr.
 31. Anna Florence Nash.
 31. Thomas Alfred Farrell.</p> <p>Feb. 1. Marietta Holbrook.
 3. Margaret Falvey.
 7. John A. Jordan.
 7. Richard Bradford Oliver.
 9. Henry A. Hobart.
 9. Arthur Vinton Curtis.
 10. Urbane Walter Brown.
 12. Gilbert Graham Crocker.
 13. Elizabeth Walsh.
 14. Amy Louise Alden Baxter.
 17. Julia Ellen Connelly.
 22. Arthur Rindge Wendell.
 22. Susan Adams Packard.
 27. Clinton Dearborn Vose.
 27. Lillian Elydia Roston.</p> | <p>Mar. 1. George Henry Faxon Smith.
 2. Abby Corcoran.
 5. Charles R. Mitchell.
 9. Sarah Fletcher Hayden.
 12. Joseph Charles Anderson.
 15. Lucretia Augusta Marston Capen.
 15. Jennie Harding Richardson.
 15. Fannie Amelia Ball.
 17. Agnes Brennan.
 20. Elizabeth Cleverly.
 21. Charles F. Howe.
 23. John Charles Faircloth.
 23. Mary L. B. Orsi.
 23. Mary Emily Arnold.
 24. Thomas Doran.
 26. Thomas Dolan.
 27. Ethel Florence Brown.
 28. William Cunningham.
 28. Frank Hughes Cannon.
 29. Edward H. Collins.
 30. Lucy Francis Fihely.
 30. Ella Howe Hodges.</p> <p>Apr. 2. Michael Ryan.
 2. Edmund Sweet Horne.
 4. Anna Lee Perkins.
 8. Ada Bell Hayden.
 8. Susie Ann White.</p> |
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- Apr. 15. Richard Peter Miller.
 16. Henrietta Marie Harrison.
 17. Arthur W. Shepard.
 17. Mary Elizabeth Packard.
 22. Walter H. Hosie.
 25. Arthur Ashley Sprague.
 29. Hannah Duane.
- May 2. Herbert Asa Beal.
 4. John Lawton.
 5. Mildred Wells Faxon.
 5. Andrew Alden Noble.
 13. Thomas Francis Maloney.
 22. James E. Cashman.
 22. Mary Elizabeth Hayden.
 23. Grace Ethel Lord.
 26. William Price Ross.
 27. Mabel Whitney.
 28. Ida Mawson Clement.
 29. Arthur Farrell.
 30. Harry Fenelon Elden.
- June 3. Michael Dailey.
 6. John Foley.
 9. John Cornelius Cary.
 10. Robert Blood.
 13. Edward Colligan.
 23. Alice F. Sampson.
 24. Patrick Barry.
 26. Grace Ethel Dam.
 29. Mary E. Menhinich.
 30. Fannie Jane Gibb.
 30. Thomas Morrissey.
- July 2. Margaret Ross Putnam.
 3. Michael Henry Fenton.
 4. George Washington Patterson.
 5. Edith Morrison Crane.
 6. Katy Ford.
 6. Jennie Harville McIntire.
 9. Lena May Rogers.
 11. James Lyons.
 11. Charles Wilbur Turner.
 16. Herbert S. Whitman.
 18. Joseph Henry Alden.
 19. John Francis Farrell.
 21. John Hollis Davis.
 22. Fannie Elizabeth Roberts.
- July 23. Anna Benadeni Anderson.
 24. Georgiana May Thayer.
 30. Mary E. Dolan.
 30. Geo. Furbush Whittemore.
 30. Gracie White Pettengill.
- Aug. 3. John McConnerty.
 5. Bridget Conniff.
 12. Laura Bailey Tupper.
 12. Susan Champney Balkam.
 19. Joseph Bertholdi.
 19. Anna Theresa O'Brien.
 21. John B. Rogers.
 21. Ada Blanche Thompson.
 23. Arthur Westwood.
 23. Viola Corbett.
 24. Margaret Mead.
 27. Francis McCormick.
 28. Catherine Seeley Ryan.
 31. Constance Pelham Greenough.
- Sept. 1. Robert Kent.
 1. Hattie Grace Robinson.
 3. William Dunn.
 8. Joseph Gunville.
 8. Mary Agatha Reinhalter.
 10. Florence Irene Duggan.
 12. Edward Flaherty.
 15. Thomas Keating.
 16. George O. Peverly.
 16. William Morton Carpenter.
 17. Agnes S. Mitchell.
 17. Willie R. Bates.
 18. Carl Clement Rideout.
 19. Charles Parker Slade.
 19. Clarence Arthur Sampson.
 22. Jennie Thomas Fellows.
 23. Alice Keith Prescott.
 23. Mary Agnes Lynes.
 23. Walter Merrill Baker.
 24. William Thomas Jarvis.
 27. John C. McGuane.
 28. Peter Francis Talbot.
 30. Henrietta Brown.
 30. Mary Eliza O'Connell.
- Oct. 1. Robert Hart.
 1. Minnie Jane Anderson.

- Oct. 2. Alice Josephine Underwood.
 2. Bridget Joyce.
 2. William Henry Young.
 6. Mary O'Neil.
 8. Edward Wm. McCormick.
 9. Jeremiah Callahan.
 10. Grace K. Ness.
 10. Thomas Walter O'Shea.
 11. John Francis Hernan.
 11. Mary Ellen Collins.
 12. Joseph McNealy.
 12. Mary A. Glover.
 13. Henry Louis Badger.
 14. Roger Henry Turner.
 16. John Arthur Galvin.
 17. Robert Brastow Porter.
 19. William C. McDougal.
 21. Henry McGrath.
 22. Alexander D. Finley.
 22. Samuel Tilden Kendrick.
 23. Frank Sumner Merrill.
 23. James Fitzgerald.
 23. Margaret O'Hara.
 29. Fred. Leavitt.
- Nov. 2. Michael Moynihan.
 7. Penuel Stewart Gordon.
 7. James Martin Pendleton.
 8. Carl Allben Berndsten.
 10. Martin King.
 11. Eddie Prouty.
 12. Alexander Angus McDonald.
 14. Marcella Keenan.
 16. Daniel McDevitt.
 18. Peter McFarland.
 18. — Packard.
 20. Mary E. Webb.
 21. John Joseph Kerrigan.
 24. Mary Ellen Shea.
 27. Robert Browning Whitham.
 29. Daniel P. Sheahan.
- Dec. 1. Henry Richard Askew.

- Dec. 1. Martin Foley.
 2. Lillie Frances Williams.
 2. Maggie J. Trainor.
 3. Emma Elizabeth Edwards.
 4. George Albert Pope.
 4. Elvira Provost.
 8. William Haley.
 9. Bessie Lewis Drew.
 9. Margaret Small.
 11. — Robbins.
 13. Sarah Whicher.
 13. William Colligan.
 13. Rosa Ellen Conniff.
 15. Mary Anderson Dinnie.
 16. — Pray.
 17. Francis Fitzebald.
 18. Augusta McGrath.
 19. William Elisha Gragg.
 22. Ferdinand Eugene Hodgkinson.
 22. George Herbert Stanley.
 25. — Anderson.
 26. Harry Wilson Dodge.
 27. Ann McLean.
 27. Elizabeth Jessie McLean.
 28. — Bisson.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
January,	5	8	13
February,	8	7	15
March,	10	12	22
April,	6	6	12
May,	7	6	13
June,	7	4	11
July,	9	10	19
August,	5	9	14
September,	15	9	24
October,	18	8	26
November,	11	5	16
December,	12	14	26
	<u>113</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>211</u>

Whole number of births registered,

211

Males,

113 | Females,

98

MARRIAGES.

- Jan. 2. Thomas Galvin and Mary Farrell, both of Quincy.
2. Philip Lahey of Milton and Margaret Heatherston of Quincy.
5. Edwin W. Baxter of Quincy and Lizzie A. Hoyt of Deering, Me.
8. Michael McGuane and Hannah Murphy, both of Quincy.
12. John Garity of Milton and Hannah Crotty of Quincy.
17. Aaron Catchpau and Lucy A. Cleverly, both of Quincy.
17. Hugh McGuire and Catherine Sheedy, both of Quincy.
19. Anson Brightman of Stoughton and Mary Isabel Lothrop of Quincy.
27. Henry Fenno and Ida A. Sleeper, both of Quincy.
- Feb. 5. Peter Svénson and Caroline Petterson, both of Quincy.
6. Thomas Flynn and Catherine Kane, both of Quincy.
13. John Keenan and Mary Ann Carroll, both of Quincy.
16. Edward Flaherty and Mary Connor, both of Quincy.
22. Charles Otis Spurr and Amelia Elizabeth Reed, both of Weymouth.
25. Patrick H. Rooney of Quincy and Mary McNaughton of Addison, Maine.
27. Humphrey Moynihan of Quincy and Mary E. Cavanagh of Braintree.
29. Frank W. Lunt of Boston and Carrie E. Woods of Quincy.
29. Thomas Palmer and Anna Flynn, both of Quincy.
- Mar. 11. George Walter Walsh and Nellie Laden Kennison, both of Weymouth.
- Apr. 23. Patrick Dowd and Mary Cullity, both of Quincy.
24. Michael McGuerty of Boston and Jane Haney of Quincy.
25. Lawrence Fremont Leavitt of Braintree and Flora Rilla Webber of Quincy.
- May. 2. Angus McDonald and Mary Cummings both of Quincy.
9. Patrick Dolalon of New Bedford and Mary C. McDonnell of Quincy.
11. John B. Reinhalter of Quincy and Maggie T. Hinnegan of Braintree.
14. Patrick McManners and Annie Gillbride, both of Braintree.
17. John L. Thompson of Quincy and Anna M. Lynch of Hingham.
- June. 1. Jeremiah Lyons and Lucy Kelly, both of Quincy.
9. Charles M. Dolbeare and Maggie H. Abercrombie, both of Quincy.
10. John Swanson and Johanna Anderson, both of Quincy.

- June 15. Henry R. Askew and Caroline E. Doherty, both of Quincy.
 18. David Colligan and Bridget Krisham, both of Quincy.
 20. Daniel Shea and Kate O'Connors, both of Quincy.
 20. William L. Gage of Braintree and Mary Ella Burr of Quincy.
 22. Michael Moynihan and Maria Connor, both of Quincy.
 28. Bernard Riley and Lizzie Ryan, both of Quincy.
 28. Fred. H. Hull and Sarah F. Baker, both of Quincy.
- July 3. Isaac W. Turner and Harriet L. Wyman, both of Quincy.
 3. Timothy Reed and Mary F. Williams, both of Quincy.
 9. William Logan and Elizabeth S. Ott, both of Quincy.
 25. W. Francis Fuller of Boston and Susan J. Doble of Quincy.
- Aug. 21. Daniel R. Glass and Mary E. Vinton, both of Quincy.
 23. Charles D. Capen of Stoughton and S. Lizzie Cook of Quincy.
 24. John W. Dunn of Weymouth and Sarah E. Jones of Quincy.
 29. John Shevlin of Quincy and Elizabeth Campbell of Halifax, N.S.
 30. George E. Thomas and Maggie R. Grant both of Quincy.
- Sept. 6. Oscar Williams and Vinetta Capen, both of Quincy.
 10. Michael J. Drohan and Ellen E. Meaney, both of Quincy.
 15. Magnus J. Soderberg of New York and Eunice L. Cleverly of Quincy.
- Oct. 1. Charles Johnson and Christine Almquist, both of Quincy.
 4. Bradley R. Foster of Keene, N.H., and Mary M. Emerson of Quincy.
 4. Harrison T. Adams and Lucy B. Newcomb, both of Quincy.
 4. Charles Orin Stevens of Braintree and Abbie Holbrook of Randolph.
 11. Nicholas Hayes and Emily Inman, both of Quincy.
 11. George G. Bush of Fort Plain, N.Y., and Ellen F. Nightingale of Quincy.
 12. Frank F. Crane and Abby Otis Spear, both of Quincy.
 12. Samuel Cummings of Quincy and Hannah Connelly of Boston.
 12. John W. Dority and Louisa Annie Foye, both of Braintree.
 21. John F. Dwelle and Johanna Connell, both of Quincy.
 23. Owen Boylen of Woonsocket, R.I., and Elizabeth Galligan of Quincy.
 28. James H. Thayer of Quincy and Mary Binney of Braintree.
 28. Alexander Mattie and Maggie Deloury, both of Quincy.
 29. Patrick Phelan and Margaret Eagan, both of Quincy.
- Nov. 5. Timothy Crowley and Julia Murphy, both of Quincy.
 6. Robert Taylor and Julia Little, both of Quincy.
 8. Wyman E. Abercrombie and Lucy A. Coffin, both of Quincy.
 8. Bartlett Clinton Bradford and Mary Lizzie Hunt, both of Rockland.
 28. Patrick McEnroe of Fall River and Bridget Eagan of Quincy.
 29. Charles F. Jones and Katie Collins, both of Quincy.

- Dec. 3. William Mahoney and Julia Denin, both of Quincy.
- 23. Albert G. Dolliver and Harriet T. Curtis, both of Quincy.
- 24. Robert J. Williams and Mary A. Madigan, both of Quincy.
- 25. Charles H. Nudd of Quincy and Georgietta S. Smith of Boston.
- 25. William Frye of Quincy and Ellen M. Lester of Stoneham.
- 30. Charles M. Wineberger and Lucy D. Jones, both of Quincy.

January,.....	9
February,.....	9
March,.....	1
April,.....	3
May,.....	5
June,.....	10
July,.....	4
August,.....	5
September,.....	3
October,.....	14
November,.....	6
December,.....	6
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Total,.....	75

DEATHS.

<i>Date.</i>		<i>Name.</i>	<i>Age.</i>		
			Years.	Months.	Days.
January	1.	Patrick Coughlin,	26		
	3.	Hannah Sweeney,	25	5	
	10.	Thomas Small,	3	7	9
	14.	Caroline Everson,	73	3	4
	15.	Matthias Leuders,	67		
	19.	Margaret Drohan,	40		
	21.	J. Mayhew Marsh,	48	5	
	22.	Mary A. E. Gibbons Thompson,	53	4	
February	24.	Columbus Lary,	57	9	10
	24.	Josephine E. Wentworth,	26	2	12
	27.	— Pratt,			0
	1.	Eliza F. Pratt,	17	11	13
	3.	Frederick Crathorne,	1	5	
	4.	Catharine E. Packard,	58	10	21
	6.	John Matthews,	70		
	7.	Catharine Phelan,	40	3	15
	17.	Mary Small,	5		25
	23.	— Wadmore,			0
March	25.	Frank McConlogue,	28		
	25.	George F. Webb,	4		
	27.	James Thompson,	80		
	27.	Henry Herbert Harmon,	11	7	16
	28.	Catharine L. Cahill,		8	
	1.	Andrew Jackson,	86		
	1.	James Griffiths,	45	5	2
	4.	Martha H. Wells,		2	17
	6.	Charles F. Cooper,	24	9	6
	7.	James Currie,	57		
	11.	Charles Gill,	76	2	5
	13.	Mary B. Rooney,	20	7	18
	15.	James McKivett,	56		
16.	Bridget F. Forbes,	15	7		
21.	William A. Storey,	39			
24.	George O. Peverly,	1	11	16	
25.	Ellen Hobart Lunt,	67	8	20	
26.	Louisa A. Wilson,	76	10		
26.	Elizabeth Cleverly,			6	
27.	Benjamin Newcomb,	68	7	17	
28.	Michael P. Howley,	19	10	17	
31.	Elizabeth L. Baxter,	42	1	8	
April	1.	George W. Ripley,	33	6	2
	3.	Charles R. Mitchell,		1	
	6.	Margaret Cole,	64		
	10.	Patrick McCoy,	20.	6	

<i>Date.</i>	<i>Name.</i>	<i>Age.</i>			
		Years.	Months.	Days.	
April	11.	Fanny C. Adams,	2	8	
	12.	John Q. Adams, Jr.,	14		
	14.	Rebecca B. Kennon,	83	3	
	15.	Henrietta H. Ellis,	2	8	12
	17.	Elmer H. Chubbuck,	12	0	9
	20.	Catharine Pierce,	58		
	26.	William Wade,	68		
	26.	John Griffin,		7	22
	27.	Gridley Totman,	67		
	28.	Savillion F. Dalby,	26	11	
May	30.	Charles F. Scammell,	6	6	18
	1.	Sylvester Lakin,	61	7	
	1.	Foster Brown,	59	5	
	2.	James Galloway,	44		
	2.	Thomas Kellogg,	52	8	
	3.	Lydia Billings,	82		
	13.	Esther Guild,	79	11	4
	19.	Mary A. Miller,	65	8	3
	23.	Hannah Newcomb,	91	9	
	23.	Richard White,	77	9	17
June	29.	Rachel V. Mead,	6	5	17
	30.	Annie E. Whitcomb,		8	5
	4.	Mary Lizzie Packard,		1	20
	21.	Laura F. Eldridge,	3	9	
	25.	Climena Smith,	50		
	25.	James A. Goodall,	28		
	29.	Belinda P. House,	46	7	12
	30.	Mary Lyner,	22	1	20
	30.	— Faxon,			0
	July	4.	John Petry,	50	
8.		John M. Freeman,	19	10	28
10.		Thomas Newcomb,	71	3	
13.		Sarah L. McKenzie,		5	26
17.		James Connor,		10	15
21.		Jeremiah Lyons,	49		
21.		Clarence D. Pettingill,	5	4	25
23.		Jane Ann Gordon,	1	4	23
25.		Eleanor N. Chandler,	74	4	13
26.		Patrick Fitzgerald,	74		
August	27.	Eunice E. Woodbury,	94	5	22
	29.	George W. Baney,	55		
	30.	Joseph R. Souther,	2	4	26
	1.	Willard V. Gleason,		6	12
	2.	Samuel M. House,	18	5	11
	5.	Anastatia Keliher,	47		
	6.	George Bent,	73	4	
	6.	Louisa C. Johnson,		7	26
	11.	Merton C. Brown,		10	9
	13.	Elizabeth Jones,	24		
20.	George D. Grant,	54	9		
22.	Thompson Baxter,	67	2		
22.	John F. Dacey,		8		

<i>Date.</i>	<i>Name.</i>	<i>Age.</i>		
		<i>Years.</i>	<i>Months.</i>	<i>Days.</i>
August	24. John Wilson,	40	8	
	26. Abigail Glover,	96	4	
	27. John H. A. Jordan,		6	19
	29. Margaret Maloney,			12
	31. John E. Farmer,		8	12
September	3. Margaret Fleming,	27		
	4. Eleanor Glover,	18		28
	7. Eva Elizabeth Shackley,	2	10	16
	9. James Tobin,	74		
	9. Michael Donlin,	24		
	10. James Erskine,	78		
	12. Thomas M. Marsh;	77	1	
	12. Celestia Pratt,	43		
	13. Bridget Walsh,	67		
	14. Sarepta W. Newcomb,	80	10	15
	14. Richard J. Larkin,	11	11	
October	21. John Clean,	55	4	
	22. Herbert S. Whitman,		2	6
	30. — Glover,			0
	5. William Totman,	69	6	15
	6. Mary Ann Connor,	32	7	
	8. Perez Chubbuck,	73	4	14
	8. Catharine Sweeney,		9	21
	9. Esther Nolan,	59		
	10. Lemuel B. Underwood,	11	9	18
	10. Mary McKenna,	9		
	12. Mary Percival,	64	6	
	15. Mary A. G. Stranger,	38	1	18
	15. — Arnold,			0
November	18. Michael Scully,	45		
	21. Cora L. Smith,	2		25
	22. William W. Brown,	25	1	13
	22. Mary A. Baker,	69	9	19
	23. Arthur F. Washburn,	6	2	24
	24. William Kingman,	73	3	21
	26. Jeffrey R. Brackett,	61		
	28. Bryant Newcomb,	80	9	6
	29. Amy L. A. Baxter,		8	15
	30. Henry Mayson,	90		
	31. Charles Dunham,	55		
	1. Mary L. B. Orsi,		7	9
	2. William Williams,	71		
	2. Lucy J. Prior,	37	6	15
	4. William H. Young,		1	2
	9. Emma L. Langley,	5	6	
	12. James H. Callahan,	47		
14. T. Franklin Veazie,	4	3		
15. William J. Higgins,			5	
15. Marcella Keenan,			0	
17. George Graves,	81	3		
21. Michael Garrity,	64			
22. Charlotte Carr,	81	5	26	

<i>Date.</i>		<i>Name.</i>	<i>Age.</i>		
			Years.	Months.	Days.
November	24.	Peleg F. Jones,	74		7
	25.	Ada E. Locke,	24	4	23
December	3.	Mary A. Glover,		1	24.
	10.	Honora O'Neil,	13	5	
	11.	Michael Butler,	32		
	25.	Edward D. Bisson,	1	1	
	28.	Arthur W. Shepard,		8	13
	29.	Abigail Manley,	79		19
	29.	Allen G. Pitchell,	77		
	29.	Olive F. Bradford,	60	8	18
	30.	John J. Morrissey,	10	6	29
	31.	Barney Gibbons,	56	1	21

REGISTRATION OF DEATHS WHICH OCCURRED IN OTHER PLACES,
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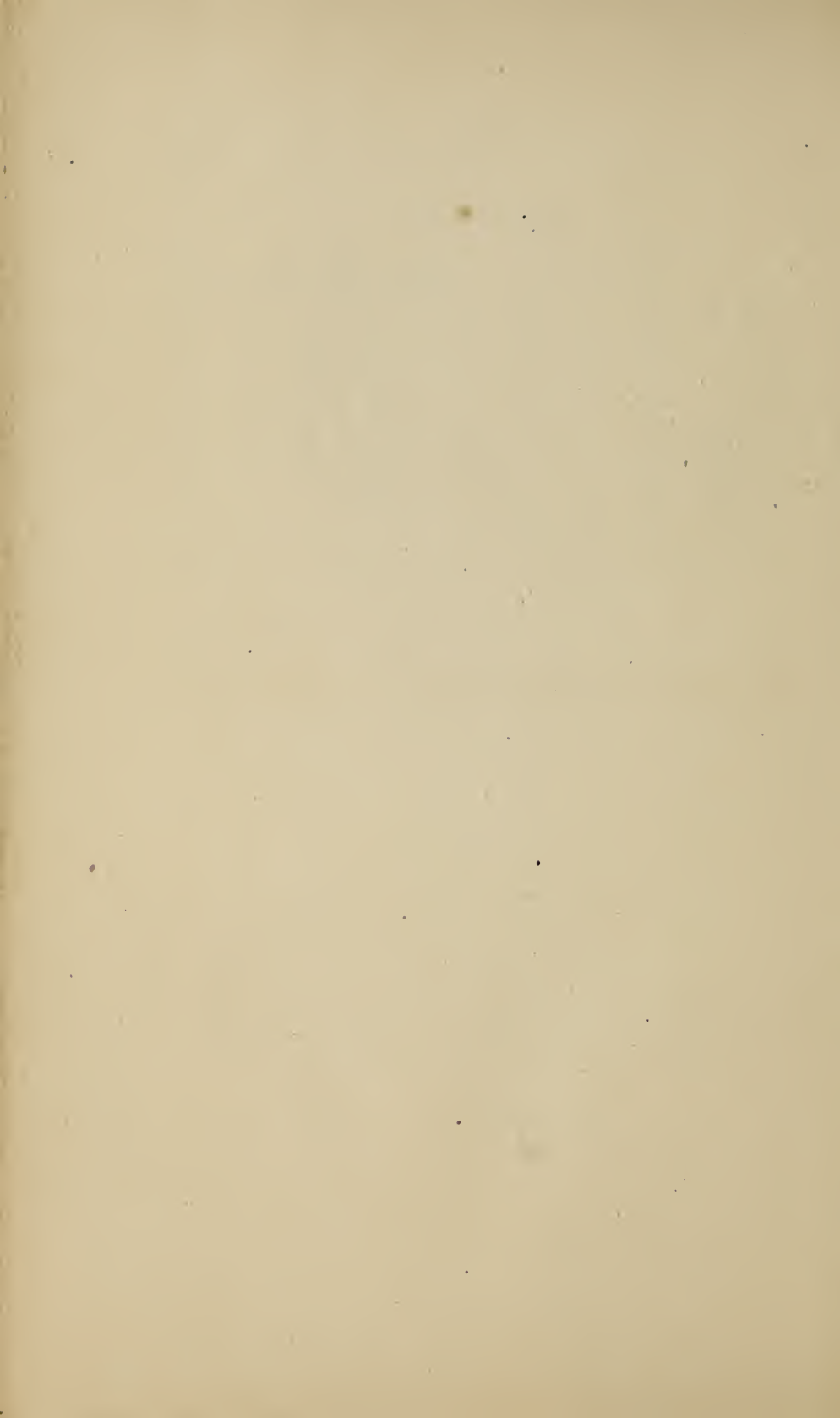
<i>Date.</i>		<i>Name.</i>	<i>Age.</i>			<i>Place of Death.</i>
			Years.	Months.	Days.	
Jan.	13.	John F. Mullin,	26			Richmond.
	20.	Caroline A. Ingraham,	81	3		Boston.
	24.	Alonzo Elwell,	41	1	2	Evanston, Ill.
	27.	William Adams,	64	11		Foxboro.
Feb.	28.	Nicholas J. Nystram,	32			Buffalo.
April	6.	George H. Arnold,	2	8		Boston.
May	6.	Joseph B. Lawton,	50	3		Gardner, Me.
	11.	Henry W. Nightingale,				Brockton.
	14.	Arthur W. Coville,	6	9		Boston.
	24.	Charles W. Newman,	55			Plainfield, N.J.
June	2.	Josephine Littlefield,	27	11		Boston.
July	13.	Eliza F. Wiswell,	73	11		Boston.
	15.	John L. Armstrong,	55			Boston.
Sept.	10.	Caroline A. Currier,				Chelsea.
Nov.	10.	Almira Thayer,	54	4		Boston.
Dec.	16.	Matthew Murphy,	43			Boston.
	17.	Caroline E. Tilden,	27			South Boston.
	23.	Susan Hunt,	72	8	22	Taunton.
	29.	George F. Hatch,	49	9		Boston.

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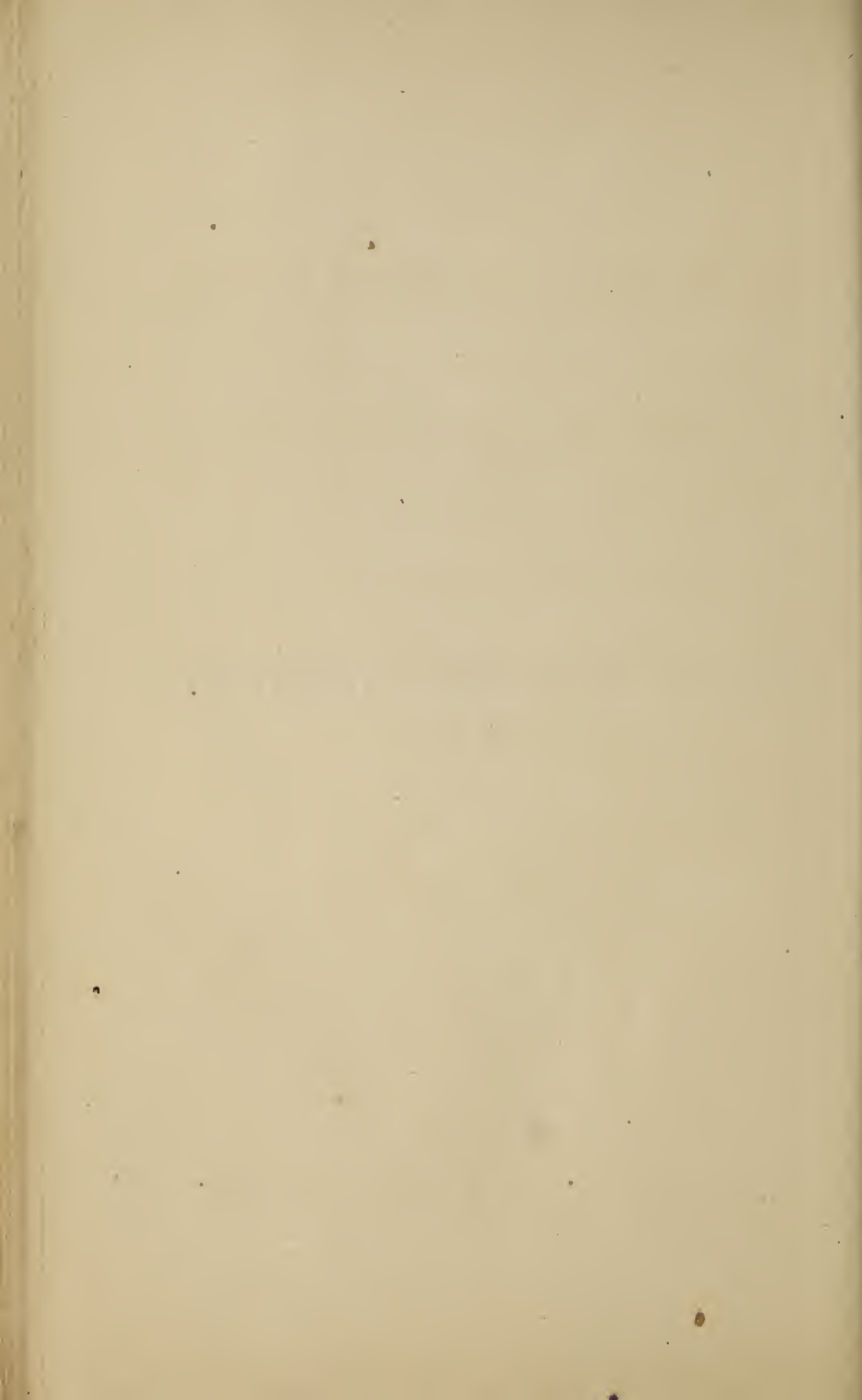
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GENERAL RECORD.

	Males.	Females.	Total.					
January,	9	6	15	Under 1 year of age,				32
February,	8	5	13	Between 1 and 10 years of age,				22
March,	10	7	17	" 10 " 20 " "				13
April,	11	5	16	" 20 " 30 " "				18
May,	9	6	15	" 30 " 40 " "				7
June,	1	7	8	" 40 " 50 " "				16
July,	10	5	15	" 50 " 60 " "				19
August,	10	5	15	" 60 " 70 " "				17
September,	7	8	15	" 70 " 80 " "				21
October,	12	9	21	" 80 " 90 " "				8
November,	8	7	15	" 90 " 95 " "				3
December,	8	6	14	" 95 " 100 " "				1
				Not known,				2
Total,	103	76	179					



REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.



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OF THE
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FOR THE
SCHOOL YEAR 1876-7.

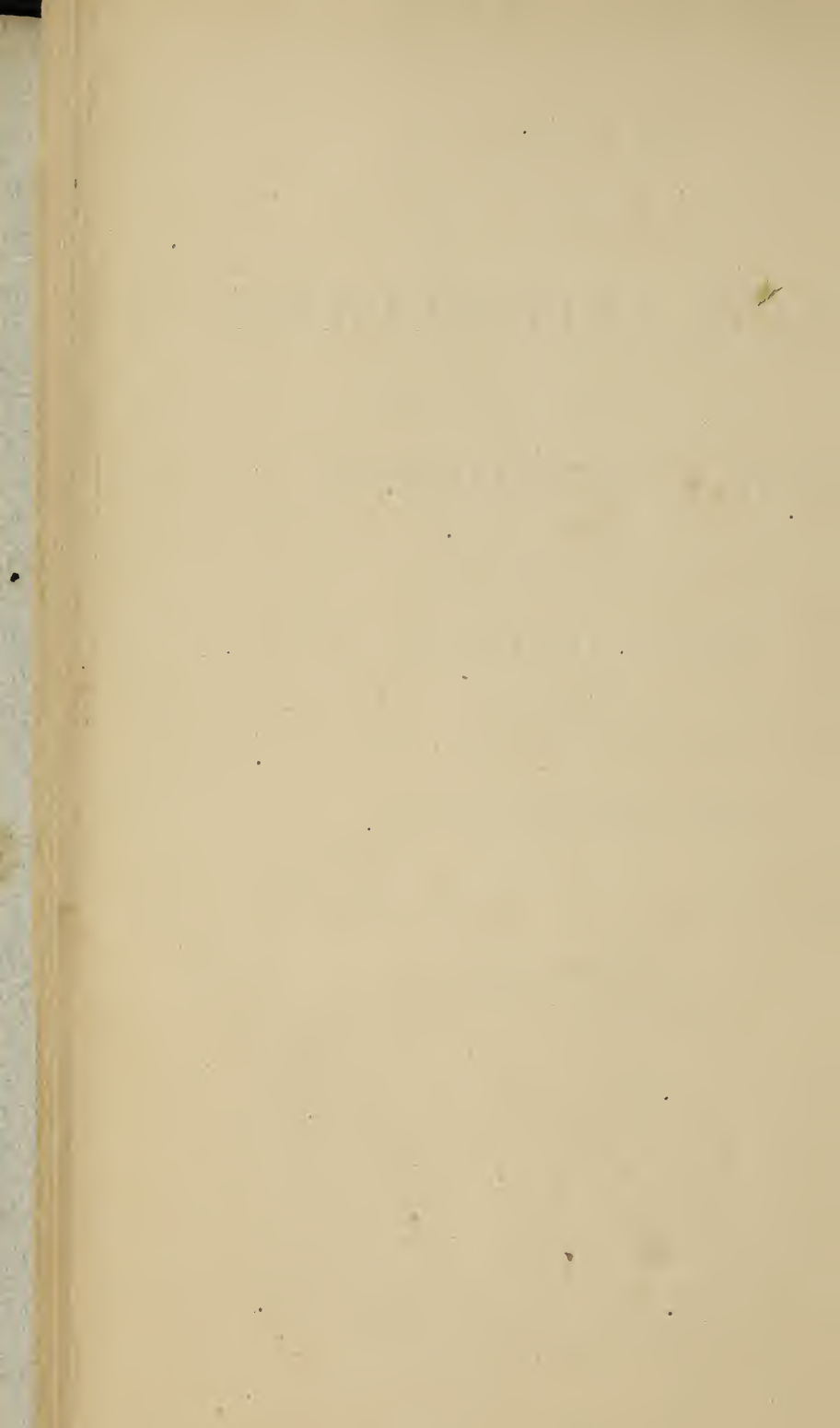
SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR 1876-7.

JOHN Q. ADAMS,
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1877.



REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

NEARLY two years have elapsed since the town voted to employ a Superintendent of Public Schools. The measure was at that time avowedly experimental, and of course subject to revision after a sufficient trial. Our experience now enables us to form an accurate judgment as to its tendency and value. During the discussion upon its adoption, the strongest reasons urged for thus supplementing the general direction by a committee with a single, constant supervision, were, firstly, that the exclusive attention of a competent educator would be likely to secure greatly increased literary progress through the adoption of improved methods and a more complete organization. And, secondly, that the very large sum of money annually appropriated by the town for the support of schools could thus be more systematically applied and more responsibly husbanded. Is the town now enjoying either or both of these promised benefits? To answer this question we must compare somewhat in detail the present condition of the schools with their state before the change.

At the outset, then, we certainly think that a casual observer visiting our schools to-day, after an interval of three years, would be struck by the marked improvement apparent. But, however obvious the general result might be, it would perhaps be difficult for even a careful inspector to detect at once the hidden forces which wrought it. These must be traced to several distinct sources, and their power appears rather in a steady and concerted progress, in all the essentials of an efficient educational system, than in any especially brilliant display or startling surprises.

Setting out with a comprehensive and accurate classification of all the school children, upon a scheme embracing the whole town, and co-ordinating each department in one compact plan,

each teacher was assigned his appropriate place and combined in a single effort to attain a common and concerted result. Thus unity of action and economy of labor have been secured. By the reiterated visitation and inspection of the Superintendent, in all the different sections of the town, regularity and smoothness of movement were maintained. While frequent comparison and review, consultation and experiment, have compacted and completed the basis of organization. At stated times teachers and Superintendent meet together to propose and discuss, to teach and to learn.

While an effectual system of examination is the best guaranty of good schools, the method formerly in use conspicuously failed to furnish thoroughly satisfactory tests of merit. It was entirely oral and usually off-hand, differing often in schools of the same grade, and frequently conducted as accident might settle, here by one and there by another committee-man. The result was naturally vague and illusory, — an impression rather than a definite judgment.

Now, oral examinations are supplemented by carefully considered papers of questions for each grade and each study. The answers are valued by a scale of marks, and these marks furnish reliable data from which to determine either the proficiency of the individual or the progress of the school. We can clearly see at once the working of the parts, and the operation of the whole machine.

Besides these improvements in management, we have begun extensive amendments in the province of instruction proper. For several years we have doubted whether the methods in use from time immemorial in our schools were really the best that could be devised. We had heard that the most profound students and thinkers of the science of teaching had long since discredited the system to which we clung. That, while disclaiming the discovery of a royal road to learning, they did profess to have found an easier way than the old one. Indeed, these men look upon our steadfast devotion to our worn and familiar paths very much as we should regard the conservatism of a man who should persist in preferring a stage-coach to a Pullman-car for a trip to California.

Take, for instance, the very first essays of the little child just entering school. They protest that we are wasting time and strength in compelling him to learn his letters one by one before he is permitted to form a syllable or to frame a word. They tell us that the letters C, A, T, spell dog just as much as cat to a perfectly untaught mind. And, inasmuch as the name of each special combination of letters has at last to be learned by a mere effort of memory, it is best to teach the name at once. Pressing on in the same direction, they scout, as unnatural and absurd, stuffing children with words before they know their meaning. They tell us that we have got the cart before the horse. That we should begin at the other end, and first show the thing itself to the child, then tell its name, and at last the written sign of that name. And then they assure us that, if we have the skill and tact to associate some child-interest with the name and its sign, the memory will rarely fail of its share of the task. But it is admitted that this excited interest is an essential element of success. The picture, not the symbol, is the key to the closed intellect. They declare, that, if we would succeed with the young, we must employ their senses more and their mere memory less. The mother does not teach her baby to spell F-A-T-H-E-R,—the child sees the thing and lisps the name. They learn by the eyes, and nothing sticks in the memory which has not an interest to hold it in. Therefore, they argue, we must teach by objects which alone engage their attention. By no other plan, and by no more abstruse processes, does our good mother Nature furnish the infant mind with the amazing store of facts which it picks up in the first three years of life. Then, pointing triumphantly to the exceeding small results of the first three years of school, they ask us how otherwise we explain the contrast. And certainly it does look a little as if we had not materially bettered the gentle, natural ways. Multiplied toil and lessened harvest betoken ill management.

To your Committee, long dissatisfied with the meagre returns for much honest labor which characterized a good deal of our established routine of school work, there seemed something plausible in this reasoning. There could be but little danger, and there might be much profit, in a trial of the theory. It

had undoubtedly succeeded elsewhere, why not here? Indeed, among the people most advanced in the science of teaching, this hypothesis has long since passed from the realm of theory into the domain of settled knowledge. It was, therefore, determined to try how it would practically work in our schools.

The trial was begun cautiously, and extended gradually as time and circumstances favored, and as the necessary information and instruments could be secured. The teachers to whom the work was first intrusted in the primary schools have spared no pains to afford the novelty a fair field, and all in turn have done their best to secure favorable conditions for the attempt. The Committee have watched narrowly to detect the probable course and upshot of the matter.

And, although this trial is still in progress and far from complete, yet the tendency and scope of the innovations proposed have been now so far developed that we are able to offer some brief statement of our present opinion about them.

Suppose, for example, we follow the child into school on its first day of attendance. We should see the little band of beginners gathered naturally round the teacher at the black-board, watching the teacher write (not print) words on the board, and learning their meaning and how to sound them. For weeks this would constitute their lesson in reading. Then they are furnished primers containing simple stories about the birds or animals or other objects with which they are familiar. Pictures illustrate the text and emphasize the action related. The teacher, taking this picture, perhaps, or some object or action of immediate interest as a theme, by a few skillful questions or apt suggestions, makes perfectly clear to each mind what it is all about, at the same time keeping all their wits awake and at work. Every word which any little finger points to as a possible stumbling-block is carefully explained, until in every head all shadow of mystery about it has departed. While, lastly, and only after we are sure that the child has thoroughly made his own both the thought and the written form, is he permitted to read it.

Now, if to any this proceeding seems inverted and awkward, we can assure them that it works well. Indeed, we venture to

say that all teachers who will try it intelligently and patiently will agree with our teachers, and with us, in claiming for it a surprisingly increased product over what we have been able to extract from an equal amount of labor under the A, B, C, plan. Nor is it a gain in quantity alone. The improvement in quality is quite as remarkable.

The child learns to read the thought, not merely to repeat the words. And in our schools already the painful twang of the old grinding organ, mechanical word-reading, has almost entirely ceased. From the outset they are trained in a good style, and nothing but the facility gained by constant practice is wanting. The interest of the children, too, is kept awake by changing their readers as fast as the contents of each is known; and we find that they press on eagerly to the fresh pasture thus afforded them. And no one, we think, will question the utility of this arrangement who has observed how much better a class of children will read a story which interests and pleases them than one which does not chain their attention.

Of course we are aware that statements so strong are likely to provoke the charge of enthusiasm. But we are ready to-day to take the skeptic into each of our D Primaries, and there show him plenty of little beginners, only one year at work, reading script more readily than they formerly spelled print; and writing it, too, more fluently than they used to engrave the disconnected capitals which were supposed to be the extreme limit of their powers. For, as we find the A, B, Ab, stage unnecessary for teaching to read, so an apprenticeship in printing is useless for learning to write. We have a plenty of children of seven years who cannot print a letter, but can write sentences from the black-board on their slates, in a good current hand.

Surely, this is much, but it is not all. We deem it indeed but little compared with the gain we prize the most. For, beyond all improvements in quickness or thoroughness of teaching and learning, the change most striking and pleasing to us is the change in the moral atmosphere of the school-room. Though subtle, it is unmistakable; and, if difficult to describe or dissect, it is instantly seen and felt. While all partake it, the infant schools manifest it the most. Your first glance catches it from the

bright, smiling, eager faces. Life, animation, gaiety, have usurped the weary stolidity of dull endurance. Erect, expectant, and intent, these latter-day school-boys belie their prescriptive characteristics. The shrill voice of scolding is hushed ; for the children are amused to do their duty. The best schools are the most cheerful and sprightly, and the most perfect order prevails where there is least reproof. Most amazing of all, you find the little ones actually anxious to go to school. The old-reluctance to go has been replaced by an aversion to staying away. They want to be there, and are with difficulty kept at home. Such results we esteem of real value, and we accept them as true tests of sound method. We all learn easily what we like : the secret is to make us like to learn.

Our limits will not permit us to go at length through each study to explain the new theory or to detail the new practice. It must suffice to say that in each some application of the same general idea is made, and in every instance, we think, with a decided saving of labor and increase in useful knowledge. The old technical study of grammar, for instance, has been superseded by a sedulous drill in the use of correct language. For the painful acquisition of dry and unintelligible rules, we substitute the constant practice of writing grammatical sentences. Parsing has been discontinued ; but for all that we find that grammar-school scholars undoubtedly speak their native language no worse, and write it far better, than ever they could before. We believe, indeed, that the amendment here has been so decided that we need no longer feel ashamed of the English exercises of our grammar classes. And we are encouraged to hope that we have many pupils who can prepare a letter of three pages,—neatly and fairly written, not grossly ill-spelled, and free from glaring solecism in form or style.

Apply the same rule to geography, and you will find the same process of inversion at work. Instead of the tedious definitions and mathematical abstractions with which the first steps in our knowledge of this earth used to be entangled, we now point out and explain the things themselves. If we want the child to know what the long Latin sign "Peninsula" stands for, we find him one in his own town. His own familiar friend, the brook,

will teach him all about rivers, and his native hills contain all the learning of mountains. And, although it follows from this method that we find fewer scholars who can rattle off the exact book definitions of continents and promontories, parallels and degrees, we are repaid by the entire disappearance of the little girl who lived on Wollaston Heights but never had seen an ocean, the boy who knew not a river though he was born and brought up at Quincy Point, and the other little fellow who was at a loss to conceive of a real peninsula though his home was at Germantown.

The science of number has as yet hardly been attacked. It has been left to the last because the need of reform in the methods of teaching in use was less pronounced than in some other directions. But we are none the less of opinion that much rubbish obstructs the path in arithmetic, and that a considerable saving of labor may be effected by some changes in the way of teaching it. The text-book in this, as in other branches of schooling, is often so used as to be a hinderance rather than a help to the learner. It not unfrequently happens that a scholar becomes so familiar with his book that he loses the use of his mind. If his little formula will exactly fit his problem, he is at home; but, if its elements involve a novel application of the same principles, he is all abroad. His rules have injured his reason. He cannot walk without crutches. But we hope by and by to teach pupils to make rules for themselves.

To sum up, the general drift of our efforts looks to an attempt to teach things.

Not that we suppose that any system can dispense with much painful labor. All acquisition requires attention, and sustained attention is irksome. But, as a great part of the advantage claimed for the new system consists in a superior power of exciting and maintaining an interested attention, so its successful practice makes a greater draft on the teacher. The apathy, monotony, and tedium of the old school-room must be banished from the new, and it depends on the teacher, by perpetual variety of instruction, to make the school pleasant and interesting. We find that not every raw graduate of a normal school or college is either a born or an educated teacher. The

power of imparting knowledge is a gift and a science. Its profession requires long and patient preparation and a special training. It is an art, not a makeshift. We found it necessary, therefore, to arrange some method to secure a supply of instructed teachers for our schools. They must be drilled in the devices to arouse the torpid interest and the tact to sustain the flagging attention, — in a word, to be teachers, not school-mistresses. To this end, a number of young women, graduates of our High School, have received constant instruction from the Superintendent, who, both by precept and example, has endeavored to impart to them the system which we have adopted in the schools. As fast as they seem prepared, they are exercised in the actual handling of classes, under his supervision, or that of some accomplished teacher; and they act as substitutes and temporary assistants until they have mastered the elements of his method. Thus, when a vacancy occurs, we have a competent candidate at hand equipped with the most approved instruments of her vocation. And it is fair to add that several of these pupils display qualities which promise flattering results from their labors.

Although the foregoing remarks apply more particularly to the grammar and lower grades, the principles discussed embrace equally the highest grades. For, though the tentative policy which we have pursued has not yet reached the High School, we are not the less of the opinion that its curriculum requires remodeling. The superstition which has so long attached to the study of Latin and Greek is fading away. Some people begin to doubt whether, for the great majority of those who wish to attend our country high schools, it is worth while to go through so much to get so little. For they carry away nothing of the literature, and but a smattering of the language. Meanwhile they have spent at it time and toil enough to acquire a firm grasp of some living tongue which may be of use to them through life. The classical requirements of the town are amply supplied by the Adams Academy. We think it worse than useless to spend strength in imparting a showy but worthless veneer of classical polish to what ought to be a plain, practical English fabric. And by English we would not be understood

to underrate the value of the study of foreign languages. But we are satisfied, that, with the time and material at our disposal, we can accomplish more real good by devoting all of each pupil's attention to either Latin or French than by dividing the time between them. We shall, therefore, ask the parents of pupils in the High School at the next term to elect which of these tongues they prefer to attempt, with the understanding that Latin will no longer be a required study, although any pupil who desires may receive instruction in both Greek and Latin at his request. The time gained by this arrangement can be usefully employed in the prosecution of several branches of science, or even in gaining a closer acquaintance with the English language and some part of its noble literature.

In closing this review of the general literary result of the changes effected in the public schools, it is only just to attribute a great share of credit to the intelligence, skill, tact, and unwearied assiduity of the Superintendent; while no less praise is due to our zealous and efficient corps of teachers, for the patience, courage, and ability which they have displayed in executing his plans and bringing the experiment to so gratifying a conclusion.

FINANCIAL.

The remarks under this head which were offered in our last report may substantially serve to present our views as to the past year. The disbursement of our funds, the purchase of our supplies, and the knowledge of our current accounts have all been systematized and regulated. There can be no doubt that the money goes further, and effects more, than under the old system.

The Coddington school-house has been remodeled during the past year in such a manner as to furnish very satisfactory accommodations to all attending it. The expense of the alteration, and of certain necessary repairs of the interior, consumed the appropriation, and trenched a little upon our incidental fund. The result has been one of the pleasantest and most convenient school-houses in the town.

It will be seen by the detailed accounts submitted herewith that our expenses have almost exactly covered the appropria-

tion. We shall not find it necessary to ask for any extraordinary outlay this year. The necessity of renovating and brightening up some of the older school-rooms will require a slightly increased supply for incidental expenses; but, with one exception, no considerable item of unusual expenditure is contemplated. The single exception is the appropriation of five hundred dollars to purchase reading-books for general use, which is recommended in the report of the Superintendent and heartily supported by us. We deem the suggestion of great value, and earnestly urge its adoption. We would also bespeak the careful attention of all citizens interested in school affairs to the report of the Superintendent transmitted herewith. There may be found a detailed relation of just what has been done during the year, and many very wise and judicious remarks upon the general theory and practice of elementary education.

Your Committee think that they shall require for the uses and support of the schools for the ensuing school year the following sums:—

For teachers, fuel, and care of rooms,	\$25,500
Incidental expenses and repairs,	3,200
Transportation of scholars,	800
Purchase of books,	500
Superintendent of schools,	2,000
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	\$32,000

J. Q. ADAMS,
 JAMES H. SLADE,
 WILLIAM B. DUGGAN,
 EDWIN W. MARSH,
 CHARLES L. BADGER,
 CHARLES F. ADAMS, JR.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

To the School Committee of Quincy: —

In conformity with your instructions I respectfully submit the following as my Second Annual Report.

ATTENDANCE.

The active measures taken during the past year to increase the percentage of attendance have been quite successful. By reference to the table appended, it will be seen that the average daily attendance is 95 per cent. Monthly reports have afforded means of comparison and stimulated active exertions in the several schools to attain a high per cent. These reports have been published in "The Quincy Patriot." Interesting pupils in all that pertains to school has been the most efficient means of lessening the great evil of non-attendance. Most if not all the dislike for school has been removed by good teaching and proper treatment. It is not wise to press this matter too far; due allowance should be made for sickness, and other unavoidable reason for detention at home. What we wish to accomplish is to prevent all trivial excuses for absence, — to make pupils feel the importance of a single day in school.

The fact that a very large number of children leave school entirely, long before the grammar school course is completed, is worthy of thoughtful consideration. I am inclined to think that the reason generally given, namely, that they are by necessity required to earn a livelihood, is not in most cases the true one. A large number of pupils leave school because poor teaching and bad treatment creates a strong dislike for study. There are very few boys or girls in this country, if they acquire

a hearty love for learning, who will not be helped to a fair education by their parents or friends. The reason that more pupils leave school from the B and C grammar grades is that a full course is looked upon simply as a preparation for the High School. This is wrong: the Grammar School should be regarded as the People's College, and its aim should be to give the masses the best possible preparation for life's work. Graduation from it should be prized as no small honor,—an honor differing only in degree from the diplomas of higher institutions. Children can have no just estimate of the value of education, but place before them such a tangible idea as the honor of graduation, and they will strive to complete the course. I respectfully recommend that pupils of the A Grammar grade who pass the required examinations receive certificates of graduation from the School Committee.

COURSE OF STUDY.

I have endeavored to adapt the course of study strictly to the condition of the schools and the skill of the teachers; to do nothing that cannot be thoroughly done. There is a temptation to introduce branches that are just now very popular, and which are without doubt of great practical benefit; but I deem it of vastly more importance to do a little at a time, and that well, than to attempt too much. Work once thoroughly done is finished and enables us to pass to new ground. The first step, then, towards improvement is the right teaching of those branches which have been poorly taught; this done, plenty of time will be saved for drawing, physics, and music.

One of the most important functions of supervision is to secure

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and close connection throughout the school course; it can be effected by no other means. The great advantage of graded schools is that they economize time by putting together children of like attainments, so that the teacher's work is limited to some particular portions of the branches taught; thus enabling instructors to direct all their efforts to the preparation and teaching of a few things thoroughly.

Joining together the work of different teachers, so that all real acquirements will be constantly used, and the same general plan closely adhered to, is absolutely necessary in obtaining good results.

EXAMINATIONS.

I attribute great importance to examinations, both oral and written, that are tests of real acquirements, and which embrace everything of value that has been taught. During the past year a systematic plan of examinations has been in successful operation. Besides the examinations at the close of each term, the teachers have examined their classes monthly, under direction of the principals. Considerable attention has been given to neatness and arrangement of answers upon paper. These written examinations have been verified by oral questioning.

I find that the things sought for by the examiner generally fix the standard of the teacher. The valuation of certain results creates a strong desire to supply the demand. If the glib recitation of rules, definitions, and other verbal memorizing are commended, then the teacher's aim will be to produce such worthless rubbish. Better no examinations at all than superficial ones: they only perpetuate superficial teaching.

Judging teachers of like grades, in different schools, by the same criterion is manifestly unfair. One has received classes thoroughly well-taught below, the other teacher has perhaps exhausted the entire year in obliterating the bad effects of bad teaching. How can we look for the same results, even from equal fidelity and ability? To institute one absolute standard for like grades is to offer a premium for mere word-cram. I have instructed teachers to find out, by long and searching examinations, just what their pupils know, and upon this safe basis to build without regard to name of grade or age. The teachers make a written statement of just what has been done during the term; and the test questions are limited to this statement, excepting, of course, all previous work. In three or four years a comparatively uniform grade standard will be reached. Both oral and written examinations are only partial tests of all that is comprised in school work. The discipline that leads to self-control, neatness, and cleanliness, attention to health and comfort, and, above all, the

cultivation of honesty, truthfulness, and integrity in character, are results that cannot be fully indicated by either voice or pen.

It is highly creditable for teachers to see and encourage talent and genius, to direct minds that will one day be potent in society; but far higher than that is the loving influence that raises children from mental and moral degradation.

PRIMARY INSTRUCTION.

Your approval of suggestions in my last report has enabled me to change radically the teaching and management of the lowest primary grade. Some features of the Kindergarten have been introduced. Long tables, covered with building blocks, colored sticks for weaving, shells, &c., furnish the little ones with easy means of pleasant and profitable occupation. Kindergarten songs and plays form part of the exercises. All lessons are short, in order to avoid weariness. Great freedom of movement is allowed, controlled by a quiet firmness which insures obedience. The teaching is almost wholly objective, aiming at healthy development of the mental faculties. In no grade is the study of individual character, and the adaptation of treatment to individual necessities, so essential to success as in the lowest.

The little beginners are classed, when possible, in groups of six or seven, according to mental abilities,—the lowest group taking a much longer time in the acquirement of the same knowledge and skill than the highest. This plan, which I consider of great importance, cannot be carried out when a teacher has a large number of children in her care. As fast as circumstances permit, I think it desirable that the number in this grade, under the care of one teacher, should be limited to thirty pupils. The success or failure of the first year of a child's school-life generally fixes its whole future course in education.

READING.

The A, B, C method has been entirely discarded, and a rational method adopted. This involved much study and painstaking on the part of the primary teachers, yet, imperfect as

their knowledge of the art has been, the results more than equal the claims made in the report of last year. Proofs are at hand that fully two-thirds of the time in the eight years' course will be saved in teaching reading, with far better results. Five months are spent in teaching words and sentences from the black-board, and during the remainder of the year four, five, and sometimes six, first readers are completed. A lesson is re-read but once generally. I have purchased, with your consent, ten sets of different first readers, at a cost of less than fifty dollars. Instead of using one little book for one and two years, fresh, interesting reading matter is constantly supplied. Instead of learning one reader by heart, all first-reader reading is thoroughly mastered, the actual work of teaching primary reading is finished, and all future reading will be a pleasure, thus happily avoiding the drudgery of stumbling through reader after reader. From this point the line of progress is the acquisition and use of new words.

Instructions that I have given teachers may be comprised in the following statements. The value of a word is the value of the idea of which it is the sign; therefore a word is of no value unless it recalls an idea. Children should never be allowed to *think* that they have read a sentence if the thought it contains is not understood. Comprehension of thought is absolutely essential to proper expression: that is, the thought in the mind is the incentive to emphasis, inflection, modulation, and pauses. If the thought is felt, the expression will be natural. It follows that a sentence cannot be properly read unless the thought be perceived by the reader. My aim has been to see that these principles are closely followed; for I see in them the means of putting an end to senseless memorizing in any and all branches of instruction.

The pages of a book may be made alive with new ideas, pleasant thoughts, and valuable information. An ever-present map for localities, brief descriptions or a little history, sketches of the lives of authors and prominent persons mentioned, explanations of wonderful things, may be presented by teachers in a manner not to satiate, but simply to excite curiosity and encourage research.

It is far more difficult to arouse an interest in classes that have been mistaught for years than to teach the first steps by the method now in use. We have found several classes, reading in the fourth and fifth reader, to whom very many of the words used were as meaningless as so much Greek. The words mechanically pronounced had far outstripped their stock of ideas, and the fruitless task of *trying* to understand what they read had long been given up. I have suggested in such cases that the classes be supplied with books that they could understand, and from this fresh starting-point to go on, — taking great care that each new word is understood. Besides the regular teaching of reading, a lively interest has been aroused in the perusal of useful books, from the excellent town library. Mr. C. F. Adams, Jr., a trustee of the library, and member of your committee, has taken the matter in hand. He meets the principals each month for consultation in regard to the selection of proper books and the best means to cultivate a love for good reading.

The fact that the reading of a few sets of books in the lower grades has produced such good results, and other considerations, lead me to respectfully recommend that all reading books be purchased by the town.

If a reading book be purchased for each promoted pupil, next September, it will cost the parents the sum of one thousand one hundred and forty-one dollars and eighty-five cents (\$1,141.85). Deducting one-third (a large estimate), for books now on hand, there remains \$761.24 for which books can be bought sufficient to supply the schools for at least two years. A book bought by the parents when finished is consigned to the garret, or sold for a few cents; while all books belonging to the town will be worn out in the service. I have sets of readers that have been used constantly for three years, and are now in a fair condition. I think it advisable, if this plan is adopted, to buy sets of different series of reading books, readable histories, geographies, &c. I am quite certain that such a course would be of great value to the children of our town.

WRITING.

Proofs are abundant that children can be taught to write well during the first year. We find that the advantages of this process are many. A great gap of otherwise idle time is filled with interesting work. It aids very much in teaching reading: as the forms of words and names of letters are acquired by writing. Every word taught on the black-board is copied upon the slate. All spelling is taught by writing, with surprising results. The most remarkable advantage is that pupils command the second great means of expressing thought, to be used at will in numberless exercises, in common recitations, sentence composition, letter writing, &c. Two lines of work are pursued by the teacher from the beginning. First, words and sentences are copied from the board without previous drill, and the second is a thorough course of technical writing upon slates and black-board. The writing forms are learned so completely that there is no necessity for teaching them again, then the work of pen-writing is one of manipulation only,—and can profitably be taught during the third year. I am confident that all direct teaching of penmanship can be finished in the fifth year (C Grammar).

LANGUAGE.

Language is now one of the principal branches in our schools. Pupils have continual practice throughout the course in construction of sentences, in letter writing, composition, and the use of correct forms. The first step is to bring out and use the child's stock of words brought from home and acquired entirely by objects. Expression of thought is stimulated by the presentation of objects, pictures, and the relation of short stories, making composition writing a delightful task. Pictures are used with excellent results in teaching language. I have purchased six large pictures especially prepared for the purpose. L. Prang & Co. have published some fine illustrations of the various trades, which I hope you will permit me to introduce in the primary rooms. I quote instructions from the course of study for the D Grammar grades.

First Term. Picture and object lessons, sentence, letter, and composition writing, punctuation marks, capitals, and abbreviations, continued throughout the year.

Exercises in sentence building are, as the term implies, exercises in *using* language. They are not for the purpose of learning the names of the parts of a sentence simply, or for memorizing rules and definitions, knowledge of little or no practical benefit to pupils of this and the two succeeding grades; but they are for the continuous, steady, systematic practice of speaking and writing correctly, in a plan for the gradual development of language. Technicalities are to be sparingly used, but the habit of using language should be formed, which will surely prepare the way for a comprehension of the science of language.

ARITHMETIC.

I recommend a radical change in the teaching of this branch. One step in this direction has already been taken by the adoption of Grube's method of number for the primary course. A brief explanation of this method will serve to present my reasons for the proposed changes. Only two operations can be performed with numbers: they can be combined and separated. Combinations of unequals is called addition; equals, multiplication. Separation of unequals is subtraction; separation of equals, division. Now it requires no greater mental effort to perform one of these fundamental operations than another: indeed one operation assists greatly in the comprehension of the others; therefore they should be taught together. Experience proves that this can be done without the least confusion. From one to ten everything that can be done with a number, every combination and separation, are to be known *instantly* before the next higher number is taught.

By this method the ideas of number are slowly and carefully developed before the signs are taught; that is, every combination and separation of objects is learned before the figures representing them are introduced. One and even two years can be very profitably spent in teaching ten. It forms an excellent foundation for a knowledge of arithmetic.

There are two motives in arithmetical teaching. First, the development of reason by the solution of problems and principles. Reasoning in arithmetic is upon things alone. The direct seeing or the vivid recalling of the things repre-

sented by figures must be the first step in the solution of any question.

Prominent educators argue of late that the utter failure in numberless instances, in leading children to "think out" and understand problems in arithmetic, is proof positive of their inability to reason; therefore rapid and accurate computations alone should be the teacher's aim, until the mental powers are strengthened by age. I hold this conclusion to be erroneous; for it is evident that the incessant activity of the child's mind upon objects can be brought to bear directly upon the teaching of number, and it is equally evident that the common elementary instruction in abstract numbers, and the use of concrete numbers without objects before the imagination is strong enough to represent them, deprives the child of the power to reason. "Having by our method induced helplessness, we straightway made helplessness a reason for our method."*

Continually reading meaningless words leads to precisely the same result.

If objects are constantly used in teaching arithmetic, until distinct, easily recalled ideas, mental pictures, are acquired, the mind will habitually act upon the objects represented by figures. The process of exciting mental activity in this direction, and building up the imagination, is necessarily a very slow one, yet the results are of incalculable benefit. I am convinced that every definition, rule, problem, and principle in arithmetic — except the purely arbitrary ones — will be clearly seen and thoroughly understood by the systematic presentation of objects. The definition made by pupils answers the question, What is it? the rule, What is the process? the principle, Why? Learning rules, before the idea is shown, reverses the normal order and robs the pupil of opportunities to reason. The second motive for teaching arithmetic can be briefly stated.

It is the acquisition of the power to make rapid and accurate combinations and separations of numbers. This is a matter of mechanical drill alone, and that method is the best which arrives at results with the slightest intervening processes. For example: $7 + 8$, 3×5 , $12 + 3$, $20 - 5$, should instantly recall 15,

* Spencer.

just as the word "horse" recalls the idea without spelling. Learning tables in order necessitates the repetition of a table up to the required result.

The principal changes recommended in teaching arithmetic are as follows:—

1. The development of 20 by Grube's method during the first two years of the primary course.
2. The use from first to last of practical things in teaching arithmetic, such as weights, measures, money, &c.
3. Abolish all arbitrary and unscientific divisions, and teach subjects requiring the same mental efforts at the same time, taking each successive step in the order of mental development. Thus, addition of whole numbers, U. S. money, and decimals, should be taught together, to be followed by addition of compound numbers. Multiplication of whole numbers and decimals to be supplemented by percentage.
4. Leaving out all useless work, such as teaching the greatest common divisor, and the computations of sextillions, nonillions and the like.
5. The foundation for a thorough knowledge of fractions should be laid away back in the primary grades, — with objects only.

One excellent effect of these changes will be that children who are obliged to leave school before the course is finished will derive the greatest possible benefit from the study of arithmetic; as it is, those who leave school before the seventh year know nothing whatever of percentage.

HIGH SCHOOL.

This school would be far more profitable to the town if the entire time were given to those branches which are of the greatest practical benefit. The smattering of Latin gained is not absolutely useless, yet the graduates would be much better equipped for life's work if they had a fair knowledge of the common sciences. As it is impossible to teach all branches prescribed in the course with any degree of thoroughness, the most useful studies only should be retained, and the others dropped for the present. A slight knowledge of any branch is hardly worth the time

spent in learning it. The Principal cordially endorses the proposed changes, and seconds every effort in that direction. If the studies are made elective, it remains for parents to decide whether their children shall spend their time in this school to the best advantage.

TEACHERS.

The highest praise that I can give to my fellow-teachers of Quincy is that they are zealously striving to learn the great art of teaching. This grand endeavor lifts them above the petty jealousy, the inharmonious action, and ungenerous emulation, that often disfigure character, and render good results impossible. They see more and more clearly that their increasing skill enhances the welfare of the children. They not only take kindly all suggestions and advice given them, but invite criticism, and are anxious to recognize and rectify their faults. Meetings have been held for the discussion of subjects applicable to all. Teachers of the different grades have met to study special subjects and methods. The principals often confer about matters pertaining to changes and general management. I have a class for the study of methods in geography, which will lead, I trust, to a better understanding of that branch.

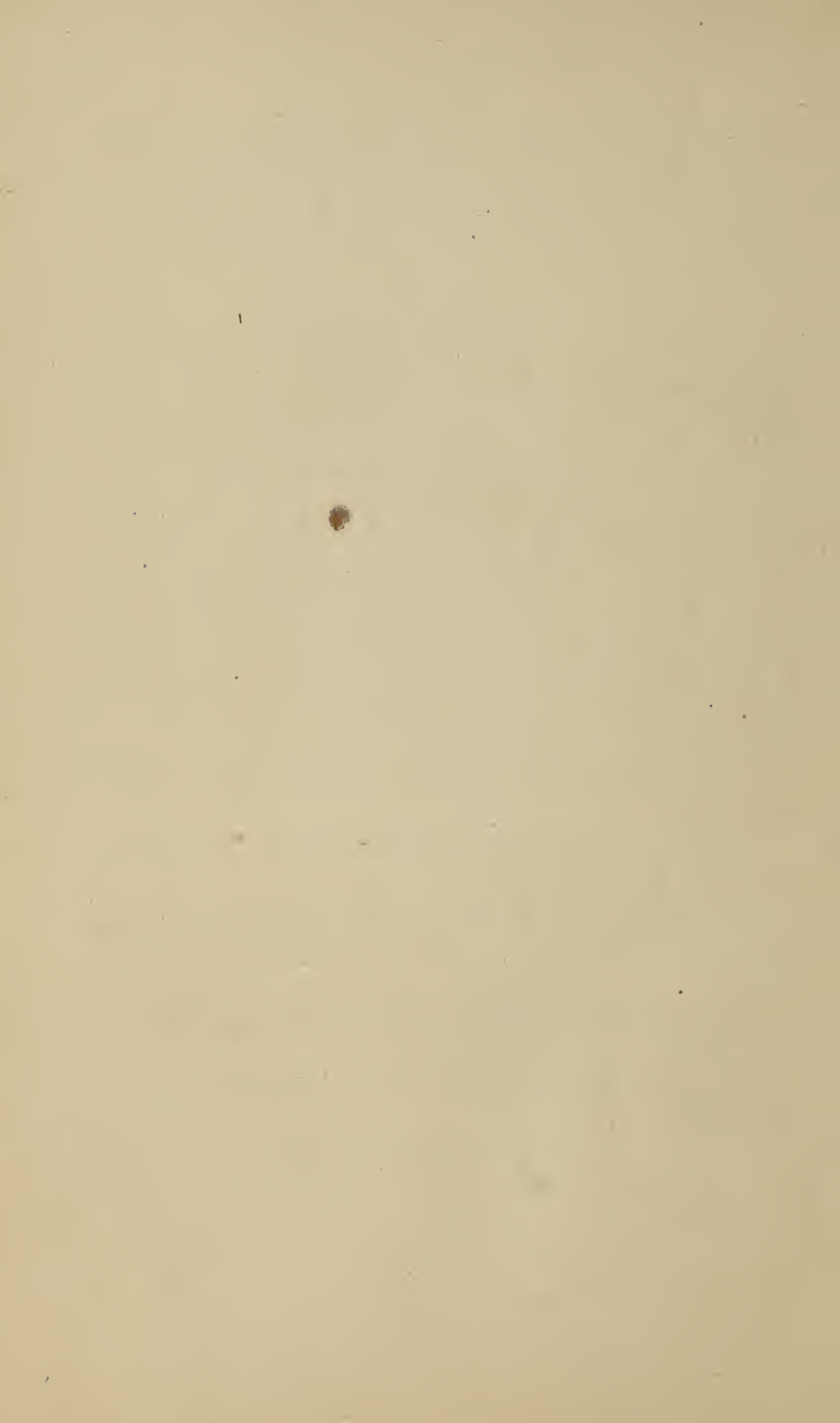
The following named young ladies attended the Training Class, during the Fall Term :—

Allie White, Nellie McDonnell, Amy Newcomb, Esther B. Hall, Hattie Alexander, Mary Sheahan, Minnie Davis, Mrs. Phillips.

Most of them are continuing the practice of teaching under the direction of the D Primary teachers in the several schools.

I herewith append the annual Financial Report, and a statistical table.

FRANCIS W. PARKER,
Superintendent of Schools.



FINANCIAL REPORT.

Teachers' Salaries.

HIGH SCHOOL.

H. A. Keith,	\$1,400 00	
Evelyn L. Holbrook,	650 00	
	_____	\$2,050 00

ADAMS SCHOOL.

George I. Aldrich,	\$1,200 00	
Georgia Patterson,	475 00	
Eliza C. Sheahan,	475 00	
Mary L. Flint,	475 00	
Esther B. Hall,	225 00	
Anna C. French,	230 00	
Hattie F. Thayer,	225 00	
Mary M. Devlin,	200 00	
Lizzie A. Williams,	450 00	
Charlotte M. Frost,	450 00	
Alice S. Reid,	45 00	
Hattie Ellis,	37 00	
Etta Nightingale,	7 50	
	_____	\$4,494 50

CODDINGTON SCHOOL.

J. Henry Wardwell,	\$240 00	
Seth S. Crocker,	960 00	
Ellen E. McKean,	237 50	
Mary E. Dearborn,	237 50	
Mary E. Dinegan,	475 00	
Elizabeth E. Morse,	450 00	
Julia E. Underwood,	450 00	
Lydia S. Follett,	225 00	
	_____	\$3,275 00

Amount carried forward, \$9,819 50

Teachers' Salaries, continued.

Amount brought forward, \$9,819 50

QUINCY SCHOOL.

Sylvester Brown,	\$1,200 00	
Mary W. Woods,	475 00	
Elgina M. Plummer,	450 00	
Cora I. Young,	450 00	
Mary M. Devlin,	37 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,612 00

WASHINGTON SCHOOL.

I. Freeman Hall,	\$1,200 00	
Mary M. Marden,	475 00	
Jennie Bates,	95 00	
Hattie C. Piper,	237 50	
Ella M. Ames,	142 50	
S. Addie Souther,	450 00	
Carrie E. Morse,	412 78	
Alice S. Reid,	45 00	
Emily A. Bosworth,	237 50	
Jennie Carroll,	22 50	
	<hr/>	\$3,317 78

WILLARD SCHOOL.

Henry F. Woodman,	\$1,200 00	
Vessie Woodman,	237 50	
Kate T. Clark,	190 00	
Mary A. Bosworth,	47 50	
Mary T. W. Dewing,	475 00	
Cora F. Nichols,	237 50	
Mary L. Pierce,	462 50	
Emily A. Bosworth,	225 00	
Emeline A. Newcomb,	450 00	
Nellie Fegan,	462 56	
Mary A. Spear,	450 00	
Lizzie Desmond,	187 00	
	<hr/>	\$4,624 56

Amount carried forward, \$20,373 84

Teachers' Salaries, continued.

Amount brought forward, \$20,373 84

WOLLASTON SCHOOL.

Harriet L. Morse,	\$800 00	
Lydia S. Follett,	237 50	
Corà F. Nichols,	237 50	
Belle A. Thomas,	450 00	
		\$1,725 00

Evelyn L. Holbrook, for music lessons,	\$29 00	
Lydia S. Follett, extra services, charge of training class,	12 50	
		\$41 50

Total amount paid for teaching, \$22,140 34

FUEL.

High School,	\$93 39	
Adams “	95 13	
Coddington School,	82 53	
Quincy “	229 62	
Washington “	293 59	
Willard “	152 64	
Wollaston “	120 85	
		\$1,067 75

JANITORS' SALARIES.

High School,	J. E. Maxim,	\$200 00
Adams “	“ “	200 00
Coddington School,	“ “	200 00
Quincy “	Peter Rowell,	200 00
Washington “	John Harmon,	250 00
Willard “	John Sprague,	300 00
Wollaston “	A. Gordon,	94 22
“ “	J. B. Edgerton,	80 78
Neck, “	Mrs. Porter,	16 00
		\$1,541 00
Cleaning material,		\$85 50

INCIDENTALS.

HIGH SCHOOL.

J. Kendrick, repairing pump,	\$2 00
Schoenhof & Moeller, books and binding,	48 10
J. E. Maxim, setting glass,	3 50
J. N. Wood, repairing piano,	5 00
W. M. French, building chimney,	41 50
I. Litchfield, lumber and labor.	20 13
E. Whicher, rent of piano,	5 00
J. G. Shea, expressage,	1 00
Keating & Spear, moving plants,	2 00
Mrs. A. B. Packard, flowers at graduation,	3 00
Rockwell & Churchill, printing programmes,	24 50
Citizens Gas Light Co., fitting stage lights,	2 50
H. A. Keith, postage,	3 20
C. A. Mitchell, kalsomining,	30 50
Whitney & Nash, ewers,	1 75
John Kilshaw, grading,	5 26
C. F. Pierce, repairing furnace,	7 80

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ADAMS SCHOOL.

G. I. Aldrich, books,	\$5 70
I. Litchfield, pen racks and painting,	15 79
J. E. Maxim, repairing curtains, white-washing, setting glass,	28 90
E. A. C. Hardwick, rent of land,	10 00
J. D. Rollins, building privy and repairs,	521 09
William S. Pattee, books, stationery, &c.,	27 23
J. Kilshaw, grading,	14 13
W. B. Ryan, repairing pump,	2 60
Whitney & Nash, ewers,	2 55
E. S. Fellows, dippers,	1 25
G. I. Aldrich, taking enumeration,	9 00
Thompson, Brown, & Co., reading books,	12 75
J. O. Holden, repairing clock,	1 25

 \$652 24

Amount carried forward,

 \$858 98

Incidentals, continued.

Amount brought forward, \$858 98

QUINCY SCHOOL.

John Gray, carting,	\$5 00	
S. H. Ramsdell, storm windows and repairing,	94 82	
J. M. Glover, setting glass,	10 74	
P. Rowell, extra labor,	22 50	
Ewell & Josephs, hanging bells,	8 36	
J. A. Swasey, black-board,	27 30	
J. Rollins, table,	12 00	
Keating and Spear, shades,	36 50	
Sylvester Brown, text books,	22 90	
J. O. Holden, thermometer,	90	
J. L. Hammett, desks,	59 00	\$300 02
J. H. Moody, conveying children,	40 00	
W. Reed, " "	35 00	
O. Sullivan, " "	16 00	
	<hr/>	\$391 02

CODDINGTON SCHOOL.

C. A. Mitchell, kalsomining,	\$125 00	
W. J. Lamb, lightning rods,	43 00	
J. A. Swasey, slating black-boards,	96 03	
John McDonnell, grading yard,	4 50	
T. Kelly, repairing roof,	5 00	
Sterling School Furniture Co., furniture,	26 69	
Keating & Spear, shades,	98 95	
J. Gray, painting and carting,	10 50	
C. F. Pierce, heater, stove-pipe, &c.,	185 40	
J. E. Maxim, setting glass,	90	
J. O. Holden, thermometer and clocks,	18 09	
S. S. Crocker, enumeration,	6 00	
B. Gilbert, tuning piano,	1 00	
Ewell & Josephs, repairing piano,	11 25	
F. E. Ellis, ladders,	5 10	
J. Kilshaw, grading,	7 00	
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<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$644 41	\$1,250 00

Incidentals, continued.

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$644 41	\$1,250 00
J. D. Rollins, blocks,	4 80	
E. S. Fellows, dippers,	80	\$650 00
J. T. French, conveying children,	466 35	
	<hr/>	\$1,116 36

WASHINGTON SCHOOL.

P. Connor, carting,	\$1 00	
Lee & Shepard, histories,	5 40	
T. Kelly, repairing roof,	12 50	
J. D. Rollins, building floor, repairs,	124 43	
Ewell & Josephs, hanging bells,	8 50	
J. A. Swasey, black-board,	28 00	
J. O. Holden, thermometers,	1 33	
John Gray, carting,	1 00	
I. F. Hall, enumeration,	5 00	
Gershom Clement, table and painting,	14 50	
Whitney & Nash, hardware,	1 25	
E. S. Fellows, dipper,	1 00	
H. French, setting glass,	3 50	\$207 41
J. T. French, conveying children,	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$222 41

WILLARD SCHOOL.

C. A. Mitchell, setting glass,	\$5 75	
Jonas Shackley, lumber and repairing roof,	155 08	
J. L. Hammett, music chart and stand,	11 00	
J. O. Holden, clocks and bell,	18 00	
H. F. Woodman, enumeration,	9 75	
M. A. Dolan, repairing stoves,	11 70	
John Gray, carting,	1 25	
E. H. Doble, books,	5 15	
E. S. Fellows, dippers and chain,	.2 30	
C. F. Pierce, repairing stove-pipe,	26 83	\$246 81
E. E. Hall, conveying children,	77 60	
	<hr/>	\$324 41

Amount carried forward, \$2,913 18

Incidentals, continued.

Amount brought forward, \$1,663 18

WOLLASTON SCHOOL.

W. L. Griffiths, repairing roof,	\$7 90	
F. L. Merrill, setting glass,	5 00	
J. D. Rollins, tables and repairs on seats,	34 74	
J. Gilrain, grading yard,	17 50	
J. C. Russell, water-pail,	35	
C. F. Pierce, repairing furnace,	31 00	
H. H. Morse, taking enumeration,	4 00	
J. P. Edgerton, setting glass,	7 90	
Whitney & Nash, grass seed,	75	
E. S. Fellows, dippers and chains,	2 00	
L. Briggs & Co., carting gravel (1873),	7 00	
J. Sparrow, labor,	1 95	
		\$120 09

ALTERATION OF CODDINGTON SCHOOL-HOUSE.

Jonas Shackley, alteration,	\$3,097 69	
Sterling School Furniture Co., desks,	402 31	
		\$3,500 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Bowditch Express Co.,	\$7 70
J. L. Hammett, stationery, erasers, &c.,	81 35
Thompson, Brown & Co., text-books,	63 00
A. C. Stockin, " "	2 40
Brewer & Tileston, reading books,	15 00
Rand & Avery, printing reports,	23 50
Nichols & Hall, crayons and books,	76 87
W. E. Buck, record books,	12 60
Cochrane & Sampson, printing,	107 25
M. W. Tewksbury, books,	27 18
F. W. Drew, expressage,	65
Stephen Sears, arithmetics,	1 68
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$419 18

Miscellaneous, continued.

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$419 18
Cambridgeport Diary Co., sticks for Primary schools,	3 46
Knight, Adams & Co., books,	7 95
E. B. Souther, stationery, ink, and pencils,	94 62
B. W. Adams, cleaning privies,	40 00
E. W. Ford, express and carting,	6 15
W. A. Coffin, carting,	5 00
Whitney & Nash, chloride of lime,	6 45
G. S. Coffin, keys,	2 35
Ewell & Josephs, weighing coal,	20 25
J. G. Edgerly, examination papers,	3 60
T. G. Emerson, care of Superintendent's office,	13 00
Quincy Laundry, dyeing sticks,	6 48
F. W. Parker, postage,	5 27
Green & Prescott, printing,	19 25
J. Flint, repairs,	4 45
J. T. French, carriage hire and express,	68 00
W. M. French, " "	8 50
Lapham Bros., " "	3 80
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	\$737 76

TOWN OF QUINCY IN ACCOUNT WITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

DR.		CR.
Appropriation for teachers' salaries, fuel, and care of rooms,	\$25,000 00	\$22,140 34
State fund,	265 17	1,541 00
Coddington fund,	75 00	85 50
Books sold,	53 00	1,067 75
Incidentals,	3,225 00	649 95
Alteration Coddington school house,	3,500 00	3,121 08
	<u>33,218 17</u>	3,500 00
		12 55
		<u>\$32,118 17</u>

Report of Attendance, &c., from January 1, 1876, to January 1, 1877.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Whole Number Enrolled.	Number of Pupils.	Average Age. YRS. MS.	Average Number.	Average Daily Attendance.	Per Cent. of Daily Attendance.	Number of Pupils over 15 yrs. of age.	Number of tardinesses Pro Rata of Av. Att.	Cases of Truancy.	Number of Visitors.
HIGH.	{ H. A. Keith, <i>Principal</i> }	77		15 4	56	55	98	48	.86	2	19
	{ Evelyn L. Holbrook }		64								
ADAMS.	Total										
A and B Grammar .	{ George P. Aldrich, <i>Principal</i> }	83		13 6	68	66	97		3.15		60
C Grammar	{ Georgiana Patterson, <i>Assst.</i> }	50		12	38	36	95		3.5		40
D Grammar	{ Eliza C. Shehan }	54		11	45	44	98		1.82		64
A Primary	{ Mary L. Flint }	67		10	52	47	90		2.55	2	65
B Primary	{ Esther B. Hall * }	71		7	45	43	95		3.55		17
C Primary	{ Annie C. French }	71		7 10	43	40	95		3.55		61
D Primary	{ Hattie F. Thayer * }	104		5 6	48	45	94		3.42		110
	{ Mary M. Devlin }										
	{ Lizzie A. Williams }										
	{ Charlotte M. Frost }										
	Total		421		339	321	95	18	3.06	2	417
CODDINGTON.	{ J. Henry Wardwell, * <i>Principal</i> }	75		13 2	50	49	97		.82	3	150
A and B Grammar .	{ Seth S. Crocker, * <i>Assst.</i> }	72		10 6	41	40	98		1.95		118
C and D Grammar .	{ Mary E. Dearbon, " }	67		9	41	40	98		1.63		116
A and B Primary .	{ Mary E. Dinegan }	89		6 2	57	53	93		3.64		200
C and D. Primary .	{ Elizabeth E. Morse }										
	{ Julia E. Underwood }										
	{ Lydia S. Follett }										
	Total		246		190	183	96	15	2.13	3	584
QUINCY.	{ Sylvester Brown, <i>Principal</i> }	40		14	28	27	96		4.28	2	63
A and C Grammar .	{ Mary W. Woods }	38		11	26	24	94		4.53	1	63
D Gram., A Primary	{ Eligna M. Plummer }	74		9 5	43	39	91		6.2	2	50
A and B Primary .	{ Cora I. Young }	88		6 4	48	45	93		5.16		62
C and D Primary .	Total		198		145	135	93	9	5.2	5	238

WASHINGTON.										
A and B Grammar	I. Freeman Hall, <i>Principal</i>	76	14	50	49	97	4-92	2	153	
C and D Grammar	Mary Marden, <i>Asst.</i>	71	11	48	45	94	4-64		28	
A and B Primary	Jennie Bates*	72	9	60	58	97	4-36		54	
C and D Primary	Hattie C. Piper*	89	6	47	45	94	2-97		125	
	Ella M. Armes									
	S. Addie Souther									
	Caroline E. Morse									
	Total	244		205	197	96	4-23	2	360	
WILLARD.										
A and B Grammar	Henry F. Woodman, <i>Principal</i>	99	13	75	72	96	2-33		8	
C Grammar	Mrs. Vessie Woodman, * <i>Asst.</i>	61	11	48	46	97	2-04		24	
D Grammar	Kate T. Clark, *	63	10	51	49	96	2-94		11	
A Primary	Mary T. W. Dewing	63	9	44	43	96	3-79	3	7	
B Primary	Emily A. Bosworth	68	8	46	44	96	2-39	1	22	
C Primary	Emeline A. Newcomb	80	7	45	42	93	3-17		30	
D Primary	Nelly Fegan	135	5	61	55	90	2-42	1	88	
	Mary A. Spear		6							
	Lizzie Desmond									
	Total	485		370	351	95	2-69	5	190	
WOLLASTON.										
A, B and C Grammar	Harriet H. Morse, <i>Principal</i>	46	12	26	26	99	3-02		150	
D Gram. and B Prim.	Cora F. Nichols	39	10	33	34	97	1-82		96	
C and D Primary	Belle A. Thomas	67	6	34	36	94	2-25		145	
	Total	126		93	96	96	2-52	4	391	

* Resigned.

RECAPITULATION.

Whole number of pupils in public schools from Jan. 1, 1876, to Jan. 1, 1877,		1,784
Number in schools 15 years of age and over,		158
Average attendance,		1,401
Average daily attendance,		1,335
Per cent of daily attendance,		95
Number of tardinesses pro rata to average attendance,		3.1
Total cases of truancy during the year,		19
Total number of visitors (not including Superintendent's visits),		2,199
Number of pupils in the different grades, —		
High School, First Class,	17,	11th year.
“ Second “	36,	10th “
“ Third “	17,	9th “
A Grammar,	149,	8th “
B “	183,	7th “
C “	176,	6th “
D “	205,	5th “
A Primary,	215,	4th “
B “	158,	3d “
C “	255,	2d “
D “	384,	1st “

